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CHURCH CASE IS SCHEDULED FOR COUNTY COURTS

Complaint Filed This Week In Smithwicks Creek Church Dispute

After resting beyond the public's attention for about one year, the famous Smithwicks Creek Primitive Baptist church case came to light again this week when a complaint was filed and summons were served on the defendants or members of the "Little" side. Just when the case will be scheduled for trial is not known. It will hardly be called before some time next year, but the action this week keeps the case open for disposition in the courts.

The case, instituted this week, is of a slightly different aspect than the original suit brought two or three years ago. About half the members of the original minority group have withdrawn and are now organized in a body known as the Hayes Swamp congregation, leaving only 16 people who are charged in the complaint with the "wrongful and improper use of the property of the Smithwicks Creek church."

The plaintiffs in the case are W. D. Daniel, H. U. Peel, Asa J. Hardison, Louis H. Roberson and Buck Roberson, trustees of Smithwicks Creek Primitive Baptist church. These men are referred to as official representatives of the majority membership comprising Sylvester Peel, D. B. Stallings, Jas. A. Roberson, B. C. Manning, Jas. R. Corey, Harmon Roberson, Noah S. Roberson, Jordan G. Peel, and thirty-eight others, against Alonza D. Griffin, Jesse L. Liley, A. Dawson Griffin and all other persons as a class represented by the said defendants as it appears in the complaint.

Disagreeing over the correctness of certain doctrines propounded by W. B. Harrington, an elder in the church several years ago, the membership divided itself into what proved a majority side and a minority group. The differences were carried to the court, the jury deciding in favor of the plaintiffs or majority faction. Judge Sinclair sat the verdict aside. Last November a voluntary non-suit was taken by the majority, and the case went out of the public eye until it was recalled this week.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN GOLD POINT

Destroys Home And All Out Buildings of Mr. Alonza Moye

Nearly all the earthly belongings of Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Moye, of the Gold Point section, were wiped out by fire last Tuesday night shortly after 10 o'clock. Believed to have started from the kitchen stove, the fire had almost burned the roof before it was discovered. The family was unable to save hardly anything from the house, and could only watch the fire as it burned their home, smoke house, corn barn, stables, hen house and all the contents. The team were saved from the stables but a quantity of corn, hay and tobacco was burned. The extent of the loss could not be learned. No insurance was carried on the property, the fire leaving the family almost penniless and with hardly enough clothes to cover their backs.

Bear Grass 4-H Club In Meeting Last Wednesday

The members of the 4-H Club at Bear Grass met on Wednesday, November 23, at 2 p. m. New officers were elected. They are as follows: President, Della Mae Jones; vice president, Hilda Roberson; secretary, Melba Grace Peelle and treasurer, Mandy Wynne. Members were asked for reports for the year's work. Each one is to keep a scrap book this year.

Young Child Dies at Home of Parents in Bear Grass

William Henry, six weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ayers, died at the home of his parents in Bear Grass Township last Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, and interment followed in the Terry burial ground in Bear Grass Township.

Bruce Roebuck Lays Claim To Champ Potato Grower

Robersonville, Nov. 23. — Mr. Bruce Roebuck, local man, firmly established himself as the champion sweet potato grower this week when he displayed a potato weighing 18 pounds. The potato, one of the largest ever seen in this part of the country, is on display in David Grimes drug store window.

Benefit Payments To Be Made All Farmers Who Sold Tobacco Prior to 28th of October

More good news for flue-cured tobacco farmers was learned here today following an announcement in Washington late yesterday stating that the government would pay an additional \$600,000 to those growers marketing tobacco before the 28th of last month.

Realizing that the prices paid early in the season were far below the parity figure, the government had already agreed to pay an additional 15 per cent to those farmers who sold tobacco prior to and on September 1, and ten

per cent additional on tobacco sold from the 25th of September, the date the markets reopened, to October 7. And now the ten per cent will be added to all sales made prior to October 28th. Many Martin County farmers as well as many in other counties, sold a large portion of their crop prior to October 28. Farm administration officials figured that they had not received their share, and as a result the ten per cent price increase was added to all sales made prior to that time with the exception of those

made prior to September 2, to which sales 15 per cent will be added.

