

Town Authorities In Regular Session Here Last Night

Restrictions for Operation Of Meat Markets Are Maintained

At their regular session last evening, Williamston's town commissioners continued to enforce restrictions for the operation of meat markets here, the discussion indicating that the closed market policy in force for more than thirty years, will not be disturbed before January 1, if then. Two applications were filed by W. N. Whitley, of Windsor, and McClees Brothers, local grocers, for permission to open markets outside the municipal building. During the discussion it was brought out that the present market is one of the most modern in any town this size in the State.

Action was delayed on the proposed adoption of an ordinance requiring smoke stacks on all boilers operated within 500 feet of a residence to be extended 30 feet above the nearest roof. While the board delayed action on adopting the proposed ordinance, it did recommend that all stacks be equipped with a ten-foot extension.

With the resignation of Fire Chief George Harris in their hands, the commissioners discussed a new operating policy for the local fire department. No action was taken, the board scheduling a joint meeting with the fire department personnel for next Monday night. It has been suggested that the town hire a full-time man to head the company, representatives of the department explaining that the present members held jobs and were unable to properly maintain the apparatus and handle allied duties other than answering alarms.

Series Of Wrecks In Martin County

One person was fatally injured and several others hurt, one seriously, in a series of wrecks and accidents in this county during last week-end.

W. A. Bland, aged Cross Roads Township farmer, was fatally hurt last Saturday afternoon when a mule hitched to a cart ran away.

Latham James suffered a bad cut on his hand when his car went out of control and ran into a ditch on the Hamilton road Saturday night.

About four o'clock, Linwood Bland, young Pitt County man, is alleged to have gone on a rampage with his car and did considerable property damage. Going out of control, the Bland car tore through Farmer Joe Overton's hog pasture fence in Cross Roads Township and continued across the pasture and through the fence on the other side.

Approaching the house, the car tore down a clothes line mowed down flowers and tore through another fence, barely missing a big oak tree in the yard. The car was brought to a stop after it crossed the road and entered a woods a short distance away. The driver backed the car out and continued. Sheriff Roebuck and Patrolman Hunt investigated the wild drive, and Bland is now facing a charge of reckless driving. The fenders, running boards and top were badly battered on the car.

Ben Wilson, colored tenant on M. D. Ayers' farm in Bear Grass, was badly hurt when his old car went out of control Sunday evening and struck a telephone pole near Everetts. Suffering a back injury, Wilson is now receiving treatment in a Washington hospital. His car was a wreck.

Enforcement Officer Files Report For July

The drive against the illicit liquor traffic in this county last month netted five liquor stills, 2,800 gallons of beer and three gallons of liquor, it was disclosed in the regular monthly report filed by Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck this week when the Alcoholic Beverages Control board met.

A record number of arrests was reported for the period, seven alleged violators of the liquor laws having fallen into the hands of the officer and his assistants during the period. William Black, John Bonds, Wade Harrell, Don and W. D. Lewis, George Smith and Sam Briley were arrested. The first five men are facing trial in the federal court possibly at Washington in October.

Two cars were confiscated, but they were turned over to holders of mortgages against the machines.

Diphtheria Clinics Are Well Attended in County Monday

Clinics offering free protection against diphtheria were well attended in the county yesterday when the eight-day, county-wide drive against the disease got underway. Nearly two hundred children, mostly babies, were given the toxoid at the found dispensaries held at Jamesville, Dardens, Farm Life and Lilley's store. Less than half a dozen reporting for the free protection were over the six-year age limit, it was explained.

Reporting on the first day activities at the stations, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, of the county health department, stated that 85 children reported at Jamesville, 41 at Dardens 46 at Farm Life and 19 at Lilley's

store in Griffins Township. Rain started falling at Farm Life and Lilley's Store and possibly kept a few children at home.

