

Road Group Met In Plymouth Last Saturday Morning

Association Will Advertise U. S. 64 As Historical Highway Route

Representatives from Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Martin, Nash, Edgecombe and Wake Counties met in Plymouth Saturday morning to form an association to advertise U. S. No. 64 as a historical highway, connecting Manteo and Murphy under a continuous route number.

Suggestions were made to invite representatives from each town and county that U. S. Highway No. 64 passes through, to join the association. Victor Meekins, of Dare County, said that within the month he planned to travel from Manteo to Murphy and would personally locate some representatives.

Those present at the meeting voted to temporarily name the group the "U. S. 64 Historic Highway Association." Sometime ago a movement was started in Arkansas, which U. S. 64 passes through, to name the highway a historic continental highway as it reaches from Columbia to California. If that association is found to be active, then the North Carolina Association will adopt its name.

R. Wayne Albright was named acting chairman of an executive steering committee. Serving on the committee are: Melvin R. Daniels, of Dare County; E. J. Fleming, of Nash County; Paul Liverman, of Tyrrell County; E. O. Arnold, of Washington County; J. Roy Manning, Jr., of Plymouth; Robert H. Cowen of Williamston; A. Corey of Martin County; and W. E. Babbitt, of Edgecombe County. Each of these committees are to get committeemen to serve with them from his own county or town.

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Lions To Handle Sale Of Brooms

Sale of brooms made by the blind at the Guilford Industries for the Blind will get underway in Williamston on September 22, 23 and 24, with a house to house canvass by members of the local Lions Club.

Final plans for the sale have been completed by Charles J. Brady, chairman of the Lions Club Sight Conservation Committee, and other members of the civic organization. A portable truck laden with brooms will be at the Sinclair Service Station on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and the brooms will be offered residents of the city and county who have not been contacted. Although the truck will be stationed at the Sinclair Service Station members of the club will canvass the residential sections of the town offering the brooms for a nominal price. The money realized from the sale will go to the civic club to be used in its work for the blind.

The Lions Club, the main program of which is to help blind people, sponsors the work in an unofficial and advisory capacity. The output of workers in the Guilford Industries for the Blind is high, averaging 12,000 brooms, 12,000 mops, 500 floor mops and 1,200 mop handles each month. The merchandise is sold mainly through club sponsorship, brokers and to wholesale houses.

Mr. Brady said the brooms are of good quality and are comparable to those which can be purchased anywhere. The prices will be in line with all competition. Negro and white men and women work together through their eight-hour day, five days each week. There is no difference in their rate of pay, which is on a piece-work basis, with an average weekly earning of \$25.

Mr. Brady said it is being planned to sell several hundred brooms in Williamston during the three-day sale which will end Saturday night. Members of the local club will canvass the homes and he urges all residents in need of brooms to purchase them during this campaign.

County School Enrollment

The following figures show the enrollment in the nine county white schools for the 1948-49 and 1949-50 term as reported this week by the office of the superintendent:

	1948-49 Term			1949-50 Term		
	Ele.	H.S.	Tot.	Ele.	H.S.	Tot.
Jamesville	320	109	429	368	109	477
Farm Life	135	55	190	141	59	200
Bear Grass	270	74	344	265	90	355
Williamston	770	185	955	824	198	1022
Robersonville	428	181	609	448	201	649
Oak City	201	120	321	228	110	338
Hamilton	165	165	330	168	168	336
Hassell	75	75	150	60	60	120
Everetts	195	195	390	190	190	380
Totals	2559	724	3283	2692	767	3459

Seven Schools Report A Gain Of 176 Pupils Over Last Year

Seven of the nine schools reported gains in their enrollments which now stand at an all-time high figure, 2692 in the elementary and 767 in the high schools. The elementary gain is 133 and 43 in the high schools. While seven schools reported gains, the increase is centered mainly in Jamesville, Williamston and Robersonville, Jamesville gaining 48, Williamston 67 and Robersonville 40.

The loss of 15 in the Hassell Elementary school is traceable to the transfer of the seventh grade there to the Oak City School this term.

The 1948-49 enrollment was only 30 greater than the figures for 1947-48 while the current term starts with 176 more pupils than were enrolled a year ago.

While the total enrollment gain could claim four additional teachers in the system, the increase is said to be so well distributed that not more than one can be expected to be added. Average daily attendance during the course of the first two weeks will determine if other teachers are to be added to the faculties.

