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Carolina Company Finishes Addition To Its Plant Here

Twelve Long Distance Operator Positions In The Local Exchange

B. H. Strickland, Williamston manager for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, reported today the completion of additions to both the local and long distance telephone systems here. The manager said that 4 new long distance operator's positions have been added to the switchboard and have just been placed in service. An additional 100 lines of local dial equipment was also provided in connection with the company's recent expansion program.

Strickland said that major additions to the telephone building was the first step completed in the company's plan. It was necessary, he said, to enlarge the building in order to provide space for additional equipment, some of which was then added and more of which will be added as required.

In enlarging the building the company improved several features of its quarters in addition to adding equipment and operating space. The size of the basement was doubled to provide storage space and more room for power equipment, a classroom was added on the first floor for operator training and the company added a strip of land to its lot and placed a special metal wall, easily removable, in the rear of the building, with an eye to possible future growth.

Strickland said that the recent additions added about \$160,000 to the Carolina Company's Williamston investment which has grown since World War II from \$104,000 to nearly \$785,000 today. This increase has enabled the company, the manager explained, to add almost 1,000 telephones here in that period. At the end of May, the official count was 1,662 telephones in the Williamston exchange.

Strickland said that the recent improvements and expansion, though probably the most extensive, are typical of projects which the company has completed here since the last war. The service capacity of the dial system has been more than doubled during recent years and a number of additional circuits and operator's switchboard positions have been added. Arrangements have also been made which allow Williamston operators to dial, direct and unassisted, to distant telephones or long distance calls to Rocky

Ahoskie and to other points reached through those exchanges. Extensive cable additions have also been made throughout Williamston as the need for telephones increased. In 1947, cable extensions and rearrangements were made in many sections of town to modernize and expand the outside plant. In 1940, major cable additions were made on Main Street followed in 1951 by a major project to serve the Northwest section and hospital area.

Recently a project was begun to place cable lines along Roberson and Hamlin Streets off the Main Street cable and that project is now nearing completion with new telephones to be installed soon.

Several major rural projects connected to the Williamston exchange have also been completed in recent years including provis-

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COMPLETE

Farmer R. J. Hardison is completing the tobacco harvest on his home farm in Williams Township today. He is among the first, if not the first, farmer to complete the task this season.

For the county, as a whole, the harvest is hardly half complete. However, quite a few plan to complete the harvest next week, with possibly a majority winding up the tiring task the first ten days in August. A few farmers whose crops were destroyed by hail and found replanting necessary are hardly expected to complete the work before the third or fourth week in next month.

Making Plans For Possible Cotton Crop Control Plan

Preliminary plans in anticipation of the institution of a cotton control program for next year, are being made in this county, according to a report coming from the Production-Marketing Administration office here yesterday.

All of the current cotton crop is to be measured, the office explaining that two checkers or surveyors are already in the fields, and that others will begin work shortly. The task is to be completed by the 20th of next month. It is likely that future action to be taken in connection with allotments for 1954 will be largely determined by the findings in the current survey. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is expected to declare quotas or rule an open production field on or before October 15.

NEW PLANT

The J. D. McCotter Company of Washington is constructing a new plant here on Warren Street, just off Jamesville Road.

No public announcement has been made by the company, but it is understood that the plant will handle ready-mix concrete.

Name Barrett On Farm Committee

Mr. Fred S. Barrett, R-1, Oak City, was appointed to the Farmers Home Administration committee for Martin County, James C. Eubanks, local supervisor for the agency, announced this week. The appointment was made by Mr. J. B. Slack, State Director at Raleigh.

Mr. Barrett is a farmer and long-time resident of the Oak City community. His experience in developing a successful family-type farm, Eubanks said, fits him well for his new assignment in aiding other farmers to do the same. He will serve three years. Eubanks explained that the county committee must approve all applications for Farmers Administration credit before loans can be made. When a real estate loan is being considered to buy, enlarge, or develop a farm, or to improve housing and farm buildings, the committee also determines how much the farm is worth as security for the loan.

Advice of the committeemen is sought on good farm management and on the refinancing of Farmers Home Administration loans. Equity in their property to get credit from local banks or other lenders, Eubanks added. Farmers who can get private or cooperative credit are not eligible for loans from the agency.

