

Bookmobile To Be In County During March And April

Two-Months Schedule Planned by Library and Works Progress Agency

Receiving a substantial patronage year before last, the WPA Bookmobile will again visit this county for a forty-day schedule during March and April, it was announced today by Mrs. J. C. Cooke, Williamston librarian.

Operated in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration, the Bookmobile is scheduled to reach nearly every section of the county. The book truck is of a new type and carries approximately 2,000 volumes. The old truck with a limited number of books operated in the county during two weeks only.

Libraries and schools in the county will receive fairly sizable collections for distribution during the period, but the service will be made available for nearly every person in the county when the truck makes eight visits to each of 32 centers.

The following schedule will be in effect:
Mondays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25, and April 1, 8, 15 and 22: C. B. Allen's Service Station, 9 to 9:30 a. m.; Hamilton School, 10 to 11:30 a. m.; Bank of Hamilton, 11:35 a. m. to 1 p. m.; Gold Point School, 1:20 to 2:30 p. m.; Harry Roberson's Service Station, 2:35 to 3:30 p. m.

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 and 26, and April 2, 9, 16, and 23: Hassell School, 9:15 to 10:30 a. m.; Hassell Post Office, 10:35 to 11:15 a. m.; Oak City High School, 12 to 2:25 p. m.; Oak City Post Office, 2:30 to 3 p. m.; Smith's Store on Palmyra Road, 3:15 to 4:30 p. m.

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27, and April 3, 10, 17, and 24: Williamston High School, 8:30 to 9:30 a. m.; Everetts School, 9:45 to 11 a. m.; In Front of J. S. Ayers Store, Everetts, 11:05 to 11:35 a. m.; Cross Roads Church, 11:45 to 12:15 p. m.; Reading Room, Robersonville (Mrs. John Tyler), 12:45 to 1:15 p. m.; Robersonville Elementary School, 1:15 to 2:15 p. m.; Robersonville High School Library, 2:20 to 3:20; Parmelee Post Office, 3:30 to 4 p. m.

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, and April 4, 11, 18 and 25: Williamston Elementary School, 8:30 to 10 a. m.; Lilley's Store, 10:15 to 10:45 a. m.; Farm Life School, 11 to 1 p. m.; Corey's Cross Roads, 1:15 to 1:45 p. m.; Bear Grass School, 2 to 3:30 p. m.; Bear Grass Community House, 3:30 to 4 p. m.

Fridays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29, and April 5, 12, 19, and 26: Jordan's
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Cites Need for Increased Soil Building Practices in County

Forgetting for the moment any immediate plan for relieving the farm problem, Agent B. E. Grant, of Bertie County, discussed a long range agricultural plan at the Martin County Farm Bureau weekly forum here last evening when he cited the great need for increased soil building practices in this and other eastern counties.

"At one time there were hundreds of millions of acres of land under cultivation. Those acres have been worn out and washed away," the Bertie agent said. In 1937 Bertie farmers did not pay much attention to soil-building practices even though they adhered to the conservation program, and they earned hardly \$3,000 in the special payments. State authorities recognized the problem and cooperated with Bertie in advancing soil-building practices and in 1938 they earned \$18,000. Where Bertie farmers had been seeding five or six

hundred acres to winter crops, they bought 150,000 pounds of seed in 1938 and planted five or six thousand acres, and the work is just getting started, the agent explained. The agent also told the Martin farmers about the extensive use of phosphates and lime in the neighboring county. Plans are now under way for the purchase of a solid carload of seed for winter crops next season, and the program will be advanced on a more extensive scale, the agent added.

The forum last night advertised an order for twenty-five tons of hay, reviewed interesting tests made in the production of corn and soybeans, and discussed programs for future meetings.

The forums are attracting added interest each week, and they hold the possibility of proving of great value to those farmers who find time to attend them.

OPENS SMOKEHOUSE

Mr. Ira T. Coltrain, after diligent search, found the key and opened the Martin County "smokehouse" this morning at 9:30 o'clock when he dipped four nice herrings from the Roanoke at Jamesville. The fish tipped the scales at about two pounds each.

Catching three little bitty fishes and the mamma fish too, the veteran fisherman brings good news to hundreds who look to the Roanoke for their principal meat supply.

Last year, Mr. Coltrain dipped the first fish out of the stream on February 7, the delayed catch this year being attributed to cold weather and ice in the river in recent weeks.

