

Plead For Early Action On School Expansion Project

Crowded Condition Cited In Report Released Recently By The P.-T. A.

Finding the problem of overcrowding in the Williamston schools growing more rapidly than the means of meeting it, the district school committee and representatives of various organizations in town as well as interested patrons of the school, will appear before the Martin County Board of Education at its next meeting to plead for early action on an approved plan offering additional classroom space.

Its teaching staff increasing from 25 to 36 while only four new classrooms were being added, the school is finding its facilities far from adequate to take care of the thousand odd students now on its rolls. If it had 131 more pupils it could claim a third of the white school children in the entire county.

Conditions at the elementary school are bad but the high school situation is worse because the facilities there are being taken up more and more by transfer of the elementary grades until the high school department is being almost pushed out of the house. There are now nine (9) sections of the elementary grades housed in the high school building.

The decision to go before the Board of Education was made at a meeting of a score of representatives of the P.-T. A., the civic clubs, service groups and others in the High School Library room one night last week. The decision to do this was reached when a canvass of the situation revealed, among other things, that one third grade section is using one end of the cafeteria; one second grade section is using a sub-standard room made from the first aid room; a closet and a part of an adjoining room; there is no longer a central elementary library because the room has to be used as a classroom; there is only limited use of the high school library because it has to be used for study halls and home room during every period of the day; three high school courses are being taught in the auditorium which is also the only place the public school music teacher can handle her work. (The cold forced transfer of three classes from the gymnasium to the auditorium last week.) Here, as in the band room, there is no support for writing other than the knee of the student.

One home room has 54 high school students using it. The public school music teacher has no place at all to work.

Children at the high school building have to travel two thirds of a city block over rough terrain to reach the small cafeteria, without benefit of shelter anywhere along the way. The small children in one of the buildings at the grammar school also have a short walk to the cafeteria in the other building.

Questioned as to the number of rural or suburban children attending the school Principal B. G. Stewart checked his records and found 450 bus children on the rolls of the Williamston schools.

County Superintendent of Schools J. C. Manning told a member of the committee after the meeting that one of the biggest factors behind the classroom shortage is the reduction of the teacher load by state school authorities. He said that the school board was working on the problem of providing adequate facilities for the schools of the county.

The committee of patrons and citizens went on record as not desiring to affect, in any way, the plans of any other schools in the county, being anxious only to secure the necessary relief in the order of the urgency of it needs. The committee did feel that the provision of classroom space was of primary importance.

There was, the committee agreed, to be no effort to put any "pressure" on anyone beyond a presentation of the facts and to make it clear that the committee and the school patrons in general

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Senator Frank Graham Addresses Festival Crowd



Senator Frank Graham, after riding nearly three hundred miles at the conclusion of an address in Iredell County late the night before, is addressing the several thousand persons gathered here recently for the town's second annual harvest festival. The Senator is not advertising Dr. Mercer's business particularly by pointing to the dentist's sign, but rather to "pint out" a "point". Seated on the platform with the guest speaker are, Al

Sweatt, director of Williamston's Boosters; C. B. Clark, Jr., president of the Boosters; Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee; Mayor Robt. Cowen; back row, left to right, Mayor J. H. Roebuck of Parmele; County Commissioners W. M. Harrison, C. Abram Roberson (head just showing above the speaker's stand) and Henry Johnson; Mayor J. C. Johnson of Oak City. The photographer "left out" several of the mayors of other county towns.

Jurors Drawn For December Term Of Court In County

No Women Included In The List of Jurors Called For One-Week Term

Twenty Martin County citizens were drawn by the board of commissioners in a recent meeting for jury duty during the one week term of superior court convening the second week in December. For the first time since their names were placed in the jury box about two years ago, no women were drawn for jury duty.

The term, opening on December 12, will hear both criminal and civil cases. However, very few civil cases are ever scheduled for trial during the last regular term of the year, and it is very likely that the sessions will be limited to the first two or three days of the week.

Judge Leo Carr, returning to this county in September of this year after an absence of about five years, is slated to preside over the December term. During the meantime, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn is scheduled to preside over a two-week term, opening on November 21 for the trial of civil cases only.

