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GRAND JURY IS MADE UP MOSTLY OF YOUNG MEN

Judge Frank Daniels Gives Brief Charge; Docket Is Small

With a howling dog just outside the building to listen to and the unnecessary whispering and walking around of lawyers, spectators, and others to add to the general disturbance, the two weeks' mixed term of Martin County Superior Court convened here yesterday morning just before 11 o'clock, with Judge Frank Daniels, of Goldsboro, presiding.

A comparatively small docket awaited the attention of the court, and one of the smallest crowds to assemble in the courtroom in many seasons was on hand to take part in or hear the proceedings.

Judge Daniels, speaking so quietly that he could hardly be heard 10 paces away, made a very short and pointed charge to the grand jury, the talk dealing principally with the duties and procedure.

A youthful jury, with one or two exceptions, listened attentively to the charge, and after repairing to the room assigned them, the jurors, under the foremanship of H. C. Green, had returned two true bills before the noon hour, and were working on others when the court adjourned for the noon day meal. The jury, made up of the following men, is believed to be the youngest, as a whole, ever to serve in Martin County:

H. C. Green, foreman; Raymond and Ralph Taylor, J. W. House, H. A. Jenkins, C. C. Coltrane, Lester Keel, J. B. Bullock, Dillon C. Peel, J. W. Hardy, W. E. Tyson, J. T. Moore, C. B. Clark, Nathan Bullock, Virgil McKeel, R. B. Brown, Jr., H. L. Ange, and Adrian Gray.

MILD WINTER IS PREDICTED

Prediction Well Received By the Unfortunate All Over the Land

Again the scientists struck another chord pleasing to the ears of millions this week when they predicted a mild winter just ahead. And while the prediction might go to naught, the thoughts of a possible mild winter are paramount with the needy throughout the land.

A report released this week from Washington reads:

"Unless there is an unprecedented sharp drop in temperature, the weather man believes another moderate winter is in store.

"That is the normal expectancy, Joseph M. Kincer, chief of the agricultural-meteorology division of the weather bureau, said today, as a result of the upward swing in the thermometer beginning in 1926.

Records show that the weather moves in currents of a few cold days and then a few warm days, Kincer said. In the past, a change from one cycle to another has come gradually and while not forecasting definitely a mild winter, he said that indications pointed that way since there is no evidence yet that a change to sub-normal temperatures has begun.

"The present upward trend in temperature really began after the hard winter of 1918. Since then abnormal weather has been dominant, with the trend particularly noticeable since 1926.

DEATH OF MRS. AMANDA CHERRY

Succumbs After Stroke of Paralysis At Home of Daughter

Mrs. Amanda Cherry, 68 years old, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Rogers, in Bear Grass Township last Sunday night, following a stroke of paralysis. She had been ill only a comparatively short time.

Funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry and Rev. Hart. Burial was in the Rogers Cemetery in Bear Grass Township. The daughter of the late John R. and Pollie Brown Ward, Mrs. Cherry was born in Pitt County, where in her early youth she connected herself with the church. She later moved to Beaufort and following the death of her husband there three years ago she came to this county to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Cherry, greatly devoted to her family, had many friends throughout the communities where she had lived.

She leaves one son, James S. Cherry, of Washington; Mrs. John Wynn and Mrs. Edgar Rogers, of Williamston; one sister, Mrs. Mary H. Little, of Beaufort County, and one brother, George G. Ward, of Pitt County.

Federal Aid Being Sought For County Welfare Work

Unable to meet the demands coming from hundreds of needy school children and unfortunate families throughout the county, welfare workers are making a last effort to relieve the situation by applying for aid from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Miss Ward, of the State Welfare Department, was here yesterday afternoon assisting Superintendent of Welfare J. C. Manning in the task of filling out the application blanks.

Reports from the Woman's Club of Williamston and the local chapter of the American Red Cross were given Miss Ward by Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Mrs. Myrtle Brown, and Mrs. A. R. Dunning.

