

County Board of Education Plans To Let Contracts for New School Building Projects December 5th

Specifications Are Now Before PWA For Consideration

Local Contractors Eligible To Bid on Projects That Cost Less Than \$10,000

Thursday, December 5, has been tentatively set for letting contracts for Martin County's \$100,000 school building program, it was learned from the office of the county board of education this week. Plans and specifications are now before Public Works Administration authorities for consideration, local school officials explaining that inspection by the federal group would probably be the last official act before the contracts are let.

In the meantime a wage scale is being established, the authorities withholding information until final passage by the county board of education.

It was pointed out that all contracts would be let in the office of the county board of education on the same day, that actual construction work would have to be started within ten days after December 5th. Local contractors will be eligible to bid on only two projects, gymnasiums at Jamesville and Oak City, the authorities pointing out the ruling prohibiting the local builders from participating in projects costing more than \$10,000.

Arrangements for selling the \$45,000 worth of bonds are understood to have been completed, the bonds having been printed and delivered. While the bonds may be offered on the open market, it is possible that the government will buy them at about 4 per cent interest.

The program calls for buildings at Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Williamston, Robersonville and Oak City.

Another Big Crop of Drunks Is Harvested

County and local law enforcement officers harvested another large crop of drunks in this section over the week-end, Jailer Roy Peel yesterday reporting 11 prisoners had been entrusted to his care. Six of the number were jailed Saturday for being drunk, and two were placed in the hoosegow Sunday for alleged drunken automobile driving. A few of the number were able to raise bond and gain their release, temporarily, at least, but the majority of the defendants apparently are assured Thanksgiving dinner in the jail, their trials not being scheduled until the first Tuesday in December.

During the previous week-end, when the fair was in full bloom here, the officers arrested 11 people, the number showing no appreciable decrease during what was considered a quiet week-end following the fair.

Beta Club Meeting Held At Jamesville Recently

Holding their first regular meeting following the organization of a unit of the National Beta Club, members of the chapter, under the direction of their president, Eugene Ange, made plans for an initiation of new members on Monday, December 2. The meeting will be held in the school auditorium there at 7:30 o'clock. A speaker will be present to discuss the work of the club, it was announced.

Wavelets Lose Game To Edenton Juniors 32 To 0

Williamston's junior football boys lost to Edenton at Edenton yesterday afternoon by a 32 to 0 score. The Wavelets offered a stubborn defense, but the Chowan lads were too much for them. Howard Cone ran the team.

Friday afternoon of this week Coach Peters and his regulars will meet Kinston at Kinston, and on Thursday of next week the Green Wave and Oxford will meet here in their annual Thanksgiving game.

Few Farms in Orange Now Without Lespedeza Fields

Only about six farms in Orange County grew any lespedeza eight years ago but today few farms are without it.

Red Cross Campaign Doing Better After Slow Beginning

Success marked the Red Cross membership drive in sections of this county over the week-end, County Chairman Harry A. Biggs announcing yesterday that two of the canvassers, Mesdames J. E. King and W. I. Skinner, had signed 20 members up until that time, and the campaign was still going good. Incomplete reports show, however, that this county is far from its quota of 200 members.

Several of the appointed canvassers have made no reports so far, and while it is hoped they are pushing

the work, it is feared that many will ignore the opportunity to aid the organization that has conducted extensive humane activities in this very section and in territories the world over.

The campaign is scheduled to close on Thursday of next week.

Chairman Biggs explained that some of the canvassers had used all the Red Cross buttons, and urged that others who were certain of not reaching their assigned quotas to return to him the extra buttons and stickers for redistribution.

Hold Up Checks for Peanut Compliance

PLAY DIRECTOR



Dr. Frederick H. Koch, professor of dramatic literature at the University of North Carolina, and founder of Carolina Playmakers, who will present three one-act plays at Washington next Thursday night.

Some Are Delivered; Many Others Have Long Wait Ahead

Farmers Must 'Hog Down' Excess To Comply with Terms of Contract

While several hundred checks have already been delivered to farmers in this county participating in the peanut reduction program, it is now believed that many will not receive payment until after Christmas. Those farmers who farmed their own farms and without the aid of share tenants or croppers have, for the most part, received their checks. Those farmers who have tenants and who have called at the office of the agent and signed one of the benefit payment distribution forms might look for their checks the latter part of this or first of next week. Those farmers who are planning to hog down their excess peanut acreage and have not carefully complied with the rules and regulations are in for a longer wait, it was learned yesterday.

