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FEDERAL COURT IN WASHINGTON BEGINS MONDAY

One of Largest Dockets in History of Court To Be Tried

35 CASES FROM HERE

Eighteen Cases Are Against Martin County People, Six White and Twelve Colored

Opening next week in Washington, the Federal court there will be faced with one of the largest dockets yet prepared for trial, according to a review of the records. Thirty-five cases are being sent to the court for trial from the office of the U. S. commissioner here, it was learned yesterday. Eighteen of that number involve Martin county people, six white and twelve colored. The seventeen other cases are against people living in nearby counties but who were arrested by the agents working out of here.

Judging from the number of cases scheduled for trial in the court next week, there will be little room for spectators. With the 35 cases originating here and the large number resulting in the wholesale raids in Pitt county a few weeks ago and still others in the remaining counties of the district, the court will apparently go well to care for the witnesses, court attendants and defendants.

The cases originating in the commissioner's office here include large and small violations, several of the defendants being held for possession of selling as little as a half pint of the "spirits." Then there are those cases charging wholesale manufacture and distribution of liquor.

According to court records the following defendants, given preliminary hearings here since last April, will be tried next week:

Willie Warren, Robersonville, R. F. D.; Henry L. Hyatt, Ahsokie; Raymond Smithwick, Windsor; Roy Clifton Smithwick, Windsor; Martin Whitaker, Williamston; Raymond L. Brown, Williamston; Arthur Lee Daniel, Roanoke Rapids; Lewis Johnson, Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. Doris Johnson, Roanoke Rapids; J. H. Whitfield, Robersonville, Benjamin N. Little, Washington; Chester Woolard, Washington, Grover G. Perry, Washington; Chester H. Terry, Robersonville; Mary E. Ware, Windsor, A. L. Rogerson, Williamston, all white; Junius Cower, Powellville; Chester Brown, Hassell; C. C. Shepard, Hamilton; Moses Gilliam, Hamilton; Willie Whitfield, Tarboro; Martha Farmer, Rocky Mount; Annie James, Jamesville; Willie Pierce, Jamesville; Mont Pettiford, Jr., Windsor; Josephus Cordon, Jamesville; Jasper Smith, Jamesville; Jimmie Moore, Jamesville; Joe James, Jamesville; Willie James, Jamesville; Jas. W. Leak, Oak City; Minn S. Everett, Williamston, all colored and Oscar Twine, Harrellsville; Willie Pierce, of Harrellsville, both white.

Program of Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, Rector Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7:30 Confirmation Class lectures every Monday evening at 7:30.

We are very glad to have you attend all these services to which you are cordially invited.

Hamilton—St. Martin's Church Sunday school at 10 a. m. Afternoon service and sermon at 4:30 o'clock.

You are welcome come.

Margolis Store Will Be Closed Part of Tomorrow

The store of Margolis Brothers will be closed Saturday until 6 o'clock to observe a Jewish holiday. For the benefit of the evening trade the store will be opened promptly at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday October 5

ANNA Q. NILSSON in

"BLOCKADE" Also SERIAL and COMEDY

Monday-Tuesday October 7-8

CORINNE GRIFFITH in

"PRISONERS" Also FABLES AND NEWS

MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

Kiwanis Club Furnishes School Books for Several Poor Children

Financially embarrassed and unable to purchase their books, four children attending the local school were given books by the Kiwanis Club, following the discussion of a recommendation made to the club president by Principal W. R. Watson and members of the faculty. "These children have been greatly handicapped in their school work since the opening early last month," it was pointed out in the recommendation placed before the Kiwanians at the meet last Wednesday.

With the children's parents in poor circumstances financially, the club willingly equipped the pupils with the necessary school material.

According to a report, the meeting last Wednesday was one of the best held by the club this year. Rev. Charles H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church, had charge of the program. His talk brief and to the point, was enjoyed by the entire membership attending, it was stated.

SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN EAST NORTH CAROLINA PICTURED AT CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON

Will Be Some Time Before Results Can Be Measured

SITUATION IS ACUTE

Is First Time That Farmers of North Carolina Have Ever Pleaded a "Life and Death" Case

Washington, Oct. 2.—The Washington tobacco conference is history, but its results will be measured only by the stretch of the years. Dr. J. M. Parrott, of Kinston, thought it was the first time sellers had met buyers face to face to consider seriously ways and means of bettering the economic condition of the tobacco grower.

