

FOUR CONCRETE NEXT-WEEK ON HAMILTON ROAD

Equipment Made Ready for Paving Operations To Begin Wednesday

Preparations for hardsurfing the Hamilton road from this point to the Everett mill, five miles away, are practically complete, Contractor W. F. Brown stating yesterday that actual paving work would be started Wednesday of next week, weather permitting. Equipment shipped here this week has been unloaded and placed. The large steel bins and crane have been erected and made ready for operation and pipe lines have been laid from the mill to a point a mile or two back this way.

Loading bins have been placed on the old Gurganus peanut lot, Pearl Street and the company will maintain its office in the Staton building on Baltimore Street. The construction company is working a goodly number of men this week and will materially increase their laborers when paving operations are started next week.

The work will be rushed rapidly to completion, Mr. Brown stating yesterday that with favorable weather prevailing they planned to complete the road in about two months time.

Several of the members of the Brown Paving Company force working on the road to Plymouth two years ago are back again to handle the Hamilton road project.

COONS PREY ON MUD TURTLES

Drought Dries Up Swamps Leaving No Refuge For Turtles

The drought throughout the country has been far-reaching, no doubt, but unheard of effects were explained here yesterday by Mr. O. W. Hamilton, of Jamesville. Hundreds of mud turtles left without refuge when the Roanoke swamps dried up, have been devoured by coons, Mr. Hamilton stated. Walking through the swamps near Jamesville recently, Mr. Hamilton stated that he saw more than twenty-five turtle shells, the coons having made away with the meat. In many instances, Mr. Hamilton explained, the coons had dug holes in the mud and preyed on the turtles.

The shells varied in size, some being as small as a saucer and others the size of a big wasp.

Twenty-eight Seniors Take State Examination Here

Twenty-eight seniors in the local high school were confronted with the State-wide school examination yesterday, Principal W. R. Watson stating that the students tackled the many questions in great earnestness. The questions were patterned after the "three R's," the principal stated.

The examination papers will be forwarded to the State department where they will be used in determining the scholastic ranks of the various high schools in the State.

Bear Grass School Honor Roll for the Fifth Month

Forty-three pupils made the honor roll in the Bear Grass school last month, Principal S. M. Lee reported yesterday, as follows:

- First Grade Sec. B.—Daisy Peaks, Ester Roberson, Marie Harrison.
- First Grade Sec. A.—Edna Earl Slater, Lonie Mae Moore, Harry, Wynn, Luther Cratt.
- Second Grade—Luther Jones, Warren Jones, Rachel Ayers, Ester Rawls, Edna Rawls, Carrie Dell Terry.
- Third Grade—Charlie Harrison, Albert Gray Bennett, Evelyn, Hodges, Doris Rogers.
- Fourth Grade—Velma Bailey, Ophelia Rogerson, Lizzie Mae Rogers.
- Fifth Grade—Elizabeth Bailey, Surrether Peaks, Vady Shaw.
- Sixth Grade—Dan Peale, Henry Taylor, Lois Mae Bailey, Josephine Gurganus, Susie Gray Harris, Evelyn Mobley, Hilda Roebuck, Lena B. Shaw, Marjorie Terry, Louise Taylor, Virginia Whitehurst.
- Seventh Grade—Fred Ayers, Joseph Keel, Garland Whitehurst, Ernestine Britton, Sara Roberson, Mary Elizabeth Keel.
- Ninth Grade—Ralph Mobley.
- Tenth Grade—Mildred Ayers, Vava Green Rogers.

Attend Funeral of Brother In New York City Today

Messrs. Frank and Irving Margolis are in New York City today attending the funeral of their brother, Mr. Max Margolis who died suddenly in Wilmington last Wednesday. Mr. Max Margolis, one time a part owner in the firm of Margolis Brothers here, had visited in Williamston several times and made many friends among the people of the town and community.

Fifteen Divorces Granted Martin County Last Year

Several Plaintiffs Fail To Pay Costs After Judges Warn Them That Separation Proceedings Would Not Be Complete Until All Costs Were Paid

Causes advanced for divorce were substantiated in fifteen cases in the superior court of Martin County last year, but about half the number are not complete, as the plaintiffs failed to pay the costs. Judges presiding in several of the cases explained to those seeking separation that the proceedings would not be complete unless the costs were paid. Apparently the warnings were given little attention, as several plaintiffs were satisfied with the verdict of the jury and were unconcerned as to record filing. As a result eight of the number are not really divorced. As a second result, bigamy has been practiced in the county.

