

State Sanitarian Says Trash Dump Is Health Menace

System No Worse Than In
Other Places, Hinton
Tells Club Members

E. L. Hinton, State Health Department sanitation engineer, declared in an open meeting of the Woman's Club Tuesday evening that Williamston's garbage disposal system was a public health menace and unsightly, that it was ideal for the propagation of rats, mosquitoes and flies. However, Hinton said that it was no worse than conditions existing in many other towns.

The sanitarian then outlined various methods for handling garbage disposal, ruling out the incinerator as too costly both as an investment and operation, and the open dump which he declared was not safe.

According to the engineer, the trench method or land-fill plan would best meet the needs here. He offered a detailed description of the trench method, stating that one acre of land would handle the garbage from a town of 10,000 population for one year, that the main piece of equipment—a caterpillar tractor with a drop bull clam—would cost approximately \$8,000. The operating plans for this method call for a trench from three to six feet deep. Garbage would be dumped into the trench and covered each day with two feet of dirt after the refuse had been thoroughly packed.

Hinton declared that the method was being successfully employed in many towns and cities in several states, including about ten in North Carolina at the present time. In one large town the garbage trench is hardly more than 1,000 feet from the business center, and "it is not objectionable." He then described the land-fill or area method, pointing out that a low, marshy place could be filled in with garbage which is then covered with dirt hauled in from nearby.

Mr. Hinton declared that something should be done to eliminate the health menace, undesirable odors and smoke hazard of the open dump.

Following a picture, showing the operation of the trench and area methods of handling garbage, a question and answer period was opened.

Asked by Mayor Robert Cowen which was the greater health menace, the open garbage dump or open sewer lines, Hinton offered no direct answer, declaring that both were bad but that the sewer problem could be solved only by an expenditure of nearly \$200,000 while the garbage problem could be solved with an expenditure of about \$8,000. Hinton said the State Board would send a representative here to help inaugurate the trench or area method during the course of a week.

Several questions, while relating to health conditions but not connected with the garbage problem, were ruled out by the club president, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., who explained that they would be discussed later.

At the close of the meeting, Mayor Cowen said no one was opposed to the trench method.

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Schedule Drive Against Typhoid

Beginning next Monday, the Martin County Health Department will hold a series of clinics in a campaign to prevent typhoid fever. A schedule appears in this paper, and the public is directed to note the dates and take advantage of the security offered.

Commenting on the campaign, Health Officer J. W. Williams said there had been two cases of typhoid fever in this county in the past ten years, but that one of the victims is a recognized carrier and there is still danger of typhoid until there is 100 percent sanitation as to water supply, milk and environmental cleanliness.

The immunization is handled without cost to the individual, and the office is looking for more than 12,000 to take the vaccine during the all-out campaign.

Youthful Pioneers In Stock Raising



Pictured above are the youthful pioneers in stock raising in Martin County who exhibited the pretty beef calves in the recent Martin County Fat Stock Show. Miss Betty Griffin, Pat Wynn and William James, exhibitors, are not in the above group which includes: Mary Jane Rogers, Billy Bailey, Everett Purvis, Joseph Williams, Peggy Gurganus, Henry Rogers, Henry Swinson, Irene Purvis, Melvin Price, Corronne Bryant, Howard Gardner, Gloria Taylor, Michael Edmondson, Curtis Gurganus, Calvin Oglesby, Ruth Hazel Bailey, Jimmy Peaks, Ross Knowles, Jimmy Knowles, Fred Griffin, Dallas Purvis, Jr., Ward Perry, Leroy Leggett, Billy VanNortwick, Rannie Peaks, James Rogerson, and Bobby Lilley.