Mr. Barrett succeeds Mr. Milton E. Bennett, farmer of Oak City community, whose three-year term expired June 30. Members who continue to serve are Mr. Lee Hardison, R-1, Williamston, and Mr. Garland H. Forbes, R-3, Williamston.

Loses Part of Finger In Garage Accident

Edward Todd, Williamston Motor Company mechanic, lost part of a left hand finger in a garage accident Tuesday afternoon. He was placing a motor in a truck when the tip of his finger was mashed off.

Much Going And Coming In Roanoke River Section

While it is far from the saturation point, traffic across the Roanoke River bridge, in the river and in the air is steadily increasing, according to a report released this week by Bridgekeeper Hugh Spruill.

Vehicular traffic is moving across the bridge at a count of about 3,000 units per day on an average. During a recent eight-hour check, 1,546 vehicles moved over the bridge, Mr. Spruill said. Strangely enough, almost one-half the vehicles were from out of the State. The check was made on Sunday and the truck traffic was comparatively light, the bridgekeeper reporting less than 100 trucks on the bridge during the eight-hour period from 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

The P. M. A. office this week appealed to all cotton farmers for aid in making the survey. The busy tobacco season is recognized, but it was explained that the survey could mean much to the farmers of this and other counties, and that their cooperation will be timely and greatly appreciated.

No quotas have been in effect since 1950 when cotton was planted on about one-half or approximately 1,000 farms in the county. It is roughly estimated that between four and five thousand acres are planted to the crop in the county this year with fairly bright prospects for a good yield. Farm owners are asked to make certain that the names of all tenants interested in the current cotton crop be listed in the survey.

Minor Accident Near Jamesville

No one was injured and property damage was limited to about \$225 in a minor automobile accident on Highway 64 two miles east of Jamesville last Monday noon, according to a report released yesterday by the highway patrol.

Driving toward Jamesville, William Alfred Jackson was making a left turn into a Free Union road just as Season Edward Davenport of Crasswell started to pass in a 1952 Buick. Davenport swerved his machine, avoiding a direct crash but the left side of his car hit the rear of Jackson's 1941 Ford a glancing blow. Damage to the Buick was estimated at \$200 and that to the Ford at \$25.

Cited to the courts here for passing another vehicle in an intersection, Davenport paid a \$5 fine and \$6.85 costs.

Man Arrested At Illicit Distillery

Cleveland Bennett, 28-year-old colored man, was arrested Tuesday afternoon while firing a crude illicit liquor distillery near the county town of Hassell.

Taken into custody by ABC Officers Cecil Bullock and Wiley Craft and Deputy Joe Smith, the manufacturer was released yesterday in \$300 bond and is to appear in the county court for trial before Judge H. O. Peele on July 27.

The plant was equipped with an oil drum still. The officers seized and confiscated about five gallons of white liquor of an inferior grade.

Juvenile In The Courts For Theft

Lela Fay Howard, 14 years old, was in the juvenile courts here this week for allegedly robbing a piggy-bank in the C. E. Mangum home on Watts Street week before last. The girl is said to have admitted fishing the money, approximately \$15, out of the little bank belonging to the Mangum son.

The mother, Carrie Scott, told the court that she had been having trouble with her daughter, that she would not stay at home, that she had been staying in the home of Jack Knight.

Warrants Issued In Anti-Rabies Drive In County

Ninety Dog Owners Are To Appear In Justices' Court Next Week

Approximately ninety owners are tentatively scheduled to appear in the courts of Justices Chas. R. Mobley and W. M. Tetterton here next week and prove they have had their dogs vaccinated or show cause why they should not be prosecuted for alleged violation of the anti-rabies law.

Up until early today seventy-one warrants had been issued, returnable before the two trial justices next week, possibly on Wednesday and Friday nights. Inspector A. R. (Clab) Roberson, rabies inspector for the county, signed the warrants.

It was explained that possibly many of those who are being cited to the courts have had their dogs vaccinated by private veterinarians. In those cases there is some doubt if the receipts will be recognized and honored. Violators are subject to a fine of not more than \$10 and or not more than ten days in jail, plus costs.

Reviewing the anti-rabies drive in this county, Inspector Roberson said that he killed 639 dogs, that 83 other dogs were delivered by the owners to the execution chamber for disposal.

