

## H. G. Baity Urges Prompt Filing Of PWA Applications

### Engineer Meets with Public Officials Here on Wednesday

Promptness in the preparation of applications for Public Works Administration grants and loans was urged by Special Engineer Herman G. Baity in a meeting attended by public officials from several towns and counties in this section in the courthouse here Wednesday afternoon. "First come, first served," Mr. Baity said, adding that 200 new applications were being received daily from municipalities and counties from all over the county seeking cash and long-time loans.

Messrs. Newell of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and Hill, of the State Board of Health, briefly addressed the meeting and explained how small towns were installing water and sewer systems under the program.

"I do not suggest that an application be made for money to finance a project that is not needed, but I earnestly urge the public units of North Carolina to anticipate their needs and meet them now under the PWA program," Engineer Baity said. According to the engineer, a 35-million dollar program has been advanced in North Carolina, and the nation-wide program now underway will possibly approximate one and one-half billion dollars.

"There is to date approximately \$200,000,000 left of the \$550,000,000 allotted for grant purposes to non-Federal projects. It is the prediction of the Washington office that there will be no funds available for projects on which applications are received after August 15. Even though the projects are approved," Dr. Baity said, "a total of \$750,000,000 was provided for grant purposes and a total of \$615,000,000 was provided for loan purposes for the new PWA."

"Sponsoring authorities should make their decisions as quickly as possible," he stated, "because the first ones that arrive will be the first ones to obtain funds. Sponsoring officials should have their applications and papers completely in order so as not to cause delay," he said.

"In cases where bond elections are being held to provide the 55 per cent of the cost which is the sponsors' part, it is not necessary to have the election completed and the issue approved before applications are submitted," he stated, "but it is necessary to show that the proper legal machinery will be put in motion." He advised interested authorities to telegraph H. T. Cole, regional director of PWA, Hurt Building, Atlanta, Ga., for application papers. Authorities should specify whether "grant only" papers are wanted, for cases where the 55 per cent is already on hand, or where it is to be raised by a bond issue, or whether "loan and grant" papers are wanted, for cases where the sponsors seek both the 45 per cent grant and the 55 per cent loan.

"For speed, he advised that the 'grant only' plan be used.

## Mrs. Wm. L. Hollis Dies Near Hamilton

Mrs. Mary Hollis, wife of William L. Hollis, died at her home near Hamilton yesterday morning at 2:45 o'clock following a short illness of malaria. She was 47 years old.

Mrs. Hollis, daughter of Reuben and Mary Martin Davenport, was a native of this county and held membership in the Presbyterian church at Poplar Point chapel where the services are being conducted this afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. She was a devoted mother and had many friends.

Besides her husband she leaves eight children, Mrs. Pattie Davenport and Mrs. Mary Pilgreen, both of Robersonville; John Hollis of Oak City; Robert, Alton, Geraldine, Leman and James Harrell Hollis, all of near Hamilton. Four brothers, W. S. and R. L. Davenport, of this county; J. S. Davenport, of Center, Colorado; and J. H. Davenport, of Long Beach, California, and two sisters, Mrs. Maude Terry, of this county, and Mrs. Annie Ayers, of Edgecombe County, also survive.

Interment will follow in the Leggett cemetery in Poplar Point township.

Messrs. B. S. Courtney and Joe Davis Throver are in Raleigh today attending a General Electric dealers' meeting. They were accompanied by Mr. George Glenn.

Mr. Garland Woolard attended the furniture show in High Point this week.

## Group Plans To Investigate Poor House Operating Plan

The operating policy calling for the discharge of inmates and the possible conversion of the Martin County home into a tuberculosis sanatorium is likely to be investigated by a group of local citizens at the regular meeting of the commissioners here next Monday. "We are not well acquainted with the new-fangled policies, and until we learn the motive behind the plan there'll be no charges against anyone," the spokesman for a group of fifteen or twenty citizens explained yesterday.

