

## Superior Court Ends Two Weeks Session Thursday Afternoon

### Judge Bone Remains Over Today to Referee Case; Jury Dismissed

Judge Walter J. Bone adjourned the two-week term of superior court here late yesterday afternoon after clearing a large number of civil cases from the docket. A long criminal case last week delayed the trial of civil cases, but once the court got around to that docket it turned out the cases in numbers. Today Judge Bone is holding a referee hearing, but the jury was dismissed for the term yesterday afternoon. Proceedings not previously reported are:

In the case of Geo. W. Boston against W. D. Boston and others, the plaintiff was declared the owner of certain land, the court making the provision that Geo. W. Boston pay certain liens held against the property.

A divorce was granted Lucy Jenkins Whitehurst against Eber Whitehurst on the grounds of two years separation. The husband appealed to the court for a divorce on the grounds of adultery, but a cross action was filed and the action was based on two-year separation. The father is to have custody of the two oldest of three children, the court making provision that the parents can visit their children without interference.

The cause of action was dismissed and the plaintiff was directed to pay the cost in the case of John D. Biggs, assignee, against Haywood Knight. Notice of appeal was given. The Standard Fertilizer Company was given a \$50 judgment by agreement against L. T. and Annie Braswell.

Based on two years' separation, Bernice Everett-Betts against Cecil R. Betts, the plaintiff to have custody of their child.

A commissioner's sale of land was confirmed in the case of D. G. Matthews, administrator of J. R. Spruill, against Mary Simmons and others.

The court ordered a sale of land for division in the case of J. F. Terry against J. D. Wynne.

The cause of action was dismissed when the plaintiff failed to appear in the case of Henry Long against Addie Blount, Lovy Blount and "Tricky" Sam.

A deed was set aside in the case of D. G. Matthews, administrator, against Wm. Peterson and others, the court making provision that plaintiff pay \$50 to get valid lien on the property.

A judgment in the sum of \$330.60 was awarded the Standard Fertilizer Company against A. J. Johnson.

By consent, J. D. Bond received a judgment in the sum of \$79.75 against Frank C. Bennett.

A non-suit was taken by the plaintiff in the case of Sam P. Briley against Vance L. Roberson and others.

The Morris Plan Bank of Virginia was declared the owner of a Studebaker sedan in the case of Marjorie S. Tucker against J. H. Clark.

A compromise was effected in the case of Harrison and Company against S. R. Bullock, the plaintiffs to receive \$543.91.

## Swine Specialist To Speak Here Tuesday

J. B. Pullen, nationally known swine specialist, will address farmers interested in hog raising and livestock farming at a meeting to be held in the Martin County court house here next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended Martin farmers and those in surrounding counties, Mr. L. P. Lindsey, representing the Lindsey Ice Company, sponsors of the address, said today. No charge will be made, Mr. Lindsey stating that the meeting will offer a wonderful opportunity for farmers interested in stock raising to gain valuable information.

Mr. Pullen has a number of years of experience in swine sanitation and will speak particularly on this subject. He has promoted the largest swine sanitation program successfully in many sections of the South. Mr. Pullen is probably one of the best posted men of the South on hog raising. He will tell how hogs are being sold today at a better price when raised on the right kind of sanitation and supplementary feed program. Pullen really knows his hog!

## Williamston Market Sales Exceed Five Million Pounds

Williamston's tobacco market sales passed the five million pound mark today, establishing a new high record and exceeding the entire poundage sold here last season. The progressive lead now being held virtually assures the market ten million pounds this season. Farmers continue optimistic, and the market is advancing by leaps and bounds as new customers from far and near are added to the patronage list.

Up until today, the market had sold 4,834,058 pounds. Sales Director Henry Johnson estimating that the sales today would push the poundage well over the five million-pound mark.

The price trend this week on the Williamston floors has been decidedly upward, farmers, buyers and warehousemen being agreed that the market is the strongest at the present time than in any other week his year or in the past several seasons. An entire row on sale here today averaged above 40 cents, it was stated by a farmer, indicating that prices are holding up well.

Most of today will be required to clear the three warehouse floors, reports from the market at noon stating, however, that farmers were still unloading tobacco at that time. Large sales, possibly a block, are expected here next Monday, the current to hold strong as the market enters its sixth week of operation.

## Security Program Now Costing \$500 in County

There's little or no unemployment in these parts, certainly when it comes to teachers and cooks, Professor T. O. Hickman, principal of the Bear Grass school, believes. The school man first had trouble finding available teachers last summer, and now he can't find a cook in all Martin County. "We are paying our cook \$8 a week and giving her board and lodge free, and now she has quit us," Professor Hickman said this week. The school man is almost desperate.

