

THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEK

THE ENTERPRISE

THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEK

VOLUME L—NUMBER 50

Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Tuesday, June 24, 1947

ESTABLISHED 1899

Wildlife Group In Meet At Oak City On Friday

Appeals To Individuals For Support Of All Game Law Measures

Addressing a meeting of the Martin County Wildlife Club in the Oak City gymnasium Friday evening, Joe R. Winslow, district member of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, and D. Stator Inscow, Raleigh postmaster, appealed to the members and the general public for support in promoting the conservation, preservation and propagation of game and fish.

The more than 150 persons present, representing every district in the county with the exception of Hassell, Griffins, Williams and Jamesville, were the guests of Wilbur Barrett at a sumptuous barbecue. An unusually large delegation was present from Bear Grass, and it was very evident that the groundwork was laid for better cooperation on the part of all for the promotion of the wildlife program in this county.

Mr. Inscow, a former Martin County man, reviewed the movement leading up to the separation of the game and fish division from the State Department of Conservation and Development and placing it more in the hands of the people. It was pointed out that the Wildlife Federation is separate from the Wildlife Resources Commission, the speaker explaining that the commission had the wholehearted support of the federation.

E. Ross Stevens, executive secretary of the federation, addressed a strong appeal to the members and urged them to solicit the support of the general public in saving our rapidly dwindling game resources. "Unless something is done our game will disappear," the speaker said, stating frankly that very little game is left in many sections of our state today.

The success of the new commission and its program depends on the willingness of individuals to support it. It isn't proposed to stress enforcement ahead of a program designed to educate the general public to the urgent need of preserving game and observing the game laws. No appointment has been made, but a full-time game warden is to be located in this county and other steps will be taken to enforce the game laws, but it was again pointed out that the need for observing the protection laws will be stressed. "It is important that we do not kill game out of season, to respect the rules and regulations, to throw undersized fish back and to work for a program that will restore our game resources," the speakers said.

The new commission is planning a direct appeal to the citizens of tomorrow through the 4-H clubs and other youth organizations, and it is believed that the people of this county will get behind the movement and give it a strong support.

Install Modern Food Counter In Plant Here

The local Freezer Locker plant recently installed a modern self-service frozen food display counter, placing in easy reach packaged frozen foods, including ready-to-eat shore dinners. The counter, while keeping the food frozen, is open at the top and the first of its kind seen in this section.

ROUND-UP

Thirteen persons were temporarily detained in the county jail here last week-end for allegedly violating various laws. For the first time in recent weeks, the number of whites jailed outnumbered the colored.

Seven of the thirteen were booked for public drunkenness, three for assaults, two for larceny and receiving and one for carrying a concealed weapon.

The ages of the group ranged from 18 to 52 years.

Open New Bridge In Late August or Early September

"If no handicaps present themselves, we plan to open the new bridge here in late August or early in September," Superintendent Dickinson of the Bowers Construction Company said last week-end. The opening of the modern new bridge is more or less scheduled to coincide with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the old bridge. In September, 1922, the old bridge was opened, connecting the lost provinces of eastern North Carolina for the first time. The opening was quite an event, attracting Cameron Morrison, the governor at that time, and prominent highway and other state officials and notables from other parts of the country. No such celebration is contemplated for the opening of the new bridge.

The first highway bridge of its type and size in North Carolina.

MASS MEETING

Important plans for advertising the Williamston tobacco market this coming season will be discussed at a mass meeting of local citizens to be held in the county courthouse on Thursday evening of this week at 8:30 o'clock. A general invitation is being extended the public to attend the meeting which has been given the guaranteed support of warehousemen, merchants, professional men and others. It was announced this week by Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the Tobacco Boosters.

The meeting will last only a short while and everybody in town is urged to be present.

Cyclist Hurt In Highway Mishap

Wade Bunting, eleven years old, was painfully but not seriously hurt in an automobile-bicycle accident on Highway No. 17 near the Stator farm last Sunday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. A small piece of bone was chipped from the boy's ankle and he suffered a knee injury, but was discharged from the local hospital after receiving treatment. His leg was placed in a cast.

