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Plan To Try Church Case in September

CASE IS FIRST ON TRIAL CALENDAR FOR NEXT COURT

Dissension Has Further Reduced Ranks of Minority Group in Past Year

Another attempt to settle the Smithwicks Creek Church case is scheduled to be started in the Superior Court of Martin County on Wednesday, September 26th, according to a civil court calendar released this week by the county bar association.

The case, probably one of the most famous of its nature ever scheduled for trial in this county and even in the State, for that matter, enters the court next month under circumstances differing greatly from those under which it was started several years ago. One or two of the principal witnesses have passed on to their reward, and a division in the original minority faction has resulted. Just what bearing these changes will have on the outcome of the trial over two weeks from now remains to be seen.

The majority faction, as far as number is considered, remains almost intact. The minority, 15 in number of the minority faction, left the church at Smithwicks Creek and started one of their own at Hayes Swamp, automatically dismissing themselves from further part in the controversy. Just what stand, if any, the minority of the minority group will take in the suit is not known.

Established in 1803, the church experienced its first real dissension in May, 1928, when a division in conference resulted and 19 members out of the 98 set up an organization of their own, the complaint claims. During two years the minority and majority factions made fast their lines of dispute, but after a resigned nature, and throughout the time there has been no violence reported in any of the factions.

In March, 1930, before Judge N. A. Sinclair, much publicized in connection with the outcome of the trial and his arrest soon thereafter by federal officers for the possession of a small amount of liquor, the case was aired in the Martin County Superior court during an entire week. While the court records show the trial judge set aside the verdict, favoring the plaintiffs or majority faction, on Saturday, March 29, 1930, the upset took place on early Sunday morning, March 30. Friends to both factions had hoped the week of long-drawn-out hearings would bring about a reconciliation or at least a settlement. The controversy, while taking on new life, dragged along, however, and was again called for trial in November, 1932.

Judge Frank A. Daniels was on the bench and a voluntary non-suit was accepted by the plaintiffs. Within a year, the plaintiffs had filed a new complaint, to which an answer was filed last December by Attorney Wheeler Martin, and the case was set for trial on the 19th of this month, the bar placing no other civil cases on the calendar for trial that week.

Since the case was first tried, Elder Newsome Harrison, a star witness for the plaintiffs, has passed on to his reward. A change in counsel resulted for the defendants when Attorney A. R. Dunning died and A. D. MacLean entered government service. Attorneys E. S. Peel, J. D. Paul, and Ward & Grimes represent the plaintiffs, and Wheeler Martin and W. B. Rodman are representing the defendants.

J. W. Hines Host At Dinner Wednesday

Serving a sumptuous dinner at his old home place, one mile south of Oak City on the Hassell road, Mr. J. W. Hines generously entertained 100 or more of his friends from this and other counties and about 30 workers on the farm there last Wednesday noon.

The dinner, consisting of deliciously prepared barbecue, Brunswick stew, ham and chicken, and other delectable foods, was greatly enjoyed.

The Hines farm, the birthplace of Mr. J. W. Hines, his father and grand father, has been in the family for 159 years. The land under grant by Governor Richard Caswell was ceded to the family for 50 shilling for each 100 acres. The resident was built more than a century ago and continues in splendid condition today. Splendid crops are nearing the harvest on the farm at this time.

The dinner was complete in every detail, and the host and guests mingled around the long table and enjoyed Mr. Hines' hospitality in good friendship.

NO HOLIDAY

Next Monday—Labor Day—will be recognized as just another day by the people of this section. A few might wander to near-by cities where the day is generally observed for the holiday events, but the majority of local people will be found at their usual tasks.

The post office will observe the day as a holiday, but business in all other fields, including the tobacco market, will continue operations as usual.

ALL DAY SESSION COUNTY COURT IS HELD TUESDAY

Several Sentenced to Pay Fine or Go To Jail by Judge Peel

The increase noted in general business following the opening of the tobacco markets last week even reached the courts this week, Judge Peel and Solicitor Coburn going in for a session that lasted a greater part of the day. However, there were not so many cases, but the business required more time. Apparently, very little money is in circulation so far, as the court handed down conditional sentences calling either for payment of fine and cost or go to jail.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon, Joe Everett, Robersonville man, pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case until September 11, with the defendant under the original bond.

