

Plan Go Forward For Radio Station

Broadcast Studio To Be Located On Highway No. 125

Construction Work Slated To Get Under Way Within Next Few Days

Plans are going forward for opening a commercial radio station for Williamston, unofficial reports stating yesterday that several acres of land had been purchased on the Hamilton Highway, about three miles from the town, for the station and studio. No official details were released, but one report stated that material would be placed on the property the latter part of this or early next week, and that construction work would start immediately.

Messrs. Adcock, Davis and Fields of Fuquay Springs were here yesterday making final arrangements for building the station which will be located on what is known as Sandy Point, owned by H. H. Cowen.

It is understood that studios will be maintained on the site with the broadcasting station. A channel was granted to Mr. Adcock by the Federal Communications Commission some months ago, and plans for opening the station have been discussed since that time. An option was taken on the site some weeks ago.

The opening of the commercial station will make the town a radio center. At the present time the Highway Patrol, the county and town and the Civil Aeronautics Administration are maintaining non-commercial stations here, and the Virginia Electric and Power Company will open a station within the next few days for its individual use in dispatching its forces and in handling emergencies. No official notice has been released, but the CAA is considering closing its offices here.

The new commercial station will operate independently, according to information gained yesterday.

It could not be learned when the new station would be ready to go on the air, or what the construction plans are.

Only One Road Wreck Reported

Following a nasty record a week ago, only one automobile accident was reported on the highways in this county last week-end, and that was a minor one, involving no personal injuries and little property damage.

James S. Ayers was traveling on Highway 125 out of Williamston a few miles and started to pass Wm. R. Nicholson who was driving a pick-up truck. Mr. Nicholson started to make a left turn just as Mr. Ayers started to pass. The Ayers car, a 1948 Dodge coupe, was damaged to the extent of about \$150 and damage to the 1937 Chevrolet pick-up was negligible, Corporal Fearing said after making an investigation.

Mr. Nicholson said he did not hear the Dodge horn and Mr. Ayers said he did not see the hand signal in time to avoid the accident.

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J. D. Leggett Will Recorded

The last will and testament of Jos. D. Leggett, marked for its brevity, was filed in the Martin County Superior Court last week.

His property, listed in the record at \$14,000, was left to his brother, J. C. Leggett, and two sisters, Miss Martha Leggett and Mrs. Mary L. Britton.

J. C. Leggett was named executor.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP



Miss Elizabeth Muse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Muse of Williamston, was one of nine North Carolina high school seniors to win the 1950 Angier B. Duke Scholarship award. The award has a potential value of \$3,000 for study at Duke University in Durham.

Court Ends Trial Of Criminal List Friday Afternoon

Start Trial of the Civil Calendar Here Yesterday Morning

Handling comparatively few but long, drawn-out cases, the Martin County Superior Court last Friday afternoon completed the trial of criminal cases and held a pre-trial session yesterday, hearing several motions. No jury was summoned yesterday, but the trial of divorce and civil cases is under way today. Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville continues on the bench.

Proceedings not previously reported:

Found guilty of issuing worthless checks, John E. Walker had his case continued under prayer for judgment.

In the case in which Lonnie Lee was charged with bastardy, the defendant was found guilty a year ago and a further order was issued by the court. Lee is to pay \$50 on or before next May 21, and another \$50 on or before July 21 and continue to pay \$6 a week for the support of his child or go to prison for six months.

Charged with bastardy, Floyd Melton was found not guilty.

The case in which O. K. Harrison was charged with crop abandonment was dismissed.

Found guilty after a hotly contested and long trial, Harold Chauncey was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his license for a year for drunken driving.

Brad Bagley was found not guilty of reckless driving.

Pleading guilty of breaking and entering and larceny, Lester Randolph Weeks and Maylon Price.

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Carstarphen To Chairman County Board Of Elections

Meeting in the courthouse last Saturday morning, the newly appointed members of the Martin County Board of Elections—W. E. Vick of Robersonville, Hassell Worsley of Oak City and C. D. Carstarphen of Williamston—perfected their organization and made ready to transfer the names of all electors from the three registration books used in recent years to a single registration book.

