

City Departments Greatly Expanded In Recent Years

Water System Revenue Has Been Increased Ten Times Since 1929

In a talk to the Rotary Club Tuesday noon, R. E. Manning, superintendent of the town's water and street departments, reviewed the history of the two municipal agencies and touched briefly on the town's future water source.

The superintendent explained that the town was handling a paving program back in 1929, that he went with the street and water department that spring for interim employment. The 1929 crash came and he remained.

At that time there were five town employees, including two policemen and a clerk. At the present time there are fifteen employees in the street and water departments.

The water department was hardly more than a trickle a quarter century ago and the income from the water sales averaged about \$600 a month. Now the water sales average more than \$6,000 a month. In 1929, the system had a pumping capacity of 300 gallons per minute, and guaranteed storage was only 75,000 gallons. The system now has a 1,500-gallon pumping capacity per minute now and a storage capacity of 450,000 gallons, the superintendent explained. There are now 1,384 active accounts and more are being added daily.

Discussing water sources, the superintendent explained that the water table was falling, that deep wells can't be sunk deeper than 380 feet on account of salt content below that point. However, several more wells can be sunk with a maximum potential return. It was pointed out that possibly in time, a filter plant will have to be provided with the Roanoke as a source of supply. Wells cost about \$15,000 and maintenance is negligible. A filter plant would cost more than half million dollars and operation costs could be expected to be high.

Since 1929, the water system has been greatly expanded, nearly seven miles of six-and-eight-inch pipe having been added to it. There are 135 fire hydrants, the pipe being valued at \$2 a foot laid and the hydrants and connections at \$150 each installed.

On an average, 350,000 gallons of water are pumped through the mains each day at the present time, while the summer consumption approximates nearly half-million gallons daily.

The street department is swamped with problems, the superintendent pointed out. "We are possibly the largest town in the State without a street sweeper, leaving us with bare hands and brooms to keep clean four miles of paved streets," Manning said. There are about 22 miles of streets in the town, and 7,998 feet of curb and gutter have been laid in fairly recent times with the possibility that street paving will

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John D. Brandon Dies In Hospital

John D. Brandon, brother of T. B. Brandon of Williamston, died in a Rocky Mount hospital early Tuesday evening. He had been in declining health for several months and critically ill for weeks.

He was born in South Carolina 58 years ago, and following his graduation from Clemson College where he played football, he served as assistant farm agent in Wayne County and later served as agronomist for a Goldsboro bank. He was an elder in the Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church and taught the men's Bible class there for a number of years.

Besides his brother here he is survived by his widow, the former Rachel Kornegay of Rocky Mount.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. B. E. Dotson. Interment will be in Maplewood Cemetery in Mt. Olive.

Plans Going Forward For County Fair November 3rd

According to reports released by several of the co-chairmen, plans are rapidly going forward for the Martin County Fair scheduled here for the week beginning Nov. 3rd. This affair is being sponsored jointly by the local Lions and Kiwanis Clubs.

All displays and concessions will be in the New Carolina warehouse, while the rides will be on the vacant lots adjacent. A representative is expected to contact with the Virginia Greater Shows to provide the rides and other outside amusements.

The elaborate premium book is about ready for the printers and should be ready for mailing within the next several days. The committee states that they plan to mail 300 of the books. Approximately one thousand dollars in prizes is being offered to the various exhibitors.

The floor plan committee has completed their work of diagramming the warehouse, and there will be space for over 50 booths, ranging in size from 10 to 20 feet

wide and corresponding depths. The larger booth spaces went on sale this week, and Co-chairman John Henry Edwards announced last night that eight of the nine large spaces were sold already. Among the firms purchasing space were the Dixie Motor Co., Roanoke Chevrolet Co., Williamston Motor Company, Everett-Matthews Co. of Hamilton, Reddick Equipment Co., Charles H. Jenkins and Co., Williamston Tractor and Implement Co.

The entertainment committee is busy engaged in arranging "free acts or programs" for each evening, to be presented on a stage to be erected in the warehouse, and several outstanding attractions are expected to be booked.

All in all, it appears that this fair will become one to rival the annual Martin County fairs of yesteryear, with the exception of horse racing. Those desiring to enter exhibits in the various classes are urged to contact the fair committee as soon as possible.

