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Official Outlines Work Underway at Pulp Mill

New Mill Is Rapidly Taking Shape; Soon Start on Brickwork

Number and Size of Buildings and Process Used Are Described

(Below is an article prepared for The Beacon by W. W. Henderson, manager of the local unit of the Kieckhefer Container Company.)

By W. W. HENDERSON

The new plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company on the south bank of the Roanoke River about a mile west of Plymouth is fast taking shape. Concrete foundations for most of the buildings are in place, and the framework of steel columns, girders, and beams paint a red network against the skies to the tune of the riveting hammers. Soon the brickwork will start, and the steel skeletons will then take form.

The wood room, 48 by 62 feet, and nearly 70 feet high, was the first to go up. Now the foundations for the large chipper which, one day soon, will reduce the pile of pulpwood now on the yard to chips, is complete and awaiting the arrival of the chipper.

The steelwork is practically complete on the digester and diffuser building—the tallest of the entire group. This building measures 150 feet wide and 150 feet long, one section towering to more than 100 feet above the ground, while the other part reaches a total height of about 74 feet. This building will house the digesters—the large steel tanks in which the wood chips will be cooked into pulp, and the diffusers, or washers, where the pulp will be thoroughly washed, and the chemicals used in the cooking process started on their way to recovery for further use.

Next to this building stands the concrete foundations of the largest division of the plant—the screen and wet room and pulp storage building—382 feet 6 inches long and 144 feet wide—the screen room section being over 56 feet high and the wet room and storage rising 38 feet above the mill yard.

After the pulp has been washed it is removed to this building, where all knots, uncooked chips, and other foreign matter is screened out, and the resulting pulp fibre is run into thick sheets or laps on what is known as wet machines. From the storage the pulp will be loaded into barges to be shipped by water to our Delair, N. J., plant, and in cars for the Three Rivers, Mich., mill.

In the other group across the court which provides the passageway through the plant, the foundations are in for the turbine room, 63 feet wide, 110 feet long and about 65 feet high; the recovery boiler and evaporator building 110 feet wide and 135 feet long, and just a few inches short of 80 feet tall; the caustic department, 81 feet wide by 128 feet long, and 54 feet high; and the chemical storage building, 52 feet 6 inches wide and 110 feet long. This is a very important group on which the successful operation depends. The boiler and turbine room are to the pulp mill what the heart is to you and me. Here all of the energy to keep alive the rest of the plant is generated in huge boilers and turbines; and upon the efficient operation of the evaporators, recovery units, and the caustic department, depends the success of the entire project.

Separated from the buildings, but still connected to the wood room, are the barking drums, huge steel drums made up cylindrical by means of steel channels, and supported on concrete foundations about 20 feet wide and 75 feet long. These drums remove the bark from the wood before it passed to the wood room, this bark traveling another conveyor to the boiler room, where it is used for fuel.

Down near the river is the pumping station, 28 feet wide and 52 feet long, which houses the equipment necessary to convert the waters of the Roanoke River to the many uses of the modern pulp mill.

Several smaller buildings, including power sub-stations, are being laid out, and between the wood room and the very top of the digester house, 105 feet 6 inches above the ground, will be constructed the conveyor to handle the wood chips from the chipper and screens to the huge chip lift, made of steel, where the chips are stored.

Overlooking the river near the west end of the plant, the administrative offices are now underway, a

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EARLY CURING

Hardly before the resetting of the crop is completed in this county, a few farmers in Pitt and one or two other near-by counties have already started curing tobacco, it was learned here yesterday. Very few, if any, farmers will start curing in this county within the next two weeks, and the curing activities will hardly get underway in this immediate section on any large scale before the second week in July and possibly later.

Last year a few Martin County farmers in the Spring Green section of Poplar Point started curing the crop on July 6.

Martins Drop Pair To Goldsboro; Win One From Greenies

Raymond Strunk Features Win with Mound Work And Heavy Hitting

Raymond Strunk pitched a 4-hit shut-out against Greenville here yesterday to put Art Hauger's Martins back into the win column, the Missouri youngster adding color to his performance with a single, double and triple at bat. The Greenies dropped the game by a 5-0 count. The last four games won by Williamston have all been shut-outs.

