

Special Bill For City-Town Street Passed By Senate

House To Consider Special Hand-Out For Former State Judge

Raleigh—A bill that handed cities and towns \$5,000,000 a year for street paving was railroaded through the Senate today despite a last-ditch attempt by Sen. Julian Allsbrook of Halifax to get the bill returned to committee for further study.

The bill—introduced by Sen. Junius Powell of Columbus and signed by 38 other senators—also puts all city streets that are part of the state highway system under the State Highway Commission.

The measure was changed slightly from that recommended by committee.

Senator Marvin Leatherman of Lincoln sent in an amendment to earmark one-half cent of gasoline taxes, already levied, for the city streets. This is to be allocated in cash, and Leatherman said it would bring in the \$5,000,000 a year provided for in the bill. The amendment passed without dissent.

Another amendment, also passed unanimously, provided that the cash payments to cities and towns should be made on or before October 1 of each year after ratification of the bill. This amendment was offered by Sen. J. William Copeland of Hertford.

The most important change was contained in an amendment sent in by Sen. Adam Whitley of Johnston. It changed the method of allocation of the fund, calling for it to be based one-half on the basis of population and one-half on the basis of street mileage. As brought before the Senate, the bill provided for allocation on a population basis only.

Later, Whitley told reporters that he sent in the amendment which also was unopposed—in an effort to "give the small towns a better allocation."

His amendment also specified that, in order to be eligible to receive funds, a city or town must have had municipal election within the four preceding years, and that it must have an advocate for general expenses of the municipality. It also calls for the mayor of each municipality to provide information requested by the State Highway Commission in determining eligibility.

The Whitley amendment further provided that a city or town whose mayor did not provide the information requested by the Highway Commission would forfeit its eligibility for receiving funds.

Whitley did not say so in so many words, but he inferred that his action was taken because he saw that the bill was sure to pass the Senate and wanted to do what he could to give the smaller towns of the State a better break in allocation of the funds.

In attempting to get the bill sent back to committee for further study and possible amendment, Allsbrook charged that the bill was vague on everything except appropriating \$5,000,000 a year and giving it to the cities and towns. It does not specify what a street is; it does not delegate authority; it does not designate what the Highway Commission's responsibility will be; it makes no provision for storm sewers or gutters and curbs; it does not provide specifications; and in general is vague and fails to establish State policy, Allsbrook said.

He also said that no town under (Continued on page seven)

To Head Red Cross Drive



John Henry Edwards, left, and Hildreth P. Mobley, right, both prominent Williamston business men and civic leaders, are heading the annual Red Cross Fund Drive in the Martin County Chapter this year. Although they are powerfully busy handling their regular duties, the two men agreed to tackle the big job, each soliciting the cooperation of everyone in the chapter. Mr. Edwards heads the drive as chairman, and Mr. Mobley is his co-chairman. The drive is to get underway in Williamston's business district next Monday, Mr. Edwards announced.

STEPPED UP

Traveling along at a moderate speed since last October, the draft is being speeded up considerably. A call has been received for forty Martin County men to report for final induction on March 14. Another call has been received, instructing the draft board to send 65 men to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations on March 21.

During the meantime, 75 men are to report on Friday of this week for pre-induction examinations.

Local Man Loses Life In Logging Accident Monday

Two Others Die Suddenly In County During the Day Monday

Lenwood McKinley Fields, 24-year-old local colored man, was fatally injured in a logging accident below Jamesville Monday morning. Badly crushed, the man died on a boat while en route to Jamesville.

Fields, a native of Dunn, had stepped back against a stump while a skidder was snaking a log out of the swamp. The log caught a sizable tree limb which pressed the man against the stump, crushing him across the chest. The operator of the machine, Johnnie Knox, could not hear witnesses when they called him to stop the machine, according to Coroner Billy W. Biggs who investigated the accident. Joseph Nichols, Gus Hooper, William James and Carey L. Moore witnessed the accident and they picked Fields up and placed him on a log train. He was carried to the river where he was loaded on a boat, the witnesses saying that the victim never regained consciousness.

