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NOVEMBER TERM SUPERIOR COURT COMES TO CLOSE

Eight Divorces Granted; Court Session Claims Little Attention

The November term of Martin County Superior Court, supposedly to run two weeks, completed its work last Tuesday and adjourned. The proceedings during the first few days of the second week were of very little interest and had it not been for the crowds seeking places in the civil works program one would not have known that court was in session.

The eighth divorce of this term was granted Anna Wilder against Fred Wilder, the suit having been filed on two years' separation.

The Cox Motor Company versus Mrs. Bettie A. Roebuck was continued.

A settlement was reported in the Rosin Monumental Corporation case against C. T. Smith and Company, the plaintiffs taking nothing.

A judgment in the sum of \$66.26 was granted John Taylor, guardian, against Roy G. Coburn, administrator, the case then being continued.

A non-suit was reported in the case of J. C. H. Johnson against the Cox Motor Company.

A judgment in the sum of \$20 was granted Mrs. Studie Stalls against Taylor, Bailey and Bro.

John F. Thigpen was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$450 against the American Alliance Insurance Company of New York. A motion to set aside the judgment was overruled and the defendants appealed to the supreme court.

A voluntary non-suit was taken by the plaintiff, Eddie Bunting, in his case against Annie Manning.

The action taken by G. P. Hood, commissioner, against Ella Jones was barred by the statute of limitations, and the cost was taxed against the plaintiff.

Time was extended the defense to file exceptions to the report of referee in the case of Coltrain against Roberson.

The court found Plaintiffs Edward James and Della James indebted to defendant J. W. Watts in the sum of \$600.

A judgment in the sum of \$211.77 was granted W. H. Hampton and Son against Alice Davis and Edgar Davis.

The case of M. A. Barnes and J. H. Beacham against Jack Tyner was settled by agreement, the plaintiffs taking nothing and the defendant paying the cost.

A settlement was reported in the case of R. C. Davis against M. T. Gardner.

A judgment was granted Hampton in the case against Clyde Modlin.

The case of Thos. H. Bowers against the A. C. L. R. Co., and that of Mrs. Laura Staton against W. R. Bunting, administrator, were continued.

Sunday Begins New Year At Episcopal Church

This first Sunday is the beginning of the church year as far as the seasonal reckoning is concerned. It is the first Sunday of Advent, which ought to be important since the local Episcopal church bears the Advent name. It will also be the first Sunday of the second year that Mr. Moseley has been minister.

At the morning hour the sermon will be "The Forgotten Poor." In the evening the subject will be "Baptism By the Spirit."

Holy Trinity, Bear Grass
At the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass there will be regular service at 3:30 p. m.

Arrested For Stealing Auto And Tobacco

Robersonville, N. C., Nov. 30.—Clarence Brown, Washington Negro, and Willie D. Langley, Negro of Williamston, were arrested by Chief William Gray here Tuesday when they drove a stolen car loaded with stolen tobacco into a local warehouse.

The car, a 1928 Chevrolet coach, was stolen from a Washington garage, but the Negroes did not know the name of the owner of the approximately 300 pounds of tobacco they had packed in the rear seat.

Brown and Langley are being held in the Beaufort County jail awaiting trial in Washington.

Largest Number Of Poll Tax Recorded In County

Two thousand and seventy white and 1,327 colored men are charged with poll tax in the county this year, the number being the largest ever recorded in the county. The county collects from this source approximately \$5,000.

FIRST MONDAY

Completing the first half of their current tenure of office next Monday, the Martin County Commissioners will have only routine matters to handle, judging from the present calendar of activities scheduled for the day.

The town authorities will also meet Monday, but nothing of importance is scheduled for their consideration, it is understood.

The tobacco market will also reopen Monday after the Thanksgiving holiday, and a good-sized break is looked for on local floors. All the buyers will be back on the market at that time, due to the late opening in Kentucky this year.

WILLIAMSTON SUFFERS FIRST DEFEAT IN 1933

Strong Oxford Eleven Subdue Stubborn Local Gridders 14-0

Losing to Oxford's strong eleven before a large holiday crowd here yesterday afternoon by a 14 to 0 score, Coach Peters' football boys closed the season with a record of nine victories and one loss. Considerably outweighed by the visitors, the locals offered a pugnacious defense and threatened to score on several occasions. The huge line of the visitors held the locals for downs on the one-yard line, turning back several scoring threats thrown into the Oxford camp.