Goldsboro, taking two games in a row from the Martins, is now holding the Coastal Plain lead by two games. Snow Hill, holding to second position, is leading the Martins by only one-half game. Tarboro has dropped eighth in a row and is now in fourth place.

The paper facts and figures show up decidedly better for the Martins than the actual count of two losses and one win these past three days. Last Tuesday, the Martins hit Whitlock and Kunis, Goldsboro pitchers, for 15 safeties. On Wednesday, Art Hauger's boys annexed 9 more hits against Goldsboro, and yesterday they touched Delaney for 11 hits to win over Greenville 5-0 on the local lot. While their opponents were hitting safely for a total of 18 blows in the three games, the Martins had bagged 35 hits. The locals really batted up a storm against Goldsboro here last Tuesday. Earp, Stevens, and McCay got 3 for 5, Sharkey got 2 for 4, and one of McCay's was a homer with one on in the sixth inning. The Martins added 3 runs in the sixth and 3 in the ninth, the rallies falling short by 2 runs of knotting the 8-run lead built up by the Bugs in the earlier stages of the game. The visitors, aided by errors, made their 7 hits off Jefferson count for 8 runs. Biggie took over in the seventh and held the visitors to a lone hit during the remainder of the game. He hit safely on his one trip to the plate.

Wade held Goldsboro to 6 hits on their own diamond Wednesday afternoon, while his teammates touched Kornick for 9 blows. The Martins came home, however, holding the short end of a 7-1 verdict. Earp and Villepique, with 2 hits each, led at bat for the Martins.

Yesterday was Mr. Strunk's day. He allowed the visiting Greenies but 4 hits, fanned 4, hit 3 for 4 and batted in 2 runs. Stanley hit 2 for 4 to follow Strunk and his batting record.

Stroud Fields, the Arkansas traveler, who reached here Wednesday, will be in the box for the Martins within the next day or two, Manager Hauger said today. One or two other additions are being considered, it is understood, but no official announcements have been released. The Bo Parrish brought here from Clayton this week was released when it was learned that he was not the Bo Parrish the baseball officials thought he was.

Kiwans To Meet Lions In Ball Game Wednesday

Williamston Kiwanis Club members have dared to do battle in a soft-ball game here next Wednesday afternoon with members of the Lions Club recently organized here. The game will be played on the high school diamond.

Practicing for the event last Wednesday, Lion E. R. Fronberger broke his right thumb and Lion Dred Darden sprained a finger. It was only after these casualties that the Kiwanis agreed to meet the Lions.

Million-Dollar Increase in Property Values

1936 and 1937 County Property Listings, by Townships

The following tabulations show, by townships, the 1936 and 1937 valuations of real and personal property values in Martin County, separately and collectively, the increase in total valuations over the 1936 listings, and also the percentage of increase or decrease by townships. The figures are subject to minor change and do not include corporation listings. All townships show gains in their total values, and only one a decrease in personal property listings. Asterisk (*) indicates loss. All others are gains.