Few Registering In County For School-Road Bond Vote

Few people are registering for the road and school bond election to be held in this and the other ninety-nine counties in the State on Saturday, June 4, according to reports coming from a majority of the registrars. During the first two Saturdays of the registration, only sixteen new names were added to the registration books, as follows: Jamesville, 1; Griffins, 3; Bear Grass, 4; Williamston No. 1, 2; Williamston No. 2, 4; Hassell, 2. Gold point reported no additions, while no reports could be had from Williams, Cross Roads,

Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest precincts. No new registration was ordered for the \$200 million road and \$25 million school bond election, and those persons whose names are already on the books will not find it necessary to register again to participate in the June 4 voting. Those who have attained the age of 21 since the last state election on June 4. Saturday of this week is the last days the registration books will be open for registrations. The books will be open on the 28th for challenge only.

FIELD DAY

Quite a few farmers from this county are planning to attend a field day program at the Tidewater Experiment Station near Plymouth next Monday when a study of livestock, pastures and potatoes will be made. An interesting and beneficial program has been planned for the day.

Farmers interested in attending the event, are directed to contact Assistant Agent Sumner or Negro County Agent R. M. Edwards. Several cars will leave from the agricultural building here at 9:00 o'clock that morning.

Robbers Active In Jamesville

Operating sometime late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, robbers broke into four business places in Jamesville and carried away some cash and merchandise.

Nothing was missed from the office of Gaines and Kirkman in the old bank building, but drawers were ransacked.

At Luther Clark's cafe, the thieves carried away approximately 4,000 pennies stored in an oyster can, \$3 in change from a mayonnaise jar, and about \$19 from the cash register, including five dollars in dimes, \$3 in nickels, \$12 in quarters and \$4.50 in halves. Four cartons of Luckies and Chesterfields were also stolen.

The robbers are believed to have entered Wilbur Gurganus' garage where they got tools to break open windows in the other places.

The depot was entered, but the robbers did not get into the office. It was also reported that the colored school near Jamesville was entered last Sunday night, that a small bank with a small amount of change was missing from one of the rooms.

Officers are working on the case, but had established no definite lead up until noon today.

Co-Chairmen Are Named For Road- School Bond Plan

No Definite Plans Have
Been Formulated For
Drive In The County

Attorney Hugh G. Horton and Mayor Robert Cowen of Williamston this week were named co-chairmen of Martin County's Committee for Better Schools and Roads by John Marshall, executive secretary of Better Schools and Roads, Inc., the organization set up by individual citizens in a meeting held at Raleigh a short time ago.

Their appointments just cleared, Horton and Cowen said today they had not had time to formulate plans for the drive in this county, that they would welcome suggestions from interested citizens.

Similar organizations are being set up in every county in the State and the committee plans to place before the people in this county the facts surrounding the issue, believing that once the true facts are known support for the proposals will grow stronger.

There is some definite opposition to the program, but scattered reports indicate that support for both the school and road measures is growing rapidly and that they have a chance of passage in this county and in the State.

Announcing the county chairmanships, Secretary Marshall said: The chairmen will spearhead a county drive for voters' support of the Better Schools and Roads program, which faces its biggest test on June 4 when the people of North Carolina will vote on the issuance of bonds for schools and road building.

Their appointment and acceptance as leaders marks another step in the State-wide program to inform all Tar Heels of the need for better schools and roads and to impress upon all voters the significance of the June 4 election for the economic and social life of North Carolina.

By their acceptance of co-chairmanship they also became directors in the non-profit, non-partisan citizens' organization, Better Schools and Roads, Inc.

Beer Retailers Have Inspection

Inspector J. N. Buck of Roanoke Rapids was here this week examining beer outlets and discussing the new malt beverage law with the retailers.

The State inspector pointed out that inspections were subject to be made at any time, including Sundays and late nights, that violations of the new law would call for the revocation of the retailer's license.

Twenty Cases In County's Court Monday Morning

Fines Drop To a New Low
Of \$350 During Short
Session This Week

Calling twenty cases and continuing about four of them, Judge Chas. H. Manning held one of his shortest sessions of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday since he went on the bench last December. A spring slump hit the financial side of the court and fines dropped to \$350 at the short morning session.

