

Large Number Civil Cases Set For Trial On Superior Docket

Two Weeks Term Convenes November 21 for Civil Cases Only

Fifty-four cases have been placed on the calendar for consideration in the Martin County Superior Court when it convenes a two weeks term on November 21.

At least one sizeable damage suit is included in the list of fifty-four cases, but the docket, as a whole, is crowded with minor actions.

The case of Edna Lee Mizelle, young Martin County white girl, against the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation and J. T. White, bus driver for the firm, is again scheduled for trial.

The plaintiff, traveling from Norfolk to her home near Jamesville last December 13, alleges that White, the bus driver, gave her a cool drink that contained some foreign substance, that she was rendered unconscious.

The K. G. Strawbridge case against J. B. Cherry is on the calendar for trial the first day. The plaintiff maintains that he and the defendant agreed to buy a building, that he, the plaintiff, agreed to give the defendant a deed of trust to secure one-half interest in the building.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and S. H. Grimes are defendants in an old suit started in 1936 by W. M. Sitterson. The plaintiff alleges that a warrant was sent here from Pitt County for his arrest in July, 1928, that he put up a gold watch and a diamond ring to support a bond of \$300.

Happenings In The Oak City Schools

The Junior class of Oak City school sponsored a Womanless Wedding last Friday night for the benefit of the Junior-Senior banquet.

Coach McCracken and his lively bunch of players are lining up for the basketball season. He would like to get in touch with any school of equal standing in basketball for a schedule of games.

The P. T. A. will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 in the school auditorium. Mrs. I. A. Ward, district director of the P. T. A. will be the speaker.

The Seniors are planning to attend the football game at the University of North Carolina on High School Senior Day, Nov. 5th.

The Woodman of the World is sponsoring a musical comedy Wednesday night at 7:30 in school auditorium. It is coached by Miss Ruth Mingle of the Triangle Producing Co., Greensboro.

Report cards have gone out for the first time this year. The lateness is due to the delayed arrival of the cards.

Attendance is back to normal again after the two weeks of work digging peanuts. Cotton is very short in this community and will be no worry in picking, since most of it is already out.

Williamston Tobacco Market Closes Fairly Successful Season on Friday of This Week

Williamston's tobacco market will close the season on Friday of this week, operators pointing out that the market has had a fairly successful year considering curtailed production and quality of the crop.

price average will range above 20 cents, a figure that will compare favorably with the average for the belt considering the quality of tobacco offered here this year.

Sales are comparatively light today, and warehousemen are of the opinion that not more than one farmer out of a hundred will have any tobacco left for sale after next Friday.

Democrats Plan Brief Campaign In County

PAYING UP

Martin County farmers, borrowing approximately \$20,000 from the seed-feed loan last spring, have retired about 90 per cent of their obligations.

Nine Months Old Waif Target Of A Cruel, Cold World

Of Doubtful Parentage, the Brat Is Now Inmate in County Home

Some time during last January, an illegitimate child was born in Martin County, possibly in or near Williamston, officers would not say.

Child welfare workers arranged for the child's adoption about the time he made his appearance in the world. The mother, a white woman, consented to the adoption.

Everything went well until a few months ago when the child's color started turning, and its bits of hair became kinky. The foster parents yelled and threw the little fellow back into the hands of the child welfare workers.

Its color, established, the child was placed in another home on approval. Time and tests left the little fellow homeless. Another delivery on approval was made, but the little brat failed to stick, and a short time ago he landed in the county home.

It was by a turn of fate that the little fellow failed to get into the home of a wealthy colored family down in South Carolina. An abrupt change in the child welfare office left the waif high and possibly dry as a Martin County charge.

Arrest Three At Still Yesterday Afternoon

Three men, Hubert Perry, W. B. Peel and Charles E. Ward, charged with manufacturing illicit liquor, were arrested along the Martin-Beaufort boundary line yesterday afternoon by Officer J. H. Roebuck and officers from Washington.