Names of citizens drawn for jury duty during the December term will be published in the Enterprise.

Check Flasher To Face Trial Here

Alleged to have issued two worthless checks in this county, a young soldier by the name of Aman is being returned to this county from Fort Knox, Ky., to face trial in the recorder's court.

Said to have given two checks, amounting to more than \$100, to an operator of a boarding house in Robersonville almost a year ago, Aman took French leave from this section, later entering the service.

Deputy Raymond Rawls left Tuesday for the man and is expected here tomorrow or Saturday.

While Deputy Rawls is returning with the alleged check flasher, Deputies J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel are delivering Moses James, another alleged check flasher, to a hospital in Roanoke, Va., today. The two deputies plan to return tonight.

Building And Loan Now In The Million Dollar Class

Starting out with a few shareholders and comparatively few shares of stock in force back in 1910, the Martin County Building and Loan Association recently developed into a million dollar institution, it was announced by the treasurer, Mrs. Vella A. Wynne, this week.

Capital gains were comparatively slow for a number of years, but during that period a firm foundation was laid and taking step with the progressive march, the association has had an important part in the rapid growth of the town and community in recent years.

At the present time, the association is financing home owners and others to the tune of almost a million dollars with well over \$100,000 in liquid assets. Approximately \$41,000 is now pending in new loans. The association has

undivided profits in the amount of \$28,000.00 and a contingent reserve of \$50,000.

During its existence, the association has financed a large percentage of the new homes built here, and possibly twice as many as all other lending agencies combined.

Reviewing its activities for the past ten months, officials said that a quarter million dollars had been advanced, mostly for new construction and repairs, and about \$50,000 for homes already built. Nearly \$15,000 in profits, including dividends on various types of stocks invested by its members, was paid out during the period, it was announced.

The 787 members, holding 9,356 shares of stock, are scattered over six states, North Carolina, New York, Connecticut, Virginia, Illinois and Georgia.

Dr. Elhardt Will Speak in County

Sunday, November 12, the Rev. Dr. George B. Elhardt will speak for the Robersonville Charge at Hamilton Methodist Church. At eleven o'clock, Dr. Elhardt will preach at Hamilton Methodist church, in the afternoon at 2:30 Dr. Elhardt will speak at Robersonville in the Methodist church. Mr. Elhardt is Librarian at Duke University Divinity School. During the summer he directs activities in the Divinity School as well as serving as librarian.

He has recently preached in churches in St. Louis, Atlanta, and Nashville besides other well known churches in Eastern United States. Next year Dr. Elhardt is scheduled to speak at Oxford University in England.

Dr. Elhardt is one of the best known and best loved speakers among Methodist ministers in the Eastern United States and the local congregation is happy to have him as the first speaker for the church year.

Residents of the county who are within reach of Hamilton at 11:00 o'clock and Robersonville at 2:30 p. m. will be inspired by attending these outstanding services. Everyone is urged to worship with the congregation Sunday, November 13.

World War Ended Thirty-one Years Ago November 11

Events Leading Up to Armistice Reviewed By Press Service of Army

By Armed Forces Press Service

It was 5 o'clock in the morning on November 11, 1918—31 years ago—that representatives of Germany signed an armistice in the headquarters of Marshal Foch, commander of the Allied Armies.

The armistice provided that six hours later—on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month—hostilities of World War I should end.

This week the world observes that anniversary—the end of the war to "make the world safe for democracy." The world now knows that it lost the peace gained then, and since has fought World War II.

The negotiations which led to the signing of the armistice 31 years ago actually stemmed from a statement made June 24 of that year by a German foreign minister. He stated the war could not be won by arms alone and that peace would come only through negotiations.

But the war kept on. Then, on October 5, of that year, the US made public a message of peace from Prince Max of Baden, a moderate German politician. Prince Max accepted, as a basis of peace talks, the "14 points" of the late President Woodrow Wilson.

