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Recalls Plans For Flood Control On The Roanoke River

Warren Believes Dikes Would Prevent Occurence of Floods in Future

Discussing the flood situation or the Roanoke River, Representative Lindsay Warren recalled this week that several years ago, acting on a resolution introduced by him, army engineers made a comprehensive survey of the Roanoke and Tar riv ers with the view of flood contro power development and navigation The report on the Tar river was un favorable from the standpoint of flood control while a recommendation on the Roanoke river was post-poned. In each instance elaborate reports were filed. Blocked for the time being on flood control, Mr. Warren secured a navigation project for Tar river with a depth of 12 project for the Roanoke from its trict. project has been completed contract has already been let on the Roanoke which will extend navigation to Palmyra from Hamilton, and a bend between those points will be eliminated

Mr. Warren stated that while the Congress had been stopped from passing any flood control measures at this session, he thought that the previous flood control report or Roanoke River should be again reviewed by the army engineers with the view of getting a favorable report so that the project might be in cluded in some future flood control bill. He emphasized that even this was successful it would require several years, but stated that he be lieved that a system of dikes and vent the occurence of another sucl

Oak City Schools **Set For Opening**

The Oak City High School will open Thursday, September 5th. General announcements, talks from lo-cal committee and patrons and organization of classes will comprise the greater part of the day.

The members of the day.

The members of the faculty will
be: Primary, Mrs. N. W. Johnson, of
Oak City; Miss Myrtle Price, of
Wadesboro; Miss Mary Gorham, of Rocky Mount; Miss Louise Minton of Lewiston.

Grammar grades: Miss Mary Everett, of Robersonville, Miss Hazel Lawrence, of Gates, Miss Mattie Lyon, of Oxford.

High school: Mrs. Evelyn Jones, of Rocky Mount; Miss Lucy Pat Meads, of Weeksville: Miss Athlea Boone, of Louisburg; Miss Reba Mc-Lamb, of Roseboro; Mrs. Grace C. Lupton, of Belhaven; Mr. H. J. Mc-Cracken, of Clyde; Mr. A. M. Benton, of Chadbourn, and Principal H M. Ainsley.

The tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades are requested to register on Wednesday morning from nine to twelve o'clock. Eighth and ninth grades will register Thursday morning at nine o'clock. The general opening will be held in the auditorium at 11 o'clock.

The session was one of the shorting at nine o'clock. The general est held in several months, lasting speeded up and other plans of action are undertaken the task, and it is a of the smallest crowds to attend the

The WPA workers have canned about 1100 quarts of vegetables from the proceedings. Most of those presthe three acre school garden spon-sored by H. M. Ainsley and the community. There will possibly be about fifty quarts more from the late veg-etables. Fifteen hundred quarts could easily have been canned but for the heavy rains that ruined all the late beans, peas, and tomatoes, The school is expecting to open a cafeteria in the school lunch room offering noon lunch to all pupils and teachers at a minimum price. All undernourished and pupils from WPA homes will be given free

Maintain Complete Bus Service Here

Contrary to circulated and published reports, a complete passenger bus service is still being maintained by the operating companies here.

Agent Banks stated this morning that regular schedules are in effect and will be maintained. It was stated that service between Williamston and Norfolk would be discontinued possibly for six months. Out-going busses are operating on schedule, but busses from Norfolk are delayed about 25 minutes by a detour.

The bus companies appealed to the Utilities Commission this week for the privilege to increase its fares to Windsor after it was found that passengers to Roper and other points were buying 25-cent tickets to Windsor when the passengers planned to

stop at Roper or some other point. A shuttle service is being main tained from Edenton to Windsor, Mr. Banks pointing out that the service has not been impaired.