Some of the farmers having an excess acreage explained to the supervisors who are handling the compliance work that they planned to turn their hogs on the peanuts. This is not sufficient, the authorities in Washington and Raleigh stating that the hogs must be or have been in the field when the supervisor makes his visit. Compliance on hogging down excess peanut acreage was just about complete when this new ruling was announced. Some farmers had turned their hogs in the field and the compliance was accepted as complete, but in those cases where the farmer planned to turn the hogs into the field and had not, the supervisors were ordered to make another investigation. Several hundred farmers had excess peanut acreage, and while the government does not charge any one with intent to convert the extra acreage into cash, it is demanding that compliance rules be met.

Crude Plant Destroyed In Williamston Township Early Last Friday

Deputy Sheriff J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Peel, tore up four liquor distilling plants in Williams and Bear Grass Townships last Friday and Saturday, destroying a quantity of beer but making no arrests.

The first plant, a rather unique outfit with a gasoline barrel for a still, pigs-foot keg for a cap, and a joint of pump pipe for a connector, was destroyed in Williams Township. The officers made the raid before daybreak, but were a little too late, the operators having run one of the three barrels of beer and left the fire smoldering.

Two other raids were made that day in Bear Grass Township, the officers tearing up two 50-gallon stills and destroying about seven barrels of beer. The following day, the raiders destroyed another plant in Bear Grass Township and about five barrels of beer. The last three plants visited were cold, Deputy Roebuck said.

Bear Grass Wins Double Bill from Farm Life Here

The Bear Grass boys' and girls basketball teams chalked up their first victories of the season here last Friday evening by turning back the Farm Life teams. The girls won by a fairly close score, 21 to 18, but the boys from out Bear Grass way snowed their opponents under with a 26 to 9 score.

Rawls, Rogerson and Roebuck featured in the girls' game for Bear Grass, while Corey and Daniel led the scoring for Farm Life. In the boys' game, Rawls and Rogers for Bear Grass, and Lilley for Farm Life, led in play.

The same teams meet in a second contest here next Friday evening, it was announced.

NEARLY \$32,000 OF '35 TAX LEVY HAS BEEN COLLECTED

Robersonville Leads With \$7,990.51 Already Paid To Tax Collector

Collecting \$31,922.79 up to the first of this month, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was well on the way to setting a new record in handling the 1935 county tax levy. The collections represent no large payments from any of the major corporations owning property in the county, the sheriff explaining that the payments were made fairly equally by property owners all over the county.

Robersonville led the list up to that time with payments amounting to \$7,990.51. Williamston was second with payments in the sum of \$6,869.33.

During the remainder of this month, or until December 2, taxes can be paid at a discount of 1-2 of 1 per cent. After December 2 and until February 2, payments will be made at par, penalties going into effect at the rate of 1 per cent each month after that date.

Jodie Barnhill, Well Known Local Man, Died Last Saturday

Funeral Services Are Held At Late Home Here Monday Afternoon

Jodie Barnhill, well-known local man, died at his home on West Main Street here last Saturday morning at 7:45 o'clock. He had been in ill health for more than two years, but his condition was not considered serious until a few minutes before he died. He had not been very active for two years, but was able to be up most of the time, and was getting up that morning when he suffered a heart attack and died before medical aid could reach him.

The son of the late James and Roxie Lane Barnhill, he was born on a farm near Everetts 42 years ago. He married Miss Thessie James, of Everetts, and she with one daughter, Miss Eva Grace Barnhill, survives. About 20 years ago he moved to Williamston and lived here until his death. He retired from active business about two years ago following a heart attack, but was able to do light work until a short time before his death.

He was a member of the Methodist church and Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor, and Rev. J. H. Smith, of the Baptist church, conducted the last rites at the home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was in the family plot on the old Barnhill plantation near Everetts.

His brothers, Messrs. B. R. Barnhill and John Barnhill, of Durham; Henry Barnhill, of Tarboro; Kader Barnhill, of New York; Harry Barnhill, of Plymouth, and Fabian Barnhill, of Everetts, served as active pallbearers. He also leaves two sisters, Ruby and Blanche Barnhill, of Williamston.

