



Trial of Famous Smithwicks Creek Church Case Started

JURY IS QUICKLY CHOSEN; HOPE TO END CASE FRIDAY

Star Witness for Plaintiffs Completes His Evidence Monday Afternoon

The famous Smithwicks Creek church case went into the Martin County Superior court yesterday morning at 11 o'clock for a second airing, and with great hope on the part of many people for a satisfactory and peaceful settlement. That the court action will erase all ill feeling and personal animosity from the hearts of litigants is very doubtful, for probably time and time alone can accomplish that much desired end. However, it is expected that a settlement as to property rights will be effected.

Proceedings in the court are commanding much attention from a wide territory, but the early developments did not attract very large crowds yesterday and today, many people believing that much of Monday would be used in the selection of a jury and the introduction of the complaint and the answer thereto.

The first indication that the case will likely be completed in less or about one-half the time required back in 1930 was advanced in the selection of a jury. The plaintiff and defense counsel accepted five regular jurors and selected seven from a special venire of 28 after examining about a dozen, a little less than one hour being required for the particular procedure. Random reports from both factions to the suit stated that the body of 12 men was acceptable, and that a fair trial was in the making. Naturally, both sides appeared optimistic over the outlook as the trial got full underway.

From the regular jury Messrs. Dan Fagan, of Dardens; G. C. Godard, of Williams Township; E. L. and A. D. Ward, and J. R. Daniel, of Robersonville, were chosen. From the special venire Messrs. H. R. Smith and J. D. Bland, of Goose Nest; E. L. Harrell and P. E. Nelson, of Robersonville; B. F. Lilley, of Jamesville; J. G. Stator, of Williamston, and Knezer Harrison, of Bear Grass were selected.

The controversy was well entered into by the court shortly before noon with the reading of the complaint by Attorney Ward, to which Attorneys Martin and Carter answered. Mr. P. E. Getsinger was the first witness called by the plaintiffs and the direct examination required much of the afternoon, considerable time having been given to the reading of passages from a book written by the late Elder Sylvester

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Arrest Two Colored Boys For Stealing Trousers

Two Negro boys named, Chance, and said to be about 11 years old, were arrested here last Friday for the theft of two pairs of trousers from the Norfolk Undersellers. The boys, said to be from New York State, were touring the country on a bicycle, and after a short stay in the county jail they were instructed to return home. When last seen here the boys were coasting down the river hill on their bicycle, headed north.

When asked if they knew any chances in this section, one of the boys replied, "No, sir. The first chance we took was when we stole the pants."

Mrs. Annie C. Warren Dies Near Hamilton on Friday

Mrs. Annie Cornelia Warren, of near Hamilton, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eli Williams, there last Friday at the age of 73 years. Two daughters, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Harvey Medford, survive. She also leaves two brothers, George and W. N. Brown, and one sister, Mrs. S. L. Savage, all of Goose Nest Township.

Burial was in the Williams cemetery Saturday afternoon in Goose Nest Township.

Schoolmasters of County To Meet Here Thursday

The Martin County Schoolmasters' Club will hold its organization meeting in the Williamston High School building Thursday evening of this week at 7 o'clock. The organization is composed of the 19 men teachers and principals of this county. Thursday's meeting will be devoted to the discussion of school problems and to setting up the organization for the year.

Dinner will be served by the home economic students of Miss Ora Finch.

Offer Reward for Violators of Tobacco Warehousemen Code

A reward of \$250 for proof that any tobacco warehouseman has, directly or indirectly, paid any trucker to haul tobacco to his warehouse has been offered at the direction of J. C. Lanier, code administrator for the tobacco marketing industry. Evidence offered must be sufficient to convict, it was explained.

In announcing the standing reward, Mr. Lanier said: "A truck driver has committed no offense by accepting compensation from a warehouseman. The information may be furnished without jeopardy to the informant."