Argument has been advanced in an effort to prove that the divorces were complete when the jury returned a decree favoring the plaintiff, even if the costs were not paid; but court judges are said to have told the plaintiffs that the actions would not be complete unless the costs were paid.

SCHOOL MEN IN FIFTH MEETING

Large Number Attend The Session Held at Farm Life School

The Martin County Schoolmasters' club held its fifth meeting of the 1930-31 term Thursday night at Farm Life with Principal S. E. Mercer as host, a goodly number of the male teachers and invited guests attending.

Mr. T. C. Griffin explained the school financial situation of the County and expressed the hope that no delay would be necessary in paying teacher's salaries.

Mr. Plenny Peel expressed himself as being in sympathy with the school situation and stressed the need of cooperation. Mr. Henry Roberson commended the work done by the Farm Life teachers and pupils.

Mr. Harrington welcomed the visitors to Farm Life School and gave a brief history of the school. Mr. Lilley expressed his interest in this and the other schools of the County.

Upon suggestion of Mr. Peel and motion of Supt. Pope the group stood, out of respect to the memory of the late Supt. Asa J. Manning.

Supt. Pope submitted for discussion the following three questions: 1. What will keep Martin County prosperous? 2. How does Martin county get better trained men, better business organizations, and new labor saving machinery to develop its natural resources? 3. Does it pay Martin County to have better teachers and better buildings?

After discussion of these topics, President W. R. Watson called upon a representative of each school to make a brief report suggesting what his school would do toward teaching the governor's Live-at-Home Program. Various ways of teaching this idea were suggested by the school men.

In closing the meeting Prof. Watson appealed to schoolmen to make the child the center of attention in their work and thinking.—Reported.

Attendance in the Everetts School During Fifth Month

The attendance for the fifth school month showed a slight increase in the elementary grades of the Everetts school. Attendance averages in the high school were practically the same as the average of the previous month. Enrollment and attendance figures are as follows: enrollment, 40; attendance high school, 40; elementary enrollment, 181; elementary attendance 163; percent in attendance, high school, 93; elementary school, 89 per cent.

Everetts Parents-Teachers Hold Meeting Last Night

The monthly meeting of the Everetts Parent-Teacher association, held in the school auditorium there last evening at 7:30, was attended by fifty patrons and friends of the school. During each meeting twenty minutes have been devoted to entertainment furnished by the pupils, the feature of the last night meeting being the offerings of the high school glee club and the rhythm band of the primary grades. The interest of the pupils in the study of music was evidenced in this part of the program.

Rural Letter Carriers To Meet Here Monday, 23rd

The rural letter carriers of Eastern Carolina division will meet here next Monday, it was announced by Mr. John Ward yesterday.

The program had not been completed today, but it was stated that a goodly number of the postal employees was planning to be here for the day.

CHECK FLASHER OPERATES HERE

Woman Forges Name of Rev. C. H. Dickey To \$6.50 Check, Escapes

Rev. Charles H. Dickey, local Baptist minister, was selected as a victim by a woman check flasher here last Saturday evening when she forged his name to a \$6.50 check and cashed it at the Farmers Supply Company. The signature was readily accepted by the store owner, and forgery was not determined until the check reached the bank, employees there notifying the minister.

Learning that the check had been forged, Mr. W. O. Griffin, manager of the supply company, stated that he remembered cashing the check, that the woman, tall and apparently 35 years of age, purchased a pair of hose and took the change.

As far as it could be learned, the woman is believed to have limited her work here to the one check. However, the same person is believed to have victimized merchants in other towns in this section. The Elizabeth City Merchants' association warned the merchants of that town of the operations, but not until two checks had been cashed for her.

LOST APPEAL IN SUPREME COURT

Judge Moore's Decision Is Upheld In Barnes Vs. Gladstone Suit

Judge Clayton Moore was upheld by the North Carolina Supreme Court Wednesday when it affirmed his decision rendered in the Collins Green versus Frank Gladstone civil suit heard in the Martin Superior court here last September. The court found no error in the trial that resulted in victory for the defendant.

