

Travel Group Plans Short Visit Here On 19th Of This Month

Party Expected Here About 3:35 P. M. from Washington for 15 Minutes

Traveling in seventeen large buses, around 100 editors, authors and others will visit Williamston on the 19th of this month, Mayor J. L. Hassell was advised today by C. W. Roberts of the Carolina Motor Club. The Travel Executives Tour of North Carolina sponsored by the Governor's Hospitality Committee of the Department of Conservation and Development, originates in Asheville on Saturday of this week and will be extended into nearly every section of the State. The travelers are due to reach here on the 19th at 3:35 p. m. from Washington. After a 15-minute stop, the party will continue to Edenton. After a day along the North Carolina coast, the party will retrace to Williamston on the morning of the 21st and continue to Plymouth. That afternoon, the travelers will again visit Williamston on their way from Plymouth to Goldsboro. It is believed Williamston will have been visited by the group more than any other town in the State.

Arrangements are now underway to entertain the notables and offer them suitable souvenirs.

Newspaper writers, editors, and magazine publishers will tour the State as guests of the Governor's Hospitality Committee on the 12 day travel tour beginning in Asheville October 10 and ending in Charlotte October 22.

Walter Pitkin Coming

Among the representatives of the press who will make this "look-see" tour of North Carolina are such well known writers as Walter B. Pitkin, editorial director of the Farm Journal, New York; better known as the author of "Life Begins at Forty"; Dr. Clyde Francis Lytle, editor of Travel and Transportation, New York; F. H. Dietz, publisher of The American Traveler, New York; M. W. Burlingame, manager of the travel department of the National Sportsman, Boston; Mrs. R. E. Cochran, editor of the Highway Traveler, Cleveland, Ohio; and George Fort Milton, editor of the Chattanooga News, Chattanooga, Tenn., also a well known author.

The Associated Press is sending Ted Gill from its New York office to represent it on the tour while the United Press is sending its travel editor, George Mack Johnson, from its Washington office.

Among the New York newspapers which will be represented on the tour are The New York Journal-American, sending C. V. Devery, director of its resort promotion division; The New York World-Telegram, sending John Ziegler, manager of its resort department, while the Brooklyn Daily Eagle is sending Hayman E. Miller, manager of its resort department. Miss Rebecca Cushman, author and special writer of New York and Asheville, will also make the tour.

The Washington (D. C.) Post will be represented by C. Lewis Herschel, resort and travel manager and by Miss Elizabeth C. Taylor, travel editor, while the Washington Herald-Times will be represented by Myron Glaser, manager of the resort and travel department.

From Pittsburgh, Too

Pittsburgh, Pa., writers on the tour will be Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Latus, travel editors of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and William A. White, Sunday editor, and Mrs. White, of the Pittsburgh Press. The Philadelphia Record will be represented by A. E. Hera, manager of its resort and travel department.

The Cincinnati Enquirer is sending its travel editor, John P. Rhodes, while the Cincinnati Times-Star is sending Kellogg M. Patterson from its Chicago bureau. The Cleveland Plain Dealer, of Cleveland, Ohio, has assigned Harry W. Smith, its automobile and travel editor to the tour.

The Boston Post will be represented by Howard A. Moulton, manager of its travel and resort department while The Christian Science Monitor is also going to send a representative.

North Carolina newspaper men who will also be guests of the tour

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Start Series Of Services At Macedonia Sunday

Rev. Joe Saunders, Beaufort County minister, will start a series of revival services in the Macedonia Christian church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Services will be held nightly during the week, it was announced.

Rev. D. W. Davis is pastor of the church.

Tobacco Prices Reach New High Peak on Market Here

Tobacco prices soared to new high levels on the Williamston market this week as entire sales forged ahead of the 32-cent average. The price trend apparently continues upward, and on the market yesterday farmers were better pleased than at any time this season or at any time during many seasons. In fact, they were jubilant over their prices. Yesterday the market sold 239,000 pounds for a general average of \$32.19, and there was right much of the inferior quality tobacco on the floors.

