

Plan Formation Of County Road Group

Ten Townships To Name Delegates to August 6 Meeting

Committee will study road problem and make recommendations

To promote the interests of this county in the State-wide road program and to help formulate plans for advancing the program within the county, a movement is well under way to perfect a road program organization. Initial steps were taken at a meeting of the Jamesville Ruritan Club recently when a committee of three was named, including A. Corey, Carl Griffin and C. G. Gurkin. So far that district is the only one of the ten townships in the county to name a committee, but others are to take action without delay and have their committees ready for a county-wide meeting to be held in the courthouse at 10:00 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, August 6.

The movement is supported entirely by individual citizens, the voluntary leaders expressing the belief that it would be better for the citizens to meet voluntarily and select their committees rather than have the groups named by an official or any one leader of the movement. While no set rules have been advanced, it has been suggested that the committees be limited to three members in each township, that they be selected to represent various sections of the individual district.

While no plan for naming the committee has been advanced, Jamesville went forward through its Ruritan Club. In those districts where there are no civic organizations, the citizens are asked to discuss the proposal among themselves and select three representatives.

While it has been suggested to limit the township representations to three members, no formal or set rule has been established in that connection or on any other point. Rules of organization and procedure will have to await the pleasure of the county meeting on August 6. In those cases where no delegates are named, interested citizens should attend the county meeting.

It was definitely explained that the organization is not to be advanced with the motive to advance one road project at the expense of another, but to promote the road program on a fair and square basis. Recognizing the impossibility of paving every road, the committee is expected to formulate a basis for the program; that is, a formula might well be advanced, giving certain roads priority over others with each township coming in for its fair share of the funds to be expended.

Martin County, theoretically is entitled to about \$400,000 in the first allotment to be made. It is the aim of the proposed committee to study road problems and go forward on a solid unit front, rather than have one area pulling against the other and delaying, if not blocking the work.

The committee, after discussing the problem, will, it is suggested, go into a huddle with the county (Continued on page eight)

Mrs. Perry Dies In Pasquotank

Mrs. Narcissus Perry, 69, widow of Reuben A. Perry and mother of Mrs. George Haislip of Hamilton, died at her home in Pasquotank County near Elizabeth City last Thursday evening after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted in the Bethlehem Christian Church Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and burial was in the Hertford Cemetery.

Surviving besides her daughter in this county are four sons and four daughters, two step-children, two sisters, nineteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Marketing Season Opened Today on Georgia Markets

Prices Somewhat Lower This Year Than Last for Initial Offerings

Early reports from the Georgia tobacco markets were considered not very encouraging, but farmers were said to be "very well pleased and there was no dissatisfaction expressed." No definite trend could be established in the first hour of selling, but it was reliably reported that the general price average would fall considerably below the estimated \$53 average reported on the opening a year ago.

The first few rows sold in Valdosta ranged in price from 15 to 55 cents, which amounts to 19 and 59 cents considering the price differential between untied and tied tobacco. For all practical purposes, the 55-cent figure seemed to be the top figure.

A preliminary report from Hazlehurst stated that the first 125 piles sold there averaged \$52.30. That figure compares very well with the opening price average a year ago.

No price average was mentioned during the early morning, but down in Moultrie farmers said they were well satisfied, that tobacco was selling good. J. Lloyd Corey, Pitt County farmer who offered an entire row for sale on the Moultrie market said he was satisfied with his sale but at that time did not know what it averaged. Several Martin County farmers were said to have tobacco on the Georgia markets today.

It was estimated that there were more than 30 million pounds of tobacco on the approximately 80 warehouse floors in the twenty-one markets.

Conflicting reports were heard about the quality, some saying that it was better than it was a year ago and others saying it was inferior.

Press reports showed a variation in the early price averages. Valdosta, reporting the average for the first few rows, placed the price at 57 cents as compared with \$55.64 a year ago.

Douglas, according to press reports, averaged \$49.50 for the first few rows sold there this morning. The average for the season in Georgia last year was \$48.48.

As of July 1, the U. S. Crop Reporting Board estimated the 1949 crop of Georgia and Florida flue-cured tobacco to be 131,708,000 pounds. If this production is realized the crop would exceed the 111,634,000 pounds produced last year by almost 18 percent. Also, it would be the second largest of this type in history being surpassed only by the 1947 harvest. Production in all flue-cured types this year is expected to be 1,155,058,000 pounds as against 1,089,584,000 pounds in 1948.

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Mother of County Man Died Sunday

Mrs. Perry T. Roane of Kelford and mother of Perry T. Roane, Jr., of Hamilton and Williamston, died in a Richmond hospital Sunday morning after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted this morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Kelford Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. E. C. Upchurch, and burial was in the Roxobel-Kelford cemetery.

Mrs. Roane, a native of Bertie County, was the daughter of the late Eugene and Betty Tyler. Besides her husband and one son, she is survived by three sisters and four brothers.

Sheriff Continues Quite Ill In The Hospital

Taking a turn for the worse about the middle of last week, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, a patient in a Washington hospital for the past two months, continues about the same. A report from the hospital this morning stated he did not rest at all well last night.

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County Favors Quota By A Large Majority

Vote 273 To One For Three-Year Tobacco Program

Apparently unable to find a cool place on the outside, ten persons "crimed" allegedly their way into the county "cooler" during last weekend, a review of the jail records shows.