Riding in the direction of Williamston and about one foot from his right side of the road, the lad started to make a "U" turn in front of a 1946 Ford driven by Herman Ray Faulkner of Newport News. Faulkner applied the car brakes and swerved the machine to the right. Bunting completed his turn and crashed into the left door and rear fender of the car. He was thrown off the vehicle and skidded several feet on the hardsurface. He jumped up and ran a short distance, explaining that his leg was broken.

Faulkner, accompanied by Mrs. Faulkner, a sister and other relatives, picked the boy up and delivered him to the hospital and reported the accident to officers. Cpl. W. T. Simpson of the highway patrol investigated the accident and brought no charges against Faulkner who, it was said, readily agreed to assume the costs of the boy's treatment.

The accident was the only one reported on the highways in this county during the past week despite an unusually heavy movement of traffic over the highways.

Breaks Leg In Fall Here Few Days Ago

Visiting friends here on Friday, the 13th, Mrs. Rita Everett was making ready to return to her home in Plymouth when she slipped, fell and broke her left leg. She was preparing to step into her car when she slipped and fell. At first the injury was thought to be superficial and she continued to her home. Going to a physician there she was found to have suffered a four- or five-inch break just below the knee, and is now sporting a cast. Mrs. Everett is recovering at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Carstarphen, here on Houghton Street.

The new structure will have no over-head support. The bridge itself weighs 455,000 pounds, including 325,000 pounds of structural steel, 25 tons of machinery and forty tons of steel flooring. The concrete to be poured on the draw span itself will weigh 160,000 pounds, Superintendent Dickinson explained.

When completed, the new structure will weigh right at 3,260,000 pounds or 1,630 tons, including the center pier. Mr. Dickinson explained that the new pier addition weighs 860,000 pounds in addition to 352,000 pounds of concrete piling and 33,000 pounds of structural steel. The old pier which remains almost intact weighs 1,400,000 pounds or 700 tons.

"It will take us about a month to erect the bridge and about another month to complete the project," Mr. Dickinson said.

Knocks Glass Out And Injures Hand

Clarence Pate, young white man of Williamston Township, badly injured his right hand Monday afternoon when he attacked a door in the Green Oil Company station on Washington Street and knocked out the glass pane. He was treated in a local doctor's office and advised to go to a hospital.

Pate, according to reports coming from Chief of Police C. R. Mobley, went to the station about 3:00 o'clock and told the operator, Eustace Cherry, that he wanted to borrow \$2. Cherry explained to Pate that he did not have the money to spare, and Pate went to and opened the cash register. Cherry moving just in time to save his money. Angered by the action, Pate turned and knocked out the large glass in the front door.

Charged with forcible trespass, attempted robbery and drunk and disorderly conduct, Pate was bound over to the county court for trial next Monday under bond in the sum of \$100. James Hardison, charged with aiding and abetting in the robbery attempt, was also placed under bond in the sum of \$100. Bond was arranged by both defendants and they were released following the preliminary hearing held before Justice John L. Hassell.

Former Resident Dies In Hospital

Coy D. Lamm, former Williamston resident, died in a Richmond hospital last Thursday afternoon following a long illness. He has suffered with arthritis for several years.

A native of Wilson, Mr. Lamm located in Williamston when a young man and engaged in the pressing and cleaning business for some time before making his home in Emporia, Va. He was 43 years old.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Anna Bell Grimes of this county; three children, Coy Douglas Lamm, Jr., and Ann and Loretta Lamm, all of Emporia; three brothers, W. T., G. Max and Jesse Lamm; and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzgerald, all of Wilson.

Funeral services were held from the Emporia Calvary Baptist Church last Friday afternoon, and burial was in Wilson's Maplewood Cemetery.

PROMOTED

After serving this district as reporter for the "Vecovian," Virginia Electric and Power Company employees' publication, Miss Edna Barnhill was recently promoted to associate editor of the magazine for the Southern Division. The announcement was made by the Vecovian in its current issue which also carried stories on the new district manager, Sam P. Woolford, and the company's new vice president, Ray H. Goodmon.

Hire Principals For All Schools In Martin County

Four New Heads of Schools Coming to the County Next Term

Principals for all the white schools in the county have been employed and with the exception of one or two schools most of the teacher positions have been filled, it was learned this week.

Four new principals are coming to the county next term but most of them are already well known to the schools, it was pointed out.

