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NUMBER ATTEND HEARING ON BILL TO AID COUNTIES

Charles Ross, Commission Attorney, Opposes Pleas Of Delegations

Presenting a claim, generally considered just in its every particular, representatives from nearly 44 counties in the State appeared before the joint road committee of the legislature in Raleigh yesterday and urged the payment of approximately \$8,000,000 to those counties that had advanced large sums to the highway commission in its early construction of state roads. While a strong opposition was offered by the Hon. Charles Ross, attorney for the powerful highway commission, the committeemen made a determined plea in behalf of their contention. The matter now rests with the roads committee, and it will report the bill "favorably," "unfavorably," or "without prejudice" to the legislature.

The large delegation from nearly every section of the state was headed by Senator R. L. Coburn, co-sponsor of the bill. Mr. Coburn explained the bill and called upon several leading citizens, who ably presented reasons why the state should repay the 44 counties the approximately \$8,000,000 that was advanced the highway commission on the same basis that it repaid the other 56 counties of \$17,000,000 which they advanced.

The highway commission attorneys presented an entirely different picture, claiming that the 44 counties were over-anxious for roads when the program was first planned and that the money was donated, while the other 56 counties merely lent their funds. Reports reaching here following the hearing clearly indicated that Mr. Ross was literally an encyclopedia, that he had the facts and rattled off the answers to questions in "machine-gun tempo." Previous reports indicated that nobody knew all the facts in connection with the donations or loans advanced by the 44 counties, and it was reported that some difficulty was experienced in procuring them for presentation to the committee.

People in this section, as well as those in nearly every one of the other 43 counties advancing money to the highway commission are still hopeful that the authorities will act favorably in the matter. And they are hopeful because the state, without any obligation whatsoever, purchased private bridges and lifted tolls.

Among those attending the hearing from this county were Messrs. Vance Roberson, S. T. Everett, Amos Perry, B. F. Perry, R. L. Perry, Joshua L. Coltrain, John E. Pope, J. L. Holliday, Roy Coltrain, G. H. Cox, Lee House, Van G. Taylor, H. S. Everett, R. L. Smith, J. C. Smith, J. Sam Getsinger, E. S. Peel, W. C. Manning, C. C. Fleming, G. H. Harrison, and Revs. R. R. Grant, C. H. Dickey, and J. M. Perry.

District Meeting of Legion To Be Held At Jackson Sunday

Members of John Hassell Post In This County Urged To Attend

There will be a fourth district meeting of the American Legion with the Northampton post at Jackson, on Sunday, March 3, at 2:30 p. m.

A letter received from District Commander Arthur P. Flythe by H. L. Swain, commander of the local post, invites and requests as many of the members of this post to attend as can do so.

Mr. Swain is planning to attend, and asks that as many members of the John W. Hassell post attend as can. He wishes that all who plan to go advise him and if any desire to go and has no way, or if any one does not have a load or can take others, get in touch with him so a way can be provided for all.

The John W. Hassell post is the largest in the entire district, and Commander Swain wants the largest attendance at this meeting. The state commander, Hubert Olive, of Lexington, will be there and make a talk.

Musical Service at Church Postponed

The musical program that was to be given this Sunday evening at the Episcopal church has been postponed on account of the illness of Miss Bruns, of Charlotte, who takes a leading part in the planned service.

County Board Will Meet Next Monday And Start Planning Another Tax Year

Main Business Will Center Around Selection of Tax Supervisor; Full-Time Employee During Tax-Listing Period Being Considered

Preliminary arrangements for starting another tax year in the county will be made next Monday, when the commissioners appoint a supervisor to handle the tax listing for the year 1935. Heretofore, for the past two or three years, the chairman of the board of commissioners handled the supervisor's duties with very little or no remuneration. It is not known what plan the board will follow this year, but it is understood that suggestion have been made for a full-time supervisor during the period property lists are taken. The listing of property and equality in values are considered the most important features in the tax-raising system, for when all

property is listed and on an equal basis, the rate is of secondary importance. When discrepancies are allowed to find their way into the lists, the owner placing a fair value on his property pays more taxes in proportion than does the owner who misrepresents the values. The duties of a supervisor are to see that all property is listed uniformly throughout the county.