Unfavorable weather has plagued the term most of the time so far, but all the schools are said to be operating very successfully. Complete reports are not to be had, but enrollment figures in the colored schools are said to have broken all records. Enrollment figures were released by fourteen of the 21 colored schools, as follows: Gold Point, 143; Jamesville, 92; Williams, 107; Cross Roads, 66; Bear Grass, 60; Everetts, 246; Hamilton, 238; Smithwicks, 57; White Oak Springs, 62; Oak City, 236; Rogers, 97; Dardens, 118; Salsbury, 126; Robersonville, 344.

In the local colored high school, Professor Edgar Hayes said that 875 had enrolled, 677 in the elementary and 198 in the high school. Of the 677 in the elementary school 333 are boys and 344 are girls. In the high school the girls outnumber the boys 123 to 75.

Lions Club Holds Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Lions Club met last Thursday evening at the Woman's Club, and was served a most delicious supper by the ladies of Circle No. 2 of the Methodist Church.

The meeting turned over to "Project Meeting", as practically the entire session was taken up by the discussion of the various projects the Lions Club is interested in. The coming sale of brooms and mats, sponsored by the club for the benefit of the blind, is expected to be a huge success.

The Lions are also very interested in the proposed project to erect two tennis courts in joint sponsorship with the other Civic Clubs in Williamston. The club is also giving whole-hearted support to the drive to raise money for the buying of much needed equipment and instruments for the High School Band.

Lion Stewart gave a most impressive talk on school work and the functions of the school board and its connections and responsibilities to the general public. Lion Stewart also introduced his guest of the evening, Mr. Carlyle Cox.

Lion Huffman had as his guest of the evening, an out-of-town Lion, Mr. John Stallings, from Laurel, Delaware.—C. A. Hamilton, Jr.

Tell How Funds Will Be Used By Green Wave Band

Two Thirds of the Money Sought Is For Buying New Instruments

Just where the funds sought in the band fund drive to close next Friday night, will be used is explained by the officers of the Band Parents Club and Professor Jack Butler in the budget which was recently approved by the club membership.

Biggest item of course, and the one which the friends of the band feel it must have, is the \$1320.40 fund for the purchase of new instruments for the band. Other items include \$123.09 for the uniform fund to keep it up to a safe level, \$343.27 for current expenses which will include music and general repair to larger instruments not rented or privately owned and \$213.24 for the transportation fund.

Chairman Hildreth Mobley and Co-Chairman Julian Harrell are going forward with their plans for a successful finish to the drive on Friday of this week when the band will appear up the street for its annual tag day appearance.

The way the band has conserved its resources and stretched them out is revealed in the small amount being asked now for the uniform fund which was the biggest item by far when the first drive for funds was made. Every dollar put in those uniforms is represented by a uniform on hand and in use. Professor Butler is very proud of his uniforms and told the Band Parents Club recently that they would match up against any band's dress.

The drive for funds for the band is not going to be a prolonged one. It ends next Friday night regardless of its outcome. And the band and Band Parents Club has made it a policy not to come running up town to the merchants for any in-between funds all during the year. The band has some tentative trips in store for it but it will make all its trips and do its work the coming year on the budget it has already outlined. It has given the town of Williamston unexcelled representation wherever it has made a public appearance and is very proud of the way the town has supported it in every move to improve its appearance and its instrumentation.

Last year Professor Butler told a meeting of the Band Parents Club that he wanted his band to get into a position where it could go after the top ratings in the district contests and that the top was the only place he was seeking. He and his youngsters now want the instruments that will equip them to go after the top honors. They anticipate that the town will support them in this worthy effort.

Some canvassers have already contacted their prospects and all will have done so by Friday noon.

PASTURE TOUR

A good pasture (not a posture) on every farm is the 1949 pasture goal for Martin County. To assist farmers in doing this, a pasture seeding demonstration and pasture tour has been planned for Friday, September 16, starting at 9 a. m. on the farm of Mr. Dannie Mobley, about one mile east of Everetts on the old Bailey Road. This demonstration will consist of land preparation, liming, fertilizing, and seeding. Mr. Sam Dobson, Extension Pasture Specialist, will conduct the demonstration.

The afternoon program consists of a tour of established pastures in Jamesville Township, starting at the farm of Marvin Jones, conducted by V. B. Hairr, Vocational Agricultural Teacher of Jamesville. E. Y. Floyd, Director of the Plant Food Institute, will be guest at the day program.

All farmers who are planning to establish a pasture this fall are urged to attend.—J. W. Sumner, assistant County Agent.