166 ENROLLED AS SCHOOL OPENS AT FARM LIFE

Enrollment Represents Increase of 31 Over Last Opening Last Year

Opening the 1932-33 term yesterday morning, the Farm Life School reported an enrollment of 166, one of the largest ever recorded there. The opening exercises were well attended by patrons of the school, several of the committeemen making short talks before the gathering.

Following the devotional exercises, led by Daniel Hardison, Mr. P. E. Getzinger stressed the need of moral training, and Mr. P. Peel compared modern education with the old, leaving with the children many worth-while thoughts. The need for economy in the operation of the schools was pointed out in a few remarks by Rev. W. B. Harrington, who also urged the cooperation of all that the school might progress.

With an enrollment of 63 in the high school, 13 more than the average last year, the outlook is unusually bright for the school there this year. Principal A. E. Mercer said yesterday. The work in the eleventh grade has been standardized, and 12 pupils have registered for instruction in that grade, it was said.

Principal Mercer will be assisted this year by Miss Irma Knowles, C. A. Hobbs, Miss Rhoda Peel, Miss Thelma Harrell, and Miss Marina Robertson.

There is a marked interest in the school and its success on the part of the people of the community, and some real work is predicted among the knowledge seekers there during this term. The school was one of the few in the county reporting an increased enrollment for this term over the opening figures last year. An increase of 31 pupils was reported.

The school will start its daily schedule at 7:45 and adjourn for the day at 2 o'clock during the next few weeks the arrangement having been made so that the children could return home early to take part in the duties about the farms and homes.

WILL MAKE WAR ON TAX EVADERS

Organization Perfected To Check Practice Reaching Menacing Proportions

Believing that evasion of the 6-cent per gallon gasoline tax levied by the State of North Carolina is reaching menacing proportions, marketers of petroleum products operating in the state have organized the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee to combat this tendency, cooperate with state officials in bringing to brook those guilty of evasion and generally working for the protection of their common interests. This new committee is an expansion of the North Carolina Gasoline Tax Evasion Committee, organized some time ago for the sole purpose of combating evasion, but broadened somewhat in scope and personnel.

H. P. Dortch, of the Texas Company, Goldsboro, is chairman of the committee; and other members of the executive committee are: C. C. Beasley, Central Oil Co., Charlotte; C. M. Byers, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Charlotte; and E. R. Burt, Biscoe Oil Co., Biscoe. In addition to the executive committee, the general committee consists of:

J. E. Dozier, Shell Eastern Petroleum Products, Inc., Charlotte; P. M. Isbill, the Texas Co., Norfolk, Va.; J. N. Kooz, Sinclair Refining Co., Atlanta, Ga.; T. F. Patterson, Atlantic Refining Co., Charlotte; E. T. Lemmon, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Norfolk, Va.; L. M. Hale, Gulf Refining Co., Greensboro; and W. B. Cope, American Oil Co., Greensboro.

Report: are due today from the Red Cross chapter and allied charity organizations in Robersonville and from Professor H. M. Ainsley, of the Oak City School. These reports will be added, and upon them aid will be sought in caring for needy children and families during the next four months.

A complete estimate of the county's needs was not available at noon today, but it is believed that several thousand dollars will be required to cope with the needs of unfortunates in this county during the next few months, and several thousand will be asked of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, it was stated by the welfare superintendent.

PRESIDENTIAL POLL STARTED

Names of Seven Candidates Appear on Poll Ticket Received Here

It now looks as if the presidential election will be settled long before November 8. The State of Maine went Democratic last week for the first time since 1914, and "as Maine goes, so goes the nation," or rather that is what the Republicans have said time and again. Then there are other contests, the results of which will indicate the outcome of the November 8 election.

In addition to that a magazine is conducting an extensive presidential poll to get the trend of national politics in these days of depression. Early indications from that are favorable to the Democrats, but early returns point to a close race. The names of Jacob S. Coney, Farmer-Labor party; W. Z. Foster, Communist party; Herbert Hoover, Republican party; Verne L. Reynolds, the almost unknown Temperance Party candidate; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic party; Norman Thomas, Socialist party; and William D. Upshaw, Prohibition party, appear on the magazine poll. However, all these names will not appear on the regular election tickets next November 8.

