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OLD POWER HOUSE WILL BECOME FIRE STATION

Board of Aldermen Move to Sponsor NYA Project to Renovate Station For Fire House, Municipal Building; Sell Town's Interest in Lumber Company

Acting upon a petition from the Columbia Volunteer Fire Department, the town board of aldermen Monday night took steps to sponsor an NYA project by which the abandoned power station, which recently became town property, would be converted into a permanent municipal building and fire station.

The board approved a partially completed application blank for an NYA project to renovate the power house and named Alderman C. H. Leary and Donald Selby to a committee to draw up a bill of materials to complete the application and to investigate the possibilities of acquiring a suitable driveway from the power house for the fire truck.

Recreation Hall

According to present plans, the building would contain storage space for the truck and equipment, a joint recreation and assembly hall for use by the citizens of the town and the fire department, an office for the mayor and a meeting room for the board of aldermen, and sleeping quarters for one of more members of the fire department.

Members of the fire department point out that such a fire house would result in more adequate fire protection for the community by providing a central location for its equipment. Having a member of the fire department live in the building would assure prompt response to calls, better upkeep of the truck and equipment, and a lower insurance rate for citizens of the town.

The board also granted the request of the department for \$10 membership fee in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Town Clerk A. W. Houtz read an offer from the Tyrrell Lumber Company to purchase the town's interest in the lumber company's property here for \$1,200, \$300 cash and the balance to be paid within one year. After consideration, the board voted to accept the offer.

In accordance with the new charter which provides that the board of aldermen shall regulate elections, the board set up the necessary machinery for the forthcoming municipal election on May 6. Paul Spruill was named registrar and A. Melson and S. A. Norman, judges of the election. April 12, 9, and 26 were named as registration days, on which the books would be open from nine a. m. to sundown, and Challenge Day was set for Saturday, May 3.

The aldermen also ratified the town's schedule of privilege taxes, which have been posted for the next 30 days. Upon the recommendation of Chief of Police Julian Boston, the board moved to condemn the old negro lodge hall as unsafe and a fire hazard and ordered the owners located and the building razed. The law firm of Storey, Palmer, Thornycke and Dodge of Boston was employed as the town's bonding attorneys.

The board moved to pay its current bills, including a statement presented by the fire department for payment for its members for answering calls for the past year. The payments, which ranged from \$3.00 to 50 cents will be deducted from the members' town tax assessment.

Night Policeman Earl Davenport was granted a week's sick leave by the board.

WIDE AWAKE HEALTH CLUB HAS PROGRAM ON HOLLAND

The Wide Awake Health Club composed of members of the fourth grade at the Columbia school, held its monthly meeting last Wednesday afternoon. Every member of the class was present.

Little Miss Christine Ainsley, president of the club, presided over the meeting. After hearing reports from several chairmen, the program chairman Miss Jane Smith, program chairman, Miss Jane Smith. The theme was "The Outgrowth of Holland," and included a playlet about Holland written and produced by members of the class. After the meeting, Miss Annie Sykes, the teacher, served a sweet course.

Lady (sympathetically): I would not cry like that my little man. Youngster: Cry as you darn please. This is my way.

A gent came into a restaurant hurriedly and asked the waiter to serve him a cup of black coffee quickly. The waiter to the kitchen: "One blackout in a blitz!"

TYRRELL EXCEEDS PARTY DAY QUOTA

W. J. White and Mrs. Effie Brickhouse Present For Jackson Day Dinner

Out of the 600 delegates present in Raleigh last Friday night for the annual Jackson day dinner, two of the proudest and happiest there were Tyrrells Democratic Executive Chairman W. J. White and Postmaster Effie Brickhouse. And for good reason since Tyrrell was among the 27 counties of the state that has exceeded their quotas and the only county in the Albemarle to do so.

The county's quota was set at \$50 by the state Democratic executive committee and contributions here went \$5 over the mark. Total funds raised by all 100 counties were \$1,500, which were turned over to the party treasury.

The dinner was held in the Virginia Dare ballroom and the Colonial room of the Sir Walter hotel, the first time two rooms have been necessary to seat the Jackson Day dinner guests. Because of the Hatch Act, no tickets were sold but all those who contributed \$25 were invited.

Among the notables present were National Chairman Edward J. Flynn, National Chairman R. J. Reynolds, Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren, Governor Broughton and others.

SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE AT COLUMBIA APRIL 24

Executive Committee Meeting For Four Counties to Plan Concerted Action

A meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association at Columbia at 11 o'clock a. m. on Thursday, April 24, has been called by Melvin R. Daniels, president of the Association.