Stations are open today at Oak City, Hamilton and Hassell. Wednesday, the clinics will operate at Everetts, 7 to 10 a. m.; Gold Point, 10:30 a. m. to 12 noon. Thursday, Williamston high school, 7 to 10 a. m.; Williamston colored school, 10:30 to noon. On Friday of this week the health forces will locate at Robertsonville grammar school, 7 to 10 a. m.; colored school, 10:30 a. m. to noon, and Parmele, 2 to 4 p. m. Next Tuesday, the campaign will be brought to a close in Bear Grass and Cross Roads, 7 to 10 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. to 12 noon, respectively.

Prices Advancing On Georgia Leaf Markets

Report Average Of 27 Cents A Pound For First Two Days

Drive to Remove Marketing Restriction Gains Momentum

Tobacco prices ranged upward as Georgia leaf markets brought to a close the first few days of the 1938 marketing season, official reports stating that the average for the early period would possibly exceed 27 cents a pound.

Along with the recognized fair prices came protests directed against marketing allotments, certain groups in Georgia rejecting the quotas and renewing agitation for removal of all marketing restrictions.

A mass meeting of Candler County growers at Metter endorsed the county tobacco committee's action in holding up all allotment cards "to be re-worked on a more equitable basis."

R. G. Daniel, owner of the Metter Advertiser, said the quotas were rejected because "they varied too widely between individual growers, ranging from 300 pounds to more than 1,000 pounds per acre." The growers passed a resolution asking for an allotment of 800 pounds an acre for all growers.

Senator Walter F. George and Governor E. D. Rivers, in separate communications, asked Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to lift the market restrictions.

The preliminary report from 41 of 56 warehouses to the State Department of Agriculture showed \$3,181,000 paid for 11,840,000 pounds of tobacco.

This compares with the complete two-day report of 1937, when \$3,248,275.02 was paid for 12,875,254 pounds, an average of 25.23.

Figures from the 15 unreported warehouses were expected to swell the new total beyond last year's figures, and unofficial advices from the markets indicated that the state average would be raised. Official figures will not be issued before tomorrow.

Valdosta, Ga., Aug. 1.—Protests and court attacks harried government tobacco officials today, but growers of the bright leaf variety already had collected approximately \$4,000,000 from the first two days of auctions in South Georgia and Northern Florida.

Three Cases Diphtheria Reported In The County

Three cases of diphtheria were reported in the county this week just as public health forces launched a county-wide campaign against the disease. Three small colored children, two of them four years old, fell victim of the disease in Hamilton township.

In a relentless drive against typhoid, Martin County health authorities within the last quarter of a century have virtually eliminated the fever, and it is the goal of the health forces to reduce diphtheria cases to a minimum. Several diphtheria deaths are reported each year in the county, and the number of cases runs comparatively high.

Art Hauger Resigns As Manager Baseball Club

Art Hauger, popular manager of the Martins for the greater part of two seasons, tendered his resignation today, effective at once. No statement accompanied the resignation which was accepted by the directors of the club this afternoon. Charlie Wry succeeds Hauger, it was unofficially learned.

ELECTION

Getting their names on the books before the registration period ended last Saturday evening, 161 citizens will participate in the special bond election here next Tuesday, August 9. The eligible voting list was swelled the last day the registration books were open, but even then the last-minute rush failed to bring the total up to what may be described as a representative figure.

The vote next Tuesday will be against the registration total, meaning that if a person who registered fails to visit the polls in the town hall and vote his or her vote will automatically count against the election. Eighty-one votes are necessary to carry or defeat the plan.

Start Church And Cemetery Survey

A survey of cemeteries and churches in this county gets underway this week with Vernon B. Hopewell out in search of records running back nearly two hundred years.

Mr. Hopewell is seeking the names and owners of cemeteries, the number of marked and unmarked graves and general conditions. The survey is expected to reveal much data of historical interest and value, and the general public is asked to assist Mr. Hopewell in the task.

The church survey will deal with a number of religious bodies, memberships, buildings, clergymen and general information ordinarily carried in the minutes.

