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Flood Control For Roanoke Basin Now Considered Likely

Committee Confers With Officials In Washington During Past Few Days

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Flood control on the Roanoke River may not be a certainty now, but in the belief of most observers at Washington, it is something that will come in the very near future.

After being named last Friday night at a meeting held in Scotland Neck by the Roanoke River Flood Control Committee to go to Washington and confer on the subject of flood control for the river, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland, chairman of the Flood Control committee; C. S. Alexander, a member of the committee; and Eric W. Rodgers, secretary of the committee, went to Washington this week. They were accompanied by B. B. Everett of Palmira and R. Hunter Pope of Enfield, who are both vitally interested in the matter. They were instructed to ascertain the present status of flood on the Roanoke River and to talk over the subject with Senators and Congressmen from this area. They were likewise instructed to find out, if possible, what opposition there is to the bill which already has been approved, but for which no appropriations have been made.

Acting on these instructions they interviewed Congressman John H. Kerr, who is very influential in the Appropriations Committee of the House, and Senator Josiah W. Bailey, who is Chairman of the Senate Committee, and who will have an influential part in passage of the bill when and if it reaches the Senate. They also discussed the matter with Lindsay Warren, Comptroller General of the United States, and former Congressman from the First District, who also is vitally interested in this measure. They also saw former Governor O. Max Gardner, who is a leading attorney of Washington at this time, and he continues to manifest his very great interest in the problems of North Carolina. Lack of time and other meetings on other matters prevented them from seeing other members of the House and Senate in Washington from North Carolina, but these contacts will be made at a later date.

The committee discovered that the bill at the present time is ready for final approval in the form of an appropriation and will provide for eleven dams along the Roanoke River, north of Roanoke Rapids and along the tributaries of the Dan, Staunton, and Smith Rivers. These will provide both for flood control and for some power development on the Roanoke River. The initial cost will be approximately thirty-seven million dollars divided into three annual appropriations. And the remainder of the program will cost perhaps another one hundred million dollars which will be appropriated in later years.

The members of the committee discovered at Washington that there was little possibility of the appropriation for the project being made during the present term of congress, which expires January 1, 1946. They found out, however, that the initial appropriation of approximately thirty-seven million dollars probably will be included in the appropriation bill, which will be presented in February, 1946. This appropriation will provide sufficient funds for the Engineers of the Army, who have completed the initial engineering work, to proceed with the building of a dam

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Less Honey To Be Available In 1946

North Carolina housewives will have to dig down into their jams, jellies, and sugar points for their sweetening this winter.

It's like this: In the first place, the State honey crop is only a third of what it was last year and in the second place farmers can't get sugar for their bees this winter, so they will use a large proportion of the meager 1945 honey supply.

The State Agriculture Department says the crop will total only 1,770,000 pounds compared with 56,310,000 last year, attributing the decline to late spring freezes, the inability of farmers to obtain sugar for the bees, and the summer rains.

New Volumes Added To Local Library Collection

The following new volumes were recently added to the local public library collection:

- "No Shortage of Men," "Cherry Harvest," "Thorson of Thunder Gulch," "The Deadly Dove," "Yankee Woman," "Sage Quarter," "Party Line," "The Townsman," "Silence in Court," "Give Me the Stars," "In What Torn Ship," "Ann Star," "Senior Nurse," "Miss Warren's Son," "The Red-haired Lady," "The Murderer Is a Fox," "Homecoming," "Commodore Hornblower," "So Well Remembered," "Up Front and Pride's Way."

EXTRA MEAL FOR LITTLE VIENNESE



"ON THE HOUSE" is this midday meal for undernourished school children of Vienna—an extra meal, usually of soup and a roll, that is given by the Allies to students under 18 in 150 city schools. The little girl's eyes (left) are saying thanks for the "Banquet."

LABOR NEEDED

Now that the 1945 peanut crop is beginning to move to market, labor is urgently needed for operating the mills, grading and storing the goobers. This county has about 25,000 acres planted to the crop and possibly twenty thousand tons of peanuts will be handled on the market here this season.

Additional workers are needed and they are asked to contact the United States Employment Service on the third floor of Williamston's town hall for information concerning jobs in the various plants.

Over Hundred Tires Allotted By Board

One hundred and ten tires—93 for cars and 17 for trucks—were rationed by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last week-end. Reports state that the supply of the popular size tires is not adequate to meet the demand.

