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## BOUNDARY LINE TO BE SURVEYED BY ORDER COURT

### Judgment Favoring Martin County Ordered Filed By Judge Williams

In accordance with recommendations made by a special commission consisting of H. G. Connor, jr., umpire, of Wilson; H. G. Horton, representing Martin County; and W. B. Rodman, representing Beaufort County; Judge Clawson Williams, in Beaufort County Superior Court this week, ordered R. C. Leach, representing Beaufort County, and Sylvester Peel, representing this county, to survey and mark the boundary line between the two counties. The order, entered in the public records of the two counties, directs the surveyors to locate the line in accordance with the claims as maintained by this county and substantiated by the special commission.

As a protection of property owners along the dividing line, a special bill is being introduced in the state legislature to ratify and confirm all existing land titles along the said line, and providing the title of no landowners shall be affected by the location of said county line and the removal of their land from one county to the other. The bill also provides that no owner shall be liable for taxes paid in the wrong county as a result of locating the line.

Markers will be established at several points along the line just as soon as the survey is completed.

## John A. Modlin Dies At Jamesville Home

John A. Modlin, Jamesville Township farmer, died at his home there Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. The son of the late Sam and Fannie Modlin, he was 57 years old.

Mr. Modlin farmer all his life and never married, making his home with his brother, Lewis Modlin. He was well known in his community. Funeral services were held at the home, near Jamesville, yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister. Burial was in the old family cemetery. Two sisters, Miss Bettie Modlin, of Everetts, and Mrs. Rillie Styns, of Plymouth, and three brothers, Lewis, Sam and H. C. Modlin, all of Jamesville, survive.

## Nathan E. Mizelle Dies in Pennsylvania

Nathan Eugene Mizelle, native of this county, died in a Paoli, Pa., hospital Wednesday from cancer. He was about 53 years old, the son of the late Wiley Mizelle and wife, of Jamesville Township.

About 25 years ago, Mr. Mizelle left this county and located in Malvern, Pa., where he entered the mercantile field and married. Mrs. Mizelle died just a short time ago. He and Mrs. Mizelle visited relatives in this county regularly and while there are no immediate relatives he had numbers of friends in this county.

Funeral services are being conducted at the late home in Malvern this afternoon, and burial will follow in the family plot there.

## Three Men Arrested At Liquor Still in Free Union

Sam Whitaker, Arthur James and Will Smith, all colored, were arrested at a liquor manufacturing plant in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township this week by federal officers. The three men claimed they were attending a little beer-drinking party of their own at the expense of the plant owners whose identity could not be established by them. Whitaker, James and Smith are out under bond.

The officers found and poured out 2,500 gallons of beer at the plants, but were unable to locate the stills.

## Town Board to Set Up Machinery for Election

Meeting in regular session next Monday evening, Williamston's town commissioners are expected to set up machinery for the municipal election scheduled to be held on the first Tuesday in May. A registrar will be named at the meeting Monday to receive new names during the four weeks prior to the closing of the books on the Saturday preceding challenge day.

Routine business occupies the remainder of the calendar for the meeting next Monday, Mayor J. L. Hassell said.

## Expecting Soil-Conservation Checks in Next Three Weeks

Martin County farmers, participating in the government's soil conservation program, are almost certain to start receiving their benefit checks within the next three weeks, Agent Tom Brandon said yesterday following an interview with government representatives in Raleigh Tuesday. Checks are being prepared now, and will start moving into some counties probably

next week, and into Martin about the middle of March.

Nearly 1,500 farms are included in the soil conservation program in this county, but unofficial reports indicate that hardly more than 1,100 will participate in the benefit payments, the owners having failed to comply with the program requirements. Approximately \$146,000 is due those who complied with the program requirements.

## NEW UNION BUS STATION OPENED HERE THIS WEEK

### Extensive Service Provided By Three Companies Connecting Here

Leased by the Carolina Coach Company and the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, Williamston's new bus terminal on Main Street was opened for use this week, making available much-needed accommodations for the large volume of traffic the two companies handle. The terminal is one of the most complete between Norfolk and Raleigh, providing ample accommodations for travelers and convenient parking and loading arrangements for the large number of busses operating in and out of Williamston daily.

Mr. William H. Chase, Jr., in active charge of the new station, and travelers are assured a courteous and efficient service at this point. It is estimated that between 140 and 200 people stop here daily in their travel from all points of the country. Operating 13 busses out of Williamston daily, the two companies, with the Seashore Transportation Company, are providing Williamston and this section with one of the most complete travel services ever enjoyed here, the schedule comparing favorably with those made available almost anywhere in the State.