Methodist Sunday School Picnic Held Tomorrow

The Williamston Methodist Sunday School picnic will be held at Colerain Wednesday afternoon, August 3rd.

All who can go will assemble at the church as soon after one p. m. as possible. Those who can take more than their family will please come by the church and pick up some who will not have ways to go. Each family will take a picnic basket.

Names of Douglass Fairbanks, Jr. and Other "Celebrities" in Unemployment Office File

Marching like a parade through the files of the State Employment Office at Williamston are records of unusual people with outstanding records and unusual achievement, representing the five counties served by this office. Almost every occupation and type of person is represented.

A visitor, looking through the files at random, would find, for example, among recent registrations a civil engineer, native of the British West Indies, working on public construction jobs in Beaufort County; or for example, a master cabinet maker now living in lower Beaufort County who is a native of the Philippine Islands. A veteran of the World War of the Pantego section is also, it was disclosed, an expert laundry machine operator with a record of service in Philadelphia and other places.

Tucked away in Beaufort County the service discovered a master cook, a fifty-year-old colored man who was once chief instructor in cooking in a World War training camp, U. S. Army, and has been chef at Washington, D. C. hotels and other large cities.

Nineteen Marriage Licenses Issued In County Last Month

Number Weddings Among White Population Is Decreasing

Nineteen marriage licenses—six to white and thirteen to colored couples—were issued in the office of the Martin County Register of Deeds last month, the issuance falling two below that for the same month last year.

The number of licenses issued to colored couples has shown fairly steady increase since last January while the number of licenses issued to white couples has decreased since that time. In July of last year thirteen licenses were issued to white and eight to colored couples, as compared with six and thirteen last month.

Licenses were issued last month as follows:

White
Carrol Lee Griffin and Nine E. Bland, both of this county.
Leslie James Griffin and Verna Louise Smithwick, both of Martin County.

Roy Manning and Marcia Lee Beacham, both of this county.
Elmer Thomas Hobbs and Norma Mae Britt, both of Ahoskie.
Sidney Phelps and Toby Downs, both of this county.
George D. Leggett and Josephine Mizelle, both of Bertie.

Colored
John H. Ellison and Evelyn Whitehurst, both of Jamesville.
John Ellis and Rose Ella Speller, both of this county.
Haywood Peel and Lucy May Dogert, both of Martin County.
Arthur Davis and Apsa Clark, both of this county.
Bennie Clark and Clara Spruill, both of Roper.
Thaddeus Bazemore and Lizzie Bell, both of Bertie.
William Smith and Pearl Thomas, both of Williamston.

Samuel Williams and Mary Mizelle, of Pasquotank County.
Booker T. Jordan and Maggie Gilliam, both of Bertie County.
Fernando Little and Sudie Woolard, both of this county.
James Purvis and Ollie Mae Jones, both of Martin County.
George Hudgins and Emma Jane James, both of this county.
W. R. Rascoe and Pauline Rascoe, both of Gatesville.

Former Local Minister Dies At Home In Florida

Rev. Clarence Henry Jordan, rector of the Church of the Advent for a short time about 1920, died at his home in Tarpon Springs, Florida, last week. Mr. Jordan was born in Madison 71 years ago, and after his ministry here he moved to Weldon. He was educated at Davidson College.

He was married September 21, 1897, to Miss Ella Zerline Lynes, of Savannah, Ga. He held numerous parishes and diocesan posts in this State and others, the last being at Tarpon Springs, Fla., where he went from Weldon.

He retired two years ago after serving the ministry for 35 years. Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Gibson, of Palatka, Fla.; Mrs. A. H. Grey, of Buenos Aires; Mrs. E. O. Horgan, Jr., of Greenville, S. C., and a son, D. C. Jordan, of New Orleans.

Assembly To Consider PWA State Grant at Special Session

Going into special session next Monday morning at 11 o'clock, the North Carolina legislature will consider authorizing supplementary funds for improvements to State institutions in cooperation with the Public Works Administration.