The payments, to be made only to farmers who cooperate with the 1934-35 acreage reduction campaign, are to be financed by the 4.2 cents a pound processing tax on flue-cured tobacco purchased from domestic manufacturers. The total of payments under the plan, to be distributed to growers in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina, is estimated at more than \$5,000,000.

PEANUT PRICES LOW DESPITE SHORT CROP

Majority Of Farmers Expected To Hold Nuts For Higher Prices

Despite continued reports substantiating short crop predictions for peanuts throughout the country, the market is unusually weak with the price ranging around two and one-half to two and five-eighths cents a pound. However, the crop has hardly started moving, and according to reliable reports from many sections, a majority of the farmers plan to hold their peanuts until the price reaches three cents or better.

It is generally agreed that the per acre yield in this county will not exceed eight bags, and the acreage is hardly 65 per cent of the size planted to the crop last year. Quality is said to be the best in years except as to size, which is smaller in both hull and kernel than last year.

Farmers in this section are fast completing harvesting operations, and many have already made arrangements for storing their crops.

The Federal Crop Reporting Board estimates that there will be 197,925,000 pounds of goobers produced in the State this year as compared with 254,740,000 pounds in 1932. It is believed that the production estimate is too high, that the crop will hardly weigh over 165,260,800 pounds this year. Last year there were 250,626 acres planted to peanuts in this State. Less than 200,000 acres are planted to the crop this year, it is believed by many observers, and others are of the opinion that there are less than 175,000 acres in peanut cultivation this season.

Although a minor crop in South Carolina, peanut production in that state is expected to drop to about 9,520,000 pounds this year as compared with last season's 10,240,000 pounds. North Carolina's average production from 1926-30 was 206,549,000 pounds while South Carolina's average during the same period was 7,315,000 pounds.

With prices advancing for nearly every other commodity and with consumer demand more encouraging than at any time in recent years, it is exceedingly difficult for the farmer to understand why peanut prices don't reach the 4-cent mark or a point even higher, especially so since there is such a marked shortage in the crop.

Efforts by peanut interests to secure action from the Federal government for acreage control of next year's crop have failed so far to result in any action at Washington; and while the other two principal crops of cotton and peanuts are sharing in the farm program at Washington, the peanut situation remains the same, with cleaners, millers and manufacturers awaiting a permanent code and giving that as the reason for an unsettled and low price market for the new crop. Prominent leaders in this section, and the Virginia Peanut Growers Association have been making determined efforts to secure cooperation from Washington, but so far have failed.

An effort was inaugurated in recent days, when commissioners of counties in this area made simultaneous requests by letter and telegraph that immediate action be taken through replies indicating there was little relief in prospect. Temporary help may come through the authorization of government loans at 2 3/4 cents per pound, but even this is not certain at this stage although highly probable.

Everetts School Children To Render Entertainment

On Tuesday night, November 28, the pupils of the fifth and sixth grades of Everetts school will render a Thanksgiving program, after which a menu of delicious foods will be served jointly by both churches.

KIWANIS EVENT MUCH ENJOYED

Masterful Entertainer Adds To The Ladies' Night Program Wednesday

Ladies' night, an annual entertainment and one of the most enjoyable events on the yearly program of the local Kiwanis Club, was observed in the Woman's Club hall last Wednesday evening with more than 100 members, wives and friends in attendance.

The program this season was made even more enjoyable than ever by a turkey supper and Jules Brazil, masterful entertainer. Mr. Brazil, a product of a national broadcasting company comedy department, royally entertained the club members and their special guests for nearly two hours.

Posting himself during the repast, Mr. Brazil started his entertainment with the names of those present and the occupations of the owners well in mind, not to even mention certain traits familiar to many. As a "close" friend to Bill Peel, Harcum Grimes and others, Mr. Brazil offered them advice about courting, insurance and other allied and delicate subjects. The entertainer was very thoughtful and considerate of the young ladies, but the married ladies and sporting men did not fare quite so well. Many good laughs were enjoyed at their expense, but they as well as all the others were agreed that the program was one of the best ever arranged by the club officers.

Church of Advent Sponsors Play To Be Staged Here

On Friday evening, December 8, at the high school auditorium, a group of local actors, under the auspices of the Church of the Advent, will put on a three-act comedy entitled "Deacon Dubbs." The play itself is quite humorous, with touches of the romantic, and even shadows of tragedy at times. A number of the best actors in Williamston are in this play. In fact, it is an all-star cast. Plan to see it and have an evening of genuine and wholesome pleasure.

