

Board Retains All Employees Of Town

Salary Schedules To Remain Intact For the New Year

Remuneration Small When Long Hours and Responsibility are Considered

Meeting in special session Tuesday evening, Williamston's board of commissioners retained all town employees and ordered the old salary schedule retained after studying each job or position individually.

It was the consensus of opinion that remuneration, while comparing favorably in size with salaries paid by other towns, was small when the long hours and responsibilities are taken into consideration.

While other business was discussed, the board members spent most of their time fixing the salary schedule to be incorporated into the budget estimate for the next fiscal year. When that task was completed, the hour was getting a bit late and the officials decided to recess and resume at another special meeting possibly the latter part of this month, the study of the budget figures.

The salary schedule as adopted, follows:

Superintendent of the street and water departments, \$3,420.00.

Chief of police, \$260 per month. Salaries, ranging from \$50 to \$52.50 per week, were retained for the five police officers. The motion to retain the chief of police was offered by Commissioner Leman Barnhill and seconded by Commissioner W. O. Griffin, Commissioner N. C. Green offered the motion that all officers be retained with present salaries to be maintained.

The town treasurer-clerk was retained at the old salary of \$3,120 per year, and the assistant clerk was re-employed at a salary of \$800 annually.

The town attorney was also retained, and the retainer's fee was unchanged at \$150 per year.

The town hall custodian is to continue to receive \$50 a month.

The mayor's pay was left at \$50 (Continued on page eight)

Slightly Injured In Street Wreck

Samuel Williams, operator of a store on Sycamore Street, suffered a slight knee injury when his Plymouth sedan was in collision with a freight truck of the Carolina-Norfolk Line at the intersection of Houghton and Washington Streets about 9:00 o'clock yesterday morning.

Williams, driving out Washington Street, started to make a right turn into Houghton, explaining that he thought the freight truck would enter and travel up Washington Street. The truck driver, Elton Kelly Boyce, RFD 3, Edenton, swerved his truck to the left and Williams pulled hard to the right, the front left side of the vehicles crashing.

Local officers, investigating the accident, estimated the damage to the Williams car at \$550 and that to the truck at \$100.

NOTE OF THANKS

Williamston's fire department this week received a note of thanks along with a \$50 check for service rendered during the fire that wrecked the warehouse of the Harrington Manufacturing Company in Lewiston a short time ago.

The department dispatched a truck to the Bertie town and the firemen did what they could. Grateful for the note of thanks and the remuneration offered, the fire department chief and officials would not accept the check, looking upon the deed as one among friends.

MOSQUITO FIGHT

The fight against singing mosquitoes is being carried relentlessly on in the town. Last reports state that nearly 250 homes have been sprayed, that a barrier will have been placed around the town by the latter part of next week. Most of the homes in the northern and western fringes of the town have been sprayed, and the sprayers are, gradually working on around toward the river with plans to work inland the following week.

So far no one has refused the service which is being made available without cost to home owners by the town and health departments.

Few Cases Listed For Trial Monday In Superior Court

Twelve Defendants In the Court for Alleged Violations of Sanitary Laws

With only fourteen cases on the criminal docket, the Martin County Superior Court is almost certain to attract very little attention during the one-week term opening next Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Unless complications present themselves, the court is expected to clear the criminal docket possibly late Monday and certainly by noon Tuesday. A few divorce cases have been tentatively set for trial Tuesday afternoon and only a few civil actions are on the calendar for consideration later in the week.

Judge Chester Morris, presiding over a hectic session last March, is scheduled to return for his second round on the bench and he'll find that this county isn't so bad after all.

Included in the list of fourteen cases on the criminal docket, several of them were brought over from previous sessions.

The cases charging Lollie Williams with drunken driving was continued last December, but when it was called in March the defendant did not answer, forfeiting the \$200 cash bond.

In the case of James Wesley Ormond, a true bill was returned last December when he was formally charged with carnal knowledge of a girl sixteen years old. He did not answer either during that term or last March.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Charlie Bell appealed from a judgment handed down in the county court and the case was continued until the June term.

