

County Officials In Short Meeting Monday Morning

Take No Action On Proposal To Enlarge Agriculture Building Here

With very little business on their calendar other than of a routine nature, County Commissioners C. C. Martin, W. M. Harrison, John H. Edwards, C. A. Roberson and Henry S. Johnson completed their work in a comparatively short session Monday morning.

Going before the meeting, Farm Agent T. B. Brandon and County Production and Marketing Administration Chairman Geo. C. Griffin pointed out the need for an addition to the county agriculture building. It was suggested that rooms could be added to the back of the present structure. After discussing the proposal and agreeing that additional space is needed, the commissioners explained that the current budget could not squeeze in the cost, meaning that nothing more can be done until a new budget is considered for 1950-51.

The board approved settlement for 1948 taxes as prepared by certified public accountants with Tax Collector M. L. Peel. The settlement shows that the tax collector had collected and turned into the treasurer a total of \$267,342.30, that he has a cash balance of \$857.16 hand. Discounts were allowed in the sum of \$2,405.56. Relief orders accounted for \$416.67, and land sales represented a total of \$3,021.23, leaving an insolvent total of \$10,304.06. The total levy for the year was \$284,346.98.

Collector Peel explained that additional collections had been made since the audit was completed a few weeks ago, and he was instructed by the board to continue working on the unpaid balances and make monthly reports.

The collector, reporting on other collections, said that all but \$119,251.49 of the \$312,010.44 levy for 1949 had been collected.

An uncollected balance of \$5,169.77 was reported from the \$234,906.57 levy for 1947, and all but \$2,122.50 of the \$207,459.77 levy for 1946 had been collected or accounted for in land sales, discounts.

The names of Dallas Holliday and Ray O'Neal were placed before the board for constable of Jamesville Township, but no appointment was made.

The following citizens were drawn for jury duty in the next session of the county recorder's court on November 14:

Jamesville: Henry C. Price and D. E. Davis; Williams: Noah Saunders Roberson; Bear Grass: H. L. Taylor; Williamston: Evan H. Woodard, Roland C. Bunting, John A. Manning, Sr., and Dillon Cobb; Robersonville: R. S. Everett; Hamilton: R. Frank Everett; Goose Nest: H. R. Smith and J. W. Bellflower, Jr.

Found "Missing" Man Last Week

Moses James, 42-year-old colored man who has been missing from his home in Goose Nest Township since last May, was found in an old abandoned barn just off the River Road between Hamilton and Palmyra last Wednesday evening by Constable Pete Leggett and Jasper Harrell and son.

James, a veteran of World War II who served seventeen months in the Pacific Theater, was reported to have been running "wild" in the fields and woods in that part of the county during the summer. Officers searched for him and waited around the old barn several times, but James escaped capture.

According to one report, James was said to have been worried over the income from a settlement effected at the sale of a farm in which he was interested. It was also stated that he had issued two worthless checks, one in the sum of \$66 and another for \$22.

Questioned in court Monday morning, James told little about his experiences, but declared it was rugged at times. He expressed the wish to enter a government hospital.

Establish Potato Market



Recognizing the need for it and working for a greater diversified agriculture in this section, the five men pictured above form part of a group that went to work to establish a sweet potato market in this county. They are, seated, left to right, M. M. Levin and Mayo Hardison; standing, H. U. Peel, Joe Winslow and J. S. Holliday. Mr. Levin is the marketing specialist (one of the best in the country), and the other four are leading farmers in this section.

Install New Machine For Potato Grading

PEANUTS

Heavy rains falling in this section last week stalled peanut threshing and few deliveries have been made to the markets during the past several days. Cleaners and shellers, starting operations with very few peanuts on hand, have been forced to close their plants temporarily.

Although a few pickers were operating in scattered areas of the county Monday, it isn't likely that threshing operations will be resumed before the middle or latter part of this week and then only with favorable weather.

Joseph H. Holliday Died In Hospital Monday Afternoon

Funeral In Jamesville For Retired Farmer Wednesday Afternoon

Joseph Hardy Holliday, well-known Jamesville citizen, died in a local hospital Monday afternoon at 2:50 o'clock after several months of declining health. Suffering a stroke of paralysis at his home early in the morning of October 27, he was removed to the hospital where little hope was held for his recovery. His condition had been critical since the attack.

The son of the late John Franklin and Mary Carolyn Davis Holliday, he was born near Jamesville 63 years ago on May 30, 1886, and spent most of his life on the farm. Locating in Jamesville, he engaged in the timber business and more recently was employed by the North Carolina Pulp Company until declining health forced his departure some months ago.