Unable to make any progress through the stalwart line, the locals started an effective aerial attack to make thirteen first downs, or one more than the Oxford total. Twelve passes were completed for substantial gains, the visitors failing to complete either of two attempts. Thirteen passes attempted by the locals were incomplete, the visitors intercepting two. Most of the game was played in Oxford's territory.

Williamston's squad showed its greatest defense when the line held the Oxford backs for downs on two occasions near the goal line. A second score of the game was made when Williamston, taking great risks in an attempt to score, attempted a pass from a point near the goal line. Oxford intercepted and lined up for the second score of the contest. The first score came early in the game when the visitors marched down the field through Williamston's line. After that the locals showed decided improvement and played the visitors to a stand-still.

The game was one of the best seen here this season, the Oxford coach stating that the local team was one of the best his boys had encountered this season.

The lineup:

Oxford	Williamston
Jackson	L. E. Hardison
Williams	L. T. Gurganus
Clark	L. G. Bowen
Earley	C. Rogerson
Baker	R. G. Holloman
Hill	R. T. Harrison
Clement	R. E. Manning
Perkins	Q. B. Anderson
Blair	F. B. Cox
Brown	L. H. B. Hopkins
St. Lawrence	K. H. B. Cook

Substitutions: Williamston, Martin, Ramey, Ward, Perry and Roberson.

FEWER HORSES AND MULES IN MARTIN COUNTY

Only 272 Horses Listed, While There Are 3,710 Mules Recorded

That the horse will, in the course of years, be as foreign to this county as the elephant now is, judging from the continued decrease in the number of such animals. In 1928 there were 601 horses in the county. Three years later there were only 427, and now there are only 272 of the animals.

The number of mules has decidedly decreased during the past few years, but there are now 3,710 such animals in the county. In 1928 there were 4,168, and three years later there were 3,982 mules in the county.

Depressed conditions account for the decrease in the number of mules, while the horse is gradually becoming extinct. It is believed the tax lists will show a larger number of mules in the county next year mainly because many farmers were unable to buy recently, but now are considered in the market for new work animals.

The tractor and truck have replaced a few mules, but the machine will hardly ever take the place of work animals in the small land plots in this county.

LICENSES TOWED REACHES RECORD MARK FOR MONTH

Total Of 44 Couples Secure Marriage License During November

The issuance of marriage licenses reached a new high mark in this county last month when 44 couples, 20 white and 24 colored, were married. A few of the couples were from outside the county, while a few others left this county to marry during the same period. A 45th license was issued but the applicant apparently was turned down by his girl, and probably he had something to be thankful for yesterday—Thanksgiving Day.

Last month there were 31 licenses issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger. In November of last year there were only 16 licenses issued. Apparently improved business conditions and Cupid are making a spectacular return together this fall, or it might be something to that old claim "two can live cheaper than one."

Licenses were issued as follows:

White
William Jasper Taylor and Annie Ingalls, both of Beaufort County.
Charlie Wichard and Leona Bennett, both of Martin County.
Herman Richard Williams of Nash County and Lillie May Gray, of Martin County.
William Arthur Dail of Martin County and Evelyn Bryant of Pitt County.
John Emmett Wells and Louise Cherry, both of Martin County.
Milton Eugene Jackson and Lola May Pilgreen, both of Martin County.
Kader E. Gardner and Lela May Coltrain, both of Martin County.
James Roscoe Mizelle and Gladys Johnson, both of Beaufort County.
C. C. Riddick of Pitt County and Virginia Watson of Martin County.
Jasper Cowin of Martin County and Alice Woolard of Beaufort County.
T. A. Bunting of Martin County and Jennie Barnett of Halifax County.

Colored
Henry Vernon Barnhill of Pitt County and Pauline Langley of Martin County.
William Stanley Hardison and Madeline Louise Roberson, both of Martin County.
Ernest Beach and Hazel Carrie Dell Ayers, both of Martin County.
Gus Bailey and Blanche Harris, both of Pitt County.
Oliver Gray Whitaker and Oma Mizelle, both of Martin County.
Douglas E. Nicholson and Lillian Rogers, both of Martin County.
Sam J. Moore and Susie Wynn, both of this county.
Harrison Rogers and Loualie Wynn, both of Martin County.

