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County Market And Cafe Ratings Show Much Improvement

Ten of Twenty-One Cafes in County Now Hold A-Grade Sanitary Rating

Recently completing an inspection of public eating places and meat markets in the county, Sanitarian Charles A. Leonard this week reported a marked improvement in the sanitary ratings. Ten of the 21 cafes scored A-Grade ratings, the Wilson Hotel cafe in Robersonville leading the entire county with a score of 96.5. Roberson's cafe, Williamston, held a close second place with a 96.0 score.

The scores for cafes announced by Sanitarian Leonard follow:

Wilson Hotel, Robersonville, 96.5; Roberson's Cafe, Williamston, 96.0; Central Cafe, Williamston, 94.0; Clark's Pharmacy, Williamston, 93.0; Welcome Inn, Williamston, 93.0; Geo. Reynolds Dining Room, Williamston, 91.0; Pickwick Billiard Parlor, Williamston, 91.0; Williamston Cafe, 90.5; Paul's Place, Williamston, 90.0; and Farmers' Cafe (colored) Robersonville, 90.0.

Scores for cafes in the Grade B group follow:

Big Apple (colored), Robersonville, 89.0; Jones Service Station, Williamston, 88.0; Gray's Cafe, Robersonville, 86.0; Glass Lunch Room, Jamesville, 84.0; Pulp Mill Cafe, 82.0; Terry Brothers Cafe, Bear Grass, 80.0.

Grade C cafe grades:

Pool Room, Jamesville, 78.0; Cotton Club (colored), Williamston, 77.0; Harrison Cafe, Bear Grass, 75.0; Little Savoy (colored), Williamston, 74.5.

Only two of the fourteen meat markets in the county scored A ratings. Ward's Market, Williamston, leading with 92.5, and the Robersonville Mercantile Company Market holding a close second with 92 points. Grade B market scores follow: Ayers Market, Oak City, 87.5; Johnson and Matthews, Hamilton, 86.5; Everett and Williams, Robersonville, 84.5; Hardy's Market, Everetts, 84.5; Johnson's Market, Hamilton, 84.0; Sexton and Long, Jamesville, 83.5; Daniel's Market, Oak City, 82.5; Yellow Front Market, Robersonville, 82.5; Sexton's Market, Jamesville, 82.0; Cherry's Market, Everetts, 81.5; Brown Brothers Market, Jamesville, 81.0; and Sunny Side Market, Williamston, 80.0.

No cafes or meat markets were ordered closed on account of unsanitary conditions, but it is apparent that the return of flies in summer time will lower the ratings and place several cafes on the border line.

The sanitarian stated in his report that several new markets are to be opened in Williamston during the near future.

Methodists Observe Day Of Compassion

The Williamston and Holly Springs Methodist Churches will participate in Methodism's nation-wide observance of Day of Compassion Sunday, March 2. It is expected that the more than 1900 Methodist churches in North Carolina will contribute \$41,000 as their share in the million dollar campaign to relieve human suffering in war-stricken areas and for special work at home.

One-half of the amount will be used for overseas relief in Europe and China. Assistance to the Mother Church in Britain will take one-quarter of a million dollars. The remaining will be used in meeting the religious needs of youth in training under the Selective Service Act.

The million dollar emergency fund is being raised under the leadership of the Council of Bishops, and its use will be carefully guarded by the Emergency Commission, of which Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Washington, D. C., is chairman. Bishop Clarence Purcell, Charlotte, in charge of Methodism in this State, is expecting the churches within his area to rally to this most worthy and needy cause.

Wilbur Barrett Hurt In Wreck Yesterday

Wilbur Barrett, well-known young Martin County man, was badly hurt yesterday noon when his car turned over three times near Scotland Neck. Driving from his home in Oak City to the Halifax town, Mr. Barrett suffered a broken pelvis and other injuries. While his condition was described as serious by Drs. Ed Roberson and W. W. Green at a Tarboro hospital, he is expected to recover if no complications result.

Reports from the hospital this morning stated that while Mr. Barrett rested fairly well last night his condition was still serious, one report stating that his head was badly swollen and that he was hemorrhaging at the eyes.