One Minor Wreck Reported Here During Past Weekend

After a period of wild driving week before last, automobile drivers in this section apparently applied more reason and exercised greater caution in their activities last week, only one minor accident having been reported during that period. A hit-and-run driver crashed into Roy Peel's 1928 model Chevrolet on Main Street and smashed a fender and wrecked the top. The car, parked in front of the courthouse, was knocked half way around, but no damage was done to the running gear, it was said.

SPECIAL MEET

Meeting in special session here today, the Martin County commissioners are receiving the 1934 tax records from Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. A definite report on the 1934 collections could not be had this morning, but it is understood that the report will reflect a decrease in unpaid taxes in the sum of about \$10,000. The insolvent list is reckoned to be about the same size as it was last year, but the land sales were decreased from about \$21,000 for 1933 to around \$12,000 for the tax year 1934.

No other business is scheduled for consideration by the commissioners at the special meeting, Register of Deeds J. Sam Gotsinger said this morning.

Direct Relief Abandoned In County, Starting Today

Peanuts Believed Damaged By Rains of Past Two Weeks

Heavy and frequent rains in this section during the past two weeks are believed to have damaged the peanut crop, the extent of loss depending largely upon the way the peanuts were stacked. Farmers questioned here this week explained that where the peanuts were properly stacked and capped, the resulting damage was thought to be only slight.

The corn crop has suffered, too, as a result of the rains recently, especially where the ears were blown to the ground.

Few farmers in this section had time to harvest either of the two crops before the rains set in about two weeks ago. Peanut pickers are now idle over this entire section, but with fair and favorable weather prevailing, operations might be resumed the latter part of this week.

Peanut buyers have warned the farmers that no peanuts should be picked in a wet condition, or even slightly damp, for that matter. Picking while wet generally depresses the price of the peanuts and results in inferior hay.

Relief Activities To Be Taken Over by WPA Organization

Four New Projects Started In Various Parts of the County This Morning

Apparently lining up for the death of emergency relief in this county, Works Progress Administration representatives completed arrangements for carrying on relief activities under the WPA heading. Just what will become of the old ERA, big letters in their day all over the country, could not be learned, employees of the ERA here stating they would work on until they were instructed to quit.

Beginning today there is to be no direct relief in this county, it is understood. Four projects are being launched today and two were already under way, the program, for the present at least, being recognized as sufficient to employ all the employable unemployed in the county. Just how many men are on the rolls, a man by the name of Barnes, in the employment office here apparently did not know, stating that the four projects to get under way today would handle 37 men and the four combined with a drainage project under way at Parmele would still employ 37 men.

The four projects planned yesterday call for drainage in and around Oak City, with J. W. Hines as foreman; a drainage project in Cooper Swamp, near Jamesville, with John Williams in command; malaria control, or plain old ditch-digging in Williamston, and a privy-building program of county-wide proportions, with J. E. Hedrick in charge. The amount of the appropriations could not be learned. The malaria control project blew up here this morning when the foreman, Alexander Lilley, resigned. Mr. Lilley explained that he was of the opinion that \$40 a month was too little for him while certain other foremen were drawing \$50 per month for five to the week. Tom Rogers has been recommended by Mr. Barnes to take Mr. Lilley's place, but the appointment will have to come from Elizabeth City, it was explained. Probably another big crop of mosquitoes will attack the town following the worst seizure by the malarial carriers here last summer in recent years, before the matter is finally settled.

While all the projects for the men might be meritorious, certainly the privy-building program is the most important. At one time there was an appropriation for the construction of 2,200 of the little houses. The appropriation has been altered, and probably the number of privies on the program has been reduced by half, two-thirds or more, who knows? At any rate Mr. Hedrick and his men have established headquarters and started turning out the first unit today. All the government asks of the home owner who needs an improved and sanitary privy is to furnish the material. The labor will be furnished free and a shiny new house will be located in accordance with instructions. Material costs range around \$15 or \$16, it is understood. Commenting on the privy project, a local citizen said today that the Lord knows 100 or more of the houses are needed right here in Williamston.

The sewing room project, for which a several dollar appropriation was made available recently, is underway at five points, Jamesville, Williamston, Robersonville, and Hamilton. Ninety-two women are employed and they are progressing rapidly with the work, it is understood. The two sewing rooms here are located in the American Legion and Love and Charity halls.