The case is another of the unusual ones. About twenty years ago Collins Green's forebears borrowed \$800 from Gladstone. The principal has never been paid, or it had not been paid just prior to the time the higher court rendered its decision, and the interest naturally attracted all the attention. Green, in bringing his suit, claimed that he was charged 10 per cent interest. The defendant denied the charge, and at the trial his counsel offered certain facts that supported the denial of the exorbitant interest charge.

The decision was one of several handed down by the higher court this week, but was the only one originating in the Martin County courts.

LOUIS PHILLIP HORNTHAL DIES

Funeral Held at Home in Plymouth Yesterday Afternoon

Louis Phillip Hornthal, 59, prominent in the business life of this section for many years, and former mayor town councilman, and member of the Plymouth school board, died at his home in Plymouth last Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock, following an extended illness from Bright's Disease. Mr. Hornthal suffered from the malady for several years, although he was not confined to his bed until about 10 days ago.

Mr. Hornthal lived practically all of his life in Plymouth, having been born here November 17, 1871, the son of the late L. H. and Martha W. Hornthal. Mr. Hornthal was married on January 31, 1894, in Suffolk, Va., to Miss Florence Harlee, of Woodville, Bertie County, who survives him. There are also five children living, as follows: Mrs. A. L. Booth, of Rocky Mount; Miss Martha Hornthal, of Plymouth; Mrs. W. B. Watts, of Williamston; Mrs. Z. G. Lyon, of Plymouth; and Louis Phillip Hornthal, jr., of Plymouth. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth. Rev. A. H. Marshall, of this place, and the Rev. Mr. Partrick, of Raleigh, conducting the last rites.

Baptist Young People To Render Program Sunday

The younger element in the Baptist church will have complete charge of the Sunday morning's program at 11 o'clock, to which the public is invited.

It is understood that a playlette will be given and that suitable music will be rendered. This is a complete change in the Sunday morning's program and promises to be a most interesting service.

The evening preaching service will be centered about Peter's denial of Christ. And the Young people will have their regular Sunday evening service as usual.

Ship 1,009 Carloads of Farm Produce From Here In 1930

Twelve Injured When Car Strikes Wagon Near Here

Mrs. D. A. Bowen suffers Broken Hip; Son's Back Wrenched

Twelve men, women and children miraculously escaped with their lives early last night when they were thrown from a wagon that was struck and demolished by a car driven by P. L. Baker, of Farmville. The little group, riding to a Holiness prayer meeting in a wagon belonging to Mr. David A. Bowen, was thrown from the wagon, Mrs. Bowen suffering a broken hip and her husband receiving injury to the head and back. One of the couple's two sons had his back wrenched, and practically all the other members of the group received bruises and minor injuries.

The Bowen group, entering the highway near the Martin County home, was traveling toward Everetts when the Baker car came up from the rear. Blinded by the lights of an approaching car, Baker stated that he did not see the wagon in time to miss it. Striking the left rear wheel, the car over turned the wagon, knocked one of the team down and hurled the members of the group in all directions. The wagon carried a light.

Baker stated that he was running around 45 miles an hour as he passed the approaching car, but slowed down to around 35 miles an hour when he struck the wagon. Occupants of the wagon were of the opinion that the car meeting them passed on by and was 50 yards down the road when the other car struck their wagon. No arrests have been made in connection with the wreck at this time.

The injured were treated here, Mrs. Bowen being removed to a Washington hospital.

SENATE PASSES BONUS 72 TO 12

Expect President Hoover To Veto The Measure Within 48 Hours

Passing the House last Monday by a 363 to 39 vote, the Bacharach World War veterans loan bill was supported by the Senate last evening by a 72 to 12 count, leaving the President's veto as the only obstacle facing the proposed law. The President has ten days in which to consider the measure, but it was the opinion of some that he would veto the measure within 48 hours. That action would necessitate the repassage of the bill in both wings of congress.

On an average, the bill would give to each veteran \$500.

The Senate today is having a heated debate over the passage of the bill, the opponents stating that the government's finances should be considered.