"A warehouseman who hires truckers or solicitors is violating the warehouse code, which is the law governing his industry. He is doing his part to tear down and destroy the program that has brought prosperity to the tobacco growers; he is opposing the efforts of our President to bring about a permanent improvement in the tobacco industry. Tobacco growers should not patronize warehouses which seek to violate the code. All violations should be reported by growers who are in sympathy with the present program."

SALES CARDS FOR TOBACCO BEING PUT OUT SLOWLY

More Than 150 Applications Are Being Handled In County for Farmers

Official allotment cards for the marketing of excess tobacco by contract signers in Martin County are being called for very slowly at the office of the county agent, indicating that the demand will not prove as great as it was first thought it would be, according to information coming from the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon. Up to late yesterday less than a dozen cards had been delivered to applicants in this county.

Approximately 160 applications have been filed in the office of the county agent, calling for a marketing allotment of about 200,000 pounds. Selling at the rate of 5 cents a pound, it will cost \$10,000 to market the excess of the 160 applicants. A farmer desiring to buy one of the cards first goes to the county agent's office and files his application. The application is forwarded to Raleigh and a card is returned in about three or four days. Upon delivery of the card, the farmer buys a money order payable to the Georgia order. The government does not get any portion of the money whatever.

The 5-cent price was established in consideration of the fact that the Georgia farmer's parity payment will be reduced from 12 1/2 per cent to 8 per cent when over 70 per cent of his base production is marketed. Then, too, some of the Georgia farmers lost their crop almost in its entirety, and the purchase of the cards will be of great aid to him, and at the same time enable the Martin County contract signer to market a portion of his crop that he could not otherwise legally offer for sale.

Three Criminals Carried To State Prison, Raleigh

Carrying three prisoners, Phoebe Moore and Joe Wheeler James to serve 20 years each for murder; and Hoyt Smith, three years for burglary, to State Prison, Raleigh, last week, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Officer J. H. Allsbrooks called to see old man Joe Davenport, who is serving a sentence of from 1 1/2 to 20 years for the murder of his wife in the "Islands" section of Williams Township several months ago. The visit was made a bit unusual when the old man, claiming to be 84 years of age, placed his head on the officer's shoulder and wept as a baby. The old man, receiving the best treatment he has ever experienced in his life, has not been getting along so well in his new surroundings, and was confined to the prison hospital.

First Duplicated Marketing Card Issued In This County

Losing his allotment card for the tax-free marketing of his tobacco, Farmer Henry W. Leggett has been issued a duplicate card, it was learned from the office of the county agent yesterday.

The card lost by Mr. Leggett was the first duplicated in this county. Several other Martin County farmers lost their cards early in the season, but most of the marketing slips were recovered.

Darden's Store Announces Big Harvest Selling Event

Announcing their annual harvest sale, an event of importance to the buying public, the Darden's Department store here has effected drastic reductions in its merchandise prices. The store is carrying a few of the many attractive bargains in a special page of this paper today.

GRADE A MILK IS AVAILABLE NOW AT LOCAL DAIRY

New Milk Ordinance To Go Into Effect Early Part Of Next Week

The first A grade raw milk produced locally was delivered to consumers here last Saturday, the Edgewood Dairy, Frank Weaver, manager, handling 65 gallons strictly in accordance with State Board of Health standards. The production of the high-grade milk was arranged for several weeks ago, and deliveries are being made before the milk inspection ordinance goes into effect the early part of next week.

Approving the equipment and methods of operation, board of health representatives gave the Edgewood Dairy a clear bill of inspection, one of the representatives stating that he had inspected about 100 plants in the last three months and that only five had merited a clear certificate and the dairy here was one of the five.

The dairy here is milking 28 tuberculin-tested, Guernsey, Jersey, and Holstein cows, producing from 65 to 70 gallons of milk that rated far above the average in the first tests made by Chemist McKimmon last Friday. The tests showed the milk was 3.9 butterfat and a bacteria count of 12,000. Milk containing no more than 50,000 bacteria count is ordinarily given an A rating, all other things being equal. Bacteria counts below 15,000 are far better than the average, the chemist stated.

