

Finish Work On Foundation For Phone Building

Raymond Concrete Pile Firm Moving Its Equipment To Tennessee

The last of sixty piling were driven for an addition to the local telephone building this week, and workmen are dismantling the large pile driver and making it ready for shipment by rail to Calhoun, Tennessee.

The project has attracted considerable attention, and various cost estimates have been advanced. No official figure has been released, but it is fairly certain that the cost of driving the 50-foot piling will approximate and possibly exceed \$50,000. Sidewalk observers saw the need for the foundation when they saw the big Raymond Concrete Pile Company machine in action. The piling would sink twelve or more feet under its own weight. After a few licks with a steam hammer, the piling would cut loose and quickly sink another ten or fifteen feet, striking solid ground about forty feet from the surface.

While the building addition is to be limited to one story, it will carry a great deal of heavy equipment which requires a level surface. One report maintains that the telephone company may eventually house equipment there with a value ranging between one and two million dollars.

The foundation project is the first one of its kind in the town proper. The Raymond company, one of the largest in the world, drove the piling for the first river bridge here back in the early twenties. Since that time the company has expanded until it is operating about 500 machines all over the world. It was recently awarded a contract for a \$336 million project overseas.

Now that the piling work has been completed, the contractors, D. J. Rose and Son of Rocky Mount, are pouring concrete for the foundation, a task that is almost certain to require several weeks.

The structure when completed will cost between \$50,000 and \$100,000, it is believed. Forced to rent quarters in another building for its business offices the Carolina Company, a few months ago, bought the Dr. J. H. Saunders building next to its plant on South Smithwick Street and will occupy it just as soon as the lease now held by Radio Station WIAM expires, it is understood.

When work on the new addition is completed and when the building recently purchased is made available, the telephone company, it is believed, will have enough room to take care of any future expansion. Alterations were made to the plant less than a year ago, but the company soon outgrew its enlarged quarters.

Income From Fees Drops In County

After holding to an unusually high figure during the first six months of this year, income from the county fee system dropped considerably last month, according to reports filed recently with the commissioners by the various departmental heads.

The big drop took place in the county court fines and fees. According to Clerk L. B. Wynne, the court accounted for only \$978.05 in July. Only \$440 of the amount represented fines.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger reported \$420.35 in fees, including \$338.85 for recordings. Sheriff M. W. Holloman reported \$121.00.

MEETING

An important meeting for the organization of a Christian Rural Overseas Program unit in this county is being held in the county courthouse here this evening at 8:00 o'clock. The Rev. Carl B. Key, State director of Durham, is to attend the meeting.

Tobacco Farmers Plagued From All Sides This Year

Although the harvest is far from complete, Martin County tobacco farmers have been plagued from all sides in recent weeks.

The latest adversity is centered in a record hail damage. It has been conservatively estimated that the insurance companies have paid out approximately \$150,000 already and the adjusters are still working in the Parmele-Flat Swamp sections where an estimated 100 claims originated during the past week. Entire crops were said to have been wiped out by a hail storm in that area the middle of last week.

After getting off to one of the most favorable starts in years, the crop was hardened by cool weather in its early growth. Dry wea-

ther set in and the mercury soared to record highs. The tobacco was stunned and much of it blistered under a hot sun day after day.

Disease appeared in many sections to cut back much tobacco that had survived the dry-hot weather. Latest estimates declare that the nematode, the latest insect to raise its head in a really big threatening way, will claim right at 20 percent of the crop.

The harvest is late and prospects for quality are mighty disheartening with some few exceptions, of course.

However, there is one bright spot in the outlook, and that is the high price being paid for poor and medium quality grades on those markets now operating.

MOTORCADE

Williamston will extend its hand of friendship and welcome on Thursday, August 14, to the rest of the county when it starts the annual Tobacco Motorcade, sponsored by the Williamston Boosters.

Early in the morning of that date approximately 40 cars and trucks will leave Williamston for the northwestern portion of the county, tour the upper end until noon, return to Williamston for lunch and will resume the tour to cover the rest of the county in the afternoon.

The Green Wave Band of Williamston High School, under the direction of Jack Butler, will be an important feature of the motorcade, playing at each of the scheduled stops, which include Hamilton, Oak City, Hassells, Gold Point, Everetts, Bear Grass, Manning and Gurkin's store, Jamesville and Dardens.