Sales to date are nearing the five and one-half million-pound mark, market observers estimating there are approximately 150,000 pounds on the floors here today. Early reports this morning maintained that the prices were holding up well, but it was feared the high order of to-

bacco might possibly have weight. However, farmers seemed well satisfied as the sales progressed. Fancy averages are being made here by individuals, some reaching right at 50 cents. Yesterday a farmer sold one lot from his own truck for nearly \$3,000. And tobacco prices are high.

It is now estimated that at least 60 per cent of the crop has been sold, some farmers stating that more than 75 per cent of the crop has been sold in their immediate sections. Each day there are more and more farmers offering their last lots. One thing is certain and that is farmers are not postponing their marketing activities, some hardly taking time out from the work to dig their peanuts. At the present rate of marketing, the crop will have been sold and gone within a few more weeks.

Six Offer Properties For Post Office Site

TAX COLLECTIONS

Estimates from the county courthouse today indicated the tax collector will establish a new record with the county tax collections this year. No accurate report on the amount of money collected is available just now, but the delinquent list is dwindling rapidly as the time for advertising approaches.

The list will be published on Friday, the sheriff's sale to follow at the courthouse door on the first Monday in November.

Green Wave Shows Power In 19-0 Win Over Windsor High

Williamston Goes to Washington Friday to Meet the Pam-Pack

(By JACK BAKER SAUNDERS)

Williamston's Green Wave displayed an unexpected amount of power in surging over Windsor's Lions by a 19 to 0 count here Friday. The home gridders counted in every period except the second to completely overwhelm the invaders in all departments—Williamston's success was due largely to the efforts of Joe Hardison, who ripped the Bertie line for big gains, and to Roger Riddick, whose long runs brought about two touchdowns.

The team displayed a much better brand of ball than that which they displayed over in Kinston a week ago.

Early in the opening period after an exchange of punts had given Williamston the ball, Riddick went around left end for 45 yards to score standing up. In the next quarter the visitors pushed to the Wave 7 yard line, but the ball went over on downs. The home boys proceeded to carry the ball down the field to Windsor's 30, only to be stopped by the half time whistle.

A third period score came as the result of a sustained drive from midfield. Hardison plunged the line for the tally.

In the final quarter, Riddick went off tackle for 50 yards to carry the ball to the Lions' 20 yard marker. Howard Earp's boys held and took the ball on downs. They were unable to gain however and punted. Hardison hit the line time after time to carry the ball deep into Windsor territory and then crashed over from the 8 yard line for the final touchdown. Summerlin's pass to Goodson was good for the extra point.

Co-Captain Vic Andrews and Cunningham were best in the line. Phelps and Tucker turned in the best work for the visitors.

Score by quarters:
Windsor 0 0 0 0—0
Williamston 6 0 6 7—19

Coch Edwards will take his boys over to Washington Friday afternoon to meet the Pam-Pack.

September Rainfall For Section Below Normal

This section had the smallest rainfall last month for any September in four years, the weather station on Roanoke River reporting only 2.69 inches of rain during the 30-day period ending last Friday. The average rainfall for September during the past five years is slightly less than five inches.

Bids Canvassed By Postmaster Leslie Fowden Saturday

Four of Six Sites Offered for Sale to Government Are on Main Street

Six pieces of property have been offered for sale to the government as possible sites for the proposed new \$78,000 postoffice building here, Postmaster L. T. Fowden said last Saturday morning following a canvass of bids in the lobby of the post-office building. The bids ranged from \$3,000 up to \$7,500, the postmaster explaining that the government would not select the cheapest site in every case, that the inspector or representative of the government would study the bids and inspect the property before choosing a site. The government representative may come here within a few days or it may be several weeks before additional action is taken toward selecting a site and starting building plans.

The Cowan lot or Hadley property, measuring 106 by 210 feet deep and adjoining the B. S. Courtney property on Main Street, was offered for \$7,000.

The Carstarphen property, measuring 105 by 210 feet deep at the corner of Main and Elm Streets, was offered for \$7,350.

Just across the street from the Hadley property, the Simpson lot, measuring 105 1-2 by 240 feet deep, was offered for sale for \$6,500.