C. D. Carstarphen, filling the position made vacant by the death of Mr. Sylvester Peel, was named chairman of the board, and Hassell Worsley was elected secretary.

No precinct election officials were named last Saturday, the

Enumerators Are Making Ready To Work On Census

Thirty-two Applicants Attend Special School Here This Week

Final arrangements are being made this week for starting the 17th decennial census on Saturday, April 1.

Crew Leaders Evan Griffin of Griffins and Ronald Johnson of Robersonville are conducting special classes in the Skewarkey Lodge Hall this week, making ready for the nose count and survey next Saturday.

The county is being divided into two districts with Mr. Griffin in charge of the enumerators in Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and the southern part of Williamston Township, and with Mr. Johnson in charge of the enumerators in the northern part of Williamston and all of Cross Roads, Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships.

The following are taking the training under Crew Leader Griffin:

Mrs. Alene V. Wallace, Jamesville; Mrs. Sara D. VanNortwick, Williamston; Mrs. Della L. Harrington, RFD 1, Williamston; Mrs. Daisy W. Rogers, Williamston; William Worth Mobley, RFD 2, Williamston; Charles L. Daniel, RFD 1, Williamston; Mrs. Helen R. Leggett, Williamston; Mrs. Elizabeth T. Brandon, Williamston; Mr. Ferdinand C. Stallings, Jamesville; Mrs. Strela M. Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston; Wilford Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston; A. B. Ayers, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston; James Robert Everett, Williamston; Bruce Davenport, Jamesville; Mrs. Mae Anderson Riley, Williamston; Mrs. Ruth Roberson Barnhill, Williamston.

The following are in Mr. Johnson's classes:

W. F. Crawford, Everetts; Ellis Keel, Everetts; Louis H. Rawls, Oak City; James L. Pritchard, Hamilton; Archie Griffin, Robersonville; Lester L. Whitfield, Robersonville; Oscar S. Anderson, Williamston; Mrs. Ruth J. Wheeler, Williamston; Mrs. Francis J. Warren, Robersonville; Mrs. Blanche W. Bunting, Robersonville; Mrs. Mildred MacArthur, Robersonville; Otis G. Roberson, Robersonville; J. R. Matthews, Robersonville; Mrs. Dorothy J. Fleming, Parme; Mrs. Mildred Grimes, Robersonville; and Mrs. Eva H. Liverman, Oak City.

Enumerators will be assigned to their districts within the next few days.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were rounded up and jailed temporarily, at least, by local, county and State officers here last week-end. Several of the prisoners were detained on old counts after being convicted in the superior court.

Two were charged with larceny, and one each with drunkenness, disorderly conduct, robbery, assault and drunken driving. Two were white and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 31 years.

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Wreck Illicit Liquor Business In County

Take Five Copper Kettles And Much Beer In Few Days

Two Men Arrested and Truck Confiscated Early Last Sunday Morning

The illicit liquor business, flaring up again after a heavy setback in February, was dealt a telling blow over the week-end when ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck, Deputy Roy Peel and ATU officers of Elizabeth City wrecked five distilleries, arrested two men, captured five copper stills and confiscated a pick-up truck.

Starting last Friday morning, the officers captured a 50-gallon capacity still in Bear Grass Township, not so far from the Sweet Home Church. They poured out 100 gallons of high grade sugar beer. That afternoon, Officers Roebuck and Peel returned to that township and captured another 50 gallon copper still, about a mile west of the town of Bear Grass. They poured out 600 gallons of sugar mash and confiscated seven gallons of white liquor.

Saturday morning, the officers made a third trip into Bear Grass Township and confiscated still another 50-gallon capacity copper kettle and poured out 200 gallons of sugar mash.

One of the largest raids in recent weeks was conducted early Sunday morning when the county officers, accompanied by the federal officer, Mose Harshaw, raided near the old Jim Griffin place in Griffins Township and captured a 600-gallon copper kettle, arrested John Lee James and Eugene Whitehurst, young colored men, and confiscated a quantity of sugar, corn meal and rye.