Raymond L. Phelps, drunk driving; Virginia Slade Boston, violating the liquor laws; Cloven James, assault with a deadly weapon, and Lawrence Lilley, drunken driving, all appealed from the lower courts. In such cases are set for trial next week.

Possibly the most serious case on the docket is the one in which (Continued on page eight)

Planning Tour Of Tobacco Station

Farmers interested in the latest research work on tobacco production should plan to tour the Oxford Tobacco Experiment Station Wednesday, June 29.

The following research work will be observed: 16 variety yield and quality test demonstrations; horn worm and wire worm control work; black shank and Granville wilt control strains; fertilizer placement; sucker control demonstrations, topping and suckering test, starter solution test (in transplanting water), and methods of ridging and cultivating tobacco. Farmers interested in making the trip should contact R. McK. Edwards, Negro County Agent for this county.

Fourteen Cases In County Court Monday Morning

Fines Imposed At The 3rd Session Amounted To \$375.00

In a session lasting a little over two hours, Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson cleared fourteen cases from the Martin County Recorder's Court docket Monday morning. The session was fairly well attended, and was featured by the trial of a warmly contested speeding case.

Fines imposed at the session amounted to \$375, the income for the day falling well below the average reported for the past six or eight months.

Represented by two attorneys, James Bruce House, young Halifax County man, pleaded not guilty when formally charged with speeding. He was adjudged not guilty after the defendant had offered a number of able witnesses. It was brought out by Solicitor Roberson that the defendant had offered to plead guilty but the plea was not perfected and the case was scheduled for trial. The defendant was given the advantage of the doubt and was found not guilty. It was also brought out in evidence that the defendant had been booked for speeding earlier in the year.

Pleading guilty of violating the health laws, Robert Purvis was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the judgment upon the payment of the cost and on the further condition that he meet certain health requirements.

Lorenzo Bryant, maintaining his innocence in the case charging him with assaulting a female, was found guilty and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He is to remain of good behavior for two years.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Daniel Jones was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He is to remain sober and law abiding for one year.

Charged with speeding, David Sylvester Lee pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 plus costs.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Jim Jenkins, Jr., was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

John Mason, pleading guilty of trespass and assault, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. He was directed to pay a \$20 doctor's bill for Clyde Tyner, the prosecuting witness.

Facing a drunken driving charge, LeRoy Lawrence pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. The defendant lost his driver's license for one year.

A mandatory fine of \$100, was imposed, plus costs, in the case charging Richard D. Dixon, Jr., with speeding at 83 miles an hour. Charged with leaving the scene of an accident without identifying himself, James Lee, Jr., pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 plus costs.

Pleading not guilty of non-support, William Grimes was adjudged guilty of not providing aid. (Continued on page eight)

Take Action On House Location

Selling the old tenant house formerly located near Rhoads Street on the property recently bought from the Halberstadt heirs for a cemetery addition, the board of town commissioners in a special meeting Tuesday evening were advised that the purchaser had moved the house several hundred yards from the street and set it up on property owned by the town. The board slapped a \$5 monthly rental fee for the site, allowing the house owner until next September to clear it off the cemetery site. The house was sold at public auction some months ago for \$605.

Local Firms Plan Special Promotion Days Next Week

For the first time in a number of years, Williamston merchants are cooperating in a special trade promotion to be held here for three days, June 23, 24 and 25, Ernest Mears, chairman of the Williamston Booster Days committee, announced yesterday.

During the three days Williamston stores will offer special merchandise at bargain prices. Approximately fifty retail establishments are cooperating in this joint trade promotion and bargain items and services from diapers to

BUDGET

Martin County's commissioners are almost certain to fidget with budget figures when they meet in special session tomorrow to map out a financial course for the coming fiscal year.

No estimates are yet to be had, but it is reasonably expected that the officials will do well to hold the tax rate to its present figure. Some hardly see how they can do anything but increase the rate a few cents.

