

Fishing On Roanoke River Comes To An Unsuccessful Close

Jamesville Fishery Establishes New Records for Rock Catches

Seine fishing on the Roanoke River at Jamesville comes to a close today, Mr. C. C. Fleming, operator of the fishery there, describing the season as the most unsuccessful in many years. Only on a few days during the season that opened March 17 have the catches been large enough to defray expenses and net the operator a profit.

Herring catches, limited to a few hundred thousand for the entire season, have been the smallest on record, and old hands at the fishery are unable to advance even a reasonable explanation for the scarcity of herring while the fishery has established new high records for rock catches.

The largest herring catches hardly exceeded 5,000 during the peak of the season, and the fishery at Jamesville day after day sold the fish direct from the battery.

Mr. Stewart Ange, foreman at the plant for the past 40 years or more and a visitor for 20 years prior, states that he has never seen as many rock as were caught there this season. Last week-end, the seines were taking in as many as 100 of the fish at a dip, the size varying from about two to ten pounds.

More shad have been taken from the Roanoke this season than in several years, but the catches have been negligible.

Asked if the pulp mill refuse had any effect on fishing in the Roanoke this season, Mr. C. C. Fleming, operator of plants at Jamesville and Camp Point, several miles below Jamesville, states that he believes it has turned some fish back. "However, I don't know, to be perfectly frank," he added.

Reports from other fisheries maintain that the herring ran in small numbers this season, that this year was just an off season.

The seines in the lower part of the county, near Plymouth, closed last Wednesday after operating at a loss for many weeks, reports state.

Owners of the pulp mill are said to be making arrangements to, install a filtering plant and stop dumping acids into the stream.

Public Library Gets Additional Volumes

The number of volumes in Williamston's public library is steadily increasing, the librarians reporting a varied selection of material on a large number of subjects.

Opened less than a month, the library is serving a large number, reports stating that there has been a complete turn-over of the books during the period. More people are frequenting the library week by week, the young people showing considerable interest in library activities.

Interesting titles added to the library shelves recently include the following volumes:

This is my story, Eleanor Roosevelt.
Exploring with Byrd, Richard Byrd.

Dawn in Lyonesse, Mary E. Chase.
Orchids on your budget, Marjorie Hillis.

Madame Curie, Eve Curie.
Last flight, Amelia Earhart.
Life with father, Clarence Day.
My father, Paul Gauguin, Pola Gauguin.

If I have four apples, Josephine Lawrence.
And so, Victoria, Vaughan Wilkins.

Imperial City, Elmer Rice.
Enjoyment of laughter, Max Eastman.

Something of myself, Rudyard Kipling.
One life, one kopek, Walter Duranty.

Oleander river, G. B. Stern.
Home grown, Della T. Lutes.

Monday go to meeting, K. P. Kempton.
I asked no other thing, Cora Jarrett.

Garden flowers in color, G. A. Stevens.
Book of marvels, Richard Halliburton.

Feeding our children, F. H. Richardson.
What's new in home decorating, Winifred Fales.

Beyond singing the woods, Trygve Gulbransen.
Under Capricorn, Helen Simpson.

American doctor's odyssey, Victor Heiser.
Miss Emma Gay Stephenson, of Pendleton, is visiting here.

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Thousands Reached by County Health Service

BOWL OF RICE

The biggest movement ever undertaken in the United States to aid suffering non-combatants of a war stricken country was launched last week by the United Council for Civilian Relief in China, headed by Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., on June 17th, in hundreds of cities and towns, thousands of Americans will participate in a nation Bowl of Rice Dinner and Ball, the proceeds from which will be used to send food and medical supplies to more than 30,000,000 Chinese civilian refugees.

No committee has been named to sponsor the movement locally.

Children Flock To Williamston First Park On Monday

Cite Need for Assistants in Supervising Play Program

Formally opened here yesterday, Williamston's first public playground attracted a strong patronage the first day, leaders, observing the merry activities, stating the first steps had been taken to promote a valuable work that has long been needed in this community.