Special Service at Local Christian Church Sunday

There will be special services at the Christian church Sunday. The morning service will consist of roll call of the membership and several short reports.

At the evening service a special male quartet from Bertie County will sing.

A hearty welcome awaits you at the Sunday school, as well as at both the morning and evening services.

Regular Services At Riddick Grove Sunday

There will be regular services at Riddick Grove Sunday evening at 3 o'clock. Rev. E. C. Shoe, pastor of the Baptist Church at Robersonville, will be in the pulpit and deliver the sermon. All members are especially urged to be present and the public is invited.

Special Services Sunday Night At Cedar Branch

There will be a special meeting at Cedar Branch church Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Rev. E. C. Shoe, pastor of the Baptist church at Robersonville, will be present and bring a message on the Baptist work. All members should be present, and the public is invited.

Homing Coming Roll Call at Christian Church Here

A home-coming roll call will feature the service in the local Christian church Sunday morning, it was announced today by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry. A large attendance is expected upon the service, and a record attendance is expected for the Sunday school. A visiting quartet will sing at the evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

MAKE PLANS TO EMPLOY 442 MEN IN THIS COUNTY

John W. Hines, of Oak City Is To Head Employment Bureau Activities Here

Preliminary arrangements were made here this week for the employment of 442 Martin County men, Mr. John W. Hines, of Oak City, having been named head of the county employment office and Mr. C. A. Harrison, county treasurer, disbursing officer. Members of the employment committee, W. C. Manning, chairman; T. B. Slade, of Hamilton, R. O. Martin, Jamesville, J. L. Hassell, C. A. Harrison, Mrs. J. W. Andrews, Williamston, and Mrs. V. A. Ward, Robersonville, were in a meeting here this week and elected Messrs. Hines and Harrison.

Mr. George, of the State relief office, is expected here today to acquaint Mr. Hines with the new work, and it is believed that by next week every able-bodied man now on the relief list will be transferred to projects created on the civil works program, and direct relief will be stopped. Approximately 221 men will be transferred from the relief list. In addition to that number 221 men now out of employment will be put to work on improvements throughout the county. The men will be required to work 30 hours per week for wages varying from 45 cents to \$1.10 an hour.

No man will be eligible for work on the projects who, by preference, quits another job because the work may prove easier, pay larger and number of hours less. No farmer will be expected to turn his plow handles loose and apply for project work.

When an opening presents itself for labor, men will be transferred from the project work to those applying for workers. The business calling for labor from the relief list will pay wages regulated by the code under which it operates. In other words, the civil works program does not furnish a picnic for anyone if employment is available elsewhere.

Those men not now employed are directed to register with Mr. Hines just as soon as he can establish an office in the county courthouse.

SAFETY SCHOOL CLOSES TODAY

Instructor Bookman Gives Examinations to Thirty-five Pupils Tonight

Lectures and demonstration this morning brought to a close the American Red Cross first aid course which has been in progress in the Williamston high school during the week. Examinations will be given to approximately thirty-five students tonight and tomorrow, and those meeting the requirements will receive certificates from Red Cross headquarters. The course offered by the Virginia Electric and Power Company and conducted by Mr. E. C. Bookman, safety engineer, has been of great interest to the students, and should prove to be a very valuable part of their education.

Opportunity is herein taken to express appreciation to E. C. Bookman, instructor, and to Ray Goodman, manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, for providing this course in the local school.

In addressing a joint assembly of elementary and high school students at the high school building last Wednesday morning, Mr. E. C. Bookman pointed out the large number of fatalities and injuries which occurred last year through accident. After encouraging all students to observe traffic and safety rules as they passed through the streets to and from school, he stated the attention must be given to injuries and accidents in the home. Over three million injuries occurred in the home last year, a number in excess of the automobile injuries.

SUPERIOR COURT HAS SIX DIVORCE CASES THIS WEEK

Session for Trial of Civil Cases Only Attracts Little Attention

The Martin County Superior Court in session here this week granted six divorces, cleared its calendar to date and adjourned yesterday morning until next Monday. All the divorces were granted on the grounds of separation. Until the last legislature a man and wife had to be separated for a period of five years before either could sue for a divorce on the ground of separation. Now the man and wife have to be separated for only two years to sue on the grounds of separation. All divorces were granted white applicants with one exception, as follows:

Jack Hoard against Grace Hoard. L. C. Crisp against Eva C. Crisp. W. S. Davenport against Chloe Davenport. Lydia Wilson Singleton against David Singleton. Frank Wills against Lou Pearl Wills (colored). S. J. Moore against Mary Moore.