Name Local Man Area Chairman

N. C. Green, local Ford dealer, has been appointed Area Chairman for the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Mr. Green was selected as Area Chairman by a committee of the National Association and NCADA officials. The appointment was announced by P. L. Abernethy of Charlotte, director of NADA for North Carolina, and M. Brack Wilson of Smithfield, President of the State Association.

NADA is the largest retail trade association in the country with a membership of more than 34,000 new automobile and new truck dealers. The national organization is widely known for its sponsorship of highway safety and other public interest programs and its policy of supporting the highest standards and ethics of retail automobile merchandising.

Receive Request For Playgrounds

Petitioning the board of commissioners in a special meeting this week, a recreation committee, headed by Geo. T. Hyman, W. C. Bunch and G. H. Ormond, asked for an appropriation to finance a playground for the colored children of the town.

The petitioners asked for \$40 a week for personnel and \$200 for equipment.

Commissioners K. D. Worrell and W. C. Griffin were named on a committee to meet with the council leaders and discuss the proposed project, the officials tentatively agreeing that some help could be offered. (Continued on page eight)

Peanut Mills Race Against Time To Meet Big Contract

Williamston's two peanut plants are now entering the home stretch in the race to meet the terms of a big shelling contract with the government. Late reports from the plants indicate the race will be won with possibly a little time to spare, provided schedules can be maintained.

The more than fifty thousand bags of farmers' peanuts were moved from warehouses here and in Robersonville, the operations requiring quite a few trucks. To move the more than three million pounds of shelled goods to Virginia, approximately fifteen trucks were placed in operation daily. The haul to Virginia has been hampered by load limits on the Chowan River bridge, some of the drivers going over Albemarle Sound while others operated through Ahoskie.

In addition to the peanuts, the mills are handling almost fifty carloads of crushed hulls. The operators worried for a while. The cleaned goods are to be in a Norfolk warehouse by Saturday of this week for shipment overseas under the European Recovery Program.

Mrs. R. L. Dawson Drowns Yesterday In Pamlico River

Three Others Barely Escape With Lives by Clinging To Capsized Boat

Mrs. Robert Lee Dawson, the former Miss Rometta Taylor of Lucama and a resident of Williamston for the past thirteen months, lost her life by drowning in the Pamlico River at the railroad bridge in Washington yesterday afternoon about 5:00 o'clock when the small boat in which she was riding with her husband and Mr. and Mrs. James Parrisher, capsized in the rough water. The Parrishers and Mrs. Dawson's husband barely escaped with their lives by clinging to the overturned boat.

When the boat, powered by an outboard motor, turned over, Dawson helped her wife on top of it. She had been there just a short time when a wave carried her off, Dawson explaining that she drifted away before he could reach her. During the meantime the bridge tender had called for help and members of the Washington fire and police departments responded and the body was recovered immediately, reports indicating that death was the result of a heart attack. She was given artificial respiration there and again in a Washington hospital where she was pronounced dead soon after her arrival. The Beaufort County coroner, according to reports reaching here, ruled that death was attributable to accidental drowning.

The Dawson's and Parrishers had been at Whichard's Beach, rented a boat and were about a mile or more away when rough water was encountered and the boat turned over.

The Parrishers, relatives of Dawson, were originally from Sharpsburg but are now living in Washington.

Mrs. Dawson was born in Lucama, Wilson County, on April 23, 1926, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor. She was married in 1945 and made her home in Williamston until they located here. They were at home on South Biggs Street in the late W. B. Daniel house. Surviving besides her parents and husband are a daughter, Little Miss Linda Fay Dawson; a sister, Mrs. Thomas Hatch, and a brother, Rudolph Taylor, both of Lucama.

During most of their stay here, Mrs. Dawson was employed in Wier's Coffee Shop and her husband worked at the Central Filling Station. She had made many friends during her stay here and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

The body was brought to the (Continued on page eight)

Taxi Ordinance To Be In Effect Soon

An ordinance governing the operation of taxi cabs in Williamston was given final approval at a special meeting of the local town board of commissioners last Tuesday.

The ordinance was amended this week, lowering the license fee from \$50 to \$40 a year. The amount may be paid quarterly or annually, the board provided.