A lot on Watts Street just back of the Presbyterian church was offered for \$3,000. The lot has a frontage of 180 feet.

The lot on Smithwick street, between the Sinclair and Carstarphen properties, was offered for \$7,000. This lot has a 121 1-2 foot front, the depth running 259 feet at its longest point.

The Moore property, measuring 105 by 420 feet and adjoining the James and Rodgers properties, was offered for \$7,500.

Postmaster L. T. Fowden offered little comment on the bids, but it was his opinion that the prices asked were reasonable, and that he believed the government could find a suitable site from the group.

Colored Boy Is Shot While Playing Poker

Joe James, 15-year-old colored boy, was shot in the back by Leonard Boston, also colored, while playing poker in a woods in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township some time during last Saturday night. The ball lodged in the shoulder, unofficial reports stating that James is expected to recover if no complications develop. Boston, arrested Sunday morning by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Deputy Bill Haislip, is being held in the county jail pending the outcome of James' wound.

According to reports coming from the sheriff's office, James and Boston were playing poker when one accused the other of cheating. James started from the scene of the game, and Boston fired upon him with a .22 calibre pistol. Other reports state that James was selling liquor, that he had no measuring glass and sales were made by the swallow. Boston swallowed quick and often, so the story goes, and an argument that led up to the shooting followed.

Board of Martin Commissioners In Meeting Yesterday

First Time in Years No Delegation Has Appeared Before the Board

Meeting in regular session here yesterday, the Martin County commissioners had their smallest business calendar in many months. The authorities handled the routine duties during the morning session and cleared the calendar in a short while that afternoon. It was the first time since he had been a member on the board that some individual or group of individuals did not appear and offer a petition for a new road or an improved highway. Commissioner R. L. Perry said. Apparently the Martin County people are now very well satisfied and do not have to appear before the board to have this problem or that problem considered. It has been quite a while since the board did not hear appeals from the less fortunate for aid. The welfare department is handling those appeals, taking considerable work from the commissioner's calendar.

Monthly reports were received from the various departments including those from the county home and farm agents and those of their assistants, and from the county home and welfare authorities. No startling facts were contained in the papers, and the commissioners ordered them filed away for possible future reference.

Operators of the Williamston fair were relieved of payment of \$200 license taxes, the management explaining that it had been customary to take this action where a bonafide agricultural premium list had been established. Free licenses were allowed for the sale of beer during the few days the fair is underway.

A conditional sale of the old Sandy Ridge school house was made to Lucian J. Hardison, the commissioners specifying the construction of a community house there and its completion within 90 days.

Geo. E. Beck, Jamesville's active policeman, was named constable for that township.

Town Commission Holds Regular Meet

Little business came before the regular meeting of the local town commissioners last evening, the session lasting hardly an hour.

The town appropriated \$125 for advertising the Coastal Highway, that amount having been assessed by the highway association.

Police salaries were increased \$250 a week, the officers to receive \$22.50 a week effective the first of this month.

Bids were opened for paving sidewalks on Warren and Elm Streets, the commissioners withholding contracts until cost estimates are advanced by the local street department. It is planned to have the street forces handle the projects, but no definite action was taken to start the work at once. Only two bids were received, one placing the cost at \$1.50 a square yard. The other bid was based on actual construction work, the town to buy the material and handle the grading. The contractors with the second bid proposed to pour the concrete at the rate of 30 cents a bag.

District Sanitarians Office Located In Williamston

The district office of the Division of Sanitary Engineering of the State Board of Health for the thirteen northeastern North Carolina counties has been moved to Williamston with quarters in the City Hall.

All sanitation problems other than municipal water and sewerage which are handled through the Raleigh office, and malaria control and privy construction which are at present under special programs will be handled through this office for the counties from Pamlico to the Virginia line.

These problems include private water and sewerage, cafes, hotels and other food handling and lodging establishments, milk sanitation, shellfish sanitation, including oysters, clams, and crab meat, and other items of general sanitation.

The office however, will act only in an advisory capacity on nuisance control and other problems, which do not affect the public health. These are handled by local authorities.

Office hours will be from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. on Monday through Friday, from 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturdays, and at other hours when necessary. In the absence of the District Sanitarian at these hours information and appointments will be given by the office secretary.