Commissioners Purging Jury List In The County

Getting started a bit late, the Martin County commissioners are purg-ing the superior court jury box for the next two years. Only a few townships have been reviewed for possible jurors, but the list will possibly be ready for the November

Records Show That '77 Flood Preparations Go Reached A Crest Of 18.4 Feet

he diary of the late Elder C B. Has- corded the following entry in ell, indicates that the centennial or

"Great freshet in the Roanoke Riv-er. The water was in the road perof the oldest inhabitant. It was want in six inches of the upper door factor hear the The Bunch home is probably what ing of the warehouse door near the wharf and next to the river and was still rising."
After reaching a point 120 feet

west of the first street (Thelma), the City Hall. The water last week was water last week continued its course in front of the Gorham home. 186 more feet toward the fourth feet to Greenville and a navigation block from the town's business dis-

A search of old records, including ago, the late renowned minister re-

diary:
"Great distress prevailed all along 1877 flood reached a crest of about the lowgrounds of the Roanoke and 18.4 feet, or about two feet under the much property was destroyed. Cathigh mark recorded at this point on tle, hogs, sheep, corn, cotton, peas. Thursday, August 22. The late Mr. Hassell in his diary dance. River was still rising. It was entry of November 29, 1877, said: in the road towards the hill about half way from first street to Mrs. Bunch's. Church Hardison and haps forty yards above the first George L. Whitley put a board to cross street (Thelma) and was about a cypress above the wharf to show two and one-half feet higher than the height of the water which was ever before within the recollection about three feet higher than ever known before. Weather freezing this

> known as the old Joe Gorham house, corner Main and Henderson Streets, or four blocks east from the

No session of the court will be held next Monday, Judge Peel anrict. nouncing that Labor Day will be ob-On November 30, nearly 63 years served as a holiday by the tribunal.

Project Is Delayed

By Uncertain Plans

No Possible Date for Opening

Causeway Yet Mentioned

By Road Officials

After piddling around the greater

part of a week, highway forces start-

ed speeding up repair work on the

Roanoke River causeway here to-

day, offering some hope for the res-

toration of traffic after a fashior

within a reasonable time. Just when

the route will be opened, engineers

refuse to say, but it is earnestly hoped that a rush program will re-

store traffic within a month, if not

Not certain of plans for even temporary repairs, highway work-men have been handicapped in their

work up until today. Primitive methods were followed in advancing the

repair program, and little progress was being made by the convicts in

breaking up concrete slabs with sledge hammers. It was beginning

to appear that the air hammer, wa-

ter pump and steam shovel had nev-

er been invented as far as the North Carolina State Highway and Pub-

lic Works Commission and the Roan oke River fill were concerned.

Employing what have been de

ribed as primitive methods, the

today made precious little

North Carolina State Highway and

Public Works Commission had up un

progress in repairing the causeway

The crude methods employed by

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Now Before House

Passed by the Senate last Wednes

day night, the conscription bill or universal draft is now before the

National House of Representatives

for consideration, reports indicating

its passage within a comparatively short time. During the meantime, plans are virtually complete for handling the draft. The bill as pass-

ed by the Senate, will call those men

between the ages of 21-31. An effort

is being made in the House to increase the age limit to 45.

While this Nation is building its

crease its manpower in service, the

war in Europe goes on with each side picking at the other. Following in-

tensive air raids on both London and

Berlin earlier this week, a lull came

in the air attacks. Today, however,

Germany sent 300 planes into Eng-

land but they were turned back be-fore they reached the heart of Lon-

don, the invaders losing 19 of their planes. The Italians claim to have

bombed an important port in Egypt. Rumania has surrendered a large

portion of Transylvania to Hungary,

the concession being advised by

Germany if Rumania was to receive aid against a possible attack by Rus-

sia. The Bear is carrying on man-euvers along the border, and the Bal-

kan Powder Keg might explode, after

idential candidate, today was accused of making political capital out of the conscription bill to add color to

Wendell Willkie, Republican pres-

campaign front in this country.

