

Everetts To Appeal To Education Board For School Building

Patrons Present Strong Case To School Commission In Raleigh

Appearing before the State School Commission in Raleigh recently patrons of the Everetts School encountered a new obstacle in their strong drive for the reestablishment of a high school in their community. Advised that they could take no action until adequate housing facilities were provided, the group of about thirty representative citizens are now expected to address an appeal to the county board of education at its next meeting on July 1. As far as it could be learned today no definite plans for presenting the appeal to the county board have been formulated, but realizing the movement to have the high school reestablished will meet with failure unless adequate housing facilities are made available, the Everetts citizens are expected to direct a strong appeal to the county authorities at the July meeting.

Reports from the recent Raleigh meeting indicate that the school community representatives offered a strong plea in support of their case. The facts were presented, and Paul Bailey, recognized leader of the delegation, stated the case and apparently gained a following among the commission membership. The group was also represented on the program by Attorneys Horton and Peel who voiced the sentiments of the community.

Several members of the commission were quoted after the meeting as saying they would support the community in its efforts to advance its interests, but others expressed themselves as being opposed to the movement on the grounds that the average daily attendance of 68 pupils was not large enough to justify the reestablishment of the high school.

Lloyd Griffin, commission secretary, stated that no high school has been reestablished in the State where the average daily attendance fell below 85 pupils. It was intimated that the commission, as a whole, would hardly grant a request where the daily attendance would not support a faculty of four teachers.

The commission did not commit itself, but reserved action pending the outcome of the community's appeal for an enlarged building or a separate housing unit for the high school. In other words, the community might be successful in its appeal for adequate housing facilities, and then the commission would refuse to reestablish the high school there. However, many of those attending the Raleigh meeting were impressed by the attitude expressed by members of the commission, and they still maintain they have a chance to have the school reestablished.

Twelve of the fourteen commission members were present and heard the appeal.

Bombshell Explodes In Republican Camp

Recognized as a movement to advance a strong solidarity of the nation to cope with defense problems and other emergencies, the appointment of Henry L. Stimson and Frank Knox to cabinet posts by President Roosevelt yesterday was regarded by others as being an exploding bombshell in the face of the Republican National Convention opening in Philadelphia next week.

Considered able men regardless of party affiliations, both Mr. Stimson and Mr. Knox are believed to be in a position to handle a problem of far greater significance than that attached to politics just at this time. The Republicans immediately complained that the Democrats had built a war party and declared that they would make it an issue in the presidential campaign now at hand.

Commenting on the appointments of Mr. Stimson as Secretary of the War and Mr. Knox as Secretary of the Navy, President Roosevelt said: "The appointments to the cabinet are in line with the overwhelming sentiment of the nation for national solidarity in time of world crisis and in behalf of national defense and nothing else."

Messrs. Stimson and Knox, their appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate, were immediately read out of the Republican Party where they had been recognized as leaders for a long number of years.

A few Republicans laughed about the appointments, declaring that able men could not be found in the Democratic Party for the posts.

A congressional investigation into the cause for Woodring's resignation as Secretary of War was demanded by a disgruntled group in Washington today.

Factory Official Called Home By Death In Family

Mr. O. P. Newcombe, an official of the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company, was called to Glenloch, N. J., yesterday morning about 2 o'clock by the sudden death of Mrs. Newcombe. He was accompanied home by Mr. Milton Goldman.

Bids Received for Improving Two Highways in This County

Bids were received by the North Carolina Highways and Public Works Commission in Raleigh yesterday for the improvement of two highways in this county, action on the bids pending a routine inspection by the highway officials.

The largest of the two proposed projects calls for the widening of U. S. Highway No. 64 from a point near Everetts to the Pitt County line, a few miles this side of Bethel. The low bid, totaling \$18,335.50, was submitted by the F. A. Triplett Company, of Chester, S. C. About six miles of the road from Williamston to a point near Everetts was widened some time ago by a Chapel Hill contractor. The newly proposed project simply calls for a continuation of the first, the present 16-foot concrete strip to be widened to 20 feet. It has been suggested that the road be widened to about 40 feet across Collie Swamp and at "Dead Man's Curve", near the swamp.

It could not be learned when work would be started on the project, but one unofficial report stated that definite action could be expected immediately, and that the company's distribution plant would possibly be set up and maintained in Robersonville.