At least, it was the first time that growers from North Carolina had come pleading a life and death case. Cynics had said it was a political meeting, but not after John W. Holmes, of Farmville, described the mounting delinquent tax list and the necessity for borrowing money with which to buy books for school children. If politicians came on political missions, then North Carolina is in need of more politicians.

Conditions Deplorable

Nor could the cynics fail to be impressed with the statements by C. Felix Harvey, conservative business man, that conditions are deplorable. He is no alarmist nor does he ask for any quarter. He was pleading in behalf of his people, among whom he has lived and done business for many years. He can not be classed as a politician, but he is tremendously concerned and said so.

"To temper the wind of adversity to the man who makes his living by the sweat of his brow is good business," suggested A. D. MacLean, Washington lawyer, who paid his expenses and charged nothing for his services. He has been in the legislature, but he is not a politician. "He is an earnest, serious-minded man, who makes it a point to know his business."

Political Aspects of Problems

Governor Gardner confessed to a political interest in the meeting. He suggested that if ways and means are not found for enabling the tobacco farmers to make a living, then there are going to be serious political consequences. It is when men are starving that they seek political change.

"It is to the eternal credit of the American farmer that in his direst distress he has never turned bolshevist," declared James C. Stone, vice chairman of the Federal Farm Board, thereby giving the cynics something to think about.

Not much was said about the necessity of organizing a cooperative marketing association to steady and stabilize tobacco prices, but everybody who has thought about it knows that this is now inevitable. The main thing now is to find some relief from the present acute situation, and for that reason the Washington conference was devoted to that.

Mr. Stone explained that a closer relationship between seller and buyer, and on terms of equality, is necessary for any sort of continued existence of the American farmer. As matters now stand in Eastern Carolina, each farmer competes against every other tobacco grower. He wrote a letter to Senator Simmons outlining his views on the subject. He seeks a clearer understanding of the problems.

Other States in Distress

After all it is the farm relief problem that has engaged the politicians a great deal, and right there Governor Gardner put down a pin. He referred to the disturbances in Iowa, the Dakotas, and other States. They have suffered with unregulated overproduction until they are sick and tired of their experiences.

Governor Gardner told the tobacco buyers that he did not want a reproduction of that condition in North Carolina. Yet it is just around the corner unless something is done right away. The situation in Eastern North Carolina is acute. He called for even-handed justice.

It was quite a day of oratory, but it was the oratory with something to say. The reason they had something to say is because their homeland, which they love so dearly, is in danger of destruction.

Politics may grow out of the Washington conference, but one who has

ROADS HAMPER SCHOOL TRUCKS

Many Running Late, But Few Fail to Make Their Regular Trips

While Traffic was Greatly Retarded over Martin County roads during the early part of this week, only two or three of the school trucks failed to make their regular trips, it was learned in the office of the county superintendent of schools here yesterday.

Many of the trucks were delayed, but in spite of mud, washed-away bridges and wash-outs the school busses continued to operate, it was stated. Two of the schools had not reported their truck operations the first few days of this week, but it is believed that the schedules were maintained in those schools.

13 PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAIL

Number Larger Than Usual Due to Inability to Raise Money for Bonds

Martin county's jail continues as a popular stopping place for criminals and alleged criminals. A check, made this week, only a few days following a regular term of superior court and a session of the recorder's court, shows that thirteen prisoners are in the jail.

Four of the thirteen prisoners in the jail are awaiting trial in the United States court, either at Washington or Wilson. Two others are serving sentences imposed at the recent term of superior court. Four are scheduled for trial in Judge J. W. Bailey's court next Tuesday. One is being held here for Pitt County authorities and two others are awaiting trial in the next term of superior court.

According to records in the sheriff's office, the number of prisoners confined in the jail so soon after a term of superior court, is the largest in recent months.

While the number of cases on the trial docket is about the same as is generally the case, the large number of prisoners is apparently attributable to unfavorable financial conditions existing in this section at the present time.

Two High School Football Games in County Today

Two football games are being played in the county today, Robersonville meeting Scotland Neck's eleven at Robersonville, and the local eleven meeting Vanceboro on the high school field here. According to the records of the teams, the two games should be unusually good ones.

Vanceboro lost to Aulander last Friday by a score of 2 to 0, the Aulander team being rated as one of the best in this section this season.

Robersonville and Scotland Neck enter the play with a clean slate.

Christian Philatheas Will Meet Tonight

The Philatheas class of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. J. O. Manning this evening at 8 o'clock instead of with Mrs. Henry Harrison, as was first announced. All members are urged to be present as important business is to come before the meeting.

