

DELAY HEARING ON REQUEST FOR PAVED HIGHWAY

County Citizens Go Before Commission Today for Paved Road

Scheduled to appear before the State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh yesterday in connection with the proposed surfacing of the Jamesville-Washington road, citizens of Griffins, Jamesville, and Williamston were asked to wait until today for a hearing. Members of the petitioning committee left this morning for Raleigh, headed by Mrs. C. T. Roberson, of Griffins. Reports indicate there will be other delegations from various parts of the state seeking hearings before the commission in the interest of proposed road projects in their respective territories.

The delegation is pointing out the need for an adequate outlet for one of the county's finest sections, and where travel is exceedingly difficult nearly ever winter and almost impossible during winters like the one recently ended.

Said to be finding citizens on the south end of the route favoring the location of a road across Albemarle Sound via Plymouth and on into Washington, the delegation today is only asking a surfaced road from the Martin-Beaufort line, wherever that is, to Jamesville. It was first proposed to pave or surface the road from Jamesville to Washington.

While no other delegations are appearing before the commission from this county today, it is understood that petitions have been presented to the commission in the interest of improved roads in the Bear Grass and Hassell sections.

In connection with a bridge across the Albemarle, the Plymouth newspaper, Roanoke Beacon, today said:

Realizing that the fight had been in vain to secure a span to connect the north and south sides of the Albemarle Sound to be constructed near Plymouth, Z. V. Norman, local civic worker, has been authorized to make public the information that they will leave the location of the bridge to the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

A wire left Plymouth Tuesday to Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, reading as follows: Plymouth realizes it has fought a losing fight. Am authorized to advise that Plymouth withdraws opposition to sound bridge and leaves location to highway commission. We request nearest possible location to Plymouth and urge immediate action on construction."

A second telegram was sent to E. W. Spiers, mayor of Edenton, where a meeting was held Tuesday afternoon to get the people united in a concerted action to get the location settled and work started. The two telegrams were almost identical in readings.

In relinquishing their fight, the people of Plymouth, in an amiable effort have joined their friends in the same county, Roper and Creswell, in getting the bridge located within the domain of Washington County. It looks now like it will cross the Albemarle from Leonard's Point to Sandy Point.

This leaves Tyrrell County, with the town of Columbia, as the sole holdouts on the proposition, as Plymouth deserted. Already Roper and Creswell were for this location. A total of \$1,000,000 has been appropriated, but it is estimated that \$400,000 more will be needed.

Report on Tobacco Stocks Issued July 1

A report just released by the United States Department of Agriculture shows an increase in tobacco stocks for the East Carolina flue-cured type of 29,623,000 pounds, as of July 1, compared with the inventories on the same date a year ago. To offset this increase, consumption was increasing rapidly, the report pointed out. On July 1, 1935, the East Carolina stocks inventoried 207,491,000 pounds, as compared with 237,114,000 pounds the first of last month.

Stocks of all flue-cured tobacco on hand July 1, 1936, were 747,095,000 pounds, compared with 641,840,000 pounds on July 1, 1935, an increase of 105,255,000 pounds over the holdings a year ago. During the period from April 1, 1936, to July 1, 1936, flue-cured stocks decreased 126,753,000 pounds, compared with a decrease of about 90,000,000 pounds during the same period of 1935. The stocks of Type 11 on July 1, 1936, were 342,811,000 pounds; Type 12, 237,114,000; Type 13, 119,946,000 pounds; Type 14, 47,224,000 pounds.

Hunting Season Gets Under Way in Section September 15

Another hunting season is almost at hand, the county game warden announcing this week that the sport officially gets underway the 15th of next month, when it will be lawful to take deer. Mr. Abbutt reminds hunters of the bag limit, the law allowing one person to take not more than three deer during the season.

Following close behind the open season for deer, the squirrel season opens on October 1 with a bag limit of 10 each day during the season. The real season gets underway on

November 20, when it will be lawful to take turkeys and quail. The season for these birds opens a few days earlier than it did last year. 'Coon and 'possums may be taken with a dog on or after October 1, but the trapping season does not open until the first of November.

Licenses, selling at the same price they did last year, will go on sale in several places over the county within a few days, Warden Abbutt explaining that combination hunting and fishing licenses are already on sale for the convenience of fishermen.