Opposition to the apparent move to clear the poor house of its inmates developed when one of the poverty victims was asked to accept \$20 a month and vacate. Left on Williamston's main street, the former poor house inmate sought

shelter in the common jail the first night, but was returned to the home last night by welfare authorities.

Two or three inmates left the home some time ago, and others are said to have been directed to vacate as soon as possible. Several victims of tuberculosis have been moved to the home, but a definite policy for closing the home to the poverty stricken and converting it into a sanatorium has not been formulated, it is understood.

While the large number of tuberculosis victims presents a problem within itself, current public opinion is against turning out one group and taking in another unless the change can be effected satisfactorily. The proposed conversion program is being sponsored by welfare agencies.

## Georgia Leaf Markets Average Near 25 Cents

### WON'T BE LONG

Vacation days for more than 6,000 Martin County children will come to an end in just one more month, the Martin County Board of Education having scheduled the opening of all the county schools on Thursday, September 1. For the first time in years, both white and colored schools will open the same day.

Temporary suspension of classes in some of the colored schools will be considered if attendance averages sag during the first few days, it was learned.

## No Arrest Is Made In Jenkins Case

John Small, colored man wanted for the alleged brutal attack upon Mrs. Lyda Jenkins, aged woman, at her home near Robersonville last Saturday night, continues at large, officers withdrawing from the case temporarily yesterday after extensive investigations met with repeated failure. The search for Small has been underway in several counties, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stating today that he had not been able to get a single report on the man since the night of the attack. Numbers of homes have been searched repeatedly, but no trace of Small has been found. Some believe the man has left this section. Bus drivers were questioned, but they reported Small had not been seen by them.

Mrs. Jenkins, struck five times over the head with an iron fire poker, is reported improving rapidly.

She stated that the attack took place about nine o'clock Saturday night, that Small came to the home and told her he wanted to buy some eggs. She explained that she had none for sale and ordered him away. A few minutes later he broke through a window and almost beat the aged woman to death. She was found unconscious twelve hours later.

## Roanoke Two Feet Over Its Bank at This Point

The Roanoke continued to rise at this point today as additional rain fell in the feed territories. The stream is now two feet over the banks now, and is expected to rise another two feet by next Monday or Tuesday.

So far this month 6.46 inches of rain have fallen at this point.

## Tomorrow Is the Last Day To Register for Bond Election

Registration for the special bond election to be held here on August 9 passed the 100 mark today as time for closing the books draws to an end. Tomorrow is the last day the registration books are to remain open, and everyone wishing to participate in the election will have to register. Previous registrations do not qualify one to participate in the coming election, Registrar C. B. Hassell has pointed out.

A last minute rush to get their names on the books is expected tomorrow, the election authorities stating that a goodly number of citizens had stated they would register the last day.

Anticipating a cash grant from the Public Works Administration,

## Encouraging Report Received Following Opening of Markets

Prices Are Slightly Higher Than on Opening Day A Year Ago

Encouraging reports flowed out of Georgia and northern Florida following the opening of seventeen tobacco auction markets in the two states yesterday. Farmers were said to have been pleased with their first sales, the reports being considered as "good news" to leaf growers in this belt.

No official average has been released, estimates placing the price figure for the belt at about 25 cents a pound. Averages for individual markets ranged from around 23 to 30 cents, and prices for individual lots reached a low at four cents and a top at 52 cents.

Medium grades were said to be selling higher than a year ago, but the better grades were reported a fraction cheaper. The quality of the crop was described as about on par with that of last season, some saying it was slightly better. Heavy offerings were reported throughout the belt.

At Waycross, Messrs. Johnnie Gurkin and Bob Ingram, local men, stated in a telegraphic communication that the prices there ranged from twelve to thirty-five cents, that the market averaged around twenty-seven cents, and that the medium grades were selling better than last year and good grades a fraction cheaper.

Initial sales and prices pushed in to the background of growers' court attacks on the marketing quotas set up by vote of the planters and then enjoined before the auctions opened.

