

Plan Consolidation Jamesville Schools

Consider \$65,000 Addition to Plant For Negro Pupils

Plan Shift 124 Pupils from Antiquated Dardens Plant To Jamesville

The consolidation of Negro schools in this county, already under way, will be advanced considerably in plans now being considered by the board of education for the Jamesville section, it was learned following a special meeting of the board held Tuesday afternoon.

While facing many obstacles, the plans ultimately call for the consolidation of the Dardens school with the one at Jamesville. It is estimated that approximately 125 pupils will be transferred, giving the Jamesville plant an enrollment of nearly 275 pupils.

Finding the Dardens plant inadequate, education board members are proposing an addition to the Jamesville building with the reasonable assurance that adequate facilities can be provided in the one project for both schools and solve the problems for the entire area.

Bids for the addition were opened at the meeting Tuesday afternoon and while construction costs continue to hold to a high figure there was much competition, and if certain alterations can be made in the plans and other conditions can be met, it is believed the board in a special meeting on May 25 will approve the merger and let the contract for the building.

There were seven general contractors bidding on the base contract. J. T. Hardison and Son were low with a bid of \$46,913 on the general construction which includes four class rooms, an auditorium, an activity or lunch room, heating plant and other facilities. The structure is to be connected with the present building and will be of block and brick construction.

Three electrical contractors submitted bids, C. J. DMers of New Bern offering the lowest in the sum of \$3,685. Seven heating contractors were represented at the meeting, Henry Baker of Wilson submitting the low bid of \$8,080.

By the time the architect's fees are added and costs of equipment and plumbing which is to be handled by the county forces, the cost will run between \$60,000 and \$65,000, it is estimated.

Members of the board discussed the project in minute detail with the hope that the plans can be altered to effect a reduction.

Delinquent Town Taxes Advertised

The names of 114 property owners appear on Williamston's current delinquent tax list, representing unpaid taxes in the amount of \$1,268.80. The number of delinquent tax accounts is fourteen less than the count for 1952, and the unpaid taxes are \$829.83 under the figure advertised a year ago. While economic conditions are hardly as favorable as they were a year ago, the tax record this year reflects better collections and a greater determination on the part of the property owners to meet their obligations.

The thirteen white property owners whose property is being offered for sale the second Monday in June, owe taxes in the sum of \$682.06. Last year there were sixteen delinquent accounts, representing unpaid taxes in the sum of \$1,246.20. This year 101 colored property owners have not met their tax obligations as compared with 111 last year. This year the accounts of the 101 colored property owners represent an unpaid balance of \$1,186.74 as compared with \$1,452.43 due by the 111 owners a year ago.

It is fairly certain that many of the delinquent accounts will have been paid before the property is offered for sale at the courthouse door on June 8.

OFFICERS

Meeting in the high school here Tuesday evening, Martin County teachers heard an inspiring address by Dr. Leo Jenkins, East Carolina College dean, and elected officers for the new term.

Professor James Sawyer, teacher in the Bear Grass school, was elected president to succeed Professor Carlyle Cox. Mrs. Ethel Roberson of Williamston is the new vice president, and Mrs. Effie Holiday of Jamesville succeeds Mrs. Mildred Crawford as secretary-treasurer of the organization.

The retiring president reviewed the activities of the year, and light refreshments were served following the meeting.

H. D. Harrison, 71, Died In Hospital Early Wednesday

Funeral Service Being Held This Afternoon For Prominent Citizen

Henry David Harrison, Sr., well-known citizen of Bear Grass and a pioneer in the early manufacture of farming equipment in this section of the State, died in a local hospital Wednesday morning at 4:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health for almost a year, receiving treatment at intervals in various hospitals during that time. His condition had been critical since last Thursday when he entered the hospital here.