A complete list of scheduled stops and the time for each will be announced in next Tuesday's Enterprise.

Two Accidents In County Yesterday

No one was injured but property damage estimated at approximately \$1,000 resulted when two vehicles went out of control and turned over on the highways in this county yesterday afternoon.

Driving west on Highway 64 about two miles this side of Jamesville, Donald M. Plumb lost control of his 1952 Ford when it ran off the hard surface while passing another vehicle. The machine turned over. Mr. Plumb, an engineer of 284 Greystone Road, Bridgeport, Conn., was accompanied by Mrs. Plumb, but neither of them was hurt. Investigating the accident, Sgt. Clagon estimated the damage to the car at about \$650.

Thirty minutes later at about 4:15 o'clock, Delma Gray Manning lost control of his GMC pick-up truck on Highway 17 about three miles south of here, and the machine turned over, missing a large oak tree by a narrow margin and stopping inches short of a large pecan tree. Mr. Manning said the rear tires on his truck were slick, causing him to lose control on the wet surface. He had to break a door glass to get out of the overturned truck, but was not injured. Patrolman B. W. Parker investigated the accident. Damage to the truck was estimated at about \$250.

Thousands Issued Drivers' Licenses

Raleigh—Driver licensing officials of the Department of Motor Vehicles said today their examiners issued 18,915 operators licenses during July.

Included in the total were 11,743 original operators permits; 991 original chauffeurs licenses; 2,697 duplicate operators licenses and 2,412 renewal chauffeurs licenses. The examiners collected \$81,425 during the month. They also reported 528 license suspensions and 929 revocations.

Experiment With Sucker Control

By S. A. Tuten, Assistant County Agent

Is the laborious task of sucking tobacco soon to be a thing of the past? Maybe so. Experiments involving the application of a mineral oil emulsion look very promising. Several companies are producing the material and ways and means of applying it are being worked out.

The present estimated savings of direct cash labor cost is from ten to eighteen dollars per acre. And surely, if any crop needs relief, from increasing cost of production, it is tobacco. There is one obstacle, however, which prevents a clear billing for the treatment at this time. Soft rot has occurred in a few experiments under damp, hot, humid weather conditions. Although no such injury has been observed where tests were made in Martin County, this year.

Some of the growers who have tried the material are: J. A. Wynn, Cross Roads community; Asa Moore, R1 Jamesville; Carlyle Manning, R1 Jamesville; Howard Tyre, R1 Williamston; James Harrington, Farm Life; K. A. Roberson, R2 Robersonville; and Jack James also of Robersonville. These test involved from a few hills up to about three acres. Experimental work to determine the value of chemical suckering under a wide range of conditions has been underway for about two years. This year, tests have been made in practically every tobacco growing county in the flue-cured belt. A State-wide summary of results should be available by the end of the year.

Another Tobacco Barn Destroyed

A third tobacco barn to be destroyed in the county so far this season was burned on Thad Newsome, Jr.'s farm near Williamston yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The barn, equipped with oil burners, contained 680 sticks of the farmer's best tobacco. Newsome said he visited the barn about an hour before the fire started, that apparently everything was in order at that time. No insurance was carried on the property which was valued at about \$1,600.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The number of motor vehicle accidents on the highways and streets in this county continues to climb at an alarming rate, and unless checked the count will set an all-time record before the year is spent.

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.

| 31st Week | | | |
|---------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Accidents | Inj'd | Killed | Damage |
| 1952 | 8 | 5 | \$ 2,770 |
| 1951 | 12 | 1 | 1,250 |
| Comparisons To Date | | | |
| 1952 | 161 | 85 | \$54,130 |
| 1951 | 144 | 69 | 33,445 |

Program For Band Open Air Concert Wednesday Listed

Varied Program Will Be Presented At The Tennis Courts At 8:30

Director Jack Butler last night announced the program for the annual Spring open-air concert of the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School to be presented Wednesday evening of next week on the all-weather tennis courts at the high school, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Containing many marches, the program is varied enough to meet the requirements of a light concert and contains some old-time favorites of local band music lovers.