Fields left his native home some time ago, and came to this county about three years ago after serving in the U. S. Marine Corps a short time and after a residence in Washington, D. C. He was employed by the Mengel Corporation.

Surviving are his mother, widow and a small child.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed early today.

Early Monday afternoon it was reported that another man had been killed in the Jamesville section. Coroner S. R. Biggs explained later that Joe Irby, colored man, suffered a stroke while working at or near the Gaines and Kirkman planning mill in Jamesville and died before a doctor could reach him.

Late Monday afternoon, S. L. Purvis, 40-year-old colored farmer of Poplar Point, died of a heart attack while riding in an automobile. Purvis, who was born and spent most of his life on the (Continued on Page Seven)

Officers Wrecked Large Distillery Early Saturday

Three Persons Arrested In Connection With Raid Near Dymond City

The illicit liquor manufacturing business in this county was dealt a heavy blow about 12:30 o'clock last Saturday morning when ABC officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock with Deputies Raymond Rawls and Roy Peel raided in the old Dymond City area of Griffins Township and wrecked a large distillery. The raid was climaxed with the arrest of three men, Dave Williams, 54 year-old Negro, Knezer Williams, 37-year-old colored man, and Ray Moore, white man, all of Beaufort County.

Williams and Williams are charged with manufacturing illicit liquor. Officers are said to be holding Moore's car, but the three men are out under bond.

Going into the area late Friday night, the officers found the operations in full blast hardly more than fifty yards from the little used path or road. When Deputy Peel took hold of one of the two colored men, he was almost dragged up a pine tree. The man declared he thought a bear had him. The plant was equipped with a 200-gallon capacity still of the submarine type with a second one of the same size in reserve. It had a 100-gallon super heater and a 100-gallon cooling box. There were ten 300-gallon and two 50-gallon fermenters. The officers poured out more than 3,000 gallons of sugar mash or beer and 68 gallons of liquor. There were fifteen oil cans, thirty gallons of oil and 28 five-gallon jugs.

While the raid was in progress, Moore drove up with jugs and more oil for the burners. He deserted his car and escaped, but was arrested later in Beaufort County. Officer Roebuck said.

Sunday night, the officers spotted a still in the Flat Swamp section of Robersonville Township. The outfit was still hot, the operators having completed a run and retired for the night. The officers wrecked the plant and poured out 150 gallons of sugar beer.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the Martin County jail by local, county and state officers last week-end.

Two of the seven were charged with manufacturing illicit liquor. Three others were booked for public drunkenness, and one each for drunk driving and disorderly conduct.

One of the seven was white and the ages of the group range from 19 to 38 years.

Series Of Road Wrecks Reported During Week-end

No One Badly Hurt But The Property Damage Ran Up To \$1,825

No one was badly hurt but property damage approximated \$1,825 in a series of motor vehicle accidents on Martin County highways over the week-end, according to reports coming from the Highway Patrol office.

The first in the wreck series was reported last Friday morning at 9:15 o'clock when a rear wheel ran off the 1939 Buick being driven by Willie Cleveland Dudley, colored man of Plymouth. Dudley lost control of the car which swerved to the right and turned over in a field, doing about \$200 damage to the machine. Patrolman J. T. Rowe said following an investigation.

Friday night about 8:00 o'clock, John Douglas Howell drove his 1950 Hudson out of a side road into the Butler's Bridge-Hassell Highway, and Jesse Parker plowed into the rear of the car with his 1947 Olds. No one was hurt. Investigating the accident, R. P. Narron estimated the damage to the Olds at \$150 and that to the Hudson at \$100.

After an over-night rest, the motorists were at the wrecking business early Saturday night. A 1946 Dodge, driven by John A. White, and a 1950 Buick, driven by Giles Martin, met on the old narrow Everetts road and crashed, causing about \$75 damage to the Dodge and none to the Buick, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation.

Driving on Highway 11 about one mile out of Oak City at 10:30 o'clock Saturday Stanley Nick Olszewski, Cherry Point marine, lost control of his 1947 Oldsmobile when it skidded on the wet pavement. The car went into a ditch and came to a stop in Farmer Johnson's pasture, causing about \$50 damage to the machine, according to Patrolman R. P. Narron who made the investigation.

Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock, Hezekiah Scott was driving his 1934 Ford on the Hassell Road toward Butler's Bridge and was hit by James Edward Powell who was driving a 1935 Ford. Patrolman Narron, making the investigation, estimated the damage to each car at \$100.

Refusing to take a rest on Sunday, the motorists started out early with a wreck that morning. Driving from Hassell toward Council's store, Arthur Cotten slowed down his 1948 Chevrolet to make a turn into a side road. Before he could make the turn, Jasper Purvis, driving a 1942 Ford, plowed into him, causing about \$50 damage to the Chevrolet and none to his car, according to information released by Patrolman R. P. Narron.

Driving west on Highway 64, Wm. F. Gergely of 613 N. Penn Street, Allentown, Pa., lost control of his 1947 Chevrolet convertible in a curve just beyond Holly Springs Church. The machine went across the ditch and came to a stop in a field after turning over twice. Investigating the accident, Patrolman J. T. Rowe estimated the damage at (Continued on Page Seven)

Unexpected Developments Reported In Attack Case

Unexpected developments in the alleged assault cases pending against Samuel R. Hardison, Clarence McCool and James A. Hardison were reported over the week-end when the main prosecuting witness was married to one of the defendants.

It was unofficially reported that Mary Etta Shelton, 15-year-old victim of the alleged attacks and the main witness for the prosecution, was married to Samuel R. Hardison, 17, in South Carolina last Thursday. The two were accompanied on the trip by the girl's mother, Fannie C. Shelton, and Claude Rawls. No details of the wedding or the events leading up to the marriage could be learned.

Newly Formed Company To Operate Radio Station

Forming a partnership, Messrs. Jim and Charlie Gray of Robersonville and Henry A. Johnson of Williamston are buying out the owners of the local radio station and are rushing arrangements for placing it in operation. Mr. Johnson announced last night.

Stock sold in the new corporation last week has been returned, the three men deciding over the week-end to go ahead with the partnership arrangement. They are buying out the original investors, S. S. Adcock of Lillington and Gardner Lawlor of Washington, D. C. After the deal is closed with Adcock and Lawlor, representatives of the partnership will go to Washington to have the franchise transferred.

One of the partners explained that the station will be operated as a partnership and not as a corporation.

The action to form a partnership was taken after most of the \$40,000 capital stock had been sold to individuals in several sections of the county.

It is likely that the new plan will delay the opening of the station, but the new owners believe that operations can get under way within a reasonable time, possibly the latter part of this month or early in March.

Farmers Group In County Meet Here Last Friday Noon

Farmers Report Increase In Their Income During The Past Year

The Martin County Farm Ownership Borrowers of the Farmers Home Administration held their annual business meeting Friday. The meeting was well attended, and the day's work well worth while.

An analysis of the 1950 record book summaries was studied, then a comparison was made of the 1950 records to those of 1946, 1948, and 1949. By doing this each family could see whether or not they were making progress, standing still, or actually losing.

After making a complete study of income received, a study was made of expenses. Again after the 1950 expenses were studied, as shown by the records, a comparison was made for the years 1946, 1948, and 1949. By making this comparison the families could see where they had improved in spending for the past five years.

The income for 1950 was considerably higher than either of the other three years or an average of the other three years. The cost of living and farm operating was some higher, but due to the amount of increased income, the net cash income was up also. This meant that the families had a greater purchasing power for capital goods as well as debt paying ability. The capital goods purchases were principally for tractors and tractor equipment, house repairs and sanitation, and the purchase of livestock.

The average farm ownership farm for Martin County was studied. This average was taken from 21 farms which showed, as the average, 104 acres per farm with about 42 acres in cultivation. The (Continued on page seven)

HOLIDAY

Thursday, February 22, will be observed as a holiday by a few places of business in observance of George Washington's birthday.

Both banks will be closed and there'll be no mail deliveries in the town or rural areas that day.