Other than the appointment of a supervisor and the handling of routine duties, no business of any great importance has been scheduled for consideration next Monday, Register of Deeds and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board J. Sam Getsinger said this morning.

Leaf Allotments Are Now in Preparation

TO START SEINES

"It is almost too early to predict what kind of a season we will have, but we are hoping for better luck this year than last," Mr. C. C. Fleming said this week in announcing that he planned to start seine fishing at Jamesville about the middle of this month. Mr. Fleming stated that preparations were being completed to start the seines at that time, weather and water conditions permitting.

Just prior to the change in weather conditions this week, fair-size catches of herring were reported by fishermen with small nets, the most unusual catch being reported by Henry Lewis Lilley Tuesday. The fisherman, using a comparatively small dip net, caught a shad weighing nearly six pounds. The shad catch was one of the earliest reported in the Roanoke in some time.

Funeral Is Held for Mrs. Mary Amanda Rodgers Tuesday

Prominent Woman of Cross Roads Section Died Monday Evening

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 for Mrs. Mary Amanda Rodgers, who died at her home in Cross Roads community early Monday evening. Rev. J. M. Perry conducted the last rites. She was the wife of Mr. Aris Rodgers, who survives her, but who is now confined to his home by illness.

Mrs. Rodgers was the daughter of the late John Dave Wynn and was married to Mr. Rodgers some 15 years ago.

She was buried at their home in the family burying ground. She had been in failing health for several years, but died from flu and pneumonia. She requested a simple funeral arrangement, and a unpretentious and inexpensive burial, and her wishes were carried out as far as practicable. The community turned out on a large scale for the last rites, and bespoke the high esteem in which Mrs. Rodgers was held in the Cross Roads and Bear Grass communities.

Teachage for Bear Grass Being Planned

Citizens of Community Are Furnishing Lumber; To Cost Around \$4,000

Agreeing to furnish the timber for the construction of a teachage at Bear Grass, citizens of that community are already meeting the obligations, reports received from there yesterday stating that about half the logs had already been cut and placed at the mill. Construction of the eight-room building, estimated to cost about \$4,000 is being delayed pending developments by the Federal government in its public works program.

Backed by a determined spirit among the patrons of the school there, it is almost a certainty that the building will be ready for occupancy about the time another term of school gets under way.

Small Farmers Will Be Allowed to Plant All of Base Acreage

Ruling Applies Only To 3 Acres or Less; Will Have Little Effect in County

Under recent rulings announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration officials, new allotments are being tabulated in the Martin County farm agent's office for those farmers with a base of three acres or less. There is very little to do in establishing the allotment as the farmer who had so little tobacco will be allowed to plant his base acreage and sell his base production without accepting a definite reduction of 30 per cent from that figure. But where there is an adjustment made and accepted in any allotment the grower forfeits his right to rental and parity payments, it is understood.

The ruling will effect an unusually small increase in this county, as there are only a few farmers with a base of three acres or less. Reliable estimates indicate the increase under this ruling will not be more than 50 acres.

Application blanks for those farmers who did not plant tobacco last year or who were not eligible to sign a contract in 1934 have not yet reached the office in this county. However, the blanks are expected within the next few days, and the approximately 100 applications already in and others that might be received will get all consideration under the rulings recently announced by the agricultural authorities in Washington.

Tobacco plants are already coming up in many sections of the county, and transplanting time is hardly two months away. Regardless of rulings, there is one thing for the farmer to remember before planting and that is there will be no interchanging of marketing cards this year. In other words if a farmer can grow his allotted poundage on four acres, it will be advisable to hold his acreage to that figure regardless if his base is five or even six acres. Weather conditions, of course, might effect a decrease in poundage, but he will have saved the expense necessary for fertilizer, cultivation, harvesting and marketing if he holds his acreage in line with the allotted production. It will certainly meet with disapproval if the farmer raises excess poundage and then can not market it next fall.