Turned into the streets at the close of school, hundreds of children are joyfully expressing their appreciation to the leaders of the movement in establishing the recreational center. Although planned after a temporary pattern, the recreational center on the grammar school grounds is certain to pay big dividends this summer.

With Miss Nancy Glover, teacher in the local schools, in charge, the playground is open to children each morning from nine to twelve o'clock and each afternoon from three to six o'clock, five days to the week. The sponsors of the playground center point out that no one is responsible for the safety of the children during off hours or on days when the grounds are not officially opened to the public.

There is a marked need for at least two assistants to Miss Glover, but to date the WPA has been unable to assign a young man and a young girl to the project as assistants. Any one eligible for the work is directed to apply to the county welfare office.

Through the cooperation of lumber mill operators, several of the civic organizations and a few interested citizens, the splendid recreational center was made possible. Those making the center possible are anxious for the cooperation of the general public in keeping the playgrounds open and enlarging the recreational facilities for youth of the town and community.

Seeing The World In Two By Two Trailer

Traveling in one of the smallest mechanized scooter-trailer outfits in the world, Tom Herridge, of Tarkio, Mo., stopped here a short while yesterday morning on a 25,000-mile tour of the United States and Canada. His trailer, measuring 2 by 3 1-2 feet and 2 feet high, attracted much attention as he tarried here a few minutes before continuing his journey north on U. S. Highway 17.

Starting out seven months ago from his Missouri home, Herridge has traveled 20,000 miles in eighteen states. His experiences have been many, but the most exciting one was gained down in the Florida Everglades where he camped on a few inches of the ground in alligator territory.

His claim that he slept in the trailer was received with doubt, but Herridge explained that he made himself very comfortable by hooking up an extension and raising the windows.

The traveler, advertising no product or advancing no scheme to finance his tour, is just out to see the country. To operate the mechanical unit and support himself he spends on an average of a dollar each day, the figure not including his amusement bill. The trailer-scooter-driver weigh only four hundred and eighty-five pounds.

"I find North Carolina roads in good shape, and the motorists very courteous," Herridge said before continuing his journey north.

Several Clinics Are Held in the County During Past Month

Dental Examinations Given Nearly Two Thousand School Children

Public health services were extended to approximately 3,670 people in Martin County last month by the full-time health department and cooperating agencies, according to a report just released by Dr. E. W. Furgurson, head of the health unit. The activities during the period taxed the department and its cooperating agencies to capacity, and substantiates the claim pointed out some months ago for the need of a full-time health program. The work of the health unit is being extended throughout the county, and it is evident that the department has lost little time in grasping the health situation and in maintaining an extensive schedule to cope with that situation.

During last month the department received around 1,275 callers at its offices in Williamston's town hall. Nearly 2,000 children, 1933 to be exact, were given dental examinations in the several schools. Dr. H. E. Butler, State dentist, was in the county several weeks, and Dr. A. J. Pringle, coming in a few weeks later, is completing the first schedule of examinations in the county at Farm Life this week. "It was impossible to include all of the county schools in the dental program this year, but the work will be continued next term," Dr. E. W. Furgurson said in his report.

In addition to approximately 1,275 callers, received direct in the health department offices, and the 1,933 children examined in the dental clinics, Dr. Furgurson and members of his staff examined 225 preschool children and vaccinated 237 others. The total number of small-pox vaccinations was 462.

The report does not cover activities in the department's sanitation division which has received a strong cooperation throughout the county and which is making a splendid record.

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Daily Bible School Is Underway With Enrollment Of 120

Sponsored by Williamston Churches; To Last for Two Weeks

The annual daily Vacation Bible school, sponsored by the various religious denominations, opened a two weeks session here yesterday morning with an average enrollment. Open to any child from 3 to 15 years of age, the school is to run for two weeks, a joint commencement program to feature the closing.

