

Lumber Plant Plans Regular Operations

Wells-Oates Firm To Operate Mill Near River Here

Will Employ Fifty Persons And Enlarge Market For Hardwoods

Idle for several years, the large lumber plant of the Wells-Oates Lumber Company on East Main Street here will reopen for permanent operation on or about Monday, June 19, Manager Frank E. Weston announced yesterday. The plant, up until a few days ago, was in operation for a short time cutting timber for the Belhaven Veneer and Plywood Company. The Belhaven mill burned some weeks ago, and the logs on hand there at the time were brought to the mill here to be sawed. No official announcement has been made, but according to information received here the plant at Belhaven, employing as many as 200 people, will not be rebuilt.

Mr. Weston, who will be in charge of operations at the local plant, stated that his firm would enter the market for high quality hardwood timber immediately. "We do not plan to carry on logging operations at the present time," Mr. Weston said. The company still has extensive timber holdings in this area. It is believed that sufficient timber can be purchased on the open market to keep the mill supplied with logs on a steady operating schedule.

Since the Belhaven firm completed its operations here, Mr. Weston is having the lumber yard rearranged and other improvements to the plant are being made.

Mr. Weston said yesterday that the plant will employ right at fifty workers, that most of them will be employed from the local labor pool, including some of the men who came here when the mill was first placed in operation by J. McKimmon Saunders and who were with it when activities were suspended about two years ago.

Draw Jurymen for The County Court

Twelve citizens were drawn this week for jury duty in the county court. They were tentatively scheduled to serve next Monday, but the session has been called off, and it is not known if they'll be instructed to serve during the July 17 session when two drunken driving cases are scheduled for trial, one against Chas. G. Curtis and the other against Andrew Mobley.

The names of the citizens drawn are:

Jamesville, Wesley Williams; Griffins, Ben Ira Hardison, Williamston, E. M. Delmar, Willie D. Modlin, J. T. Barnhill, Jr., R. T. Griffin, M. L. Peel, Jr., H. A. Bowen, J. O. Manning, Jr., Jesse W. Sumner; Robertsonville, Jimmy B. Bullock; Coose Nest, William Lynch.

Jaycee Contest Advancing Here

By L. Nelson Leggette

At the regular meeting of the Jaycees Friday night, Jaycee Davis VanNortwick, chairman of Miss Williamston Pageant and Miss Sweetie Pie Contest announced that the contest was showing rapid progress. The showing of the pageant will be in the Williamston High School Auditorium at 8:15 p. m. June 21, 1950, with Billy Gravely and his orchestra furnishing background music. After the pageant the annual dance will be held in the high school gymnasium.

A goodly number of girls have entered the beauty pageant contest. "Miss Williamston of 1950" will be selected and will be given an all expense paid trip to Morehead City to compete for "Miss North Carolina of 1950."

RECORD

Home construction is believed to have established an all-time record for any one month in May of this year, according to a preliminary report released this week by Building Inspector G. P. Hall. Fifteen permits for the construction of new homes were issued during the period, the inspector stating that the cost would approximate \$116,000.

Program Listed For Band Drill, Concert Tuesday

Nine Numbers To Be Played Following Drill And Maneuvers on Field

Plans were virtually complete today for the big concert and drill by the Williamston High School Green Wave Band at the Williamston baseball park Tuesday night, June 13, at 8:00 o'clock. A lot of practice and hard work has gone into the preparation of the big show and the youngsters are prepared to show the folks of this section that they are ready for a shot at state honors at Charlotte on June 19 when they take part in the state convention of the Lions' Clubs.

A public address system will provide the spectators with a description of the various drills and maneuvers, a refreshment stand will provide refreshments during the program, and a concert of at least nine numbers of various types of music will close the program.

The drill and concert is being sponsored by the Lions' Club of Williamston and other friends of the band to provide funds to help defray the expenses of the band's trip to Charlotte. The band won first place in the district Lions' convention parade at Goldsboro and were guaranteed a chance at state honors as a result.