The program opens with a march, "The Cardinal," by Pat Lee, and another march, "Pursuit Squadron," by K. L. King, follows. The third number will be "Prairie Skies," an overture by Clair W. Johnson. Another march, "Salutation," by Seitz, follows. The balance of the program includes: "Grandfather's Clock" by Clifford P. Barnes; "When You Were A Tulip" as arranged by Yoder; "Fort Bragg," a march by Lee; "Gallant Cadet," overture by John Van Dyke; "Red School House," a march-foxtrot, arranged by Walter Beeler; "Columbian," a march by K. L. King; "Red Rhythm Valley," a modern rhythm arrangement by Charles Lee Hill, and a special number featuring a flag routine if it can be developed in time for use Wednesday.

As has been previously announced, several former members of the band who have graduated from school here, will participate in the concert this spring. They include players in every department or section of the band. The names of these have not been released because it is not certain just how many of them will be available Wednesday night but it is intended to take the strain off the regular band members, nearly three dozen of whom have had a year or less experience in the senior unit. The old grads also will be invited to accompany the band on the tobacco motorcade next week.

All members of the band have been busy this week as the musicians practiced for the concert and the majorettes attended an intensive training school being (Continued on Page Eight)

Small-Size Draft Calls Received

Contrary to public announcements, comparatively small-size draft calls have been received in this county for August and September, according to Mrs. Olivia Handy, clerk to the county draft board.

Thirty-five men are to report for pre-induction examination on Tuesday, August 19, and seven are scheduled to report for final induction on Tuesday, August 26. The first group will travel by charter bus.

The September calls are for 25 men for pre-induction on the 15th, and four for final induction on September 26.

All men in the groups will report to the service center in Raleigh.

Soldier Wants To Stay In Germany

Home on furlough after spending three years with occupation forces in Germany, Cpl. Caltece W. Ange, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levin Ange of the Angleton section in this county, says he is hoping for orders, returning him to his foreign post.

Stationed at Landstuhl, he drove an ambulance in the 683rd Medical Ambulance Company. Ange has been in the army almost four years, re-enlisting last September for an additional six-year hitch.

He said he had met a few boys from this county, including James Modlin of Jamesville and Morton C. Cramer of Williamston, and Cramer got together and exchanged The Enterprise and the Roanoke Beacon.

Agriculture Goal Blocked In Nation By Great Drought

Nation On Verge Of One Of Greatest Disasters It Ever Faced

Nashville, Tenn.—The federal government reported that a \$500,000,000 drought in the Southeast and parts of New England will prevent the nation from reaching its agriculture defense goals.

The Department of Agriculture worked out emergency measures to salvage the South's livestock industry and save farmers from financial ruin by one of the most damaging dry spells of the region's history.

Department officials agreed with representatives of drought-stricken states at a government-sponsored emergency conference here that it is too late to avert a "major blow" to the nation's agriculture production.

"This is on the verge of being one of the most serious disasters this country ever faced," said Knox T. Hutchinson, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. "It has eliminated any chance of reaching our national production goal for the defense effort."

Mr. Hutchinson presided over a meeting here at which he was joined here by Charles F. Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture.

Raub M. Snyder of the National Production and Marketing Administration afterward held a strategy session with farm representatives of the southeastern states to organize some form of "hay life" for the suffering livestock industry.

One possibility was to allocate grain from states not hit by the drought to spare southeastern farmers from ruinous competition in importing feed.

Disaster areas have been declared in six and parts of two other southeastern states and in Maine and Massachusetts and thus made farmers eligible for emergency loans and other federal benefits to tide them over until next year.

"We can justify subsidization for a few weeks of dire emergency," Mr. Snyder added, "but we couldn't do it for more."

Mr. Hutchinson conferred with farm officials from Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, and South Carolina, all designated disaster areas because of crop damages ranging from 20 to 100 per cent.

In addition, 44 counties of Missouri and 27, Arkansas counties were given the "disaster areas" designation.

In Tennessee S. E. Johnson, Germantown rancher, said his herd was losing weight up to 200 pounds a head although he was using winter feed stores and importing hay at almost twice the normal prices.

"It will be at least next summer before they regain top production," the rancher said. "We'll be paying for this next year, regardless of when we get rain."

In Georgia, where damage to the corn crop was estimated up to 25 per cent and cotton faced heavy damage unless rains come soon, losses were placed at \$200,000,000.

Mr. Hutchinson called the outlook for the next 12 months "very distressing."

"There is no hope to recover the crops even if it rained today," Mr. Hutchinson said, "and no relief is in sight in the way of desirable weather."

In the entire South, the only threatened crop to get rain in time to show an improved outlook was the North Carolina tobacco harvest, but the damage to it was estimated as high as \$100,000,000. This state was not designated as a disaster area, however.