Six were booked for public drunkenness, two for larceny and one each for an assault and hit-and-run driving. Six of the ten were white and the ages of the group ranged from 17 to 42 years.

Building Program Costs \$353,950.00 During Past Year

Construction About \$50,000 Less Last Year Than In 1947

Despite high costs and uncertainty in the business economy, a fairly extensive building program was advanced here last year, according to a report released a short time ago by Building Inspector G. P. Hall. The overall building program, including residential and commercial construction and repairs to residential and commercial properties, represents an expenditure estimated at more than one-third of a million dollars. The inspector's report shows that \$167,300.00 was spent for new home construction, \$145,250.00 for commercial construction, \$19,100 for repairs to 644 homes and \$22,300.00 for repairs and alterations to old commercial property.

There were thirty-seven new homes built during the period, and alterations were made to thirteen old residences. The cost ranged from \$1,000 to \$14,000 for the home construction, while repairs to residences ranged from a low of \$100 to \$7,000.

Sixteen new commercial or business buildings were constructed during last year at a price ranging from \$250 to \$45,000. Repairs to eight commercial buildings ranged from \$1,000 to \$8,000. While the construction program cost was about \$50,000 below the 1947 figure, it still reflects a progressive march, and Inspector Hall is of the opinion that the program will be maintained at a fairly high level this year. However, comparatively little new building has been started locally so far this year.

In 1947 there were fifty-five new homes constructed here at a cost of \$177,700. Eighteen commercial buildings were constructed that year at a cost of \$154,750. In addition to the \$177,700 spent on new homes, \$36,500 was spent in 1947 for repairs and alterations to old homes. Repairs and additions to commercial buildings in 1947 cost \$43,000 making an overall total cost of approximately \$402,000 for 1947.

Inspector Hall explained that the figures are only estimates, that most of the building for the two years was handled on a cost-plus basis, and that it was next to impossible to have the costs verified.

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Martin County tobacco farmers left no doubt as to how they stand on the tobacco program when they went to the polling places last Saturday and voted 2,730 for and only 10 against three-year quotas, giving the program a little better than 273-to-one support. Eight of the ten townships voted solidly for the continuance of quotas for the years of 1950, 1951 and 1952. Nine compromised and voted for quotas for only one year.

While this county gave the program a 273-to-one support, preliminary reports show that the plan carried in the five main producing states by a 73-to-one margin.

The opposition, what little there was in this county, was centered in two townships—Jamesville and Williams. Jamesville cast seven opposition votes and three were cast against the plan in Williams Township, according to an unofficial tabulation of the returns.

The size of the vote, reportedly the largest ever cast in a referendum of the type and considerably larger than many of the political contest totals, was really surprising. It was virtually agreed that 2,500 votes would be high, and that the county would do well to cast 2,000 votes. Farmers, looking after their business, turned out in numbers and voted to align themselves with the majority of the registered list of growers, it was pointed out.

Following is the vote for the quota program, the first column listing those favoring three-year quotas, the second column showing the number favoring a program for one year, and the third column showing the opposition by townships:

Bear Grass	253	0	0
Cross Roads	227	0	0
Goose Nest	299	1	0
Griffins	328	1	0
Hamilton	244	1	0
Jamesville	235	3	7
Robersonville	524	2	0
Williams	119	1	3
P. P.-Winston	501	0	0
	2730	9	10

A complete report on the assessment plan proposed for the support of Tobacco Associates, a selling agency for flue-cured tobacco, could not be had immediately, but the proposal carried by a vote similar to the one recorded in the quota referendum. Nine of the townships gave the plan 2,477 favorable and only 12 opposition votes. Four townships offered what little opposition noticed in the preliminary returns, as follows:

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Cross Roads	227	0
Goose Nest	297	3
Griffins	328	1
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Robersonville	523	3
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MOSQUITO CONTROL

The town, cooperating with the health department, has about run out of houses in its mosquito control program, and unless there is a decided increase in the demand for the special spray the work will be suspended the latter part of this week, Mayor Robt. Cowen announced yesterday.

Between 800 and 900 homes have been sprayed with DDT in the past few weeks, and others will be sprayed free if the owners will notify the town clerk's office during the next two or three days. The program has proved very effective and the town is anxious to extend the control program to every home.

Arrested For The Larceny of Auto

Ray Clark, young colored boy, was arrested by local officers for the temporary larceny of Richmond Godard's old model car and wrecking it here on Washington Street last Saturday afternoon.

The youth "borrowed" the car from its parking place near the Carver theater on Washington Street, and drove it hardly more than a block before he crashed into Dr. Edward Early's Buick which was parked on the street. Damage to the Early car was estimated at \$75 by Officer C. R. Moore.

Son Of Former Local Minister Died Sunday

William Burton Dowell, 80, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. George J. Dowell of Williamston, died in Birmingham Sunday. He was associated with the iron and steel industry in the Alabama city for more than half a century.

Besides his widow, two sons and a daughter, he is survived by three brothers, Dr. Spright Dowell of Macon, Ga., A. Yates Dowell of Washington, D. C., and George J. Dowell of Raleigh, and three sisters, Mrs. Roland F. Beasley of Monroe, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Jenkins of Boston and Miss Patricia S. Dowell of Athens, Miss., all former residents of Williamston.

Dairy Tour To Be Made Thursday

Assistant County Agent D. W. Brady announced today that a tour of dairy farms and facilities in Wayne County in and around the Goldsboro area will be made by