Tickets to the concert have been on sale for some time but reports on the sales are just beginning to come in and a fairly complete tabulation is not expected before the regular meeting of the Lions' Club tonight, but plans of Ticket Chairman Dick Elliott call for a concentrated effort on Saturday of this week in the ticket sales promotion. Stands are to be placed at various points in the town and Spike Bones and His Musical Nightmares are due to make a few rounds to boost the sales, Spike and members of his band are also members under different names in the Green Wave Band.

The program as announced by Director Butler last night will include an opening march—"Men of Ohio" by Fillmore. Then will follow "Two Moods", an overture by Grundman; "I'll Dance at Your Wedding," a pop tune, arranged by Leonard; "There's Something About A Soldier," arranged by Yoder; "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," arranged by Teague; "The Billboard", a march by Klor; "Tea for Two," Youmans-Yoder; "Memories," a waltz, arranged by Teague; and "Red Rhythm Valley," arranged by Hill, a popular number with both the young musicians and music lovers.

The evening's program will be opened with an official inspection under direction of Master Sergeant Leslie T. Fowden with two other sergeants assisting. Then will come the drills and maneuvers which are set up as a part of the national band contest requirements. There will be marching and playing, marching without playing, squads right, squads left, about-face, counter-marching, increase front, decrease front, angle marching and a special closing drill.

Having gotten their tasks pretty well in hand after a good practice session Tuesday afternoon, a day of rest was allowed the band

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Senatorial Race Goes Into Second Primary June 24

Willis Smith Broke Silence Yesterday When He Asked For Second Chance

After a ten-day silence, Willis Smith, corporation lawyer and runner-up in the first primary for the United States Senate, yesterday asked for a second chance. He and Frank P. Graham, incumbent, will be on the State ballot and A. Corey and E. G. (Andy) Anderson will be on the county ballot for county representative in the North Carolina General Assembly during the second primary to be held on Saturday, June 24.

Following Smith's announcement in Raleigh yesterday, board of elections officials started making preparations for the second contest. Precinct officials are being notified today in this county.

There'll be no new registration, meaning that those who tried to vote on May 27 and couldn't will still be ineligible to participate in the second primary voting on June 24.

Only vague plans have been announced by the candidates for their second contests, but in all probability the race for the United States Senate will be marked by contemptible smears, warped and twisted statements. It is possible that Frank Graham will now be charged with writing the United States Constitution, passing the Interstate Commerce Commission Act and controlling the United States Supreme Court. They'll not mention the cold fact that Graham was president of the University of North Carolina for almost twenty years, that while several Southern States have Negroes in their university graduate schools, not one is in the University of North Carolina. They'll not mention the fact that Frank Graham while at the University had the approval of several administrations, that one session after another of the legislature approved his leadership and encouraged him in his work to enhance education and provide a better way of life in North Carolina for all.

Defeated almost three-to-one in this county on May 27, Smith has not announced his plans for the second primary. Graham forces, volunteering in large number, are making ready to accept the challenge under the chairmanship of W. C. Manning.

In a statement released yesterday, the county chairman of the Graham forces, said he regretted that it is necessary to roll up sleeves and go to bat again. "But a worthy cause is at stake, and we just can't afford to remain idle and do nothing against the determined march of the corporations," he said, adding that it was heartening to receive encouraging offers of personal service in the forthcoming primary from so many of our people.

"We can't sit down now, but we can get busy and roll up a greater majority than we did on Saturday, May 27, for Frank Graham and for all that's good and noble on June 24," the chairman declared.

Nickens To Speak To Kiwanis Club

Rev. Paul V. Nickens, Baptist Minister of Plymouth, and a noted amateur magician, will be the principal speaker at the annual Father-Son Meeting of the local Kiwanis Club to be held on June 15. Club President, C. B. Clark, Jr., stated today that each member of the club is expected to have at least one guest, his son, his father, his son-in-law, his father-in-law or a substitute at the meeting which directly precedes the Fathers' Day Week-end. Guests ranging in age from one year to ninety are expected to be present at the meeting.