Boundary Line Survey Is Deferred This Week

TOTAL 16 CASES TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

Fines Levied at Session Held This Week Total Over \$200

Following a week's holiday, the Martin County recorder's court went into action Tuesday and disposed of 16 cases, carrying several over until next Tuesday. Fines levied by Judge Peel amounted to \$200, and there were numerous road sentences some calling for as many as six months.

Driving a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, James Donaldson was given a six-month road sentence suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging W. P. Sineath with speeding.

Johnson Corey was given a three-months road sentence, suspended upon payment of the cost and a \$50 fine in the case charging him with drunken driving and operating a car without a license.

The \$25 cash bond put up by Oliver Lane was forfeited when the defendant failed to appear and answer in the case charging him with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate his car. Lonnie Young, driver of the car, was sentenced to the roads for 30 days for driving a car without a driver's license. Lane is a Boston negro, and Young is from Norfolk.

Lonnie Roberson was given a four months' suspended road sentence and required to pay a \$25 fine and costs in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.

Charged with receiving stolen goods, Lillian McClain was found not guilty.

Edgar Taylor was sentenced to the roads for six months for receiving stolen goods.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Milton Pierce was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost, the court suspending a three-month road sentence.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Simon Jenkins with the possession and transportation of liquor, the court suspending his driving license for one year.

Charged with assaulting Alonzo Mizelle with a flashlight, Edgar Ayers was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Don Johnson was found not guilty in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the case charging LeRoy Ruffin with simple assault.

Leon Best was sentenced to the roads for 90 days for carrying a concealed weapon.

Charged with trespassing, Edward Wiggins was sentenced to the roads for 60 days.

Clyde Silverthorne was sentenced to the roads for 30 days for violating the terms of a suspended sentence meted out by the court some time ago.

J. L. Perkins and Son Rent Main Street Store Here

J. L. Perkins and Son have leased the building formerly occupied by Bounds five- and ten-cent store next to Clark's on Main Street here and plan to open a clothing business on or about the first of next month, it was learned today. No details in connection with the opening of the new store have been released at this time.

The Messrs. Perkins are now operating a leading mercantile establishment in Greenville.

Evidence Is Taken From Records at Washington Meet

Arbitration Committee and Others Turn Back At Last Minute

The investigation planned in an effort to settle a dispute over the location of the Martin-Beaufort boundary line reached a sudden but expected end for the time being last Wednesday morning, when the arbitration committee and others faced the ordeal of making a ground survey of the rattlesnake-infested territory. Evidence was taken from records introduced by the Beaufort County representatives at Washington that day, but further activities necessary to locating the line were delayed until the last week in October, when the snakes will have hibernated for the winter.

"We were planning on making the ground survey," County Attorney E. S. Peel and H. G. Horton, attorney representing the county as a member of the arbitration committee, said today, "but we were mighty glad the inspection tour through the snake territory was delayed," they added.

Evidence offered by the Beaufort representatives from records has not been made public, members of the arbitration committee withholding any comment. To complete the findings and settle the dispute the committee now plans to visit the disputed territory and heard record evidence to be offered by this county, the hearing of Beaufort evidence having been completed. However, new evidence might be offered by the neighboring county, Attorney Horton explained, and should that develop the hearing will be reopened probably in Washington. No further action is expected until the last week in October, however.

The controversy drags on, the dispute rapidly becoming a main topic in the conservation of those Martin residents living along the route. Most of the older citizens in the territory where the dispute is centered, maintain the Beaufort claim is unfounded, but the question is can they support their assertions with facts? They say then can, it was learned following an interview with a number of the good citizens of that community yesterday after the ground survey had been postponed. "We believe we can support our beliefs," they said, "and we don't want to live in Beaufort," one or two of them added.

Jamesville Farmer Still Confined in Hospital

Seriously burned when he fell into a tobacco barn furnace fire on his farm near Jamesville on Tuesday of last week, Farmer Johnson Modin continues in a Washington hospital. Reports received here this week state that the man had lost the sight of one eye and that it was feared he would lose his sight in the other eye.

Fire Company Called Out At 1 O'clock This Morning

The local fire company was called out this morning at 1 o'clock when a refrigerating unit motor caught fire and filled the Sinclair Service station, corner Main and Smithwick Streets with smoke. The fire damage was confined to the motor, the extent of the loss not being determined.