Williamston's Annual Fair Gets Underway Early This Afternoon With Elaborate Events Program

Official Fair Program

The following fair program was released this morning by Manager N. Y. Chambliss for the remainder of the week:

Wednesday—Farmers' Day

10:00 A. M.—Gates open, and farmers' day program gets underway immediately in grandstand.
11:00 A. M.—Review of agricultural exhibits.
11:30 A. M.—West's World Wonder Shows and rides open.
1:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens for afternoon performance.
2:00 P. M.—Two harness races, big rodeo an' ten grandstand acts.
4:00 P. M.—Midway running full blast.
7:00 P. M.—Grandstand opens with concert by Lee's band.
8:00 P. M.—Grandstand attractions, including ten thrilling acts, and featuring the Continental Revue.
10:00 P. M.—Fireworks display.
12:00 Midnight—Gates close.

Thursday—Everybody's Day

The same schedule of events on Wednesday will be followed on this day.

Friday—Thrill Day

Harness races will be dropped from the program on Friday, and "Lucky" Teter and his drivers will feature the program.

Saturday—Auto Racing Day

Professional automobile races will be on the program Saturday afternoon. Complete program will be offered during the entire week. The Continental Revue will be staged Saturday night along with a complete grandstand program, including the fireworks.

C. Opheus Godard Dies At Home In Williams Township

Taken Ill Nearly Two Years Ago; An Invalid During Recent Months

C. Opheus Godard, well-known county man, died at his home in Williams Township yesterday morning at 2 o'clock following a long illness. Apoplexy was given as the immediate cause of his death. Apparently in fair health, Mr. Godard was taken ill nearly two years ago, and during most of that time his condition was considered serious. He was an invalid during recent months.

The son of the late Geo. and Sallie Williams Godard, he was born in this county 56 years ago. He spent his early life on the farm, but worked for a number of years as a logging contractor or until his health failed him. In early manhood he was married to Miss Ida Manning, also of this county, who survives with four children, Neal and Jim Staton Godard, Mrs. Pauline Bland and Miss Bessie Godard. He also leaves three brothers, Messrs. Grover, Goethe and Golden Godard, all of this county and one sister, Mrs. Rowland Hudson, of Dunn.

Mr. Godard enjoyed a large friendship in his community. He was quiet and unassuming, and devoted his time and attention to his work. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister. Burial will follow in the family plot, near the home, in Williams township.

Air Mail Week To Be Observed Here

"We will be hauling mail by air before long, and as a starter we will observe air mail week beginning next Monday," Postmaster L. T. Fowden said today.

"If we had a landing field here, planes would stop and pick up Williamston mail and deliver it to the main lines at Raleigh," Mr. Fowden added. Since there is no landing field, air mail will be dispatched by train to Rocky Mount where it will be picked up in the afternoon and carried to Raleigh for delivery to the established air lines. Planes will scour the state each day next week, picking up mail and turning it over to the regular lines for delivery.

The other day a colored post-office customer bought an air mail stamp and placed it on a letter for delivery in Belhaven. That's a bit unnecessary, but delivery to northern, southern and western points can be speeded up by an air mail stamp.

Geo. Hamid To Visit Fair Here On Friday

Geo. Hamid, internationally known showman and co-operator of the Williamston Fair, will visit here Friday.

OPENINGS

Additional openings in the Civilian Conservation Corps were announced today by the Martin County Welfare office. Fairly large numbers are applying for places in the service, but according to Miss Mary Taylor, welfare board head, additional applications will be received from white youths in the county during the next few days.

The boys are to report for examinations next Tuesday, and it is important that those who care to join the service and who have not already done so enter their applications immediately.

Seventeen Marriage Licenses Issued In County Last Month

Number of White Couples to Get Married Dropped from Seven to Five

Seventeen marriage licenses were issued by Martin County Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger last month, the number exceeding the August issuance by three. The number of licenses issued to white couples dropped from seven to five, the number issued to colored couples increasing from seven to 12.