Bruce Wynne, Chairman of the club's Inter-Club Relations Committee, is in charge of arrangements for attendance. Garland Woolard, Vice-President of the Club will be in charge of the program. Club members are urged to advise Wynne by Monday, June 12, as to the number of guests they plan to have present in order that adequate entertainment facilities will be available.

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Oil Company To Build Terminal Here

Hold Annexation Election In Two Sections Saturday

Citizens in the thickly settled areas known as West End and North End will decide in an election Saturday whether they'll cast their lot with the town of Williamston or retain their individual identity.

The proposal to extend the town limits when first mentioned about two years ago stirred up some rather heated argument. Opposition was open and, in some instances, a bit bitter. In more recent months, little has been said about the proposal, and a fairer appraisal is being made. Narrowed down to a final analysis, the people are weighing the advantages and disadvantages, and both admittedly exist, and while the advantages are thought to outweigh the disadvantages there is some question if all or a majority of the citizens in the areas are willing to accept the cost.

Hundreds Attend Vacation School

The Union Vacation Bible School got off to an excellent start on Monday with two hundred and eight in attendance. This number increased to two hundred twenty on Tuesday. The three departments, Beginner, Primary and Junior, are about equally divided in number as well as in boys and girls.

Miss Margaret McDaniel, Home Economics instructor in the local high school, was to have directed the handicraft work for the girls but was taken ill Sunday at her home and has been unable to return. Mrs. M. L. Peel, Jr., who did such an excellent job last summer, took over on Wednesday morning. Mrs. Peel is being assisted by Mrs. Conrad Getsinger and Misses Mary Ann Williams and Jean Howard.

The boys are being well taken care of under the guidance of Mr. Bill Spivey who is not only teaching them the fine art of playing soft ball, but of being good sports, a much needed bit of instruction for these days. While the attendance is higher than that for the past several years, there are still many boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 12 who should be in attendance. Parents with children in this age group who are not now attending Vacation Bible School should plan to have them begin Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock at the Baptist Church.

Fees Add \$4,421 To County Income

County court costs and fines, plus fees from the offices of the sheriff and register of deeds added approximately \$4,421 to the county and for all that's good and noble on June 24," the chairman declared.

Court costs amounted to \$1,921.90 and fines, amounting to \$1,785.00, boosted the total income from the court to \$3,706.90. The sheriff's office turned over to the treasurer \$305.50 collected for serving papers and handling other duties.

The register of deeds accounted for \$409.15 in fees. Income was derived in that office by recording deeds, mortgages, issuing certificates and various types of licenses.

There has been a slight drop in general court costs, but fees are holding up unusually well in the various offices.

Enters Durham Hospital Tuesday For Treatment

Mr. Leroy Everett, prominent Hamilton business man was removed to Duke Hospital, Durham, Tuesday afternoon in a Biggs ambulance for treatment. He was taken ill suddenly at his home Sunday morning and could not be moved until Tuesday. Last reports received here stated his condition was improving, but it could not be learned how long he is to remain in the hospital.

Handled Fifteen Cases Monday In The County Court

Session Lasted Until Late In The Afternoon; Fines Amounted To \$250

The Martin County Recorder's Court was held in session until late afternoon Monday, Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson having handled fifteen cases during the meantime. One or two of the trials were long drawn out. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$250.

Proceedings:

Pleading not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, Ernest Purvis was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and the amount of a check in the case in which J. E. Andrews was charged with issuing a worthless check.

Paul Frank, Jr., was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. He pleaded guilty.

Charged for the second time with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, J. D. Carr was fined \$200, plus costs. He lost his operator's license for two years. He pleaded not guilty in the case.