He was born in Bear Grass Township 71 years ago on July 9, 1881, the son of the late John and Mary Ann Thomas Harrison. He spent his early life on the farm, but as a young man pioneered with the old Woolard Manufacturing Company in this county in the manufacture of harrows and other farm equipment. He was also associated with a firm in Everetts for a short time before locating in the town of Bear Grass where he opened a machine shop and garage of his own, specializing in farm equipment repairs and later operating an automobile sales agency and garage. Ten years ago he decided to "take life easy" and turned his business over to his son and looking after his farming interests. He continued active, however, until last August when failing health limited his activities.

Mr. Harrison was a member of the Modern Woodmen for a long time, serving the organization faithfully as its secretary for a number of years. He was also a member of the church at Macedonia for a number of years. He followed an humble but yet a noble life, doing unto his fellowmen as he would have them do unto him. He was always ready to lend a helping hand, and found pleasure in helping solve the problems of his neighbors and other friends. His work as a machinist and builder left its impact on the progress and development not only in his home community but throughout this section.

He was married to Miss Ida Taylor in January, 1910, and she survives with two daughters, Mrs. W. Leonard Mobley of Bear Grass Township and Mrs. Henry Bohmer of Baltimore; two sons, LeRoy Harrison, member of the Martin County Board of Education of Bear Grass, and Henry David Harrison, Jr., an attorney of Raeford; a brother, A. C. Harrison, of Bear Grass, and a sister, Mrs. Arthur Shaw, of Williamston, and

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Everetts Selling Its Delinquent Tax Accounts

The town of Everetts is offering its delinquent tax accounts for sale at the courthouse door in Williamston on June 12, by order of the town board of commissioners there.

The accounts, numbering only ten, represent unpaid taxes in the sum of \$176.56.

Twenty-Three Cases In County Court On Monday

Fines Total \$880.00 With Road and Jail Terms Suspended

Twenty-three cases were called for trial in Judge H. O. Peele's Recorder's Court Monday morning with fines totaling \$880.00 after some of the road and jail sentences had been suspended upon payment of fines and costs.

Liquor, illicit and otherwise, in all its ramifications accounted for a majority of the cases with automobiles figuring in many of them.

The proceedings: The plea of James Lewis that he was not guilty of a charge of driving while drunk, was upheld.

Raymond Harrington was taxed with the costs on a charge of failing to report an accident.

The case in which Rebecca Mills Mills was charged with failing to yield right of way was not prosecuted.

A nol pros with leave judgment was entered in the case of Felton Freeman in which he stood charged with stealing 10 cartons of cigarettes.

Henry Lee Swinson entered a plea of not guilty to charges of careless and reckless driving and speeding 75 miles per hour but was unable to support his plea. Sentenced to the roads for three months, the term was suspended for two years on payment of a \$50 fine and costs and surrendering his license for one year.

James Arthur Howard pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest. His sentence of three months on the roads was suspended for two years on condition he pay a \$100 fine and costs.

Thurston Spruill, Ernest Bellamy and Clayton Lynch faced the court on charges of possessing equipment for the manufacture of illegal liquor. Two of them entered pleas of guilty, the other denied the charges but all three were found guilty and sentenced to the roads for three months each with the terms being suspended on payment of \$100 fine and costs each.

John Henry Rogers, Jr., entered a plea of not guilty to a driving (Continued on Page Five)

Williamston Boy Member Of Solo Group at E. C. C.

James Page of Williamston is one of the soloists to appear in a recital this coming Saturday evening at East Carolina College, it was announced today. The program is being presented as part of alumni day activities.

Young Page is a member of a group of student clarinetists who will appear in T. Stewart Smith's "Suite for Four Equal Clarinets." Donald Roebuck of Stokes will appear on the program as a pianist.

Page, a graduate of Williamston High School and the Green Wave Band is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Page and is a freshman at East Carolina.

Making Ready To Measure Tobacco - Peanut Acreages

Twenty supervisors or "surveyors," many of them old hands in the business, are in a special meeting here today making preparations for measuring the tobacco and peanut acreages in the county. The task of checking the approximately 13,000 acres of tobacco and the slightly more than 15,000 acres of peanuts is to be started within the immediate future. Farmers are being asked to cooperate with the surveyors in every way possible.