The case charging H. D. Johnson with cruelty to animals, was not pressed, the court taxing the prosecuting witness with the cost of the case.

Charged with assault and trespass, F. M. Price and Linwood Price were found not guilty. A motion was granted to dismiss the action against Sam and Horace Price, defendants in the same case.

Simon Jenkins, charged with reckless driving, possession and transportation of liquor and improper licenses, was found guilty on all three counts, and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. Failure to pay the fine and cost will automatically send him to the roads for a period of 90 days.

Willie B. Andrews was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs or go to the roads in the case charging him with violating the prohibition laws.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Sam Henry Williams with an assault with a deadly weapon. He was found guilty of simple assault.

Blanche Barnhill was found not guilty in the case charging her with larceny and receiving.

The case charging Willie Ray Powell with larceny was continued under prayer for judgment for one week.

Buster Spruill, charged with stealing a watermelon, was directed to pay the costs of the case or go to jail for 30 days, the court having suspended judgment.

Elian Hardison pleaded guilty of assault, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the costs.

Squirrel Season Does Not Open Until September 15

Hunters must remember that the squirrel law season opens September 15 and not the 1st as some think. Apparently some hunters think the season is already here.

Warden Abbott has reported no violations of the game law so far, but indictments can well be expected if the laws are ignored.

Every good citizen will obey the law; and ever bad one should be punished.

Piney Grove Revival To Begin Sunday Night

Rev. W. B. Harrington will start a series of services in the Piney Grove Baptist church next Sunday night, it was announced today. Services will be held each evening thereafter through the following Sunday.

The public is cordially invited to attend each of the services.

LOCALS LEADING LEAGUE SERIES TWO TO ONE IN

Drop Hard-Luck Game To Edenton Wednesday; Win Thursday

Baseball in the Albemarle League is fast reaching a climax this week with the Williamston Martins leading today, two to one, in the "Little World Series." The largest crowds ever to attend baseball games in this section are turning out for the final contests, and interest is running high.

After taking the first game here last Monday by a count of 8 to 3, Williamston lost a bitterly contested battle Wednesday, rain making it necessary to call off the Tuesday game at Edenton.

The Wednesday game here was rated one of the most interesting ever played on the local diamond, the two teams, excepting one costly error in the first frame, playing bang-up ball to furnish thrill after thrill for the nearly 700 spectators. The visitors scored three of their four runs in the first frame after a fly ball in right field. The first inning developments gave the Martins something to shoot at, and made a perfect setting for a perfect baseball game from that time on throughout the contest.

Kugler held the visitors to 8 hits, while the Martins collected 10 off Ferbee. The visiting moundman was on the spot in nearly every inning, but with able support from his teammates he came through in most of them, never allowing the Martins to score more than one run in any single frame. A ninth-inning rally was started when Gardner, pinch-hitting for Kugler, delivered for the fifth time as a pinch-hitter, sent one down the first-base line for two bases. Farp struck out.

Gardner going to third on a passed ball, Gaylord was out at first, and Gardner scored the last run of the game on Brogden's single.

Yesterday, the Martins went to Edenton to take a one-game lead over their opponents. They knocked out Olgers and Hoens, and made 10 runs on 8 hits. The Colonials were bubbling over with errors, the 8 miscues contributing to the large score. The Martins, while not quite so liberal, made three errors to aid Edenton make its lone tally of the game in the second inning. Gardner led at bat with three hits, two for extra bases. Uzzle was next with a double and a single. Gaylord knocked a home run with one on.

The two teams play here tomorrow, and if the series lasts until Sunday they will play at Edenton that afternoon. The winners of the Albemarle championship are tentatively scheduled to play the winners of the Coastal Plain title, beginning some time next week, it is understood.