The second project in this county and one figuring in the million-dollar letting this week calls for the widening of a bridge across Ready Swamp at the Old Mill Inn on U. S. Highway No. 17. R. B. Tyler, of Louisville, Ky., was low bidder on the project with a proposed contract price amounting to \$5,461.38. Work on this project is also slated to get underway within a short time.

No mention of secondary or farm-to-market roads was made, but a program for the improvement of that type of roads in the county is expected to receive consideration early in the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

Jurymen Urge Action Against Drunkenness

Few County Boys Seeking Positions In the CCC Camps

For the first time since the Civilian Conservation Corps was established in the country, Martin County apparently will not fill its recently assigned quota of eleven white and four colored youths, according to the welfare office.

Only ten white youths have asked for places in the camps. Eight colored boys have applied for the four openings in their ranks, but there is some doubt if all the applicants will qualify or pass the physical examinations. The youths are scheduled for a free trip to the West Coast, and must have their parents' permission to enter the service.

It is possible that the white youths are afraid they will be drafted into military service, but the Congress just recently ruled against any such action, and under the present law the CCC youth will not be called to the colors any sooner than the youth on the outside.

Superior Tribunal In Final Session Of Brief Term Tuesday

Two Divorces Granted and a Lone Civil Case Handled By Court

After clearing the criminal docket and handling a lone civil case, the Martin County Superior Court adjourned Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the court personnel working only a fraction of two days of the one-week mixed term. Several cases, given priority rights by the calendar makers last April, were forgotten in the midst of mid-summer heat and disheartening reports from the war front across the Atlantic.

The grand jury completed its work and submitted its report shortly after 1 o'clock, the tribunal working right on through the lunch hour to complete its work and adjourn at 2:30 o'clock. Judge Q. K. Nimocks, finding no other work on the calendar, left early in the afternoon for his home in Fayetteville.

Two divorces were granted during the short term, each being based on two years of separation. Fannie Grandy, colored, was granted an absolute divorce in her case against Lionel Grandy. William Alton White, white, was granted a divorce in his case against Jane Perry White.

In connection with a real estate mortgage given to secure a bond for George Perkins who stands charged with robbing the Peele Jewelry Store in Williamston, Judge Nimocks ordered the acceptance of \$50 cash in discharge of the bond and surety. It appeared to the court that the cash offer was fair and the clerk was ordered to cancel the mortgage on certain properties.

Charged with having carnal knowledge of a girl under sixteen years, Felton Whitfield after a fairly lengthy trial was found not guilty.

Arrested about noon Tuesday, John Robert Lawrence, colored, was fined \$20 for failing to appear as a prosecuting witness in the case charging Guy Rollins with secret assault with intent to kill. Unable to pay the fine, Lawrence was ordered confined to the common jail for twenty days. Nearly shot to death by Rollins a few months ago, Lawrence was said to have renewed his assailant's friendship and that

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Judge Nimocks Had Urged Jurymen To Report Violations

Grand Jury Report Filed in Open Court Tuesday Afternoon

Acting in accordance with a suggestion made by Judge Q. K. Nimocks urging them to present cases of alleged law violations, the members of the Martin County Grand Jury Tuesday directed a short but forceful order to all enforcement officers directing them to "take more precaution in checking public drunkenness in the county at large." When the jurist urged the jurymen to make a closer check on alleged law violations, he did not single out public drunkenness, but the grand jury, according to one law enforcement officer, "hit the nail on the head when they called attention to the deplorable conditions as they relate to public drunkenness."

It is possible that the jury had certain cases in mind, but apparently to avoid a direct issue and eliminate any sensationalism the entire law enforcement body including patrolmen, police officers and ABC officers were directed to conduct a drive against the common practice reported on such a staggering scale in some sections of the county.

The grand jury report, as it appears over the signature of Foreman Joshua L. Coltrain, follows, in detail:

"All bills have been disposed that came into our hand. We find that all Justices of the Peace filed their reports, and all fines paid to the county treasurer, except L. J. Hardison, of Williams Township; J. S. Ayers and C. B. Riddick, of Cross Roads Township.

"We find that all guardians have filed their reports as required except George M. Stevenson, of Hassell, who qualified as guardian of Stevenson children and Parker children on April 17, 1937, and no report or account of any kind has been filed.

"We inspected the offices of the sheriff, clerk of court, register of deeds, and county treasurer and found same in good order and general conditions very good.

"We have inspected the jail and find same in fair condition.