With modern equipment, including a boiler and steam room for the sterilization of bottles and milking equipment, the dairy is recognized as having one of the highest possible ratings. Automatic bottling and capping machines are used, and the milk is cooled by electrical equipment immediately after it is taken from the cows to reduce the bacteria count. The several employees possess health certificates, and every milking operation is handled after sterilization methods have been employed, insuring the consumer he is getting Grade-A milk when it is so marked on the bottle cap.

Plans other dairymen will follow in supplying milk locally have not been announced. They will be given ample time to make improvements and conform to the ordinance requirements. The law adopted here does not prohibit the sale of any kind of milk. It only specifies that all milk delivered shall be graded in accordance with the dairy rating. Under the terms of the law, cafes, hotels, and other public eating places must serve only the highest grade milk, and the ratings must be posted publicly in those establishments, it is understood.

It is to be understood that the lower grades of milk are not necessarily impure; they are produced under different conditions that cannot be accepted as standard methods. In those cases the individual consumer is left to decide whether he will buy the lower grades of milk. The lower grades of milk have been the only ones available here in the past, and their producers have enjoyed a good patronage. The producers may continue to sell any grade of milk they produce just so long as they identify the grade on the bottle caps.

PLANS PROGRESS FOR STYLE SHOW

Event Will Be Staged Here Thursday and Friday of Next Week

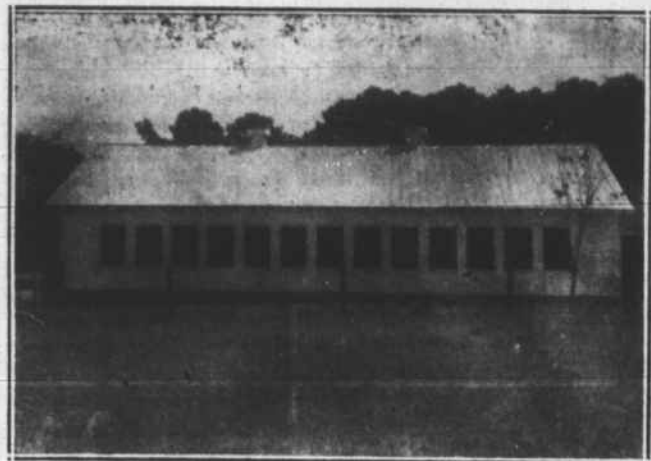
Local merchants are cooperating wholeheartedly in staging the Fashion Revue and Cotton-Style show to be presented in the Watts Theatre Thursday and Friday of next week, and, judging by the interest being shown in this novel method of boosting the use of the South's staple, it is evident that the "Wear More Cotton" campaign will be enthusiastically received here.

Featuring cotton for dress, a group of twenty-five local young ladies will parade before the audiences at the Watts three performances, once each evening and a matinee performance Thursday afternoon. This attraction will be presented in addition to the regular screen programs and at the usual prices of admission. The featured event will be the selection of "Miss Cotton Queen" of Williamston; this title going to the young lady receiving the greatest amount of applause over the several performances.

Local dress stores are planning to show new fall fashions in the revue, and other merchants will be represented in the "Parade of Cotton Queens," in which each model appears in her prettiest cotton finery. Proceeds from the show will go to purchasing school-owned books for the sixth grade of the local school, and the event has the endorsement of local schools, as well as the cooperation of the home economics department, it was stated.

Highest Prices of Year Now Prevailing on Local Market

EDGEWOOD DAIRY MILKING BARN



Built only recently under strictly modern standards, the barn is a big factor in making available to local consumers A grade milk. The barn is so constructed to assure cleanliness in milking.

BELIEVE YOUTH WAS MURDERED

Evelyn Purser, 11 Years of Age, Is Said To Have Killed Linwood Lee

New developments indicating that Linwood Lee, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lee, of the Spring Green section, this county, was murdered the 18th of last month, were reported by the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon. Evelyn Purser, 11 years old and a granddaughter of Mrs. Lee, is said to have confessed the killing a few days ago. "I shot him to see if the gun would shoot," she was quoted as saying when she confessed the killing to her grandmother.