Thirty-two Cases Slated For Trial In Superior Court

\$15,000 Damage Suit Brought Against Railroad For Death of Child

Thirty-two civil cases have been calendared for trial in the Martin County Superior Court during the two-week term opening on the 19th for the trial of criminal and civil actions. In addition to the regular civil issues, twelve divorces are scheduled to be tried during the term.

Judge Leo Carr of Burlington is to preside over the term, returning to the county for the first time in about five years. The criminal docket is still in the making, but so far there are no cases of major importance on either the criminal or the civil dockets.

The civil cases include the following:

The case of L. Herman Worthington against Melva Johnson, in which the plaintiff is petitioning for a land division in Robersonville Township, has been pending for about seven years.

Boundary line disputes are involved in the cases of C. E. Jenkins against H. H. Cowen, Willie Bullock against J. D. Wynne, H. H. Cowen against Dennis Modlin, and H. H. Cowen against Willie H. Modlin. Several of the cases have been dragging slow in the courts for some time. One or two have been tried, referred to referees and now are back again.

In the case of Thurston Davenport against Dorothy Taylor, it is understood one of the issues advanced is to have a deed to certain property in Everetts set aside, but that the value of the improvements made by the defendant is yet to be determined.

D. G. Matthews is suing Robert S. Howell to recover \$200 damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant ran his car into that of the plaintiff in Hamilton in April of last year.

Grover Peel, administrator, is suing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for \$15,000 damages alleged to have resulted when Chloee Peel, 2-year-old child, was struck and killed by the defendant's train near Dardens on September 27, 1948.

George C. James is asking \$800 of the Coast Line for damage alleged to have resulted when the defendant's train fired his woods on August 13, 1948.

In the case of William Johnson against Arthur Morgan, the plaintiff is asking \$300 damages as a result of an automobile accident near Oak City last December 10. The defendant, denying the allegations, has entered a counter-suit for \$400.

Walter Bailey and others are suing Mary E. Bailey and others to have a deed to certain property valued at \$5,000 in Bear Grass set aside.

In his suit against L. V. Fagan, Albert Biggs is asking \$279.09 damages alleged to have resulted in an automobile accident near Williamston on January 30, 1949. Denying the allegations, the defendant is asking \$385.30 damages in a counter claim.

W. H. Harrison is suing Consolidated Utilities to recover \$1,210 damages caused when the defendant's truck driven by Charlie Haddock plowed into the Harrison Dodge near Williamston on October 22, 1948.

S. Gluck and Co. is suing Railway Express for \$1,090. In December, 1946, the plaintiff shipped goods to Williamston and for satisfactory reason were returned. The plaintiff contends that the company made a mistake in insuring the goods, placing the value at \$11 instead of \$1,100.

In two cases, Harrison Oil Company is suing to recover from Waters \$2,435.79 on a note with interest from August, 1945, and \$2,232.45 on account from Harrison with interest from September, 1948.

In the case of C. B. Savage against G. H. Manning, a restraining order is being sought and a \$900 judgment sought.

Alleging that \$100 damage was caused when the defendant trespassed on his land, D. L. Howell is suing Leander Smith for that

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Tobacco Sales Pass Five Million-Pound Mark Here

Tobacco sales on the local market went over the five million-pound mark yesterday when the price average reached its highest peak of the season. The \$51.26 average yesterday was about three cents higher than the figure for opening day. A strong upward trend in prices was noted the latter part of last week. On Thursday the market sold 294,278 pounds for an average right at \$51.00 per hundred. On Friday the market sold 349,186 pounds for a 50-cent price. The average price for the season to date is \$45.77.

Although prices continue to climb, reports indicated that the export market was not quite as bullish during the past few days as it was earlier in the season. It was also pointed out that the quality of tobacco was better, as a whole, and tended to boost the price.

It is estimated that about two-thirds of the crop in this immediate area has been marketed, that possibly one-third of the growers have already sold out all of their crop.

Philip Williams Died At His Home Thursday Evening

Funeral For Aged Citizen Held Friday In Piney Grove Church

Philip Williams, one of the county's oldest citizens, died at the home of his daughter in Griffins Township last Thursday evening at 6:00 o'clock. Almost ninety-three years old, he had been in declining health for a long period and his condition serious for some time.

The son of the late Henry and Sallie Ann Hopkins Williams, he was born in Williams Township on November 5, 1856, and spent all his life in that section. He farmed until he was forced by declining health to retire some years ago, but continued fairly active despite his advanced age. He joined the church at Maple Grove more than a third of a century ago, and was well known and respected as a citizen and friend.

