



ASSEMBLY BUSY GETTING SET FOR WORK OF SESSION

Martin Senator To Ask Law Requiring Vaccination Of All Dogs

Completing its committee appointments, the State Senate this week prepared to settle down to business. Appointments to house committees had not been announced today, but the assignments are virtually complete, and some action can be expected from both wings of the legislature shortly.

Senator Coburn has been assigned the chairmanship of the Caswell Training School committee and is a member of appropriations and Judiciary 2, both of which are considered of major importance. In addition to these, he has a seat on consolidated statutes, trustees of the university, agriculture, commercial fisheries, and salaries and fees committees. The senator, before returning to Raleigh Monday, said he planned to sponsor a bill requiring the vaccination of all dogs in the state against rabies. While the details of the bill have not been announced, the proposal is considered of importance in view of the fact that the mad-dog menace has caused much concern in many sections of the state during recent months.

There is no indication of future deadlocks in the senate committees for the current session. On all the major committees, the sentiment of the senate is believed to be fairly represented. The finance committee, of which Harris Newman, of New Hanover, is chairman, is preponderantly in favor of a sales tax. The roads committee, of which Senator U. L. Spence is chairman, is calculated to be overwhelmingly against any wholesale diversion of highway funds. The appropriations committee has a veteran, Lee Gravelly, of Nash, who has headed the senate appropriations committee at a former session. The education committee, whose work is to be directed by Senator Griffin, is in the hands of a man who has already expressed himself as being liberally inclined toward teachers' compensation and who was on the sub-committee two years ago that made a thorough investigation of North Carolina's education system.

NEWS NOTES OF WOMAN'S CLUB

Local Civic Body Sponsors President's Ball To Be Held January 30

The Williamston Woman's Club is again this year sponsoring a President's Ball. The dance this year will be held on Wednesday night, January 30, in the new gym of the Williamston High School. Pollock's Orchestra from Rocky Mount will play. The committee for this dance is doing all in their power to have a large crowd present. Seventy per cent of the net proceeds will be retained in this area for helping infantile paralysis victims.

All members who have not done so are urged to hand their 1934 club dues to Mrs. R. L. Coburn. The payment of dues for 1935 is also in order and Mrs. Coburn will be glad to accept any payments anywhere.

The club is looking forward to having Dr. Clarkson, of Petersburg, Va., attend the next meeting, to be held the first Thursday in February. Dr. Clarkson will talk on cancer.

Two Minor Auto Wrecks Reported Over Week-end

Another automobile wrecking record for this county got under way last Sunday night, when four cars figured in accidents, but no one was badly hurt.

William Cook, young man of New Bern, suffered a bruised chest when his brand new car was sideswiped on the Washington road, near Macedonia church, early Sunday night. Considerable damage was done to his car, but only minor damage to the other machine figuring in the wreck.

Joe Davis is said to have run into a car between Parmele and Robersonville, damaging the cars but injuring no one very badly.

Legion Auxiliary Meets In Williamston Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Saturday afternoon, January 19, at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Williamston. All members are urged to attend.

Harry Barnhill was operated on for appendicitis last Saturday in a Roanoke Rapids hospital and is getting along very well.

Mr. Jesse Keel, of Everetts, was here today attending to business.

CLEAN SEED

The task of cleaning tobacco seed for Martin farmers is now underway, Agent Tom Brandon cleaning the first for planting this year last Saturday. Mr. F. K. Hodges will handle the cleaning work during the remainder of the season, probably completing the task by the middle of next month.

Several hundred farmers had their tobacco seed cleaned last year and it is believed equally that number and more will have their seed cleaned this year. No seed are being treated against disease, the authorities believing it will pay the farmer to throw away diseased seed and procure others known to be free of disease.

ROBERSONVILLE BANK MEETING

Institution Reports Annual Earning of 24 Percent; Officers Re-elected

Meeting recently in the banking offices there, the Bank of Robersonville stockholders re-elected its officers and directors for another term, the report to the meeting clearly indicating the past year to have been one of the most successful in the history of the institution. During that period, the bank earned 24 per cent on its capital stock, paying one-half of the earnings to the stockholders. Ever mindful of meeting the needs of the future, the officers carried the remainder of the earnings to surplus and undivided profits, a step that further assures the institutions patrons a continued banking service marked by its efficiency and understanding.