The marketing quota plan, which is to be applied later to cotton, corn and other major crops, was ordered in effect when more than two-thirds of the nation's growers voted to adopt it under terms of the 1938 agricultural adjustment act.

When Georgia's yield turned out to be about 100,000,000 pounds and its quota was set at 71,000,000 pounds, growers protested prospective sale of the excess leaf under the 50 per cent penalty for sale outside the quota. The act was attacked on Tuesday and injunctions preventing its operation temporarily were obtained in Florida and Georgia courts.

Last year's Georgia-Florida price (Continued on page six)

## Loans Available To Martin Tenants For Purchase Of Farms

### Applications Will Be Received Beginning Next Week

Martin County is listed among the 50 counties in this State in which the Farm Security Administration will make loans this fiscal year to tenants to buy and improve farms under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant act. A list of the counties was received from State Director Vance E. Swift, Raleigh, by County FSA Supervisor D. S. Modlin, Williamston, who has charge of FSA work in Martin and Edgecombe counties.

Mr. Modlin said the counties were designated by the Secretary of Agriculture upon advice of the State Advisory Committee on the basis of types of farming area, prevalence of tenancy and availability of good farm land at fair prices, figured on what the farms well managed can be expected to produce.

Applications for loans with which to buy farms will be made to Mr. Modlin at the Farm Security Administration office which is located in Williamston.

The period for receiving applications will be limited to 30 days, beginning August 1 and ending August 31, Mr. Modlin said.

A three-farmer, county advisory committee will assist the County Supervisor, examine applications, appraise farm applicants propose to purchase and recommend applicants qualified for successful farm ownership. Borrowers will have the aid of the Farm Security Administration in building or repairing their homes and in making plans to do better farming.

"These tenant purchase loans will be made to a limited number of qualified tenants, sharecroppers and farm laborers, to purchase and improve family-sized farms and to become more secure in their farming operations by the use of approved farming practices," the County Supervisor pointed out.

Mr. Modlin stated that the tenant purchase program is being carried out by the Farm Security Administration, which agency also administers the rehabilitation and farm debt adjustment programs. He further stated that although land purchase loans are limited, regular rehabilitation loans for such items as seed, fertilizer, livestock and farm tools are available in every county to eligible farmers and farm tenants unable to secure suitable credit elsewhere.

## Bear Grass School Faculty Announced

Appointments to the Bear Grass school faculty were announced complete today by Principal T. O. Hickman who returns to the school there for his seventh year. Only one change in the faculty personnel for the term opening September 1 was made, the school man explained.

Grade assignments, names of teachers and their home addresses are as follows:

First grade: Miss Virginia Shindler, of Rensselaer, Indiana.

Second grade: Miss Glenn Hill, of Snow Hill, and Miss Doris Jenkins, of Robersonville. Miss Hill is the new member of the faculty.

Third grade: Mrs. Ernest Etheridge, of Williamston.

Fourth grade: Miss Ruby Malone, of Bear Grass.

Fifth grade: Miss Annie Mae Davis, of Rocky Mount.

Sixth and seventh grades: Mrs. Mayo Grimes, of Robersonville.

High School: Melver Vann, of Myrtle Beach; Miss Annabelle Hollowell, of Elizabeth City, and T. O. Hickman, principal.

## Storm Damages Crops In Bear Grass Section

A heavy wind and electrical storm damaged property in Bear Grass Township yesterday, reports stating that four large trees in the backyard of the John W. Green home were blown down. Lightning struck a tobacco barn and ripped off a part of the roof. Several people working at the barn were slightly shocked but not badly hurt.

Over in Cross Roads, a bolt of lightning struck the home of Mr. John L. Bailey and did considerable damage to the building and the radio. No one was hurt, however. It was the second time lightning had struck the home within a year, disproving the old saying that lightning never strikes the same place twice. It was the third time that lightning had struck a building while Mr. Bailey was in it.