According to information received here, the young farmer-merchant, accompanied by one of his tenants, was driving toward Scotland Neck when the car skidded and he applied the brakes, causing the machine to go out of control. His companion was not injured.

U.S. Army Engineers Making Survey of the Roanoke River

Making a survey of Roanoke River, Army engineers this week are believed to have approximated the variations for the centennial or 1877 flood, the 1912 freshet and the deluge of last August. The figures are in the preliminary stage and are not official, the head engineer explaining that only unofficial recordings had been found, and that the survey had not been advanced to that point where an official statement could be released.

According to unofficial information reaching here yesterday, an old gum tree in Bond Swamp about two miles below the bridge carries the marks for the 1877, 1912 and 1940 floods. At that point the last August flood was about 28 inches higher than the one recorded in 1877 and about

four feet higher than the one in 1912.

The unofficial findings by the Army engineers correspond fairly closely with an estimate made by the late Elder C. B. Hassell in his diary during the centennial flood. The late Williamston minister stated that the flood in 1877 reached a cross street near the foot of the river hill on Main Street, the last August flood going about two feet above that mark.

No motive for the present survey could be given by the engineers, but it was learned that a study of flood conditions is being made of the entire stream. Some believe that the survey is being made as a preliminary step for a flood control program on the river.

SECOND HIGH

Poplar Point, Martin County's tiniest township, holds a ranking position as far as cleared land values are concerned. Its 4,220 acres of cleared land are valued at \$157,822, or a per acre value of \$37.40. The district's listings for cleared acres are just \$2.45 below the assessed values in Williamston Township. All of the townships have not yet reported their listings and it is possible that the ratings will be altered when the reports are made complete.

Germany Is Handed A Set-Back In The Balkans By Russia

Turkey and Britain Reported In Perfect Accord On Policies

Doing what some describe as an about-face, Russia is reported to have handed Hitler a set-back in his Balkan campaign, the real meaning of the action to be determined only by future developments. Briefly stated, the outlook for Britain in the Mediterranean area is much improved by Russia's latest action and by the capture of island territories by the British near Turkey. On the other hand, Bulgaria, possibly by threat or force, is said to be considering lining up with Germany. Britain has warned Bulgaria that a definite move toward the Axis line-up will be answered by air attacks.

A successful conference was held by Turkish and British officials in Turkey this week, reports stating that the two nations are in perfect accord as to future policies. Britain's Anthony Eden was loudly proclaimed by the Turks who declared a general holiday to receive him.

The Greeks are still reporting successes in their Albanian campaign against the Italians, but it is apparent that they are hardly more than marking time while awaiting further developments on the diplomatic front.

Communications have been severed with Holland, but it is believed that serious trouble is brewing there against the German barbarians. Food supplies are being rapidly depleted there, and the Dutch are thought to be aggravating the situation there for Germany.

British shipping has been attacked ferociously, and heavy losses have been claimed in Berlin reports.

As Britain was scoring apparent success on the diplomatic front, Germany was reported to be moving more war equipment into Rumania and possibly into Bulgaria. Numbers of German bombers were seen flying over the Balkans.

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To Occupy Offices Here Vacated By Dr. Spencer

The Modern Beauty Shoppe and the Flower Shoppe, managed by Mrs. J. A. Eason are moving to the offices until recently occupied by Dr. J. L. Spencer on Baltimore Street and just to the rear of the Tar Heel Apartment building. The offices have been renovated for the two shops which will be operated entirely as separate units.

The two shops will open in their new location next Tuesday, Mrs. Eason announced today.

GREEK FUND

The second drive for the relief of suffering Greek civilians is meeting with success locally. Rev. John W. Hardy, treasurer for the committee here, stating today that the fund had been more than doubled since last Tuesday, as follows:

Margolis Brothers	\$ 5.00
V. J. Spivey	1.00
J. L. Peel	1.00
O. L. Willard	.50
Herman Bowen	.50
Previously reported	7.50
	\$15.50

Judge W.H. Coburn Calls Seven Cases In Recorders Court

Defendant Draws 12 Months On Road in Assault With Deadly Weapon Case

Calling seven cases in the county recorders court last Monday, Judge W. H. Coburn took definite action against fights and brawls in and around beer gardens in the county. While the seriousness of the case before him was handled on its own merits, it is now apparent that those who engage in free-for-all fights and general disturbances at beer joints will have to pay the price when they appear in Judge Coburn's court.

