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MAGNOLIA AND ROSE HILL CITIZENS SPEAK THEIR MINDS

In no uncertain terms, they ask for action on paved road, and state their belief in reasons for their respective communities being neglected; blame county commissioners and state highway and public works commission; favoritism; crushing their markets; lengthy session of 200 prominent taxpayers held in Rose Hill Tuesday night; mass meeting to be held shortly; "might as well be in South Carolina as far as the recognition they get at home is concerned" they say; re-routing and paving highway 40 from Warsaw to Wallace via Magnolia and Rose Hill will shorten the distance about eight miles; make public letter drawn at meeting.

Rose Hill and Magnolia citizens are about to become irate over the attention their respective communities have been receiving from Duplin County's Fathers and the State Highway and Public Works Commission during recent years. An expression heard in a meeting Tuesday night was that "Magnolia and Rose Hill might as well be in South Carolina as far as the recognition they get at home is concerned."

The upset has grown out of what appears to many of the citizens to be favoritism to certain sections of the county. Citizens of the Rose Hill community and other sections may be surprised to learn that not a single foot of hard surfaced road touches the entire township. This, also, happens to apply to another Township or two in Duplin County.

On Tuesday night of this week 200 prominent business men and women, and farmers, gathered in Rose Hill and went into a detailed session of the proposition of putting a hard surfaced road from Warsaw to Magnolia and Rose Hill. During the evening much heated discussion was heard and there was a little doubt that those present were plenty sore over the situation as well as a few other questions which were brought up.

After hours of thrashing out their troubles the following letter was drawn for publication:

Rose Hill, July 17.—"The matter of bringing to the attention of the State Highway and Public Works Commission the rerouting and hard surfacing Number 40 via Magnolia and Rose Hill, was discussed and a petition asking for any part of the 20 miles short-cut, running south parallel with the A. C. L. R. R. Connecting with Number 40 at Warsaw, was signed by 200 business men and women, qualified voters and tax payers, of the towns of Rose Hill and Magnolia.

A large delegation is planning to carry the petition before the next meeting of the State Highway Commission on July 24th.

For the past 12 years the citizens of Rose Hill and Magnolia townships have appealed to Duplin County Commissioners to recommend hard surfacing of this short-cut, running north and south, through the center of Duplin County, shortening the distance between Warsaw and Wallace approximately 10 miles, Warsaw and Rose Hill 12-1-2 miles, Warsaw and Magnolia 8 miles. "They told us to keep quiet," that the State was going to build this short-cut, on a basis of convenience, necessity and economy. Other road projects of less importance, seem to have prior claim for construction. We refer particularly to Wallace-Chinquapin road Number 41, in the extreme southern part of the County, for the exclusive benefit of the town of Wallace and Number 111, in the extreme north east, part of the County, for the benefit of the City of Goldsboro. We petitioned the State Highway Commission, and sent delegation after delegation before that body. We were always greeted courteously and were assured that every member of the Commission felt honored, by our well. Mr. Jefferson who was Chairman of the Commission, realized the need for an inlet as well as an outlet for Rose Hill and Magnolia, and told us how sorry he was, "That they didn't have enough money" and told us to run along home, from the thing out with our Commissioners and as soon as the money was available they were going to hard-surface the road.

Practically every Merchants Association, between Richmond-Norfolk and Wilmington, have appealed to the State Highway Commission, for a road of convenience, necessity and economy, which will shorten the distance approximately 9 miles between Goldsboro and Wilmington, to hard-surface this short-cut.