Just how the girl cleared herself following the shooting could not be learned, leading other members of the family at the time to believe the shooting was accidental. The girl is said to have told her mother, Mrs. Harrell, about the shooting soon after it happened. When officers went to investigate the killing, the mother is said to have sent her daughter to the home of a neighbor, and she was not questioned.

Arrangements are being made to reopen the investigation and a hearing will probably be held within the next two or three days. No motive for the killing by the young girl has been advanced.

350 HEAD CATTLE RECEIVED HERE

Twelve More Carloads Are Being Unloaded In the County Today

A second cattle shipment from the western drought area was unloaded in this county yesterday afternoon and placed in the old Dymond City pasture in Griffins and Jamesville Townships. The cattle, numbering 350 head, were transported to this county in seven cars from the receiving station in Monroe.

The shipment of about 270 head received in this county several weeks ago is fattening rapidly on the pastures near the old Dymond City tract. Just how the cattle will be handled after they are ready for slaughter has not been learned. While there is some prospect of establishing a relief cannery in this section, it is believed that the cattle will be killed and distributed immediately to relief families, only a small part going to the canneries to be canned for use next fall and winter.

Twelve additional carloads of the western cattle are arriving at Jamesville today, local relief authorities said.

PREMIUM LIST FOR FAIR OUT

Arrangements Go Forward For Holding Event In October-November

Premium lists for the Greater Roanoke Fair, to be held here the latter part of next month and the early part of November, will be distributed within the next few days, it was learned from Manager N. G. Bartlett, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, this week.

Exhibitors failing to receive a list and desiring one are directed to apply to the manager or to Miss Katherine Hardison, secretary. Plans for holding the fair this year are going forward rapidly, and Manager Bartlett is very optimistic over the bright outlook for a successful event this year.

NEGRO SHOT BY ANOTHER AFTER QUARREL HERE

Haywood Scott In Critical Condition; Jas. Wilson Being Held In Jail

Haywood Scott, local colored man, was critically shot by James Wilson, also colored, following a quarrel on Washington Street here last Sunday morning about 10 o'clock. Scott, with 12 punctures or perforations in his lower intestines, is in a critical condition, reports received yesterday from a Washington hospital, where he was carried for treatment, indicating that his recovery is very doubtful.

No hearing has been held in the case, and very few authentic facts surrounding and leading up to the shooting could be learned. The two men are said to have been on unfriendly terms following a quarrel during last year. The trouble was renewed, it was said, in a crap or poker game last Sunday morning. Scott, a husky negro about 27 years of age, slapped Wilson, but the affair was considered closed when Wilson left. A few minutes later Wilson returned from his home with a pistol and fired the ball into the man's stomach, puncturing the intestines on the right lower side. The ball lodged in the man's body.

Scott is said to have entered a car and drove to a local doctor's office, where he was given temporary treatment before removal to the hospital.

Wilson fled the scene and after traveling through several nearby branches he stopped for rest at a scout camp on the Biggs farm, about a mile from here. Deputy J. H. Roebuck, Chief W. B. Daniel, Officer Ramie and Roy Peel started a hunt for Wilson, and had him under arrest about four hours after the shooting. Two of the officers trailed him for several miles and found him sleeping.

Following the shooting, Wilson maintained that he shot Scott because he was imposing on him.

HARMON GURKIN DIED LAST NIGHT

Funeral Service Is Being Held In Jamesville Section Today

Harmon Gurkin, one of the oldest residents of the Jamesville section, passed away at his home there Monday night, lacking only a few months of reaching the 85th anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Gurkin was born in the Jamesville section where he spent all his years on the farm, leading a quiet and peaceful life. He married twice, seven children, Charlie Gurkin and Mrs. Mattie Davis, of Jamesville; W. H. Gurkin, Colon Gurkin and Mrs. Carrie Moore, of Plymouth; Mrs. Long, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Jennie Lassiter, of Portsmouth, Va., surviving the first union. His second wife was Miss Ida Gurkin, of Pinetown, before her marriage, and she survives.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon, interment to follow in the Windley cemetery, near Plymouth.

