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Court Continues The Trial Of Civil Cases This Week

Plaintiff Recovers Nothing In \$1,000 Suit Against Coca Cola Firm

The trial of civil cases has been progressing steadily in the regular term of Martin County Superior Court following the completion of the criminal docket last Wednesday. Nineteen cases have been cleared by Judge Walter Bone from the civil calendar, and any others will have been tried before adjournment on Friday of this week.

Proceedings: A voluntary non-suit was granted the plaintiff in the case of S. E. Close against fertilizer company.

Godfrey Ervin Dixon, young white boy who was injured by a truck of the Hardaway Contracting company last December, received damages in the sum of \$500.

The action of Willie D. Boston and wife against J. W. Watts, executor, was dismissed when the plaintiffs failed to appear in court.

Plaintiffs took a voluntary non-suit in the case of Rebecca Hyman and others against D. G. Matthews.

Henry Manson was allowed \$300 damages in his suit against Howard and Bettie Crawford.

W. R. Everett was given \$825 damages in his case against R. W. and P. L. Salsbury.

A judgment in the sum of \$308.94 was given the Standard Fertilizer company against Eric Tedder.

The case of Slade, Rhodes and Company against L. A. Thompson was settled out of court.

A surveyor was appointed to map certain lands in dispute in the case of Harry Waldo against B. M. Worsley.

The Standard Fertilizer Company was granted a voluntary non-suit in its case against C. P. Aycock and others.

A settlement was effected out of court in the case of Ricky Gainer against Lela Gainer, the defense having agreed to pay the plaintiff \$470.

Mrs. Pearl Tertetter was allowed damages in the sum of \$522 in her case against William Green Carroll and J. D. Hazelwood. The plaintiff was injured and suffered damages when the car in which she was riding was struck on the Washington highway last spring.

The Standard Fertilizer company was given a judgment in the sum of \$992.42 in its case against E. D. Bowen.

Five divorces have been granted by the court so far, and an application for another is pending. William Huff, charging adultery, was freed of matrimonial bonds after several attempts to divorce Mildred Huff. Two years' separation was pleaded successfully in four others, as follows: Clyde Knight against Verlin Jones Knight; W. A. Jackson against Lula R. Jackson; Betty Gray Allen against H. W. Allen; and A. L. James against W. R. James.

So far the trial of the \$1,000 damage suit of Joe E. White against the

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Debating Teams Go Into Action On Friday Morning

Misses Barnhill and Mishoe, Gordon Manning and Geo. Sumara Debate

Williamston and Scotland Neck high schools will engage in dual debates Friday, April 1, on the query, Resolved, That the several states shall adopt a unicameral system of legislation. High school debates are held annually under the auspices of the North Carolina Debating Union when several hundred high schools, grouped in triangles, send affirmative and negative teams into competition. This year all teams will debate the same query on April 1, and schools whose affirmative and negative teams win, will enter further competition for the Aycock cup at Chapel Hill on April 21 and 22. The Methodist orphanage of Raleigh was scheduled originally to debate in a triangle with Williamston and Scotland Neck but withdrew, leaving the competition to the two schools.

Each high school will send its negative team to debate against the other school's affirmative next Friday morning at 10:30. Grace Barnhill and George Sumara will defend the negative side of the query in Scotland Neck, while the affirmative team, Gordon Manning and Helen Mishoe, debates the Scotland Neck negative team here.

New Board Ruling Likely To Split Local Voting Precincts

Williamston's voting precinct, casting nearly 1,100 votes in the last general election, will be split into two if recommendations made by the State Board of Elections last Saturday are given consideration by the county election heads. A survey of the precincts is planned, the authorities pointing out that it is likely all precincts casting over 1,000 votes would be divided, that attention will be given to registrations as to when the last one was held and as to the last time the lists were purged. A study of absentee ballots was also planned by the State board last Saturday.

When more than 1,000 votes are cast in a single precinct, considerable delay is experienced in checking the returns, and ordinarily such a big vote adds to confusion at the polls during the voting hours. Williamston is the only precinct in the

Planning Tuberculosis Clinics In This County

PERMITS

Beginning next Friday and continuing to next December, Martin County farmers are requested to get permits before starting forest fires or burning off ditchbanks on their farms. County Forest Warden S. J. Tertetter announces. It is very important that permits are obtained, the warden explained.