## Parents - Teachers In Reorganization Meeting This Week

### Mrs. W. K. Parker, New President, Names Committees for Year

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the school year 1937-38 on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 29.

After special music by the Sixth grade, the nominating committee made its report. The officers recommended by this committee were voted upon and elected unanimously. They are as follows:

President: Mrs. W. K. Parker, vice president, Mrs. A. J. Osteen; secretary, Miss Mildred Talley; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Olds.

After the former president, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, had expressed her thanks and appreciation for the help and cooperation given her in her work last year, the meeting was turned over to the new president, Mrs. Parker. She appointed the following committees:

Social committee: Miss Josephine Grant, chairman; Mrs. N. C. Green, Mrs. W. C. Mercer, Miss Nancy Glover.

Program committee: Miss Dorothy Elliott, chairman; Mrs. J. W. Watts, Miss Emma Gay Stevenson.

Finances and Budget committee: Mrs. L. H. Gurganus, Mrs. James Manning, Mrs. Garland Woodard, Mrs. C. B. Hassell, Mrs. W. E. Olds.

Membership committee: Mrs. L. P. Lindsey, chairman; Mrs. Wilton Knox, Mrs. H. L. Swain, Mrs. W. J. Melson, Mrs. A. R. White, Estelle Crawford.

Hospitality committee: Josephine Harrison, chairman; Ethelyn Eason, Mrs. Luther Peelle, Mrs. Julian Anderson.

Publication committee: Mrs. Tom Brandon, chairman; Rebecca Harrison.

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## AAA Takes Steps To Assure Farmers 3 1-4c for Peanuts

Peanut prices will be maintained this year at about the levels which prevailed a year ago, it was announced this week by the AAA.

Peanuts grown in North Carolina will be purchased by the government at a price of \$45 a ton, or 3 1-4 cents a pound, which is 1-4 of a cent less than the average price last year.

Announcement of the decision to purchase at 3 1-4 cents a pound followed close on the heels of a break in the market so that Georgia peanuts were forced down to \$55 a ton or 2 2-3 cents a pound.

A schedule of prices to be paid was announced as follows: "Vir-

## Board Of County Commissioners To Meet On Monday

### Will Draw Jury List for the Two Weeks Special Term Martin Superior Court

Holding their regular monthly meeting here next Monday, the Martin County commissioners will have very little business to handle other than that having to do with routine matters, Mr. J. Sam Getsinger, clerk to the board, stating today that no special business had been placed on the calendar to date for consideration at the session.

The routine business will center around the selection or drawing of a jury list for the two weeks special term of Martin County Superior Court convening next month. The 1937 tax books are likely to be placed in the hands of the collector at the meeting, reports from the auditor's office today stating that the books, tax notices and receipts were virtually completed and ready for the collector. The total amount of taxes has not been proven and the total that will be charged to the collector has not been determined. These figures will be computed in time for the Monday meeting, it is thought.

Petitions for road improvements are likely to be presented during the meeting, but just now no requests have been filed urging immediate attention of the highway forces to this or that road in the county. Possibly a report on the visit made by District Highway Commissioner Barnes and highway engineers in the county early this month will be placed before the meeting, but as far as it could be learned the county officials plan no action in connection with advancing the proposed road improvement program.

It is possible that some attention will be given corporation tax listings. While general property listings for 1937 exceeded those for 1936 by ten per cent or more, some of the corporations show large decreases in their property values. The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company reported a decrease in excess of \$100,000, and several of the other corporations reported small losses in their property holdings in this county. Only one or two reported increased values. The increase in values reported by general property and the decrease allowed certain corporations have been called to the attention of the State Board of Assessment, Raleigh, but the officials there did not even show the courtesy of a reply. It might be the decreases were due, but it is understood the board will give the matter consideration in the hope of learning just how and why general property increases in value and that of some of the corporations decreases.

To date the local welfare department has received 228 applications for old age assistance. Sixty-four of these applications have been thoroughly investigated by the welfare officials and approved by the local welfare board. These 64 old age applicants will receive \$502.00 per month, making the average grant per person \$7.84 in Martin County. One hundred and fourteen applications for old age assistance have been rejected. Some of these were rejected on office interview when it was obvious that the applicant could obtain food, clothing and shelter by some means other than through the public assistance program. Other applicants less obviously able to obtain subsistence were rejected after a home investigation and collateral calls were made. Three applicants for old age assistance.

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## Will Hold Meeting In Sweet Home Church

A series of revival meetings will be held in the Sweet Home Church, this county, beginning next Monday night, it was announced today. Rev. M. Harden, of Norfolk, will occupy the pulpit. Much interest has been shown in the Sunday School and church work there recently and a very successful meeting is predicted.

There were 68 present for Sunday school there recently, the men's Bible class having 25.