Advised by wire yesterday of the special session, Representative H. G. Horton and Senator R. L. Coburn stated that they believed the business before the lawmakers would be limited to the one question, that the session should not last over eight days. However, there is a possibility that the legislature will be asked to pass a measure simplifying the procedure under which municipalities and counties may apply for PWA funds.

The legislature will be asked to allocate state funds to match pro-

posed PWA improvements and expansions at state institutions. Treasurer Charles M. Johnson said the assembly could authorize a bond issue of as much as \$6,345,000, which would be sufficient for an \$11,000,000 improvement program.

The amount of the bond issue which the governor will recommend to the law-makers will be determined by the advisory budget commission which is meeting Wednesday and Thursday.

The governor's proclamation came as no surprise and administration supporters quickly took steps to see that the "must" measure or measures were passed expeditiously. It was understood that a resolution limiting debate to PWA business would be introduced in both the house and the senate, a few moments after they are called to order.

Board Reviews County Home Operating Plan

UNUSUAL

An unusual story and one sounding like another happening over around Kinston, came out of Griffins Township a day or two ago.

Farmer Sherrod Corey went to his mule barn the other morning and found an electric light burning, a light that no human hands had turned on. Observing a recently-purchased Missouri mule, Mr. Corey caught the animal pulling the light switch card with its mouth.

Lice Threatening County Corn Crop

Lice invading the fields of this county are said to be exacting a heavy damage toll to the corn crop. That the invasion is likely to prove serious is borne out in a report released last week-end by Farmer Calvin Ayers of Bear Grass Township where the pest is apparently centering its activities.

After inspecting a fifteen-acre field, Mr. Ayers said that he did not expect to harvest in excess of five barrels of corn to the acre, that late corn is ruined almost in its entirety. Early corn that had filled out before the invasion is fairly good, it was explained.

If the invasion is general over the county, the farmers have not yet detected it, but a large number of farmers in Bear Grass and surrounding communities are reporting damage by lice.

Early Hunting Reported In Jamesville Township

Opening the season a bit early in the Jamesville section last week, Melvin Biggs, young colored man, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here yesterday morning. Biggs, charged with killing a wild turkey out of season, hunting within 500 yards of high water and without license, pleaded guilty to all three charges.

Biggs was arrested by County Game Warden W. O. Abbutt.

Complaints Directed At Narrow Roads In Rural Communities

The 1937-38 county-wide tax rate was formally adopted at \$1.41 the \$100 assessed property valuation and the poll tax was held at the regular figure, the \$2 maximum.

A petition, carrying the names of 44 Griffins Township citizens, urged the board to request the State Highway and Public Works Commission to take over and maintain a two-mile stretch of road in that district. The road begins at the Perry place on the old Manning-Jamesville-Washington road, runs westwardly via the R. W. Perry place and J. W. Griffin homestead to the Jamesville and Washington road No. 171.

The board was also asked to pass a resolution urging the highway commission to widen the road from Sweet Home church in Bear Grass Township to the old Bear Grass-Corley's Cross Roads road, a distance of almost two miles.

Several complaints were heard from various parts of the county, directing the attention of the commissioners to the narrow roads in the outlying district. "The road forces have raked up what looks more like potato ridges than roads," one complaint read. The authorities are considering appealing to the highway commission and urge that more convict labor be used on the narrow roads in the outlying districts.

The group manifesting an interest in the Hyman case last week did not appear before the board, but the issue was reviewed and today there is every assurance that the county home will not be closed to the poor or that the less fortunate will be "thrown out."

The case came into the spotlight last Wednesday evening when an inmate left the institution and finding no other place to go he spent the night in the county jail. A group of county citizens, learning about the case, planned to go before the commissioners for a statement of policies for operating the home for the aged and infirm, but they did not appear and the commissioners and welfare authorities reviewed the case voluntarily.