The proponents answered, stating that the measure had been debated long enough.

Vote of People Necessary In All New Bond Issues

Julius S. Peel, local bond attorney, stated today that there has been an Act introduced in the Legislature making it mandatory that before any new bond issues are authorized by any town, county, city or other political subdivision, that permission must be first obtained from a Local Government Commission to be established in Raleigh. This Commission to be composed of nine members. All bond issues proposed are carefully considered and if approval is given, then the unit desiring to issue the bonds must first have an election and a majority of the qualified voters must approve such an issue before the bonds may be executed.

Also, it is proposed that all bonds are to be sold in Raleigh by the said Commission.

The Act is generally accepted as being a very good one to curtail the extravagant issuance of bonds, and also to strengthen the credit of the various units throughout the State, many of such units at the present time being in default in payments on bonds and interest now due.

The vote of the people is not necessary in case of funding and refunding bonds. Such bonds being issued to cover indebtedness now outstanding.

The prediction is that the Act will pass by a large majority in both houses of the Legislature.

Undergoes Operation

Mrs. Emma Thompson is in a Washington hospital, where she underwent an operation this week.

QUESTION BOX

- Q. What was Martin County's death rate in 1920?
- Q. How many dollars did Martin County receive from the State school fund last term?
- Q. What rate would have been necessary to support the Martin County schools last year under the same program had no State aid been received?
- Q. Who are the members of the Martin County Board of Commissioners?
- Q. Who serves as ex-officio clerk to the Martin County Board of Commissioners?

Ship 1,009 Carloads of Farm Produce From Here In 1930

Twelve Injured When Car Strikes Wagon Near Here

Mrs. D. A. Bowen Suffers Broken Hip; Son's Back Wrenched

Twelve men, women and children miraculously escaped with their lives early last night when they were thrown from a wagon that was struck and demolished by a car driven by P. L. Baker, of Farmville. The little group, riding to a Holiness prayer meeting in a wagon belonging to Mr. David A. Bowen, was thrown from the wagon, Mrs. Bowen suffering a broken hip and her husband receiving injury to the head and back. One of the couple's two sons had his back wrenched, and practically all the other members of the group received bruises and minor injuries.

The Bowen group, entering the highway near the Martin County home, was traveling toward Everetts when the Baker car came up from the rear. Blinded by the lights of an approaching car, Baker stated that he did not see the wagon in time to miss it. Striking the left rear wheel, the car over turned the wagon, knocked one of the team down and hurled the members of the group in all directions. The wagon carried a light.

Baker stated that he was running around 45 miles an hour as he passed the approaching car, but slowed down to around 35 miles an hour when he struck the wagon. Occupants of the wagon were of the opinion that the car meeting them passed on by and was 50 yards down the road when the other car struck their wagon. No arrests have been made in connection with the wreck at this time.

The injured were treated here, Mrs. Bowen being removed to a Washington hospital.

DOINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

School Machinery Bill Introduced In Assembly Yesterday

Schools claimed the center of attention in the legislature yesterday, pushing the road measure to one side that some action might follow on the school bill. The road bill was delayed until Monday night, but further delay is expected at that time.

The school machinery bill providing for the State operation of the six months term at a cost of \$18,000,000, and the distribution of an extended term fund of \$1,500,000, was introduced by Senator Rivers Johnson, of Duplin, yesterday. Under its provisions the State Board of Equalization would not only have financial control of the schools, but would be the final authority on matters of administration. Provisions that counties or districts can increase school standards and length of terms are also included.

The adoption of the Johnson bill, or one similar to it, would mean that North Carolina would put into the operation of its schools more money from sources other than ad valorem tax than any other State in the Union. It would be second only to New York in the amount of money from any or all sources put into the school operation by the State.

The Johnson bill came into the Senate chamber yesterday bearing the name of the point education subcommittee which was assigned the job of writing the bill, but the committee's name was marked out just before the bill was introduced. That action was the result of differences of opinion that had developed among the members of the committee.