The public is invited to attend the Sunday school and be present for the services next week.

Openings in the civilian conservation corps ranks for 32 Martin County youths were announced today through the office of Miss Mary Taylor, superintendent of Martin County's welfare department. Twenty-two white and ten colored boys will be accepted, Miss Taylor said.

Nearly half a hundred applications for positions in the civilian conservation corps service have been received by the county office, and additional applications will be received until October 5, it was learned. At least 35 of those applying for places in the service will be notified possibly the latter part of next week to report in Williamston on Tuesday, October 12. They will be carried from here to Washington where physical examinations will be given and thirteen of the youths chosen for service.

The applications were once limited to those youths whose families were on relief, but that ruling has been changed making large numbers of unemployed youths eligible for service in the conservation corps. Very few boys from this county are now in the service and those now in the ranks are likely to be discharged from further duty in the near future, it is understood. Apparently the government is planning to effect a complete change in the civilian conservation corps personnel.

M. L. Martin, father of Baseball Player "Stew" Martin, was here today for Severn.

## Plans Announced Complete for Opening Big Annual Agricultural Fair on Tuesday of Next Week

### Williamston District V. E. & P. Power Co. Has 5th Anniversary

#### Company Enjoys Marked Growth Here During Past Five Years

Without any formal program and with every man at his post, the Williamston District of the Virginia Electric and Power Company is observing its fifth anniversary today, the cordial relationship between the company and its patrons standing out among the many achievements of the period.

A marked growth has been enjoyed by the company during its five years of operation here, but that growth has not been limited to the V. E. P. This town and entire section has enjoyed a business expansion, the company having played a prominent part in the expansion development.

Coming here with 25 employees five years ago today, the company now has in its Williamston district a personnel of 41 men and women who are recognized as among the leading citizens of the community and section. Starting with 2,155 customers five years ago, the company now has 3,444 in the twenty-five towns and along the 75 miles of rural lines it has constructed in recent months. Rates in Williamston have steadily dropped from 15 when the town sold out its plant to six cents a kilowatt.

Coming here as a citizen, the company served only spotted territories centered in 17 towns. Today it covers the entire section of Eastern Carolina with the exception of very small areas and offers a service that is unequalled anywhere in the country.

"We are greatly appreciative of the cooperative spirit shown and the good will extended us by the people of Williamston and our entire district," Manager R. H. Goodman said today in pledging a continued interest in the development of eastern Carolina and in the welfare of its people.

With its unlimited power and with its splendid personnel, the Virginia Electric and Power company is recognized as one of Williamston's and eastern North Carolina's, too, greatest assets.

## Special Agent Files September Report

Increase in illicit liquor activities during last month in this county proved costly to the operators and handlers, according to the monthly report filed today with the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control board by Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck. The officer, it is believed, had his busiest month since going with the board some time ago. The number of liquor plants wrecked was only one short of the record established during the first month the officer was in the board's employ.

During September, the officer arrested six alleged violators of the liquor laws. He poured out 5,300 gallons of beer and confiscated 70 gallons of raw liquor, the officer stating that the liquor catch was the largest he had ever made in a single month. Fourteen liquor plants were wrecked, and a truck and automobile were confiscated. The officer traveled 849 miles and believes the illicit liquor manufacturing business is well in hand in this county at the present time.

## Many and Varied Activities Evident in and Around Town

This little town is bubbling over with activity these days, the intensified business program reminding one of the boom days about eighteen years ago.

Transportation activities hold a prominent place in the business program. Three trains were here at the same time, two shifting long lines of box cars and a third handling sizeable express shipments—but few passengers. The bellowing whistles of two steam boats were heard on Roanoke River, and the five highways leading into Williamston were crowded with tobacco farmers, joy riders, buses and tourists heading south for the winter.

Down around the county capital, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck reported record tax collections. The court attracted large crowds and the jail turnkey reported a record number of guests.

Merchants, with larger and more varied lines of goods, are reporting large sales, the clerks finding it quite taxing to open new and large shipments of goods daily.

Tobacco town is alive with interest, the hundreds of people seen there every day expressing complete satisfaction with their sales.

### NEW TAXES

Hardly before many property owners paid their 1936 taxes and before some paid them, Martin County is preparing statements of their 1937 accounts that are due and payable today. Nearly 8,000 notices of taxes due will be placed in the mail some time about the latter part of next week.

The auditor's office has been working night and day preparing the books for the collector who is so busy just now with 1936 tax collections that he will not hardly find time to mail the statements during the next few days.