defense and making plans to

Universal Draft Is

First Several Days

Speeding Up Work On Roanoke River Road

COMMISSIONERS

Meeting in their regular monthly session here next Mon-day, the Martin County Commissioners are expected to discuss a schedule for advertising properties fo rdelinquent taxes. Last year the board ordered the advertising to appear the first week in November for sale on the first Monday in December. It is possible that the schedule will be stepped up a month this year with the first advertisement to

via the list advertisement to appear in early October. Very little business is on the calendar for discussion at the next Monday meeting, the ex-of-ficio clerk, J. Sam Getsinger, said

Short Session Of Recorder's Court Held Last Monday

Summer Slump Finally Felt In Crime Activities in Martin County

After holding up week after week during the past several months busness in the Martin County Record er's Court underwent a big summer slump last Monday when only two new cases were placed on the docket for trial. One of those was not prossed and the other one was continued under prayer for judgment.

The session was one of the shortof the smallest crowds to attend the huge one, will hardly be completed court this summer was present for in six or eight months. ent were implicated in the cases or the commission authorities and the were called in as witnesses. Even the commission authorities and the results obtained during the greater results obtained during the greater part of a whole week are bitterly dispointing to thousands of peoidle curiosity were apparently disple whose economic welfare is diappointed when the court convened rectly or indirectly tied up with the and then adjourned hardly before it flow of traffic over the four-mile got down to business. "It is really disgusting to

Proceedings: The case charging Julian Fagan

with trespass and larceny, was continued until next Monday A continuance was granted by Judge H.

O. Peel in the court last week.
The case charging Homer Clements with an assault on a female was

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Open Season For Flim-Flam Game In Tobacco Area

Tobacco marketing time in eastern Carolina is open season for flim-flammers. To curb the practice of relieving tobacco far-mers anywhere from \$50,000 to \$75,000, tobacco town officers met in Wilson this week to map plans against the racket. The State Bureau of Investigation will be active in checking the illegal game as far as possible, but it is up to the farmers to stop the racket altogether.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck today is warning all Martin farmers to beware of the old pocketbook game, to guard their hard-earned cash against the rbobery ar-tists. The flim-flammers pick out their victim, drop a pocketbook which an accomplice picks up, and then he preys on the inno-cent by a unique method of long

Several Martin County farmers have lost a total of more than \$1,000 during the past sev-eral years, and unless others are careful they will fall victim to

Forward For The

Principal D. N. Hix Lists the Names of Twenty-Five **Faculty Members**

By D. N. HIX

Preparations are being made for the opening of the Williamstor schools on September 5th. All fac ulty members except the teacher of industrial arts have been secured by the local board and an appointment to this department is expected this week. Twenty-five teachers will comprise the faculty of the Williams-ton schools for the 1940-41 term which is the same number allotted by the State last year.

Miss Madge Glazener, recently ap pointed home economics teacher, as-sumed her duties in the local high school recently and is now prepar ing her department for the new term Miss Glazener is a graduate of Mer edith College and succeeds Miss Irene Mizelle, head of the department for the past two years.

Faculty members with grades and subjects taught are as follows:
First grade: Clarine Duke, of Jack on, Rebecca Ellen Knight, of Rocky Mount, and Grace Talton, of Clay

Second grade: Mary Benson, of Benson, and Estelle Crawford, of

Third grade: Mrs. Lela Barnhill Bunting and Ruth Manning, of Wil-

Fourth grade: Katherine Bradley, of Whitakers and Dorcas Knowles of Hertford.

f Nashville. Sixth grade: Mrs. Mildred Talley Crawford, of Williamston, and M B, Dunn, of Kannapolis.

Seventh grade: Mrs. C. B. Hassell, of Williamston, and Mary Whitley, of Murfreesboro.
Public school museic

Mewborn, of Tarboro. High School

James Robert Barrett, of Elizabeth ity, social science Mrs. Lillian Aldridge Edwards, of

a Grange, English Mrs. Nancy Glover Dunn, of Kan apolis, French and English. Harvey H. Yates, of Apex, math

S. R. Edwards, of La Grange, nat Betty Mayo Everett, of Palmyra

ommercial subjects.