Woodrow Suggs, member of the Jamesville faculty during the 1940-41 and 1941-42 terms, is returning there to succeed Jesse R. Rhue, resigned. Mr. Suggs' election completed the list of principals for the county. After teaching science in Jamesville until 1942, the school man entered the armed forces and following his discharge about a year ago he has been studying at the University of North Carolina where he recently earned his master of arts degree. A resident of Pinetops, he is a graduate of A. C. College, Wilson.

Mrs. Ethel G. Roberson is returning to Farm Life as principal of the school there, and Professor B. G. Stewart is returning to Williamston for his second term as principal.

It was recently announced that H. V. Parker of Murfreesboro would go to Bear Grass, succeeding Charlie Hough, resigned.

Professor Manny Filcher is returning to Everetts.

C. B. Martin, a county man who has taught in the county and headed schools in other counties before entering the armed forces, is succeeding A. L. Hendren at Robersonville.

Professor George Haislip is returning to Hamilton.

H. J. McCracken, who taught in the Oak City school three terms before going to Hobgood as principal of the school there, is succeeding H. M. Ainsley who recently retired. Completing his enlistment in the armed forces, Professor McCracken returned to Oak City last fall and taught science. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College.

Hold Funeral For Former Resident

Funeral services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fleming in Jamesville Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Mrs. T. Harrison Holliday. Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister, conducted the last rites and interment was in the Holliday family cemetery near Jamesville.

Mrs. Holliday, the former Miss Melissa Aushon, was born in Washington County 94 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Holliday who died on November 18, 1921. Following her marriage she located in the Jamesville Community and lived there most of her life, going to Lansing, Michigan, to live with her daughter. She had been in declining health for some time and died last Thursday night, June 19. The body was returned to this county Sunday afternoon.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Tom Wallace of Washington County, and Mrs. Chas. C. Walton with whom she made her home, and a son, Johnnie Holliday, of Richmond.

Few Attending Union Services

Williamston's union religious services are attracting, as a rule, very small congregations each Sunday evening. Thirteen pews were empty at the last service, and representation was markedly limited in some instances.

Dr. Ira D. S. Knight delivered the sermon and declared that Christianity was being given the left-overs, the residue, and voiced the opinion that peace of mind and peace in the world will not come as long as we spend billions for armaments and bolstering the world economy and giving the residue to Christianity.

Firemen Propose Safety Measures And Cooperation

Committee Named to Draft Rules; Invite Town Officials To Meeting

Meeting in regular session last evening, members of the local volunteer fire department discussed the need for greater safety measures and closer cooperation between the department and the town officials and police. No definite proposals were advanced, but a committee composed of Chief G. P. Hall and Fireman Julian Harrell and W. Clyde Griffin was named to formulate a new set of rules and regulations and the group will report at the next meeting on the second Monday in July. Mayor Robt. Cowen and chief of police are to be extended an invitation to attend the meeting and discuss plans and proposals for improving the department and enhancing safety measures.

Discussing unnecessary dangers now existing, members of the department said that children on bicycles were taking unnecessary chances in going into the streets when a fire alarm is sounded, some daring to get into the path of the truck, and others following close behind and ahead of firemen operating their own cars. The present ordinances, designed to control traffic during a fire call, makes it unlawful for individual vehicles other than those operated by volunteer firemen and bearing firemen's license tags to trail a fire truck or park within one block of a fire. It was pointed out that firemen were unnecessarily delayed in reaching fires recently by heavy traffic moving right behind or near the fire truck. It was recalled that at a fairly recent fire, the truck driver had to wait for a cyclist to pass before turning a corner.

The committee was instructed to study speeds the truck should be driven going to and returning from fires.

Regulations for controlling traffic.

(Continued on page eight)

Attack Made On Farmers' Hogs

A crude and merciless attack was made on Farmer Frank Little's hogs in his pasture near Everetts last Friday night. Using an axe or a bush axe, some one went to the pasture, lured the animals to the pen and slashed at least three, including a sow and two pigs. Cut across the back, the sow dragged herself for about 75 yards and was found dead by the owner the following morning. Two pigs, weighing about 100 pounds each, were mangled but were not killed.