The inspection work entailed a cost of \$585 and was handled in forty-eight days.

When the day in court is completed, it is certain that the county will have handled its most successful drive against rabies.

Warrants were drawn this week for those whose names are listed below and are now being served by Inspector Roberson:

C. T. Hardison, RFD, 1, Williamston; Joe Lester Peel, RFD 1, Williamston; John Brown, RFD 1, Williamston; Guilford Brown, RFD 2, Williamston; Maggie James, Williamston; Henry Robertson, RFD 1, Jamesville; James Mullins, RFD 1, Oak City; Elizabeth Hill, Williamston; W. E. Cox, Williamston; Allen VanLandingham, RFD 3, Williamston; J. W. Gray, Williamston; Linwood Clemons, Williamston; Phillip Worsley, RFD 1, Washington; Thomas Staton, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Nicholas Rogerson, RFD 1, Williamston; Lillian Council, RFD 1, Robersonville; Robert Lloyd, Robersonville; Eli Simmons, Robersonville; John T. Davis, Robersonville; Ernest Staton, Robersonville; Clyde Revels, RFD 2, Williamston; Della Purvis, RFD 3, Williamston; Orlander Purvis, RFD 2, Williamston; W. J. Williams, RFD 3, Williamston; Mose Hudgins, RFD, Williamston; S. Coffield, RFD, Williamston; J. D. Cowin, RFD 3, Williamston; C. H. Whitehurst, RFD 2, Williamston; Mose Williams, RFD, Williamston; Lillian Jones, Williamston.

Buck Rhodes, Everetts; Pete Dixon, RFD, Robersonville; Cus Rollins, RFD, Robersonville; Fred Dolberry, RFD 1, Palmyra; L. D. Lanier, RFD 1, Oak City; Ernest Bellamy, Oak City; Ruff Council, RFD 1, Bethel; Harry Little, RFD 1, Bethel; Isaac McCary, Hassell; Levi Dolberry, RFD 1, Bethel; Willie Parker, RFD, Robersonville.

Maggie Close, Oak City; Mollie Lot, Oak City; Ethel Mae Raynor, Oak City; Grady Bowers, RFD 1, Palmyra; Roy Williams, Oak City; Buster Staton, RFD 1, Williamston.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

There's been only one week so far in this year in which there were no motor vehicle accidents on the county highways and streets. Back in early February, motorists traveled through an entire week without even a minor accident. Outside of that one week, the motorists continue to average about four accidents each week.

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.

Weeks Inj'd Killed Damage	1953	3	2	0	\$ 1,575
1952	3	1	0	0	1,050
Comparisons To Date	1953	114	37	3	\$30,635
1952	140	75	1	1	46,735

Local Boosters' Directors Held Meeting Tuesday

Discuss Varied Calendar Of Events And Map Plans For Action

Holding a regular meeting Tuesday evening in their Main Street office, directors of the Williamston Boosters discussed a varied calendar and mapped plans for action, Executive Secretary Ed Grady said yesterday.

An advertising pamphlet, carrying pertinent facts about the town with late pictures, is being compiled, it was explained. Secretary Grady also reported that a concise industrial brochure is being formulated.

Anticipating an aggravated housing shortage during the coming tobacco marketing season, the Boosters are working on a housing file. Those persons who have rooms, apartments or houses for rent are urged to contact Mr. Grady at the Boosters' office in the Watts Theater building and list what they have available in the way of housing. The service will be offered free.

Correspondence, relating to the location of new industry, was reviewed, but no developments were made public.

Tentative plans were made for sponsoring the annual tobacco caravan, possibly on August 13 or 14.

The annual harvest festival was discussed, and details will be announced later in conjunction with plans being advanced by the sponsors of the Martin County fair.

The Boosters, bitterly disappointed and greatly upset by the proposed removal of the State Highway Patrol Radio station to Greenville, are making plans to carry the fight direct to high officials in Raleigh. Letters are being addressed to the officials, pleading for the retention of the station, and it is likely that a delegation will move in on Raleigh within the near future.

The Boosters are reminding the Highway and Public Works Commission of the promise to remedy the dangerous condition centered in and near the underpass on West Main Street.

It was also reported that the Boosters will appeal to the owners of the old Wells-Oates mill site for the removal of the fire debris there.