KILLED IN KOREA

Sgt. James H. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat G. Ellis of RFD 1, Jamesville, was killed in action in Korea on January 13, according to a message received by his parents last evening. Announcing the young man's untimely death, Edward F. Witsell, Adjutant General of the Army, advised that a letter would follow.

Sgt. Ellis was employed by the Roberson Packing Company here before entering the service, and is well remembered in this county.

He is the tenth in the list of casualties among Martin County young men in the Korean conflict, and the second to lay down his life in action.

Farm Prices Are Effective Only At Processor Level

Prices Now Above Parity Not Likely To Go Any Higher

General price ceilings have been set by the Economic Stabilization Agency in an effort to halt rising prices.

The ceiling price for a product in most cases is the highest price charged from December 19, 1950 to January 25, 1951. Prices of farm products selling below parity, however, may be increased.

It is expected that the general price ceilings will be followed by specific ceilings for various industries and products. These later ceilings may be higher or lower than the present general ceilings.

In issuing the ceiling order, ESA noted that price increases were causing a mounting inflation. The cost of living is now at an all-time high and rising sharply. Price increases have already added billions to defense costs.

ESA has correctly stated that price ceilings do not end the danger of inflation. To control prices, higher taxes, less credit, and more production are needed. Price ceilings, in effect, give time for these more basic measures to be applied.

Prices of farm products receive special consideration, in the price control order. Three groups of people—farmers, processors, and (Continued from Page Six)

BOOSTER DAYS

Merchant members of Williamston Boosters Inc. will conduct their Booster Days promotion on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

This special trade event which is conducted three times each year offers an excellent opportunity to the people of this vicinity to save as they shop. During these three days bargain prices on top quality merchandise will prevail.

Soil Conservation Advanced In This County Last Year

Total of \$54,758.51 Spent By Production-Marketing Administration

Martin County farmers received from the Production-Marketing Administration \$54,758.51 last year for advancing soil conservation practices, according to a report released this week by the committee, R. T. Griffin, chairman.

A review of the work handled under the Agricultural Conservation Program, follows:

Four hundred and seventy-four farms used a total of 2,496 tons of limestone with the PMA furnishing \$6,364.80.

Three hundred and fifteen farms, used 9,150 CWT. CMS 2-12-12, PMA paying \$7,411.50.

Fifty eight farms used 1,995 CWT. CMS 0-14-14, PMA paying \$1,895.25.

Fourteen farms used 655 CWT. CMS 20 percent Super Phosphate, PMA paying \$458.50.

Five farms used 276 CWT. CMS Murate of Potash, PMA paying \$455.40.

Eighty five farms used 30,127 pounds Superphosphate, PMA paying \$1,054.47.

Eighty two farms used 27,806 pounds Potash, PMA paying \$917.57.

Seventy six farms of Martin County needed 18,342 pounds of Vetch. The PMA furnished \$2,665.62.

One hundred and thirty-six farms in Martin County seeded 65,974 pounds of Austrian Winter Peas, PMA paying \$3,685.19.

Seventy-eight farms used 12,731 pounds Crimson Clover. The PMA furnished \$2,086.32.

Forty-eight farms seeded a total of 10,560 pounds of Ryegrass on cropland, PMA furnishing \$749.85.

Four hundred and five farmers seeded 4,138 acres small grain for cover crops in Martin County, \$7,981.50 was furnished by the PMA.

One farm used 10 pounds Dalis Grass, \$5.00 was given toward payment.

One farm used 2 pounds Blue Grass, PMA paying 90.

Fifty-two farms used 1,424 pounds Orchard Grass, PMA furnishing \$299.04 toward payment.

One farm used 3 pounds Red-top, PMA paying 90.

Three hundred and fifty-eight farms seeded for pastures 12,325 pounds Fescue, PMA furnishing \$5,265.48.

Eighteen farms used 1,969 pounds Kobe Lespedeza, PMA paying \$236.28.

Three farms used 605 pounds Korean Lespedeza, PMA furnishing \$42.35.

Three farms used 7 pounds white dutch clover, \$5.25 was furnished by the PMA.

Three hundred and ninety-four farms seeded for permanent pastures 2,970 pounds Ladino Clover, the PMA paying \$4,158.00.