The raiders wrecked the 100-gallon capacity liquor still and poured out 46 gallons of liquor and approximately 1,500 gallons of beer.

Timothy T. Valentine To Speak In County Courthouse Friday

No Other Political Speeches Scheduled, Party Chairman Says

Martin County Democratic Party leaders calculating that everything is safe for democracy in these parts, are planning no extensive campaign for the next Tuesday election.

The speaker, prominent eastern Carolina attorney and candidate for the judgeship last June in this, the second district, is well known in Martin County, and it is predicted that Democrats from all over the county will hear him.

The Nashville man is certain to make an instructive and interesting speech, one that will touch possibly on both the state and national political situation.

With no contests near the voters in this section, a comparatively small vote is predicted for next Tuesday in Martin County. Very little interest has been shown in the campaign to date, and about the only activity has been centered around the proposed amendment to the constitution giving sheriffs and coroners a four year term.

Rumors from the western part of the State indicate that Charlie Jones is running Bob Reynolds a fairly close race there for United States Senator. The Democrats there are thought to have things under control, but they are appealing to the east to make sure that any gains made by the Republicans will be small.

Radio Skit Scares Many Local People

The dramatization of one of H. G. Wells' weird stories, "War of the Worlds," caused great excitement among radio listeners throughout the nation last Sunday evening between 8 and 9 o'clock.

The skit was made to appear so real that several Williamston listeners are said to have had chills and were forced to their beds. One citizen is said to have actually packed his grips and made ready to move to the country. Bob Taylor, the barber, said a foreign country heard the stories and wired the U. S. that it would lend assistance if necessary.

According to the story, giants from another planet landed on Earth and started a march of death in and around New Jersey and New York. The radio broadcasters, eye witnessing the "destruction," gave minute accounts, the listeners failing to hear the explanation describing the presentation as being based merely upon a Wells story.

People in New York are said to have evacuated certain districts, and it is claimed that several people died of heart trouble. One is said to have attempted suicide.

Martin Farmers To Ballot On Control Plan Next Month

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced last week that preliminary plans were being made for the holding of referendum among the producers of cotton, flue-cured tobacco and rice on December 10, and among producers of burley tobacco and dark fire and air-cured tobacco on December 17 to determine whether producers of these commodities for the 1939-40 marketing year.

The holding of the referendum on any such commodity is conditioned upon the supply of the commodity exceeding the reserve supply level as defined in the Agricultural Adjustment act of 1938. The Secretary of Agriculture will announce his findings with respect to supplies of cotton and rice prior to November 15, and with respect to the several kinds of tobacco, prior to December 1.

The above announcements are in accordance with the conclusions reached at a conference between growers and department officials here earlier in the week. Although no formal announcement will be made in advance of the secretary's announcement of findings, the flue-cured tobacco quota is expected to approximate 750 million pounds, the same as the amount of the 1938 quota as finally revised.

An amendment to the 1938 cotton loan program to provide an additional allowance of 65 cents per bale on cotton wrapped in cotton covering was announced by the division of marketing and marketing agreements of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The amendment has been approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Cotton is sold locally in the United States on a gross weight basis. For exportation, however, cotton is commonly sold on a net weight basis. When sold on a gross weight basis the tare is fixed rigidly.

Legion Auxiliary Will Hold Meeting Saturday

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Saturday afternoon in the American Legion hut at three p. m. Mesdames J. H. Ayers and Betty Barnhill will be hostesses.

QUIET

Quietness surrounded the several law enforcement agencies in this county during the past week or ten days, the office of the county sheriff reporting only three persons jailed during the period. "It has been quieter in and around the jail during the past two week-ends than at any other time so far this year, including the summer slump," Jailer Roy Peel said.