Colored
Charlie Shepard and Ernestine Whitehead, both of Martin County.
Wilmer Hooker and Roxie Lee Williams, both of Martin County.
Tom Woolard and Easter May Woolard, both of Martin County.
Haywood Bridgers and Oro Swanner, both of Martin County.
Johnnie Whitley and Mattie Williams, both of Martin County.
William Vance Williams and Truina Griffin, both of Martin County.
Sam Henry Congleton and Julia Wallace, both of Martin County.
Levi James Sprull and Magnolia Melcher, both of Martin County.
Jodie Jenkins and Beatrice Gainer, both of Martin County.
Roosevelt Peel and Clara Lee Griffin, both of Martin County.
Claude Roberson and Ellen Pitts, both of Martin County.
Felix Staton and Lucy Slade, both of Martin County.
J. R. Green of Martin County and Hattie Outlaw of Bertie County.
Earma Staton and Hattie Knight, both of Martin County.
Willie Cooper and Rosa Sheppard, both of Pitt County.
Tom Bennett and Elizabeth Purvis, both of Martin County.
Daniel Jones and Sarah Jane Hutson, both of Martin County.
Noah Brown and Ethel Lee Cromwell, both of Martin County.
John A. Bennett and Gertrude Jones, both of Martin County.
Willie James Lawrence and Josephine Braswell, both of Martin County.
Baldie Rogers and Nancy Rogers, both of Martin County.
Willie M. Jones and Hattie B. Wallace, both of Martin County.
Richard Butler and Allie Purvis, both of Martin County.
Dallie Lee Hardison and Cora Ethel Fleming, both of Martin County.

4 CENTS LOAN ON COTTON OPTIONS IS NOW OFFERED

Growers Must Agree To Take Part in Reduction Campaign

An advance of four cents a pound will be granted cotton producers who specified in the acreage reduction campaign this summer that they desired options on government-held cotton as a part of their consideration for the reduction.

"To get this 4 cents loan, cotton growers must agree to take part in the cotton adjustment plan for 1934, by which the acreage will be reduced by 40 per cent in the South," says Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, head of the cotton reduction movement in this state. "Those growers who agree to sign one of the acreage reduction contracts will get the four cents a pound advance as soon as the necessary forms now being printed can be distributed to farm demonstration agents. The growers will still hold an equity in the cotton, and should the price advance by the time the options are sold, the owners will get a further ratable payment after necessary expenses are deducted."

There are some 2,400,000 bales of cotton involved in the transaction throughout the south, and about 500,000 farmers will participate. In North Carolina, options are held on 107,355 bales. An advance of 4 cents a pound on this cotton will mean that over \$2,000,000 will be available to growers of the State, Mr. Schaub states.

He expects the necessary notes and blanks to be available at an early date. These will be mailed to the growers along with the options, according to advices from Washington.

COUNTY NATIVE DIES THURSDAY IN PORTSMOUTH

Body Of Former Resident Will Be Brought Here For Burial

Mr. Charles C. Cook, a native of this county, died at his home in Portsmouth yesterday morning following a stroke of apoplexy. He was born in Everetts 39 years ago, the son of Mrs. Donie Sexton and the late H. B. Cook. About twenty-one years ago he left this county and located in Portsmouth, where he was employed as a mechanic.

Besides his mother, he is survived by one brother, Rudolph R. Cook. The body will be brought home this evening and services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Siloam church burial ground near Jamesville.

Full Program At Baptist Church Next Sunday

The Baptist church will carry through a full program of services Sunday, with Sunday school, two preaching services and the young people's meeting.

THANKSGIVING DAY QUIETLY OBSERVED HERE

No Accidents Reported To Mar Pleasure Of Beautiful Day

Thanksgiving day was quietly observed in this county, there being no hunting accidents or wrecks or other happenings to mar the peace of the day. The sheriff's office here reported no arrests, and as far as it could be learned other centers throughout the county reported a peaceful observance of the day.

Union church services in the Episcopal church here yesterday morning were well attended, the Rev. C. T. Rogers, of the Methodist church, occupying the pulpit.

In the afternoon several hundred people from here and nearby centers attended the Oxford-Williamston high school football game on the local field.