Car tires were released to the following: W. M. Gardner, George Hopkins, Otis B. Coltrin, M. E. Roberson, J. G. Smith, H. V. Jenkins, Dr. J. E. L. Thomas, W. C. Jones, Wixie B. Rogers, Geo. W. Coltrin, Crawford Coltrin, M. D. Beach, S. R. Colburn, Hubert M. Pope, S. T. Brady, James Edgar Warren, Herbert O. Peel, W. O. Willoughby, Foster L. Blount, J. C. Gurkin, David A. Boyd, K. F. Woolard, J. H. Edwards, M. T. Hardison, Dorotha S. Chance, Woolard Furniture Co., B. S. Courtney, Alton E. Grimes, C. C. Jones, Arthur Modlin, Dr. C. L. Hutchinson, Joseph E. Griffin, Grady Godard, Tom Henry Ward, David Roberson, Tom Hale, Mrs. W. J. Griffin, Elmer N. Modlin, Lonnie C. Gardner, W. W. Hinson, W. B. Gaylord, Jr., Dalma Modlin, Paul Barber, W. S. Gurganus, A. M. Long, R. T. Chance, Richard Baker, W. C. House, B. W. Staton, T. R. Gardner, J. R. Jones, W. S. White, Geo. E. Roberson, J. E. Johnson, Kader Lilley, Church Mobley, R. R. Thompson, R. H. Peele, J. P. Hodges, C. T. Gaines, T. H. Brown, N. M. Hyman, Mrs. Cylabet Rogers, A. E. Browder, Jesse Harrell, J. H. Bland, J. H. Coltrin, Miller Harrell, Viola Price Leggett, H. A. Early, John L. Goff, Mrs. W. J. Smith, A. G. Hardison, Ben A. Jones, W. E. Coffield, J. C. Cooke, Raymon Heath, Floyd Ward.

Truck tires were allotted to the following: W. Edgar Davis, W. M. Baker, S. A. VanLandingham, James Jennings, Johnson Mercantile Co., Edward James Estate, J. T. Heath, Jas. R. Everett, Gaines and Kirkman.

County Young Man In The Tokyo Area

Entering the Navy almost 13 months ago S 2/c June Beach of near Everetts recently went in to Tokyo Bay on the large cargo ship U. S. S. Harcourt. A member of a ship's company, Seaman Beach reported aboard the cargo ship on June 21st at Pearl Harbor, where the ship was undergoing repairs. The Harcourt previously belonged to the Merchant Marines but was later turned over to the Navy. Leaving Pearl Harbor on July 9, the Harcourt arrived at the Marshall Islands on July 21st, where it served as a warehouse until September 9th. Loaded with 40,000 cases of beer and a large amount of other supplies the Harcourt left on an unexpected journey to Japan. Arriving there on September 17th, the Harcourt has been anchored in Tokyo Bay since that time.

Seaman Beach in a recent letter to his wife declared he "hardly saw how the Japs ever started at war." Having been on two liberties at the big port of Yokohama the seaman described the people as looking just as their pictures show. The streets are crowded with children of all sizes begging the sailors for gum and candy. Seaman Beach is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beach of near Everetts. His wife the former Rachel Hardy, is making her home with her parents on Route 2, Williamston. Quite a few Martin County young men have been in the Tokyo area in recent weeks, and are greatly impressed by the devastation there.

Poplar Point Falls Short Of The Goal In War Fund Drive

Chairman Makes Extensive Canvass, But People Just Did Not Respond

Raising \$107.05, Poplar Point Township, one of the smaller but yet a substantial district, fell \$67.95 short of its goal in the United War Fund drive, according to a fairly complete report filed last week-end by the chairman, Mrs. L. G. Taylor and Mayo Hardison. The chairman gave several days of their time, and Mrs. Taylor visited in her car and at her expense nearly every section in the district, but most of the citizens simply did not respond to the call of American fighting men and of suffering humanity.