Farmers Complete Election of District AAA Committees

Delegates Will Elect the County Committee Today

Completing the election of their district committees last evening in Williams Township, Martin County farmers through their representatives will this afternoon at two o'clock name the county committee to administer the 1939 soil conservation program for 1939.

Reviewing the district elections, officials in the county agent's office found a few irregular votes cast by farmers who are not participating in the soil conservation program. Only one minor change followed the check-up of votes, J. A. Gardner succeeding P. J. Modlin as first alternate in the district committee group.

A complete line-up of community committees is listed below, the names of the delegate and alternate to the county convention, the chairman, vice chairman of the community committee, regular member and first alternate and second alternate following in order by districts.

Jamesville: J. L. Knowles and Arthur Modlin; J. L. Knowles, Arthur Modlin and C. C. Martin; J. A. Gardner and B. F. Lilley.

Williams: Daniel and R. J. Hardison; R. J. Hardison, C. L. Daniel and O. S. Green; Joshua L. Coltrane and L. D. Hardison.

Griffins: George C. Griffin and L. H. Roberson; George C. Griffin, J. C. Gurkin and Asa J. Hardison; A. C. Roberson and L. H. Roberson.

Bear Grass: W. M. Harrison and Sidney Beacham; William Harrison, J. D. Wynne and Sidney Beacham; E. C. Harrison and B. F. Whitehurst.

Williamston-Poplar Point: John R. Peel and S. C. Griffin; Mayo Hardison; John R. Peel and J. W. Gurkin; V. G. Taylor and S. C. Griffin.

Cross Roads: L. A. Clark and H. L. Roebuck; W. L. Aushon, H. L. Roebuck and L. A. Clark; H. D. Peel and J. Marion Griffin.

Robersonville: J. R. Winslow and S. T. Everett; Reuben S. Everett, J. R. Daniel and J. R. Winslow; A. R. Osborne and S. T. Everett.

Hamilton: D. R. Edmondson and C. L. Nelson; D. R. Edmondson, C. L. Nelson and J. H. Lillard; Woodrow Purvis and K. B. Etheridge.

Goose Nest: J. C. Ross and Julian Mizelle; J. F. Crisp, H. A. Earley and J. C. Ross; W. Z. Wilson and L. H. Hux.

Colored Woman Is Hurt In Wreck At Everetts

Lucy Teel, colored, was painfully cut on the face when the automobile driven by "Best" Purvis, colored, driven over in Everetts yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Purvis was not hurt, but his car was wrecked.

Peanut Storage Houses To Open Next Monday

FEW REGISTER

Fewer people are believed to have registered for the November 8 election in this county than for any other similar contest in years, incomplete reports from the 12 precincts indicating that less than a dozen people entered their names on the books during the past three weeks.

State Grange Asks Revisions Be Made In Farm Programs

Other Resolutions Passed By Farm Group in Oxford

Simplification of the 1938 farm act to make it "suitable and workable" was asked by the North Carolina Grange last week as resolutions from 75 subordinate Granges were sifted by committees which reported at the session of the Grange's annual meeting in Oxford.

Other resolutions accepted by the grange called for repeal of the absentee ballot law and legislative appropriation of adequate funds for an enlarged marketing and research program.

Another resolution favored the establishment of AAA quotas and allotments for individual cotton and tobacco growers before a referendum is held.

The grange also recommended that markets, foreign and domestic, be protected and that a study be made of tobacco marketing with a view of attempting a solution of "the problems of fairer means of selling."

The grange called for strict enforcement of the state seed law; tax relief under the homestead exemption amendments; a change in the income tax laws; amendment of the driving license law to provide suspension of one's driving license upon conviction of public drunkenness; economic government through elimination of overlapping activities; increased financial aid for the program of the state board and the state department of agriculture; government policies looking to the prevention of the sale of materials to aggressor nations for war purposes; and a continuation of Bang's disease control work.

Also continuation and extension of the soil conservation program; larger appropriations for the North Carolina experiment stations and for agricultural research with a view of establishing new uses and markets for farm products.