Baptists Arrange Pulpit Exchanges

Members of the Baptist pastors of Martin County in cooperation with all other Baptist Pastors in the Roanoke Baptist Association, will exchange pulpits. As a main feature of this exchange, the morning messages will be in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention Wide Campaign of "A MILLION IN '54" in their Sunday schools.

The pastors and their exchange pulpits are: Rev. Lee Gatling at Robersonville; Mr. Therman Griffin at Everetts; Rev. W. C. Medlin at West End-Oak City; Rev. Ralph Ferguson at Hamilton; Rev. W. B. Harrington at Williamston Memorial; Rev. R. C. Alexander at Cedar Branch-Jamesville; Mr. Urbin Rogers at Riddicks Grove; and Rev. E. Gordon Conklin at Piney Grove.

All of these services will be at regular 11:00 o'clock morning worship hour.

Rotarians Heard Kittrell Tuesday

Observing ladies' night at an informal dinner at the Switch, local Rotarians and invited guests were well entertained by J. B. Kittrell, Sr., Greenville humorist and sugar broker.

In the absence of Robert H. Cowen who was confined to a local hospital with a throat infection, Vice President Roy Jameson presided. Rotarian Scarborough Mizelle was borrowed from the Windsor club to lead the singing, and Miss Jean Ward Mobley was at the piano.

Master of jokes and the harmonica, Mr. Kittrell wittily entertained the group for more than an hour, stressing the need and value of Rotary. The Greenville man is one of the charter members of the club there.

Advancing Plans For Guard Armory Here

Additional Funds Made Available For New Projects

Recruitment Program Now Under Way To Build Up Battery Strength

According to unofficial but reliable information received yesterday, Williamston is to get a National Guard armory sooner than was expected. No dates have been mentioned, and no definite assurance has been given that action will be taken within the near future, but it was learned this week that "additional" funds for the construction of armories will be made shortly, and Williamston is set up for Armory No. 8.

Construction work is already under way or contracts have been let for the first six, and National Guard authorities were said to have called for a map of the site for the proposed building for consideration by the Reserve Components Facilities Board when the construction of the local armory comes up for final approval.

One report indicated that final action is anticipated within the next thirty or sixty days.

Major Gen. John H. Manning of Raleigh was said to have contacted North Carolina State Highway officials, urging them to complete their plans for the belt line around the town, and to make available additional land to compensate for that in the line of the proposed by-pass.

Detailed plans for the armory have not been released.

While plans apparently are being rushed to provide Battery C, 150th AAA Gun Battalion of the North Carolina National Guard with an adequate home, the commanding officer of the unit explains that an extensive recruitment campaign must be advanced to bring the unit up to full strength. Quite a few young men have joined the unit during the past few days, but others are needed, it was pointed out. It was reliably learned that all youths joining the National Guard before they reach the age of eighteen and one-half years will be made subject to the regular draft, that certain privileges enjoyed by others will be made available to the guardsmen.

All young men interested in joining the unit in the past week directed to contact Captain Elton S. Peel, Jr., commanding officer, or Sgt. Ben Selby at the municipal water plant where the

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Improving Following Attack Suffered Tuesday

Mrs. Van G. Taylor, suffering an attack at her home on Woodlawn Drive early last Tuesday evening, was reported improved in a local hospital this morning. The attack was described as "slight", limiting the use of her left hand. She was said to have rested well last night.

Continues Gravely Ill In A Local Hospital

Suffering two strokes in recent weeks, Mrs. Pleny Peel of Griffins Township, continues gravely ill in a local hospital, it was reported shortly before noon today.

Building And Loan Assets Pass Two-Million Mark

From its humble beginning back in 1914, the Martin County Building and Loan Association has developed into a financial institution of financial strength and stature.

According to the June 30 financial statement, the association now has assets in excess of two million dollars, or \$2,029,940.74, to be exact. In addition to revealing the enormous size of the association's financial size, the statement shows that more than \$25,000 was distributed to shareholders in dividends during the fiscal year ending the 30th of last month.

While the association stock has

GEORGIA PATRONS

A few barns of tobacco are being moved out of this county for sale on the Georgia markets, according to reports heard here today.

Not certain he wanted to haul tobacco half thousand miles without making a first-hand inspection of the markets, one farmer left this week on a personal tour of the belt. He has not yet reported his findings, but others are making ready to make the long-distance plunge, it was said.