The institution, recognized as one of the leading banks in this section of the state, has resources totaling nearly one million dollars, with deposits well over the three-quarter million dollar mark.

Names of the officers and directors for the year are: J. H. Roberson, Jr., president; R. L. Smith and H. C. Norman, vice president; D. R. Everett, cashier, and S. L. Roberson, assistant cashier; J. H. Roberson, Jr., A. E. Smith, R. L. Smith, G. H. Cox, V. L. Roberson, H. C. Norman, Eli Rodgers, D. R. Everett, R. J. Nelson, J. E. Ward, and J. C. Smith, directors.

CREDIT BODY TO HOLD MEETING

Election of Officers Will Be Held at Washington Tomorrow

The Washington Production Credit Association, comprising the counties of Hyde, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Martin, will hold its annual meeting in the John Small High School Building in Washington tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and all farmers planning to borrow from the organization, as well as others, are urged to attend.

The association made a splendid record last year. In this county all loans have been repaid with the exception of \$120, which is now in the process of collection.

Authorities state that the association expects to make more loans than it did last year, as the terms of the advances are much simpler than they were then.

In addition to general discussions of business, the association at its meeting tomorrow will elect officers for the coming year.

Bear Grass Team Leading In County Basketball Play

With six victories and only one loss, the Bear Grass girls' basketball team is probably holding top honors to date in the sport. They are closely followed by the Bear Grass boys, who have won five of the seven games played. Last week the Bear Grass girls won a double-header from Robersonville, the girls winning 20 to 9, and the boys 20 to 11. The girls also won from Aulander 32 to 8, the Bear Grass boys losing to Aulander, 20 to 16.

Losing to Jamesville last week, the Bear Grass girls and boys will meet those teams here Thursday night at 7:30, with Professor Jones refereeing.

Jamesville Teams Win Games from Robersonville

Jamesville's basketball teams scored a double victory over Robersonville at Robersonville last Friday evening, the boys winning 28 to 8, and the girls taking their game by a 21 to 16 score.

Fletcher P. Dickens was here today from Roanoke Rapids.

Mr. Henry S. Everetts was a business visitor here today from Robersonville.

FIRST HERRING IS TAKEN FROM RIVER FRIDAY

Catch Is Earliest Reported In Jamesville During Recent Years

Catching the first herring of the year last Friday, the boys down at Jamesville are believed to have established a new record for an early opening of Martin County's "smokehouse." U. S. Hassell, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hassell, took the lone fish from the Roanoke there in the first dip that afternoon. Hardly had he reached up town with the prize catch when other residents started taking down and repairing their nets for the approaching season. The young man is said to have refused a dollar for his fish.

The herring was of large size and well developed. Two or three seasons back, herring of unusually small size came up the stream in great number, fishermen referring to them as "Hoover" herring. Judging from the size of the catch last Friday, the fish will, in all probability, be referred to as "Roosevelt" herring this year.

Commenting on the early catch this year, a Democrat last Sunday wondered why the herring started up the stream so much earlier under Democratic administrations than they ordinarily did under Republican rule. Charlie Davenport, well known and popular merchant of Jamesville, with Republican leanings, explained that the "Good Master" saw difficult times ahead and he was sending food for the folks somewhat earlier than usual.

Last year, John Leary Hassell and T. C. Blount dipped the first herring of the year from the Roanoke at Jamesville on February 15.

The regular fishing season is about two months away, and it is too early for predicting prospects. However, it is quite certain that the business will be equally as successful as it was last year, as high water and other difficulties were experienced during much of the 1934 season.

Dr. Jos. H. Saunders To Head Health Work Again

Dr. Joseph H. Saunders was re-elected health officer for this county at a meeting of the county board of health in the courthouse Monday morning. John E. Pope, chairman, presided over the meeting, which was attended by J. C. Manning, J. L. Hassell, and Drs. W. C. Mercer and J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville.

Local Fire Company Gets Call Early Last Evening

The local fire company was called out last night at 9 o'clock to the J. T. Barnhill home on Haughton Street. The chimney was burning out and although considerable smoke filled the house and many sparks fell on the roof very little damage resulted.