DELAYED

The regular monthly meeting of the Martin County Commissioners will not be held next Monday, it was announced by Clerk J. Sam Gotsinger who explained that members of the board planned to be out of the county that day.

The meeting, however, will be held the following day, Tuesday, October 7, beginning at 9:30 o'clock in the morning.

So far very little business has been placed on the calendar for discussion.

Regional Library Service In Three Counties Outlined

Bookmobile Now Handles Nearly Thirty Thousand Volumes

"I enjoy the services of the BHM Bookmobile. I am a high school girl and the only books I get to read are those from the bookmobile. Since I began reading these books, I have had several reading certificates at school. I read a lot during the summer and the librarians help me get the kinds of books I like. The bookmobile has been a great advantage to me in my education." These are the words of Marilyn Gibbs from Swan Quarter in Hyde County.

Those are the sentiments of many, many people in Beaufort, Hyde and Martin Counties, for whom this Regional Library is named. For Eleven years this free rural library service has once each month travelled straight to the doorways of people of these three counties.

In July, 1941, the BHM Regional Library was organized. It was the culmination of much planning and hard work on the part of citizens from the three counties concerned. County commissioners appropriated money to meet requirements for money from the State. Resources were pooled and the BHM Regional Library began operation. It has the distinction of being the first regional library in North Carolina.

A bookmobile makes this library service possible for all people, even in the remotest corners of the region. The present one, a converted Chevrolet truck, is the second one used for this service. Rain or shine, it makes a monthly circuit of approximately 1400 miles. It serves each county in turn. Beaufort eight days, Martin seven days and Hyde five days. Unless a road is impassable, it never misses a regular schedule.

The bookmobile, on the road every week day, is hailed with joy by all people, young and old. It is an occasion anticipated from one month to the next. At the sound of its horn, people come from all directions. They arrive with wagons, boxes, baskets and push carts to exchange the books they have read for another

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Twenty Charged With Violating The Speed Laws

Several are Fined But Judgment Suspended In Most Of The Cases

Nearly everyone is in a hurry, but twenty motorists slowed down at least long enough to pay off in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Saturday when they were booked for speeding.

The speeding cases had accumulated while the Superior Court was in session during the past two weeks, but apparently there was a renewed driving against the practice of making race tracks out of the streets and highways in this county.

Most of the defendants pleaded guilty and in just about all the cases, judgment was suspended upon the payment of the \$22.05 court costs.

The speeding case of Ivory Johnson Keyes, pending in the courts since last June 23, was not pressed. However, it is subject to be recalled at any time.

Phillip Spencer White of RFD 3, Windsor, pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

William Oscar Bowers of Portsmouth, charged with speeding 75 miles an hour, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding 75 miles per hour, William Harvey Heagerty of St. Petersburg, Fla., was fined \$15, plus costs.

The following defendants, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour less and each was taxed \$22.05 costs:

Charlie F. Clemmons of Everetts, Esther Cherry Council of Hassell, Ronald Orvel Clay of Miami, William Clarence Bunch, Jr., of William, Elmore Wilkerson of Tillery, Joseph Ruppert Taylor of Williamston, Charles Thomas Gorham of Washington, N. C.

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Rating For School At Robersonville

The Robersonville Grammar School has again been given the 1 rating by the State Department of Education. The Robersonville school received the 1 rating in 1950 at which time there were only 23 other schools in the State with the 1 rating.

In 1950 Robersonville Grammar School was the only white grammar school in Martin County that was accredited by the State Department. The 1 rating is based on instruction and organization, administration, curriculum, instructional equipment, building and grounds and professional study program. In his report to the county, Homer Lassiter, Educational Supervisor of the Division of Instructional Service, congratulated the school on its good program of work, its professional study program and the attitude toward continued improvement.

Dean Hudson Will Play For Harvest Ball October 22nd

Event Will Highlight The Annual Harvest Festival Here This Year

One of the nation's top entertaining bands, Dean Hudson and his Orchestra, is coming to Williamston to play for the annual Harvest Ball, it was announced today by a representative of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the Fifth Annual Harvest Festival, being held here during the week of October 20.