"Rose Hill and Magnolia are two of the largest towns in Duplin County and are centrally located, incorporated with a few miles of railroad, on the main line of the A. C. L. the shortest route between Richmond and Wilmington, in the heart of the leading fruit, vegetable and bulb raising district of the state. Railroads have always been our biggest taxpayers and are rapidly losing the transportation of heavy commodities. Hundreds of specially built trucks are doing this heavy hauling, Rose Hill is the largest strawberry market and Magnolia is the largest bulb market in the United States, not serviced with a paved road. During the past three months Rose Hill handled 1200 truck loads, fruits and vegetables, which had to be routed on a dirt road five miles east to Charity, thence 9 miles north to Kenansville, thence 9 miles west to Warsaw, a distance of 25 miles. The distance to Warsaw, parallel with the railroad is 12-1-2 miles. Rose Hill and Magnolia draw their trade from the Atlantic and New England states. How can we hope to maintain our produce markets and hold our trade, in competition with our neighbors, Warsaw and Wallace, without an inlet or an outlet. These two towns are serviced with paved roads from all directions.

"Rose Hill owns more motor trucks, pays more road taxes, handles more strawberries, huckleberries and sweet-corn, manufactures and ship more coffins and caskets and Magnolia handles more bulbs and flowers, manufacture and ships more strawberries, corn and bulb crates, than any towns in the state, not serviced with a paved road.

NEWS AND VIEWS

with THE EDITOR

The Junior Order of Kenansville promises to have a very interesting meeting for the members on next Tuesday night. Superintendent O. F. Johnson and J. E. Jerritt are both scheduled for a talk.

Everyone will read with interest, some with sympathy and some in disagreement, the letter drawn by the citizens of Rose Hill and Magnolia regarding the road situation. At least we must hand it to them for having the nerve to up and say what they think. The writer doesn't know but this action sounds like there might be some hot politics stirring in Ole Duplin when election time comes around again for two towns with a 200 population each when properly aroused could stir some stink and swing some votes if they wanted to. Our idea is that office-holders and politicians might do well to listen to them a little.

You know there are some darn good folks in Rose Hill and Magnolia. They never say much but when they do speak—Boy Howdy—something has done and been said. And has they spoke? The attention of merchants is called to an ad on the back page notifying them not to honor any Rural Rehabilitation Orders unless they are countersigned by Mrs. Laura K. Spicer or Mr. H. C. McDaniel.

MOSES OR PHAROAH

(Editorial in the Raleigh News and Observer)

Whether or not a North Carolinian is impressed by the reasoning of S. Clay Williams, of the S. J. Reynolds Tobacco processing plant, any North Carolinian must be impressed by the gall of Mr. Williams in suggesting that the tobacco planters take him as their leader in a general desertion from the leadership of the officials of the AAA.

Mr. Williams has been available as a leader in the tobacco field a good deal longer than has Secretary Wallace. He was a leader in the tobacco field in the long, desperate years when the pitiful prices received by the growers were the more pitiful in comparison with the continuing fabulous profits of his and other tobacco companies. But not until now, did he undertake to play Moses. Indeed, in those days some growers, lost in the Egyptian exile of starvation prices, mistook Mr. Williams for Pharaoh.

Perhaps they were wrong. Perhaps, as Mr. Williams has insisted, the welfare of the tobacco growers is the thing that lies closest to his heart. Maybe it does. But the farmers cannot forget that, while his heart may have pounded for them in their distress, prices did not go up until the farmers and the government together joined in a program which pushed prices upwards. Before the government entered the situation at the re-

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Weather Conditions In Contrast With Last Year; Early July Rains Bring New Life To Crops

STRANGE TOMATOES

Earl Hipson was in town Monday and he had a tomato in his pocket. Earl says that his wife's mother bought some pepper seeds and planted them in a bed with a few tomato plants. She felt that she could have some early tomatoes so she pulled up the tomato plants and set them in the garden. When she returned to her tomato plants after they had had time to bear, she found that her tomato plants were bearing long green pods. On examination the fruit of the tomato plant tastes like green pepper, looks like green pepper, has seeds like green pepper but is growing on a vine that looks like a tomato vine and has the tomato vine smell. Earl says that he has not been able to work it all out yet, but promises to bring some of the fruit to Kenansville to prove his story.