A Tennessee farm official said the state's livestock industry will need 3,000,000 tons of extra hay during the next eight months, but farmers cannot afford the price without low-interest loans.

In Mississippi the drought damage was officially called the "worst on record." A Missouri official said damage to feed crops in the southeastern part of the state has been "severe."

AMVETS TO MEET

The Martin County AMVETS, Post #1, will meet Tuesday night, August 12, at 8:00 at the courthouse. All officers and members are urged to attend.

Low Water Stalls Traffic In Upper Roanoke River

Traffic on the Roanoke River is being hampered by low water, and boats are finding it difficult to travel beyond Hamilton. It was also pointed out that traffic has been stuck on mud flats between here and Hamilton, and that few commercial boats have been able to move any distance beyond Hamilton recently.

No definite cause for the low water has been offered, but it is either traceable to the closing of the gates of the Kerr Dam at Buggs Island or the summer rainfall in the Roanoke Valley this summer. Possibly both factors have had their influence on the water level in the stream.

Since the gates were closed last of June, the Roanoke has varied hardly a foot in its depth, holding to a point between three and four feet at this point. It has been so low that the tide has backed its way up and beyond this point. Because the tide prevents the stream from falling below a certain point, traffic from Williamston to Albemarle Sound has been able to move without encountering any difficulty.

Log barges, traveling above Hamilton, have been held up often when they would run aground. It was said that workers would jump into the stream and help dig the barges out or use poles to pry them loose.

Fifteen Marriage Licenses Issued In County In July

Issuance Slightly Below the Average For the Past Several Years

Following a rather busy month in June, the Martin County Marriage License Bureau reported quite a decrease in its activities last month. The number of licenses fell from 28 issued in June to fifteen issued last month. The issuance last month was slightly below the average for the month of July during recent years, but was larger than it was in July of last year. For the third month this year, the number of licenses going to white couples was larger than the number issued to colored couples. Last year the number of licenses issued to colored couples was greater than the number going to white couples only in one month through July.

Licenses were issued last month in this county, eleven to white and four to colored couples, as follows:

White
Clarence J. Barkley of Elizabeth City and Margaret Joyce Halstead of Camden.

Wheeler Martin Ward and Mildred Chapman, both of Williamston.

Martin S. Gentry of RFD 1, Anson, Texas, and Dorothy Leona Watkins of Jamesville.

Garland Leo Simpson and Shirley Jean Elks, both of Williamston.

Earl C. Williamson and Dorothy Cherry, both of Williamston.

Rush W. Bondurant, Jr., and Mary Carolyn Leggett, both of Williamston.

Robert Spencer Jordan and Doris Marie Stevenson, both of Newport News.

Eli Wynne of Williamston and Fannie Alice Modlin of Jamesville.

Marvin Keel and Helen Webb, both of Williamston.

Charles James Brady, Jr., and Doris Mae Andrews, both of Williamston.

Leigh Peter Showalter of Clifton Forge, Va., and Jean Carol Moore of Windsor.

Colored
Charles B. Taylor and Loulene Brown, both of Williamston.

James Curtis Perkins and Thelma Marie Baker, both of RFD 1, Stokes.

Paul Cherry of Hassell and Joanna Dowdy of Washington.

Thurman Rodgers and Ruby Lee Rodgers, both of Williamston.

WOUNDED
Pvt. Willie C. Hassell, son of Eva Hassell of RFD 3, Williamston, and the late John Hassell, was wounded in action in Korea last Thursday, July 31, according to a message received by his mother yesterday. Few details were mentioned in the message, but he is in a hospital in Japan at the present time.

Pvt. Hassell entered the service September 5, 1951, and went overseas last April. The young man is the 21st known Martin County casualty of the war. The casualty report was the first received in this county in about five months.

SALES SUPERVISOR



J. O. (Blue) Manning has been named sales supervisor for the Williamston Tobacco Market, succeeding Henry A. Johnson who was forced to retire on account of his health. The young supervisor has been on and around the tobacco market just about all his life, and is widely known in this section.

Bertie Man Faces Trial August 18

Charged with impersonating an officer and threatening the safety of Mrs. Gus Robbins, formerly of Williamston, and Mrs. Robbins' infant son, last July 14, Tillery Floyd, Bertie County man, is slated for trial in the Bertie Recorder's Court at Windsor on August 18, according to reliable but unofficial information reaching here.