Contributions were listed, as follows: L. G. Taylor, \$10; Dock Hollis, \$5; Slade Revels, \$5; Mrs. Zeno Edmondson, 50c; Mayo, Hardison and wife, \$7; Mrs. Thea Roberson, 25c; Mrs. Julietta Roberson, 25c; Pearlle Holliday and wife, \$2; Mrs. E. W. Jones, \$3; Mrs. Ed Roberson, \$2; Levie Jones, 75c; Joe Hollis, 10c; V. G. Taylor, \$15; Ben James, \$3; P. M. Matthews, \$1.50; Bill Albett, \$2; Unknown party, 50c; Oscar Edwards, \$2; John Edmondson, 50c; Harrell Everett, \$5; Rob Brown, 25c; Tom Taylor, \$5; Lake Bland, 50c; W. J. Hollis, 50c; Lewis Thomas, 50c; Sam Hardison, 10c; Hardy Hollis, 50c; Julian Collier, 25c; Lizzie Bennett, 10c; Jim Leggett, 10c; Unknown Party, 15c; Laura Andrews, 50c; Lula V. Purvis, 50c; Ben Wilkins, 25c; Susie Andrews, 25c; Elnora One, 10c; Adel Collier, 10c; Arene Purvis, 10c; R. D. Bullock, 5c; Calvin Salisbury, 15c; Mary E. Andrews, \$1.50; and Ellen M. Lester, \$1.50.

Contributions of \$1 each were made by the following persons: Mrs. Lester Edwards, Miss Mary Rogers, Mrs. Dock Hollis, Asa Harris, Ernest White, Mrs. Martha Harris, Mrs. Slade White, O. R. Roberson, Mack Wynne, Mrs. John Cherry, L. G. Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Wynne, Mrs. Zeno Edmondson, Herman Harrison, J. R. Harrison, Milton Harrison, Raymond Harrison, Theron Nicholson, Frank Edwards, Charles M. Mills, Junior Mills, Mrs. Pete Rainer, N. D. Gurganus, Elsie Jones, Olanor Purvis, Nat Gass, Mrs. Fred Roebuck, Andy Leggett, W. L. Hollis, Blount Moore, Loa Bonner, Clarence Forbes, Dock Hollis, Ring Latham.

Dillon Rogerson Gets Eagle Award

At the Kiwanis meeting last Thursday night, Dillon Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rogerson, Williamston RFD 2, was presented with the Eagle Boy Scout medal, the eighth Martin County boy to receive the highest award in scouting. The medal was presented by Wheeler Martin and it was pinned on the chest of the young Scout by his mother, Mrs. W. S. Rogerson, who with Mr. Rogerson were special guests of the Kiwanis club. Rev. Huske, local Scout leader, presented special Eisenhower ribbons to Billy Burroughs, Wallace Warren and "Hardrock" Ricks Allsbrooks in recognition for special work they did in collecting scrap paper. Each one of the boys collected 1000 pounds or more of paper. Due to a revival meeting being scheduled in the Baptist church the annual ladies' night program has been postponed until November 15.

Escape Injury When Car Turns Over On U. S. 17

No one was hurt but considerable damage resulted when a 1941 Chevrolet four-door sedan turned over near here on U. S. Highway 17 yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Ernie Claude Mobley, of Jamesville, was passing a car and lost control, his machine crashing through a post and turning over. He was accompanied by Bonnie Terry and Pvt. L. W. Respass. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.

FIRST SALES

The first of the 1945 peanut crop started moving to the markets in this county last week-end with prices holding firm at about \$8.75 per 100 pounds. Approximately 1,000 bags have been moved to the market here brought in from other centers. Approximately 200 bags were moved out of the Robersonville area. Picking operations are going forward on a very small scale in the county at this time, first reports stating that quality is from fair to good, that most of the goobers are small. The first of the crop picked in Williams Township last week averaged about 17 bags per acre.

Raise A Fifth of United Fund in County So Far

Special Gifts Total About \$1,000.00 In Business Area Here

Only Three Districts In County Have Reported, Chairman Griffin Explains

A total of \$2,179.03 has been raised and reported in the United War Fund Drive to date in this county, according to a preliminary report coming from County Chairman Clarence W. Griffin this morning. The drive has met with repeated delays, but the first reports while not overly encouraging are not disheartening and there is the possibility that the drive will approximate its goal in the middle or latter part of next week. Williamston's special gifts committee yesterday reported \$960.00 raised and the fund will be materially increased just as soon as outstanding pledges are met, it was pointed out. The special committee along with four or five individual canvassers reported a total of \$1,634.28. Approximately three-fourths of the district including the schools are yet to report.

In only two districts have complete reports been received so far. Dardens, reporting \$120.00, exceeded its goal. Poplar Point, the canvass about complete there, reported \$107.05 of its \$175 quota raised. Bear Grass has raised \$307.70 of its \$550.00 quota. No official report has been received from any of the other districts, but it was stated that Robersonville had raised approximately \$700 of its quota about a week ago. The drive is scheduled to continue through next week, and the chairman is pleading with his co-workers to carry the urgent appeal into every home in the county by that time. The schools are expected to raise several hundred dollars, and it is likely that free will contributions will be solicited in the various Sunday schools and possibly in the county theaters.