Mr. Holliday was a member of the church at Poplar Chapel since early youth. In early manhood he was married to Miss Mary Catherine Ange of Jamesville and she survives with three children, two daughters, Miss Marjorie Muriel Holliday of Jamesville and Mrs. Tilmon R. Coltrain of Williamston; a son, Joseph Holliday of Raleigh; one brother, Walter E. Holliday, and two sisters, Mrs. W. W. Holliday and Miss Maggie Holliday, all of Jamesville.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home in Jamesville Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and burial will be in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

On Committee To Get Sign For College

Miss Louise Hines of Williamston is a member of a student committee conducting a contest at East Carolina Teachers College for the best design bearing the name of the college,

Several Injured In Car Accidents On County Roads

Youngster Turns Auto Over Five Times Trying To Outrun Patrolmen

Several persons were injured, three of them badly but believed not seriously, in a series of motor vehicle accidents on the highways in this section during the weekend, according to reports coming from the office of the Highway Patrol in this county.

Mrs. Dell Jackson suffered shock about midnight Saturday when the pick-up truck in which she was riding with William Asa Taylor crashed into a taxi on the Poplar Point road, near Beppard's store. She was removed to her home near here in a Biggs ambulance after receiving hospital treatment.

Investigating the accident, Patrolmen R. P. Narron and E. P. Simmons said Brad Bagley had stopped on the left side of the dirt road to discharge passengers. Taylor was quoted as saying that he thought he was meeting the car and turned to his right to pass. The left front fender on the 1939 GMC pick-up truck and the left front fender on the 1948 Chevrolet taxi were battered, the officers estimated the damage to the truck at \$50 and that to the taxi at \$75.

Sunday evening shortly before 7:00 o'clock, Patrolmen J. T. Rowe and B. W. Parker were checking equipment near the Martin-Beaufort line on the old Stokes road when John "Dock" Webb, 24-year-old white boy of near Corey's Cross Roads, drove up. Officer Rowe said he signaled the driver to stop, and Webb slowed down, but just as he reached the patrolmen he put the car in second gear and moved off in a hurry. The officers started after him, but Webb, traveling about 70 miles an hour, lost control of the machine at a fork in the dirt road and the machine turned over five times. Webb suffered leg injuries, and his cousin, Henry Webb, was cut on the left side of the head. Both were treated in Brown's hospital and later discharged. Mildred Leary, 15 years old, riding in the back seat, sustained a broken collar bone, bruises and shock. She was able to leave the hospital Monday noon for her home in Bear Grass.

The driver is charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license, drunken driving, speeding and careless and reckless driving.

Fussell Named Club President

By Wendell Peele

Fitzhugh Fussell was elected president of the local Kiwanis Club for the next calendar year in the annual club election held Nov. 3rd at the Woman's Club.

C. B. Clark, Jr., was named vice-president, and Wendell Peele and W. H. Carstarphen, respectively, were elected to the offices of secretary and treasurer. The Board of Directors elected include David Davis, J. C. Manning, Frank Margolis, Tom Parker, Sam Getsinger, Hugh Horton and Marvin Britton.

Fussell will assume his new duties as head of the club on January 1. He succeeds S. P. Woolford.

Woolford presided throughout the meeting which convened when Rev. Stewart Simms led the group in singing "America." Following the invocation by Rev. John Goff, a delicious dinner was served by the Junior Class of the Farm Life High School.

Prior to the report of Marvin Britton, chairman of the nominating committee, Rev. Goff was announced to be the winner of the attendance prize. Rev. Simms then led the club in the singing of two songs.

County School Superintendent, Kiwanian J. C. Manning, announced to the club that the week of November 7th is National Education week, and he invited all members to visit the schools of the county, and to watch them in their work.

The next meeting of the club is scheduled to be held on Nov. 17

Drs. Himmelwright, Llewellyn, Rhodes And Harris Start Construction Work on New Hospital Here On Liberty Street

Queen Of Harvest Festival



Miss Shirley Graham of Windsor was chosen from a group of thirteen Eastern North Carolina princesses to reign over Williamston's second annual harvest festival. She is pictured with Master of Ceremonies Alford Sweet, director of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., just before the coronation, climaxing the annual harvest festival ball held recently in the Planters Warehouse here. Miss Graham has been chosen May Queen each year for the past two years by the Bertie Schools. She is active in school programs and athletics.

Plan To Complete Structure In Six Or Eight Months

Forty-four Bed Unit Will Be of Cinder Blocks and Brick Construction

Construction work on a new forty-four bed hospital for Williamston got underway last Friday when a Rogers bulldozer started moving out dirt for the foundation and building supply firms speeded up plans for placing materials on the site.

Forming a partnership and operating independently of any governmental aid program, Drs. G. G. Himmelwright, Charles I. Harris, Jr., J. T. Llewellyn and James S. Rhodes, Jr., completed plans for the big project only late last Thursday night and the first work was handled within a matter of hours. "We hope to complete the building within six or eight months," one of the partners said today.

Located in the block bordered by Liberty, Lee, Jackson and Vance Streets, the hospital is to be of cinder block and brick construction with a main floor and a large basement. Designed to house fifteen beds, the basement, for the most part, will be about on a ground level with the main floor at the front holding to the Liberty Street level.