The Hudson orchestra, one of the most successful radio, recording, stage and television bands in the country, will play for the ball being held in Planters Warehouse on the evening of October 22, from 9:30 pm to 2:00 am. A feature of the Ball will be the selection of the "Queen of the Harvest - 1952" from a number of Princesses representing cities, towns and communities in this section of Eastern Carolina. The Princess who is selected Queen will be awarded a beautiful dinner ring, courtesy of Muse Jewelry Company of Williamston.

Many outstanding musical artists perform with the Dean Hudson Orchestra and among them is Lennie Love, pianist, Lennie, ex All-state fullback of New Hampshire, needs all his mental and physical prowess to accomplish his many duties with the band, besides filling the difficult piano spot, doing occasional features such as "Warsaw Concerto" and "Polonaise", he does all of the arranging for the Hudson crew, which is in itself a full time operation.

The great array of talent in the Dean Hudson Orchestra is the envy of all other band leaders. The singing maestro headlines a group of the nation's best, which includes, besides the aforementioned Lennie Love; Jean Terry, Mistress of Modern Melody; Sam Neta, Trumpet Artist; The Dixieland Six and the famous A. Cappella Choir.

The musical background of these stars is furnished by the unique instrumentation of one trumpet, four trombones, four saxes and three rhythm, which after years of experimentation by Hudson was found to be the best arrangement of horns to produce the brilliant, yet soothing Hudson sound.

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Minor Vehicle Accident At Oak City School

A property damage estimated at about \$40 resulted when Melvin Earl Jones ran into a parked school bus on a drive at the Oak City Negro High School Tuesday morning. Driving a 1929 model car, Jones ripped away a door on the bus. Several passengers were in the bus but no one was hurt, Patrolman B. W. Parker said following his investigation. Jones was booked for reckless driving.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

During the past five years, motorists on Martin County highways and streets have more than doubled the accident rate and tripled the property loss. And the accident trend continues to climb steadily. The number injured is increasing also, but the loss of life is not as great now as it was a few years back. Accidents were reported at the rate of almost one a day during September of this year. The property loss last month, conservatively estimated at \$10,000 is more than the entire county volunteers for various charity and civic causes during an entire year.

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.

39th Week			
1952	8	2	0
1951	6	3	0
Comparisons To Date			
1952	210	97	1
1951	183	92	5

Standard Will Enlarge And Modernize Fertilizer Plant

Fire Prevention Week Will Be Observed In The Nation

Appealing to the people of this community for a meaningful observance of fire prevention week, beginning Sunday, Fire Chief G. P. Hall pointed out that extra care should attend the operation of oil-burning heaters.

Approximately three-fourths of the calls received by the fire department last winter were to those homes equipped with the heaters. The use of the heaters is not at all dangerous if properly handled, it was explained.

On those days when the temperature was not too low, housewives would run the heaters on low. A gust of wind would blow out the flame and oil would ac-

cumulate. When lighted again, the burner would go out of control and threaten the home.

For a long while wooden shingle roofs invited fire, but that danger has been greatly eliminated by the installation of fire-resistant shingles. Now, the more or less careless use of oil-burning stoves is responsible for many calls received by the fire department.

No observance program has been planned here during the week, but the fire chief and all the volunteer firemen ask the people of the community to help prevent fires by removing rubbish and correcting any and all fire traps.

George D. Pearson Died Tuesday At Home In Oak City

Funeral This Afternoon For Well-Known County Citizen

George David Pearson, well-known Martin County citizen and retired law enforcement officer, died at his home in Oak City Tuesday morning at 9:05 o'clock following years of declining health. He suffered a stroke ten years ago and was confined to his home since that time. Last Christmas he suffered a heart attack, but was getting along fairly well until about two weeks ago. His condition had been critical since that time.

The son of the late George Washington and Martha Etheridge Pearson, he was born in Halifax County 76 years ago on August 25, 1876. After spending most of his life on the farm there, he moved to Oak City in 1928, and was active in law enforcement circles there and in the county for a number of years before going with the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Ill health forced his retirement.

Mr. Pearson was a member of the New Hope Methodist Church near Roanoke Rapids for many years, and was active in religious circles until ill health forced his retirement. He was also a member of the Woodmen of the World for thirty years. He was married to Miss Mitie Carter August 25, 1910. Surviving besides Mrs. Pearson are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Gaskins of Rahway, New Jersey and Mrs. Blonzie Harrell of Oak City; three sons, Cecil E. Pearson of Raleigh, Geo. D. Pearson, Jr., of Rocky Mount, and Tom Pearson of Oak City; two sisters, Misses Florence and Annie Pearson, of Tarboro, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. W. C. Medlin, pastor of the Oak City Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. George Leggett of Windsor. Interment will be in the Oak City Cemetery.