Aged Colored Woman Found Dead Tuesday

Rose Howell, aged colored woman, was found dead along a little woods path just off the river road in Goose Nest Township last Tuesday. The woman, said to be about 87 years old, had started to visit a neighbor some distance away the day before and as she walked the path she is believed to have died from a heart attack.

Officers investigation the case, but found no signs of foul play, it was reported here today.

Regular Services at Presbyterian Points

The regular services will be held at all Presbyterian churches and chapels Sunday, March 3, at the regular hour it was announced by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff this morning.

COUNTY BASKET-BALL TOURNEY IS NOW UNDER WAY

Williamston Boys and Bear Grass Girls Winners Last Night

Martin County's high school basketball tournament got under way here last evening with four teams, representing three schools, in action. A comparatively small crowd was present for the first event, but the stage was set for tonight and the climax in the final games next Monday evening.

The Bear Grass girls, superior in every phase of the game, downed the local sextet, 44 to 15, but the locals, with only two wins to their credit this season, offered every possible defense they could. Mobley, Roebuck, and Keel led for the visitors, while Cook and Hardison played a good game for the locals. As a result of their victory last evening, the Bear Grass girls gained the right to meet next Monday the winners of the Farm-Life Jamesville game tonight.

Farm Life got the bad breaks and lost its game to the local boys by a 19 to 12 score. Harrington, probably the leading player for the visitors, fell and was badly cut under the eye, several stitches being necessary to close the wound. Bowen led the scoring for the locals.

Jamesville girls meet those from Farm Life and the Bear Grass and Jamesville boys meet here tonight, the winners of the two games going to the finals next Monday evening. Medals will be awarded the winners and leading players.

ONLY FIVE CASES TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

Two Long Sentences Are Handed Out; Also One Fine of \$50

In session a very short time, the county recorder's court handled only five cases last Tuesday, imposing a \$50 fine and meting out two long road terms. Two or three cases were continued for trial at the next Tuesday session.

The case charging Professor J. T. Uzzle with whipping a child in the Jamesville school week before last was disposed of Tuesday, the court finding the school man not guilty.

Charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated, Cary Whitehurst was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of one year.

Peter Hassell, the colored fellow who battled ferociously with the Robersonville police force and others when he was arrested last week, drew two years on the roads when the court adjudged him guilty. He appealed and bond in the sum of \$200 was required.

Sentenced to prison for two years on a larceny charge, Fred Pope started to appeal to the higher court, but hurriedly changed his mind when he learned there was a possibility that Judge R. Hunt Parker might preside over the March term of Martin County Superior Court. Speaking to the clerk, Pope said, "Boss; if Judge Parker is coming why I'll just take the two-year sentence, and that will be all right."

Meet of Warehouse Stockholders Held

Holding their annual meeting in the courthouse here yesterday, Roanoke Warehouse Company directors and stockholders passed the company's usual dividend, turning the rental income into channels to offset certain repairs and current expenses.

Mr. W. T. Meadows, for years secretary and treasurer of the company, resigned, and Mr. John R. Peel was elected to that position. All other officers and directors were reelected. Mr. H. D. Peel heading the organization as president.

Teachers and Parents Meeting at Farm Life

Meeting last Tuesday evening, the Farm Life parent-teacher association reported an increased interest and the enrollment of 15 new members. Organized only a few weeks ago, the organization is rapidly completing plans for supporting a building program and a better attendance record for the school. Committees have been named and grade mothers were selected at the meeting this week.