4,019 LICENSES ARE SOLD HERE TO JANUARY 15

Increase of More Than 1,000 Plates Sold This Year Over 1934 Period

The sale of automobile licenses at the bureau maintained by the Carolina Motor Club in the Williamston Motor Company building here reflects a marked improvement in general conditions. Up to yesterday, the bureau here had sold 4,019 auto, truck, and trailer license plates as compared with 2,770 up to the same time last year. The sales this year represents an expenditure of approximately \$70,000, as compared with \$41,550 last year, Manager J. D. Woolard announced today.

Following the arrest and conviction of two owners for driving their motor vehicles without proper licenses early in the month, not a single arrest has been reported in this section.

Sales of licenses have dropped off considerably at the bureau during the past few days, the number averaging hardly more than 50 a day. Mr. Woolard said. It is understood that all but a few motor vehicle owners have purchased their tags, leaving only a small number of cars and trucks parked under shelters until the owners can buy the plates. The sale will probably be completed for all old cars by the latter part of this month.

Many of those buying tags recently came on foot, or on horse-drawn vehicles, or caught rides with friends, leaving their cars at home for fear they might subject themselves to arrest.

The local bureau will be maintained by the motor club all during the year, it is understood.

UNUSUAL TYPE CAR DISPLAYED

"Tear Drop" Car Attracts Attention on Local Streets Today

Local people had their first glimpse of a "Tear Drop" automobile today when it appeared on the streets here in a test of improved piston rings and other motor parts.

The car, one of six of its kind in the world, was driven here by Glenn Moore, test driver for McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Company of St. Louis.

The cars were specially designed as to body, but are built on chassis of popular priced automobiles. Design of the car permits a speed increase of from 10 to 15 miles per hour.

There are 15 instruments on the panel which provide the test engineer in charge of the car with a complete check on the car's performance at all times.

Six of the "Tear Drop" cars, called that because they resemble tear drops, are in various parts of the country testing piston rings relative to oil and gasoline consumption. The cars are not for sale, Mr. Moore explaining that his company built them to test piston rings and other motor parts.

The car was seen in Hamilton today also.

Sheriff Roebuck and Rev. C. H. Dickey Are Attending Trial of Hauptmann Th's Week

By CHARLES H. DICKEY

Flemington, N. J., Jan. 13.—Free-wheeling it out of Williamston in the wee small hours of Sunday morning, while the town was blanketed in darkness, black as the pit from pole to pole, Sheriff Charles B. Roebuck, John Hatton Gurganus, Troy Goodman, and the writer whizzed through Eastern North Carolina and slapped on brakes in Norfolk just as the day began to dawn, and headed northward for this town, where the trial of the century is in progress.

That Sheriff Roebuck got lost three times in the city of Norfolk, entered a colored rest room on the boat over to Cape Charles, had the jitters in general all the day long, made, in the final analysis, no particular difference as the crack driver pulled into Flemington the same afternoon at exactly 4 o'clock, just 12 hours after flashing out of the Martin County metropolis.

The record run brought the party to a record court proceeding which has the car of the entire nation, as well as the attention of interesting millions on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. For just now the Hauptmann trial and its outcome is what they're talking about from one of this country to the other tonight.

The Williamston party, crashing in where angels fear to tread, walked into the Union Hotel, directly across the street from the '12-year-old courthouse where Richard Bruno Hauptmann is being tried for his life in a case that is proving itself to be the most absorbingly interesting drama in the history of American court pro-

cedure, the Hall-Mills case notwithstanding. Roebuck and the writer had the good fortune to be put up in the official headquarters of the great trial, the hostelry where the most brilliant newspaper talent in this nation is milling about the lobby, which looks more like the offices of a great newspaper plant than it does a small-town hotel. Here the manager of the telegraph company, for this trial, directs the proceedings of his 132 wires running out of here which carry the news to the ends of this nation, as well as two direct cables which tell the tale to London, England, all day and all night whence it is relayed to Melbourne, Australia.

Associated Press men and United Press men, special reporters, feature writers, photographers, et al, mingle here as one big family, the while the nation looks on with bated breath for the million words that the writers send out of here every single day.

The jurors, 8 men and 4 women, have their quarters in this same hostelry, where they are strictly guarded, as is Richard Bruno Hauptmann in his cell just across the street, and as is Mrs. Hauptmann and the small child some 10 doors away on a side street.