The magazine is also asking the name of the party favored in the last election, the answer to the question to indicate the shift from one party to another if there is any shift.

Many ballots have been received here, and as far as it could be learned today Roosevelt is literally "mopping up" the field. Norman Thomas is understood to be getting a few, and Mr. Hoover is getting one now and then, surely.

A Washington City newspaper is also conducting a poll, but not on as an extensive scale as the one now in progress by the magazine. The questionnaire sent out by the paper varies from that of the magazine in that it places only the names of the Republican and Democratic candidates on the return card, leaving a blank for names of other candidates.

Several hundred of the magazine ballots and a few of the newspaper ones have been received here and returned to the offices of the two companies.

First District Democrats To Meet On October 4th

Washington, N. C.—The Democratic campaign in the First District will get under way on Tuesday morning, October 4th, at 10:30, when State Chairman J. Wallace Winborne and Congressman Lindsay C. Warren will confer with the entire Democratic organization of the district at Bayview. All members of the State committee, county chairmen, precinct committeemen, and candidates will be present for the conference, and about 250 are expected. The Beaufort County Committee will entertain them with an oyster roast.

Congressman Warren stated today that an intensive campaign would be launched in the district during the month of October, and that he had requested the State chairman to send to the district Robert R. Reynolds, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, A. J. Maxwell, R. T. Fountain, Senators Bailey and Morrison, Clyde R. Hoey, and others.

Begin Revival at Chapel Near Here On Thursday

Beginning next Thursday night, Rev. W. S. Harden, of Greenville, will begin a series of services at Roberson's Chapel, which will terminate on Sunday, October 2nd. This is the first meeting that has been held in the new chapel completed at this point last March. Rev. Harden is an interesting and forceful preacher, and will bring timely messages each night. The public is cordially invited to attend these services each night at 7:30 p. m.

FAIR SPECIAL TO MAKE STOP HERE ON SEPTEMBER 28

Plans Made for Reception Of Booster Party During Short Stay

Raleigh citizens will receive a warm welcome Wednesday afternoon of next week when they come here in the interest of the Stat Fair. The boosters, traveling in two large busses, will reach here that afternoon about 3:40 o'clock and remain for about 15 minutes. The State College band is accompanying the boosters and several prominent speakers will make short talks.

Mayor R. L. Coburn announced today that the Smithwick and Main Street intersection will be closed for the few minutes the boosters are here, and that the visitors are anxious to have the people of the community meet with them during the few minutes' program. According to arrangements announced by the mayor, the busses will stop in front of the City Hall.

The entire route has been announced by Secretary Branch, of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, as follows:

Wednesday, September 28: Clayton, Smithfield, Selma, Pine Level, Princeton, Goldsboro, Mount Olive, Calypso, Faison, Warsaw, Kenansville, Beulaville, Richlands, Maysville, Pollocksville, New Bern, Bridgeton, Yanceyboro, Washington, Williamston, Windsor, Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City.

Thursday, September 29: Sunbury, Gatesville, Winton, Murfreesboro, Conway, Jackson, Weldon, Roanoke Rapids, Littleton, Macon, Warrenton, Norlina, Middleburg, Henderson, Franklinton, Louisburg, Nashville, Spring Hope, Zebulon, and Wendell.

Various souvenirs will be distributed along the route and a special invitation to attend the fair will be delivered in each town visited.

SCHOOL OPENS AT BEAR GRASS

Successful Term Anticipated; Much Interest Displayed

With a well-planned program and a large number of friends and patrons present, the Bear Grass School opened the 1932-33 term yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Z. T. Piephoff led the devotional service and made a short talk. Attorney E. S. Peel addressed the children and patrons on the origin of the constitution, followed by a few remarks by Principal Hickman in connection with the school work for the coming year. There was a marked interest shown in the school, and a successful year is predicted there. Professor Hickman, who has made a splendid record in the Martin County schools during his stay at Jamesville, goes to Bear Grass for his first year, and with the cooperation of the people of that community one of the best terms in the history of the school is assured.