The day's schedule is started at 12:40 o'clock in the morning, when a bus comes in from Norfolk and continues on to Washington. At 6:50 a. m., a bus leaves here for Norfolk, and 5 minutes later a bus leaves here for Raleigh. At 11:15 connections are made for Norfolk, Raleigh Washington-Wilmington, and to Plymouth-Columbia at 11:30 a. m. In the afternoon at 2:50 o'clock a bus leaves here for Norfolk. At 3:30 a bus leaves for Washington-New Bern. Two busses leave at 7:25 p. m., one for Raleigh and other for Washington. At 8:40 p. m. busses leave for Norfolk and Plymouth and Columbia. Close connections are effected with all lines, offering a fast service to points in all parts of the country.

## M. G. Mann Talks on Cooperation at Farm Meet Here Thursday

### Present Indications Point To An Increased Cotton Acreage This Year

The one-third of the American people who live on the farm receives only one-tenth of the nation's income, M. G. Mann, general manager of the State's two largest farm cooperatives, declared in a farmers' meeting here yesterday, as he stressed the necessity for farmers "to cooperate in order to receive what is rightfully theirs."

"The only hope for our farmers to receive their true share of the nation's income," he declared, "is for them to organize and through cooperative marketing receive the high dollar for the products they have for sale, and through cooperative purchasing secure, at a reasonable margin and of a known quality, the supplies they have to buy."

Mr. Mann, who is general manager of the Farmers' Cooperative Exchange and of the N. C. Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, was addressing a meeting of patrons of the FCX and members of the Cotton Association, which was held jointly in the courthouse here yesterday.

## Building and Loan Series Opens 6th

### Prospects are bright for one of the largest stock subscriptions in the 39th series opening Saturday of next week in years.

Mr. Wheeler Martin, secretary of the Martin County Building and Loan Association, said today. Several hundred shares of stock have already been spoken for, and more people are planning to take stock in the new series opening next Saturday than at any time in the history of the association, it was learned.

## Mercury Reaches New Low Mark for Year Here Today

The mercury dropping to the low twenties, this section felt one of the coldest mornings of the winter today. A solid crust formed on the ground and water froze in exposed water pipes.

A slight freeze was felt last December and probably ice formed on small bodies of water two or three times since then, but even then the weather this winter here has been the mildest on record.

## Revaluation of County Property To Be Decided Upon at Meeting Of Commissioners Next Monday

### Ask County Included in Bill To Prohibit Sunday Dancing

A bill now pending in the State legislature for the regulation of public dance halls is almost certain to apply in this county, according to information received here this week. The bill introduced in the house last week is for the regulation of public dance halls in Edgecombe County only, but it is understood that the proposed measure will likely be given state-wide support. However, if the bill meets with opposition as a state-wide measure, it is quite certain that efforts will be made to have

the bill enacted for the regulation of the public dance halls in this county and Edgecombe.

The bill would prohibit Sunday dancing and require the dance halls to close at midnight each week-day.

Several complaints have been directed against Sunday dancing in some sections of the county, and Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, wired Representative H. G. Horton urging him to have this county come under the provisions of the bill.

## Will Also Appoint Tax List Takers and Set Up Organization

### Indications Are That The Authorities Will Favor Revaluation Plan

Faced with the task of doing three things—ordering a revaluation of all properties, or effecting a horizontal decrease or a horizontal increase in property values—the Martin County commissioners are scheduled to take final action in naming the tax-list takers and setting up machinery for the work at their meeting here next Monday.

It is believed the board favors a revaluation of properties from start to finish, but a revaluation is recognized as an undertaking of size, and it may be that action similar to that taken during the past eight years or more will again be in order when the matter comes up for final consideration at the Monday meeting. The revaluation task has been under consideration by the board members during the past two months or more, but no definite plans have been formulated for handling the work. Chairman John E. Pope said yesterday. It is possible that a revaluation of properties will be undertaken with no sizeable increase in the listing—personnel other than the employment of an all-time tax supervisor, and whether a new valuation is ordered or not, it is very likely that more attention will be given property listings this year than in some time past.

Very few applications for the list-takers' posts have been formally filed so far, but it is thought that most, if not all of those handling the township lists a year ago will again be candidates for the jobs.

Directed by law to either order an entirely new valuation, or effect a horizontal reduction or a horizontal increase in values, a number of counties in the state have already completed arrangements for altering the listed values, with the view of eliminating as many inequalities as possible. A horizontal increase or a horizontal decrease in values can mean nothing other than effecting a change in the tax rate itself. Property values have increased in this county, it is generally agreed, and a horizontal reduction in values is all but out of the question, leaving the board to choose a revaluation or a horizontal increase in the listings that are now on the books.

Listing activities are, in all probability, likely to be delayed this year pending final action by the legislature in connection with those problems that are common to the work.

The county commissioners are expected to spend a greater part of next Monday studying the tax situation and effecting plans for handling it. However, they will have to find time for handling routine duties, such as the inspection for approval of current bills, drawing a jury list for the April Superior Court and other business.