The writer and the sheriff were shown through the famed courthouse tonight, had pointed out to them the seats occupied by Colonel Lindbergh and Hauptmann, six chairs apart. Later they stood in the gathering snow and peered up into the dimly lighted cell where the suspected kidnapper has occupied his lone cell under constant guard since well into last October.

Peanut Sign-Up in County Is Far From Being Completed

LIFE HELD CHEAP DURING RECENT YEAR IN COUNTY

Untimely Deaths Number 23 In County; Auto Fatalities Lead

Human life was cheap in Martin County last year, judging from a review of the happenings during that period. In addition to 13 lives lost in highway accidents, there were two other fatal accidents, 6 murders, and four suicides. And mad dogs were after those escaping the perils of the highway and destruction by shotguns, at least 15 persons having been attacked by mad dogs during the period. In addition to the 23 untimely deaths four people attempted but failed to end their own lives in the county. And no account is taken here of the many assaults upon human lives with pitchforks, knives, axes, sticks, and other weapons of attack.

Three persons broke their legs, several suffered fractures of the arm, and one lost his leg in accidents. A small child lost his sight in one eye while playing. Five people were painfully but not critically injured by gun shots. Another was stunned by lightning. All in all, it is believed a new record was set for untimely deaths and attacks upon human life in this county during 1934.

PROPOSE LOANS FOR SEED-FEED

Bill, Creating \$40,000,000.00 Fund, Introduced By Congressman

A bill creating a \$40,000,000 fund from which destitute farmers might borrow, has been introduced in the House of Representatives in Washington. The seed and feed loan bill is now expected to receive administration, late reports indicate.

When signing the bill last year, President Roosevelt stated that there would be no more, expecting the Production Creditor Corporation to take care of the situation. However, the two North Carolina representatives were able to persuade the Emergency Finance Council, headed by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau that many share croppers were unable to produce collateral.

The new bill will require the borrower to pay recording fees, totalling \$1 in North Carolina and varying amounts in other states, and an inspection fee of \$2. Last year there were no charges whatever in addition to the 5 per cent interest.

Mr. Warren, who introduced the measure for the past three sessions, is considering offering an amendment eliminating the \$2 inspection fee on loans less than \$100.

Fourth Bertie Man Killed In Auto Wreck Saturday

Edward Gregory, 45 years old, was killed when struck by an automobile between here and Windsor last Saturday evening. He was the fourth Bertie resident to lose his life within the week, James Morris, Clayton Mizelle, and Leon White having been killed in an accident near Raleigh the Sunday night before.

Gregory, a cousin of the late Joseph Gregory of this place, is said to have walked into the highway and path of the car driven by George Leggett.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY A. BROWN

Funeral for Robersonville Native Held In Oak City Tuesday

Mrs. Mary Anna Brown, of Oak City, died in a Washington hospital last Sunday afternoon, following a long illness with heart trouble and other complications. She had been in the hospital for treatment about three weeks when she died.

The daughter of Mrs. Sidney Davenport and her late husband, John Davis, Mrs. Brown was born in Robersonville 38 years ago. She married Mr. James F. Brown, who survives. She had lived in Oak City for some time. She leaves no children. One sister, Miss Augusta Davis, of Robersonville, and three brothers (Bill and Richard Davis, of Robersonville, and Eugene Davis, of Stokes, survive.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home in Oak City by Rev. Tom Harris, of the Williamston Pentecostal Holiness church. Burial was in the Oak City cemetery.

SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

Boys' Basketball Team Has Successful Opening Over Hobgood

The Oak City boys' basketball five opened the season successfully last week by defeating Hobgood 24 to 19. At the end of the third quarter, Hobgood was leading 17 to 12. However in the last period, Hobgood seemed to weaken and the heavy Oak City team, averaging about six feet, made 12 successive points to win. The high scorers were Tyson and Crisp for Oak City.

Any high school that would like to schedule a game with Oak City is asked to communicate with Coach J. G. Boykin, Oak City.

Father-Son Banquet

There will be a father and son banquet in the Oak City high school in the near future, Professor J. E. Muller announced today. The banquet is an annual affair in each school that has an agricultural department. The meeting is sponsored by the department, and is planned to bring the farm boys and their fathers together that they may get a better conception of what vocational agriculture is.