Outlook Good for the Bear Grass Basketball Team

Prospects for a winning girls' basketball team in the Bear Grass school this coming season were described as bright by Coach Russell Martin this week. Prospects for a boys' team were considered fair. There are about 18 girls eligible for the basketball squad, and 12 boys plan to go out for their team, the coach said.

MORE THAN FOUR MILLION POUNDS ARE SOLD SO FAR

Estimate 160,000 Pounds on Market Today; Prices Continue Upward

Prices, described by farmers and other observers as the highest of the season, continued to reflect good will for Williamston's ever growing tobacco market today. Everyone appeared in a happy mood, substantiating beyond all doubt the statement that the Williamston Tobacco market is to experience its most successful year in its history this season.

When asked how the market was progressing this morning, one of the Ellis brothers from the Jamesville section joyfully said, "I had a small lot of only fair quality tobacco on the floors this morning, and I wanted a hundred dollars for it. Well, I received \$165.00 for the lot."

Dozens of farmers were casually interviewed, and everyone was more than well pleased. Every report was encouraging, and Williamston's reputation as one of the liveliest and best marketing centers in the State continues as firm as the rock of Gibraltar.

The four-million-pound mark was passed by a sizeable margin today, the sales so far netting more than a cool million in cold cash. Yesterday was a favorable day when 235,298 pounds were sold for \$9,785.33 for a general average of about 40 cents. Up until last night the market had sold 3,862,788 pounds for \$1,012,817.09, a resulting average of 26 1/2.

Mr. McFarland, noted for his accuracy in preparing and announcing the market reports, commented on yesterday's sale as follows: "While all grades of tobacco advanced again, yet particularly was this noticeable in the grades that sold last week from twenty to forty dollars; these grades advancing from \$2 to \$3 a hundred. But little real fancy tobacco on the sales, but these grades also participated in the advance.

"Less damaged tobacco was on sale yesterday than any day during the season. Estimate ten percent of the sales good tobacco, twenty-five percent medium tobacco and sixty percent dark tips and low medium grades. Real bright tips sold at fancy prices." The poundage today was estimated at 160,000 with prices continuing upward.

OPEN FOOTBALL SEASON FRIDAY

Local High School Team Will Play the Ayden Eleven Here

Williamston's High School football team will open the season Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when Ayden sends its strong eleven here to furnish the opposition. While Coach Jas. Peters has lost several of his players of last year, including Captain-elect Oscar Anderson, Jack Manning, Ben Hopkins, Arthur Gurganus, Pete Fowlen, Wheeler Martin, Louis Harrison, Shelbourne Hall and Raymond Matthews, he is filling the gaps with a group of promising and fighting youngsters. The main weakness is found in the shortage of reserve strength.

The leading candidates for the line are, Ward, Ramey, Holloman, Bowen, H. Harrison, Hardison, Daniels and Crockett. The backs are Roberson, Cooke, Cox, Perry, Shaw, Strawbridge Daniels and T. Harrison. There are several others making a determined effort for places on the team and, no doubt, some of them will succeed, the coach said.

The season's schedule, regarded as a real hard one, is as follows: September 28—Ayden here. October 5—Scotland Neck here. October 12—Tarboro here. October 19—Elizabeth City (pending) there. October 26—Hertford here. November 2—Washington there. November 9—Windsor here. November 16—Greenville there. November 23—Smithfield there. November 29 (Thanksgiving) Oxford here.

Plan Pie Party at Farm Life School for Thursday Night

The faculty and pupils of Farm Life School will give a pie party at the school building Thursday night, September 27th, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will be used in the purchase of equipment for the girls' and boys' basketball teams and for the purchase of books for primary use.