It wasn't necessary to use any of the fire-fighting equipment, but it was made ready for use while the search for the fire was underway.

Officer E. Rame discovered the smoke in the building and sounded the alarm.

MARTINS HOLD 1-2 GAME LEAD WITH BUT 3 DAYS TO GO

Post Season Series To Get Underway Here Next Monday Afternoon

Completing the regular schedule next Sunday, the four tops clubs in the Coastal Plain League will pair off next Monday in a 3-out-of-5 game series for places in the little world series later in the week, the first and fourth position teams playing each other, while the second and third place clubs work for a place in the finals. As the club stand now the Williamston Martins will meet the Kinston Eagles here Monday afternoon, and Ayden will play Greenville at Greenville. However, the standings are too close to determine the schedule for the preliminaries just now. The Monday games will be played on the grounds of clubs holding first and second places in the league standing at the close of the season Sunday.

The post-season schedule is calculated to attract large crowds, and since the battle continues hot in the regular standings, the remainder of the regularly scheduled games are also expected to attract fans in large numbers. Only 1 1-2 games separates Williamston, Greenville, and Ayden. Ayden is playing Williamston today, while the Aces and the Greensies will tie up Saturday and Sunday and anything can happen.

Local club activities on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week were featured by heavy batting attacks, the Martins accounting for 13 safeties off Weldon and Brooks to win over the New Bern Bears at New Bern, 13 to 7, last Tuesday. When the attack was completed here Wednesday, the Martins had 15 more hits to their credit and a 10 to 1 win was recorded in the book for the locals.

Over in New Bern last Tuesday, Gaylord, Sudduth, Black and Ferrell, with 3 hits each, led the batting attack, Livengood adding color to it with a single all his own. Sudduth and Black hit round-trippers. Dean started the game but retired in the fourth after allowing 4 hits and 2 runs. Livengood took over in that frame and was relieved by Armstrong in the eighth.

Gaylord Walters and Sudduth made three hits each to feature the 15-hit attack here Wednesday against the Bears, Gaylord's three all being doubles. Sudduth hit 3 for 3 to bat 1,000. Corbett hit a double and a triple.

Yesterday, with the mercury pushing up and up, the Martins took a rest at bat and lost to Ayden 9 to 2. Corbett had a couple of doubles and Douglass poked out a homer. Whatley hit two homers for the Aces and Knowles also got one. The loss did not alter the standings, but it brings Ayden up as a close contender for the second and even top position. Greenville lost to Tarboro to continue trailing the Martins by half a game.

For the semi-final and final games beginning next Monday, the following prices will be in effect: children up to and including those 12 years of age, general admission, 10 cents, and grandstand, 15 cents; men, general admission, 50 cents and grandstand 15 cents; ladies, general admission 50 cents and grandstand free. Colored children will be entered for 10 cents and colored adults for 35 cents. Gate receipts will be shared equally by the two teams.

Man Hurt While Working On WPA Offices Today

Perlie Lilley, Griffins Township farmer-carpenter, was painfully but not seriously hurt on his head while working on the new offices for the Works Progress Administration in the City Hall here this morning. An iron crowbar fell the distance of one story and struck the man on the head. Three stitches were taken to close the wound and the man soon returned to work.

Entertainment At Local School Monday Evening

The "Blue Ridge Buddies," radio broadcasters featuring Wade, Zeke, Hillbilly Kid, Si, Sicero and Uncle Tom, will appear on the high school auditorium stage here next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The program also includes a big mirth show, "Crazy Capers," trick banjo and fiddling, singing and yodeling. The entertainers come here sponsored by the Holly Springs Methodist Church Missionary society. A small admission will be asked, the net proceeds going to the society.

Since recent rains, Polk County farmers believed they will get at least 80 per cent of a normal corn yield this season.

No Further Developments in Connection With Pulp Mill

Developments in connection with the location of a pulp mill on Roanoke River here reached a standstill this week after the project had virtually been settled, according to unofficial information learned yesterday. Owners of the company planning to locate a branch here inspected the site and territory a few days ago, and at that time it was believed arrangements would be started on the extensive project at once. The ranking officials returned to their main office last Friday, leaving two representatives here to continue plans for locating the mill.