Establish No Clues In Late Robberies

Thinking his worries were all over with the recent announcement by the State Supreme Court that sheriffs and coroners would not have to enter the political primaries this coming May, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is getting little rest these days. With three recent robberies in the county unsolved, the officer is working day and night and worrying without any let-up. Maintaining that it is not his conscience, the officer declares that those unsolved robberies are causing him worry and keeping him from sleeping at night.

Compared with the last Friday night robbery in Hamilton, the one in Oak City did not amount to a great deal. Entering Jack Smith's service station, robbers stole three cartons of cigarettes, a few sandwiches and about \$20 in nickels from a slot machine. The officer thinks the work was handled locally.

Thought to have established a clue in the Jamesville filling station robbery, the officer reports now that he has made little progress in that or any of the other cases.

Williamston police are remaining quiet in connection with the attempted safe robbery at Chas. H. Jenkins' garage last Saturday night. And four robberies remain unsolved.

Ausbon Rogers, colored, is facing court action for alleged thefts in and around several homes here.

Common Street Figure Dies At His Humble Home Here

Wiley Perkins, aged colored man and a common character on the streets and around the welfare offices here for a long period, died in his humble shack on Washington Street early Wednesday morning. The old man was buried here Wednesday.

Local Street And Sidewalk Project O.K. by WPA

A project for the paving of a number of sidewalks and the surfacing of several streets here has been approved, and an allocation of funds by the Works Progress Administration in Washington is expected within the next few days. Lee Wallace, head of the local WPA office, said this week.

Ordinarily a project is delayed in Washington not more than two or three weeks, and it is possible that work on the project will get underway by the early part of middle of March.

The proposal calls for paved sidewalks on Warren Street, Marshall Avenue and Grace Street. Surfacing will be done on Warren Street, Marshall Avenue, Hassell, Elm and Grace Streets and on possibly two or three blocks of Smithwick Street leading to the high school building. It is understood that abutting property owners will share in the cost of the work to the extent that it will be unnecessary for the town treasury to advance very little if any money.

Short Session Of Recorder's Court Held Last Monday

Only Two Criminal Cases Are Called For Trial By Judge Peel

With only two criminal cases on the docket, Judge H. O. Peel held the county recorder's court in session just a short while last Monday. But it was a tough session for the two defendants facing the recorder. The court dispatched its business and adjourned almost within the hour.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Willie McKensy Williams was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the roads for three months.

Eli Linwood Williams, generally known as "Lin" and a frequent defendant in the courts of this county, pleaded not guilty in the case charging him with operating an automobile while he was intoxicated. He was adjudged guilty and Judge Peel first sentenced him to the roads for a period of four months. The judgment was later altered and he appealed from the \$100 fine imposed by the court. Bond in the sum of \$250 was required. Williams was arrested in Robersonville last Friday night by Sergeant Jackson, of the highway patrol, and Officer Wade Griffin. He was given a hearing the following morning before Mayor H. S. Everett who sent the case to the county court for trial.

Two civil actions of Monday, February 5, were recorded in the minutes of the session held this week. In the case of Nora Rogerson against Weeks (Wickie) Rogerson, the court ruled that the plaintiff was not entitled to certain property claimed in the action, and the court ordered the costs taxed against her. A similar judgment was entered in a like case brought by Nora Rogerson against Jesse B. Rogerson.

Feed Markets Are Slightly Higher

Feed markets averaged slightly higher during the week with declines in oilseed cakes and meals more than offset by advances in wheat feeds, the U. S. and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture revealed in the weekly market news service review.

Light market offerings rather than a more active demand were the principal strengthening influence in millfeeds. The index number advanced to 121.3 compared with 120.7 for the previous week and 101.8 for the corresponding week last year.

Offerings of good quality peanut hay were lighter in South Georgia and prices advanced from 13.00 to 15.00 per ton in Atlanta and from 13.00 to 14.00 in Jacksonville during the period.

Eastern North Carolina buyers of farmer's stock peanuts at milling points are still uninterested in paying prices which holders are asking and sales have been very light during the past week. In contrast, consuming centers are showing more interest in finished goods but there has been a slight weakening in prices. Meanwhile, best jumbos still bring 4 cents per pound and occasionally more and best shelling stock up to 3 3/4 cents per pound to the producer.