AUTO DEALERS FORM DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

G. H. Cox Of Robersonville Elected Chairman At Meeting Monday

The organization of a fifth district association of automobile dealers was perfected at a meeting held in Elizabeth City last Monday evening with the election of G. H. Cox of Robersonville, chairman; J. Carter Perry, vice chairman; T. W. Cowell, W. T. Culpepper and C. W. Stearns, all of Elizabeth City, as members of the executive committee. The names of the chairmen for the various counties in the district are: J. N. Byrum, Gates; C. J. Rhea, Bertie; W. Lee House, this county; J. Roy Manning, Washington County; H. A. Croff, Dare; O. B. Perry, Chowan; L. W. Hollowell, Perquimans; G. W. Gaitheer and W. T. Wright, Pasquotank. The counties of Tyrrell, Hertford and Northampton were not represented, but they will be included in the organization known as the Virginia Dare or Fifth District Automobile Dealers' Association.

There are four other similar associations in the State, all formed for the enforcement of the NRA code affecting the automobile industry in connection with sales and trading. No dealer is required to join the association, however, he must comply with the code requirements.

The organization as set up has a national committee made up of the chairman of each state committee. The state committee is made up of a chairman and one committeeman from each district, which district member is the chairman of the committee for his district, which makes Mr. G. H. Cox the committeeman from the fifth district and one of the five state committeemen.

The business of local committees is to see that all dealers, as well as filling station operators comply fully with the code. Should matters arise which the local committee cannot handle, then it goes to the district committee; if this committee fails in its efforts to make adjustment of such differences, then the same is taken to the state, and in case of failure before this committee the case is placed in the hands of the attorney general, who proceeds to handle the case by indictment or otherwise as the case may demand.

A breach of compliance with the code, the penalty is \$500 fine for each day of the offense or 90 days in prison.

Services Announced For Local Methodist Church

By C. T. Rogers, Pastor

It is our pleasure to be with the folks of Martin County for another year. We do not hope to please all the folks, but we are asking the good God to give and speak through us in such a way that the people may be helped by our having lived in their midst. The new year has already started. It will pass very rapidly and with its going we will be moved, so with your help and under the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit we hope this may be the best year of all. May we begin now to give God the first place in all of our affairs, for no phase of life is a success without God.

Following is the program of Sunday services:

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Church services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Epworth League, Monday at 7:30 p. m.

Holly Springs
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Church service, 3 p. m.
Epworth League, Friday at 7:30 p. m.

All are welcome and the members are urged to attend all services.

License Plates Go On Sale At Local Bureau Today

The new 1934 State automobile license plates went on sale at the Williamston Motor Company bureau here this morning.

Manager Green stating that he had received several applications before noon. Approximately 2,000 plates with their yellow number and black background, were delivered here Wednesday by the State Revenue Department.

The local bureau, maintained by the Carolina Motor Club, will be operated here throughout the year. Formerly the office was maintained only during the busy tag selling season. The all-time office will prove of great convenience to auto owners throughout this and a number of surrounding counties, officials of the

Motor Club readily making the change after considering the location and the needs of this section.

Last year, approximately 3,000 plates were sold by the local office. A decidedly larger number will be sold this season, it is believed. Governor Ehringhaus is urging owners to make early purchases this year, the department having served notice that no extensions would be granted in January.

With an experienced office force to handle the sales here, automobile owners will find a ready service in the purchase of the license plates at the bureau located in the Williamston Motor Company building here on Washington street.

MANY MEN GIVEN WORK ON LOCAL RELIEF PROJECTS

Director Hines Hopes To Place 150 Men By Early Part Of Week

Two hundred and fifty men had registered for work and more than 67 of the number had been assigned to various relief projects in this county when the employment office closed Thursday afternoon. It was learned from Director J. W. Hines. Only 221 men will be accepted, as that number constitutes the quota assigned this county, not including 221 others to be transferred from the direct relief list. Director Hines is busy today studying the applications, and by the early part of next week, he hopes to have 150 men working in the various projects.

Those applicants having no dependents will hardly be considered eligible for work, it is understood.

At the present time enough projects are not underway to accommodate the workers, but more will be created shortly and will be conveniently located for the applicants, it is understood.

Nearly all these men on the direct relief list have been transferred and are now occupied on various projects centering mainly on road and street improvements throughout the county.