A survey of a 50-acre site just below the fertilizer plant was made early this week, and while the facts surrounding the survey have not been made public, it is understood the representatives do not consider them very favorable. Other obstacles have been eliminated, and it is believed a close study of the proposed site will show it suitable for the location of the mill. It is understood that the owners will likely return here between now and the middle of next month for a further study of the site and other features that are to receive consideration before final action is taken.

Itinerary Is Outlined For Good-Will Tour

Will Advertise Local Tobacco Market and Fair for Two Days

Unique Entertainment Has Been Planned for Visit In Four Counties

Leaving here early next Friday morning a large number of local warehousemen, Williamston Fair representatives and other citizens of the town will start a two-day goodwill tour into sections of four counties, the committee announcing last evening that a unique program had been prepared and that around two dozen cars would be used in making the trip in the interest of the Williamston Tobacco market and fair.

The first stop will be made in Everetts Friday morning at 8 o'clock, the caravan swinging to the left there and going to Cross Roads for a 10-minute stop at 8:20. From there the party will visit Bear Grass at 8:40; Hardison Mill at 9:10; Jamesville 9:35; Dardens 10; Plymouth, 10:20; Roper 10:45; Acre Station, 11:55; and Pinetown at 12:15. Continuing their trip, the party will visit that afternoon at Bath, Yeatsville, Douglass Station, Chocowinny, Blount's Creek.

On Saturday, August 29, the party accompanied by the Williamston High School band members and special entertainers, will stop in Hamilton at 8 o'clock; Oak City, 8:20; Hobgood, 8:45; and continue in Halifax County to Scotland Neck at 9:10; and then into Bertie, as follows: Roxobel, Kelford, Lewiston, Aulander, Askewville, Powellville, Trap, Wynne's store, Harrellsville, Colerain, Perry Town, Mount Gould, Merry Hill, Green's Cross, Windsor, at 4:40; and home.

The program, planned by Harvey Walker, resident manager of the Williamston Fair, co-sponsor of the goodwill trip, includes a three-minute talk, band numbers, and added entertainment. Favors and souvenirs will be distributed to the kiddies and others, and it is believed the trip will meet with a hearty response. N. K. Harrison is signing up the personnel, and as many as 24 cars are expected to be used.

Roberson Buys Sausage Plant

David M. Roberson, operator of Roberson's Slaughter House near here, this week purchased the sausage manufacturing plant of Saunders and Cox at Washington. The plant, to continue in operation at Washington, will be handled in connection with the slaughter house business here, it was learned. The local plant, handling the butchering end of the business, will supply the sausage plant with meats, the combined units to employ around 40 men regularly.

The Saunders and Cox meat plant was sold that Mr. Cox, partner in the Saunders and Cox lumber business firm here, might give his undivided attention to the local mill on Roanoke River. He plans to move here at once and locate his family in Williamston as soon as possible.

Plans To Build New Home On Marshall Avenue Soon

Mr. P. G. Hughes, owner and operator of the Williamston Machine Works, is planning the construction of a new home on Marshall Avenue, just off Houghton Street. A survey of the lot was made this week, and Mr. Hughes plans to start work on the building some time about the first of September.

HEARING WAIVED BY AGED NEGRO IN PHELPS CASE

W. H. Sykes, Charged with Murder, Awaits Grand Jury Action

William H. Sykes, 76-year-old colored man charged with the brutal killing of Wiley Phelps, white man, near Jamesville, last Sunday morning, waived his right to a preliminary hearing here yesterday. Arrangements to hold the hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell were completed by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck on Wednesday, but Attorney H. G. Horton, representing Sykes, said one would not be asked. Sykes continues in the county jail, where he was placed soon after the killing last Sunday.

No new evidence has been uncovered by officers in the case since shortly after the killing. The State is summoning a number of witnesses to offer evidence in connection with facts leading up to the tragedy, it was learned. Said to have lost his land through legal foreclosure proceedings, Sykes is alleged to have caused the purchaser trouble on several occasions, but his action never reached serious proportions until the attack was made on Phelps last Sunday.

Placed in charge of a tract of land with a grapevine on it near the home of Sykes, Phelps went there Sunday morning to pick grapes. The presence of Phelps on the land is believed to have angered the old colored man and the attack followed. Phelps, white man about 52 years old, was stabbed and cut in the neck and died along the roadside after crawling several steps from the field.