Some time ago a movement was started to move out as many inmates as possible from county homes all over the State and place them on old-age pension lists, the welfare authorities explaining that it would be much cheaper and in nearly every case just as pleasant for the aged to vacate the institution and live in private homes. In the case that attracted attention last week, the inmate was offered \$20 a month, the county to pay one-fourth, the State a fourth, and the federal government one-half. The inmate had been asked to find him a home, and when advised that he had left the home, welfare authorities were under the impression that he had located a place and moved himself. A claim for the \$20 monthly allowance was entered the following morning

Martin County Man Is Killed In Unusual Accident Saturday

W. A. Bland, Aged Farmer, Is Fatally Hurt When Mule Runs Away

William A. Bland, aged Martin County farmer, was fatally injured last Saturday afternoon when a mule hitched to a cart ran away with him about two miles from his home in Cross Roads Township. Found along the road side about 4:30 o'clock, Mr. Bland died at his home near the Cross Roads Christian Church about two hours later without fully regaining consciousness.

No one saw the accident, but it is believed the mule became frightened and the man was thrown between the body and wheel of the cart. His head was bruised and several of his ribs were said to have been broken. "I am badly hurt," Mr. Bland was quoted as saying when neighbors found him. He was hardly semi-conscious and could offer no explanation as to how the accident happened.

It could not be learned how long he had been hurt when he was found about 4:30 o'clock. Attendants at a filling station near the Cross Roads church saw the mule returning home without the owner, and thinking Mr. Bland had met with some misfortune they started looking for him. He was known to have left earlier that day to visit in the Bear Grass section, and the searchers, following that course, found him two miles away lying beside the road. He was carried to his home where he died shortly after six o'clock.

Mr. Bland was born in Cross Roads Township 72 years ago, and lived and farmed there all his life. Mrs. Bland who was a Miss Austin before her marriage, died several years ago. He is survived by four children, W. S. Bland, of Robertsonville; Mrs. Allen Warren, of Oak City; John D. and J. H. Bland, both of Cross Roads.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Garland Bland in the church at Cross Roads. Burial was in the Austin Cemetery, about three miles away.

Draw Jury List for September Court

Names of jurors drawn by the commissioners this week for the September court are, as follows:

First Week
Jamesville Township: Ralph Davenson.
Griffins Township: Donald Griffin, Chester D. Revels, I. Marvin Coltrain, James H. Hodges, Ben C. Peel, J. Edwin Manning, Urbin Lilley and W. H. Hardison.
Bear Grass Township: Hoyt Cowen and Hyman G. Harrison.
Williamston Township: B. S. Courtney, John H. Mizelle, Frank Weathersby, J. S. Cullipher, John A. Manning, W. G. Peele, J. W. Gurganus, Henry D. Harrison, Jessup Harrison, R. H. Smith, W. Harrell Everett.
Cross Roads Township: J. S. Wynne, G. D. Ross and Pete Wynne.
Robertsonville Township: H. T. Highsmith, Jasper Johnson, W. E. Everitt, W. P. Harris and A. T. Perkins.
Poplar Point Township: W. M. Hardison.
Hamilton Township: Lewis Etheridge, J. L. Pritchard, W. Herman Everitt.
Goose Nest Township: W. D. Hyman and L. L. Harrell.

Second Week
Jamesville Township: D. D. Colburn.
Griffins Township: H. Ralph Peel and R. Sherrod Corey.
Bear Grass Township: Robert S. Coltrain, Edgar Rogers, Walter Mendenhall.
Williamston Township: D. W. Gardner, J. C. Anderson, W. H. Bowen, J. D. Thrower and O. S. Cowin.
Cross Roads Township: Charlie Keel.
Robertsonville Township: Walter Robertson, J. C. Taylor.
Poplar Point Township: W. R. White.
Hamilton Township: Henry Thomas and W. E. Davis.
Goose Nest: G. H. Manning.

by telegraph with the State office. Thursday evening, the welfare office learned that the inmate could not get into the private home and he was carried back to the county institution.

"The case, just like many others, is proving a problem, and we want to handle it to the very best advantage for the inmate and as cheaply as possible to the county," welfare authorities explained.