Floyd was arrested a few days ago and was said to have admitted impersonating an officer, but denied having ever had a siren on his car. It was pointed out that Floyd had almost wrecked the Robbins car by bumping into it.

Mrs. Robbins reported to Patrolman Jack Thomas that she, her infant son and her grandmother were stopped early in the night of July 14 on the Windsor-Aulander road by a youth who claimed to be an officer. Reporting the series of misunderstandings to the police, Mrs. Robbins said Floyd followed her car which kept blowing a siren. Looking in the rear view mirror, Mrs. Robbins said the Floyd car did not look like a patrol or police car and that she kept driving until she reached a lighted spot at the Woodard road. When she stopped, the other car pulled over and Floyd got out and approached her car, declaring he was an officer and asking why she did not heed his siren.

Mrs. Robbins told Floyd he did not look like an officer, and she drove away. Floyd followed, bumping the rear bumper of her car several times before she reached Windsor where the Floyd car turned off into a dirt road.

Having heard similar complaints, patrolmen, sheriff's officers and Windsor police arrested Floyd and he was brought here and identified.

INTERRUPTION
Virginia Electric and Power Company officials announced today that there will be a service interruption in this area Sunday morning from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock to make preliminary connections to the new 110,000-volt substation near Williamston. The company plans to place the new substation in operation on or about Friday of next week.

The Sunday morning interruption will affect Robersonville, Everetts, Williamston, Plymouth, Roper, Creswell and Columbia and all the tributary lines from those points.

Vet Aid To Rise With Next Check Issuance
About 120,000 blind, crippled and tubercular veterans of all wars and peacetime service will receive increased monthly payments beginning with compensation checks due September 1st, under a bill recently signed by President Truman.

Draw Citizens For Jury Duty During September Court

Judge Clawson L. Williams To Preside Over The Two-Week Term

Seventy-four citizens were drawn by the county commissioners recently to serve as members of the Martin County Superior Court jury during the two-week term opening on Monday, September 15. Forty were drawn for duty the first week, and out of that number nine will be selected to serve as members of the grand jury for a year.

Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford is to preside over the term which will hear cases of both a criminal and civil nature. It will be the jurist's first visit to the county in an official capacity in five years.

The names of those drawn for jury duty, including several women, include the following:

First Week
Jamesville Township: R. L. Stallings, H. L. Kiddick, Ralph Davenport and Arnold Modlin.
Williamston Township: Joe Lawrence Coltrain.

Griffins Township: Elmo Lilley, James Evan Perry and B. R. Manning.

Bear Grass Township: Gussie Harrison, Delmus Rogerson and O. R. Revels.

Williamston Township: Henry A. Roberson, C. U. Rogers, Eli H. Bowen, J. R. Simpson, Roy L. Ward, Sam Pate, Jas. B. McGee, R. Leo Roberson.

Cross Roads Township: J. W. Peele.

Robersonville Township: Jarvis Whitfield, A. E. James, L. Wilson Wynne, Miss Fannie H. Crawford, B. A. Rogers, R. C. Alexander.

Poplar Point Township: Joe Rogers and E. L. White.

Hamilton Township: Seth Roberson, J. H. Harrell, C. C. Rawls, R. J. Sydenstricker, Mrs. P. S. Williams, Jasper Williams and H. R. Purvis.

Goose Nest Township: William E. Cross, John L. Hassell, Norman Turner, Mayo Harrell and Joseph C. Ross.

Second Week
Jamesville Township: J. Carl Griffin, Mrs. Camille Fleming Rawls, Mrs. Bettie Hassell, Carl Brown, T. V. Davis, George B. Ange and Clyde Glass.

Griffins Township: Geo. W. (Continued on page eight)

Defense Peak Is Certain In 1953

A study of the demands for goods and services after current defense goals have been reached was ordered in July by the Commerce Department. Peak production in the present defense buildup is expected about mid-1953. Commenting on the proposed appraisal due for January publication, Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer said:

The Korean emergency, just as other emergency situations, has shown the amazing productive capacity of the United States economy. It is my hope and thought that this study will give the businessmen of America the information they need to convert and maintain this high productivity for civilian peacetime pursuits once the present defense goals are reached. With our defense needs met, the basic objective of all Americans should be to see to it that we are as capable in using our economic might for useful peacetime pursuits.