A third pig, apparently attacked and killed, was carried away. It is believed that the cruel thief or thieves loaded the third pig on a car. Officers, called there when the attack was discovered Saturday morning, are investigating. Members of the Little family heard a hog squeal about 10 o'clock Friday evening and started to investigate, but hearing nothing more they went back to sleep.

Members of the Little family heard a hog squeal about 10 o'clock Friday evening and started to investigate, but hearing nothing more they went back to sleep.

Members of the Little family heard a hog squeal about 10 o'clock Friday evening and started to investigate, but hearing nothing more they went back to sleep.

W. H. G. Chase, Sr. Dies In Virginia

W. H. G. Chase of Lancaster County, Virginia, died last Tuesday and was buried at Grace Church, Kilmarnock, on Thursday. Mr. Chase was born March 16, 1880, son of Captain William Tell Chase and Fannie Lee Beeler. His health had been bad for over two years.

Mr. Chase was a communicant of Grace Church and had served as vestryman and treasurer.

Mr. Chase is survived by two sons, W. H. G. Chase, II, of Norfolk, Va., and Samuel Luttrell Chase of Poughkeepsie, New York, four daughters, Mrs. O. R. Humphreys of Staunton, Va., Fannie Beeler Chase and Mrs. E. C. Eck of Richmond, Lucy Latane of Newport News, eleven grandchildren and one great-grand son, three sisters, Mrs. E. E. Lawson of White Stone, Mrs. R. D. Carter of Kilmarnock and Mrs. James Grist of Williamston, and one brother, Comdr. Gilbert P. Chase of Westport, Connecticut.

Number County Farmers Plow Up Excess Tobacco

While the 1947 quota program makes no provision for the destruction of excess tobacco acreage, quite a few farmers in this county are bringing their plantings within the allotments by plowing up the overage, according to indirect reports reaching here.

Not certain of the open market, the farmers are bringing their plantings in line to escape the 19-cent penalty to be taxed against each excess pound and to qualify for price support under the Stabilization Cooperative Corporation. While the exact parity figure has not been announced, it is fairly reliably estimated that the support price will range right around 40 cents a pound.

Reports reaching here over the week-end state that as much as one acre of excess tobacco had been plowed up on a single farm. In one instance where the farmer knew he had planted in excess he plowed it up before the measurements were made. In other instances, the excess was plowed under or cut with a stalk cutter after the measurements had been made but before the reports were turned in at the Triple A office. No official information could be had, but it is believed that where measurements showing an acreage excess had been reported to the office, the farmer could destroy the excess and submit a corrected report.

It is fairly certain, judging from the reports, that farmers do not want to go to market next fall without a guarantee of price support.

Most of the tobacco lands have been measured in the county, Robersonville reporting the task completed. Griffins is about completed the task, and while most of the land in Jamesville and Goose Nest has been measured no reports had been submitted to the office late Monday.

Anti-Labor Laws Passed Yesterday By The Congress

North Carolinians Line Up With Republicans Against President Truman

An anti-labor law, bordering on class legislation and recognized as a slap in the face of working men, was passed by the Congress yesterday when the United States Senate overrode President H. S. Truman's veto by a vote of 68 to 25.

Acting in accordance with their old policy of enriching the rich and making the poor poorer and working on the pretext that unsavory conditions in labor organizations would be ruled out, the Republicans, aided and abetted by reactionary Democrats including all but one of the North Carolina delegation, just about knocked all the props from under labor and offered, it is believed, no solution to labor problems.

It wasn't enough for Clyde Hoey, the venerable senator in his long-tailed coat, to turn against the working man, but he moved to shake hands with that arch republican, Robert Taft, and congratulate him in maneuvering successfully a drive against Democracy. It required Hoey an hour or more to worm his way to the recognized foe of the common people, but he never gave up and then had the brazen audacity to shout that he had aided the President and saved him as a candidate in the next election.

President Truman, pointing out that the proposed law was not fair, that it was unworkable and did not strike at the source of labor strife, pleaded with such men as Senators Hoey and William B. Umstead in a public appeal last week-end. It was a hopeless case, and another crown of thorns has been pressed down

(Continued on page eight)

W. H. G. Chase, Sr. Dies In Virginia

W. H. G. Chase of Lancaster County, Virginia, died last Tuesday and was buried at Grace Church, Kilmarnock, on Thursday. Mr. Chase was born March 16, 1880, son of Captain William Tell Chase and Fannie Lee Beeler. His health had been bad for over two years.