The meeting will be for the purpose of planning concerted action to obtain road improvements, and other things needed for the Southern Albemarle region, Mr. Daniels said.

C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, former president of the Association, was in Manteo Tuesday and appeared before the Dare Commissioners and was given a pledge of cooperation.

"Our counties need to stand firmly united," Mr. Tatem said, "or we are liable to lose the force of the good work we have done in promoting the original purposes of the Association. There is a tendency to get strayed off onto other projects not in keeping with our original purpose, and we may thereby lose the fruits of all our hard work."

"ENTERPRISE" FARM TOUR SEES GOOD LEGUME GROWTH HERE

State College Agronomist Says Vetch Here Is Finest Seen

Despite sunshiny weather that kept farmers in the field following the recent rainy spells, a good representation was on hand for the county's first "enterprise" farm tour last Thursday afternoon.

Designed to give the farmers of the county a chance to see what their neighbors were doing with winter legumes the tour was the first of a series of short inspection trips that County Agent H. H. Harris hopes to arrange as the various crops come in. Only four stops were made on the three-hour trip.

Enthusiastic

Dan F. Holler, State College Agronomist, who has recently been on a number of like tours in eastern counties, was particularly enthusiastic over the fine stands of vetch he found here on the tour. According to Mr. Holler, the growth here was much finer than he had seen elsewhere in the eastern part of the state.

The first stop was made at H. S. Swain's farm on Rider's Creek. Here the tour saw Austrian Winter Peas mixed with vetch. Another field of vetch vividly demonstrated the results of raising hogs on cultivated land instead of in the woods. Where the hog lot had been the vetch stood high and thick while part of the same field that had been heavily fertilized last year with commercial mixture for Mr. Swain's watermelon patch only

TOLLS MAY BE LIFTED FROM FERRIES SOON

Free Ferries by July Sought at Luncheon With the Governor

The possibility of better access to the neighboring county of Dare and the seashore region from Tyrrell by means of toll-free ferries across the Alligator River and Croatan Sound as early as July 1 appeared likely following a two-hour luncheon conference between Governor Broughton and a Southern Albemarle delegation in Raleigh last Wednesday.

Although the Governor hid not reveal the details of the method to be used in carrying out his campaign promise to free the ferries, he gave the delegation a warm welcome and promised to push the project with the Highway Commission with all possible haste. Whether or not the free ferries would be a temporary measure, pending the completion of the shorter route through Alligator and later giving way to bridges across the river and the sound, was also left undecided.

More Travel

Free ferries across the river and the sound this summer would bring a sizeable portion of the visitors from the west and south for the Lost Colony and for Roanoke Island and Nags Head Beach through Tyrrell, thus giving the county a needed share in the section's annual tourist boom, which many predict will be greater this year because of the increase in prosperity in the State through the various defense projects.

Governor Broughton evinced much interest in the Southern Albemarle section and showed it by his grasp of the situation here, and by his determination to lend his influence to assist the people here.

Improvement of the transportation facilities between Tyrrell and the seashore region appears to be awaiting the reorganization of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, which is expected to take place around May 1. The delegation left Raleigh with the definite impression that the Governor would see to it that the situation would be among the first matters to come to the attention of the reorganized Commission.

Present for the meeting were Melvin Daniels of Manteo, president of the Southern Albemarle Association, M. A. Matthews of Engelhard, the treasurer, along with Vice-presidents O. L. Williams of Swan Quarter and D. V. Meekins of Manteo, and other Dare County representatives. Also attending the luncheon were R. Bruce Etheridge, head of the State Department of Conservation and Development, and Congressman Graham A. Barden of New Bern.

Kite Eats on Fly

Possibly the title is a shade misleading. We don't mean that the bird sits on a common housefly while eating its meals, but that the kite, including the Mississippi kite and the Everglade kite, capture and devour their prey while on the wing.

PROGRESS AND ECONOMY

Tyrrell Schools Have Advanced During Last Two Years While School Debt Was Lowered

Progress and economy are two words seldom linked together by Tyrrell County's school administration during the past two years has done just that by effecting considerable progress in scholastic standards and an increase in school facilities while lowering the school debt with savings effected in the operation of the schools.

During the last biennium, according to a report which County Superintendent W. T. Crutchfield submitted to the Board of Education last Monday, the county school debt was refunded by paying 85 per cent of the back interest due up to 1937-38 and canceling the other 15 per cent. The 1938-39 payment to the debt service, which was in default, was paid as were the 1939-40 and '40-41 installments and one 7 1/2% refunding note was paid over and above the regular debt service payment.

Reduction

In all, \$11,839.54 was taken off the school debt during the two year period, reducing the total indebtedness to \$18,000.