## Plans Are Underway To Locate Building Supply and Brick and Tile Manufacturing Plant Here

### Certain County Budget Will Be Finally Adopted Monday

The final adoption by the board of commissioners in regular session here next Monday of the Martin County budget for the current fiscal year was regarded as almost certain today. The budget calls for a \$1.41 rate the \$100 assessed property valuation. No change was proposed in the rate when the commissioners tentatively adopted the budget at a special meeting earlier this month.

A busy schedule is almost certain for the authorities when they meet next Monday morning in their room in the courthouse. Two delegations, one for an investigation of county home operating policies, and one for

the widening of a road in Bear Grass Township, are scheduled to appear before the meeting.

Routine duties are likely to occupy the attention of the board members during a greater part of the day, and the program, as a whole is expected to prove of little interest. No road controversies are scheduled for consideration—although a delegation from Bear Grass is expected to appear and ask that the Charlie Ayers road in that section be widened and improved.

The selection of a jury for the September term of superior court will require the attention of the board for a few minutes.

## Half Dozen Cases Called In County Court On Monday

### Six Months Sentence Is Meted Out to Old Bootlegger

The half dozen cases called by Judge H. O. Peel attracted a fair-sized crowd to the county recorder's court in regular session last Monday. A review of the docket shows no startling cases were up for trial, but the more or less regular visitors were present to hear their fellow-man plead their innocence or guilt.

George Smith, aged county negro and a frequent defendant in the county court for alleged violation of the liquor laws, was almost without a leg to stand on when he appeared before Judge Peel again to answer to the same old charge—bootlegging. Smith drew six months on the road after pleading not guilty in the case.

He made a last effort to postpone a trip to the chain gang, but he failed to perfect his appeal to the superior court and was checked out of the county jail the following day to do work on the roads of this section.

Charlie Clark, pleaded guilty of larceny and receiving and carrying a concealed weapon, the court continuing the case until the first Monday in August. Clyde Silverthorne, World War veteran, was again in the courts for alleged drunkenness. This time the charge was aggravated by the alleged damaging of personal property. He pleaded not guilty, more or less, after an old fashion, and the case was continued under prayer for judgment.

Considerable time was spent hearing the case of State against Joe E. Coffield in which the defendant was sued for non-support.

Coffield maintained his innocence but the court adjudged him guilty and directed him to pay \$40 each month for six months for the use of his wife and child. The defendant is to appear in court at the end of that time for further judgment. Costs of action were taxed against him. Bond in the sum of \$250 was required to guarantee "faithful" performance of judgment.

The case charging Fenner Respass with carrying a concealed weapon was continued one week under prayer for judgment.

The case, charging Bud Shank with an assault with a deadly weapon (Continued on page six)

### HEARING

Towns served by Atlantic Coast Line branch lines in this section will not only ask a continuance of passenger trains but will also urge an improved service when a hearing is held in Utilities Commissioner Winborne's office in Raleigh next Tuesday morning, according to unofficial reports reaching here today.

The Coast Line is asking permission to discontinue passenger trains on branch lines from Plymouth to Tarboro, Kinston to Weldon and Washington to Parmele.

Mayor J. L. Hassell and Attorney R. L. Coburn and others are expected to represent Williamston at the hearing.

## Town Authorities To Meet Monday

The question of lifting zoning ordinances for meat markets is scheduled to come up for discussion at the regular meeting of the town commissioners here next Monday evening at eight o'clock, Mayor J. L. Hassell said today. Outside parties are said to be anxious to build a new market on Washington street and one or two grocers want to install meat counters in their stores, it is understood.

No definite action in connection with maintaining a public alley leading off Smithwick Street to the old Slade property is expected at the meeting, the mayor explaining that the matter could be settled amicably and without resorting to court action.

Williamston's proposed \$72,000 improvement program will probably come up for discussion, but no action toward adding other projects to the plan will be taken at that time. The opening of Railroad Street from Smithwick to Washington street has been mentioned as one of the additional features that might be incorporated in the general improvement program.

