



Contract for Paving Is Let Last Evening

COST IS LOWERED AFTER BIDS ARE REFUSED FRIDAY

Suggest Name for Proposed Street Through Godard Property Here

A contract for paving Smithwick Street from Main to the railroad, a distance of one block, was let to J. G. Clark Paving Company by the town commissioners in special meeting here last evening. The contract price is \$2,683.75, that amount caring for grading, curbing and paving.

Bids were opened last Friday evening but they were rejected when the commissioners considered the price too high. The F. D. Cline Construction company offered to handle the project for \$2,879, and the Clark Company stipulated a price of \$2,946, a difference of only \$67 in the original bids. The two bidders were immediately notified that the prices were rejected, and that a second consideration would be given at a meeting yesterday. The Cline company re-entered its same bid, but the Clark company reduced its figure by \$262.25 or \$195.25 under the next lowest bid.

Henry Rivers, Greenville engineer, was employed to supervise the project and inspect the materials.

The meeting discussed the opening of the proposed street across the Godard property but no definite action was taken. However the authorities mentioned several names for the thoroughfare, the last report centering on the name of Cooke Street. Martin and Wilson were other names suggested, but it was recalled that the thoroughfare running two blocks through Blood Block in the colored section of the town was named Wilson Street. The name of Martin Avenue has been prominently mentioned by a number of private citizens. It was said at the meeting that the commissioners are planning to call the property owners into conference again soon in an effort to make final arrangements for opening the street and developing that section of the town.

Senior Class Day Program Friday

The Seniors of Williamston High School will present their class day exercises in the school auditorium Friday night at 8:00. The program which is arranged in the form of a legislative assembly will be presided over by J. D. Bowen, the class president. The "Daisy Chain", a feature of last year's program, has been included in this year's program. The valedictory address will be delivered by Grace Manning; the salutatory by Alta Critcher. The songs will be sung by the Juniors and girls from the first and second year classes.

Margolis Brothers Plan Alterations To Store

An extensive alteration program has been planned for the Margolis Brothers store, the owners, Messrs. Frank and Irving Margolis, announced today that starting Thursday they would inaugurate one of the greatest bargain selling events in the history of the store to reduce the stock preparatory to starting the improvements to the building.

Tex Eden Discharged by Hospital This Week

Tex Eden, local insurance man, who was dangerously cut on the arm and stomach at a dance in Washington last week, is able to be out, looking none the worse for his narrow escape from serious injury and probably death.

Dr. D. B. Bryan To Deliver Finals Address Here May 28

Dr. D. B. Bryan, dean of Wake Forest College, will be the principal speaker at the graduation exercises scheduled at the local high school for May 28 at 8:00.

Open Skeet Field at Corey's Store on Washington Road

A skeet field for trap shooting was opened at Corey's store on the Washington Road Sunday afternoon by Urbin and Russell Rogers. Activities will center at the field each Wednesday and Sunday afternoon, Mr. Rogers announcing today that a skeet coat would be given free to every shooter cracking 25 pigeons out of 25 shots.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Clean-up and paint-up activities were off to a slow start yesterday on account of rainy weather, but in keeping with Mayor Hassell's proclamation designating this week as a special clean-up and paint-up period, it is believed local people will strongly support the movement during the remainder of this week. The town authorities have pledged extra facilities for removing trash and other foreign matter, and much good can be accomplished by a cooperative drive against uncleanness and unsightly scenes.

Merchants are stressing the movement in a page advertisement appearing in this paper where valuable suggestions and real bargains are cited.

Special Meeting Of Skewarkee Masons Here This Evening

Masons from Emporia, Va. Lodge Will Handle Degree Work

A special meeting of Skewarkee Lodge will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the lodge hall, at which time the third degree team of the Emporia Va. lodge will put on the Master Mason's degree, it was announced this morning by V. J. Spivey, master of the local lodge. The visitors will arrive before 7 o'clock, at which time they will be guests of the local Masonic officers at supper at the George Reynolds Hotel.

This meeting was arranged as the first of an exchange of visits between the lodges. The degree team from Skewarkee will go to Emporia in the near future to return the visit and put on the work there. A large delegation is expected from Emporia and Mr. Spivey is anxious to have a large number of the local members to greet them at the lodge at 8 o'clock. Visiting Masons from any other lodges are also cordially invited to attend the communication tonight.

Indecent Exposure Case Is Continued

A continuance was considered today in the case charging Mrs. Roseman Owens white woman, and Earl Simmons, colored, with indecent exposure, it was unofficially learned. The report indicated that the case would probably be heard by Judge Peel behind doors closed to the general public.