TOWNSHIPS:	PERSONAL PROPERTY				REAL ESTATE				TOTAL VALUES			
	1936	1937	Gain-Loss	Pct.	1936	1937	Gain	Pct.	1936	1937	Gain	Pct.
Jamesville	\$ 186,900	\$ 216,034	\$ 29,134	15.58	\$ 645,970	\$ 712,008	\$ 66,038	10.22	\$ 832,870	\$ 928,042	\$ 95,172	11.42
Williams	42,730	47,289	4,559	10.66	245,595	265,065	19,470	7.92	288,325	312,354	24,029	8.3
Griffins	190,815	209,489	19,471	10.24	357,721	396,072	38,351	10.72	547,739	605,561	57,822	10.55
Bear Grass	157,975	155,788	4,187*	2.65*	384,428	426,508	42,080	10.94	542,403	582,276	37,873	6.98
Williamston	385,683	665,454	279,771	72.45	1,408,734	1,619,757	211,023	14.97	2,004,337	2,285,211	280,874	14.01
Cross Roads	95,588	118,546	22,958	24.00	427,380	458,502	31,122	7.28	1,346,838	1,476,708	129,870	9.64
Robersonville	576,242	612,508	35,966	6.24	1,370,808	1,433,480	62,672	4.54	1,946,838	2,046,988	100,150	5.10
Poplar Point	67,292	75,871	8,669	12.89	235,337	255,699	20,362	8.65	302,539	331,570	29,031	9.5
Hamilton	163,643	191,984	28,341	17.31	644,235	699,572	55,337	8.58	807,878	891,556	83,678	10.35
Goose Nest	192,339	235,849	43,510	22.62	905,416	1,008,296	102,880	11.35	1,097,755	1,244,145	146,390	13.33
County Totals	\$2,268,240	\$2,526,512	\$262,459	11.57	\$6,625,434	\$7,294,959	\$669,525	10.01	\$8,893,674	\$9,821,451	\$927,707	10.44

Many Inequalities Straightened Out Thru Revaluation

Commissioners To Sit As a Board of Equalization and Review Next Monday

Property values in Martin County for the year 1937 are expected to show a gain of nearly \$1,000,000, according to preliminary estimates released for the 10 townships by Tax Supervisor Clarence Stalling this week. Many inequalities in listed values have been eliminated, but the property values in this county continue far below the average and possibly at a figure less than half the amount real estate would bring on the open market today. Low values call for a correspondingly high rate, taxing authorities pointing out that the important feature in the listings is that they be equal. Early reports indicate that the revaluation work, while not perfect by any means, has been very successful, that if the work is continued four and eight years from now the county should have a fairly uniform schedule of values.

The 1937 list places all property values, not including corporation holdings, at \$9,821,451, an increase of \$927,707 over the local listings of a year ago. Corporation values were placed at \$2,171,838 a year ago in this county. If these values remain the same this year, and there is reason to believe there will be little, if any, increase in them, then Martin County will have a valuation of \$11,993,309 to base its rate on for 1937. The apparent increase in values will raise an additional revenue of approximately \$14,000 using the present rate of \$1.43 per \$100 valuation as a basis. It is too early to predict with any degree of certainty what the 1937 rate will be, as the budget requirements are now receiving consideration. It is certain, however, that the rate will operate on an increase basis of nearly \$1,000,000.

The 1937 property listings show no radical departure from those of a year ago. Every township in the county showed an increase in total values, and the only reduction, 2.65 per cent, was in the personal listings from Bear Grass. Increased real estate values, however, offset the loss in the personal property listings, and gave the district a gain of nearly 7 per cent, a figure about 3 1/2 per cent below the average gain for the county, which was 10.44 per cent.

Personal property gains went as high as 24 per cent in Cross Roads to as low as 2.65 per cent decrease in Bear Grass. Goose Nest, Hamilton and Jamesville showed substantial gains in their personal listings. Real estate increases ranged from 14.97 per cent in Williamston to 6.04 per cent in Robersonville. Possibly the most consistent gain in both personal and real values is found in Goose Nest Township, but Jamesville, Griffins and Williamston reported combined listings above the county average.

Tax Supervisor Stallings pointed out that no horizontal increases were effected in any of the districts, that many reductions were made on some properties believed listed higher in proportion than others.

Next Monday, owners will have the opportunity to appeal to the county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review, and ask for a reconsideration of the values placed on their properties.

Start Construction Work On Church Street Home

Construction work on a nine-room home for Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Mercer was started yesterday on Church Street, one lot removed from the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crocker's. The home will be of brick construction and two stories. Messrs. Perry and Martin are the builders.

Arrangements are being completed for construction work to get under way about week after next on a home for Mrs. H. L. Meador on South Haughton Street.