"We examined the County Home and went over it with the keeper and found same in good condition and talked with several of the inmates and they were well satisfied as being cared for as well as could be expected. We also found the prison camp in good condition. We, the Grand Jury, do hereby make the following recommendations: That the screens to the county court house and jail be repaired; That chairs be furnished the county home for the dining room and front porch; That the patrolmen, police officers and ABC officers take more precaution in checking public drunkenness in the county at large.

Williams Resigns Factory Job Here

C. E. Williams, head of the local plant of the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company, this week tendered his resignation to return to duties in Virginia, it was learned today. Mr. Williams had been in charge of the construction of the plant since it was started here a few months ago. He is being succeeded by E. E. Bateman, assistant manager of the plant.

Mr. Bateman moved his family here from Suffolk this week and they are now at home in a Carasthen apartment on Williams Street. According to the new manager, the plant will be made ready for operation within the next fifteen days or three weeks.

Current Tobacco Crop Listed With Latest On Record

Curing Operations Were Getting Underway On Large Scale June 21, Last Year

The current tobacco crop in Martin County, described by some as the poorest in a number of years, is ranking with the latest for the time of season on record. Certainly this is true as far as the comparison is made to the crop for recent years.

Delayed first by cold weather, then by blue mold attacks, the crop was placed in the field anywhere from 20 days to a month late. In the few cases where farmers were able to transplant their crops on time, the cold weather hampered the growth and in most cases late transplanting are just as large now as the early crop. The worms caused a noticeable damage, and heavy re-settings were necessitated, a few farmers actually filling in the vacant spots as late as last week. This latter practice, the farmers explain, is not allowed in an effort to boost production but as a fertilizer equalizer.

Last year at this time, Martin farmers were starting their harvesting operations, reports stating that the task was well underway in a number of nearby counties. This year numbers of farmers maintain that their tobacco is hardly large enough to plow, that they are not certain when they will be able to start harvesting the crop.

An early worm attack is being generally reported, and even though recent rains have started the crop growing rapidly, farmers, as a whole, are not very optimistic over the production prospects, not to even mention the marketing outlook.

A recent report from Nashville, Ga., states that farmers there are setting about the task of curing the 1940 crop of bright leaf tobacco for the auction sales, but without much expectation of high prices.

Over the territory, some farmers already are firing barns. Others will be putting their leaf through the process shortly. The crop is described generally as in good shape, with leaf of good quality and only small, spotted damage from weather.

Despite the high quality, the lack of British-bred leaf added to the surplus leaf from previous years is expected to have an adverse effect on prices.

Warehousemen and buyers will get together within the next few weeks on opening dates for the markets.

Surplus Of Farm Produce Nearing Peak In Country

Reserve Supplies Now Held By Federal Agency Valued at Nearly Billion

Washington — The ever-normal granary reserve supply of surplus agricultural products has reached record levels and is expected to be materially increased this year, according to Department of Agriculture reports.

The reserve supply of these products held by the Community Credit Corporation under loans to producers, or owned by the corporation, is valued at nearly \$1,000,000,000, according to latest reports by the corporation.

The corporation disclosed that it has taken over products valued at \$471,633,000 in default of loans to growers. It has loans outstanding on products having a book value of \$478,761,000. Both groups are comprised chiefly of cotton, corn, wheat and tobacco.

Last year the corporation made loans to producers on 12 commodities. These were: cotton, corn, wheat, rye, tobacco, peanuts, figs, butter, wool, mohair, turpentine and resin. These loans totaled approximately \$300,000,000.

The corporation's plans to expand 1940 loans were indicated in its request to Congress for authorization to increase its almost exhausted borrowing power from \$900,000,000 to \$1,400,000,000.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace has authorized the corporation to make loans averaging 64 cents a bushel on 1940 wheat, about 35 cents a bushel on rye and 30 cents a bushel on barley. This is the first time that a barley loan has been authorized.

Loans are considered virtually certain on 1940 cotton and corn, as well as most, if not all, other commodities on which 1939 loans were made. The cotton loan is expected to be around 9 cents a pound and corn at between 57 and 62 cents a bushel.

The corporation now owns approximately 6,600,000 bales of cotton valued at \$375,000,000 and has loans outstanding on 2,700,000 bales valued at about \$132,000,000. All except 22,000 bales of that total was produced prior to 1939.