Since wheat quotas are likely in 1954, all Martin County farmers who planted any of the crop in either 1950, '51 or '52 are asked to notify the P.-M. A. office immediately. There'll be little or no change in handling the tobacco and peanut acreage check measurements this year, it was learned. These farmers who plant in excess of their allotments will be penalized if the excess is not destroyed or converted, it was explained. Last year the penalty on excess tobacco was 22 cents a pound, and the penalty on excess peanuts was six cents a pound.

In those cases where the farmer is not satisfied with the measurements made by the regular surveyors, it is possible to call for a second check or measurement. The landowner must notify the P.-M. A. office at the county agriculture building within one week and accept the cost of the second survey should the first one be found correct.

Archie Wynne Of Bear Grass Dies Suddenly at Home

Farmer and Builder Had Been Ill With Heart Ailment But Short Time

Archie Wynne died at his home at Old Mill Inn in Bear Grass Township Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock of a heart attack. Suffering with what was believed to have been some digestive disorder, he had not been very active for several weeks. His condition took a turn for the worse last week, but apparently he was improved yesterday morning. He ate lunch and decided to go to his room upstairs and rest. He had been there only a short time when he suffered the attack and died within four or five minutes.

The son of James B. Wynne and the late Della Jolly Wynne, he was born in Bear Grass Township 52 years ago on October 25, 1900, and lived there all his life, engaging in farming for a number of years but more recently he had worked in the building trades.

He was married to Hettie Harrison twenty-eight years ago.

Surviving besides his widow and father are four sons, L. B. Wynne of Norfolk, Harold Wynne of Portsmouth, James A. Wynne, U. S. Army stationed at Camp (Continued on Page Five)

P.-T. A. To Install Officers At Meeting Monday Night

Installation of officers for the next scholastic year will be the main business before the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association when it convenes Monday night in the high school auditorium for the final session of this year.

Fletcher Thomas is the retiring president and Asa T. Crawford is to take over after the installation ceremonies Monday night. The P.-T. A. has enjoyed one of its best years with membership approaching an all-time record if not surpassing it.

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Town Officials State Their Positions

In reply to the recent criticisms published in the Suggestion Box in The Enterprise, we, as members of the governing board of the Town of Williamston, would like to answer them to the best of our ability. We realize full well that there are numerous changes needed in our town, and that, in so far as we are able, we are endeavoring to make such beneficial changes. We are of the opinion, however, that certain things cannot be handled by the governing board alone, that it must take the full and unstinted cooperation of all the citizens who are affected.

Our mosquito control program, as well as the rat control program, has been underway for some weeks now. Weather conditions have hindered the work to a great extent and have, in all probability, undone most of the work that has been done. Please be assured that your Town Board, with the cooperation of the Health Department, is doing everything in its power to alleviate the situation. On the other hand the citizens may do their part in trying to drain off all stagnant water pools and water that has collected

in garbage receptacles and other containers left lying around. Along the same line, it would not hurt for these same citizens to cut down and clear up all overgrown lots which they might own, and clearing up such weeds and debris on the grounds surrounding the homes and business properties will certainly help to remedy the situation. It must be understood that a telephone call to the Town Office, the Health Department or the Water Plant will not bring the spraying truck or a garbage truck to your premises immediately. These trucks have their regular routes to follow, and at the rate our town is growing, it is necessary that they follow their prescribed routes in order to cover the entire Town.

As to the parking meter situation here in our town, we can say that they bring in much needed revenue to our town to help pay existing obligations or obligations that are incurred in the operation of our town. It is our firm belief that our parking meters are handled in a more satisfactory manner than any town in the State of North Carolina. Out of

town people visiting here, people who have received courtesy tickets for overtime parking, or other violations, have all spoken most highly and commendable about the operation of our Police Department in carrying out their duties pertaining to the parking meter situation. It is quite true that some of the meters are out of operation at times. We do not believe that this situation can exist more than a very few days, because the meters are checked at least twice a week, and at any other time upon call. We feel that the policy pertaining to them as it is now carried out is an excellent one, and we can see no need for any changes. We feel that it is the duty of the citizens of Williamston to pay for their parking time and certainly to notify any policeman if a meter will not work or will not register the correct time. We do not believe in the habit that some of our citizens have of placing a coin in the slot and then not turning the meter in order to register the coin so as to gain the extra time thereby before they are checked by a policeman. We further do not

Board Stands By Changes Made In School Districts

Patrons In One Area Said To Be Planning To Carry Appeal To Raleigh

Meeting in special session on Tuesday of this week the newly constituted Martin County Board of Education refused to rescind action taken by the old board a few weeks ago as that action related to changes in the Williamston and Bear Grass School districts.