Permits are issued by the warden and his assistants: Chas. Gurkin, Dardens; Foreman tower operator; R. S. Fricke, Jamesville; Willie Ausbon, Cross Roads; and the Hassell towerman.

Presbyterians Let Contract To Finish Interior Of Church

Project Is Expected To Cost About \$5,500; Ready In Six Weeks

Work was begun last Monday on the auditorium of the local Presbyterian church which was built in 1930. Building their first church in Martin county in 1930, 18 charter members of the Presbyterian church erected a completed church on the outside, but were unable to finish the inside of their auditorium. They were able, however, to finish the interior of their Sunday school unit. During the past nine years they have been worshipping in the auditorium of the Sunday school.

Not so very long ago, a friend of Presbyterian Home Missions in Martin county offered to pay off the present indebtedness if the members would finish the church auditorium. The local members accepted the offer and since that time have been conducting a campaign for funds with which to finish the work. When this campaign reached its successful close, the contracts were let for its completion. Norris and Batton, contractors, were awarded the general work. W. E. Dunn was awarded the heating contract. The church will be finished in colonial designs and will be heated with air-conditioned equipment. The blower system to be installed will heat the church in the winter and cool it in the summer.

Colonial pews with mahogany finish will be used for seating. The pulpit will not carry the usual chairs for seating, as the pulpit work is all built in panel form, with speakers stand elevated 4 and one-half feet from floor level. An elders' bench will be placed in front of the pulpit for seating.

The total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$5500.00 and the work should be completed in about six weeks.

Complete Survey For Rural Electric Line

A survey for the construction of a rural electric line into the Farm Life section of Griffins Township has been completed, and representatives of the Virginia Electric and Power company, the contracting firm, are procuring a right-of-way for the line. The work is progressing rapidly, and construction will likely get underway within the next two or three weeks.

The completion of the line will give this county one of the most extensive rural electrification programs in this section.

Tax Schedule For Listing Personal Property Is Set Up

Authorities Hold Several Hour Session Last Friday

A schedule for the uniform listing of personal property in this county was adopted by Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes and the ten list-takers in a joint meeting with the board of commissioners last Friday afternoon. The authorities were in session several hours, the general opinion expressed by the group after the schedule study indicating that the final values will have to be determined largely by the property owner and the individual list-taker.

"We are going to do everything possible to effect a uniform listing of personal properties, and some of the listings will be checked on the grounds," Supervisor Grimes pointed out.

The schedule of values adopted is as follows:

Tobacco barns, new, 16 by 16 feet, \$100; 16 by 20 feet, \$125; 20 by 20 feet, \$150; log, \$100, and oil curers, \$50 to \$60.

Improvements to real estate will be listed at two-thirds of their actual cost.

Mowing machines, \$50 less depreciation. Hay presses, horse-drawn, \$50; power presses, \$100.

Tractors, three-fourths of purchase price the first year, and one-half original cost during second year.

Refrigerators, three-fourths of the original cost the first year. Corn, barrel, \$2.50. Hay, bale, 20 cents.

Meat and lard, 10 cents a pound. Plows, harness and other items will be listed at 25 per cent of the value of farm machinery per horse. If farm machinery is worth \$100, and the farmer has two horses, he will list his plows, harness and similar items at \$50.

Horses, No. 1, \$100. Mules, No. 1, \$250. Sheep, \$2; goats, \$1; milk cows, \$30; cattle, 3 cents a pound; cotton, \$30 a bale; peanuts, \$2 a bag; stock peas, 60 cents a bushel; sweet potatoes, 50 cents a bushel; lumber, \$10 per 1,000 feet.

Stocks of merchandise will be listed at 60 per cent of base value as determined by actual inventories. Fixtures will be listed at 40 per cent of the base inventory price.

Property is to be listed as of April 1, most of the list-takers stating that they planned to start receiving the lists possibly on Monday of next week.

The advantage of early listing is (Continued on page six)

Democrats Form Line In County

Young Martin County Democrats Will Organize Their Ranks In A Special Meeting To Be Held In The Court House Here Tonight At 8 O'Clock

Young Martin County Democrats will organize their ranks in a special meeting to be held in the court house here tonight at 8 o'clock. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne is urging all young members of the party to participate in the organization meeting. No formal program has been planned, but an interesting program has been planned, and an interesting session is in prospect.