Finish Plans For Jamesville Fair

Plans have all been completed and most of the work has been completed, preparatory to the opening of Jamesville annual community fair tomorrow. Every foot of space has been taken in the exhibit hall, and preliminary reports declare that the farmers there are displaying the best farm produce ever grown in the county.

While the exhibit hall will be held open through Saturday, the main program will be held during the one day tomorrow. Following the parade, Congressman Herbert Bonner will address the group. The cafeteria will be open to the public from 10:00 o'clock during the remainder of the day. The Ruffian Club, sponsoring the fair, extends a cordial invitation to the people of Martin County to visit the fair and see the tops in exhibits.

TOBACCO SALES

Peanut digging sidetracked tobacco marketing in this immediate area this week, and sales on local warehouse floors have been comparatively light during the past several days. It was also pointed out that between 65 and 70 percent of the crop had been marketed.

While sales were light—127,420 pounds—the market soared its highest average of the season yesterday. The official figure was \$52.26. Up until this morning the market had sold 7,240,374 pounds for \$3,569,489.00, the average holding right at the \$50 per hundred mark.

Native Of County Dies In Raleigh

Mrs. Pollie Lilley Brown, a native of this county died in a Raleigh hospital last Tuesday evening following an illness of three weeks.

A daughter of the late Perry and Frances Lilley, she was born in Griffiths Township 77 years ago and spent her early life in Williams Township. Following her marriage to Robert B. Brown of Pitt County, she made her home in Robersonville about fifteen years. The family moved from there to Wilson and later to Mebane before locating in Wendell where she lived for many years.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. H. L. Harris of Garner and Mrs. F. D. Cline of Raleigh; and two sisters, Mrs. Augusta Ward of Williamston and Mrs. R. G. Sexton of Jamesville.

She was a member of the Mebane Christian Church and funeral services were conducted there this morning at 11:00 o'clock. Interment was in the Wendell Cemetery.

Hunting Season Opens October 15

According to the 1952-1953 Hunting and Trapping rules adopted by the State of North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, sportsmen interested in hunting deer, raccoon, opossum and squirrel in this section of the State will have an opportunity to try their luck within a few days.

Deer may be killed in Martin and adjoining counties beginning October 15 and ending January 1, 1953. According to the guide book, only male deer with visible antlers may be killed. Any person who kills a doe will be prosecuted and required to change or buy new glasses.

Raccoon, opossum and squirrel may be killed legally on October 15th. The time killing limit for raccoon and opossum ends February 14, 1953. Huntsmen will not be permitted to kill squirrel after January 15, next year.

Both quail and rabbits may be killed on November 27, but it will be unlawful to kill either after January 31.

Will Start Work On New Project Within Few Days

Addition Will Make Plant Here One Of Largest In Southeast

The Standard Fertilizer Company, a division of the Matheson Chemical Corporation, is rapidly completing plans for a large addition to and the modernization of its plant here on Roanoke River, according to information released this week by Mr. C. G. Crockett, Sr., division manager of the Matheson Chemical Corporation.

Plans for the project are nearing completion, and tentative arrangements have been made for handling the construction, it was learned. Machinery was put into use last week making roads, preparatory to starting actual construction work within the next few days.

The plans call for the construction of a fourth unit to the present plant. Measuring 120 by 220 feet, the addition is to be located just to the southeast of the present structure. In addition to providing storage for several thousand tons of unmixed fertilizer materials, the new unit will mix all fertilizer and deliver it to the three mills presently located in the old structure where it will be held for rapid bagging and quick delivery, it was explained.

The company plans to use all local labor and Mr. J. C. Gurkin is to supervise construction of the new plant.

It is estimated that the new unit will have a capacity of mixing sixty tons per hour.

In addition to the new unit, the company is making plans to modernize its operations in the three old units. The unloading tower on the wharf is to be replaced and the capacity increased from twenty-five to about one hundred tons per hour. Railway cars, used for moving fertilizer materials from barges, are to be replaced by conveyors.

Cost estimates have not been completed, but the project is expected to run approximately a quarter million dollars, according to unofficial information.