Since the first loan program in 1939 the corporation has made loans to farmers on 857,268,000 bushels of corn. It now either owns or has loans outstanding on \$14,000,000 bushels of that total valued at \$307,150,000.

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Uncertainty Hangs Heavy Over The Allied Cause As Weak Peace Talk Is Heard in Europe's War

Millions, Facing Starvation, Appealing to the Red Cross

Members of the local Junior Woman's Club went into action this week in behalf of a needy people reduced to bondage in Europe, and during the remainder of this and next week they will direct the appeals of the hungry to people on Williamston's main street. A small booth has been set up, and donations of any amount will be received. Up until yesterday noon, the booth had collected a total of \$30.80, boosting the grand total to \$171.08 in the Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross.

The chapter is more than \$200 behind its original quota, indicating that our people have not awakened to the serious situation facing helpless millions in the war-torn countries of Europe. A news commentator said only this week that one of the most extensive famines in modern times is facing millions of helpless men, women and children in Europe. Starvation has already started

gnawing at the empty stomachs of thousands, and hundreds of other thousands are doomed to an early death because such simple diseases as whooping cough and other ailments cannot be properly cared for under the perilous conditions existing in the subdued territories.

The Enterprise willingly acknowledges donations made up until noon yesterday and earnestly appeals for a growing support in behalf of suffering humanity. The contributors:

- W. L. Brown \$1.00
- Garland Woolard 1.00
- E. M. Trahey 2.00
- Mrs. R. H. Clayton 1.00
- Mrs. A. R. Dunning 2.00
- Mrs. Eason Lilley 1.00
- Garland Coltrain 1.00
- Reginald Simpson 1.00
- Irving Margolis 1.00
- J. E. Corey .25
- J. H. Edwards 1.00
- Sylvester Lilley 1.00
- Bruce Wynne 1.00
- Anonymous 16.55

Farmers Are Urged to Comply with Program

Much Dependence Is Being Placed In Program Payments

Martin Farmers in Line With Tobacco, But Have Excess Peanut Acreage

With an uncertain future facing agriculture, farm leaders everywhere are again stressing the importance of the soil conservation program and its allied benefit program, the group appealing to the farmers and urging them to comply strictly with the terms of the 1940 Agricultural Adjustment Administration program. More dependence is being placed in the soil program than there was shown just a few months ago, one farm leader explaining that the payments under the program would be of great material help to the farmer in absorbing any adverse shock on the markets this coming fall.

Early reports on compliance in this county as obtained from about one-third of the contracts indicate that Martin farmers are adhering closely to the tobacco allotments but are strong on excess peanut plantings. Cotton quotas will stand close inspection, unofficial reports stating that in only one or two cases have the plantings even slightly exceeded the allotments. While a few farmers have planted slightly in excess of their quotas, only one farm has deliberately increased its tobacco acreage in excess of the allotted quota. In that case the plantings were said to be about double those of a year ago.

Firmly believing the program will have a greater meaning and value for the farmers this year, Mr. T. B. Slade, chief clerk of the Martin County Agricultural Conservation Association, is addressing a letter to those farmers who have exceeded their acreage quotas, advising them of any excess plantings and listing the deductions from the soil conservation payments and accompanying penalties.

Mr. Slade's letter, in part, follows: "If you wish you may destroy the excess acreage before harvest. Should you destroy any tobacco or cotton, please notify us as soon as possible."

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Leaf Producers Will Hear Hoey

Raleigh—Governor Hoey will be the principal speaker at the annual tobacco test farm field day at Oxford July 2, Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott announced.

Approximately 8,000 farmers and their friends are expected for the event which will be held as a part of the Granville County Centennial Celebration. With the addition of laboratories, the Oxford tobacco test farm is now regarded as the largest tobacco research station in the nation.

Dr. T. B. Hutcheson, chief of the agronomy department at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., and J. B. Hutson of Washington, D. C., chief of the southeastern division, marketing section of the AAA, will also be among the speakers.

French Government On The Jump While Terms Are Weighed

New French Battleship Taken Over By Nazis; Navy Still In Hiding

Peace proposals for France are following a slow course while Hitler's snarling swine continue to grind their heavy heel of death into the soul of France, late reports stating that the terms of the harsh peace are expected at any moment, but that there is no assurance of a definite hour.