Schedule of Services at the Pentecostal Holiness Church

Rev. J. G. Crocker, pastor, announced the following services at the Pentecostal Holiness church: Preaching Saturday night at 7:45 o'clock. Sunday school, 9:45 Sunday morning, followed by church services at 11 a. m. and at 7:45 p. m. A baptismal service will be held at the old Mobley Mill Pond Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Charles M. Peel Dies At Home in Griffins Township Tuesday

Followed Long Period of Ill Health; Final Rites Held Wednesday

Charles M. Peel, highly respected and well-known citizen of Griffins Township, died at his home there last Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, following a long period of declining health. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago and a second one some time later. He was able to be up until about a year ago, and last Friday he suffered a third stroke, the end coming gradually. Pneumonia developed and that was assigned as the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Peel was born in Griffins Township at the old Peel homestead on December 19, 1880, more than 56 years ago, the son of the late John Edwin Peel, of this county, and the late Melissa Kemp Peel, of Tyrrell. He lived and farmed all his life at the place of his birth.

A member of the church at Macedonia for a long number of years, Mr. Peel was an active religious leader and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He interested himself in the welfare of his community and his fellow man. In early manhood he married Miss Annie Peel, who survives with 10 children, Mrs. George Peel, Ulysses, Robert, Maurice, Charles M., Ethelyn, Evelyn, Howell, Alton F., and Doris Peel all of Griffins Township. Two brothers, Messrs. Kemp Peel, of Hartsville, S. C., and Jordan Peel, of Griffins Township, also survive, and two grandchildren, Lola and Marie Peel.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Macedonia church by Rev. Warren Davis, his pastor, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister. Burial was in the Tice Cemetery at Hayes Swamp in Griffins Township.

Boy Makes Profit On Hog Project

Conducting a hog demonstration on his father's farm, Hubert Hardison in connection with costs and son gathered much valuable information, J. P. Woodard, assistant county agent, said yesterday.

The youngster, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hardison, of Poplar Point started out with 26 pigs weighing 2,900 pounds and having a value of \$232. He fed them fish meal valued at \$12.60 and corn valued at \$139.10. Ten dollars were spent for vaccinations, running the cost to \$393.70. At the end of 60 days the hogs weighed 5,794 pounds, a gain of 2,894 pounds, or an average daily gain of 48 pounds. The pigs were valued at \$550 at the end of the demonstration and showed a profit of \$156.30.

Agent Woodard said that the youth was an active 4-H club member and had successfully conducted several other club projects. The records were accurately kept in each of the projects.

District Missionary Union In Meet Here Wednesday

The Martin County-Plymouth division of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Roanoke Association of the Baptist church held its annual meeting in the Baptist church here Wednesday, the several units in the district being well represented. Mrs. N. C. Everett, of Robersonville, presided over the meeting.

The main feature on the program was an address by Mrs. E. B. Beasley, of Fountain. Various reports were received and new officers for the coming year were elected. The next meeting of the group will be held in Everetts next spring.

County Board Meets Monday To Hear Tax Listing Appeals

A goodly number, but no large crowd, of Martin County property owners is expected to appeal for decreased valuations before the county commissioners sitting as a board of equalization and review here next Monday.

Many property owners have reviewed their listings since the tax scrolls were turned in last Monday a week ago, and most of them are reported to have said they would enter no complaints with the board. The commissioners are anxious to hear any and all complaints at the meeting next Monday that any needed change may be effected before the values are placed on the permanent records and the tax rate is determined. The tax books are now open for inspection in the office of the register of deeds, and any property owner who wishes to review the listings and enter a complaint is invited to do so at the meeting next Monday. The session opens at 9:30 that morning and will be continued just as long as it is necessary to handle the complaints. The commissioners are expected to confine their activities that day to tax matters.

LICENSE INSPECTOR

J. C. McLeod, drivers' license inspector for the North Carolina Highway Patrol, will receive applications and issue drivers' licenses at the Martin County courthouse Monday and Thursday afternoons of each week. Applications for licenses will be received only on those afternoons between 12 and 4 o'clock, it was announced. Regular members of the patrol are not issuing drivers' licenses any more, it was explained.