Experiencing an ever-increasing business, the company has enlarged its plant from time to time, and the latest move is certain to push the supply of fertilizer up to the demand, eliminating delivery bottlenecks and making an efficient service available to the firm's thousands of patrons.

In addition to its fertilizer works, the company is figuring prominently in insecticide manufacturing. A mixing plant was first built, and this year a manufacturing chemical plant was built and placed in operation at the plant here on Roanoke River.

"If everything goes according to schedule, we hope to have the enlarged and modernized fertilizer plant in operation in time for use during the spring delivery season," Mr. R. W. Bondurant, manager of production and operations, said yesterday.

Former Resident Died Wednesday

Mrs. Lizzie Glisson Rogerson, former resident of this county, died early Wednesday morning at her home near Pactolus in Pitt County. She was born near Bethel 40 years ago, the daughter of Alonza Glisson of near Tarboro and the late Malissie Wynne Glisson, and was married to Coy Rogerson in 1928.

Funeral services are being conducted in a Greenville chapel this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers. Interment will be in the Harris Cemetery near Bear Grass.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Coy, Jr., and Luther Ray Rogerson of the home; six daughters, Annie Mae, Dorothy, Fay Geraldine Rogerson and an infant daughter, all of the home, and Mrs. David Lee Baker of Greenville; her father, two brothers, Fernando and Willie Glisson of Black Jack.

Religious Service Held On Tuesday In School Building

Revised Standard Version Of Bible Received With Great Acclaim

The Revised Standard Version of the Bible was received with great acclaim at a public meeting held in the high school auditorium here last Tuesday evening when nearly seven hundred persons from all parts of this county assembled for the unique program. A supply of the new edition, necessarily limited, was just about exhausted, the meeting itself reflecting a growing interest in things spiritual.

Several ministers from various parts of the county, including the Rev. R. E. Ferguson and Wilbur Wallace of Robersonville, the Rev. E. G. Conklin, Thos. L. Hastings, R. E. Walkston, J. Don Skinner, W. C. Medlin and John L. Goff of Williamston, and the Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, participated in the service, and Miss Mary Wallace Foye's glee club sang Mendelssohn's "Festival Song."

Five of the new Bibles were distributed by the Ministerial Association to Mrs. J. C. Cooke of Williamston and Mrs. Walter L. Swindell of Robersonville for library service, Mayor R. H. Cowen for public service, Fletcher C. Thomas, for service as president of the Williamston Parent-Teacher Association, and to J. W. Sneed, for his service as a Bible teacher.

Making the main talk of the evening, the Rev. Mr. Wallace, who recently entered upon his new duties as pastor of the Robersonville Christian Church, reviewed briefly the history of the Bible and advanced two main reasons, supporting the introduction of the revised standard version of the Bible.

He pointed out that word meanings change, that while the basic meaning of the Bible was left untouched, its wording was altered to make it more understandable to persons in all walks of life. He also explained that much progress had been made in the field of religious science, that old manuscripts had been newly discovered, that the new translation was based on a collection of the old versions along with the newly discovered manuscripts.

Supported by the National Council of Churches, the tremendous undertaking was handled by a group of thirty-two responsible scholars who had worked twenty-two years completing the work, the minister explained.

"Now, that we have the new Bible, what will we do with it?" the minister asked, pointing out that "only as we read and understand the Bible will it achieve its great purpose." He predicted that the celebration, observed in fifty thousand communities throughout the nation during the day, marked the beginning of the most intensive Bible study period ever known.

Prize Winners Are Announced

Winners of prizes offered by several local furniture stores during furniture fashion time week last week were announced as follows:

Miss Ida Jones, RFD 3, won a plastic platform rocker given by Woolard's.

A mattress, given by Courtney's went to Emmanuel Felton, Williamston.

Mrs. J. L. Jackson of Williamston won the box springs offered by McLawhorn's.

The winner of a plastic sofa bed, given by Heilig-Meyers, could not be located immediately. The prize is awaiting a call from Mrs. John A. Lilley of RFD, Williamston.

Continues Quite Ill In Local Hospital

In declining health for several months, Mr. Jesse T. Price, former postmaster, continues quite ill in a local hospital where he was struck last Monday following a stroke of paralysis suffered that morning at his home on West Main Street.