Booker T. Bradley, charged with seriously assaulting James Phippen at a Williamston beer garden last December, was sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months. Bradley maintained that he was attacked by Phippen, that Phippen actually tried to cut him. Bradley also maintained that he did not strike the blow with a knife that pierced the victim's lung and nearly cost him his life. Released under bond in the sum of \$100 following a preliminary hearing, Bradley left the county and was recently arrested in Norfolk by Williamston police assisted by Virginia and bonding company officers.

Failing to comply with a former judgment which required him to pay \$4 a month for the support of his alleged illegitimate child, Leon Goss was sentenced to the roads for a term of sixty days.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Martha Brown, colored woman, was sentenced to serve thirty days in jail, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years. Judgment was suspended upon the good behavior of the defendant during that time.

The case charging L. A. Miller, Virginia man, with drunken driving, was continued until March 10 for the defendant's counsel.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Perry Hopkins, Jr., with careless driving. Hopkins, arrested by Sergeant L. L. Jackson of the State Highway Patrol, pleaded guilty in the case.

The case charging R. R. Alexander and Vera Mae Johnson with immorality was continued until next Monday.

It was just another day in court but a costly one for Joe Lanier Godard, Sr., the Jamesville Township man who is well advanced on a yard-long record in the courts of this county. While out on bond in a case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, Godard was alleged to have operated a motor vehicle without license which had been revoked some time ago. He was first sentenced to serve three months on the roads, but Judge Coburn changed the judgment and fined him \$25, the case cost boosting the amount to \$51.80. Bertha Morgan, Godard's companion at the time the assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill took place has been released from the county jail under bond.

Eleven Free Union Stills Are Wrecked

Raiding without success in the Free Union section last week, county ABC officers returned there this week to find the liquor manufacturing business running full blast. "It was dry last week, it is a powder keg now," a resident of the section was quoted as saying.

Eleven plants, including several large ones, were destroyed, the officers capturing copper kettles at five of the plants. The amount of beer poured out and description of property seized by the officers could not be learned.

Yesterday, officers raided and wrecked a liquor plant in Bear Grass. No particulars were revealed.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

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Dr. Harrell has treated himself to a new buggy.

There will not be any services at the M. E. church Sunday.

Say girls, how did cool drinks go Monday night?

Snow balls must have been all the go Monday night at Sitterson's Cafe.

Read the large ad of Brinkley and Hooker proprietors of the Southern Warehouse.

Next Wednesday is the last day for guessing, send in your guess now.

Robersonville tobacco market opens next Thursday. Farmers sell your tobacco at home.

Excursion to Nags Head tomorrow. It is expected that a very large crowd will take advantage of the cheap rates.

Thursday, August 1st, is opening day at the Carolina Warehouse. Bring us a load of tobacco and we will get you prices.

The Ice Cream supper given by the Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church last Thursday evening was a success. About \$20 was realized.

Three of the buyers have arrived at Robersonville, one to arrive Monday, and three more Tuesday. How is this, you clever fellows who tell the farmers the Robersonville market will have no buyers.

Farmers, Don't listen at these false prophets, they tell you all manner of things. Think of your interest and join with those that are making competition for your labor.

W. W. Waters who has been with the firm of Ward and White at Robersonville, has gone in business at that place and asks the public for its patronage. Mr. Waters is a brother of Rev. J. D. Waters, of Washington, N. C. All who call at Mr. Waters' store will find a nice stock of goods and will be treated in the best manner by this courteous gentleman.

The town commissioners, at a meeting held Monday night passed an ordinance prohibiting cows from running at large. A petition has been gotten up, by those not in favor of keeping the cows up, for the repeal of that ordinance.

Mr. and Mrs. John Linwood Hassell spent Monday evening in Parmele.