The charge of rape against Simmons was dismissed at a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell last week, and charges of indecent exposure were brought immediately against him and Mrs. Owens. Unable to raise bond in the sum of \$300 the two defendants were placed in jail where Simmons awaits trial. Mrs. Owens was released yesterday when bond was arranged. Officers would not say when the two cases are scheduled for trial, but it is likely that some disposition will be made of them some time this week.

Roster of Local Coastal Plain Club Is Just About Complete; Begin Work Next Week

The opening of the Coastal Plain Baseball League season two weeks from today will find the Williamston Martins well lined up to furnish some keen competition in the pennant race. Manager Bill Spivey said this morning in announcing the team personnel complete. Arrangements have been handled in every detail, and a fast brand of baseball is predicted for the season beginning with the opening game with Tarboro here on the afternoon of June 4.

Supported by what might be termed a "brain trust", the Martins are formulated to figure and play their way to a commanding position in the league. The trust includes Cecil Brake, State college graduate and professor in the Robersonville Schools; Henry House, a Carolina product and professor in the Edenton Schools; Bill Scott, coach at William and Mary College, and V. J. Spivey, a West Virginia college man, not to mention the younger men who are still after learning.

A large bus has been purchased for service in transporting the team this season, the club officials stating that the vehicle will be delivered here

CHANGE TIME OF COUNTY BOARD MEET TO FRIDAY

Drys Might Urge Board of Commissioners To Delay Action on Election

Making every attempt to prevent their action being tested on an appeal to the courts, the county commissioners, upon the written request of Commissioner R. L. Perry, will consider at a meeting next Friday morning at 10 o'clock the calling of an election in connection with exempting Martin County from the provisions of the Turlington act. An election was ordered at a special meeting last week, but it was learned that to give their action legal credence, the commissioners were to advertise the session six days in advance. Arrangements were then made to hold a special meeting on Thursday of this week, but since notice of the meeting was not posted until Friday, it was decided to delay the meeting another day to make certain that the terms of the law had been fully met.

Late reports indicate the commissioners will be asked to defer action, but since the board was unanimous in calling the election at its meeting last week it is generally believed that there will be no delay in the arrangements for placing the matter before the people for consideration.

There is a possibility that the date for the election will be advanced since it is understood that no special registration will be necessary. However, the commissioners might not discuss the possibility of a change and allow the date of July 6 to stand.

Two Local Homes Entered Saturday

The homes of Joe Gray Corey and Robt. L. Coburn in New Town were entered early last Saturday evening by a robber whose identity could not be established. Very few articles were missed from either home, it was stated.

Ripping the screen, the prowler entered the back door of the Corey home and made a complete search of the first floor rooms, stealing a small amount of change from a pocketbook. Leaving the Corey home, it is believed the same person, said to be a small colored man, entered the Coburn home through a window. Nothing was missed from there except a small piece of cake. Going home shortly after 9 o'clock Hubert Coburn saw the man running from the house.

Sandy Ridge Team Wins Two Sunday

The Sandy Ridge baseball nine invaded Gold Point and Everetts last Sunday, recording victories at each point by one-run margins. Collecting six hits off Taylor, the boys from over the creek scored four runs to their opponents' three. Martin caught by Gold Point.

After turning Gold Point back, the Sandy Ridge boys stopped off at Everetts on the way back and Hardison pitched a second win of the afternoon, his team winning 5 to 4. In the first game he allowed three hits and in the second 5 hits, W. Hardison catching both games. H. Forbes and Rawls formed the Everetts battery.

Legislative Records of Representative And Senator From County Reviewed

Coburn Was Leader In Fight To Refund Counties for Roads

Cooperated in Passage of Bill Urging Refund of Money To Counties

Centering his attention on the passage of a bill that would lead to refunding those counties making advances to the highway commission years ago, Senator R. L. Coburn is believed to have pushed the rights of those particular counties to the front, where part, if not all, advances to the commission will be refunded by the next regular legislature. In addition to his extensive work on the bill that sets up a committee or commission to determine the amounts, if any, the counties are entitled to expect from the State Highway Commission, Senator Coburn figured in the passage of a number of state-wide laws in the recent legislature, including a wine bill and a bill exempting Martin and 16 other eastern counties from the provisions of the Turlington Act.

Early in the session Mr. Coburn introduced a bill removing the tolls from the Chowan River bridge.

A bill was passed giving uniformity to the quail hunting season. At one time the season for hunting quail was closed several weeks later in this county than in surrounding counties, inviting hunters from other counties to come into Martin in large numbers late in the season.

Another bill introduced by Mr. Coburn requires that agricultural liens be recorded in the county or counties where the lands upon which the crops are to be grown and conveyed in the lien are located, except where the county line runs through a farm upon which the person to be advanced resides, in which case it shall be recorded in the county where his home is located only.

