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Williamston Market Is Continuing To Show Up Well

A NEW BATCH OF ROAD PROJECTS TO BE GIVEN OUT

Expected That Local Project Will Be Included In Letting

The grading and gravel surfacing of Highway No. 11 through Oak City is included in the list of projects submitted to the Federal Bureau of Public Roads in Washington this week. The route will also be surfaced through Bethel, it was learned.

A new batch of highway and municipal paving projects to be paid for from Federal Public Works funds, calling for the expenditure of \$2,129,940 and embracing 61 different projects in the state, has just been submitted to the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington. These projects are in addition to those that have already been approved and on which contracts have been let or will be let soon.

This new batch of projects brings the total of those submitted so far to more than \$7,000,000, of which almost \$5,000,000 worth has been let or will be let by the end of the week. The total Public Works allotment for highway construction and for the paving of streets traversed by Federal Aid highways amounted to about \$11,000,000.

COLORED BOY CRUSHED WHEN 2 AUTOS PASS

Will Edward Brown, young Negro boy, was critically hurt yesterday afternoon when he was crushed between an old Ford automobile and a truck passing on the Grimes Canal bridge just out of Gold Point on the Robersonville road. Reports received a short while after the accident stated that there was little chance for the boy's recovery.

The truck, belonging to H. G. Norman, of Robersonville, and driven by Carl Oakley, met the Ford, driven by Manson Rollins, colored, on the narrow bridge, catching the boy, who was said to have been riding on the running board of the car, in between the two machines. The machines did not touch each other, and Rollins is said to have driven down the road 60 yards or more before he missed the boy.

James Ruffin, Colored Man, Painfully Shot

James Ruffin, colored man, was painfully shot about the head, side and leg by Richard Latham, also colored, last night following a fight starting at a Negro dance hall here. Latham made his escape, and Ruffin is in the care of a physician, his condition being considered as not serious.

Following the fight, said to have started over a woman or more women at the dance hall, Ruffin went to his home before the river hill. As he was entering the front door, Latham fired a load of shot from a 12-gauge shot gun. He apparently missed his mark and fired a second time and then a third time, several of the shot taking effect just above Ruffin's eye, in the side and in the leg.

Club Women Elect Officers For The Year

At a meeting of Martin County club women held last Thursday, officers were elected for the following year, as follows: President, Mrs. J. S. Ayers, Everetts. Vice President, Mrs. A. B. Rogerson, Bear Grass. Secretary, Miss Viola Grimes, Macedonia. Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Smithwick, Jamesville.

Expect Big Crowds Here Armistice Day

MAY BE SURPRISED

While all information is being withheld in connection with the new contract controlling tobacco acreage and providing relief for tobacco farmers, County Agent T. B. Brandon, upon his return from Raleigh last week-end, said he considered the proposed agreement very favorable for the growers.

AUTOMOBILES USE UP ALL OF PARKING SPACE

Business District Crowded As Business Upturn Is Noticed

The mule and horse were pushed entirely from the scene and automobile drivers found it difficult to find parking places in the business district here last Saturday night. Not a single horse-drawn vehicle was seen on the streets last Saturday night at 8 o'clock, but there were 320 automobiles on the streets.

More than 200 of the machines were counted on Main street between Houghton and Watts streets, including those parked in alley ways and around filling stations. The others were lined up from the Central filling station to the warehouse district. Only two available parking spaces were seen when the count was made. Fords, including several Model T's, and Chevrolets led the list. Only one or two high-powered cars were included in the list.

With an advance in tobacco prices, business has experienced a remarkable increase here during the past few weeks. Merchants are attracting trade from a wide territory with their quality goods and conservative prices. The welfare list has dwindled, and apparently everything is on the upgrade. The desired goal, however, has not been reached, but as President Roosevelt said, "We are headed in the right direction."

Wandering Negro Placed In The County Jail

James Williams, wandering Negro from Georgia, was arrested on a drunken charge at a Negro dance hall locked in an automobile here last night. He is now in the county jail.

Loan Made In 1898 Is Repaid With Interest

Chicago.—This goes back to that day in 1898 when Gustave C. Frick, of Chicago, rode off with the First Illinois cavalry to the Spanish American war, accompanied as far as Springfield by George W. Graham, 16.

Young Graham wished to enlist, but there was a delay, and Frick lent him \$5 to go home and gather up his belongings. From that day until day before yesterday Frick heard no more from Graham. Then came a check for \$27.60 from Washington, D. C. It was from Graham. He explained that the money was to repay the loan with interest, and that he had just been able to find his wartime benefactor through a Chicago directory.

MARTIN COUNTY 13TH ON LIST TO RECEIVE RELIEF

Approximately 3.2 Per Cent Of Population Received Some Sort Of Aid

Approximately 3.2 per cent of Martin County's population received aid in one form or another from relief sources during the month of September, a report released by State authorities a few days ago shows.

This county was thirteenth from the top in the list of those counties needing the greatest amount of relief. The average for the State during the month was 7.7 per cent.

DAY OF PRAYER SCHEDULED FOR ARMISTICE DAY

Church Of Advent To Be Open All Day For Purpose Of Prayer

Armistice Day has been selected as a special day of prayer by the National Council of the Woman's Auxiliary. The day is to be observed not only throughout this nation of ours, but in those countries where the Episcopal church has missions. There is strength in the realization that others are observing this day with us and we with them.