Charged with non-support, Geo. H. Wynne was found not guilty. Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Gladys Teal was required to pay the court costs.

Adjudged guilty of non-support, George Washington Joyner was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and on condition that he pay \$3.50 a week for the support of his child.

Pleading guilty of bastardy, Cornelius Eborn was taxed with the costs and directed to pay \$4 a week for support of his child. A six-month road sentence was suspended.

Charged with drunken driving, Robert Lee Manning, colored, was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Dewey Stalls with speeding.

James Hawkins, adjudged guilty of assaulting a female, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

Charles Felgar of Glenshaw, Pa., and Robert Wells Parker of Rock Hill, South Carolina, were required to pay the costs in the cases in which they were charged with speeding.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Elmer A. Swain was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

No session of the county court will be held next Monday, the clerk explaining that the judge is being called out of town to appear as a government witness in a case against Bert Shafer in federal court at Philadelphia.

Postpone Session Of County Court

No session of the Martin County Recorder's Court will be held next Monday, it was announced this week after Judge Chas. H. Manning was notified to be in Philadelphia next Monday to testify as a government witness in a case against Bert Shafer. It could not be officially learned but Shafer is being charged with communistic activities and Manning was assigned to the case as an Federal Bureau of Investigation agent.

Two cases, charging defendants with drunken driving, were booked for trial before a six-man jury next Monday, but they are being carried until the third Monday in July. Jurymen were drawn and the sheriff was summoning them for duty when the judge was ordered to appear in Philadelphia next Monday.

On the following Monday, June 19, the superior court will be in session, and the county court will not meet again until June 26.

Unloading Material For Plant At River

Father And Young Son Drown In The Roanoke

William Panagatos, 50, and his eight-year-old son, Alfred, were drowned in the Roanoke River at Plymouth early yesterday afternoon. They were near the Texaco pier when their boat turned over. A second son was saved. Last reports stated the body of the eight-year-old son had not been recovered from the river.

Acheson Reports To Congress On Foreign Meeting

Atlantic Community Is On Right Road, Secretary Of State Declares

The strongest kind of democracy is day-to-day democracy, kind in which public servants report continually to their employers—the people of these United States.

This week saw another dramatic demonstration that President Truman's Administration practices that kind of democracy when Secretary of State Dean Acheson made an unprecedented report to the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives on his return from historic meetings in Europe.

The Secretary of State's address was broadcast and telecast to the nation and his answers to questions put to him by Senators and Congressmen after his report were also "on the record" and were reported by the scores of newsmen who attended the meeting.

The Secretary of State had met with the foreign ministers of Great Britain and of France and with the North Atlantic Council. Secretary Acheson made no effort at high pressure salesmanship in recounting the achievements of the London meetings. He pointed out that the nations of Western Europe were in agreement on their joint economic and military problems and that he found a new vitality and confidence that community action could solve their community problems.

But he also made it plain that the United States must still bear a heavy burden both in leadership and in material contributions if we are to complete successfully the task we have assumed in ECA and the North Atlantic Pact.

The Secretary of State summed it up this way: "Most of what was done was a beginning of still further progress. The Atlantic Community is on the right road, we have gone some distance down it, and we know where we are going."

"How far and how fast we go depends on each country, but perhaps especially on the United States. These meetings will be just as important as the Government and people of America choose to make them. If we now support on a sustained basis the measures necessary to make this cooperative venture a success, we will not find wanting a similar response from our friends and allies. Together we shall make a major contribution to the United Nations whose Charter remains our basic guide."

"This road is the road to peace." The actions of our Secretary of State in making this public report, in undergoing public questioning by the elected representatives of the people, show that he believes as does our President and as does the Democratic Party, that the people must be given the facts about government problems as they develop. It also shows that he shares the confidence of our President and our Party, that, given the facts, the people will make the right decisions and support those public servants who show their confidence in the people by their action.