Similar organizations are being effected throughout several counties in this section preparatory to a big First District rally here Friday at 5:30 o'clock. Secretary of State Thad Eure and Arch Allen will be here for the district meetings, and all the counties in the political subdivision will be represented. Lawyer Carter Studdert, chairman of arrangements for the Friday meeting, is anxious for this county to have a large number of young Democrats present, and explains that a barbecue supper is being arranged.

EASTER SEAL SALE

Introduced here last year for the first time, Easter seal sales will be offered for sale by the Martin County Welfare department through the several schools of the county, beginning next Friday, it was announced yesterday by Miss Mary Taylor, welfare superintendent.

Proceeds from the sale of the seals will be used in aiding crippled children, the motive behind the movement being recognized as similar to the idea supporting the tuberculosis seal sales at Christmas time.

Martin County has quite a number of crippled children who are more or less dependent, and it is hoped that a ready support will be given the sale. This county has a quota of \$200.

Further Expansion Program for Local Tobacco Mart Announced By Farmers Warehouse Owners

To Open Williamston Public Market Will Have Approximately 4 Acres Floor Space

With the furniture for the Williamston public library made and shipments of books from New York, Boston and Raleigh on hand, the librarian, Mrs. James C. Cook and her helpers will begin to classify and catalogue the books for the opening of the library which will be held on Friday, April 8th.

The recent convention of the Citizens' Library Movement in North Carolina attended by Miss Mary Beal, the secretary and director of the North Carolina Library commission made extensive plans for making available library facilities to the state. Mrs. Cook, the local librarian, left Monday for a consultation with Miss Beal regarding the opening and to further plans for a "book tea" to be given at that time. Too, Mrs. Cook plans to purchase some supplies that were not available locally or in Norfolk.

The library has at present nine magazines and the New York Times for its magazine rack. Mr. Goff stated that if any civic organization wished to have its publication made available for reading purpose have the same sent to the librarian.

The directors of the library wish to express their appreciation for the assistance rendered them by the W. P. A. supervisor and Mrs. John Hardy and Mr. Bob Leggett for the contribution of a rug by Mrs. Joel Muse and the use of a Webster's unabridged dictionary by Mrs. George H. Harrison. Watch announcement for the time of the "book tea" and the formal opening.

Line-up In State's Political Race Made Complete Saturday

Few Names Will Be on the State Ballot for County Voters

With no new developments within the county, what little interest there is in politics in these parts continues to center around the State ticket, late reports coming from Raleigh stating there will be few names on the State ticket for the voters in this county to consider in the Democratic primary on June 4. The period for filing candidacies in the State line-up closed last Saturday, quite a few of the candidates having no opposition. In those cases, the nominations are certified by the State Board of Elections, and the names of the candidates will not appear on the primary ticket.

The State line-up is as follows as far as the voters of this county are concerned: United States Senator, Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, Democratic incumbent, and Frank Hancock, of Oxford, Charles A. Jonas, Republican, of Lincolnton, filed his candidacy, but his name will not appear on the ballot until next November when he will oppose the winner of the Democratic nomination.

Unopposed, Congressman Lindsay Warren will not have to go into the primary.

Associate justices of the State Supreme Court: M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount (Democratic incumbent); J. Wallace Winborne, of Raleigh, (Democratic incumbent). Two Republicans, Herbert F. Seawall, Sr., of Carthage, and Irvin B. Tucker, of Whiteville, filed.

Utilities Commissioner, Stanley Winborne, of Raleigh (Democratic incumbent) and Paul D. Grady, Democrat, of Kenly.

Interest is centered around the contest between Walter Bone, Democratic incumbent, and Itimous T. Valentine, both of Nashville, for the second district judgeship.

Donnell Gilliam, of Tarboro, is unopposed for the second district solicitorship.

Aspirants for county offices including those of house of representatives and senate, sheriff, county court recorder and solicitor, treasurer, clerk of court, coroner, county commissioners, and one position on the board of education, have until Saturday, April 23, to file their candidacies. To date only one candidacy, that of Clarence W. Griffin for the house, has been filed in this county.

John Henry Ange Dies At His Home Near Jamesville

Funeral Services Are Held There Saturday Afternoon

John Henry Ange, highly respected farmer of the Angetown community of Jamesville township, died at his home there last Friday. Experiencing declining health for some time, Mr. Ange was as well as usual up until last Tuesday when he suffered an attack of pneumonia, death following just four days later.