Madge Glazener, of Henderson ille, home economics. David N. Hix, economics and so-

ciology

The registration of high school students will get underway next Monday in accordance with the fol-

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Bethel Man Held In Greenville On A Serious Charge

Johnnie Whitehurst Denied Bond for Attack On Martin County Girl

Johnnie Whitehurst, young white nan, of Bethel Township, is being held in the Pitt County jail without privilege of bond on a charge of having criminally assaulted Geraldine Coburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Coburn. The Coburns live in Martin Coun-

ty between Robersonville and Bethel. The assault is alleged to have taken place in Pitt County about midnight Sunday. The girl is 16 years old and Whitehurst is said to pe 21.

Whitehurst was arrested Monday by Chief of Police S. H. Martin, of Bethel, on a warrant issued by J. H. Coburn, father of the girl.

The grand jury now in session Greenville returned a true bill against Whitehurst in a hearing on Tuesday morning. However, the case was continued until the October term of court

Few details of the alleged crime have been made public, but the case has attracted much attention in sections of this and Pitt County. Sev eral Martin County citizens were in Greenville his week to act in behalf of the young victim, it was said.
Attorneys Paul D. Roberson,
Robersonville, and Dick Bundy,

Greenville, have been employed to aid the prosecution, and Attorneys Blount and Taft are representing the defendant.

INFORMATION

A filling station operator in a near-by town was quoted yes-terday as saying he would be glad when traffic was restored to a normal schedule. Hundreds to a normal schedule. Hundreds of tourists were said to have been stopping at the man's station daily, "and all they want is information," the operator explained. "I had to put on an extra man just to answer questions, and I am getting tired of giving nothing but information," he said.

Williamston Tobacco Market Is New School Term Ready For Auspicious Opening Tuesday Morning At 9 o'Clock

Roanoke River Fill Modernization Plan Will Cost \$500,000.00

Three-Lane Boulevard Is Now Being Considered By Joint Agencies

Hardly before repair work was started, plans for modernizing the Roanoke River causeway at this point are being formulated by high-way authorities. The modernization plans, according to unofficial reports reaching here, are being advanced in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Roads and possibly in con-

junction with War Department plans W. Vance Baise, chief engineer for the North Carolina State High-way and Public Works Commission, estimated yesterday that the mod-ernization program along with repairs now underway will cost approximately half million dollars of almost as much as the initial project cost when it was built nearly twen ty years ago.

Plans for the future causeway are only in a preliminary stage at this time, and while details are not to be had, it is generally understood that Fifth grade: Frances Fowler, of a three-lane highway will be thrown Hertford and Kathleen Strickland, across the four-mile swamp.

Just now the comnaction is striv ng to restore traffic ma a tempor ary basis, one report stating that the ommission, working in cooperation with the federal road agency, is con sidering placing a dredge swamp and widening and building up the fill with swamp clay. The condition of the dam today, after the high waters have receded, proves that Bertie sand is not suitable for that type of construction.

It has been intimated that the route would be closed for six months or more. Direct reports from the wrecked dam state that traffic should be restored over the route within

three or four weeks. Four bridge forces were assigned to the repair task yesterday and another force is expected shortly, ac cording to information received here this morning. Headed by Captain: H. L. Snell, of Belhaven; H. M. Hol tert, of Greenville, Lee Travis, of Ahoskie, and J. S. Pope, of Halifax, the bridge forces today are starting the construction of temporary oneway bridges over eight gaps in the road. "We hope to be able to drive a truck to Conine bridge by Satur day night of next week," Captair Snell, veteran bridgeman and prac-tical engineer, said this morning Neither Mr. Snell nor Mr. Holber would suggest a date for the reopen ing of the causeway, but it was their belief that all types of traffic ex cept possibly heavy freight trucks, structures without very much incom

This morning repair work was be ng advanced as rapidly as possible inder the circumstances. No turn table was on the fill, and the heavy trucks were turned around with dif-ficulty on the narrow fill, Highway forces were still using sledge hamners to break up the big slabs of oncrete, but one report declared that dynamite had been ordered and that t was possible an air gun would be brought into play some time. Very little progress is being made in jacking up and underpinning eavy slabs of concrete.