Eight Divorces Are Granted This Week

The Martin County Superior court is believed to have established an all-time record in the number of divorces granted this week. In this relatively small county, the marriage bonds of eight couples were severed this week, records in the office of Superior Court Clerk L. B. Wynne show. Four of the divorce suits were brought by husbands and four by the wives. Five of the eight divorces were granted white plaintiffs.

Six of the actions were based on the grounds of two years of separation, one on adultery and one on habitual drunkenness.

Divorces not previously reported were granted the following:

- William Biggs, colored, against Bessie Biggs.
- William Chance, colored, against Maggie Chance.
- Mamie T. Powers, white, against Jesse Powers.
- Joe Everett, white, against Hazel Everett.
- Mattie Little Cross, white, against Eb C. Cross.

Two Young County Men To Take Bar Examination

Clarence W. Griffin, young son of Mrs. Jesse Griffin, of near here, and Alphonso Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson, of Poplar Point, were 2 of the 193 entering application to take the state bar examination on August 3 and 4. They are the only young men from this county planning to take the examination, it is understood.

Young Griffin is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and spent the last two years in the law school there. He is now studying in Asheville. Young Johnson is a graduate of Wake Forest College, where he made a splendid record.

Old Town Team Finally Scores Baseball Victory

Defeated time and again, Williamston's Old Town Baseball Team kept trying and finally scored a victory over the New Town club Wednesday of this week. It was the first win scored by the Old Town side over the New Town team. Godwin pitched the route for the Old Town nine and featured the 31-6 win. Roberson pitched for the opposition.

Court Is Adjourned Yesterday Morning With Docket Cleared

No More Terms of Superior Court in County Until Next September

Judge A. Hall Johnston, of Asheville, completed the work on the docket and adjourned the June term of Martin County Superior Court here yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Jury cases were completed late Wednesday evening, when a verdict was reached at 8 o'clock in the case of Lindsley against Rogerson. Motions were heard at an impromptu session of the tribunal yesterday morning.

The charge holding Jesse Rogers, colored man, with contempt of court, was ruled void and the defendant was ordered released. Rogers had failed to leave the section of state for a certain period in accordance with a judgment handed down by the lower courts.

The sale of certain lands in the cases of Tamer Biggs and others against Paul Rogers and others and D. G. Matthews against Joe Hollis were confirmed by the court.

A judgment in the sum of \$262.80 was granted R. L. Smith and Company in its case against Ray A. Spencer.

Suing for damages alleged to have followed the killing of Evelyn Briley, colored girl, in Robersonville several months ago, Elnora Bryant, administratrix, was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$75 against E. G. Alligood and others.

Motion to remove the case from this county to Pamlico for trial was denied the defendant in the action of Standard Fertilizer Company against W. H. Whorton.

In the case of Lindsley against Eli Rogerson, the plaintiff was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$622.10. The defendant, entering a counter claim, was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$3.73. The trial of this case was started Wednesday morning, the jury returning its verdict late Wednesday evening.

A justice of the peace judgment was upheld by the court in the case of J. D. Bond against H. H. Cowen, the tribunal ordering the defendant and his bondsman to pay the plaintiff the sum of \$76.22, plus interest, from last February.

No other terms of the Martin Superior court are scheduled before next September. Other terms will follow in November and December.

Name Agricultural Leaders in County

Reorganization activities of the Martin County Agricultural Conservation association continue in the several districts. Last Tuesday night Messrs L. A. Clark, W. L. Ausbon, Gaston James and H. D. Peel were named on the Cross Roads district committee. The meeting scheduled at Oak City Wednesday night was postponed on account of rain. The committee members will be named for that district at a meeting next Tuesday night. Messrs. Sidney A. Beacham, W. M. Harrison, J. D. Wynne and H. U. Peel were named on the Bear Grass committee last night.

Meetings are to be held at Farm Life tonight and at Hassell next Monday night. The Williamston Poplar Point committee will be named at a meeting to be held in the agricultural building here next Wednesday night. No date has been set for a meeting in Williams Township.

Following the completion of the district organizations, a county committee will be named probably the latter part of next week.

Editor III

Editor W. C. Manning is confined to his bed by illness today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elbert S. Peel, on Academy Street.