Formal exercises for the opening were dispensed with this year, the leaders having previously completed arrangements and teacher assignments. The beginners, ages 3 to 5, are attending the daily classes each morning at 9 o'clock in the Episcopal church. Primary children, ages six to eight, are holding their classes in the Methodist church, the Juniors ages 9 to 11, in the Baptist church, and the intermediates, ages 12 to 15, in the Christian church.

A report released yesterday afternoon by Miss Ruth Manning, superintendent, shows 120 children enrolled for the first day session, and indications point to an increase as the school continues operations. Last year 124 children enrolled the first day in the school.

The beginners' class, enrolling 21 children yesterday, is under the direction of Mrs. J. Paul Simpson. She is assisted by Mrs. Harrell Everett and Miss Katherine Manning.

Mrs. J. A. Osteen has the primary group in charge and Mrs. Garland Woolard, Misses Marjorie Dunn and Nancy Biggs are her assistants. Twenty-six children enrolled in this department yesterday morning.

Mrs. Francis Barnes is superintendent of the Juniors and she is assisted by Mrs. Albert Coltrain and Mrs. W. S. Hunt and Miss Thelma Griffin. There are 38 children in the junior group.

The intermediates, numbering 35 children, are headed by Mrs. Bill Harrison who has as her assistants, Mrs. E. M. Trehey, and Mrs. Ernest Etheridge and Miss Marie Hardison.

In addition to the course of instruction in Bible, the school is sponsoring an athletic program under the direction of Miss Nancy Glover and Rev. John Hardy, and handicraft work under the direction of Misses Josephine Grant and Jane Parker and Mrs. Coy Roberson.

Leaders point out that the school has an unusually strong faculty; that the special training promises to be of much value to the children and to the community. Every child between the ages of three and fifteen years of age is invited to attend.

Last year the school pooled its collections and made a donation to the library founding fund, the contribution being the first received by the library founders.

Mrs. Barnes' Father Dies In Maryland

The Hon. E. W. McMaster, father of Mrs. F. U. Barnes, of Williamston, died in a Salisbury, Maryland hospital last Tuesday evening at the age of 88 years. His death followed two operations which he underwent within the space of three days. Mr. McMaster was a native of Worcester County, and lived in Pocomoke City, Md., for a long number of years, where he was president of the Pocomoke City National Bank at the time of his death. Mr. McMaster served his county as sheriff for two years, and as a member of the Maryland State Legislature, and was a member of the Maryland State Board of Education by appointment from Governor Ritchie.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday from St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Pocomoke City, interment following in the churchyard there. Besides his daughter here, he is survived by his widow and two sons.

The Worcester Democrat, in its account of Mr. McMaster's death, said:

"His kindly, sympathetic disposition, made him truly a friend to humanity, and never did he hesitate to extend a helping hand whenever it was in his power. He always took a rosy view of life, a fact which, no doubt, contributed to his longevity and this with his saving sense of humor combined to furnish him with a delightful personality."

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Crop Control Looms as Big Convention Issue

Martin Democrats Fail To Organize Ranks On Saturday

Will Attempt Organization At County Meeting Saturday

Meetings scheduled for the re-organization of democrats in the various precincts of this county last Saturday went by unnoticed, incomplete reports stating there wasn't a single one held for the election of delegates to the county convention to be held in the county courthouse on Saturday of this week. It was the first time in many years that faithful members of the party failed to perfect at least one precinct organization in the county, clearly indicating that attention in political affairs is centered at the top instead of at the foundation of government.

Ignoring the opportunity to perfect the organizations in the various precincts, County Democrats are expected to handle the task at a county-wide meeting on Saturday of this week. Chairmen and other officials will likely be named for the precincts at the meeting in addition to perfecting the county organization and the election of delegates to the state convention to be held in Raleigh on Thursday of next week.

Since the precincts named no delegates last Saturday, any Democrat in good standing is eligible and invited to attend the county convention. The number of votes in the convention is distributed as follows:

Williams seven, Griffins fourteen, Bear Grass nine, Williamston thirty-eight, Cross Roads twelve, Poplar Point seven, Robersonville twenty-six, Gold Point five, Hamilton seven, Goose Nest thirteen and Hasell five.