## Ed Whitfield Dies At Oak City Home

Ed Whitfield, numbered among the county's oldest native citizens, died at his home near Oak City last Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the age of 80 years. Mr. Whitfield, well-known farmer of Goose-Nest Township, had been in declining health for more than a year, but was able to be up and attend to small duties until about 5 weeks ago.

A native of the Oak City section, he had lived there all his life and was highly regarded. His widow, Mrs. Fannie Stroud Whitfield, survives with two sons, Jesse and Ernest Stroud, of Oak City.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Concho Primitive Baptist church by Elder William E. Grimes. Interment was in the church yard cemetery.

## Firemen Called To Grass Fire Tuesday Afternoon

The local fire company was called out for the second time this week when a grass fire caught a garage and threatened several homes on Elm Street last Tuesday afternoon. Said to have been started by children playing in the vacant lot, the fire did no damage.

## Crop and Feed Loan Office Is Set Up Here

### SPEAKER HERE



M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, general manager of the state's two largest farm cooperatives, addressed a meeting of farmers here Thursday afternoon.

## Applications Being Taken; \$12,000 Lent In County Last Year

### Type of Credit for Farmers Who Are Unable To Borrow Elsewhere

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1937 are now being received at courthouse by W. B. Watts.

These loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued by the governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1937 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock, and in no instance may exceed \$400.

Farmers are not eligible for these loans if they can borrow from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern. Emergency crop and feed loans will not be made by the Farm Credit Administration to standard rehabilitation clients of the Resettlement Administration whose current needs are provided for by Resettlement.

As in the past, the security for the loans will consist of a first lien on the crop financed if the loan is for the production of crops; and if for the purchase of feed for livestock, then a first lien on the livestock to be fed. Landlords or others having an interest in the crops or the livestock to be fed will be required to waive their claims in favor of the lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of the approved loans will be issued by the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan office at Columbia, S. C.

The only charge in filing an application for a seed and feed loan will be a notary fee of 50 cents. This amount does not include recording fees payable in the office of the register of deeds when the liens are filed. Last year 122 loans were advanced by the seed and feed loan fund in this county, the borrowers receiving around \$12,700. All but 12 of the loans, representing approximately \$1,200, has been collected. Field Supervisor Roy Hearne believes that more than 97 per cent of the amount lent in the county last year will have been collected before the middle or last of March. No material change in the number of loans advanced last year and the number to be issued this year is expected.

Four years ago the seed and feed loan agency advanced 860 loans representing a sum of more than \$83,000.

## Rural Power Line in Griffins Township Is Virtually Assured

### Plans Now Incomplete for Additional Extensions In Other Sections

Arrangements were announced virtually complete today by R. H. Goodmon, manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company's district office here, for the construction of a rural power and light line into Griffins Township, the line to extend as far as the home of Messrs. Dawson and Sylvester Lilley in Griffins, and branch off at the Old Mill Inn and continue to the home of County Commissioner R. L. Perry in Bear Grass Township.

Alterations have been made in the project proposed several weeks ago, and instead of running a line from the town of Bear Grass to Farm Life, the project will connect at Roberson's Sunny Side Inn, continuing to the Old Mill Inn on the Washington highway, where the line will form a fork, one going to the Perry home and the other over into Griffins Township.

Plans are being considered to extend the lines to Corey's Cross Roads and to the Farm Life school community, but no contracts have been drawn for those extensions.

The project will be completed within three or four weeks, according to Manager Goodmon.

## Basketball Game At Gym Tonight

The sports climax of the season is scheduled here this evening at 8:30 o'clock, when Ham Price sends his basketball boys against the Norfolk Texaco Fire-Chiefs in the high school gymnasium. The locals have been making preparations to give the Texaco boys an interesting contest, and a large crowd is expected to witness the battle.

Managed by R. O. Debnam, the Fire-Chiefs are holding a leading position in the Norfolk City League, and are concluding a road schedule here this evening.

Manager Price plans to start Hack Gaylord and Dillon Cobb in the forward positions, Jack Manning at center and Tom Rose and Oscar Anderson in the guard places. He will hold in reserve Ben Hopkins, Hardy Rose, J. Dawson Cooke and T. Malone.

During the past few weeks, the local all-star quint has won 7 out of 8 games played, turning back Plymouth here Wednesday night, 55 to 24, with Anderson leading the winners with 19 points scored.

## Donations To Red Cross Total \$637.08

Acknowledging the receipt of \$10.65 from the Macedonia Christian church this week, Harry Biggs, chairman, stated that the Martin Red Cross chapter had raised \$637.08 for victims of recent floods in Ohio. The Macedonia contribution was the last received, and completes the campaign in this county. Starting with an original quota of \$30, the chapter has raised nearly eight times that amount, which does not take in to consideration more than \$200 raised by the Robersonville chapter and individual donations by Martin people to outside agencies.

Late reports state the Red Cross has raised \$20,400,000 for flood relief work.

Home from the University Billie Clark is home from the University of North Carolina to spend some time for his health.