Second Case Of Polio In County?

Although it has not been officially diagnosed, it is fairly certain, that polio made its second appearance in the county a few days ago, according to information coming from the Martin County Health Department last yesterday.

Moses Lewis Bland, 15-month-old son of S. T. Bland, colored of Robersonville, was removed to Duke Hospital yesterday but no report on the doctors' findings there could be had here immediately. It was learned, however, that the child was paralyzed in its neck and that it had no use of its legs.

The victim was taken ill while visiting his grandmother in Edenton last Thursday. When his condition did not improve, he was returned home last Monday and carried to a doctor the following day. His removal to Duke was advised, and representatives of the health department took charge and delivered the little victim to Durham yesterday.

If the case proves to be polio, and there is little doubt but what it is just that, it will have been the second case reported in this county within a period of a few days. However, it should be remembered that the case apparently had its origin in Chowan County.

Report Decrease In Cotton Acres

It must be remembered, however, that Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson had requested an eighteen per cent reduction in plantings. While plantings were not reduced by that amount, there is some indication that drought and other unfavorable conditions may bring the total crop nearer the top goal set by the Secretary than would appear probable, judging from total plantings.

Secretary Benson set 12,500,000 bales as the top desired goal for 1953. The Secretary warned the cotton farmers of the nation at the time of that prediction that if the 1953 crop exceeded that figure, he would probably be required to invoke marketing quotas on next year's crop.

Recently reported that 1953 cotton plantings were not per cent below those of 1952. The report was hailed by industry spokesmen as an indication that the cotton surplus, generally predicted for the year, might not be as large as anticipated.

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Fifteen Cases In Recorder's Court Monday Morning

Speeders Lose Licenses; Fines Imposed In The Sum Of \$250

In a session lasting less than two hours, Judge H. O. Peele handled fifteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday morning.

The court continues to bear down on speeders, the record showing that two lost their drivers' licenses while others were subjected to \$25 fines. Several road sentences were made out and fines were imposed in the sum of \$550 during the comparatively short session.

Proceedings: Charged with speeding seventy miles an hour, Edward Kemp Guthrie of Morehead City was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Jesse Lee Hill was found not guilty of assaulting a female. Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Joseph Daniels Jones was fined \$1000, taxed with the court costs and lost his driver's license for a year.

Charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, John Wayne Manning of RFD 1, Williamston, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to jail for ten days. The court suspended the jail term on the condition that the defendant surrender his operator's license for sixty days and pay a \$25 fine, plus costs.

James Norfleet, Jr., pleaded guilty when he was charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with speeding seventy miles an hour, Lewis Wayne Johnson of Robersonville pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus court costs.

Booked for trial in the county court by error, the case in which Quintley Carraway was charged with the larceny of clothes from the Wilson Hotel in Robersonville, was transferred to the superior court for trial during the next term in September. The clothes were valued at about \$140, it was said.

Allen Rascoe, pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, was sentenced to the roads for three months.

Booked for speeding 75 miles an hour, George Lee Rollins of Robersonville was sentenced to the roads for ten days, the court suspending the road term upon the condition that he surrender his license to operate a car for six months and pay a \$25 fine and the costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding seventy miles an hour, Russell F. Barrett, Jr., of Arlington, Virginia, was fined \$25, plus court costs.

Charged with issuing a worthless check, John L. Mizelle pleaded guilty.

County Boy Now Serving In Korea

Marine Corp. Melvin G. Williams, 22, son of Mrs. Lillian Williams of Route 2, Box 173, Robersonville, has arrived in Korea. He has been assigned to a unit of the First Marine Division replacing a combat veteran for rotation to the United States.

Prior to leaving for Korea, Williams attended a special advanced combat training course at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He has been assigned to the 5th Marine Regiment.

ROAD PROJECT

Work on the rebuilding of Highway 17 between Williamston and Windsor is slightly more than half complete, it was learned yesterday.

Using approximately 500 cars of crushed stone, the contractors have just about completed the widened road base, and it won't be too long before the surface coating is to be laid, one report said.

Operations have been under way during long hours on week days and part time on Sunday. Just now 140 carloads of stone are parked on sidings between Williamston and Tarboro waiting to be unloaded.