One farm constructed 41 linear feet terrace, PMA furnishing \$36.90.

Ten farms constructed 11,195 cubic yards open Ditch Drainage. PMA paid \$1,119.50.

Seventy-nine farms used 35,325 feet of four inch tile and 63,676 feet of six inch tile, PMA furnished \$7,850.34 toward payment.

One farm installed 210 linear feet pipe line for livestock water the PMA paid \$12.60.

Offer \$28,000 For Freezer Locker

Wullenwaber and Westbrook, operators of the Dunn Freezer Locker plant, submitted a \$28,000 bid for the Williamston plant here at an auction sale last Friday afternoon. The bid is subject to be raised during a seven-day period ending Friday midnight of this week, it was learned.

The plant, financed by ten original stockholders, cost approximately \$54,000. There are nine stockholders with the estate of the late Governor J. B. Broughton owning ten percent.

Wullenwaber and Westbrook are said to handle an extensive business in their Dunn plant.

Reviews Projects Of Ministerial Group In County

Bibles Placed In Hospital; Plan Daily Religious Radio Broadcasts

Two major programs have already been fostered by the Martin County Ministerial Association since it came into being last summer, and a third one is just ready to be launched.

Last Saturday, 25 copies of the Holy Bible were presented to the Martin General Hospital by the Association to be placed in the patient rooms and the waiting room. This program, under the direction of Rev. Ralph E. Ferguson, Robersonville, has been financed by funds turned over to the Ministerial Association by the churches of the county.

Beginning yesterday and continuing through this week, the finals are being held in the Essay Contest sponsored by the Association in connection with its Alcohol Education Program. Local contests are being held in each school. The county finals for white pupils will be held in the white High School Building in Williamston on Thursday night at 8:00 P. M. The finals for the colored pupils will be held in the Colored High School Friday at 8:00 P. M. Cash prizes are offered to the winners in the local and county contests.

Under the direction of Rev. E. R. Shuller, Williamston, the Alcohol Education Program is designed to present to the pupils of all our county high schools the effect of alcohol on the human body. Three visits were scheduled to each school in the county during the course of the school year, two of which have already been completed. The third visit is to be made March 6-8. With the help of documented and carefully selected books, and with motion pictures, the ministers hope to be able to inform the students of the effect and dangers of alcohol when taken into the human body.

Nearly all the ministers in the Association are actively working in this phase of the group's activities.

Another program of the Association, soon to get under way, is the presentation of periods of devotion, daily, Monday through Friday, over the local radio station, WIAM. The hour for these fifteen minute programs is 9:00 A. M. Rev. Stewart B. Simms, Williamston, is heading up this phase of the group's work, and expects to go on the air the first (Continued from page seven)

Firemen Called To Mill Shanty

Volunteer firemen were called to a burning shanty on the Wells-Oates Lumber Company mill yard just off East Main Street at 11:25 o'clock last Saturday night. Working in ankle-deep mud, firemen laid several hundred feet of hose and confined the fire to the three-room hut occupied by Orange Oden, his wife and daughter.

Oden, night watchman for the mill, a few minutes before had reported for duty. His wife said she went out for a turn of wood and when she returned she found the fire burning the wall paper in one room. As far as it could be learned nothing was saved from the hut. Occupants of a nearby shanty wrecked most of their earthly belongings when they moved out lock, stock and barrel in a matter of minutes.

The hill bottom community wrecked of a strong alcoholic smell, and the fire truck chasers blocked traffic along the route for some distance. Only a few ventured across the muddy mill yard.

Continue Scrap Paper Drive Next Saturday

The local Jaycees will continue their drive for waste paper—newspapers, magazines and paper boxes—next Saturday afternoon, it was announced. The cooperation of the public is cordially solicited.

FISHING

Fishermen, going after the early run of herring in the Roanoke, have had exceptionally good luck in recent days. Last Saturday, three fishermen, led by Jack Hardison, dipped 65 of the fish from the Roanoke at this point in less than three hours.

A report from Jamesville states that the supply is now sufficient to cause prices there to drop from the ten-cent-a-piece level.