Williamston	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
Earp, ss	4	0	0	0	4	0
Gaylord, lf	5	1	2	0	0	0
Brogden, 3b	4	1	0	1	3	0
Brake, rf	5	1	0	0	1	0
Herring, cf	4	1	0	4	0	0
Uzzle, c	5	2	2	6	1	0
Taylor, 1b	3	1	0	0	0	0
Johnson, 2b	3	3	1	5	2	2
Gardner, p	4	0	3	0	0	0
Totals	38	10	8	27	10	3

Edenton	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
Corbett, ss	5	0	1	3	3	1
Partin, 2b	4	0	0	3	4	1
J. Webb, rf	4	0	0	1	0	1
Suttenfield, c	4	0	1	4	0	1
House, cf	3	0	1	2	0	1
Leary, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	1
DeBerry, 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0
Pratt, lf	4	0	2	4	0	0
Olgers, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Hoens, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richards, p	3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	1	8	27	10	8

Runs batted in: Pratt, Gaylord (2); Brake (2); Johnson, Gardner (4). Two base hits: Uzzle, House, Gardner (2). Three-base hit: Brake. Home run: Gaylord. Sacrifice hit: Johnson. Stolen base: Earp. Left on bases: Williamston 7, Edenton 9. Double plays: Early to Johnson to Taylor; Corbett to Partin. Outs: off Olgers, 3 in 3 innings (0 out in 4th); off Hoens, 4 in 1-2-3 innings (2 out in 5th); off Richards, 1 in 4-1-3 innings. Losing pitcher: Olgers. Hit by pitcher: By Richards (Johnson). Bases on balls: off Gardner 1, off Olgers 1, off Hoens 0, off Richards 2. Struck out: by Gardner 4, by Olgers 0, by Hoens 0, by Richards 4. Umpires: Forbes and Frazier. Time: 2:00.

24 More Cotton Checks Are Received This Week

Another batch of cotton checks—24 to be exact—was received in the county this week, and are now being distributed to the owners. The checks amounted to slightly over \$1,000.

During the latter part of last month 536 checks amounting to \$12,029.43, were received by Martin County cotton farmers. The checks this week were the first received since the last of July, leaving about 75 checks and about \$3,000 due cotton farmers in this county.

Large Break on Local Market Today; Prices Still Firm; Producers Pleased

NATHAN MODLIN OF JAMESVILLE DIES WEDNESDAY

Was Successful Farmer and Widely Known in Lower Part of County

Nathan Jefferson Modlin, farmer of Jamesville Township, died at his home there early Wednesday morning. He had experienced declining health for almost a year and was confined to his bed during the past two weeks. His death was caused by Bright's Disease and a complication of other ailments.

Mr. Modlin was born near Jamesville 71 years ago. He lived there all his life and worked hard until his health began to fail him. He was a successful farmer, and was widely known throughout that section of the county. When a young man he joined the Poplar Chapel church, remaining faithful to his Maker until the end. He was a deacon in the church there for many years.

Funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Warren Davis, of Washington, assisted by Daniel Hardison. Interment followed in the family burial ground near the home. Mrs. Modlin survives with five children, two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Dare Sexton, Miss Vera Beatrice Modlin, and three sons, Clyde and Edward Modlin, all of Jamesville, and Archie Modlin, of Plymouth. He also leaves eight grandchildren.

TRENCH SILO DUG ON DAIRY FARM

Martin and Weaver Store Tons of Feed in Newly Dug Silo Here

Much has been said and written about trench silos, but Messrs. Martin and Weaver, operators of the Edgewood Dairy, here, were the first to dig and fill one of the storage units in this section. A trench was dug in the direction of specialists, the silo was filled with many tons of silage. The silo is of considerable size.

The trench silo has been found to be one of the most economical ways of keeping green feed for use during the following fall and winter. It is nothing but a trench dug in the ground where the water does not rise to any depth. No particular measurement is necessary, and the trench can be as wide and long as necessary to meet the needs of the farm stock. After it is filled with silage, the trench is covered with straw or like material to keep the dirt from the feed, the dirt cover being thick enough to keep the air from the feed.

Experiments have proven this method to be the cheapest for feeding cows and other stock.

TO GET BIDS ON COUNTY GARAGE

Will Be Received by Board of Education Here Monday

The Martin County Board of Education will meet here next Monday, when bids for the construction of a county garage will be received. The building project is the only business scheduled for consideration by the board members other than that of a routine nature, the superintendent said yesterday.

Estimated to cost about \$3,500, the proposed garage will be built on county land, about two miles from here on the old Greenville road and adjoining the State Highway and Public Works Commission prison camp. Plans and preparations for opening the county white schools the 12th of September will be reviewed at the meeting.

Baptist Church To Hold Regular Services Sunday

The Baptist church announces its preaching service for Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and especially invites to its services the many men and women who have recently come into the community in their several capacities. Those of them who in any way affiliate with the Baptist church are invited to make this church theirs while in the community.