Proceedings: Charged with abandoning his crop, William H. Moore was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The case charging Benjamin F. Owens with careless and reckless driving was dismissed.

Fleeting guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Oliver Bonds was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs.

Pleading guilty of bastardy, John H. Johnson was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and on condition that he pay \$25 now and \$4 a week for the support of his illegitimate child.

The case charging Haywood Tharp with being drunk and disorderly was dismissed.

Charged with drunken driving, Leslie B. Neely failed to answer when called and papers were issued calling for his arrest.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Edward Myles Hardy Strickland had his case continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with non-support, Randolph Brown was adjudged guilty and he was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$10 a month for the support of his child. The judgment, calling for \$15 a month during the four fall months, is to run for two years.

Adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, Robert H. Crisp was fined \$200 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, William Buck Shepherd was found guilty and was fined \$15 plus costs.

Robert Lee Hyman was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with simple assault.

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Finals Program In Local School

Williamston's high school will close the current term next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock when graduation exercises are held in the high school auditorium. Dr. James Slay of Duke University, Durham, will deliver the commencement address. Julian Mason will deliver the valedictory, and diplomas and special awards will be presented that evening.

Rev. E. R. Shuller, local Methodist minister, will preach the evening in the high school auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. As far as it could be learned there'll be no services in the several churches, and members are invited to attend the service in the high school.

No detailed or complete program of the current series of commencement events has been announced.

CONTROL PLAN

Preliminary arrangements have been completed for promoting a mosquito and fly control program in Williamston, Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord, Jr., said yesterday. Representatives of the State Board of Health were here and it is possible that the town can get the spray and other services free, leaving only the labor to be furnished.

Homes will be sprayed without cost to the owners, it was explained. Details will be announced within the next few days.

County Schools Will Close Current Term On Monday

Most of the Martin County school will close the current term next Monday, but several of them are holding their graduation exercises on Friday of this week. The local white schools are to hold their graduation program next Monday evening, but no formal program has been announced publicly.

The six white and two colored high schools have 165 candidates for graduation, but no official reports heard here yesterday indicated that possibly several will miss the mark and be forced to compromise by accepting certificates.

For the first time possibly on record, certainly in some time, there are more boys than girls in the white schools in line for diplomas while the number of girls

in the colored schools almost outnumber the boys two to one. Only in one school—Oak City—is the number of girls in the senior class greater than the number of boys.

The six white high schools have 115 candidates for graduation, including 59 boys and 56 girls. The two colored high schools have 50 candidates, 18 boys and 32 girls, the Williamston colored school reporting 3 boys and 15 girls, and the colored school at Parmele reporting 15 boys and 17 girls in line for graduation.

The six white schools report the following candidates with the boys listed first and the girls second: Jamesville, 11 and 10; Farm Life, 4 and 1; Bear Grass, 5 and 4; Williamston, 15 and 13; Robersonville, 16 and 16; Oak City, 8 and 12.

Hear Nine Cases In Local Courts In Past Few Days

Hit-Run Driver Bound Over
To The County Court
For Trial

Justices John L. Hassell and R. T. Johnson handled nine cases in their courts here during the past few days. Several were sent to the higher courts for final action.

Jack Bridges, charged with hit-and-run driving, was bound over to the county court by Justice Johnson under bond in the sum of \$100. Bridges, allegedly had an accident on Houghton Street here in April and was just recently apprehended by local officers.

Other cases handled by Justice Johnson:

Charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace at a public gathering, Charlie Little, Jr., William Randolph, Milton Best, and John Richard Best were adjudged not guilty.

Charged with public drunkenness, James N. Ramsey was fined \$15 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Clarence Eugene Smith, V. H. Curbage and W. L. Sterling, charged with speeding, were bound over to the county recorder's court for trial.

Charged with an assault and trespass, George Purvis was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$10 fine and \$5.85 costs.