Yield Of 775 lbs. Blue Cured Tobacco Forecast

COTTON

Stands Poor; Dry June Favorable To Crop; Truck And Fruits Results

During the past two seasons, weather conditions in North Carolina and in the United States as a whole have been very contrasting. The 1934 season was favorable in this state with plenty rainfall and good crop conditions, while for the Nation one of the severest droughts on record occurred. This year, on the other hand, conditions are quite opposite. June was one of the coldest and wettest of the Nation in contrast to the driest in this state. As a result, the Nation has very uneven crop prospects. Floods have been conspicuous in the West and North. Crops were late in being planted. Corn acreage shortage may be made up by increased acreages of soybeans, sorghumes, and other crops that can be planted late. Farmers have had to work overtime and use intensive methods to overcome the handicaps existing this year.

(Special To Times)

Raleigh, July 18: The month of June was the driest on record for North Carolina. The dry conditions resulted in irregular or spotted growth. Crops were rapidly approaching a critical stage. Crops in the piedmont and mountain counties were suffering but perhaps not to the same extent, as in the coastal plain area. Although, the condition of crops as of July 1st reflected the effect of the dry month, it brings to mind the old adage "a dry June means a good harvest."

Remembering that conditions a year ago were quite dry and that the fall harvest was good, the crop forecast for July 1st was encouraging, even though the dry June weather was showing serious effects on many crops. The first ten days of July brought nice seasons and by the twelfth of the month, amazing recoveries were evident everywhere. This is true even on corn fields that looked quite hopeless on July 1st. Of course, some crops were too mature for recovery, but many others were at that point where the rain-fall went into maximum fruitfulness.

GRAINS

Corn has been backward, small and irregular in development, but the early July rains have resulted in amazing recovery in most fields. Cultivation has been good.

Wheat is threshing out very well, but is disappointing in comparison with the wonderful stands and stalk growth. The yield of 11.5 bushels per acre is better than the usual. In fact, the indicated production this year is almost 40 per cent above the five year average.

The Oat crop shows a good plant and head growth, and stands were very good. The 1935 oat production is 29 per cent above the average. RYE and BARLEY also show good growths and yields.

TAME HAY

Due to the excessively dry June hay crops grew slowly, and probably much of the acreage intended to be planted was not seeded. Early July rains caused a rapid improvement. The expected production was 20 per cent more than the five-year average, based on a condition 75 per cent of normal growth.

LEGUMES

Peanuts show a condition one per cent better than the ten year average, growing on four per cent less acreage in North Carolina. Soybeans are showing about the same acreage as last year. Cowpeas show 15 per cent reduction in acres.

TOBACCO

In spite of the very dry June weather, the yield of 775 lbs. of blue-cured tobacco per acre is forecasted this year. This is slightly above the average but considers

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NOTES FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

BY L. L. McLENDON

The County Agent's Office wishes to remind all tobacco growers again that allotment cards for selling the 1935 tobacco crop are being prepared in the County Agent's office at this time. All farmers desiring more than one allotment card for himself and tenants should notify the County Agent at once the acreage produced by each tenant and the share of the crop the tenant receives. All growers wishing changes in their allotment card after date of delivery will be delayed 10 days in receiving their allotment cards unless this matter is attended to.

There are a few compliance forms in the Agent's office in Kenansville which have not been signed by the producers for one reason or another. All producers are warned that no allotment card can be issued until these forms are signed and producers should attend to this immediately.

In order to prevent any delay or hold-up the delivery of any watermelons from North Carolina, grow-watermelon marketing agreementers are warned on account of the fact that each and every shipment, either by truck or rail, must be accompanied by an inspection certificate. These certificates can be secured from Mr. Colwell whose office is in Faison.

This does not apply to shipments within the State or to states South of North Carolina.