C. B. Ward, who is in the insurance business at Petersburg, Va. came home Monday evening.

Rev. T. H. Sutton left Tuesday for Macon where he will attend the district conference of the M. E. Church, South.

University Band Is Well Received Here

The University of North Carolina band which appeared in the Williamston High School auditorium last Wednesday morning under the direction of Earl Slocum captivated an audience of young and old alike with a well-balanced performance. Playing the range from symphony to swing, the able group of college musicians provoked enthusiastic applause from the 750 students and townspeople gathered in the school auditorium. The group included grammar school students and teachers who were guests of the high school.

Opening their concert with a lively Mexican march, "Zucatacas," the university concert group set the stage for Beethoven's "Eroica," which was rendered with fine balance and intonation as the deeper brasses carried the major part of the selection. Demonstrations of unusual instruments followed as the alto clarinet, bass clarinet, the flute, the piccolo, and the French horn were displayed and played. The little folk were especially pleased with the piccolo solo. Other selections, all of which were well received, included Mr. Slocum's own arrangement of "Stormy Weather," seven tunes played at once and called the "Battle of the Band," "Dixie," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Hark the Sound," "King Cotton," and "The Star Spangled Banner."

During the concert, Mr. Slocum invited J. F. Butler, director of Williamston High's new band organization, to lead the college group in a number, "King Cotton," the lively march by John Philip Sousa, as played under the baton of Mr. Butler, was received warmly by the local group.

The audience was lavish in its praise of the quality of the program rendered by the university group, which is rightly ranked as one of the best in the nation. Director Slocum expressed appreciation for the fine reception given the musicians by the local audience.

Suffers Broken Wrist In Fall From Automobile

Catching her heel in the running board, Mrs. Eloise Bennett fell from an automobile and broke her wrist here Wednesday evening. Although the injury is painful, the victim is able to be up.

Tax Problems Facing Board Commissioners

Board Will Likely Discuss Permanent County Grand Jury

Little Other Business Scheduled For Consideration At Meeting Monday

Tax problems, complicated in any years but aggravated this year by a property revaluation schedule, will state the county commissioners in the face when they meet in their regular monthly session here next Monday. The meeting will mark the lifting of the lid on the Pandora tax box, Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes stating today that it was impossible at this time to anticipate with any degree of accuracy the size of the expected increase in property values.

In fact, the supervisor is not absolutely certain that there will be an increase in the total valuation. All of the boards of assessors have not turned in their listings, and the first report from personal property listings has not yet been received. The tax scrolls will not be prepared until after the commissioners sit as a board of equalization and review and approve the values placed on real properties by the several boards of assessors.

When the commissioners meet next Monday they will have a fairly accurate picture of values placed on cleared lands in the various townships. Variations in the listings in some townships as compared with listings in other townships are quite apparent. Just what the commissioners will do about those variations remains to be seen. They may leave them untouched, they may lower the higher listings or they may increase the lower listings after allowing for land types, locations and other factors, of course. Some action in this connection is necessary before the commissioners meet as a board of equalization and review, because a property owner may accept the listings determined by the assessors, but would complain if they were increased under a blanket order.

Preliminary estimates point to a fairly sizable increase in real values for the county. Comparisons, while not complete and which are subject to minor changes, have been made for listings in three townships, Williams, Griffins and Poplar Point. The three districts show a gain in real property values in the sum of \$80,793 as follows: Williams, \$28,468; Griffins, \$43,125; and Poplar Point, \$9,200. The valuation trend will be studied with interest, but the job at hand for the commissioners centers around equalization insofar as equalization is possible.

There is little other business scheduled for consideration at the meeting next Monday, but it is likely that the tax problem in itself will keep the authorities in session a greater part of the day. The establishment of a permanent grand jury for the county has been mentioned, and it is likely that the commissioners will discuss the merits and demerits of the permanent system with the possibility that some action will be taken. A jury list for the two weeks of civil court convening in April will be drawn, and other routine matters will be handled. "If there is any more business to come before the meeting, I do not know about it at this time," Board Chairman R. L. Perry said yesterday.