The bills calling for highway refunds provided that the state should pay in ten equal annual installments the sum of \$8,451,181.34 to the forty-four counties which donated said amount to the state in building state highways and bridges after same had been taken over by the state, and prior to 1931 when the state took over the county roads.

A public hearing was held before the joint Senate and House Roads Committees on this bill, at which time it became apparent that the bill would not pass due to the fact that a considerable amount of the donations made by some of the counties was not used in constructing what was classified as state highways, and it was impossible, without a lengthy investigation, to segregate the amounts which should be refunded by the state in those cases. Another bill was prepared and introduced in both the Senate and the House which provided for the appointment of a commission by the Governor consisting of nine members, one from each of the old road districts as provided for in the 1921 laws, to conduct hearings and make investigations and set up the amounts, if any, each of said counties should be refunded. This bill was finally passed, and it is generally conceded that the next Legislature

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Going into the North Carolina General Assembly early last January for the first time as representative from this county and senator from this district, Messrs. Hugh G. Horton and Robert L. Coburn entered readily into the activities of the law-making body and made very favorable records as first-terms. The two men figured in the passage of bills of state-wide import, and listened to the people back home in offering changes in those laws of a county-wide and local nature.

The severe critics of the General Assembly bob up with the assertion that the only time the law-

makers did a real service to the people was when they adjourned May 11. That the Legislature did mess things up in many, many instances is certain, but the legislative records of Representative Horton and Senator Coburn prove that there were some accomplishments.

No immediate and direct results are to be expected from most of the laws sponsored by the two men, but a foundation was laid for more advantageous laws next term, and many people will find a majority of the laws advantageous to the welfare of the county in the future.

Farmers of County Are Well Up With Work; Tobacco About All in Ground

With nearly all tobacco transplanted and resetting completed, farmers in this county are well advanced with their activities, as a whole. They are well into what is recognized as the busy season on the farm, and the prospects are bright just now for favorable crops. Of course, unfavorable growing seasons are possible, and there are numerous other factors that might enter upon the scene to limit

production or aid in record crops. Just now the outlook is considered above the average by many farmers.

Some growers are reporting much damage to their tobacco by wire worms, but such attacks are not uncommon.

Authentic records are not available, but it is believed that few farmers in this county planted the allotment limits this season, but few or none failed to plant the acreage planned.

POTEAAT ATTACKS JAZZ INFLUENCE IN CHURCH MUSIC

Wake Forest Professor and Educator Speaks to Club Members Last Night

With a tremendous wallop delivered at all jazz music renditions in the name of religion, Dr. Hubert Poteat, Wake Forest Professor, let loose a powerful attack here last evening in the auditorium of the Memorial Baptist church against the prostitution of church music and scored, with invective and scorn, all those who are responsible for the same.

In an illustrated lecture on hymnology, the visitor punctuated his remarks with instrumental variations of the jazz-crooning efforts at worship which he said were venerated with a very thin coat of religion, and amused the small group who heard him when he got their feet wriggling in the church as his syncretized efforts made them forget whether they were in a Sunday school or a dance hall.

Dr. Poteat handled his theme with vigor and without apology, making it more than clear to all who heard him just what he thinks of the flippant and flimsy commercialized hymns and hymn books that slick-tongued salesmen have left in so many of the churches today, saying that the commercialization of near-jazz church music, with its catchy theme choruses, has brought church music to its present low level today, and then appealed for the restoration to its rightful place in the worship program of the hymns which all the churches of all times have found to possess merit.

Advancing as one reason for the prostitution of religious music the fact that the crowds of today are so accustomed to jazz over the radio, in the dance halls and movies that they demand it, in sugar-coated form when they go to their places of worship, the lecturer gave a demonstration of a modern-day church rendition of some of those venerated pieces, then followed it with an example of some of the great, moving hymns of Christendom which are characterized by their lofty dignity, their religious fervor and their powers to lift a congregation towards God.

Coming here from Wake Forest where he had been invited by the Woman's Club of this city, Dr. Poteat spoke to representatives of the community in the Baptist church last night at 8 o'clock, spent the night with his sister, Mrs. Wheeler Martin and returns to Wake Forest today from which place he and his wife leave Saturday for a tour of Italy and European points. Dr. Poteat's versatility is well known in these parts and his coming to Williamston was very meaningful to those persons who are interested in religious music and who heard his lecture last night.

Raiders Roebuck and Peel Destroy Still on Sunday

A liquor plant was destroyed by Deputy J. H. Roebuck and Raider Roy Peel near the old Mobley Mill in Williamston Township last Sunday morning. The kettle had been moved, but the officers found and destroyed several barrels of beer and some equipment.