Announce Complete List Of Teachers For Kenansville

A complete list of teachers for the Kenansville school for the coming year was announced this week. They are as follows:

Principal; A. J. DICKSON, of CALYPSO, N. C.; Science: E. P. Tharrington, Louisburg, N. C.; French and English: Jessie Raeford, Seven Springs, N. C.; History: Phoebe Shaw Harlan, Kingston, N. C.

Grammar Grades: Seventh: Miss Marietta Neece, Greensboro, N. C.; Sixth: Miss Fannie Aldridge, La Grange, N. C.; Fifth: Miss Elizabeth Whitworth, South Mill, N. C.; Fourth: Miss Anne K. Craig, Marion, N. C.; Third-Fourth: Miss Edna Haskett, Faison, N. C.; Third: Miss Margaret Pate, Columbia, N. C.; Second: Miss Louise Bowen, Willard, N. C.; First and Second: Miss Margaret McGowan, Warsaw, N. C.; First: Miss Elizabeth Sparkman, Burgaw, N. C.

Last Of '34-'35 Corn-Hog Checks

The last of the 1934-35 corn-hog checks were received in Duplin by Treasurer Major Sutton last Thursday. The checks totaled a little over \$800.00.

The average individual can tell you many things to show that he is not an average individual.

MAMMOUTH TERRAPIN IS CAPTURED ON BEACH

Beaufort, July 18.—A loggerhead terrapin weighing about 300 pounds and measuring about six foot from tip of snout to tip of tail was captured after a tussle by laborers on Money Island Beach Wednesday. Capt. George Brooks, resident engineer on the Money Island Beach improvements, knew that Dr. Frytherch, fisheries laboratory head, wanted a giant terrapin so he brought it to Fiver's Island where now it is becoming accustomed to the salt water pool recently built there.

First sighted bound for the surf from the vicinity of the old beach hotel, where she—if it was a she—had probably gone to lay eggs, it took five Negro laborers there to capture the reptile. And then she almost carried the group into the surf. Barnacles by the dozens are on the turtle's back.

Magnolia News

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS

The Home Demonstration Club met in the Junior Hall on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. T. H. Williams, presiding. After the business session the project leaders gave reports of the work accomplished since last October. The following leaders made reports: Mrs. Clarence Boone, "House Furnishing"; Mrs. T. M. Rogers, "Clothing"; Mrs. F. O. Hollingsworth, "Foods"; Mrs. L. F. Wilson, "Gardens"; Mrs. P. J. Heath, "Health"; Mrs. S. B. Hunter, "Home Grounds"; Miss Mary Susan Wilkins, "Education"; The club voted Mrs. Clarence Boone's report the best and she was awarded the prize, a trip to the Short Course. A prize however was awarded all the leaders. Mrs. F. J. Heath won the lucky prize by drawing the lucky number.

The hostesses, Mrs. Leslie Batts, Mrs. Jacob Baker, Mrs. J. H. Wilson served a refreshing iced drink, wafers and candy to the thirty-eight members present.

Johnson Approved

Wallace Post Master

E. J. (Bogue) Johnson's appointment as post master at Wallace was confirmed by the United States Senate on Monday of this week. Johnson resigned as solicitor of the General County Court when notified that he had been recommended for the place.

Mount Olive To Sponsor Farmers Festival Again

Following the practice established last year the Mount Olive Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the annual Farmer's Festival to be staged in that city the last Thursday in September, the 26th.

The Board of Directors of the Mount Olive organization in session Monday night appointed Nelson Ricks as general chairman and Arnold Byrd and Clay Casey were designated to assist in the preliminary arrangements.

The occasion this year will, as before, it was stated to be purely a social affair and as far from commercialization as possible. No carnival will be permitted to be in the city during the day and concessions and gambling booths will be forbidden.

It will be remembered that the occasion last year, marking the close of the harvest season in the Mount Olive section, was a big success and was attended from far and wide. On the occasion Mount Olive citizens really open up with their characteristic hospitality so well known to the city. Everyone in Duplin County will

be looking forward with much interest to the occasion.