The injection of the crop control bill as a possible issue in the State meeting is expected to create interest in the county convention at Williamston on Saturday of this week at 12 o'clock. Allowed one delegate to the State Convention for each 125 votes cast for governor in the November, 1936 election, Martin County is entitled to 33 representatives at the State meeting next week.

Hearing unofficial reports about the possibility the farm control program will be injected into the State convention next week, Martin County Democrats are expected to instruct their delegates as to how to vote on the question should it reach the convention floor. This issue alone, while it is not certain that it will ever come to a vote in the State meet, is considered sufficient to attract a fair size crowd to the convention in this county next Saturday.

The proposed plank of endorsement for the 1938 agricultural bill comes from the State Farm Bureau Federation. This plank is certain to have strong opposition from the partisans of Senator Josiah W. Bailey who vigorously opposed the bill in congress and who is still opposed to any efforts to amend or liberalize the existing bills.

Whether or not the fight will get to the floor of the convention is a different thing. The convention machinery, as always, will be completely controlled by capable and practical politicians who hate squabbles over platform planks worse than the Devil hates holy water. The convention personnel, too, will be composed almost in toto of this same sort of practical politicians who are all solicitude for the feelings of other politicians, even if they do not always agree with the views of these others.

Hence, it is entirely possible, even probable, that there will be no flood fireworks or any loud public explosion; and there isn't any great chance of any platform plank highly obnoxious to Senator Bailey or to any other leading politician, for that matter.

Former Local Man Hurt In Automobile Accident

Harry Clinton James, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. James of Williamston, was badly but not seriously hurt in an automobile wreck between Washington and Fredericksburg last Thursday night. Suffering a slight head concussion, Mr. James was placed in a Fredericksburg hospital where he is getting along very well. Reports reaching relatives here stated that nine stitches were necessary to close a cut in the back of his head.

Mr. James, who is employed in Fredericksburg, was not accompanied by members of his family at the time of the accident.

STORY TELLER

"He's a right good fellow, but he is the biggest story teller I have ever seen in all my life," Edwin "Toodlie" Holding mumbled just as he was being placed to sleep with ether for an appendicitis operation in a Washington hospital last Friday night.

"Who?" one of the doctors asked.

"Sheriff Roebuck," Holding answered.

A great fox hunter, Young Holding is said to have yelled to his dogs, and auctioneered tobacco before he went into a deep sleep.

Petition To Remove Pitt County Sheriff Now Before Courts

Sheriff S. A. Whitehurst Is Native of This County

A petition for the removal of Sam A. Whitehurst, native of Martin County, as sheriff of Pitt County, was placed before the superior court in Greenville yesterday afternoon. The petition, carrying the names of the Pitt County commissioners is being heard by Judge G. V. Cowper who the petitioners are asking to oust the popular sheriff for alleged willful misconduct, maladministration, corruption and extortion and acts amounting in law to felonious crime.

As court was brought to a close yesterday afternoon—six witnesses had taken the stand to tell the jurist they had seen or had themselves paid Sheriff Whitehurst money for their protection while they were engaged in the illicit liquor business.

The charges in their entirety were denied by the sheriff on the ground that they were "untrue and maliciously false" and that "the proceedings were instituted in bad faith by the commissioners and at the instance of the chairman of the ABC board."

The petition was filed before Judge Cowper during the term of court two weeks ago and was set as the first order of business for the term which opened there yesterday morning. In the meantime the petitioners were ordered to furnish a copy of the complaint, together with a bill of particulars, to defense counsel and special officers were appointed for the serving of process in connection with all cases which had a bearing on charges against the sheriff and for the present term of court.

Prior to the reading of the petition yesterday morning, Judge Albion Dunn, of defense counsel, made a motion for the trial of the petition by jury, but Judge Cowper overruled the request and ordered the hearing to begin.