Sunday evening our congregation is asked to join with the Episcopal group at their church, where a pageant will be shown. This will probably be the last of the summer union services.

The Sunday school should find every teacher present with a large attendance Sunday morning.

NEW SERIES BUILDING & LOAN STOCK WILL GO ON SALE HERE TOMORROW

OUTLOOK IS FOR ONE OF LARGEST SERIES IN YEARS

Good Price for Tobacco Expected To Be Reflected In Big Stock Sale

With tobacco prices bringing more encouragement to this section than in years, prospects are bright for a large sale of stock in the thirty-fifth series of the Martin County Building and Loan Association opening here tomorrow. Several weeks ago, officials of the organization predicted a sizeable stock sale, and later developments substantiate and even add to the prediction.

During the past 10 or 15 days one of the greatest needs in the history of the town has been felt for additional homes and apartments. It is to fill this demand as far as it is possible that the building and loan association will issue between seven and nine hundred shares of stock to prospective builders and savers of small amounts of money systematically and regularly. In proportion to the sale of stock will be the size of the town's building program in the near future. To continue the progressive program the town has been favored with during thick and thin, every one is urged to subscribe to stock in the organization before the 35th series closes. If building is even far removed in the plans of any citizen, he will find it very advantageous to own stock in the association, for the saving feature has proven of great value to many who have and continue to hold stock in the organization.

During the past several years, the Martin County Building and Loan Association has earned for its shareholders six per cent net. It has enabled many people throughout the section to finance the construction of their own homes and places of business. In short, the organization has been one of the main contributing factors in the advancement of this community.

While the regular or 25-cent series continues the most popular, the association is now issuing much short-term stock, which costs 50 cents a share weekly and matures in about half the time required for the regular stock to mature. And then there is the long-term stock, costing 12 1-2 cents each week and maturing over a longer period than is required by the regular stock. Much of the short-term stock has already been applied for, and the prospects are bright for a sizeable sale of all three types.

Get in touch with an official in the association and he will gladly explain the many advantageous features made possible by the building and loan way.

Capt. W. S. Pritchard Able To Be Out Again

Captain W. S. Pritchard, popular manager of the local branch of the Columbian Peanut Company since its establishment here several years ago, is improving following a long illness. He was here yesterday for a short while, explaining that he would hardly be able to resume his duties within the next four or five weeks.

Town and County Boards To Have Joint Meeting

The location of a cannery in this county will be discussed at a joint meeting of the Martin County and Town of Williamston Commissioners at the regular meeting of the county board here next Monday, it was learned today. No other business except that of a routine nature is scheduled for either boards at their regular meetings, it was said.

A call meeting for the discussion of the proposed cannery was considered earlier in the week, but officials explained that the matter would be delayed very little by scheduling the business for consideration next Monday.

Program of Services At Church of Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector. Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and pageant, 8 p. m.

WILL SPEED UP PROCEDURE OF COUNTY COURT

Laxness in Payment of Fines and Costs Not To Be Tolerated Further

A general tightening up of procedure in the Martin County Recorder's Court was strongly indicated in a clear-cut and to-the-point statement made in open court last Tuesday by Recorder Herbert O. Peel. In calling attention to a more strict enforcement of procedure rules, Judge Peel said that he wished to be obliging to every one, but that the rights of the people of this county must necessarily be protected. The statement was offered for attorneys failing to appear for trial when so directed.

The judge also directed a warning to those defendants who had ignored, for one reason or another, the punctual payment of fines imposed by the court. Those in arrears will be called to account on or soon after the second Tuesday in September, he pointed out.

The judge's statement: "During the present administration of this court, there has arisen from time to time considerable confusion resulting from the haphazard granting of continuance for reasons that have not been stated. Continuances have been granted on request of attorneys, defendants, and witnesses for what the court now considers no good reason at all. All who were in attendance on the last session will recall that the court sat for more than one hour awaiting the arrival of a witness in one instance, and the defendant in another."

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Services at Holy Trinity Mission Next Sunday

There will be Sunday school and preaching at the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Sunday School in Grammar School Auditorium Sunday

There'll be only one service—Sunday school—by the Christian church here Sunday. The service will be held in the grammar school building, and all members are urgently requested to attend. A welcome awaits all others who will attend.