Local Tobacco Market To Hold Last Sales Friday

Although the season closes here on Friday of this week, sales on the local tobacco market are holding up very well, Supervisor of Sales McFarland announcing 48,920 pounds sold here yesterday for an average of \$19.02. Sales for the season now total 7,621,448 pounds, bringing an average of \$20.32 the 100 pounds.

Up to today the current season sales were 1,271,000 pounds greater than they were all of last season, but the total money received this year is less by about \$200,000, it was pointed out.

County-Wide Revival To Begin Next Sunday

Preliminary Plans Outlined at Service Last Sunday Night

Church Leaders and Other Prominent Men Endorse Religious Movement

Assured of the support of ministers and prominent church leaders of the town and community, a county-wide evangelistic meeting will get under way in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here next Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Preliminary plans for opening the meeting were made last Sunday evening, when George T. Stephens, evangelist of 25 years' experience, preached to a large congregation in the high school auditorium. The service was followed by an enthusiastic meeting of prominent citizens held in the courthouse last evening, when plans were completed for holding the county-wide event. Reports from the meeting last night indicated a united effort existed in the town and community favoring the religious movement and that it is expected to meet with marked success.

Rev. Mr. Stephens, who will occupy the pulpit, and Mr. William Retts, in charge of the music and young people's work, are here this week aiding in completing the organization for holding the event beginning Sunday evening. Tomorrow evening church people of the community are holding a union meeting in the local Christian church at 7:45 o'clock, when further plans for the meeting will be discussed. Rev. Stephens and Mr. Retts will be present at the union meeting, it was announced today.

Explaining that the revival will not be of the sensational type, religious leaders sponsoring the event are appealing to the people all over the county to take part and lend their support. "We have underwritten Sunday sports and events, fairs and other things, so surely it is high time the entire community was un-

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Eason Biggs Died Suddenly Saturday

Eason Biggs, farmer of Robersonville Township, died at his home there last Saturday night at 10 o'clock, following an illness of only a few hours. Mr. Biggs, although in ill health at the time, was up and about his work early that morning, but was taken suddenly ill, pneumonia developed and death followed within a few hours.

The son of the late Eason Biggs and wife, he was born in Bear Grass Township about 40 years ago. He farmed all his life, most of the time in the Robersonville section. In early manhood he married Miss Sallie Roberson, who, with seven children, survives. He also leaves one brother, Mr. John Daniel Biggs, of near Williamston, and five sisters, Mrs. Bettie Roebuck, Mrs. Ida Gurgus, Mrs. Mamie Rogers, Mrs. Fannie Leggett, all of this county, and Mrs. Alice Rogers, of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. Pollard, of the Free Will Baptist church, and interment followed in the Mobley cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

EVANGELIST



George T. Stephens, evangelist and Bible teacher, of High Point, who begins a county-wide series of services in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here next Sunday night, at 7:30 o'clock.

J. Leonard Hardison Dies at Jamesville Home Last Saturday

Funeral Services Conducted By Rev. W. B. Harrington Sunday Afternoon

J. Leonard Hardison, well known Jamesville Township farmer, died at his home there last Saturday morning at 4 o'clock from a stroke of apoplexy. The son of the late Jackson and Mary Waters Hardison, he was born in this county 64 years ago last July, and had farmed all his life.

Besides his wife, Miss Lula Long before marriage, he leaves seven children, Otis, Elizabeth, Bennie, Archie, Everett, Hubert and Robert Hardison, all of this county.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister. Interment was in the family burial plot on the home farm.

Mr. Hardison was a hard-working man and one who valued his pledge to a fellow man. He never enjoyed many of the advantages of life, but he made the best of his position with out complaint.

Kiwanians To Elect New Officers at Special Meet

A special executive meeting of the local Kiwanians will be held in the office of Attorney H. G. Horner tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, it was announced this morning. Officers for the coming year will be elected at that time, and the meeting will last only a short time, it was stated.

Cooking School for Cooks Postponed Until January

The cooking school for colored cooks of the community scheduled to be held here this week by the Virginia Electric and Power Company has been postponed, it was announced this week by Miss Ora E. Finch, home service director for the company. The school will be held in January, it is planned.