Wilson replied October 8 and negotiations continued until October 27, when Germany officially requested proposals for an armistice. The request was referred to Marshal Foch. Things began to move rapidly toward a climax.

Bulgaria capitulated. Austria initiated separate proposals for an armistice and hostilities ended on the Austrian front November 4.

Germany notified the Western Allies on November 7 that her peace representatives had been appointed and were about to leave Spa, Belgium, the German general headquarters. Foch received them at his headquarters the next day and handed to them the armistice terms—35 clauses, the most severe and drastic ever demanded from a world power. But not unconditional surrender.

After several days of delay and parley, the Germans signed. To all intents and purposes, the war

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Call Twenty-Six Cases On Monday In County Court

Fines Amount To \$465 In The Session Lasting Most Of The Day

Even though there was a fairly large docket and the trials continued a greater part of the day, comparatively few people were in the Martin County Recorder's Court for the Monday sessions. Judge Chas. H. Manning called twenty-six cases, and imposed fines amounting to \$465.

Proceedings: Charged with non-support, James Riddick, pleading innocence, was adjudged guilty of not supporting his two children. He was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the term upon the payment of the costs and \$5 a week for the support of the children. He was also directed to curtail an existing hospital bill.

Johnnie Jenkins was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Mahlon B. Graham, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was fined \$15, plus costs.

Adjudged guilty of larceny and receiving, Sam Manning was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs, and he is not to be convicted of larceny during the next five years.

Pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Zeno Brown, Jr., was found guilty and was fined \$50, plus costs.

Robert Jasper Rogers pleaded not guilty of non-support. Adjudged guilty he was sentenced to the roads for six months. The court suspended the road term, and the defendant is to pay the court costs and \$20 a month for the support of his two children for the next two years.

Pleading guilty of issuing a worthless check, Arthur M. Westard was directed to pay the court costs and the amount of the check. William Brown was found not guilty of violating the health laws.

Pleading guilty of violating the health laws, Jimmie Felton, Robert Bonner and Constant Little were sentenced to the roads for three months. The sentences were suspended upon the payment of the costs and on the further condition that they meet health requirements.

John Daniel Mason, pleading guilty, was fined \$25 for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading not guilty of passing a school bus while the bus was not running, J. P. Hodges was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Marcellus Brown was found not guilty. Jesse Bland, Jr., was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor

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Seven Cases In Justice Courts

Justices R. T. Johnson and Chas. R. Mobley handled several cases in justice courts here during the past few days.

Charged with following too closely behind a truck, Braxton M. Dunn was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs by Justice Johnson.

Willie Ross, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$15, plus \$5.85 costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper lights, Felton Parker was taxed with \$5.85 costs.

The case charging Simon J. Perry with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment was not pressed or thrown out of court.

Fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs for operating a motor vehicle without brakes, Thomas James appeared.

R. B. Spruill was fined \$10 and required to pay \$5.85 costs for operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment.

Charged with drunken driving, James D. Davis was bound over to the court under \$150 bond by Justice Mobley.

Peanuts Moving To Market After Rains

Small Deliveries Reported During Past Several Days

Local people are being asked to join in a moment of silent prayer in observance of Armistice Day tomorrow. Meeting earlier this week, the local ministerial association planned the brief observance and the public is asked to pause one minute at 11:00 o'clock.

The Baptist Church chimes will broadcast one verse of "America," and the music will be stopped on the 11:00 o'clock hour, marking the time for the silent observance.

Funeral Thursday At Arlington For Jamesville Youth

S/Sgt. William J. Burnette Lost His Life In Italy February 28, 1945

Funeral services will be conducted next Thursday afternoon November 17, at 2:00 o'clock in Arlington National Cemetery for S/Sgt. William James Burnette, Jamesville young man who lost his life in action over Italy on February 28, 1945. Those desiring to send flowers may address them in his name to Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia.

A son of George H. Burnette, now of Norfolk, and the late Ethel Byrd Martin Burnette, he was born in Jamesville in 1926. Graduated from the high school there in 1943, he entered the service the following November. Within a year he was in action over Italy as a tail gunner on a B-24. Just before he was reported missing, relatives were advised that he had completed fourteen missions.