J. E. Jerritt Talks At Rotary Meet

The Kenansville-Warshaw Rotary Club held its regular weekly meeting last Friday night. County Agent L. L. McLendon was scheduled to talk to the club but was detained from attending.

Rotarian Jimmy Jerritt made a short talk along the lines of accomplishments of the AAA, giving his ideas of what Mr. McLendon would have talked about if he had been present. Following Mr. Jerritt's talk, the group went into a round table discussion of various subjects.

INTIMATE STATE HOSPITAL GOLDSBORO DIES

Mrs. Harvey Boney received a letter from the State Hospital for Colored in Goldsboro a few days ago notifying her of the death of Homer Nicholson, inmate there.

Real Estate Transfers

Maggie V. Woodward to Fannie Woodward Turlington, 2 lots in Warsaw.

Atlantic Finance Co. to Estelle Ray Peirce, 2 lots in Warsaw.

C. S. Savage and Sarah Elizabeth Savage to J. C. Savage, tract of land in Rockfish Township.

J. A. Davis to Tide Water Power Co. Right of way in Kenansville Township.

Linwood Newton and Estelle Newton to John Newton, tract of land in Rose Hill township.

Goodrich Corporation of Petersburg, Va., to E. W. Farrow, lots in Wallace.

James H. Alderman and wife to W. E. Hendry and wife, tract of land near Duplin-Pender line.

Hattie C. Hendry to Ella A. Hendry, tracts of land near Duplin-Pender line.

Mrs. Mary E. Ivey and others to Clinton Lumber Company, timber on tract of land in Goshen Swamp.

E. Walker Stevens, Trustee, to Hazel Scott 2 tracts of land, one in Warsaw township and one in Magnolia Township.

Affect Basic Crop Cuts On Vegetables Is slight This Year

A study completed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics indicates that acreage reductions of major crops has only slightly influenced production of commercial vegetables during 1934 and 1935. States wholly or almost wholly planted to major crops are Texas, cotton; North and South Carolina, tobacco and cotton; Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, wheat, corn and hogs; North and South Dakota and Idaho, wheat. The study shows that the commercial vegetable acreage, except potatoes, in this group increased by 50,000 acres in the past two years, while the entire country increased its commercial vegetable acreage by 657,405 acres in the same period. Thus the increase for these major crop states represents only 7.6 per cent of the country's increased vegetable acreage, or only 1.7 per cent of the total of 2,906,000 acres devoted to commercial vegetables.

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E. J. Hill, of Warsaw, has been named director of the 2nd district in the new Works Progress Administration with headquarters in New Bern. Mr. Hill, it is understood, will approve all projects for the district which comprises the Second Congressional district and several counties in the 1st and 3rd districts. Between six and seven million dollars are allotted to the district for work projects.

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Harry Patton, of Calypso, is attending the Reserve Officer's Training Corps Camp at Fort Washington, Md. Young Patton is a junior student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Kenansville Boy To West Pt. Warsaw, Calypso, Alternates

Cephas Bryon Sitterson, Jr., of Kenansville, was notified last week that he had been given the appointment as a cadet at the United Point; with Charles Leonard States Military Academy at West Pierce of Warsaw, first alternate and Malcolm Barfield, of Calypso, as second alternate.

The appointment was made by Congressman Graham A. Harden. Cephas Bryon (C. B.) is a graduate of the Kenansville high school and has attended Wake Forest College a year and a half. He is 18 years old.

C. B. will go to Fort Bragg on notification to take a physical examination and if he passes will go to West Point immediately. Since attending Wake Forest C. B. worked for his father in a grocery store in Kenansville until a few weeks ago when he and his brother, Jack, purchased the business from their father.

The appointment is the first of its kind to be made in Duplin County in several years. It is thought that three or four appointments are all that have ever been given

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Miss Lucile Norris spent the week end with her mother in Fayetteville.

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