Twelve barrels of sugar beer were found at one location, and the officers wrecked 9 fermenters and poured out 300 gallons of sugar beer at a second location.

James and Whitehurst, with half gallon of white liquor, were arrested as they drove away from the still in the pick-up truck. Whitehurst, home on a visit from New York, did not show up for the preliminary hearing held before U. S. Commissioner Buck Taylor in Washington Monday afternoon. James was bound over under \$300 bond for trial in the federal court at Washington on April 24.

Monday morning, Officers Roebuck and Peel raided along Welch Creek near Ward's bridge, and captured a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle, and poured out 400 gallons of sugar beer.

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LAND VALUES

Land values are holding to what are described as high figures in Williamston.

At a sale held in front of the courthouse door yesterday noon, a lot on Leggetts Lane sold for \$1,750. R. S. Critcher was the high bidder, and the price is subject to be raised during the next week. The lot, having only poor means of ingress and egress, measures about 190 feet with a depth varying from 40 to about 70 feet.

Certificates Of Service Awarded To Firemen Here

Mayor Robt. Cowen Briefly Addresses Group At Banquet Last Night

Certificates of service were awarded members of Williamston's volunteer fire department at a banquet meeting held in the George Reynolds Hotel dining room last evening when Mayor Robt. Cowen and Attorney H. G. Horton briefly address the group, including most of the members of the local department, their wives, and Fire Chief and Mrs. J. B. Spivey of Windsor, Chief and Mrs. Miller Warren of Plymouth and Chief Wiley B. Rogerson of Robersonville.

Possessing a combined record of more than 200 years of service, the firemen were presented certificates, showing their individual records, as follows:

B. F. Baldrce, H. D. Taylor, H. E. Griffin, W. C. Griffin, W. M. Manning, 5 years each; A. J. Manning, 12 years; Chas. A. Peel, 17 years; J. H. Harrell and F. M. Manning, 19 years; J. H. Ward, 20 years; W. I. Harrison, 21 years; J. E. Harrison and G. P. Hall, 24 years. Those members serving less than five years include: J. D. Harrison Jr., Hugh Hines, J. S. Ayers, Bill Throver, Davis VanNortwick, W. B. Gaylor, Jr., and J. D. Baldrce. Certificates were presented to the department members by Fire Chief G. P. Hall who served as toastmaster. Mayor Cowen presented the 24-year certificate to Chief Hall.

In his brief talk, Mayor Cowen expressed the opinion that many people are not fully cognizant of the meaning and worth of the department. "It is not for financial gain that the firemen take part in the vital task of protecting life and property," Cowen said, going on to explain that property owners here enjoy a fire insurance rating comparable with that in effect in the larger cities. He declared that the town owes the firemen a debt that cannot be paid, that even though some people do not cooperate with them, the firemen have done an effective work. "Had it not been for our firemen, the loss of property and possibly human life would have been beyond comprehension," Mayor Cowen said, adding that the town had been burned out twice, but that there had been no serious conflagrations since the department was organized. He said that Williamston's firemen had done a good job, and expressed the belief that they would continue to do a good job.

In his brief remarks Attorney Horton expressed his appreciation for the service rendered. Chief Warren, in a short talk, paid tribute to Chief Hall for his work within the local department and as president of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association and as a member of the State organization.

All out-of-town guests were recognized and Chief Rogerson went on record as favoring more banquets.

K. B. Crawford, the town's first department chief, and H. D. Harrison and Geo. P. Harris, former chiefs, and their wives were extended invitations to attend, but sickness and business kept them away.

Blue Mold Hits Tobacco Plants

While most farmers declare they haven't enough plants for the blue mold to light on, it has been definitely established that the disease is in some tobacco plant beds in the Robersonville area. The disease was identified by R. M. Edwards, colored county agent, on the C. W. Slade farm.