Senator Johnson, who wrote and compiled the bill, which is a composite of several present and proposed laws, said that at a meeting of the committee Wednesday night he had been instructed by Representative McLean, House chairman, to have State Superintendent A. T. Allen smooth out certain rough sections of the bill and introduce it yesterday as the committee bill. He said that other members of the committee present at the meeting had understood this was to be done. But yesterday morning Senator Folger, chairman of the Senate committee, asked him to remove the committee's name. Senator Folger said yesterday that the bill was not the committee's bill, that the committee had gone over it and approved of some sections, and though the committee had not rejected any section, all the members had not been present and the bill, in its entirety, did not represent the final thought of the committee. Mr. McLean was ill at his home in Beaufort yesterday.

Jamesville Quintet Loses In Championship B Series

Jamesville's High School Basketball boys lost their place in the Class B State championship series last Tuesday night when they were defeated 38 to 13 by the Trenton High School team at Trenton. It was the second game of the series, the county boys having defeated Hertford last week.

Services At Jamesville Church Sunday, 3 P. M.

Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Robersonville minister, will preach in the Jamesville Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A special song service has been arranged, the Farm Life or Maple Grove Quartet taking a prominent part.

The public is invited to attend the service.

TWO CARRIERS HANDLE LARGE SHIPMENTS 1930

Tobacco Shipments Show Increase; Cotton and Peanuts Decrease

LOAD 2,311 CARS HERE

Value of Farm Commodities Shipped By Two Carriers Here In 1930 Estimated at \$1,750,000.00

One thousand and nine carloads of farm produce were shipped from this point over the Atlantic Coast Line and the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina boat line during 1930, it was learned from records filed here by the two carriers. In addition to those shipments, timber men shipped by rail 154 carloads of lumber and logs. Shipments were made to many parts of the United States, and large quantities of tobacco were billed direct to Chinese ports.

The largest shipper of any commodity during the year was the Standard Fertilizer Company, that firm shipping more than 1,100 cars of fertilizer by rail alone. Thousands of tons of the company's products were handled by trucks and boats.

While the farm produce shipments mentioned here do not include those handled over truck lines, comparative figures show that there was a marked increase in commodity loadings in 1930 over 1929. Large quantities of tobacco were brought here from other counties for shipment, establishing new shipping records from this point. Shipments by local firms, however, were greater than they were last year. During the year, the two carriers handled 43,224,000 pounds of tobacco, the boat line moving 9,502 hogheads and the Coast Line 3,672. More than 48,000 bags of peanuts, approximately 4,180,000 pounds were shipped over the two lines, truck lines apparently handling more than the rail and boat lines handled together. Cotton shipments reached a new low point, the boat line handling only 22 carloads or 627 bales and the rail company none.

Sixteen carloads of Irish potatoes were shipped to northern markets from this point. Thirty-two carloads of cleaned and shelled peanuts were shipped to points as far away as Kansas City. Seventy carloads of manufactured lumber and 84 carloads of logs were shipped over the Coast Line from this point during the period, bringing the total shipments of all commodities handled by the two lines up to 2,311 carloads, exclusive of large shipments of cross-ties and logs by large and various farm commodities handled by truck lines.

It is difficult to estimate the cash returns from the products handled by the N. B. and C. line and the A. C. L., but using the highest market prices paid during the season as a basis, farmers received around one and three quarter millions of dollars for their produce. In 1928 the shipments were smaller than they were last year, but the cash returns were greater.

Roanoke Warehouse Co. Stockholders To Meet

The regular annual meeting of the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Company stockholders will be held in the courthouse here next Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced in a notice from the president, H. D. Peel, to the stock owners this week. A board of directors will be elected and other business matters will be handled, it was stated.

Bank and Post Office To Have a Holiday Monday

Washington's birthday, Sunday, February 22, will be observed here Monday by the various departments in the postoffice and the Branch Banking and Trust company. No other business firms will suspend operations for the day, it is understood.

No rural or city deliveries will be made Monday and office service will be limited to dispatching and putting up the mail in lock boxes.

Farm Life Basketball Boys Win Over Roper

The Farm Life Basketball boys added another win to their list of victories yesterday afternoon when they played and defeated Roper's team 19 to 15 on the Farm Life court, Col-train leading the county boys in scoring with ten points.

Playing thirteen games since the Christmas holidays, the Farm Life boys have won ten of them, losing the others by close margins.

Tonight, the boys go to Ahoskie where they will meet the Ahoskie High School team.