While the opening figures were slightly disappointing yesterday morning, Principal Hickman predicted that the daily attendance this term would be greater by 30 pupils than the average was for last year. Fifty-four pupils enrolled in the high school department and 233 answered the roll for the work in the grammar grades Monday morning.

OFFICERS GET THREE STILLS

Work in Beaufort and Martin Counties Nets Big Supply Materials

Going into sections of Beaufort and Martin Counties last Saturday and yesterday, Federal Agents Coats and Hughes and Warren Roebuck captured three stills and one operator, destroying quantities of materials used in the manufacture of liquor.

Over in the Blounts Creek section of Beaufort last Saturday morning the officers destroyed 1,500 gallons of mash. No arrests were made, and the still was cold.

That afternoon, the officers destroyed a steam plant and 300 gallons of mash in Bear Grass Township. John Cratt, arrested at the still, was bound over to the Federal court at a hearing held yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon, the agents destroyed two more plants over in Beaufort County and 3,500 gallons of mash were poured out. One of the plants was of the steam type and was cold. The other, a 150-gallon capacity copper still, was red hot, but the operators made their escape when signals were fired telling of the officers' approach.

Around 200,000 Pounds of Tobacco Sold Here Monday

The local tobacco market had its largest break of the season yesterday, when 198,820 pounds of the golden leaf were sold at an average price of \$11.48 per 100 pounds bringing the total sales for the season up to 737,590 pounds. The average for the season to date was reported by Sales Supervisor Pritchard at \$11.57.

Starting promptly at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, the sales continued rapidly until late afternoon, the work having been completed just in time to prevent a block. Comparatively light sales are in progress today, and the work was completed shortly before noon.

Many tips are being included in the offerings with very few of the fancy grades in evidence. However, now and then a few of good quality grades are offered for sale, and the prices range from 25 to 60 cents a pound.

For the same period last year, the market sold 435,178 pounds at an average price of \$10.5 a hundred pounds, Supervisor Pritchard said this morning.

Larger sales are expected during the next few days, recent changes in the weather conditions making it possible for the growers to grade and prepare the crop for market.

CHECK FORGERS ARE ARRESTED

Were Passing Checks On Local Warehouse; Jailed In Ahoskie Last Week

Plans to unload a number of checks forged on the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here were interrupted by the Ahoskie police last week when they arrested two men, one from Pitt and another from Wilson County. As far as it could be learned, only one check was lost, the forgers passing one off on a Windsor man. Several were given in Ahoskie, but the owners, becoming suspicious, called the police and the two men were arrested. Goods given for the forged checks and the change were recovered.

The two men, whose names could not be learned here, are said to have stopped at a local warehouse last week and remained overnight, and it is believed they stole the check books that were in use last year and ones that had been discarded this season.

The checks carried the signature of "O. S. Griffin," and the writing was hardly legible. A goodly number of checks, dates, ink, and pens were found in the pockets of the two men.

BID APPROVED FOR ROAD WORK

Contract, However, Must Also Be Approved By Federal Officials

According to information received here, a contract for surfacing Highway No. 125 from the Everett farm to Hobgood, excepting that part already surfaced between Oak City and Hamilton, was awarded to Gregory-Chandler Company, of Virginia, last Friday by the State Highway Commission. The bids were opened the day before, but the contract was not let until Friday, and then upon the condition that the project is approved by the Federal Government.

It could not be learned today just when work would be started, or where the plants would be located.

SERIES THEFTS IS REPORTED

Several Hundred Pounds of Tobacco and Meat Are Missing in Jamesville

A series of thefts was reported in the Jamesville section over the weekend, thieves hauling away several hundred pounds of stolen tobacco and a quantity of meat.