New Acreage Measurements For County Peanuts Ordered

Five Men From Cross Roads Section Are Jailed in Single Week by Sheriff

One Man Put in Hoosegow Proceeds To Trade His Car For Something He Can Use—a Radio—and a Good Time Is Being Had by All

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and his assistants thinned out the Cross Roads Township population when he landed five young men in the county jail one right after the other this week, and from last reports he was still after two or three more. In his drive against law violators, the officer reached over into Edgemombe County and jerked an alleged thief from the roads to appear here for a hearing.

Information from the jail yesterday indicated that the little band was having a gay time and enjoying life to its fullest. Dennis Whitaker, placed in the hoosegow Wednesday for failure to support his family, traded off his

old car the day before for a radio, and the alleged law violators are steadily enjoying the broadcasts hour in and hour out all the day long. Whitaker, said to have forsaken his family, installed the battery radio in the home of Lou Manning's offspring between Parmele and Robersonville Tuesday afternoon, and when the sheriff made the arrest Whitaker pleaded for permission to bring the receiving set with him.

Gilbert Whitaker, Tebo Whitaker, Lester Matthews, charged with stealing meat, and Herman Farmer and Lester Terry, partners in jail, declare Dennis Whitaker is an able entertainer with his radio.

Building and Loan Series To Open 2nd

Total Sale of Around 600 Shares Looked For in Community

Around 4,000 Active Shares Now in Force; Many Advantages

Opening tomorrow, the 36th stock series of the Martin County Building and Loan Association has the bright prospects of establishing a new record. Secretary Wheeler Martin said today. Already several hundred shares of the association's stock has been spoken for, and a sale of at least 600 shares is virtually assured.

Prospective builders are subscribing to a goodly number of shares, but equally as many others are taking advantage of the association's splendid saving plan, it was said.

The size of community's building program is reflected several years in advance by the activities of a building and loan organization. During the past year or two, stock subscriptions in the local association have been materially increased, and right now the town has bright prospects for an unusually large building program during the next six to 12 months. Many of those speaking for stock in the thirty-sixth series opening tomorrow are making plans for the future with the advantage of assured earnings of a source for a building loan.

At the present time, the association has nearly 4,000 active shares of stock, and its earnings in recent years, including the period of depression, compared favorably with the best and far better than the average investment.

Sunday Services at Church of Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector, Quinquagesima Sunday: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Holy communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m. Holy Trinity Mission Sunday school and preaching, 2:30 p. m.

"Chick" Manning in Fire Insurance Field

Henry ("Chick") Manning, for several years connected with the Central Service Station, has opened a fire insurance agency with temporary offices in the Martin law building on Main Street here. He is representing several of the old-line companies, and is in a position to write all kinds of fire insurance, as well as all type of automobile insurance.

Bear Grass Students Will Go To Raleigh

Approximately 50 Bear Grass High School pupils and their teachers are planning to visit Raleigh next Tuesday, peek in on the legislature and visit the points of interest there. Principal Hickman said yesterday. The party, traveling in eight or more private cars, are scheduled to leave Bear Grass about 6:30 that morning and spend a greater part of the day in the capital city.

RAT CAMPAIGN

The reported increase in number of rats here is again attracting the attention of authorities, but there is nothing to indicate that a drive to eradicate the rodents will be undertaken just now. A preliminary survey here this week by W. R. Carson, who had charge of the first anti-rat campaign here, shows that the rats are increasing in number but are not near as numerous as they were prior to the first eradication campaign.

Mr. Carson is soliciting individual patronage from the property owners and plans to appear before the town authorities next Monday evening to seek their aid in a joint anti-rat movement.

Mrs. Jacksie Anne Roebuck Dies at Daughter's Home

Was Native of This County; Funeral Is Held Today Near Robersonville

Mrs. Jacksie Ann Roebuck, widow of Joe Roebuck, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ada Leggett, in Pitt County yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. She had been ill for about two weeks.

Mrs. Jacksie Ann Barnhill before her marriage, Mrs. Roebuck was born in Robersonville Township, this county, 70 years ago. Following her marriage to Mr. Roebuck, a Primitive Baptist minister, she moved to Pitt County where she lived a wholesome and useful life for nearly fifty years.