School Principals Will Meet Monday

Final arrangements for opening the 1940-41 school term here will be considered by the various principals at meeting to be held in the office of the superintendent of schools here next Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock

A report from the courthouse to day stated that plans for opening the school next Thursday are virtually complete. Drivers have been assign ed to the 34 busses, the superintend ent explaining that very few changes had been made in the bus routes and schedules, that those few changes were effected to coincide with the ocation of new drivers.

The following principals are expected here for the meeting: J. T. Uz-zle, Jamesville; R. P. Martin, Jamesville; T. O. Hickman, Bear Grass; David N. Hix, Williamston; J. Q. Patrick, Everetts; L. W. Anderson Robersonville: George Haislip, Has sell; H. M. Ainsley, Oak City and B B. Castellow, Hamilton.

Swimming Pool Closes Season Here Tomorrow

The local municipal swimming pool will close for the season tomor-row, the management pointing out that the decreasing patronage would hardly justify holding the water basin open any longer.

The pool has been operated at a loss during most of the summer, cold weather limiting patronage to an unusually low figure.

LONE DONATION

Receding waters have left rops on a fairly large number of farms ruined, the owners and tenants having lost a year's work and are now facing the winter with few or no provisions and little capital.

No organized drive has been advanced by the Red Cross to finance the rehabilitation work, but sensing the bad plight of the flood victims, members of the Smithwicks Creek Primitive Baptist Church this week vanced a \$4 cash donation to local Red Cross authorities. Others have volunteered their services and made available equipment, but cash donations have been limited to the one made by the

Dr. John Williams Discusses Malaria Causes And Cures

Advising Flood Victims To Take Precaution Against Typhoid Fever

Having chills and fever every day r every other day is generally ma laria. It is not caused by drinking wa ter, low damp land or inhaling odors caused by flood waters. Malaria is caused by an infected mosquito biting a human being and injecting the parasite. There are several ways to prevent the disease: first, eradicate all mosquitoes by drainage or oiling all standing water. Second, screen all houses so that mosquitoes cannot get in at their feeding time (night) Third, take quinine ever a period of time long enough to get all the parasites out of the blood so that no mat-ter how many mosquitoes bite there County. The second method is not too costly but even if every home was adequately screned some people wil lnot live behind them during all the feeding period. The third method is our best dependence. Ten grains of quinine every eight hours for a period of thre edays and then 10 grains every night for a period of 10 days is the standard malaria treat-ment recommended by the National Malaria Committee. The best and cheapest method is to buy the quinne by the ounce. Use a double naught capsule, both ends packed This capsule can be used as a measurer or to take internally. The adult dos eof 10 grains is for all over 12 years of age. A baby can take two grains. A cheap way to get this dose is to fill your capsule, empty in a plate, divide in 10 equal parts and you have 10 one-grain powders. If

you want to give baby 2 grains, give six-year-old child five grains, give five of these parts. You can mix it nchocolate syrup you make or any kind of syrup or you can give it it in the stomach. Atabrine, if taken, should be at physician's directions, but we be

lieve quinine is reliable, safer and we know from long experience in mass administrations it is the drug of choice. There is no need to blame a county health department or a flood for the prevalence of malaria in a community. If a county is not financially able to drain or oil all standing water or the citizens not able to adequately screen and live

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Increase Tobacco Quota 10 Percent For Next Season

the 1941 tobacco quotas was promised growers in the fluecured areas by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace this week. The action, advancing the poundage from 556,000,000 to 618,000,000 pounds, was taken after a study of the control vote and when it was learned that there was an apparent reduc-tion in the first production estimates for 1940. The production of all types of

An increase of ten per cent in

tobacco combined is estimated at 1,262,087,000 pounds or about 2 per cent less than the July 1 forecast. A crop of this size would be the smallest since the drought year 1936 and would be

drought year 1936 and would be a decrease of about 32 per cent from last year's record high crop of 1,848,654,000 pounds.