The case will be placed before the Martin County superior court, when it convenes here the 21st of next month.

County Farmers Put In Orders for Over 1,000 Western Pigs

Representative Now In the West-Making Purchases For Delivery Soon

Twenty or more Martin County farmers have placed orders for more than 1,000 feeder pigs to be shipped within the next few days from eastern South Dakota and Kansas, County Agent T. B. Brandon said this morning. A special representative of the farmers from the Extension Service left Raleigh last Saturday for the pig belt, and he will inspect and handle the purchases direct with the selling farmers, Mr. Brandon said.

Facing a short corn crop in the main hog-producing belt, farmers are turning to the South for a market for their feeder pigs. More than 200,000 of the young swine are expected to reach farmers in this section of the country.

While Agent Brandon is taking no additional orders just now, it may be possible that the shipment will be enlarged to care for any extra demand, he explained.

Two farmers in this county are said to have purchased a carload apiece of the feeder pigs, the other 350, or carload, to be distributed among about 18 farmers.

More Rooms Needed for WPA Office Employees

With places available for around 50 of the WPA workers locating here the last of this month, Mayor J. L. Hassell said that morning that 20 or more rooms are still necessary to house the headquarters personnel. Available apartments for light house-keeping are unusually scarce, the mayor pointing out that he had only one left on his list.

Any one having an apartment or extra rooms for rent are again asked to get in touch with the mayor at once.

Offices for the combined district headquarters of the organization are almost certain to be ready for occupancy by the first of the month, workmen having virtually completed construction work on the second of the three-story building.

Dr. J. E. Smithwick Quite Ill In Durham Hospital

Dr. J. E. Smithwick, a leading physician in this county for many years, continues quite ill in a Durham hospital. The doctor, widely known throughout this section of the state, has been in failing health for several weeks. The nature of his trouble has not been definitely determined, according to reports reaching here.

NEW OFFICES ARE BEING OCCUPIED BY DR. SAUNDERS

Doctor Recovering at Home Here from Operation Of Few Weeks Ago

Following the completion of the building several weeks ago, equipment has just recently been installed in the offices of Dr. Joseph H. Saunders on Smithwick Street here and made ready for the doctor's return to practice just as soon as he fully recovers from an operation performed in a Richmond hospital last month. While confined to his home here, Dr. Saunders is gradually improving, and he hopes to return to his practice within a few weeks, he said yesterday.

His offices and equipment are modern in every respect, and will adequately meet the needs of this community. His hundreds of patients anxiously await his complete recovery and the time he will be able to re-enter his work that has figured so prominently in the relief of human suffering for a number of years.

Dr. Saunders has had installed modern X-ray machines, added laboratory articles and other equipment to make his new quarters the most modern in this section. The building houses two reception rooms, consultation rooms, laboratories, all equipped with modern conveniences. The physician explains that he is not able to say at this time just when he plans to open his new building, but he did say that he will return to his practice just as soon as his health permits.

Neighbor Groups Aid Debt Relief In Many Sections

Burdened Farmers Saved From Foreclosures by Friendly Committee

Activities of voluntary farm debt adjustment committees working with the Resettlement Administration have resulted in the adjustment of 400 farm debt cases in North Carolina, many involving threatened foreclosures, according to a report by J. P. Greenleaf, supervisor of the work in this section.

Since September, 1935, when Resettlement took over the job of helping debt burdened farmers, debt cases totaling \$1,336,000 have been handled in this State, with the work of the adjustment committees resulting in reductions totaling \$337,000 for the farmers, Greenleaf said. In addition, he reported, \$35,000 in taxes that otherwise would have remained delinquent have been paid to local governments.

"The voluntary farm debt adjustment committees, frequently friends and neighbors of the man whose case is being adjusted, bring the farmer and his creditors together in a friendly and neutral atmosphere to work out a settlement satisfactory to all concerned," the supervisor stated. "In some cases an extension or lower interest rate is obtained, or a new schedule of lower payments worked out. The committees have no legal authority to enforce their recommendations but every effort is made to satisfy both sides and at the same time save the farmers from the distress of foreclosure."

Any one interested in this adjustment work in this county, will be given complete details upon application to Miss Katherine Faison, secretary, Resettlement Administration, Williamston, N. C.