One barn of tobacco, weighing around 500 pounds, was stolen from Bill Henry Modlin and a part of a barn was stolen from George Gordon, it was reported. The tobacco had been prepared for market.

Going to the home of Almer Hardison, just a short distance from the Modlin farm, thieves stole all the meat he had. Just a short time before that some one stole a quantity of meat and two turkeys from Mrs. John A. Griffin, according to reports reaching here.

Bankrupt Has Liabilities Of \$679,393; Assets, \$100

What is regarded as probably the record, certain for this section of the nation, was an announcement from a bankruptcy court in Virginia, received today by local creditors of a Petersburg, Va., business man whose liabilities are placed by the court at \$679,393.36 and his assets at \$100. It was the usual form of notice to creditors.

An alert mathematician has figured that if the assets are dispensed proportionately to all creditors, without prior claims or expense of courts or attorneys, a man with a claim of \$100 will get not quite a cent and a half, to be exact 1.47, while the man with a claim of only \$1 gets .000148.

PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Thirteen Cases Are Called First Day of Session; Few Important

Thirteen cases were called in the Martin County Superior Court Monday, the proceedings being of hardly more than passing importance and attracting no great attention. The docket, with one or two possible exceptions, is the smallest for any term of court in several years.

Information coming from the court room at noon today indicated that the criminal docket would be cleared by late today or early tomorrow, giving more time for the trial of the large number of civil cases awaiting the attention of the court.

Papers were issued for the arrest of Fletcher Bryant, charged with seduction, when he failed to appear for trial yesterday.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging S. L. Woolard with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The case charging John R. Whichard with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor was continued until the December term, when the defendant is to appear and show to the court that he has paid the \$50 fine imposed and the costs in the case.

The case charging Hubert Clark with the embezzlement of several hundred dollars from a Mrs. Edmondson was continued.

Labon Lilley was found not guilty of driving an automobile while intoxicated, as alleged in a warrant preferred against him.

Pleading guilty to the theft of three chickens, W. M. Rogers was given a 4-months road sentence, suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$1 to the prosecuting witness, R. L. Perry.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Leroy Sanders with violating the liquor laws.

The case charging Cross Roberson with larceny and receiving was continued for the defendant.

Jim Chance was sentenced to the roads for a term of 7 months in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Hoyt Smith was sent to the roads for a term of eight months, when adjudged guilty of stealing an automobile. Smith is said to have politely thanked the judge for the sentence.

J. W. Barnes, charged with a felonious assault upon a female, had his case continued until the December term.

Clay Wilson, of Greenville, failed to answer in the case charging him with burning a house in Parmele some time ago. Papers were issued for his immediate arrest, but it could not be learned whether the case would be called again today.

The court started on the case charging Tam Eborn with housebreaking and larceny and receiving last yesterday, but adjourned before completing the action.

Continuing work in the Tam Eborn case, this morning, the court did not complete it until 11 o'clock when a verdict of guilty was returned. Sentence had not been passed at noon.

Lin Williams was given a four months suspended road sentence when he was found guilty of violating the liquor laws.

The sentence imposed upon J. F. Flanagan at the June term was suspended on account of the ill health of the defendant.

According to reports coming from the courthouse, there are only four cases left on the docket for trial, and it is believed the criminal cases will be completed today.

Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Clark Dies Sunday

Robert, the eight months old son of Hubert and Mrs. Clark, of Everetts, died there Sunday night, following a week's illness.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, and burial was in the Clark Cemetery at Everetts.

Grand Jury Expects To Finish Up Work Today

Returning six true bills yesterday and continuing rapidly in the discharge of its work this morning, the grand jury is expected to complete its work today.

True bills returned yesterday: J. W. Barnes, assault with intent to commit rape;

Raleigh Roebuck, housebreaking and larceny and receiving;

J. D. Britton, Nathan Wynn, housebreaking and larceny and receiving; Clay Williams, arson.

Hoyt Smith, larceny and receiving; Tam Eborn, housebreaking and larceny and receiving.