After he was reported missing in 1945, nothing more was heard from him, and a year later he was presumed dead. In August of this year, his father was notified that his son's body had been found in a civilian cemetery at San Pietro DiLion, Italy, that it was being reburied in a U. S. Military Cemetery at Mirandola, Italy, and that it would be returned to this country upon the receipt of instructions from the family. The last journey is now being completed. His is the 32nd in the list of Martin County men who fell in foreign service and whose bodies have been returned for burial in native soil, and he is the second of those to die in World War II to be buried in the Arlington Cemetery.

His mother, the former Miss Ethel Byrd of Mt. Olive, went to Jamesville and taught school, later marrying Tommie Martin. Some time after his death, she was married to Mr. Burnette. When he was reported missing, she died and from that time until he entered the service he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. Hodges of Fort Knox, Ky.

Besides his father he is survived by a half-sister, Mrs. Tommie Steckel of Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Painfully Hurt In Road Wreck

Miss Caroline Stalls was painfully but believed not seriously injured when the station wagon, owned by Ward's florist and driven by Ed Rowland, turned over between here and Windsor early last Monday evening. Miss Stalls was said to have suffered chest injuries and shock. Miss Bernice Ward, Mr. Rowland and Jimmy Ward suffered minor bruises and some shock, but they were able to be up and about the next day.

The machine skidded off the hardsurface and went out of control when the driver tried to steer it back off the shoulder to the hardsurface which was several inches higher than the dirt.

The machine was wrecked almost beyond repair.

Small Deliveries Reported During Past Several Days

Unofficial Reports Declare Bullish Market Is Now Fairly Evident

Interrupted for more than a week by heavy rains, activities are being resumed on the peanut markets in this section, and heavy deliveries are in the offing, weather conditions permitting.

Idle for more than a week, a few pickers were placed in operation Monday, the number gradually increasing as the week progressed until today the threshing task is underway on an extensive scale.

Deliveries have been fairly light so far this week, the supply being too small for full-scale operations in all the mills. It was estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 bags of the goobers reached the market here yesterday, and it is likely that the mills will be on a full-time operating schedule beginning tomorrow.

While the market is holding fairly close to government grades, prices have been bullish this week and quotations well above eleven cents have been reported with only a few sales falling below nine and one-half cents.

Whether the bullish market is only temporary remains to be seen, but some observers reason that since the crop is short demand will hold from fairly steady to strong. It is also indicated that comparatively few peanuts will go into government storage this season.

Farmers, questioned on the market during the past few days, explain that quality is fair, but that production is indeed disappointing. Farmer Jimmy Bowen picked 84 bags from eight acres this week to hit what is likely to be about an average for the county. Production has been reported as high as eighteen bags per acre, but there are those farmers in the areas where heavy rains fell with an average of only six or seven bags per acre.

Four established buyers are on the market here at the present time with the possibility that others will enter the market later. Quite a few of the deliveries reported here so far this season have been made from farms in adjoining counties.

Farmers are watching the moisture content and while a few sales have been delayed a few days only a few lots of peanuts have been rejected outright. In one instance the moisture content was right at seventeen percent.

A farmer from a distant county encountered considerable difficulty when he presented a red card. No provision had been made to handle penalty peanuts at the time, and it was reported that the farmer's peanuts were not reaching the one here.

Senator Enjoyed Brief Visit Here

Writing to Mayor Robt. Cowen and members of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., Senator Frank P. Graham expressed his appreciation for the invitation, declaring that he enjoyed his brief visit here during the recent harvest festival. The Senator's letter reads, in part:

"This little note is to thank you for your invitation and the opportunity to be in Williamston on such a memorable occasion. I enjoyed every minute of my visit there and deeply appreciated the hospitality and the courtesy of all of you.

"You certainly had a marvelous crowd for the annual farm festival. It renews your faith in your country and the future to be in such a meeting.

"Please thank your committee and those who attended the luncheon for their hospitality and for their part in arranging for the memorable day. . ."