Judge Dunn then made a motion to strike out sections of the petition which referred to the quashing of previous true bills of indictment when Judge Henry A. Grady ruled that the grand jury hearing the matter was illegally drawn. Jesse Jones, (Continued on page six)

Cabbage Purchases To Be Continued

New Bern — Purchase of an additional two hundred carloads of cabbage this week through the local FSCC office has been announced thus keeping open for one more week the office that had been scheduled to close last Friday. However, the price for cabbage will be reduced from nine dollars per ton to eight dollars. And the minimum head acceptable has been raised from one to two pounds.

The extra allotment was secured through efforts of Representative Lindsay Warren and Graham Barden.

Already 172 carloads of cabbage have been bought by the federal agency in this section, and have been shipped direct to northern states for relief purposes. Observers say that if the government had not arranged for these purchases, many farmers would have lost practically all their crop. Due to the bumper yield, federal purchases have not effected a market price increase as had been hoped. The remaining FSCC purchases, are reported to be for "salvage" purposes only.

Schedule Vote On Potato Marketing Program in County

Martin Farmers Will Vote In Three Precincts This Week

A referendum on the proposed marketing order regulating the handling of Irish potatoes in certain counties in this and other States will be held on Friday and Saturday of this week, according to unofficial information coming from the office of the county agent today.

No public announcement has been released, but it is understood the 150 or more commercial potato growers will vote in the agricultural building at Williamston on either of the last two days of this week. J. P. Woodard, assistant farm agent in this county, who is making arrangements for holding the referendum in Martin/ could not be reached for an announcement, but it was unofficially learned that the polls would be opened on Saturday from 9 to 5 o'clock in Everetts and Robersonville for the convenience of growers in those communities. The polls will be opened only one day in those two districts, it should be remembered, and any growers raising potatoes for sale is eligible to vote.

The referendum, apparently steering clear of production control, is being held to determine if the farmers favor the issuance of an order by the Secretary of Agriculture regulating the handling of Irish potatoes in the same manner as provided in the marketing agreement tentatively approved by the Secretary of Agriculture regulating the handling of potatoes which move in interstate commerce or so directly to burden, obstruct or affect such commerce. It provides for prohibition of shipment of cull potatoes, further grade and size regulation, inspection, organization of administrative committees, assessment for operating expense, and other provisions common to such orders.

Growers will indicate in the referendum whether they favor issuance of an order binding all handlers in the designated areas to the terms and conditions of the proposed marketing agreement program. The agreement has been submitted to handlers for their signature.

Under the provisions of the marketing agreement act, the Secretary of Agriculture may issue an order if two-thirds of the producers—by number or by volume—voting in the referendum favor or approve the issuance of such an order, and handlers of 50 per cent of the volume of potatoes shipped have signed the marketing agreement. If producers approve the issuance of an order and sufficient handlers do not sign, the order making the marketing agreement binding on all handlers concerned may be issued by the secretary with the approval of the president.

The program is tentatively approved for the 13 early and intermediate states would prohibit the shipment in interstate commerce of potatoes of lower grade than U. S. No. 2 and of smaller sizes than one and one-half inches in diameter. It would also permit further limitations on the shipment of other small or inferior quality potatoes from any area upon the recommendation of the local committee, if approved by the secretary. During any period when control measures are imperative for any area, federal-state inspection would be required on interstate shipments.

Recent reports from the early markets state that Irish potato prices are at a low point. The best grade in Florida is commanding \$1.25 a hundred pounds or about \$1.80 a barrel.

Board of Health to Hold Meet Friday

The Martin County Board of Health is scheduled to hold a call meeting in the health department offices in Williamston on Friday afternoon of this week at 2 o'clock, Dr. E. W. Furgurson announced today. It is the first meeting that has been scheduled in several months or since the full-time department started functioning last February.

The board is scheduled to review the activities of the board and to consider a uniform program of rules and regulations for the promotion of public health in this county.

Mr. J. E. Pope is chairman of the board. Other members are J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools; J. L. Hassell, Williamston mayor; Dr. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville, and Drs. J. S. Rhodes and W. C. Mercer, both of Williamston.