Surviving are three sons, Jim Williams, Lonnie Williams and Henry Williams; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Griffin and Mrs. Simon Corey with whom he had made his home for some time; fifteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial was in the family cemetery on the old Manning farm in Williams Township.

Thousands Attend Raleigh Meeting

More than 5,000 farm people from all sections of the state are in Raleigh today to hear Murray D. Lincoln, president of the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Companies, deliver the principal address before the joint state meeting of the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and the Farmers Cooperative Exchange.

Mr. Lincoln, in addition to being chief executive of the Insurance companies, is also President of CARE—the Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe—which has sent millions of pounds to stricken areas of Europe.

His address will conclude the morning sessions of the meeting in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. Quite a few Martin County farmers are attending the meeting.

Recover Stolen Car Near Georgia

The Dodge car stolen from Mrs. W. C. Manning last Wednesday night on Church Street here was recovered in Hardeeville, South Carolina, about fourteen miles from Savannah, Georgia, last Friday morning. Two young boys, charged with the theft and whose names could not be learned here, were arrested by South Carolina officers and turned over to Federal Bureau of investigation agents.

Apparently the boys sidestepped some object with the car, but damage to the machine has not been determined. They broke the trunk lock, and tore out the ignition system when they made direct connections to start the motor without a key. The jack was missing and the rear-view mirror was torn away.

Plan Funeral For Drowning Victim

Funeral services will be conducted in the Riverhill church Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Pvt. Elisha Ruffin, 18, who was accidentally drowned while swimming in a pool in Japan on the 13th of last month. Interment will be at Speller's Ferry in Bertie County.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Nonie Ruffin; three sisters, Janie Cradle, Nonie Smallwood and Mildred Outlaw; and two brothers, James and George Ruffin.

Former Prisoner Of War Recalls His Stay in Camp

Frank Gerhardt Says He Often Thinks of the Town and Its People

Frank Gerhardt, former German prisoner of war stationed in the Williamston camp, recently wrote a letter to The Enterprise and expressed his thanks for the fair treatment accorded him during his stay here. His letter follows:

Dear Sirs: You will surely be surprised to read this letter. But at once you shall hear which reason gave me the impulse to write it.

I was prisoner of war in America and spent most of my time in your town "Williamston". I was there for good a half year and worked on different jobs. In 1946 I left your town and The U. S. for home where I reached last year. Now am I here in school again and the boys in my class always ask me to tell them something about the States, which they only know out of books or magazines.

And now while telling them about the life of yours I remember the time in your little town, and the people in it, I became acquainted with. I worked on Mr. Bowen's farm and built with Archer Miceel a new barn there. On the farm of Mr. Everett I worked on sweet potatoes, which are completely unknown in Europe. On Mr. Rogers' farm in Bear Grass I threshed peanuts and I worked on many other places. I often remember how fair and good we were treated by all of them.

"And you surely remember Christmas 1945, when we built a little hut before" our camp in which we showed the birth of Jesus. And when on Christmas-eve we all came out the camp and sang the Christmas-song "Silent Night and Holy Night" for the people who were at present. It was a wonderful time and I like to think of it often. Let me therefore take this occasion to thank the people of Williamston for the kindness they have shown to us.

"I don't think I shall ever have the chance to see the U. S. again and so with the town in North Carolina called Williamston. But believe me, I often shall think of you people and your town."

Special Council Adopts Program

The Council of Europe, in session in Strasbourg adopted for discussion a nine-point program under which it hopes ultimately to bring the war-torn countries of Europe into a United States of Europe. The program, as summarized in Associated Press dispatches to the American newspapers, is as follows:

(1) The council's role in economic matters, taking into account the Marshall-plan organization already set up.

(2) The council's role in social security.

(3) Cultural co-operation among the twelve member nations.

(4) Political changes necessary to greater unity among council members.

(5) Measures to maintain human rights and fundamental freedoms.

(6) Proposals to create a common European nationality and a European passport.

(7) A common patent office.

(8) A joint public-works program (which might include a tunnel under the English Channel).

(9) Measures to pool material resources and technical man power in scientific research.

Call For Volunteers To Beautify Cemetery

A call for volunteers is being issued by Chairman Geo. C. Griffin to help clean up and beautify the Tice Cemetery in Griffins Township Saturday morning of this week. All persons with relatives and friends buried there are asked to report there at 7:30 o'clock that morning, bringing the necessary tools and equipment for the task.