The crop in this State is now estimated at 641,940,000 pounds compared with 676,645,000 pounds on July 1. Last year 1,159,320,000 pounds of flue cured tobacco was produced.

First Deliveries Are On Warehouse Floor Here Today

Price Outlook Encouraging; Warehouses Open Doors Yesterday

A quickened pace marked the acivities on the local warehouse front today as final arrangements were announced complete for an aus-picious opening of the Williamston Pobacco Market next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. After a long period of gloomy idleness, the warehouses, their floors freshly swept and bright white streaks running from one end to the other row after row, are really inviting, and farmers anxious to grasp their first reward for their tiring labors during long months were on the market today making plans for early deliveries.

Warehousemen today anticipated a successful opening next Tuesday. The first deliveries of the new sea-son are now on the floors here ready for sale. Additional offerings will start moving later today, and an in-crease will follow tomorrow. Mon-day will be the big delivery day, the warehousemen stating that while they were not expecting a record poundage they were certain of an all-day sale

A "break" of only fair quality is expected, the tobacconists stating that sandlugs were damaged by the dry weather. The quality will hardly be as poor as some thought it would be earlier in the production period

There is a fairly optimistic tone in the market outlook. No fancy prices are anticipated, but the farmers and others connected with the market are looking forward to an average of at least 20 cents. Late reports from Georgia are not very enourging, but this belt is expected will be no parasites for her to get to show a slight increase in general transmit to others. The first method averages. According to unofficial transmit to others. The first method averages. According to unofficial mentioned is too costly for Martin reports. Georgia will hardly average 15 cents, the price trend under going a marked decrease as the inferior tobaccos were offered during recent days.

The harvesting and marketing sea sons are overlapping a few days in this section. Quite a few farmers are still curing the leaf, and a few will hardly complete the harvesting work before the early part of next week As a general rule, marketing activities are not rushed when harvesting s delayed.

While no record poundage is ex pected or the first sales next Tues-day, the usual crowds are expected. Farmers will come here by the thousands to gather first-hand information as to price trends. Tobacco buyers, including several

w ones, are moving in today. Warehouse assistants are reporting for duty and the entire marketing or ganization is making ready for real work next Tuesday. Williamston and its warehousemen are extending a cordial invitation to

Fire Destroys Big **Barn And Contents**

everyone to visit here that day

Started by a bolt of lightning, fire lestroyed the large pack barn and all the contents on the Keith farm. hree miles north of here on Hamilton Road early last Tuesday evening. No accurate account of the oss has been advanced by the own ers, Messrs. H. T. Roberson ad Peel but it is understood that around 15. 000 sticks of tobacco, large stores of feed and a number of farm imple-ments were destroyed. The loss, it is believed will exceed \$6,000 with about only \$4,200 insurance in force. The local volunteer fire company was called there and members of the company with the aid of neighbors kept the fire from spreading to another building hardly twenty feet

Farmer Roberson stated that the curings from eighteen acres of to-bacco with the exception of the tips that were still in the curing parns, were burned.

Red Cross Lunch Room Closes Today

The Red Cross lunch room oper-ated in the colored school building during the past ten days, was closed this morning when most of the flood victims were able to return to their homes in the eastern section of

As many as 100 persons were fed by the relief agency during the time that flood waters held them out of their homes.

The houses and huts were cleaned by the combined efforts of the Works Progress Administration, the police, fire, and health departments. The task of cleaning the approximately 50 homes was completed to-