Little Hope Seen For County Roads

There's been much talk heard about the secondary road problem in this and other counties of the State dating back to Governor Broughton's inaugural address. Martin County's commissioners held a parley with Representative Clarence Griffin and Senator Hugh G. Horton weeks ago in the interest of the all-but-forgotten farm-to-market roads. Legislative proposals to relieve the deplorable conditions have been advanced, one providing for the expenditure of two million on the muddy "latter ridges" here and in other counties.

A short time ago former road commissioner, D. C. Barnes, of this district, stated that no State funds could be used on secondary roads unless those funds were marked by WPA or federal funds. Briefly stated, North Carolina cannot or will not spend a copper cent on improving secondary roads unless the federal government spends a like amount. This week Highway Commissioner Wolfe of the Charlotte district frankly stated that he saw little hope for better county roads. Commissioner Wolfe explained that defense roads come first, meaning, in substance, that farmers, rural letter carriers and school busses will be forced to plow around in the mud until the war is over, if and when that will be.

Little Hope Seen For County Roads

Rural Home And Contents Are Destroyed By Fire

Fire starting from a falling spark on the roof destroyed the home of Mack Brown on the old Greenville Road near here last Friday. Only a few of the contents were saved.

Mrs. Bowen and two small children were at home and they were able to remove only a few things from the house before the fire blocked them.

The home, a six-room structure, belonged to Dave Bowen.

MORE CHECKS

The distribution of soil conservation checks to Martin County farmers is speeding forward rapidly, the office of the county farm agent today stating that 296 checks amounting to \$14,160.95 and representing 166 applications had been received during the current week to date.

So far this season, 894 checks amounting to \$43,520.12 and representing 551 applications have been received for distribution among Martin farmers complying with the soil conservation program. It is estimated that the total payments will amount to \$130,000 this year.

Liquor Bill Hearing Assembly's Calendar Feature Yesterday

Senator Horton Offers A Bill For Registering Delayed Birth Certificates

A spirited hearing on the proposed bill for a State-wide liquor referendum featured the activities on North Carolina's legislative calendar yesterday. Led by Cale Burgess, recognized head of the dry movement in the State, the supporters of the proposed referendum made a strong appeal for their cause, but the setting and interest shown yesterday hardly equalled that reported four years ago when former Governor Cam Morrison expounded the dry cause.

Held in the House chamber, the hearing attracted a large delegation, but the committee, supposedly made up of dries for the most part, was apparently indifferent to the argument which was based on those democratic principles which allow a full expression of the people, and that the present system at its best is a haphazard attempt to control liquor.

The delegation was made up of recognized leaders in educational, religious and other fields of endeavor, including Dr. S. B. Torrence, president emeritus of Greensboro College, who said "That which is inherently wrong cannot be made practically right; that which is wrong in principle cannot be right in law." Others pointed out that the question of right and wrong should be decided by the people, and urged that the people be allowed to participate in a state-wide referendum. W. H. Lyon, who fought for the ABC system in Johnston County back in 1937, said, "Instead of controlling liquor, liquor controlled the county. Crime constantly increased. Liquor is all right in its place, but its place is in hell."

Williamston's seventh graders were in Raleigh yesterday and heard the dry direct their appeal to the committee on House Propositions and Grievances. The wets will be heard by the committee next Tuesday afternoon.

Other than the introduction and passage of a large number of local bills, the Legislature has done little work meriting public attention this week. The legislators spent a day in Elizabeth City Wednesday.

Senator Hugh G. Horton yesterday introduced a bill providing for the registration of delayed birth certificates. The present vital statistics system was established in 1914. Persons born prior to that year may, under the terms of the proposed bill, have their births recorded by meeting a few simple requirements.

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RED CROSS MEET

While other towns throughout the State and Nation have been carrying on an extensive work, Williamston women will consider establishing a Bundles for Britain club here next Tuesday in cooperation with the Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross. C. Leo Wilhelm, Red Cross field representative, will have charge of the meeting, and everyone interested in this important work is invited and urged to attend.

The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock that evening.