The primary department of the Oak City school has been rather unfortunate in the fact that it has suffered a total loss of 11 children while it has only gained 8. The first grade suffered two losses but gained 5, the second grade 6 losses and two gains, and the third grade 3 losses and one gain.

The grammar grades have also suffered a greater number of losses than gains. Up to the present date there has been a total loss of 10, while the gain has been only 5; however, we are expecting other changes to be made soon.—Reported.

Farm Life and Williamston Divide Double Header Here

Farm Life and Williamston divided a double-header basketball schedule in the new gym here last Friday evening, the visiting girls winning by a score of 20 to 5. The local boys won by the narrow margin of 10 to 7.

The locals go to Asheboro this evening, and will play Washington here next Friday night.

Local Parent-Teacher Meeting 3:30 Thursday

The regular meeting of the parent-teacher association will be held Thursday at 3:30 p. m., at the high school building. Dr. Eason will be the speaker of the afternoon. All parents of school children are urged to be present that you may learn how to "Safeguard the Health of Your Children."

CAMPAIGN MUST BE FINISHED BY SATURDAY NIGHT

Last Minute Rush Is Likely In All Districts As Week Progresses

The peanut reduction campaign, entering its second and final week, is far from complete, reports from the county agent's office state. However, it is believed the control movement will be virtually completed by Saturday evening of this week, the time the campaign is scheduled to close.

The first objections to the movement was heard this week when less than a half dozen farmers said they would not sign unless so and so was done or the movement was handled this way or that way. Opposition, however, is considered very lightly, and there is little doubt but that the sign-up will be as near complete as either the tobacco or cotton movement.

No control measures have been advanced for protecting the signer, but it is reasonable to believe that some method will be adopted to assure the participating farmer a fair deal. Unofficial reports maintain that the acreage will be reduced only 10 per cent, the contract allowing the farmers to sell his entire production raised on the decreased acreage. An official parity payment of 40 cents a bag will be paid just as soon as contract compliance has been determined following the planting of the new crop.

The sign-up in Griffins Township is now underway with Rev. W. B. Harrington in charge. The movement was delayed there when several of those appointed found it impossible to handle the work. Mr. Harrington, for the convenience of the farmers, will be at B. R. Manning's store all day on Thursday and at Cassin Lilly's store all day Friday. During the remainder of the time, he will be at his home at Farm Life to receive applications.

The completion of contracts has been interrupted by many farmers who failed to present their bills of sale or acreage measurements. Some failed to measure their acreage, and others failed to present their bills of sale. In either case, the contract had to be placed in the uncompleted list, and both the acreage and sale information will have to be furnished before the contracts can be accepted.

As the week progresses the rush to sign will become more acute, and farmers will find it to their advantage to report as soon as possible.

HEALTH REPORT FOR PAST MONTH

Seventy-two Cases Measles Reported in Griffins Township

The high spot in Martin County's health report for December was the large number of measles cases reported in Griffins Township during the period. There were 72 cases of measles extending from one end to the other in the Farm Life school district. Late reports from that district state the epidemic is subsiding, but recent information indicates that measles are spreading in other district, particularly in Bear Grass, where 21 cases have been reported during the past few days. Jamesville also reported four cases recently, the health officer's office reported this week.

Another bad feature to the county health record for the month was a case of typhoid fever in Bear Grass Township. Other contagious reportable diseases included 2 chickenpox, 2 scarlet fever, and 3 whooping cough cases.

Representatives of Local Firm In Meeting Today

Salesmen and agents of the Standard Fertilizer Company from all over the state are in a business meeting here today. Following the morning business session, lunch was served the company representatives. The meeting, held in the Woman's Club hall, is better attended by nearly 200 salesmen and agents.

County Home Clubs Give Baskets to Home Inmates

Cheer was brought to the inmates of the county home here January 4th, when 30 Christmas bags were distributed to the folks living at the home. This was made possible by seven of the home demonstration clubs in the county. The bags were distributed on old Christmas eve to each one at the home and were filled with fruits, nuts and candies. The contents of all the bags were donated by the women to bring cheer to the inmates.