The old board closed a corridor in the Bear Grass district and opened one about one and seventenths miles long in the Williamston District.

Heading a fifteen-man delegation, Mr. Joe Shep Holliday went before the board that morning and appealed to the board to leave the corridor extending from Old Mill Inn to Corey's Cross Roads open on U. S. Highway 17. Withholding any criticism, the delegation asked for continued permission to send the children in that area to the Williamston schools. After the board took no action to rescind the order issued by the old board, it was learned that representatives of the delegation will carry their case to higher officials, possibly to the State Board of Education in Raleigh.

When the consolidation program was effected years ago, the people along Highway 17 financed for two years transportation for their children to the Williamston schools. The State later taking over the task. It is fairly apparent that the new order, scheduled to go into effect next term, is going to meet opposition.

The corridor being opened in the Williamston district presents a complicated problem in that petitions favoring transferring the Price Mill Road territory from Williamston to the Bear Grass district have been followed by another, urging the county board to reconsider the action taken by the old board.

Without much discussion, Cecil Powell of Robersonville, made a motion to support the action taken by the old board, closing the corridor along Highway 17 from Old Mill Inn to Corey's Cross Roads, and opening the 1.7-mile corridor in the Williamston district to the Bear Grass school. The motion was seconded by Member LeRoy (Continued on Page Five)

Continues Critically Ill In Hospital Here

Suffering with a heart condition, Dr. John W. Williams, Martin County health officer, continues critically ill in a local hospital where he has been a patient since Sunday. Showing slight improvement earlier in the week, his condition has remained little changed since that time, a late report from the hospital stated.

His son, Dr. John Williams, Jr., of Church Point, La., arrived by plane early this week, and another son, S/Sgt. Fred Williams of Georgia, came in yesterday to be with his father.

High School At Farm Life Gets Approval

DOG ROUND-UP

Inspector A. R. Roberson and his assistant, Clyde Silvertorne, are making progress in rounding up stray dogs and checking upon the anti-rabies drive in this county, according to a report released yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Dennis Roberson.

In their first day this week, the inspectors killed twelve dogs and advised twenty-eight owners to have their dogs vaccinated within three days or face court action. The drive will be extended to every part of the county on a house-to-house basis.

Club Members On Five-Day Trip To Northern Cities

Fifty Martin County Women and One Man Traveling in Two Buses

Fifty Martin County women, most of them members of the various home demonstration clubs, and one farmer, Mr. Lee D. Hardison, are on a five-day tour of Washington, D. C., and several northern cities this week. The group is accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harrison, home demonstration agent, Miss Ruby Lee Spencer, assistant agent, and Mrs. Mamie Humphrey, Tar Heel tour director of Raleigh.

Traveling in two special buses, the club members and special guests left the county early Wednesday morning for the nation's capital where they spent last night. Today, after making stops in Philadelphia, the tourists are moving in on New York where they will stop at the Piccadilly Hotel. During their two-day stay in New York, the club women and Mr. Hardison will make guided tours of upper and lower Manhattan, a boat cruise around Manhattan Island, visit Rockefeller Center, make a subway trip to Coney Island and attend a special show at the Radio City Music Hall. While the club women are doing a bit of shopping, Mr. Hardison plans a one-man inspection of the city.