Martin County is being asked to raise \$13,232.96, and the quotas have been assigned the various districts, as follows: Jamesville, \$800; Williams, \$150; Griffins, \$550; Bear Grass, \$550; Williamston, \$6,282.96; Cross Roads, \$450; Robersonville, \$2,250; Poplar Point, \$175; Hamilton, \$375; Hassell, \$175; Goose Nest, \$475; colored citizens in five of the southeastern townships, \$1,000. Special gifts were reported in Williamston by District Chairman V. J. Spivey, as follows: Martin Elliot, \$75; Standard Fertilizer, \$100; Belk-Tyler, \$35; Branch Bank, \$50; Williamson Package Co., \$50; Saunders & Cox, \$25; W. G. Peele, \$75; Chas. H. Jenkins, \$50; Williamston Supply, \$50; Guaranty Bank, \$50; Margolis Bros., \$50; Williamston Motor Company, \$50; B. S. Courtney, \$50; Enterprise, \$50; F. U. Barnes, \$50; Davis Pharmacy, \$50; Woolard Furniture Company, \$50; and Lindsley Ice Company, \$50.

Messrs. Wheeler Martin and N. C. Green handled the special gifts solicitations, and they explained that a fairly sizable addition to the list can be expected within the next few days.

Farm Wage Rates Are Still Climbing

North Carolina farmers are paying an average of \$3.40 per day for their labor, according to Frank Parker, head of the Statistics division of the State Department of Agriculture. Basing his estimate on figures compiled by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Parker said that the daily wage rate for hired laborers is 40 cents higher than a year ago. However, it is still 99 cents lower than the \$4.39 average for the country as a whole. Farmers who furnish labor with meals pay an estimated \$2.85 per day as compared with \$2.50 for October of 1944. Monthly farm wage rates in North Carolina are now running at around \$65 without board and \$47.75 with board.

The average U. S. farm wage rate per month with board is \$84, compared with \$76.40 a year ago, and without board it is \$95.70 as against \$86.80 last fall. Parker said that national farm employment is about seven per cent lower than a year ago—largely because of heavy rains in many areas of the United States. Farm employment in the South is down nine per cent from last year, with a decrease of approximately 2,500,000 pounds in the quantity of cotton to be picked. While wage rates for the U. S. as a whole are 245 per cent higher than for the 1910-14 period, which is considered average, they are lower than in July in most areas. But in North Carolina they are "some higher" than last summer.

County Farm Group Delegate Discusses The Peanut Program

Believes Prices Will Range Around Ceiling For Current Crop

Representing the Martin County Farm Bureau at a peanut meeting in Washington a few days ago, Joe R. Winslow made an informal report at a session of the county organization held in the courthouse last Friday evening. Mr. Winslow was one of about four hundred grower representatives to attend the meeting along with a number of congressmen from the peanut producing areas. At a preliminary session, the grower representatives discussed a plan to submit to the full conference the following day. Congressman Herbert Bonner of this district and Pace of Georgia reviewed the situation facing peanuts, and Congressman [unclear] author of the bill calling for 90 percent of parity, explained that it would not be advisable to call for a referendum this year. Mr. Winslow pointed out that should a referendum be called it would have to be held between now and the latter part of December, and Congressman Pace declared that the time was too short to assure its passage. The preliminary conference agreed not to ask for a referendum for the 1946 crop, but press a demand for prices based on 100 percent parity. It was also pointed out that a bill is now pending which would consider labor costs in determining parity prices. While there is little likelihood that parity prices will be determined on that basis, it would boost the price of peanuts to about eleven or twelve cents, Mr. Winslow explained.

Realizing that quotas could not be established for peanuts for 1946, the growers went into conference with agriculture department representatives Monday to push their demands for 100 percent parity prices. Under Secretary of Agriculture J. B. Hutson threw a bombshell into the meeting when he explained that a dual price system was being considered for peanuts. Congressman Pace, differing bitterly with the under secretary voiced the belief that no such program would carry, and he was supported by Herbert Bonner and other congressmen. However, Congressman Harold Cooley, a member of the house agriculture committee, could not find time to attend the conference and his views could not be learned immediately.