## Capture Still And Large Quantity of Liquor This Week

### Automobile and Twenty-five Gallons of Raw Liquor Are Confiscated

A large load of liquor believed consigned to wholesale customers in Halifax County was captured and two men were arrested at a liquor plant in Bear Grass Township, this county, last Tuesday by Enforcement Officer Joe H. Roebuck and Deputies Bill Haislip and Roy Peel. Ike Mizelle, alleged operator of the still, is to face trial in the county court next Monday. A. B. Flannagan, owner of the car, is to face trial before Judge H. O. Peel on October 11. His car is now being held by officers at the direction of the courts.

When the officers made the raid they found three men at the still but the third one, a colored man, escaped. Flannagan maintained that he went to the still just to get a drink, that the car, a Ford V-8 belonged to the colored man. It was later learned that the car belonged to Flannagan and that only a small mortgage was held against it. On Wednesday, the officers swore out a warrant against Flannagan, charging him with transporting illegal liquor for sale. He furnished bond in the sum of \$300.

The officers found 25 gallons of raw liquor in the car that was parked in a field, a short distance from the manufacturing plant. Three gallons were found at the still, and that along with 400 gallons of beer and the equipment were destroyed. The still was of the steam type and the boiler was of only 50-gallon capacity.

Mizelle, about 45 years old, is a county man. Flannagan, about 37, lives near Scotland Neck in Halifax County.

Raiding in the Free Union section of Jamesville yesterday afternoon, the officers wrecked two plants. The cooking kettle had been removed from the plant, but the officers found and destroyed other manufacturing equipment and 150 gallons of beer. At the second plant, they found a 100-gallon capacity copper still and 650 gallons of beer. Both plants were idle and no arrests were made.

## Sales Directors Meet Here Saturday Evening

Directors of sales on the Bright Belt tobacco markets will meet here tomorrow evening as guests of Henry Johnson, supervisor of sales on Williamston's fast growing market. Mr. Johnson said that representatives were expected from as far away as Wendell and Goldsboro.

## Joe S. Lilley Dies at His Home Near Here

Joe S. Lilley, well known farmer of this section, died at his home near Williamston just off the Washington highway, early Wednesday morning following a long period of declining health. He had been confined to his bed for two or three weeks.

The son of Staton and Catherine Leggett Lilley, he was born in this county 66 years ago. Enjoying few advantages in his early life, Mr. Lilley labored long and hard to make himself secure, but depressing years dealt him a costly blow, and the resulting worries are believed to have hastened his death. He married Miss Virginia Lilley who survives with five children, Catherine, Joe Henry, Minnie Mae Rowland and Virginia Dare Lilley. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Lon Lilley of Griffins Township, and Paul Lilley, of near Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home, the Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the local Methodist church, officiating. Burial will follow in the family cemetery, near the home.

## Fifteen-car Train To Reach Williamston About Noon Sunday

### First Agricultural Exhibits Are Being Delivered to the Halls Today

Plans were announced complete today by Manager Harvey Walker for opening Williamston's biggest agricultural fair next Tuesday morning, the management pointing out that greater preparations than in recent years had been handled to make the event one of the most successful ever held here.

The first of the agricultural exhibits are being delivered to the halls today, Mr. Walker stating that capable department heads are now taking their posts on the grounds to receive the exhibits. "Our police force has been enlarged, and every effort will be made to protect the exhibits," Manager Walker said today. Special attention is being given 4-H and home economics club exhibits this year, the management stating that more county exhibits have been planned than at any other time during his stay here as manager of the fair. "If all those who have planned to participate bring exhibits, the individual show will double that of last year," Mr. Walker continued in explaining that there was a decided increase in interest in the agricultural premiums.

West's World Wonder shows, traveling in 15 double-length or 30 road cars, is slated to reach here about noon Sunday. The advance agent stated today that the shows would be turned over to the Coast Line shortly after seven o'clock that morning. Arrangements have been made to unload the train at the A. C. L. station on Railroad and Haughton streets.

The shows have ten major rides and twenty midway features. They will be under the direct management of their owner, Frank West, veteran showman.

One of the most complete grandstand programs ever seen at a fair in this section was announced complete today by the management. There are twelve distinct acts daily in front of the grandstand including a band concert, Conley's dog and pony circus, Winifred Collesano, the Merrell's perch act, the Continental Revue, the Merrell Brothers in their wire act, the Flying Sensations, a Revue number, Merrell Brothers and Sister, Conley's High Aerial Thriller, Balloon ascension, and an unusual act featuring a gold-tinted horse and trainer.

There'll be variations in the afternoon and evening programs. The balloon-ascension is scheduled each afternoon at 5 o'clock, and will not be included in the evening program. The Continental Revue, a high-cost production, will feature the evening program only. The fireworks display has been greatly enlarged, Manager Walker stated in pointing out that the 1937 show has been planned on an elaborate scale all the way through.

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