AID IN RELIEF INCREASES FOR PAST MONTH

Increase Of Slightly More Than Three Per Cent Reported

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.—The total number of North Carolina families receiving aid from public relief funds during October shows a slight increase over September, according to figures released by the Emergency Relief Administrator's office in Raleigh. There were 52,262 families aided in October as compared to 50,587 families aided in September, an increase of slightly more than three per cent.

In spite of the fact, however, that there was a state-wide increase of destitute families during the month of October, this increase was by no means uniform throughout the one hundred counties. Many counties showed a much higher increase than the State average while many others reported a marked decline in the number of families unable to support themselves. Hertford County, for instance, aided 200 families in September and 412 families in October, an increase of more than 100 per cent. Macon County with 64 families in September reported 139 in October, an increase of 117 per cent. Wilkes County, also, during October more than doubled its September case load.

In contrast to the outstanding increases, we have Jackson County with 126 families in destitute circumstances in September, reduced the number to 64, or less than half, during October. Sampson County, with 434 in September, had only 194 in October, a reduction of 55 per cent. Jones County supported 310 families from public relief funds in September, but reduced the number to 157, the October load being only 51 per cent of that for September.

A study of the figures reveals the fact that the counties with outstanding increases or decreases in families on relief from September to October are by no means confined to any particular section of the State, but to the east, in the west, or in the Piedmont section.

While many of the counties showed an increase in the number of relief cases, Martin reported a decrease of 12 families on its relief list for October as compared with the number in September. There were 170 families on the relief list in this county during the month of October.

Tobacco Acreage Under New Tobacco Contract

A farmer can figure the tobacco acreage he can plant under the new tobacco contract by adding the acreage planted during the past three years and dividing by three, which will give the base average for the three years. This figure is then multiplied by 70 and the result will be the number of acres allowed for planting in 1934. If desirable the grower can take half of his planting for the two highest years and multiply by .85 and the result will be the number of acres he can plant. Deducting either amount from the base average given will give the acreage for which he will receive payment.

MRS. ROEBUCK DIES THURSDAY AT HOME HERE

Well Known Resident Passes Away After Lingering Illness

Mrs. Joseph H. Roebuck died at her home on Ray street here yesterday afternoon following an illness of about four years duration. Suffering a stroke of paralysis the sixth of last January, Mr. Roebuck had been an invalid since that time.

The daughter of the late W. L. Reddick and wife, Mrs. Roebuck was born and reared on the Reddick plantation near here. She was 47 years old. In August, 1905, she was married to Mr. Roebuck and to this union were born seven children, four girls dying young, and three sons, William, Julian and Warren Roebuck, all of Williamston. Besides her husband and three sons, Mrs. Roebuck is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Taylor of Robersonville, and Mrs. W. T. Lamm, of Wilson. She had made her home here for a number of years.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home by Rev. C. H. Dickey, assisted by Reverends Z. T. Piephoff, E. F. Moseley and J. M. Perry. Interment will follow in the local cemetery.

COUNTY HAS ONE CAR FOR EVERY FIFTEEN PEOPLE

Local Average Decidedly Higher Than National Average

There were 1,572 motor vehicles in Martin County at tax listing time last April, it was learned in a recent review of the tax books. On that basis there is one car for about every 15 persons, the average per car being decidedly higher than the national average. The vehicles were valued at \$147,719, or about \$94 a car, the values indicating that there are some cheap autos in this county.

Of the 1,572 vehicles, 1,377 were owned by white people, the cars being valued at \$137,001 or just about \$100 each. The 195 vehicles owned by colored people were valued at \$10,718 or about \$55 each.

Judging from recent sales made, it is estimated that the number of automobiles and trucks has been increased by 125 and probably more since April 1, increasing the total number to 1,700 or more. On that basis there is one car for about every 13 persons in the county.

It is not to be reasoned, however, that 13 persons are supposed to crawl aboard one car. The only solution is that many of us will have to continue to trod through this ole weary world on foot.

Woman's Club To Meet Thursday, December 7

The Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, December 7, at 3:30 o'clock. The chairman of each department will give a written report. These reports and the program for the afternoon should make the meeting very interesting and worth while.

Bishop Darst Here For Service Monday Morning

Monday morning at 10:30 at the Church of the Advent, the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will ordain the Rev. E. F. Moseley to the priesthood. Rev. Worth Wigger will preach the ordination sermon. Several other visiting ministers will be present and take part in the service. The public is cordially invited.