While one or two of the other cases involved sizeable judgments, the court this week has attracted as little attention from the public as any term held here in years. At one time yesterday morning there were only three spectators in the courtroom, and they were believed to have been there merely out of curiosity. The particular spectators were Mrs. Perry and daughter and Dennis Barber from the islands of Williams Township.

Mrs. Clara Everett, of Hamilton, was awarded a \$6,000 verdict against the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, the suit having originated over the permanent disability of the plaintiff.

In a similar case, Wm. Stanley Gurganus was awarded a \$5,000 settlement against the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company.

The J. H. Roberson Company recovered \$300 in settlement in its case against W. S. White.

A judgment in the sum of \$1,600.69 was awarded J. T. Barnhill, trustee and W. W. Griffin, administrator, in the case against O. S. Anderson, administrator.

The Standard Fertilizer Company was awarded \$1,336.82 in its case against W. L. Matthews.

Consent judgments were recorded in the cases of R. W. Salisbury against W. D. Daniels et al, and Paul Dixon against L. A. Clark.

The court will reconvene next Monday morning with Judge Clayton Moore continuing on the bench. Adjournment will be in order not later than Wednesday.

MUCH DAMAGE REPORTED BY FOREST FIRES

Trenches Being Dug In Some Sections To Prevent Spread Of Fire

Forest fires have swept over large areas in this section during the past several weeks, and where there is anything to burn the fires continue to rage. Last week the fires even reached several corn fields in the Hassell section, destroying the crops. In the Oak Grove section, farmers plowed furrows across their fields to keep the fires from crossing and reaching timberlands on the other side.

Damage estimated in the thousands of dollars has been done to timber by the fires.

It is in violation of the law that a landowner fires his woods without giving notice to adjoining landowners. Despite that fact the fires continue to burn, and so far as it can be learned no one seems to know who started the fires. No cases have reached the courts in this county, but in other sections persons firing the woods have been carried before the courts.

Union Service in Episcopal Church Here Thanksgiving

There will be a union Thanksgiving service at the Church of the Advent on Thanksgiving day at 11 o'clock. Mr. Rogers will be the preacher at this service.

Further announcement will be made regarding the offering at this service.

Farm Life Senior Class To Present Play Tuesday

The Farm Life senior class will present the play, "He's My Pal," in the school auditorium here next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Proceeds from the small admission charge will go to the class, it was stated.

REDUCTION CAMPAIGN FOR TOBACCO TO BEGIN IN COUNTY NEXT WEEK

HIGH SALES HERE

The local tobacco market continues with fairly large sales and highest prices in years, farmers being better pleased this week than at any time since way back almost before the war.

Sales today were unusually brisk, and optimism was apparent on every face.

The market closes for the holidays next Thursday but will reopen the following Monday with all the buyers returning. Large sales are expected here during the three days next week.

COUNTY WOMAN HURT IN WRECK

Mrs. Litta Rawles Placed in Hospital Following Accident in Washington

Mrs. Litta Rawls, of Bear Grass Township, was badly but not seriously hurt in an automobile accident near Washington last Wednesday afternoon. She was removed to a Washington hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Rawls with Otha Wilson, Will Ward and Mrs. Willie Gardner was on her way to Washington to visit Mr. Ward's child who was seriously burned a few days before. As they neared Washington, a large truck driven by Goethe Woolard side-swiped the car driven by Mr. Wilson and caused it to turn over. Mrs. Rawls was hurt about the chest and received painful bruises, the others escaping with only minor injuries.

Woolard, who was not hurt, was placed under a \$1,000 bond pending the outcome of Mrs. Rawls' injuries.

Large Sum To Be Spent For County Improvements

Within the next two or three months the Federal government will distribute approximately \$65,000 in this county for various public improvements, the nature of the improvements resting largely with those in-charge or local people. And now the question is, What will we spend it for?

Highways, schools, courthouse, jail county farm, county home, drainage projects for towns, sewer and water extensions, public playgrounds, public swimming pools, municipal buildings—all of these are suggested projects. The immediate job is to select those most needed.