The front of the building facing Liberty Street will be 123 feet with a wing of 146 feet on Lee and a 93-foot wing on Jackson Street.

In addition to housing about 23 beds, the main floor will have an air conditioned operating suite, delivery room, offices for each of the four doctors, a dental suite, laboratory, X-ray and emergency rooms, two waiting rooms, nursery and doctors' lounge.

R. J. Brock of the Brock Construction Company will supervise the general construction and contracts have been let for plumbing, heating and electrical work.

All of the doctors are well known throughout this section, both as members of the medical profession and as individuals. Dr. Himmelwright has been located in Washington since his discharge from the service, and is a member of the surgical staff in the Tayloe Hospital. A native of Newport News, he was in school with Dr. Llewellyn. Dr. Harris, a native of Georgia, was on the staff of the

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Funeral Thursday For County Native

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Phillips church, Washington County, for Mrs. Alice Roberson Davenport, wife of this county. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eula Ambrose, near Creswell early the day before.

The daughter of the late Henry and Marina Mizelle Roberson, she was born in the Jamesville area of this county 74 years ago. She was married to Stewart R. Davenport about 52 years ago and located in Washington County where she was active in her church community civic affairs. Mr. Davenport died about three months ago.

Following the funeral conducted by Rev. Garland Bland, burial was in the Davenport family cemetery, not far from her adopted home.

Surviving are five sons, Hoyt, McCoy, Earl and Ernest Davenport, all of Creswell, and DeWitt Davenport of Portsmouth; one daughter, Mrs. Eula Ambrose of Washington County; a brother, Eli Hoyt Roberson of Beaufort County; two sisters, Mrs. John Perkins of Wendell and Mrs. Sallie Green of Paolego; twenty-five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Town Authorities In Regular Meet Here Last Night

Consider Plans For Housing National Guard Unit At Water Plant

Williamston's Town Commissioners were in session more than two hours last night, discussing routine and new business, and delaying action on several proposals. A proposal to house a National Guard Unit in the water plant building and fencing the property for the unit's rolling stock was discussed. Mr. Daniel, acting as chairman, took the matter up.

The several acres of tobacco and peanut allotment on that portion of the new cemetery not yet developed will be auctioned, in accordance with an order of the board for 1950 at a date to be advertised.

No report on the request for a crossing over the railroad at Slade Street or for a new bridge on West Main Street has been received, the board was advised.

Treasurer Dan Sharpe reported that \$66,960.70 of the \$69,479.38 tax levy for 1948 had been collected, that \$38,617.55 of the \$75,394.22 levy for the current year had been collected.

A final report was released on the paving project recently completed, the treasurer stating that the total cost was \$16,909.30, that the town's maximum share of the cost would be approximately \$1,279.50. Several of the property owners have already paid their assessments in full, and others are

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Farm Bureau Membership Drive 398 Short Of Quota

With only about two weeks remaining, the drive for Farm Bureau members in this county is still about 398 members short of the goal, twelve of the twenty-eight canvassers were advised by Secretary Mayo Hardison at a meeting in the courthouse last Thursday evening. The canvassers present pledged their efforts to concentrate their efforts and make certain that this county does not fall behind in the drive. A direct appeal is being made to the other canvassers, urging them to help carry the drive over the goal by the 18th of this month.

Reporting to the meeting, President Chas. L. Daniel said that he had attended an executive session of the State directors of the organization in Raleigh a few days previously and that the progress

of the Bureau's work in the State and nation was encouraging. However, he explained that national farm leaders pointed out that a strong organization will be needed in the months ahead if agriculture is to hold its own when farm legislation is considered next year in the Congress. "We have a program for 1950 but there is no assurance that there will be one after that time unless we continue to work," President Daniel declared.

"We have got to have members support the organization and make certain that agriculture will be recognized along with others in the legislative halls," he said, adding that the drive in the State is going forward rapidly and that nearly everyone of the counties is hearing the membership goal.

RAINFALL

After a record fall during the May-August period, the rains almost rained out during September and October, the latter month being the driest recorded so far this year. In August, slightly more than nine inches of rain fell at this point, followed by 3.50 inches in September and only 1.52 inches last month.

During the first two days of this month, 3.42 inches were recorded at the river station by Bridgekeeper Hugh Spruill.

About 48 inches of rain fell in the first ten months.

Lists Costs Of Price Supports

Ralph S. Triggs, president of the Commodity Credit Corporation, reported recently that \$2,450,000,000 was invested in the CCC price-support program as of July 31, 1949, and that the Corporation sustained a net realized loss of \$5,291,000 in carrying out this program during the month of July. (The net realized loss on the CCC price-support program for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1949, was \$254,000,000.)

Of the total investment of \$2,450,000,000, loans outstanding totaled \$1,400,000,000.