Volunteer Trainee List Exhausted In County This Week

Draft Board Makes Ready To Summon First Man To The Colors

Martin County's list of white volunteers for Army service was exhausted unexpectedly this week when two trainees leaving for Fort Jackson Monday were rejected on account of physical disabilities. The February quota was filled with an extra white volunteer to spare, but Russell Warren Corey, of Jamesville, R. F. D. No. 1, and Georgia Ben Manning, of Robersonville, were rejected by the Army doctors and the two openings must be filled. Douglas Allard, Corvair, of Jamesville, R. F. D. 1, is ready to go as a volunteer, leaving the county draft board no other alternative except to dip into the regular draft list for a second man. Lance Dutton Hardy, of Williamston, R. F. D. No. 2, is in direct line for first call. Hardy, the son of Lon Hardy, is 26 years old.

The county draft board has not been officially notified of the two rejections, and it is not definitely known when the two replacements will be required to report for service. It is likely they will be called about the latter part of next week. Corey reported in person to the draft board office here Wednesday and explained that he and Manning had been rejected on account of physical disabilities.

The third contingent of colored volunteers is moving out of the county today, but they leave thirty-six on the volunteer list to be called to the colors before the draft board has to turn to the regular draft list in filling the county quotas.

Bonnie Lee Peel, Henry Howell, James Edward Woolard, James Curtis Brown and Leo Harvey Butler left here this morning at 11 o'clock for Fort Bragg where they will be inducted into the Army.

The names of 34 colored volunteers awaiting call are as follows:

Wesley Moore, R. F. D. 2, Williamston; Harry Bell, R. F. D. 1, Robersonville; Eugene White, Williamston; Jesse Waldon, Williamston; John De Ganker, R. F. D. 2, Robersonville; Frank Williams, R. F. D. 1, Robersonville; Robert Lee Patterson, Jamesville; Willie James Roberson, Robersonville; Benson Swanner, R. F. D. 2, Robersonville; Herbert Lewis Peel, R. F. D. 3, Williamston; William Lewis Riddick, R. F. D. 1, Williamston; Samuel David Slade, Williamston; Arthur McIntyre, Williamston; Ordebe Little, Robersonville; Charlie Ben Wilson, Williamston; Rufus Lee Knight, Jamesville; Sterling Williams, Jr., R. F. D. 2, Williamston; Ivory Lee Bryant, R. F. D. 1, Oak City; Robert Lee Slade, Williamston; James Henry Green, Hamilton; Noah Thomas Roberson, Williamston; Herman Johnson, Winston; Grady Pemberton, Everetts; Robert Woolard, R. F. D. 1, Williamston; Henry Dave Bonds, R. F. D. 2, Williamston; Warren Griffin, Jr., R. F. D. 1, Jamesville; Wilson Griffin, R. F. D. 1, Jamesville; Willie Junior Spruill, R. F. D. 3, Williamston; Columbus James, Robersonville, now Baltimore, Md.; Lee Andrew Griffin, R. F. D. 1, Williamston; William Cleve Bell, R. F. D. 1, Robersonville; James Davis, R. F. D. 1, Robersonville; James Morris Balance, Williamston; James Ollie Purvis, Williamston.

The names of two other colored volunteers were omitted from the list by the owners who explained they did not want their sweethearts to learn they had signed up for service until time for them to leave for camp.

Two Inches Of Snow Falls During Night

Unable to get a foothold on several previous occasions during the winter, snow, falling last night, piled up a two-inch blanket here. Coming down intermittently during three hours yesterday morning between 8 and 11 o'clock, the flakes, ranging in size up to a silvers dollar almost and described by many old people as the largest they had ever seen, failed to gain a lasting foothold. The weather station on Roanoke River estimated the fall yesterday at slightly more than two inches.

Last night about 10 o'clock, freezing weather turned a light rain into hoisting snow, the flakes taking over a short time later to leave the ground covered.

If the ground had been frozen yesterday morning, the large flakes would have covered the ground in a matter of minutes, but the feather-like flakes received a warm reception and disappeared before the day was spent.

Board Of Education Will Meet Here Next Monday

The members of the Martin County Board of Education will meet in regular session in the courthouse here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the board secretary, Miss Lorene Weaver, announced yesterday in the absence of the superintendent of schools, J. C. Manning. The nature of the business schedule was not divulged.