Discussing the blue mold and control methods, Agent Edwards said: "Blue mold is responsible for losses of three to four and a half million dollars annually to Tar Heel farmers. One reason for this is the fact that growers generally seed excess plant bed space with the hope that if Blue Mold occurs, enough plants to set the allotted acreage will survive the attack."

One of the best forms of insurance for providing enough plants of the desired variety for setting the crop at the proper time is to follow blue mold control practices.

Control measures: Spray treatment—Use either Fermate, New Leaf, or Ferradow. About two pounds of material full strength will be required to treat 100 sq. yds of bed per season. Use 1

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Prominent Doctor And Citizen Dies In Duke Hospital

Funeral Service Conducted At Robersonville Home For Dr. Jesse Ward

Dr. Jesse E. Ward, prominent citizen and a leading practicing physician in this county since 1903, died in Duke Hospital late last Thursday. In ill health for several months, Dr. Ward was in the hospital for treatment only a few days and was thought to be improving. Suffering from a heart condition, he was resting in a chair while Mrs. Ward was attending to his personal correspondence. He slumped forward suddenly and died instantly as a result of a blood clot.

The son of the late Joseph Tyson and Martha Speight Ward, he was born in Wilson County, and spent his early life there. Following his graduation from the University of Maryland in 1904 he practiced medicine in Harrellsville, Bertie County, for a short time prior to moving to this county and locating in Robersonville.

Dr. Ward was a member of the American Medical Association and an honorary member of the North Carolina Medical Society. He served faithfully as a member of the Martin County Selective Service Board for five years during World War II, and in recognition of his service, he was given the Presidential citation by the late Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and was a member of Sudan Temple, New Bern, for thirty-two years.

The doctor was recognized, and rightly so, as one of Martin County's most distinguished citizens. He possessed a keen intellect and his ability as a medical student and practitioner was well established throughout this section. Often-times during the past few months he ministered to his friends and patients when he was probably more ill and felt worse than those he attended. The will and his desire to render a service, took precedence over his own well-being and personal comforts. And he answered thousands of calls, knowing there wasn't a possible change for compensation. Regardless of the hour or weather conditions he answered suffering humanity's call, taking a personal pride in serving his friends and patients.

He was patient and understanding, and his record will stand out in comparison with the county's most prominent and distinguished physicians.

Dr. Ward was married to Miss Nannie Sharp Schull, who died in January, 1946. In 1947, he was married to Miss Clell Moore of Robersonville.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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SHIPPED

Ordered many months ago, equipment for the home economics departments here and Bear Grass has been shipped from the factory in Muskegon, Wis., it was learned yesterday.

The shipment, promised since last October, is moving in by truck and should reach the county this week.

F.F.A. Boys Set Out 8,000 Pine Seedlings In County

Members of the Oak City Chapter of Future Farmers of America are leading the way in forest preservation, according to David Etheridge, the chapter reporter.

According to the young man, seven of the boys have transplanted approximately 8,000 loblolly pine tree seedlings in recent months. Calvin Oglesby led the group by setting out 2,400 of the seedlings since Christmas. Harry House and Howard Harrell transplanted 1,200 each. Wilton McLawhorn and Dallas Purvis were next with 1,000 each, and Robert Bland and Gene Hyman put out 1,200 between them, Etheridge said.

The seedlings were furnished free by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development forestry division to be set on abandoned land throughout the State.

"The boys reported that they got splendid results in getting the trees to live. They heartily recommend that more and more people adopt the practice and help preserve our timber supply which has been diminishing so rapidly in recent years," Reporter Etheridge said.

As far as it can be learned the reforestation program advanced by the Oak City group is the most extensive ever undertaken by a similar group in this county, and leaders declare the boys are to be congratulated for their splendid work.

Fourth Candidate In Race For the House

CANDIDATE



E. G. (Andy) Anderson, prominent county business man and Robersonville tobaccoist, last week announced his candidacy for representative in the State General Assembly from Martin County.