Three purposes are embodied in the peace proposals which were briefly discussed by French and German representatives in the old railroad car that served as a meeting place for the 1918 Armistice group in Compiègne Forest. The first purpose is to redress the alleged wrongs done Germany after the Kaiser's forces had killed millions and destroyed properties that have not after nearly a quarter of a century been rebuilt. The second purpose is to guarantee peace for Germany, and that the French will not support England in prosecuting the war.

Whether France will accept the terms remains to be seen, but the German hordes continue their slaughter and it may be that France will be whipped into submission. The government, jumping from pillar to post while the terms are being debated, will possibly go to Africa and continue to offer resistance from that point if the terms are unbearable. Or she might see the hopelessness of the fight and surrender its all to the barbarians.

Hitler was at the peace meeting for a few minutes, and as he left the German national anthem was played and the result to the injury already inflicted upon a battered French people.

As the war in France draws to a rapid close, the Germans dealt a severe blow to the Allied Cause when they captured two new French warships in dry dock. The capture is recognized as another factor that will be combined in the bloody attack that is already underway against the British Isles and the heart of the last great democracy standing between the barbarians and the United States.

Uncertainty grows day by day over the world-wide front Russia is moving millions of men into the Balkan country evidently in preparation for action once the French peace terms are made public. Italy's Dago Mussolini is said to be a bit peeved by Hitler's secret way of doing things when it comes to dividing the spoils.

Over in this part of the world, unrest grows to the south of us. Some have predicted that Mexico will be in the midst of a revolution during the course of a few months or possibly weeks. Subversive elements continue to augment the unrest in South American countries, possibly with the intent of attracting the forces of the United States while Germany overruns England and then to pave the way for a migration of the barbarians to these shores.

Various Interests Pledge Support To Leaf Control Plan

Resolutions Passed By Large Group at Meeting in Raleigh Tuesday

Representative bankers from the flue-cured area of the State, key merchants, warehousemen, farm organizations, and other agricultural agencies in the State met June 18 at ten o'clock in Raleigh, for a general discussion of the flue-cured tobacco situation and also for making plans for carrying out the flue-cured referendum.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: "Whereas The present situation confronting flue-cured tobacco growers is more serious than at any time in previous years due to the war overseas, eliminating exports of flue-cured tobacco to those countries formerly purchasing nearly 60 per cent of the entire flue-cured tobacco crop grown in this country, and

"Whereas The huge 1939 surplus of approximately 400 million pounds has depressed and will continue to depress prices until this surplus is eliminated, and

"Whereas It would disrupt the entire tobacco growing industry, as well as the economic life of the tobacco growing areas, if growers were compelled to absorb the necessary acreage reduction in one year rather than three years, and

"Whereas The average prices to growers had already fallen 8 cents per pound below the average of the previous 5 years even before the European war started last September.

"Now therefore, be it resolved: That representative growers, bankers, tobacco warehousemen, and other businessmen from the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida in meeting assembled at Raleigh, N. C., with Mr. J. B. Hutson, Agricultural Adjustment Administrator, this the 18th day of June, 1940, unanimously go on record as being in favor of the regulation of tobacco acreage for the three year period rather than one year, in the belief that:

1. The trade would be more likely to make purchases at reasonable prices.

2. The government could better give maximum support for the export of tobacco.

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Suffers Injury In Automobile Wreck

Julius Brown, about 35 years old, suffered a broken leg when he darted into the highway near Hopkins' filling station between Oak City and Hamilton about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and was struck by a car driven by Max Schulsinger, clothing salesman, of 2355 Sherbrook Street, Pittsburgh. Picked up by the salesman, Brown, a colored man, was brought to a local doctor and was later moved to a Washington hospital. His injuries, confined principally to his leg, are not regarded as serious.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman Whit Saunders and Deputy Bill Haislip stated that Brown was walking down the middle of the highway, turned to the right shoulder and darted into the road upon the approach of the Schulsinger car. The colored man, said to be slightly unbalanced mentally, was known to have gambled with his life on the highways and in other places on previous occasions, and acquaintances were not surprised when they learned he had fallen victim to an automobile.

After making a thorough investigation, the officers released the Pittsburgh man, and the welfare department assumed responsibility for the patient.

Mr. And Mrs. Gurganus Continue Ill In Hospital

Mr. Robert Gurganus continues seriously ill in a Rocky Mount hospital following an operation there earlier in the week for a kidney ailment. Mrs. Gurganus, who has been in the hospital two months, also continues quite sick.