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Construction To Get Under Way on Project June 15

Terminal Will Serve Large Portion of East Carolina With Texaco Products

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Property, fronting Highway 17 and with considerable footage on the river, was purchased some time ago from the Standard Fertilizer Company, but final plans for the project were completed only recently.

The cost of the project was not disclosed, but the investment will run well into several hundred thousands dollars, according to unofficial estimates.

Preliminary plans call for the construction of a \$6,000 office building, a \$5,000 truck shed and six or seven large storage tanks.

The Texaco Tank and Manufacturing Company of Catawauqua, Pa., is erecting the tanks which will hold an estimated quarter million gallons of gasoline each. The tanks measure from 20 to 35 feet in diameter and will be about forty feet high. Representatives of the Pennsylvania firm are supervising the unloading of the steel this week, and special construction forces will be brought in just as soon as the foundations are made ready for the erection of the tanks. Company forces are being transferred from Virginia to handle the other construction work on the project.

The property is to be encased by a large fire wall.

While no official announcement has been released by the Texas Company, it is understood that the terminal will supply dealers over a radius of about 75 miles to begin with, that the company will operate possibly fifteen or more large truck transports and maintain a fairly sizable pay roll.

It could not be learned when the terminal would be ready for operation, but construction work is almost certain to continue over a period of several months.

Plans for the big project were first discussed more than two years ago when leading officials of the Texas Company traveled through this section of North Carolina, late G. H. Harrison, Sr., who pointed out the advantages of Williamston as a location for the terminal. Developments followed.

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Special Red Cross Course Held Here

A Red Cross study course, conducted by Miss Cloris Kellum, Home Service Field Consultant, Atlanta, Ga., was held in the Christian Church Tuesday, June 6, at 10 o'clock.

Those taking the course were: Mrs. Rosalie Fronberger, Mrs. Minerva Levin, Mrs. Herbert Taylor, and Mrs. Tom Brandon, Sr. The course consisted of Red Cross responsibilities, in reporting service such as: Emergency leave, social histories for military and VA hospitals, Home conditions reports, request for military transfers and aid to transients.

These Red Cross volunteers have agreed to work one day each week in the chapter office and make the necessary home visits.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Accident figures continue to climb following the wrecking business on Martin County highways. Already there have been seventeen more accidents in the county so far this year than there were in the corresponding period of 1949.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

22nd Week				
Year	Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Damage
1950	5	1	0	\$ 870
1949	2	0	0	100

Comparisons To Date				
Year	Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Damage
1950	66	34	0	\$15,515
1949	49	24	2	12,205

To Install New Line Equipment

S. P. Woolford, District Manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company announced today that the installation of new equipment at several locations in the sub-transmission line between Tarboro and Columbia will require an outage during the early hours of Sunday morning, June 11th. Service will be interrupted at 4:00 A. M. Sunday morning and will remain off in all locations from Tarboro to Columbia for approximately an hour and a half. The Town of Williamston and the surrounding communities, including Bear Grass, Farm Life, Cross Roads, Popular Point, and Everetts will be without electric service for approximately 4 hours.

Mr. Woolford further stated that this outage is necessary in order that new and additional equipment may be installed to improve the quality and reliability of service to VEPCO customers and that every effort is being made to keep the outage to a minimum.

Hold Funeral For Mrs. Sol Bergman

Funeral services were held in the Biggs Funeral Home here yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Stella Ward Bergman, Williamston native who died in a hospital in New York on May 27. E. R. Shuller, local Methodist minister, conducted the service and interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

The daughter of the late John D. and Sabrina Gurganus Ward, she was born in Williamston 46 years ago. After spending her early life she located in Norfolk and was married to Jack Morse.

Surviving are her second husband, Sol Bergman of New York City; two sisters, Mrs. John Na-neck of Hastings, N. Y., and Miss Lucille Ward of Williamston; and four brothers, J. D. and Wheeler M. Ward of Williamston, Norman of New Bern, and Evan Ward of Richmond.