The Church of the Advent will be open all day for prayer. There will be no service, but there will be some one in the church at all times of the day. People are invited to come at any time, but are urged not to let the day pass without coming sometime. Intercession leaflets will be placed on a table in the vestibule of the church, and each person entering is asked to take one of these as a guide for prayer.

While this Day of Prayer is sponsored by the women leaders of the church, it is not limited to women. Men are urged to come also. Friends in Williamston and visitors in the town on Armistice Day are invited to make use of the Church of the Advent for this special season of prayer.

Local Highs Defeat Windsor, 25-7, Friday

Coach "Frosty" Peters' eleven invaded Windsor last Friday afternoon and recorded a 25 to 7 victory against the Bertie team. It took the Williamston eleven until dark to do it, but they won the game and overcame terrible breaks resulting against them by what was said to have been unfavorable decisions. And what time the boys weren't playing the officials were arguing reports coming back home indicated.

Nine Persons In County Die From Tuberculosis

Nine persons, two white and seven colored, died in this county last year from tuberculosis, it was learned from the November State Health Bulletin. There were 2,200 such deaths in the State during the period, Buncombe leading the list with 261 cases.

Woman's Club To Have Dance Tomorrow Night

The Woman's Club will hold a dance in its hall on Church street here tomorrow night. Fred Rogers' Band (10 pieces) from Robersonville will furnish the music.

Farmers Living In The States Of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia And Florida Were Better Off

By \$705,000 during the last three days as loans closed by the Federal Land Bank amounted to this figure. President Daniel of the Land Bank says that with the double shift which is now being employed, between 200 and 300 loans will be closed daily by the first of November.

200,000 Pounds Sold Here Monday Average 21 Cents

COMMISSIONERS USE UP A DAY IN THEIR MEETING

County Board Center Attention On Taxes And Selection Of Jury

In session a greater part of the day here yesterday, the county commissioners recorded no important actions in their minutes, the work of the board centering around taxes and the selection of a jury for the week term of court convening in December.

The \$10,000 bond of the late clerk of the Superior Court, R. J. Peel, was released upon final settlement by Mrs. Sadie Peel, executor. Mrs. Peel turned over to the county \$7,825.81, the amount held for the county by Mr. Peel at the time of his death. The settlement was reached after a careful audit by Greathouse and Butler, certified public accountants, the report stating that the records were well kept and every item was properly handled.

City Fathers STERN ABOUT WATER BILLS

Superintendent Ordered To Discontinue Water For Unpaid Service

Strenuous proceedings in the regular meeting of the town commissioners here last evening, the authorities ordering the superintendent of the water department to discontinue water service where bills are due and unpaid and the tax collector to garnish owners of delinquent poll and personal property taxes. While only a few of the water accounts were more than one month behind, the board considered it advisable to push the collections, and as a result approximately 90 customers are receiving last warnings today. Employees of local industries or firms will find it to their advantage to pay up their personal property and poll taxes immediately and save garnishee costs.

Farm Owners SEEK AID FROM LOAN BODIES

Many Requests Made But No Relief Has Been Received As Yet

Many Martin County farm owners and home owners are calling upon the agent of the Land Bank Commissioner and the Home Loan Bank respectively for loans, but none has received an answer. However, there is still hope, and the loans should start coming in before so very long.

Methodist Pastor Urges Members To Pay Up

These are stirring times for the churches in many ways. Many revivals are being held and the fall or early winter is the time for collections. Conference is only a few days off. Members are requested to be prepared for the visit of stewards this week. Everything in full by Sunday is the slogan. Our people are able to do, may God be praised, and we believe they will this year. This ought to be a great year for the church and its needs, and will be if our members will be honest towards God. All together for a last liberal pull.

Martin County Farmer Kills 325-Pound Bear

A black bear, weighing approximately 325 pounds, was felled in Washington County last Saturday by Mr. W. O. Peel, Martin farmer, the animal being described as one of the largest killed in this section of the State in years. Five shots were necessary to kill the animal, the first one or two loads of shot striking the animal only making him jump.

Fifty More Farmers Waiting For Checks

Fifty Martin County farmers are still waiting for their cotton checks, it was learned from the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon here yesterday afternoon. Three hundred and ten checks have been received and delivered to farmers participating in the cotton reduction program in this county.

NEW CUSTOMERS ADDED DAILY BY FINE SALES MADE

Farmers Generally Well Pleased; 60 Per Cent Of Crop Sold

The Williamston tobacco market established a new high record yesterday when it sold 196,540 pounds for an average slightly under 21 cents, a new high for the season. Sales were continued well into late afternoon when the market blocked. Approximately 75,000 pounds were sold here today, the market selling off the block and completing the sales about noon.

Activities on the Williamston market are more encouraging as the season advances, and it is believed that the parity price will be established for the season as a whole.

Farmers are generally well pleased with their sales here, and new customers are being added to the list of satisfied patrons daily. However, there are a few tags turned every now and then, but much of the tobacco is resold in the same warehouse. During the past few days, the number of complaints has been negligible, farmers stating that tobacco on the local market is selling higher than at any time since the war.

Market supporters are continuing their work sending out letters inviting the farmers to visit Williamston, and things are looking very bright for a successful season here.

It is estimated that more than 60 per cent of the tobacco in this section has already been sold, some observers stating that they believe an even larger per cent than that has already been marketed.