She is survived by one son, Reuben Roebuck, Wilmington merchant, and three daughters, Mrs. Ada Leggett, of Pitt County, Mrs. Jarvis Whichard, of near Robersonville, and Mrs. Slade Rogers, of Greenville. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. J. B. Everett, of Robersonville.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will follow in the family burial ground in Robersonville Township.

Local Band To Play At Baptist Church

The Memorial Baptist church will be host to the local band at the Sunday evening service at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the young men will give their first concert in this church.

Following the church school session at 9:45 the pastor will preach at the 11 o'clock hour. The people generally are invited to these Sunday services.

Salesman Fined Here On Disorderly Charge

Charged with disorderly conduct, Robert Marsh, traveling man out of Norfolk, was fined \$5 and taxed with the cost in Mayor Hassell's court here Wednesday evening.

Growers Have Only Until March 6th To Secure New Figures

Most of Errors Believed To Be Result of Guesswork And Estimation

A second check on acreage measurements by the peanut growers themselves was called for by the county agent's office in the county this week, the agent stating that measurements must be in by the sixth of this month or the acreage may be adjusted downward. The agent explained that some serious errors had been reported, and that peanut contracts cannot be accepted until the errors are corrected. The growers are asked to use a line or tape in making the measurements and report the figures to the office.

The office explained that it had found a large number of the contracts to be in line, particularly in those cases where accurate measurements were made with lines or tapes. Most of the errors resulted when the farmers just guessed at their acreage, it was stated.

No official estimate on the overage could be had from any of the officials in the county office, but it is believed that the acreage claims for the last season will run about 300 acres over the actual figures, and that the 1933 claims will outdistance the actual plantings by more than 1,000 acres.

Officials are determined to head off a horizontal reduction, and it may be that some contracts will be canceled where evidence is found showing that the facts have been willfully misrepresented. The government is asking for a very small reduction, and if authentic figures can be established no grower will experience any hardship, as was the case in many instances with tobacco and cotton. Already a number of growers have rechecked their acreages and small variations were eliminated. It was clearly pointed out that the variations were not at all intentional, but that they were the result of hurried measurement or outright guesswork. There are around 1,400 growers in the county, and if each one adds only one-half or an acre by guessing, the crop is increased by from 700 to 1,400 acres.

Work Goes Forward To Open New Bank

While arrangements are going forward rapidly, no developments in the opening of a branch of the Greenville Banking and Trust Company here have been officially announced as far as it could be learned this morning. Definite arrangements for the opening of the new institution here are expected within the next few days it was said.

W. H. Harrell, Well-Known Farmer, Dies After Brief Illness

Had Been Ill Only Couple Weeks; Funeral Service Held Yesterday

W. H. Harrell, respected Martin County farmer, died in a Washington hospital early Wednesday morning from a complication of diseases with which he had been critically ill for about two weeks. He was taken ill on his farm near here on the old Everetts road about two weeks ago.

The son of the late Rev. W. H. and Emma Fleming Harrell, he was born near Palmyra 56 years ago. He spent his early life there and then moved to Edgemombe County, where he lived about 20 years, returning to and settling in this county near here about five years ago. He was married twice, leaving six children by his first marriage and four by his second. The names of those surviving are: Ben and Henry Harrell, Mrs. Lula M. Dean, Mrs. Langley, and Miss Virginia Harrell, all of Pitt County; and Marvin Harrell, of Williamston; and Rufus, Ruby, W. Huey, and Robert Lee Harrell, all of near here. He also leaves three brothers; Messrs. O. L. J. O., and J. H. Harrell, of Palmyra, and two sisters, Mrs. L. G. Bunch, of Palmyra, and Mrs. J. M. Harrell, of Oak City.

The last rites were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. D. L. Foutess, Methodist minister of Scotland Neck, at the home farm near Palmyra.