Mr. Chase was a communicant of Grace Church and had served as vestryman and treasurer.

Mr. Chase is survived by two sons, W. H. G. Chase, II, of Norfolk, Va., and Samuel Luttrell Chase of Poughkeepsie, New York, four daughters, Mrs. O. R. Humphreys of Staunton, Va., Fannie Beeler Chase and Mrs. E. C. Eck of Richmond, Lucy Latane of Newport News, eleven grandchildren and one great-grand son, three sisters, Mrs. E. E. Lawson of White Stone, Mrs. R. D. Carter of Kilmarnock and Mrs. James Grist of Williamston, and one brother, Comdr. Gilbert P. Chase of Westport, Connecticut.

Court Works Late To Complete Trial Of Civil Calendar

Ten Divorces Are Granted In Closing Session of Court Thursday

With a long drawn out peanut theft trial behind it, the Martin County Superior Court cleared its criminal docket Thursday afternoon, and moved in for a quick trial of civil cases, including ten divorces. By working until almost 6:30 o'clock that evening, the court cleared the calendar for the term and adjourned. Judge J. Paul Frizzelle returning to his home in Snow Hill that night.

There were no civil cases on the calendar of special interest, and the spectators were few in number long before the session was ended.

In the case of Howard Whitehurst against Hollis E. Moore, the jury awarded the plaintiff damages in the sum of \$800, \$200 for damage to his car, \$400 for personal injuries, and \$200 for doctors' bills. The case has its origin last April 19 when the litigants cars were in an accident at the stop light, corner Main and Academy Streets in Robersonville.

The court issued an order, directing the sale of certain timber in the case of H. H. Cowen against Dennis and Willie Modlin, the money to be placed in the hands of the court clerk pending final disposition of the action. The order is to become final if no appeal is made before Judge Frizzelle in Wilson this week.

Divorces, most of them based on the grounds of two-year separation, were granted to ten plaintiffs that afternoon.

A divorce was granted Dennis Whitaker from Becky Whitaker, based on two years of separation. The action was not contested, but the defendant asked and was given custody of their three-year-old child. The defendant also waived any claim for support for the child, but Judge Frizzelle would not sign such a judgment. "I'll not sign a judgment relieving the father of any and all obligation to his child," the judge said. The judgment was altered, and while it called for no support from the father, it left the matter open whereby he can be called to answer.

Gladdie C. Ray Dies In Hospital

Gladdie C. Ray, a resident of Williamston for the past seven years, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Friday afternoon after several months of declining health.

Mr. Ray, about 57 years old, was born in Cumberland County. In early manhood he went to work with the Coast Line Railroad Company, handling assignments in Enfield and Emporia, and coming here about 1940 to head the company's maintenance forces in this area.

A victim of high blood pressure, he entered the Coast Line hospital in Rocky Mount about three months ago and was thought to be getting along very well up until a short time before his death. A heart attack was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted by the Masonic Order in a Fayetteville funeral home Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and burial was in the cemetery there.

Mr. Ray, a faithful member of the local Masonic Lodge, made many friends during his stay in Williamston. Messrs. D. R. Sullivan, James Ward and W. Tom Crawford were among those from here who attended the service.

Mr. Ray is survived by his mother and several brothers and sisters.

Normandy Beaches Historical Areas

The Normandy Beaches where the British and American forces landed in World War II have been declared historical areas in a law passed by the French Assembly, according to Paris dispatches to the New York Times. The Assembly also fixed June 6 as "Normandy Remembrance Day." "Cemeteries near the landing beaches," according to the dispatch to the Times, "are to become the perpetual possession of the nations whose citizens are buried there. In Omaha Beach cemetery 4,700 American boys lie, while a few miles west, at St. Mere l'Eglise, 2,198 others rest." However, a great many of the Americans are expected to be returned to the United States, under the Graves registration service's plan.

BOLL WEEVIL

Planting cotton this year for the first time in several seasons, quite a few farmers in the Oak City area are reporting an early and fairly heavy infestation of boll weevils. Examining one of his fields last week-end, Farmer J. B. Whitfield said he counted seven weevils on one stalk and explained that he made preparations to start poisoning them.