Presbyterians Announce Services for Next Sunday

The regular services of this church will be held at all points this Sunday. The only change being Sunday school at Poplar Point at 2 p. m. instead of 4 p. m.

All members of each point are urged to be present at these services. A cordial invitation is extended to all others who will to worship with us. Go to church every Sunday—Sunday school, too.

New Paper Makes Debut In Edenton This Week

Making its introduction through the columns of 12 pages, well printed and chock-full of interesting happenings, the Chowan Herald enters the newspaper field in this section with headquarters in Edenton. The paper is owned and published by two promising young men, Messrs. J. E. Buflap and Hector Lupton.

The first issue is well balanced in editorial, news and advertising, and its 12 pages are neatly printed.

Revival Begins At Cedar Grove Church Sept. 9th

A series of revival services will be conducted in the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist church beginning Sunday week, September 9. The public is invited to attend.

Pentecostal Church At Hassell Begins Revival

A revival meeting will start in the Pentecostal Church of Christ, Hassell, next Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock, it was announced by Rev. D. O. Bowen yesterday. Rev. A. D. Hoxier will preach.

MORE THAN 200000 POUNDS PLACED ON SALE TODAY

Present Indications Point To a Big Sale Here Next Monday

With sales totalling well over the 200,000-pound mark today and prices holding firm, the Williamston Tobacco market is fast becoming recognized as one of the best if not the best place to sell tobacco. Hundreds upon hundreds of farmers who have sold here since the market opened a little over a week ago, have been more than well-pleased with their sales, and they are loud in their praise for the market. Things are looking up and up more and more every day for the market here, and the spirit of good cheer and encouragement are fast being firmly established in the very life of the town, community and everybody therein.

While sales have been comparatively light up until today due, in the main part, to an early opening and late curing season for many farmers, they are increasing very rapidly, and today the largest sale of the season is underway with the average price in the neighborhood of 28 cents. The market will barely miss a block today, Supervisor of Sales R. W. McFarland stating that the sales are running smoothly and that the floors will be cleared at the end of about seven hours of selling.

Tobacco was being unloaded rapidly well into late last night, and another rush to get the golden weed on the floors for sale today was on this morning when all three houses were working at full capacity to handle the offerings.

One of the largest sales of the season is predicted for the market here next Monday, many farmers having already completed arrangements to sell that day. And the warehousemen are looking for a good sale with prices holding firm.

The market's selling organization continues to function like clockwork, numbers and numbers of farmers declaring that it is the best they have ever seen anywhere.

Farmers continue well-pleased with very few complaints and the smallest number of tags in years turned. The growers are clearing their debts rapidly with their first offerings, and rushing home to prepare more tobacco for the market.

"I sold the lugs from 23 acres last year and received around \$253. This year I sold the lugs from 14 acres for around \$800," Mrs. Geo. S. Jenkins said following a sale yesterday on the market here.

"Well, I aint got many pounds, but what few I am selling, I am getting a doggone good price for," Mr. Levi Hardison, Williams Township farmer, said Wednesday morning following a sale on a local warehouse floor.

The comments of these two gentlemen are characteristic of the sale of tobacco on the Williamston market this year, clearly indicating that Williamston is all set for one of its most successful tobacco seasons.

The market has already exceeded the three-quarter million pound mark with prices ranging right around 28 cents for the season.

Local warehousemen are working harder than ever before to look after their patrons, and they are backing their appeal for patronage with every possible human effort.

Pageant To Be Given at Union Service Sunday

This Sunday evening the union service will be at the Episcopal church. Instead of a sermon there will be a pageant, the dramatization of the finding of the baby Moses. As the pageant will take only about 15 minutes, the first part of the service will consist of the shortened form of the evening prayer.

The service will be out-of-doors if the weather permits. Chairs and lights will be placed in the southeast corner of the grounds as before. This time there will be more chairs to take care of the large congregation that is expected.

N. S. Godard Escapes From Raleigh Asylum

N. S. Godard, formerly of this place, escaped with six other prisoners from the asylum for the insane in Raleigh early Wednesday morning.

Two of the escapees were recaptured in Johnston County yesterday, but no trace of the others, one of whom was sentenced to prison for murder, had been established today, as far as it could be learned here.