The son of the late John G. and Elizabeth Browning Ange, he was born near Jamesville nearly 68 years ago. With the exception of a short period, he lived all his life in the community of his birth, where he was highly regarded as a neighbor and citizen. He farmed all his life, or until his health began to fail him. His wife, Mrs. Emma Ange used some time ago. Mr. Ange was a hard worker and a Christian gentleman and one who valued an obligation and the friendship of his fellowman.

He leaves four children, three daughters, Mrs. Callie Ange, Mrs. Katherine Ange and Mrs. Cora Ange, and one son, D. W. Ange, all of the Jamesville community. He is also survived by two brothers, Messrs Benjamin Ange and Luke G. Ange, and one sister, Miss Missouri Ange, all of Washington county.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon from the late home at 3 o'clock by Rev. Duffey Tolar, Free Will Baptist minister. Interment was in the family cemetery on the home farm.

Market Will Have Approximately 4 Acres Floor Space

Barnhill, Evans and Moye To Add 6,400 Square Feet to House

The further expansion of Williamston's growing tobacco market was announced yesterday when Barnhill, Evans and Moye virtually completed plans for adding approximately 6,400 square feet to the Farmers warehouse. The enlargement program will make the house one of the largest in this section and second in size only to the new warehouse now under construction by Messrs. Johnnie Gurkin, Sylvester Lilley and S. Claude Griffin. With the addition, the Farmers warehouse will hold nearly a full day's sale. It was pointed out.

Plans for starting construction work have not yet been completed, but the builders are already placing timber on the ground. Mr. Leman Barnhill, one of the house operators stating yesterday that possibly the work would get underway within the next two or three weeks.

Two years ago, the house owners added 9,600 feet of floor space, and they are now planning to enlarge that addition, the builders explaining that the structure will be widened toward the old Speller property on Washington Street.

No cost figures in connection with the expansion program have been released.

Upon the completion of the new warehouse with its 46,240 square feet and the Farmers warehouse addition, the local market will have nearly four acres of floor space.

Plans for operating the market this season are going forward rapidly, and despite the crop curtailment program the prospects are unusually bright for a successful season here this fall.

Construction work under the direction of Messrs. Gurkin, Lilley and Griffin is moving forward rapidly on the new warehouse, and unless some unexpected delay is experienced the structure will be completed within the next few weeks. The foundation and floor have been laid, and construction on the sidewalks is progressing. As many as thirty men have been employed in the construction of the building during the past few days, and the building program is advanced by nearly two weeks, Mr. Lilley explained. Steel frames for the building are due here this week, and the main part of the house will be shaped within the next few days.

When completed the house will hold enough tobacco for an entire day's sale.

Grand Jury Orders Repairs Made To Busses In County

Repairs to Other School Properties Needed, Report Shows

Unsanitary conditions in several county schools and needed repairs to several busses were pointed out in the quarterly report of the Martin County grand jury filed Wednesday.

The report, signed by Charles L. Daniel, foreman, follows: We passed on all bills coming in to our hands as directed and delivered them to the court.

We inspected the Register of Deeds office. Clerk of the Court's office. Sheriff's office and other county offices and found them to be in first class condition.

The records of the guardians of the county were inspected. It was found that reports had been made as required with the exception of one, Fannie O. Martin, of Jamesville, N. C.

A committee of grand jurors visited the county jail and found it to be in excellent condition in every respect.

The county home was visited by a committee who commended the keeper for the fine condition of the home. The prison camp was inspected.

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Accepts Position With Tobacco Warehouse Here

Evans Willard, prominent Beaufort County man, will be connected with the Planters Warehouse here again this year, it was announced yesterday following the completion of a contract with the owners the evening before. Mr. Willard, well-known to the farmers of eastern Carolina, will work with the firm of Gurkin, Ingram and Belch in the operation of both the Planters and the new warehouse now under construction.

Mr. Willard has many friends here and throughout the section who are glad to learn that he will continue with the warehouse firm on the local market.

Holly Springs Church To Begin Aldersgate Study

The Holly Springs Methodist church will begin the Aldersgate Study week next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The course selected for special study, "The Teachings of Jesus" will be led by the Pastor, Dr. S. A. Maxwell. The conference will meet each night at seven-thirty o'clock and will close Friday night.

A large number are expected to participate in this course of study as a definite feature of the Methodist-wide Aldersgate celebration. The opening session has been changed from night to Sunday afternoon at the regular preaching hour of 3:30.