Services at Rose of Sharon Church To Begin Sunday

Beginning next Sunday night and continuing through the week, the Rev. Mr. E. L. Abron, of Rocky Mount, will conduct a series of meetings at the Rose of Sharon Church, near Bear Grass, it was announced by the clerk, Mr. Jesse Bailey, yesterday.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the services.

Travelled extensively through Eastern Carolina knows that the conditions are so deplorable that unless something is done, and quickly, the residents face disaster. Theirs were earnest appeals.

BERTIE-MARTIN CHURCH WOMEN IN MEET HERE

District Meeting of Episcopal Women's Auxiliary Held Tuesday

SEVERAL ADDRESSES

Heavy Rain Holds Down Attendance; Visitors Entertained at Luncheon in Woman's Club

As announced previously, the fall meeting of the Bertie-Martin district of the Woman's Auxiliary opened at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 1, with a celebration of the Holy Communion, Rev. Mr. Mackie, of Windsor, being celebrant.

After a short interval, the business session was called to order by Mrs. R. W. Askew, of Windsor. Mrs. J. H. Saunders welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. C. S. Lyon responded. Minutes of the last meeting, which was held at Roxobel, were read by Mrs. F. M. Dunstan, secretary. Addresses were made by Mrs. Victor Shelburne, president of the Convocation of Edenton; Mrs. Mary von Eberstein and Mrs. Fred Outland. These three workers are members of St. Peter's parish in Washington, which is in another district. On motion of Mrs. J. G. Staton, they were made members of the Martin County unit by a rising vote.

A most interesting talk was made by Mrs. Mackie, of Windsor, who told how the Auxiliary there had cooperated with the health officer to do something for school children who could not get a daily supply of milk. A goodly number was found that had to be furnished, and so, desiring to enlarge the work, the other churches were asked to join them. This was gladly done and the work is bringing forth good fruit. There were discussions from others, and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr., and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes sang a duet, which was much enjoyed. At the noon hour, prayers for missions were said by Rev. W. R. Noe, who had come to be present at the meeting. The morning prayer service was held at the Woman's Club, and there were found tables attractive with autumn flowers at which delicious chicken salad, potato chips, "Rhodesia" ham, pickles, biscuits, crackers, and coffee were served. Sponge cake with chocolate syrup finished the menu. During the hour, Mrs. Rhodes sang several selections, with Mrs. W. B. Watts as accompanist.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. R. Noe, diocesan secretary, addressing the meeting and outlining the new program, which is to be for the entire diocese during the fall, beginning October 20. This session was a joint one, for the men, especially the vestry who must stand back of the whole scheme. Mr. G. H. Cox, of Robersonville, made a most helpful talk, based upon the importance of personal work. The benediction was said by Mr. Mackie, and the meeting closed, the next session to be held in Windsor in the spring of 1930.

The torrential rains prevented any attendance from the parishes of Hamilton, Roxobel, Woodville, and Avoca, as the roads leading to each lack pavement. This condition cut the attendance more than half, which was regretted by the local parish which had provided for more than a hundred.

JOHN S. WHITLEY DIES IN ARIZONA

Former Resident Dies After Several Years Illness; Funeral Here

John S. Whitley, 52 years old, died at Globe, Arizona, last Monday, following an illness of several years, pneumonia being given as a cause of his death. The body was shipped from Globe yesterday and is expected to reach here next Monday. Funeral arrangements have not been announced at this time.

The son of the late George L. and Portia Smallwood Whitley, Mr. Whitley was born at the old home, one mile from Williamston, in March 1877. When a young man he went to New Mexico where he engaged in silver mining for twenty years. Going from there to Arizona he invested in timberland and asbestos mines at Young where he since lived with the exception of a few years spent at his old home near here some time ago.

He had suffered with asthma for many years and had a severe case of pneumonia early this year, but from which he apparently recovered. While the cause of his death is not definitely known here, it is believed to have been due to the effects of the pneumonia attack.

A great admirer of nature and an ardent lover of the out-of-doors, Mr. Whitley leaves one brother, Mr. Jesse Whitley, of this place, and four sisters, Miss Emily Whitley, of Williamston; Miss Marina Whitley, of New York; Miss Laura Whitley, and Mrs. Mary Monday, of Westfield, New Jersey.