Potato Meeting In This County

By J. W. Sumner Potato Specialist

Selecting bedding sweet potatoes will be the subject of a demonstration to be conducted for farmers of Martin County Thursday, March 30, at 1:30 p. m. at the potato grading house in Williamston. One can't expect to grow better sweet potatoes than he beds. Any farmer not knowing how to select his seed potatoes should attend this meeting.

It is not too late to secure good seed sweet potatoes. It is cheaper to grow your own sprouts than to buy them. Also the farmers know what they are getting. There is a better chance of producing top quality disease free potatoes. Most diseases in potatoes at harvest time can be traced to diseased potatoes bedded. It is important to bed only disease free potatoes, having good flesh and skin color and of Number 1 size. Number 1 size potatoes produce larger, stronger and healthier sprouts. Strings (slips) produce weak, tender plants which result in poor yields.

Not all sprouts for sale are produced from Number 1 disease free potatoes. If it becomes necessary to buy sprouts, know the source of seed and conditions under which they were grown. Cheap plants are usually the most expensive in the end.

It is getting time to book your fertilizer with your dealer. Order at the rate of 1000 lbs. per acre of 3-9-9 with 10 lbs. of borax added per ton. Be sure to specify that your 3-9-9 has the 10 lbs of borax per ton.

For further information on sweet potato production, see J. W. Sumner, Potato Specialist, at the County Agent's office in Williamston, Tarboro or Greenville, N. C.

Sale Of Purebred Hogs Last Friday

Continuing their work to promote the introduction of purebred stock in this area, the Martin County Swine Breeders' Association held a successful sale of twenty purebred dueros in Williamston's New Carolina Tobacco warehouse last Friday. The buyers found recognized stock and the prices reasonable, Assistant Farm Agent D. W. Brady stating that the price averaged \$36.85 and ranged from \$15 to \$70.

All the buyers were from this county except L. L. White and U. S. Hassell, both of Colerain. County buyers getting one or more of the prize hogs were, G. P. Hall, O. P. Wolfe, N. R. Rogerson, A. T. Whitley, R. J. Hardison, Zeno Beddard, Robert Griffin, W. A. Manning, Church Modlin, Harrell Everett, Dick Britton, Robert Price, Reuben Everett and Dan Fagan.

The sale was run with Henry Johnson as auctioneer.

Mr. Handy Enters Durham Hospital

Suffering with a throat ailment for some time, Mr. Henry Handy, popular employe in the local post office, entered Duke Hospital, Durham, yesterday for treatment and an operation. Undergoing a thorough examination yesterday, he is scheduled to be operated on tomorrow.

Two Plan To Run For County Board Of Commissioners

Jimmy Wallace Announced His Candidacy For Legislature Last Week-end

Politics on the county level took on more interest last week-end when Jimmy Wallace, Robersonville school man and youth leader, announced his candidacy for Martin County Representative in the North Carolina General Assembly. Messrs. A. Corey of Jamesville, Luther Hardison of Williamston and E. G. Anderson of Robersonville had previously announced their candidacies for the House seat.

Wallace, a native of Jamesville and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, made no formal statement other than to declare that he really wanted to go to the Legislature and that he would appreciate every vote cast for him.

Developments on the House front have materialized rapidly along with announcements for sheriff, board of education, and State Senate, while rumors have surrounded other offices in the county. No official announcements have been made, but it was reported that two new candidates are considering entering the race for county commissioner from the Cross Roads-Robersonville district. The candidacies, according to unofficial information received here, are dependent upon the action Mr. C. Abram Roberson, incumbent, takes. He has made no official announcement.

It was also rumored that there are other candidates for places on the Martin County Board of Education, but like the commissioners' race, the reports could not be verified.

Rumors, centering around the entry of additional candidates in the race for sheriff, have been mostly discredited.

Several candidates have submitted their filing fees, including L. Bruce Wynne for clerk of court, but no one has formally filed as yet. Chairman Carstarphen explained that the pre-qualifications have not been received, but that they are expected within the next few days. Candidates have until April 15 at 6:00 p. m. to get their names into the political pot.

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