Hogs advanced Monday, lost the upturn and closed with minor prices alteration. Fat lambs finished 25 to 40 cents higher in spite of increased marketings, reflecting more stable wholesale trade condition. Best yearlings steers made 11.75, hogs reached 5.75 Monday and closed at 5.65 down, fat lambs sold down from 9.50.

Net price changes on the Rocky Mount, Kinston and Fayetteville hog buying stations were of a minor nature this week. Tops for minor and choice 160 to 250 pound weights opened at 5.35 in Rocky Mount and Kinston and closed at 5.40. Fayetteville opened at 5.40 and closed at 5.45 while Florence opened at 5.45 and closed at 5.40.

Cotton Production Undergoes Marked Decrease In County

Once a Million-Dollar Crop, The Staple Now Sells For Few Thousand Dollars

For years and years recognized as one of the leading and most dependable crops in Martin County, cotton reached a new low record production last year according to an unofficial government report released a few days ago. For the first time possibly since reconstruction days production fell well under a thousand bales. Where the crop once exceeded 10,000 or more bales annually and sold for as high as a million and a half dollars, last year there were only 521 bales produced and sales amounted to hardly \$26,000.

While a general view of the situation would point to cotton farming as fast becoming one of the lost arts in Martin County, a break-down of the plantings for the period of 1928-39 will show that quite a few farmers have pugnaciously held on to the crop regardless of how hot the handling was to their income ratio. But it is quite evident that the general tendency has been away from King Cotton and toward Ole Man 'Bacco.

Martin County has grown tobacco in cycles according to a review of incomplete records. Prior to 1919, and most everyone remembers about that time when quite a few farmers held 40-cent cotton for 50 cents and some actually talked in terms of dollars for pounds, this county had a considerable cotton acreage, possibly more than 10,000 acres. Acreages planted to the crop started dwindling soon after that and reached a low point in 1927 when only 5,001 bales were produced. The production curve started moving upward and in 1928 there were 11,300 acres planted to the crop. But the upward trend was short lived and by 1931 acreages dropped to half the 1928 figure and production was down to 3,240 bales. Low tobacco prices in 1932 and 1933 turned Martin farmers again to cotton and the acreage figures jumped to above the 9,000 mark. Acreage figures were irregular for the next few years, but in 1938 the lid was lifted and cotton started flying away. Last year there were hardly 3,000 acres planted to the crop and production fell to around 500 bales.

In recent years while Martin farmers pleaded for additional tobacco allotments, they had planted actually less than half of their cotton allotments. This year they have been allotted 6,762 acres.

With tobacco prices uncertain and a more or less definite method of control for the boll weevil, it is be-

Last Rites Are Held Near Jamesville For Mrs. H. M. Holliday

Highly Respected Citizen Dies Wednesday After Long Illness

Mrs. Martha M. Holliday, highly respected citizen of Jamesville Township, died at her home there Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health.

The daughter of the late Thomas L. and Hannah Jane Holliday, she was born near Jamesville about 73 years ago, living in that vicinity all her life. On November 24, 1885, she was married to Hardy M. Holliday, who survives with the following children, Mrs. E. H. Ange, Mrs. F. C. Stallings, and Messrs. P. M. and A. J. Holliday, all of Jamesville, and Mrs. Neva Pharo, of Portsmouth, and Messrs. L. R. Holliday, of Suffolk, and H. J. Holliday, of Newport News. She also leaves one brother, W. Jackson Holliday, of Jamesville and twenty-four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. D. W. Davis, Christian minister of Washington. Interment was in the family plot near the home.

Mrs. Holliday was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She cherished the friendship of everyone, giving freely of her time and means for the betterment of her community and its people. She was a thoughtful and devoted wife and mother, one who found joy and comfort in the company of her loved ones and friends.

P. T. A. MEETS

The Williamston Parents-Teachers Association will meet in the grammar school auditorium Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 21, at 3:30. A George Washington playlet and songs will feature the program which includes short talks by two faculty members of the local school. Mr. Toxey will speak on the founding of the parent-teacher movement and Miss Grace Talton will speak on "Problems in Teaching Reading to Beginning Children." The entire meeting will be confined to one hour and all patrons of the school are urged to attend.