There are fourteen taxi operators here at the present time, but in the busy seasons the number has run as high as twenty-one. Fares within the town limits have been fixed, and the board reserves the right to rule on license applications.

White and Red Potatoes Come from Same Vine

Mr. R. A. Moore, filling station operator and a small scale farmer, of near Williamston, has the distinction of growing both white and red potatoes on the same vine. Mr. Moore who lives on the Hamilton highway said he planted a cheese box full of potatoes and harvested 15 bushels. When harvesting his corn last year Mr. Moore found 3 perfectly formed and full grown ears of corn in the same shuck.

Will Start Work On Street Project Soon

Promise Delivery Sewer Line Pipe In Next Few Days

CLINICS

Completing the schedule of community clinics held for the immunization of subjects against typhoid fever, the county health department states that the service will still be offered at the established clinics, as follows:

Each Friday afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock in Hamilton; each Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock in Robersonville, and every afternoon from 4 to 5 and each Saturday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock in the health department offices at Williamston.

Approximately 9,000 persons have been immunized against the fever to date, it was learned.

Pest Damage Runs Into Big Figures

B. C. Lineberger, chairman of the North Carolina-Virginia unit of the National Cotton Council, said recently that North Carolina cotton farmers would have been able to profit an additional \$9,622,000 if insects had not reduced the state's 1948-49 cotton yield approximately 7 percent. Pests, he said, claimed one out of every 13 bales produced.

Mr. Lineberger, in announcing initiation of a campaign by the Cotton Council to reduce damage to cotton by pests during 1949, said last year's losses in North Carolina amounted to an average of 3 cents per pound of lint harvested.

Pests last year kept out of production approximately 56,119 bales of cotton and an estimated 23,000 tons of cottonseed. Based on average prices, this lint would have brought farmers of the state some \$8,235,000 and the seed would have meant an additional profit of \$1,387,000, the Council spokesman added.

Recommendations on how best to control cotton pests in North Carolina already have been issued. This information, which may be obtained from county agents or vocational agriculture workers, tells farmers how to apply potent insecticides which will control effectively such pests as the boll weevil, boll worm, pink bollworm, cotton aphid, fleahopper, thrips and others.

Mr. Lineberger explained that though the percentage of cotton damaged by insects throughout the Cotton Belt last year was the second lowest since 1924, an estimated 6.6 percent of the crop, valued at approximately \$202,264,000 was destroyed.

He observed further that a mild winter in many Cotton Belt states favored a high survival of cotton pests, and said that the Cotton Council is warning cotton farmers that unless insect control measures are taken, this year's crop may run much higher than that incurred in 1948.

The number of water line connections is almost double the sewer line connections, and on that basis a 50-cent rental fee would be in line, that fees for similar service in other towns range considerably above that figure. It was also suggested that a graduated rental fee should be adopted. At present time there are about 600 sewer line connections, and on that basis a 50-cent rental fee would take about \$3,000 in revenue annually. The number of water line connections is almost double the sewer line taps, but many of the water customers are outside the town. (Continued on page eight)

Soldier Buried Near Plymouth

Graveside services were conducted in the Jackson Cemetery in Washington County yesterday afternoon for Pfc. Huber W. Ange who was killed in Italy on March 31, 1944. Rev. P. B. Nickens, Baptist minister, conducted the service.

A son of the late Charlie W. and Mamie Browning Ange, he was born in Washington County on November 29, 1912, and was working at the N. C. Pulp Company in this county when he entered the service. Several relatives live in this county. He was married to Miss Thelma Heath who survives with a daughter, Jessica Ruth Ange; three sisters, Mrs. Isabella Mason, Mrs. Lula Quincy and Miss Mamie Ange, all of Tarboro; and three brothers, Robert Ange of New Bern, Charlie Ange of Wilmington and Oscar Ange of Baltimore.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Last week for the first time in two months, motorists traveled the highways of this county a full week without a reportable accident.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

23rd Week			
1949	0	0	\$ 00
1948	3	0	0 160
Comparisons To Date			
1949	49	34	2 \$12,265
1948	63	22	2 12,600