Four Local Young Men In Auto Wreck Friday

Edwin Holding suffered painful injuries to his shoulders and back last Friday night when the car he was driving turned over about ten miles this side of Raleigh and burned. The young local man, employee of the Harrison Wholesale Company, continues in a Washington hospital, reports stating that he will hardly be able to leave the institution within a week or ten days.

George Harrison, Jr., owner of the car, Ralph Taylor and "Skillet" Long, companions of Holding on the trip home from the Clemson-Wake Forest football game in Wake Forest, were bruised but not badly hurt.

The driver lost control of the car when he was forced off the hard surface while passing a freight truck.

No Developments In Everett Killing Case

No developments have taken place in the Monroe Everett killing, according to reports heard here today. Three men, held for investigation, were released.

Everett was found dead in the back seat of his car, near Tarboro, a week ago last Sunday night.

Receiving Points In Three County Towns This Year

Price Outlook Encouraging: Top of 4 to 4 1-2 Is Predicted

Despite a heavy production to the south of here, the price outlook for eastern North Carolina peanuts is considered encouraging, according to unofficial reports coming from the markets on the eve of the season's opening. Some have predicted that the fancy stock will command as high as four to four and one-half cents on the open markets. There is very little of the fancy type in this section, however, and local production is considerably below that of a year ago.

A preliminary study of the crop estimates and the price trend points to a fairly successful season for peanut farmers in this county. A stabilizing force, the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, has been arranged, guaranteeing a minimum price for peanuts. Unofficial reports state that quality will enter into the price situation to a greater extent than last year, and farmers are urged to exercise every precaution to see that their peanuts are properly handled.

Three receiving points—Robersonville, Hamilton and Williamston—will be maintained by the cooperative this year, and the houses will open for deliveries next Monday, it was announced this week. The Williamston Storage Company (Farmers Warehouse), and the Planters Warehouse will handle deliveries in Williamston; the Robersonville Storage Company at Robersonville, and the Rhodes Storage Company, Hamilton, will receive the crop in this county.

The following official announcement was released this week by the stabilization cooperative: "All approved and designated warehouses for the purchase of peanuts for the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Incorporated, will be opened on Monday morning, November 7th and ready to buy farmers' stock peanuts grown in 1938 at Government schedule prices under the peanut program that has been announced by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The schedule of prices to be paid by Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Incorporated, for Virginia type peanuts follows:

U. S. No. 1, Class A, \$70 per ton; Class B, \$66 per ton; Class C, \$61 per ton. U. S. No. 2, Class A, \$67, Class B, \$63; Class C, \$58. U. S. No. 3, Class A, \$65 per ton; Class B, \$61; Class C, \$56 per ton.

"Farmers are urged not to pick their peanuts before they are thoroughly dry, green or damp peanuts will not be bought for the account of the association. There is no occasion to rush peanuts to the association as the price schedule will not change during the marketing season and there will be ample time for delivery of peanuts to the association. Rush movements of peanuts to the association will cause congestion, inconvenience and loss of time. Farmers are asked to make appointment for delivery of their peanuts for the account of the association. Such practices will ensure better grading and receiving service at the warehouse."

Talmadge To Speak Against Control Bill

Anti-crop control forces are launching a campaign against the agricultural program in this State, and will fire one of their big guns next Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, where former Governor Eugene Talmadge, of Georgia, will address a gathering of farmers.

"We are planning for a tremendous crowd of farmers," H. I. Coburn, chairman of the anti-control forces in this State has not been really determined. It is likely that the Raleigh meeting will centralize their following. Few Martin County farmers are expected to attend the meeting.

Continue To Make Cotton Price Adjustment Payments

More than 1,500 checks, representing \$37,273.65, have been received in this county for cotton farmers. Several hundred additional checks are expected in the county within the next few days, estimates placing the total payments in excess of \$40,000.