3 IN JAIL HERE CHARGED WITH TOBACCO THEFT

1,100 Pounds Tobacco Are Stolen from Bunting Farm Sunday

ANOTHER IN PITT JAIL

Part of Tobacco Had Been Sold and Balance Was On Warehouse Floor in Kinston When Found

Charged with stealing 1,100 pounds of tobacco from the M. L. Bunting farm in Hamilton township, last Sunday night, J. L. Daniel, Jas. R. Daniel and Orlander Scott, all white, were placed in the local jail last Tuesday evening, following a hearing held before Justice of the Peace J. W. Hines, in Oak City. Edgar Briley, arrested in connection with the theft was carried to Pitt county where he will answer to a similar charge preferred against him a few days before the theft was attempted on the Bunting farm.

Scott was released last Wednesday morning under a \$500 bond. He denied connection with the theft while the other three defendants admitted their guilt and pointed him out as a party to the crime.

According to the evidence given at the hearing before Mr. Hines, James Daniel, only 21 years old and a resident of this county, planned the theft with Briley last Sunday. They revealed the plan to J. L. Daniel, an uncle to James, and he agreed to lend them his car to haul the tobacco. Leaving Pitt county late Sunday, the two men went to see Scott, who lives near young Daniel's home, and who it is alleged, assisted in loading the stolen weed. Scott is said to have returned to his home soon after assisting in the loading of the tobacco on the car.

Learning of the theft, Mr. Bunting called Officer Leggett, of Hobgood, who started an investigation, finding the tobacco on a Kinston warehouse floor. A portion of the tobacco had been sold, and the remainder was in line for the sale when the officers reached Kinston.

The elderly Daniel, charged with aiding and abetting in the theft, is being held under a \$500 bond. His nephew, admitting the charges, is being held in default of a \$1,000 bond. The case will be heard in the superior court here next December, it is understood.

REPAIR FILL ON HAMILTON ROAD

Washed Out By Heavy Rain Early Part of Week; Is Again Open to Traffic

While many of North Carolina's main highways have been closed on account of high waters this week, traffic in this immediate section has been hampered but little, only one route, No. 125, being closed. A dam, near Hamilton, was washed away, but highway forces repaired the break, permitting the return of traffic yesterday.

The Roanoke is rising rapidly, but no flood waters are expected here, according to reports received from points farther up the stream.

Large areas in South Carolina and Georgia have been under water for several days, causing many thousands of dollars damage. While the waters have flooded streams and highways in this State, no serious damage has been reported.

Regular Services at Cedar Branch Church Sunday

Regular services will be held at the Cedar Branch Baptist Church Sunday morning and evening, it was announced by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Harrington, yesterday morning. The morning service will be held at 11:30 o'clock, the evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school convenes at 3 in the afternoon. The public is invited to each of the services.

To Hold Services at County Home Sunday

Mrs. Chas. Daniel, of the Holly Springs Methodist Church, will lead the worship service at the county home, near here, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, it was announced this morning. It is reported that these services, held there regularly, are meeting with much success. The public is cordially invited to attend.

No Session of Recorder's Court Here Next Week

There will be no session of the recorder's court here next Tuesday, it was announced today by the officers of the court. The session was called off on account of the term of Federal court convening in Washington next week.

The cases scheduled for trial in the court here next Tuesday will be continued until the following Tuesday.

BIG INCREASE IN WEED SALES ON LOCAL FLOORS YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Indications Point to Good Poultry Show

"Indications point to a very creditable poultry display at the fair here this year," C. W. Jacks, superintendent of that department for the Roanoke Fair Association, stated yesterday afternoon while here in the interest of the show. "Practically all of the old exhibitors will return with their flocks this year, and many more new ones will exhibit at the fair here this year," Mr. Jacks added.

The department superintendent stated that he had visited many breeders in this section and was assured that their flocks would be exhibited here during the week of November 4.

RECORDER HAD BRIEF SESSION

Court Is Adjourned Shortly After Noon Tuesday on Account of Storm

Adjourning for the day fifteen minutes after the afternoon session was started on account of storm warnings received here, the recorder's court last Tuesday called for trial only eight of the seventeen cases on the docket. The proceedings, said to be of very little consequence, follow:

Elmer Bellflower, charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of whiskey, had his case continued until Tuesday, October 15.

Papers were issued when George Robert Grimes, charged with reckless driving, was called and he failed to answer to the court.

Thos. L. Laughinghouse, entering a plea of not guilty, was found guilty by the court of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. The \$75 fine, costs added, did not meet with Laughinghouse's approval and he appealed to a higher court, Judge Bailey fixing the appeal bond at \$200.

The case charging J. D. Richardson with kidnaping was continued until the first Tuesday in January, 1930.

Charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, L. L. Mathews entered a plea of reckless driving which plea was accepted by H. O. Peel, solicitor. The court suspended the judgment upon the defendant's paying the cost of the action.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Walter Bailey with an assault.

In the case charging E. S. Nelson with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, the state accepted a plea admitting simple assault, the court suspending judgment upon Nelson's paying the cost of the action and paying \$40 to the prosecuting witness, W. F. Fussell.

A nol pros resulted in the case in which Worley James was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Baptist Program of Services for Sunday

Judge Clayton Moore will lecture to the Young Men's Bible class Sunday morning at the Sunday school hour. The pastor will preach at the morning and the evening hour. All evening services in this church are now being held at 7:30 o'clock.

With Sunday school, preaching services and the B. Y. P. U. departments meeting, Sunday will be a full day; and there should be large numbers of people attending.

New Federal Agent Now On Job in This County

Transferred from a West Virginia district, Mr. W. W. Rangely, Federal prohibition agent, arrived here this week and made his first raid Wednesday with Agent F. E. Street and deputies. Mr. Rangely takes the place of M. A. King, who is now working the Norfolk enforcement district. Agent Rangely, marked for his large size and carriage, has been in the service for more than five years.

Thirty Teachers Enroll in Extension Class Here

Thirty teachers, 16 of them in the Martin County system, enrolled in an extension class conducted here by the University of North Carolina yesterday afternoon. Teachers from surrounding counties are planning to register for the instruction; it was stated. The classes will be conducted here by Professor Hicks, of the University faculty, each Thursday afternoon, it was stated.

RAINS EARLY IN WEEK KEPT LOT TOBACCO AWAY

Prices Continue To Be Low Throughout Eastern Belt

MART HERE PLEASES

One Farmer, After Refusing Sale on Larger Market, Brought Same Leaf Here and Sold It for \$200 More

Unfavorable weather again held down the sales on all the tobacco markets in the Bright belt the early part of this week, but the fair weather yesterday and today brought forth big breaks on the warehouse floors.

The market here yesterday made its best record of the season in both pounds and prices, the entire break averaging above the 14-cent mark, it was reported. Today, a slight increase in the price is noted, especially in this true for the better grades of tobacco. In spite of the reported price increases, the situation continues disappointing to the growers. All markets are running apparently in the same groove, with the Export buying a large percentage of the grades except a few of the best.

Damaged tobacco was offered in large quantities here during the week with a preponderance of black tips.

Many farmers who have travelled the circuit of markets and tried them all have returned saying they get just as much for their tobacco here as they do on the far-off markets; saving the long haul and time.

One Chowan farmer tried one of the very big markets yesterday, and refused to accept the price. Changing his market, he gained more than \$200 on a warehouse floor here. Of course that is a big difference, but it is proof of the unstable prices everywhere.

Including today's sales, the market here reached the two and one-half million mark, according to estimates made by the tobacco board of trade, estimating the sales on the floor here yesterday and today.

MR. H. C. JACKSON DIES IN ASHVILLE

Was Former Resident of Jamesville; Funeral Tomorrow

Henry C. Jackson, formerly of Jamesville, died at the home of his son, Marion C. Jackson, in Asheville yesterday.

The body will be taken to Jamesville tomorrow where the funeral will be held at 2 o'clock, interment following in the cemetery there.

Mr. Jackson was born in Washington county in January 1860. When a young man he moved to Jamesville where he resided until two years ago moving to Asheville on account of ill health. During the past year, he had been an invalid.

He married Miss Julia Mizelle, of Jamesville, who died a number of years ago.

He leaves two sons, M. C. Jackson, of Asheville and Teddie Jackson, of Jamesville, and one daughter, Mrs. Plenny Peel, of Griffins township. He was long a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Christian Church.

Presbyterian Program Of Services Sunday

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Pastor

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will meet this evening at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Jno. L. Rogerson on Main Street. All the members are urged to attend as this is to be an important business meeting.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Department classes.

Worship services, 11 a. m. True sayings: "From the bank of life no one can take out more than he puts in." Subject: "The Need for Crucified Lives."

The time has come when the Cross must come off from our church spires, our stained glass windows, our necklaces, and our watch chains and get into our hearts and lives if the Church of God is to fulfill its mission and purpose in the world. The above subject is one of great importance both to the saved and unsaved; therefore, we invite all who will to come and worship with us.

Bear Grass

The regular services of the Presbyterian church will be held in the school house auditorium at Bear Grass Sunday, October 6 at 7:30 p. m. Make this service your service by coming and worshipping with us.