Considerable money was saved for the county in the regular operation of the schools by using WPA and NYA projects of various sorts. Use of these two agencies resulted in spending approximately \$14,000 less on operating expense and buildings and maintenance in the two-year period than in the previous one, and \$9,500 more was applied to the county's indebtedness for schools than in the previous period.

Progress is reflected in the addition of a \$4,000 county garage, built by a WPA project at a total cost to the county of \$1,024. The garage, together with the mechanic and equipment furnished by the state, has made for safer, more dependable transportation for the county's rural school children.

Accredited

The physical and instructional standards of both the Columbia elementary and high schools were raised to meet the new accreditation requirements set up by the state in 1938, giving Tyrrell the only accredited elementary school in the Southern Albemarle according to the 1940 directory of accredited schools.

A new and adequate heating system, including a new furnace and Modine heaters for rooms that previously were insufficiently heated, were installed in the Columbia school. The auditorium was completely renovated by painting and repairs and a new curtain was installed on the stage by the Parent-Teacher Association.

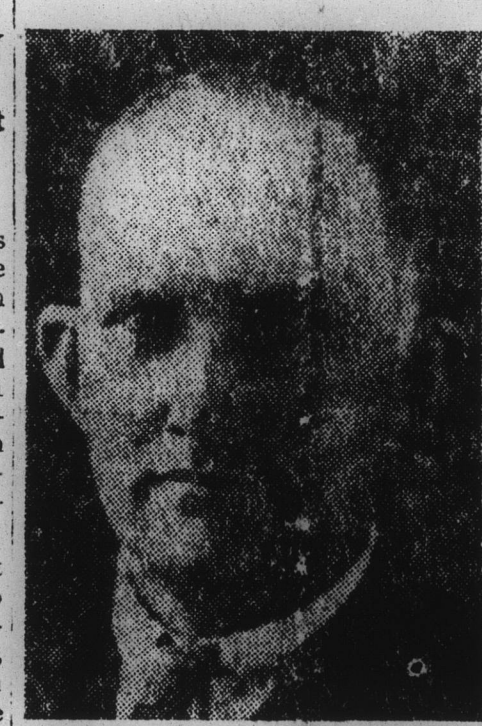
Painted

All four buildings of the Columbia school plant were painted on the outside and new window shades were put into place. Concrete steps and side walls were erected at either end of the main building, and a new roof put on the vocational building.

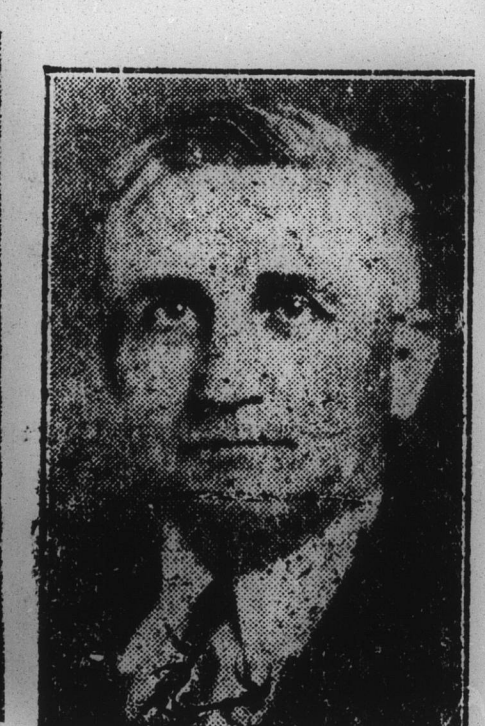
The school grounds were enclosed by an iron railing, landscaped with new scrubbery, and the driveways repaired. WPA matron service was instituted in the schools with three matrons constantly on duty. A standard library room and furniture was added to the school, and new desks were put in several rooms.

New furniture was purchased for two class rooms of the Gum Neck high school, and library books were provided for the first time. The exterior of the school was painted and new window shades put into use. Lunchroom equipment was supplemented by new dishes, counters, and silver, a 100 foot well was dug and a new pump installed to give the school a safe water supply.

FOR MAYOR



Interest in the municipal election May 6 centers on the race for mayor in which W. M. Laughinghouse, left above, is opposed for reelection by former Representative Wallace Tatem.



FREE TRAINING FOR VOCATIONS OFFERED BY NYA

Tyrrell Boys May Learn Skilled Trades at Greenville Center

An unlimited number of Tyrrell County boys will be accepted this month for free vocational training at the National Youth Administration's new Boys Residential Center in Greenville, Miss Ada Valentine, NYA youth personnel officer, announced this week.