The group is scheduled to return to the county Sunday. Names of those making the trip, including Mr. Hardison, the home agents and tour director, are: Miss Louvenia Rogerson and Mesdames Helen C. Andrews, Annie Ayers, J. W. Bellflower, Sr., Edna E. Brown, Nina Britton, W. C. Bullock, Archie Coltrain, Howard Coltrain, B. A. Daniels, John Edmondson, Henry Earley, Margaret Everett, Hosea Fagan, Dan Fagan, G. H. Forbes, Mattie Hardison, L. L. Harrell, June Harris, J. H. Hopkins, Inez Jackson, J. B. James, Annie Jones, Chesley Jones, W. J. Johnson, Temple Keel, H. W. Leggett, Sarah Lilley, Don Matthews, Sr., Laura Melson, Monnie Mobley, Ralph Mobley, Arthur Peaks, C. A. Peele, Lillian (Continued on Page Five)

Tetterton Infant Buried At Jamesville Tuesday

Graveside services for Sharon Anita Tetterton, two-day-old daughter of Philip Ray and Sarah Margaret Davis Tetterton of Plymouth were held Tuesday morning in the Jamesville cemetery. The Rev. C. N. Barnette of the Plymouth Christian Church officiated.

Surviving in addition to her parents, are a sister, Cheryl, who lives in Jamesville with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Davis, and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. G. T. Woodard of Portsmouth, Va.

Start Construction On Two New Homes Here

Construction work was started this week on two new homes, one for the Episcopal rector on Franklin Street and one on North Smithwick Street by Jos. Griffin. Both homes will be of brick veneer construction.

Officials Believe Reestablishment Plan Not Feasible

Board Votes To Cheer Any Action Taken By District To Regain Unit

In Perfect sympathy with the law designed to retain or re-establish small high schools in this State, the Martin County Board of Education in special session Tuesday unanimously favored any plan the Farm Life District may advance in an effort to regain its high school.

"If the district can meet the requirements of the law enacted in behalf of small high schools by the recent State legislature, we certainly would not take any action to block such a plan," one member of the board was quoted as saying.

The action was taken after the Farm Life Committee appeared before the meeting earlier in the day and announced the action taken by a meeting of school patrons there last Friday evening when the return of the school was favored by a vote of about four to one. The committee, headed by Chairman Oscar Roberson, offered no plans of procedure, and there is some doubt just what action is legal under the law.

The matter is to be investigated and every avenue opened in an effort to reopen the school. However, it was admitted in a general discussion of the serious problem that an easy solution is not in sight.

The minimum attendance figure set up in the new law for high schools is one big threat, but one that could be met temporarily. The board members went on to discuss the damage and expense should the minimum be reached in a year or two years, or even three years.

The cost item looms as another big obstacle in reopening the (Continued on Page Five)

Local Jaycees To Sponsor Pageant

With sleeves rolled up, the local Jaycees held their first Board of Directors meeting Monday night at the home of President Exum Ward. The meeting lasted for three hours.

During what President Ward called "a most successful" meeting, plans for the coming Jaycee year were drafted, many projects were discussed, and standing committees for the year were appointed.

After listening to an outline of the requirements for a sponsoring organization as presented by guest K. P. Lindsley, the Jaycees voted to investigate the formation of an Explorer Troop of Sea Scouts in Williamston and to recommend the sponsorship to the general membership of the local club at its next regular meeting, explaining that final action on such a matter must rest with the entire membership.

Realizing the need for hasty action to meet a state deadline, and being confronted with the fact that Williamston was the first town to ever sponsor a local contestant in the "Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant" and had never been without one since, the Board of Directors voted to again sponsor such a pageant. Bernard Harrison and Cecil Lilley were named overall chairmen of the pageant and all other committee chairmen were appointed. It was decided that the Pageant would consist of both the "Miss Williamston" or "Little Miss Williamston" or "Sweetie Pie" phases as the Jaycees sponsored up until a couple of years ago. The date for the pageant is tentatively set for Wednesday night, June 17. The age limit for the older group is 18 to 28 inclusive and for the younger group is 4 to 6 inclusive.

The Jaycees also voted to present a War Bond to the "most deserving" male senior of Williamston High School this year. After the meeting refreshments were served by the wife of the President.