## Case Against Martin Whitaker Is Continued

The case charging Martin Whitaker, Jamesville Township man, with indirectly running his wife and children away from home last weekend, was continued for thirty days in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here yesterday morning. No bond was required in the case.

## Martin County Farmers Get \$106,085.52 in Soil Payments

Soil conservation payments to Martin County farmers were swelled this week when forty-two additional checks amounting to \$1,961.93 were received in the county agent's office for distribution. Quite a few checks, possibly 150 representing around fifty applications, are still due farmers in this county, reports stating that the payments are late because of delay in filing the applications.

To date 1,912 checks have been placed in the hands of farmers, representing a total cash payment of \$106,085.52 for soil conservation compliance. It is estimated the outstanding checks will swell the total to around \$112,000.00. Cooperating with the soil conser-

## Site For The New Industry Located Near Peanut Plant

### Preliminary Plans For the Plant Are Now Being Formulated

Preliminary plans for the establishment of a building supply firm and a brick and tile manufacturing unit here within the near future are now being completed this week, it was unofficially learned today. Promoters of the new industry could not be reached for a statement, but reports from reliable sources maintain that details for establishing a modern plant here had been arranged, that construction work is scheduled to get underway within six or eight weeks. No names have been publicly announced, but it was learned that the promoters are prominent in business affairs in this county.

In addition to its manufacturing operations, the proposed plant is making arrangements to stock a complete line of building supplies and materials.

"We are planning to locate a modern brick and tile plant for the manufacture of all types of brick, wall building and ditch tile," one of the owners was indirectly quoted as saying. It is understood that the plant now under consideration here will be the only one of its type in this section.

Orders for special machinery are now being prepared and will be placed with a manufacturer in Michigan within a short time. The type of product the plant proposes to manufacture is known as the Dunnbrick, the makers claiming it to be one of the best bricks made.

A site for the plant has been purchased on the Washington highway just across the railroad from the plants of the Columbian Peanut company and the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company.

Operating details are not known, but it is understood the new industry will employ a fair-sized number of men, and make available a modern brick and building materials at savings to builders in this section.

A brick yard was successfully operated in this community for a long period, but the plant known as the Martin County Brick Company suspended operations about a quarter of a century ago. Since that time brick have been shipped here from points nearly 200 miles away.

## Start Drive Monday Against Diphtheria

"We are hopeful every child, white and colored, between the ages of six months and six years, will visit the several vaccination clinics and get free protection against diphtheria," Dr. E. W. Furgurson said today in calling attention of parents to the clinic schedule.

The following schedule will be observed:

Monday, August 1: Jamesville school, 7 a. m. to 10 a. m.; Dardens (Jordan's Store) 10:30 a. m. to 12 p. m.; Farm Life School, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m.; Eason Lilley's Store, 3:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Tuesday, Aug. 2: Oak City school, 7 a. m. to 10 a. m.; Hamilton School, 12 m. to 3 p. m.; Hassell School, 3:30 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Wednesday, Aug. 3: Everetts School, 7 a. m. to 10 a. m.; Gold Point School, 10:30 a. m. to 12 m.

Thursday, Aug. 4: Williamston High School, 7 a. m. to 10 a. m.; Williamston School (colored), 10:30 a. m. to 12 m.

Friday, Aug. 5: Robersonville Grammar School, 7 a. m. to 10 a. m.; Robersonville School (colored), 10:30 a. m. to 12 m.; Parmele School, 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Tuesday, Aug. 8: Bear Grass School, 7 a. m. to 10 a. m.; Cross Roads School, 10:30 a. m. to 12 m.

## Victim of Attack, Young Man Continues in Hospital

Alleged to have been attacked by Burras Ward on the Ward farm near the Beaufort County line, a young man named Leggett continues quite ill in a Washington hospital, according to reports reaching here today.

Hit with a piece of wood, the young man is said to be suffering much with his head.