The dual price or price-bled system would allow about three and one-half cents for oil and about seven or eight cents for the edible peanuts. According to Mr. Winslow the plan will meet determined opposition and he believes that it will not be placed in effect, he told the meeting. According to Mr. Winslow, it is now considered likely that a price of \$149 a ton, or 90 percent of parity, will be placed in effect for the 1946 crop. This will net the grower about seven and one-half cents a pound, the rate presumably being based on about 65 percent meat content. It is generally believed that the current crop will sell for about eight and one-half cents a pound, based on 65 percent meat content.

Information released at the meeting in Washington maintains that there is not yet a peanut surplus despite the fact over 100 tons of goods had been turned back by the Army and Lend-Lease. It was pointed out that normal trade channels could possibly absorb all of the crop, and it is believed that consumption can be

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ABANDONED

Williamston's second test well, sunk on the Griffin property in an effort to improve the local water supply, has been abandoned. Plans are going forward for a third test which will be made on the Washington Road near the town limits. Representatives of the State Geology Department were here yesterday making a study of the water supply and they are of the opinion that a well can be sunk several hundred feet without finding excessive salt content in the Skewerkey area. A delay of possibly two or three weeks is to be expected before the third test well is sunk.

Taxi Operator And Driver Robbed And Fired On In County

Fenner Respass, local taxi operator, and his driver, LeRoy "Foots" Long, were held up and robbed and then fired on by Gilbert "Pee-Wee" Moore, colored man, about 12:30 o'clock last Saturday morning on the Jones Road in Williams Township. Neither of the men was hurt, but both were badly frightened and Respass lost about \$200 in cash to the robber. Moore, just recently returned to the county from Virginia, engaged the taxi to take him to his home in Williams Township. When they reached the Jones Road, Moore asked the driver to stop long enough for him to get a shot gun he had used the day before hunting rabbits. Returning to the car, Moore pointed the gun at the driver, advised him to throw out his money. Long obliged without hesitation and then Respass was instructed to turn over the money box. After relieving the men of their money, Moore was quoted as saying that dead men did not talk and he pointed the gun at the driver. Long grabbed the barrel of the gun and knocked the weapon down just as it was fired. Most of the load of shot was stopped by the door and the mechanism used in raising and lowering the door glass, a few shot going all the way through and missing the man by inches. While Moore was reloading the gun, Respass and Long jumped from the car and ran, making a long circle to give Moore plenty of room. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and his deputy, Roy Peel, were called and they searched several hours but were un-

Four Persons Hurt In Auto Accident

Four persons were hurt, one of them seriously about 12:30 o'clock last Friday morning when two automobiles figured in a crash about three and one-half miles from Williamston on the Everetts Road. Milford Harrison suffered a fracture of the skull and Leslie Evans Pritchard and Edward Freeman both of Windsor, and Joseph Chester Lee Taylor were cut about their heads. Taylor also receiving a leg injury. The 1933 Plymouth coupe, driven by Pritchard toward Williamston, was struck from the rear by a car driven by Taylor. Patrolman W. E. Saunders, investigating the accident, estimated the damage to each car at about \$200. Pritchard was charged with drunken driving and Taylor with speeding.

County Girl Makes Dean's List At Meredith College

The office of the registrar at Meredith College has released the dean's list for the past semester. Frances Wallace of Jamesville is included on the list. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wallace of Jamesville.

TOBACCO SALES

Sales on the local tobacco market are expected to pass the ten million-pound mark today with the average for the season holding right at \$44.90 per hundred. Up until this morning the market had sold 9,882,542 pounds with prices ranging right around 47 cents a pound for sales made during the past few days. While there has been no marked variation in recent days, prices yesterday and today were regarded as being the highest of the season.

Dutch People Need Quantities Of Food

The people of Holland are still so weak from their ordeal of living on the verge of starvation that of 5,000 in Amsterdam who volunteered recently to help harvest farm crops, only 700 were found strong enough for the work, according to a report from American Relief for Holland, a member agency of the National War Fund, received today by Clarence Griffin, county chairman. Although the food situation in Holland has greatly improved since V-E Day, rations still are not large enough to enable many of the 4,500,000 from the "hunger provinces" of the west to build their bodies back to normal. It will be months before they are able to resume their former occupations. Thousands were so far gone when relief finally came they never can regain their former physical status. A condition that volunteers for farm work, must have strong shoes or wooden clogs, cut down the number of volunteers considerably because the greatest clothing need in Holland is for shoes. One reason Dutch coal mines and other industries are unable to attain full production is because workers have no shoes in which to work, or even to wear from home to the job. A shortage of shoe nails, bootmaker's thread, sole leather and even shoe laces prevents repair of whatever shoes can still be salvaged.

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