Commissioners Are Considering Launching \$50,000.00 Water and Sewer Improvement Project Here

Oscar Edwards Asks \$5,000.00 Damages As Result Of Accident

Suit Against Woodrow Venters, Pitt County Man, Filed in County

Oscar Edwards, Martin County young man who was critically injured in an automobile accident in which one person was fatally hurt and several others were seriously injured, this week filed suit in the Martin County Superior court to recover \$5,000 alleged damages from Woodrow Venters, Pitt County man. B. B. Tetterton, Pitt County man was killed in the accident. Abram Peel, former Martin citizen and a passenger in the Tetterton car, was battered, bruised and cut. Milton Harrison and Gordon Leggett, Martin County men riding with Edwards, were seriously injured in the accident.

The complaint filed by Edwards through his attorney, B. A. Critcher, reads, in part, as follows:

That on the 14th of October, 1939, at around 11 o'clock P. M., plaintiff was driving his car, owned and operated by him on a return trip from Tarboro, when and where the late B. B. Tetterton, who was operating his car going in an opposite direction had a collision about the center of said highway, and in said collision very little damage was done to plaintiff's car, or to himself or to the other two occupants thereof, and plaintiff got out of his car to see what damage had been done, and he observed a car coming from the direction of Bethel, N. C., at a terrific rate of speed, and the plaintiff got back in his car and about the time he did, the defendant's car, which was being driven by him, ran into, struck and collided with the automobile of plaintiff, striking said car with such violence as to virtually and completely demolish same, and at the same time, seriously injured this plaintiff, together with the other two occupants of plaintiff's car, said injuries being hereinafter set out.

That said collision, and plaintiff's personal injuries and injuries to plaintiff's car was directly, actually and proximately caused by the negligence of the defendant in that at the time or just prior to said collision, said defendant was wilfully, maliciously, wrongfully and negligently operating his car at an unlawful, unreasonable and excessive rate of speed, to-wit: 75 miles per hour.

That without any negligence or fault of this plaintiff, plaintiff's personal injury and property was due solely and caused proximately by the wrongful, unlawful and malicious acts and omissions of the defendant in the following particulars:

In that the defendant wrongfully, and maliciously, negligently, carelessly and unlawfully drove said car directly into the car of plaintiff at a rate of speed to-wit: around 75 miles per hour.

In that the defendant wrongfully and maliciously, negligently, carelessly and unlawfully operated said car without proper lookout and without having same under control, not having regard for the traffic laws so as to endanger lives and persons rightfully on said highway.

In that the defendant operated said car in a heedless and wanton disregard of the lives and property of others.

Enterprise Goes Visiting Today

Experiencing its worst break-down in a quarter of a century, The Enterprise is going visiting today and will be delivered from the Roanoke Beacon Presses in Plymouth possibly on time or a little behind schedule.

It was a bad day in The Enterprise shop last Wednesday. To start off with costly heating units in the typesetting machine melting pot burned out. Temporary repairs were made while new parts moved in less than 24 hours later from New York. Hardly before members of the force had washed their hands, a costly part on the newspaper press went haywire and tore up the machine. The management turned to Chicago then for parts, but they were too heavy to be handled by parcel post and repairs to the press will not be possible before the early part of next week. A pressman has been called from Atlanta to dismantle the press and install the new parts, and it is quite likely that The Enterprise will be gallivanting around and troubling other shops until about Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

To round out the harrowing program last Wednesday, a member of the force carelessly handled one of the forms and spilled an entire page of type all over the floor.

CANDIDATE



D. Bradford Fearing, Manteo citizen, yesterday announced his candidacy to succeed himself as second district senator.

Scattering Damage Caused By Storm

While centralizing in no definite areas in this county, winds of gale force caused considerable damage to property over a widely scattered territory late Tuesday night and Wednesday. Roofs were ripped from small buildings, especially tobacco barns, and the top was taken from the Early home near Oak City. Cloth was ripped and blown from large numbers of tobacco plant beds, but in most cases the farmers explained they could repair the damage and make it unnecessary to buy new canvas.

Power and light and communication service was maintained locally during the entire blow, but short interruptions were reported in Hassell and in the Farm Life area late Wednesday afternoon. A tree fell across the rural line in Griffins Township and Farm Life was without service until shortly after six o'clock. Its transmission line blown down for quite a long distance, Oak City and other towns in that area were plunged into darkness Wednesday night.

Highway travel was made difficult and dangerous in this section, and while a few held their cars at home others braved the winds and dared face aggravated dangers. Shipping was bottled up in the Roanoke and boats scheduled to reach local docks sought refuge in the inland canals and at Elizabeth City. Traffic was resumed across Albemarle Sound yesterday. After dropping below the freezing point Wednesday, the temperature started climbing yesterday and ranged up to 60 degrees.