Licenses were issued to the following:

White
Richard Fulford and Mary Frances Wynne, both of Williamston R. F. D. No. 3.
John Eason Swain, of Robersonville, and Gertrude Gurganus, of Williamston.

Ivan A. Rogers and Faye Cooley, both of Scott County, Indiana.
Wm. Walton Leggett, of Williamston, and Elma Louise Oliver, of Plymouth.

Fenner H. Silverthorn and Tillie Corey, both of Jamesville.

During the first two days of October, three marriage licenses were issued to white couples in this county.

Colored
Caesar Purvis, Sr., and Mary Spruill, both of Williamston.
Major Brown and Evelyn Barnhill, both of Robersonville.
Paul Lee Reddick and Sarah Morris, both of Colegram.
Geo. Purvis and Janie Terry, both of Williamston.
Moses Gorham and Caroline Joyner, both of Williamston.

Willie Walter Mitchell and Mae Hazel Savage, both of Oak City.
Buck Wilson and Queen Anne Elizabeth Williams, both of this county.

Henry Peel and Carrie Mae Moore, both of Martin county.
John Henry Rogers and Nellie Marie Brown, both of this county.

King David Rogers and Hazel Lee Braswell, both of Williamston.
Russell Collier, Jr., and Elizabeth Briley, both of Martin county.

Richard Bennett and Eura Lee Gilliam, both of Hamilton.

Big Parade Features Opening of Five-day Agricultural Event

Larger Agricultural Exhibits and Very Elaborate Grandstand Program

Williamston's 1937 annual agricultural fair got underway this afternoon with larger arrays of exhibits than in years and with one of the best grandstand programs ever seen in this section. The midway, with a few new rides added, varies little in its make-up of years gone by with its brazen pictures and side shows. Apparently the entertainment program is more varied on the midway than usually, but visitors will find a greater fair centering around the agricultural exhibits and grandstand attractions than heretofore.

A parade, featured by the Texas Rangers, marked the opening of the fair at 1 o'clock this afternoon, but overcast skies following a day of steady rain yesterday did not point to anything like a record crowd this afternoon. With a break in the weather, however, attendance upon the exposition is expected to establish new records as the week progresses. The white schools in the county are having a holiday this afternoon and the youngsters are here in big numbers.

While not all completed, booths by the several home economics departments in the county schools are certain to command attention in the exhibit hall. Washington County is well represented by its home club, future farmers clubs and general exhibits. Two home demonstration clubs in this county are completing attractive booths this afternoon, and there are a number of individual booths that are really worth a visit to the fair to see. The 4-H clubs are well represented with their swine, corn and general exhibits.

The swine pens, while not crowded, present a far better show than a year ago, and there is more poultry entered than heretofore.

With nearly every school in the county participating and with more interest in the home economics and county club departments, the agricultural feature of the fair is considered far above the average. There is keen competition in nearly all the departments, and the exhibits almost equal old records, reports from the manager's office early today maintained. Unfavorable weather yesterday delayed the preparations for handling some of the exhibits, but work was still underway this morning and it is thought they will be prepared in ample time for the judges who will come here from other counties to make the awards.

This afternoon is children's day, the schools having suspended activities for the day.

Tomorrow is farmers' day, the program bringing here some widely-known farm leaders, including J. E. Winslow, president of the State Farm Bureau Federation; R. C. Holland, president and general manager of the peanut stabilization corporation; E. F. Arnold, State secretary and W. H. Dail, State director of the farm bureau. The program gets underway at 10 o'clock and lasts two hours. All farmers are invited to attend, the fair management having made special inducements to have them present for the program.

West's shows are now running full blast on the midway, and the grandstand program is the most extensive and elaborate ever offered at a fair here. There are 12 special acts, including the Continental Revue. Horse racing is on the program for Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, and "Lucky" Teter will feature the Friday afternoon events.

A last minute addition to the grandstand attractions that is sure to create considerable interest, is

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Important Meeting Of Legion Post October 11

Members of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will hold an important meeting in the Junior Order hall, Williamston, next Monday night, October 11, Commander J. E. Boykin announced today. The legion post head explained that important matters would be placed before the meeting and that every member was urged to be present.