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Representative H.G. Horton Sponsored Number Local Laws

Introduces Bill Legalizing Manufacture and Sale of Wine In This State

Sponsoring most of the county-wide and local bills affecting this county and its divisions, Representative Hugh G. Horton figured prominently in the passage of nearly all important state-wide bills, especially those affecting this county and section. Eager to represent his constituency, Mr. Horton listened to the suggestions and recommendations of all and acted for the interest of the greatest number in all cases. That his work in the house was not unnoticed is shown by the fact that he was appointed to a number of major committees. In the closing days of the session he was named to the conference committee on the revenue bill, also to the calendar committee, probably two of the most important of the whole session.

The value of heavily loaded petitions was proved during the session, when Mr. Horton introduced a bill at the request of a number of sportsmen to outlaw trapping with steel traps, and then turned around and had the law killed. A petition carrying the names of nearly 400 citizens in Jamesville, Williams, and Griffins Townships was presented to the representative asking that the bill be killed, and it was killed. Armed with a petition carrying nearly 1,000 names, the representative was successful in saving at least two high schools in the county when he held the attendance requirement down to 60 pupils instead of 80 proposed by some.

Very little consideration is given just now to the law postponing the sale of land for taxes until December, but if no bill had been passed delaying the sale, delinquent taxpayers would be in arms about now, for under the terms of the old law the advertising of delinquent property would probably be in progress at this time. The law sponsored by Mr. Horton calls for advertising the first of November and sale the first Monday in December. There will be no delay this year.

Another bill introduced by Horton gave the county commissioners the right to pay justices of the peace certain fees when defendants were found guilty and sent to the roads. Heretofore, the justices only collected their fees when the defendants were found guilty and fined.

The appointment of an agent to handle fiduciary funds was provided in another bill. Under the terms of this bill funds entrusted to the clerk of court can be turned over to the fiduciary agent and that agent becomes responsible for the money.

Considered improper by some, but considered necessary to effect equal representation for all parts of the county, and designed to correct dual representation for any one district, a bill was introduced and passed dividing the county into five districts for the nomination and election of a county commissioner from each district.

The strictly local bills centered around election and taxing matters in Jamesville. One of the two such bills introduced and passed validated the method of tax listing employed by the town of Jamesville. The town authorities copied the listings from the township list. The other bill provided for a new registration and election in the municipality.

Probably the state-wide bill jointly sponsored by Mr. Horton and Coburn to receive the most attention from county property owners was the one designed to have the state highway commission take over the indebtedness incurred in the construction of the

Addition To Hotel Is Being Planned; Many Being Turned Away at Present

Unable to accommodate the traveling public with the 40 rooms now in use, Mr. E. P. Sunningham, owner of the George Reynolds Hotel here is considering the addition of about 20 more rooms to the building. Travelers, as a rule, are turned away almost nightly by the hotel operators just because there isn't room to care for them. There is an immediate need for at least twenty additional rooms, and probably more in the future, a member of the hotel operating force said this morning.

Cost estimates for the proposed project are being prepared by contractors, it is understood, but no definite plans for constructing the addition have been made, Mr. Cunningham said. Considerably enlarged and completely renovated along with the installation of modern heating and telephone service, the hotel during the past several months has experienced a substantial patronage. Even during those months when hotel traffic is generally dull, the local hostelry has had its capacity taxed almost continuously. And the improved hotel facilities, although considered inadequate just now, have been and are now regarded as a valuable asset to the town.

UNUSUAL RECORD

An unusual attendance record in the schools of this county was completed last week when Miss Mary Elizabeth Keel was graduated from the Bear Grass High School. Miss Keel went the entire eleven years without missing a single day.

Miss Keel, daughter of Mr. J. R. Keel, has made her home with her uncle, Mr. Knezer Harrison and Mrs. Harrison, since the death of her mother 14 years ago.

As far as it can be learned Miss Keel is the first Martin County school pupil to complete 11 grades without missing a day, and it is indeed a real honor.

4.70 Inches Rainfall Are Reported Here During Past Month

Average Was Rain Every Other Day; Total Is Not So Large

While rain fell on an average of every other day, this section had no heavy rainfall for the month of April, Hugh Spruill at the Roanoke weather station here reporting only 4.70 inches during the period. April showers failed to increase the total precipitation over that for March by seven one-hundredths of an inch. The largest rain reported during April measured a little under three quarters of an inch. So far this year the rainfall totals 15.36 inches compared with 15.41 inches for the first four months of last year.

The rain, warmly welcomed by farmers just transplanting their tobacco last Tuesday afternoon, measured only slightly more than one-tenth of an inch at this point.

Bear Grass Team Wins Nine Out of Ten Games

Coach Russell Martin's Bear Grass High School baseball team made a splendid record during the season just closed. Playing ten games, the boys won nine. George Peel, star pitcher, getting credit for seven of the nine victories. The only defeat was at the hand of Williamston's town team.

In addition to winning the county championship, the boys defeated some strong teams outside the county.

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