Considerable damage was done in the coast region, and Greensboro reported heavy property losses, but the winds never did reach anything like tornado force, and no serious injuries or casualties were reported. In the North, heavy snowfall was reported and considerable damage from wind and freezing temperatures.

Williamston Boy Makes Wake Forest Honor Roll

Wake Forest—C. V. Roebuck, of Williamston, is among the 117 students who made the mid-year honor roll at Wake Forest College. Roebuck, a senior, is enrolled in the academic school.

Approximately 11 per cent of the student body is represented on the honor roll.

Will Hold Special Farmers' Meeting Here February 21

An interesting and instructive meeting for tobacco farmers in this section of the State will be held in the agricultural building here next Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. It was announced yesterday by the office of the county agent. The meeting will discuss the various phases of tobacco production, diseases and insect control. Special pictures will be shown under the direction of Mr. Lloyd T. Weeks, former assistant agent in this county but who is now tobacco specialist for the State Extension division.

Mr. Weeks will be accompanied by Howard R. Garriss, assistant extension plant pathologist, and J. O. Rowell, extension entomologist.

Authorize Detailed Survey for New Well And Line Extensions

Believe Attractive Program Can Be Advanced with WPA Agency

Giving a serious problem serious consideration, Williamston's town commissioners in special session with health authorities and engineers last Tuesday night took steps to bolster the local water supply and make available water and sewer connections to the nearly 400 homes now being served by pumps and open wells and privies described as being of uncertain sanitary rating by the health authorities. The improvement project, advanced in cooperation with the Works Progress Administration, apparently impressed the authorities and they ordered a detailed survey. The proposed project to cost approximately \$50,000 will give the town an adequate water supply and make possible a 100 per cent water and sewer system for the town.

Briefly addressing the meeting, County Health Officer John W. Williams pointed out that the prosecution of the proposed program for extending the water and sewer lines would possibly forestall an attack on the public health here.

Presenting a map studded with various colored pins, Sanitarian Charles Leonard reviewed the water and sewer system as it is being maintained today. On the map were 319 red pins, segregated mainly in two districts and showing the homes without water and sewer connections. "Those districts are virtual dynamite in the town's health program," Dr. Williams commented.

Representing the State Board of Health, Engineer Abel explained that he considered it an opportune time for the town to act in building up its water supply and extending its water and sewer lines. Hundreds of towns in the State have advanced similar projects and in a number of towns, including Wilmington, Wilson, Rocky Mount and quite a few in the Piedmont and western sections, have or are now completing systems that are 100 per cent effective or nearly so.

Definite plans for the proposed project will be mapped by Engineer Rivers immediately. Particular attention will be centered in that territory between Washington and Main Streets in addition to those districts included in a survey made about two years ago or about the time the PWA petered out and just as the town made ready to launch an extensive program.

Where the old project would have cost the town possibly \$75,000, the one now under consideration can be financed for \$30,000 or less. Cost figures cannot be determined until a

Fearing Lifts Lid Off District Politics

D. Bradford Fearing, Dare County's No. 1 citizen, lifted the lid off the political box in this, the second senatorial district, yesterday, when he announced his intention to offer himself for the nomination to represent Martin and the six other counties in the 1941 General Assembly.

The district has two senators. Mr. Fearing, serving his first term, and Senator W. B. Rodman of Beaufort, serving his second term, represented the district in 1939. Mr. Rodman is not expected to run again leaving an opening for others.

In the second district usage has become established for the district's representatives in the upper house to serve a second term. Dare County has not been represented in the senate for 37 years until Mr. Fearing was accorded the nomination without contest two years ago.

Returning to the upper house for a second term, Mr. Fearing will take with him to Raleigh a determination to effectuate the provisions of the 1921 State Highway Law which declared for the "connection of the county seats by the most direct routes." Although the provision was mandatory, twenty years have passed since the law was enacted, and still there is no direct connection between the capitals of Dare and Hyde and Tyrrell counties, or between Hyde and Tyrrell.

Most notable accomplishment of Mr. Fearing's initial term in the senate was the enactment of the Hatteras Seashore Commission measure, carrying an appropriation of \$20,000 for the preliminary work of transferring the vast coastal area to the National Park Service. He later declined appointment to that commission, or to accept any paid connection with it.