Justice Hassell handled the following cases:

Oscar Lewis, charged with operating a bicycle on a public highway at night without lights, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of

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Plan Revival At Jamesville

The Jamesville Christian church has completed plans for a revival to be held the 23rd of May through the 29th.

State Evangelist Charles Riggs will be the speaker throughout the revival. Rev. Charles Riggs is now holding a revival meeting in La Grange and will come to the Jamesville community the first of next week.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the surrounding communities to attend the meetings each night at 8 o'clock.

The pastor, Rev. Bill White, announced that regular services will be held Sunday including Bible school, E. H. Ange, supt., at 10; morning worship and celebration of the Lord's supper at 11; C. Y. F. at 6:30 at the church and evening worship at 8:00.

Woman's Council meets next Tuesday night.

Returns Home Following Amputation of One Leg

One of his legs amputated above the knee, Mr. John P. Hodges was returned to his home in Bear Grass Wednesday in a Riggs ambulance. Last reports reaching here stated he was getting along very well.

National Magazine Features State's Menhaden Fishery

Interesting Story Of Fish
Will Be Carried To All
Parts Of The World

Washington, D. C.—North Carolina's menhaden fishery is featured in an article in the June issue of the National Geographic Magazine by Leonard C. Roy, a member of the publication's editorial staff.

Although menhaden are caught along the Atlantic coast from Long Island southward, and in the Gulf of Mexico, Roy chose the Morehead City-Beaufort area to make his on-the-spot study of fish and fisheries.

Publication of the article in the National Geographic means that North Carolina's place in the menhaden industry will be made known to 1,800,000 members of the Society throughout the world and the story will be available to readers in nearly every municipal, school and college library in the United States.

Entitled "Menhaden — Uncle Sam's Top Commercial Fish," the article gives two important reasons why the fish is so little known—it has nearly as many nicknames as there are reducing centers, and it is too oily, mealy and bony for human consumption.

Fish Gets Around

Yet, writes Roy: "More people come into contact with menhaden in some form than with any other fish. The thousands employed in the industry last year are a mere handful compared with the number who use menhaden oil and meal."

"The soap in your kitchen and bathroom is apt to contain menhaden oil. The linoleum on your kitchen or office floor, the varnish and paint that decorate the furniture and walls in your home, and your waterproof garments may have been made with the oil. Steel manufacturers use the oil in tempering their product."

"Since animal protein is important to the health of cattle, hogs, and poultry, menhaden meal, mixed with their food, often brings this fish indirectly to your dining table."

Colonists arriving on the New England coast discovered Indians using menhaden for fertilizer by placing a fish in each corn hill, the article relates. Now practically none of the fish is used as fertilizer. Roy then traces the history of the menhaden industry from the odoriferous sun-processing method on Rhode Island beaches to the large, almost odorless plants of today.

1948 A Big Year

To get local color and first-hand material on his subject, the writer sailed out of Morehead City on The Mace of Beaufort Fisheries, Incorporated, witnessed a "set" (a netting of fish) and saw the catch move, by conveyor belt, through a reducing plant until it became the menhaden oil and meal of trade.

Last year, the article reports, the industry processed more than 1,417,000 menhaden, exceeding 950,000 pounds in total weight. This is more than twice the poundage of the second ranking fish, the Atlantic croaker, and four times the total of menhaden's nearest rival in the Atlantic fisheries, the rosefish, or sea perch.

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Plan Revival In West End Church

The Reverend J. N. Stancil, Wendell, N. C., will begin a series of revival meetings at West End Baptist Church Monday evening, May 23, at eight o'clock. The meeting will last through the week. Mr. Stancil is pastor of four churches near Wendell, and some real gospel messages are expected during the revival meeting.

A song service will be held each evening, led by the pastor, J. Thad Ashley. A special prayer service will be held each evening at the church at 7:30 just before the revival services.

"Please make your plans to attend each service of this series of meetings, and we feel sure you will receive a blessing," the pastor urges.