The training program is primarily planned for boys who do not have the opportunity to learn a skilled trade. At the Residential Center, they will learn whatever trade they choose by actual shop work under trained instructors for a period of from six to nine months for an infirmity, under the supervision of private employers. Room, board, medical and dental attention will be furnished by the NYA.

Here Each Thursday

Miss Valentine will be at the NYA workroom in the county home here each Thursday afternoon to interview applicants. Although she is particularly interested in finding boys for the Greenville center, which is expected to open around May 1, she will also be glad to place boys in the Durham, Lumberton, or Hickory centers if they prefer.

In order to be eligible for training at the centers, an applicant must be between the ages of 16 and 25.

Course planned for the Greenville center thus far include automobile mechanics, radio construction and repair, wireless operation, and many other fields. The length of time a boy remains in the center will depend upon his progress in the field he chooses.

Emphasis will be placed upon physical and social development as well as on vocational training. Each boy will receive individual attention from instructors to determine if the field he is best fitted after which the NYA will seek jobs vision of a doctor and a dentist, will be maintained at the center.

ANALYSES GIVEN OF PLANT FOOD

North Carolina's annual bulletin on "Analyses of Commercial Fertilizers, Spring Season of 1940", containing 246 pages of information to guide farmers in more intelligent use and purchase of plant food, is now off the press and will be sent free to growers upon request. D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, said today.

A publication of the State Department of Agriculture, the Fertilizer bulletin contains information on fertilizer inspection, lime and land-plaster analyses, valuation of all fertilizers, "guaranteed and found in dollars per ton", consumption statistics, grades for which there has been greater demand.

Articles written to assist the grower in more intelligent use of fertilizer, prepared by State College, N. C. Experiment Station and Department authorities include:

Fertilizer for Different N. C. Crops; Fertilization of Truck Crops; A Discussion of Tobacco Fertilizers; Fertilization of Peanuts; Fertilizer Suggestions for Corn; Results from Fertilizer Placement; American Potash Supplies; Soil Testing and Plant Growth; Soil Acidity Problems in the Southeastern States; Soil Acidity and the Use of Lime; Different Forms of Agricultural Lime and Their Uses; Definition of Fertilizer Terms; Recommended Field and Vegetable Crop Varieties for North Carolina.

New features of the bulletin include the use of plus and minus signs to indicate "shortage" or "overage" in plant food guaranteed by the manufacturer, Coltrane explained.

A facsimile hand is used for the first time opposite the name of the manufacturer whose fertilizer is found to be five per cent or more below the guarantee value.

CRUTCHFIELD ATTENDS SCHOOLMEN MEETING

County Superintendent W. T. Crutchfield was in Greenville Tuesday for a meeting of the school superintendents of the northeast district, presided over by J. C. Manning of Williamston, president. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of schools, was present to explain what effect legislation passed in the last general assembly would have on the schools of the state.

TATEM AND LAUGHINGHOUSE FILE FOR MAYOR; SIX MEN IN FIELD FOR TOWN BOARD

Hot Race Expected Between Former Representative and Incumbent Mayor; Leary, Cohoon, McClees, Selby and Houtz Seek Re-election Opposed by Godwin

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TWO-DAY COOKING SCHOOL WENT OVER WELL LAST WEEK

More Than 200 Present For Woman's Club Sponsored Event

"One of the best cooking schools we've had anywhere this season," said K. B. Worrell, VEPCO sales supervisor, in commenting on the two-day cooking school conducted here last Thursday and Friday by VEPCO's home demonstration agent, Miss Mary B. Allgood.

More than 200 Tyrrell women were present in the auditorium of the Agricultural building here to watch Miss Allgood demonstrate the preparation of two full meals with all the trimmings the electric way. They were given recipes for the various dishes under preparation by Miss Allgood so that they could see them put to the test. Around 160 prizes, ranging from the meals prepared on the stage to farm equipment were donated by local merchants and wholesale houses for distribution at the school.

The cooking school was sponsored by the Columbia Woman's Club, and according to Mrs. H. Ray Cohoon, netted the organization around \$35. Members of the club sold 358 tickets for the event.

In addition to Miss Allgood and Mr. Worrell, Delmar Hopkins of Williamston and Howard Glass, local VEPCO representative, were present to help with the arrangements.

WATER SYSTEM PLACED IN METHODIST CHURCH

Workmen last week were busy installing a plumbing system to bring water to the annex of the Wesley Memorial Methodist church here. Included in the system are toilet facilities for the church and a much-needed water supply for the annex kitchen which the Methodist ladies have made famous for the excellent brand of cooking done there.

Other additions and repairs to the church are also contemplated.

Mrs. W. S. Coltrane