The Enterprise will receive for publication in next week's issue suggestions from interested persons. Write out your suggestion and get it to the newspaper office.

Rev. C. H. Dickey Will Occupy Pulpit Sunday

The pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. C. H. Dickey, will be in the pulpit for both the morning and evening services Sunday, and will be anxious to greet the membership and congregation after a short absence.

Sunday marks the beginning of an important week in the church, when the membership subscribes the budget of the church for the ensuing year. The people are asked to be present in large numbers Sunday morning, when time will be given at the conclusion of the church services for them to make their subscriptions.

This is a matter to which the people should give serious thought, and come into the church Sunday morning prepared to enroll themselves for liberal and faithful support of their church throughout the ensuing year. Mr. J. C. Anderson is chairman of the committee in charge of taking the subscriptions this year.

In addition to the two church services, the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U.'s will meet as usual. Let us make Sunday a full day in our church.

Oxford To Play Locals Here Thanksgiving Day

Football fans of this section will have the opportunity to see two strong eleven clash when Oxford High plays the Williamston High team here next Thursday. The Oxford team, coached by M. R. Vickers, has been defeated only once in two years and this season defeated Raleigh High by a score of 20-6. Coach Peters' team, successful in all games to date, will be in good condition for this game, and will attempt to close out a very successful season with a victory over Oxford.

The game is scheduled for 2:30 Thanksgiving day.

COMMITTEES IN LOCAL CENTERS TO PUSH WORK

Contracts To Be Available In County Early Part Of Next Week

The campaign for a reduction of next year's tobacco acreage will be started in this county next week, Agent T. B. Brandon said this morning. The office here is awaiting the receipt of contracts, and it is likely that the reduction drive will be started about Tuesday or Wednesday.

Committees have been named in most of the several districts, and farmers are urged to get in touch with their local representatives as soon as possible after Monday of next week.

The ultimate purpose of the plan is to improve the economic position of all flue-cured tobacco growers in 1934 by producing the production that year to about 500 million pounds, declares E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College.

Approximately \$17,000,000 will be paid flue-cured growers for participating in the program. About \$9,000,000 of this will be paid in the near future, depending upon the rapidity with which growers sign contracts and qualify for payments.

While about 95 per cent of the flue-cured growers have signed agreements to cooperate with the AAA under whatever plan that may be agreed upon, Mr. Floyd points out that those growers who do participate will receive two cash payments. The first will be \$17.50 an acre for each acre and fraction thereof that the producer agrees to remove from production in 1934. Then, there will be an additional payment when the grower harvests and sells his crop next fall. This will amount to 12 1/2 per cent of the value of the leaf actually sold by the grower cooperating. In calculating the average value of the amount sold, however, payments will not be made above a market price of 21 cents a pound.

Floyd says the administration also has endeavored to meet the needs of the small grower in this second payment. On this point the contract reads: "If the base tobacco acreage is less than four (4) acres, the rate of this payment shall be increased one-half of one per cent for each one-fourth of an acre difference between four acres and the base tobacco acreage, except that in no event shall the rate exceed twenty-five per cent of the market value . . . of the tobacco grown on this farm in 1934 for market, up to an amount equal to the initial production allotment for this farm." This means that a participating producer with a base acreage of 3.5 acres will receive a second payment of 15 per cent of his sales and a producer with a base of 2.5 acres will receive 20 per cent. If his base acreage is 1.5 acres or less, he will receive a second payment of 25 per cent of his sales.

The plan also calls for price equalization payments to those growers who sign contracts and who sold their leaf before October 28. Floyd says this compensation has been provided because there were substantial price increases following the marketing agreement signed on October 12. Approximately \$5,000,000 will be paid growers in equalization payments.

School Principals Attend Meeting Here Tuesday

Principals of the various schools throughout the county were in a meeting here last Tuesday afternoon for a discussion of routine school business.

Christian Chapel Society To Give Box Party There

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Chapel Church will give a box party there next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Two Services Sunday in the Hamilton Episcopal Church

There will be morning and evening prayer with sermon each time at St. Martin's Episcopal church, Hamilton, this Sunday. The hour for the evening service is 7 o'clock.

Woman's Club To Give Dance Here Tonight

The Woman's Club will give a dance Friday night, November 24, at 9:30 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Robersonville Orchestra.