

Superior Court In Final Session Of Term Wednesday

Large Number of Cases Cleared from Docket During Past Few Days

After disposing of a large number of criminal and civil cases, the Martin County Superior Court ended its regular two weeks term Wednesday morning.

Working almost independently of the jury, the court cleared a large number of cases from the civil docket by consent judgments and compromises. Several cases were continued, but the court, as a whole, handled an extensive work during the term under the direction of Judge John Jay Burney who held his first term of court in this county.

During the last few days of the term, the court attracted very little attention. As few as two spectators were in the auditorium at one time, and comparatively few witnesses were in the old hall of justice for some of the cases. However, many witnesses were summoned during the term, the sheriff stating that nearly 300 people were called to testify in one case or another from the time the court was convened on Monday of last week for the trial of criminal cases until adjournment.

Proceedings:

In the case of Theodore Roberson against the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, the plaintiff was granted a judgment allowing him \$484.80 for premiums paid under protest and the waiving of future premiums on two policies. While no appeal has yet been perfected, it is likely the case will go to the State Supreme Court for review.

In the case of G. H. Harrison against Liverman, a compromise was effected, the plaintiff receiving \$100.

Attorney Clarence Griffin was appointed referee in the case of Keys against Charles Butler, the court ordering a hearing and a filing of the report within forty days.

The case of Mrs. Nannie Haislip against Pender Grocery Company was settled out of court, the plaintiff receiving judgment in the sum of \$200. Witnesses were called in the case and a jury had been selected to hear the allegations before a compromise was effected.

In the case of Eva Harrison against Tom Mills and Metropolitan Insurance Company, the defendant was found to have been indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,968.28 with interest from January 1, 1938, the court further finding that the plaintiff was entitled to recover \$1,145.55 from the insurance company.

The defendant was declared the owner of certain property upon certain conditions in the case of Strauss Company against Bessie Manning.

Plan Celebration To Honor Warren

Meeting here this week, leading Democrats, representing nearly every one of the 14 counties in the First Congressional District, discussed preliminary plans for a big celebration honoring Lindsay Warren who is retiring next week after nearly sixteen years of faithful service in the National House of Representatives. A date for holding the unusual event has not been determined, but Edmund Harding, chairman of the entertainment committee, will contact Mr. Warren and schedule the affair on a day convenient to him. The celebration, however, is likely to be held within the next two weeks and just as soon as possible after Mr. Warren quits his old post to take over the duties of Comptroller General of the United States.

Messrs. Harding, of Washington, Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, and Mayor Ormond, of Ayden, were empowered to formulate plans for holding the celebration which will be staged in close keeping with the great esteem in which Mr. Warren is held. One of the largest crowds ever to assemble in eastern North Carolina is expected to be present and participate in the event which will be held in Washington, Mr. Warren's home town over in Beaufort County.

It is planned and confidently expected that friends of Mr. Warren who will gather to do him honor will include nation-wide celebrities many of whom will make brief addresses. The tentative program includes a period of speech-making and a tremendous parade which will be devoid of advertising features. Water craft and airplanes are also scheduled to provide a feature of the celebration, which will, if present plans carry, be climaxed with a huge barbecue dinner for the many visitors expected.

Williamston Native To Head Roanoke Hospital

Dr. Grover C. Godwin, Williams-ton native and for several years associated with the medical profession as a practitioner here, has resigned his position with the State Sanatorium to head the City Hospital in Roanoke, Va.

Dr. Godwin, who has gained prominence in the medical world through his association with the Hines Facility, Chicago, and with the State Sanatorium, entered upon his new duties in the Virginia city this week.

Price Trend Upward On Local Leaf Mart

Sheriff Reports A Big Increase In Tax Collections

Inactivity on the Martin County tax collection front during recent weeks has been displaced by a big rush in the past few days, the sheriff collector stating this morning that record collections had been effected and that the tax situation is well in hand for the county.

Small property owners, receiving cotton price adjustment payments, have formed a fairly even parade to the sheriff's office to settle their accounts. Big property owners are said to be making plans for clearing their tax charges within the next few days. Up until about ten days ago, the collector was a bit gloomy over the outlook, but the property owners are responding to the tax call in such numbers that he now is expecting to better the record for last year.

More than 100 taxpayers visited the sheriff's office Wednesday and left a total of \$2,162.99 to set a new record for any day recently. More than \$150,000 of the \$204,772.49 levy has already been collected, and the sheriff is expecting to add \$25,000 or more to the account of the county treasurer before the delinquent accounts are advertised.

Large Attendance At Farm Elections Urged By Official

Little Can Be Done in Future Toward Adjusting Tobacco and Cotton Quotas

In a special letter to county agents this week, E. Y. Floyd, State Executive officer of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, pointed out the importance of the farm elections to be held next week and urged all farmers to attend and participate in the meeting programs.

Mr. Floyd's letter reads, in part, as follows:

"Within the next few days the committee and county agents will be called upon to conduct a general election throughout the county for the purpose of giving the farmers an opportunity to elect among their group committeemen who will serve under the Agricultural Conservation program for 1941. These elections are very important and the farmers should realize the purpose of these elections as well as the importance in electing men from their group who can best serve them on the committee."

"The farmers should be plainly advised that the newly elected committeemen will not be able to do but very little in the way of adjusting allotments, especially cotton and tobacco. The tobacco allotments for 1941 will be the same as in 1940 where there is no change in the operation of the farm. The cotton allotments are determined according to regulations prescribed under the law. We want to emphasize that there will be the greatest need for help on the educational program that we have undertaken under the Agricultural Conservation Program. The committee and farmers will need to do their part in contributing to the National Defense Program on the farm to at least make each farm in our State self supporting."

"A question has been raised as to whether or not in community elections the entire group could decide before voting on the committee if the chairman of the community committee elected could serve as a delegate to the county convention. This procedure would appear to be satisfactory if a vote is taken on the matter and the necessary majority favors electing the delegate in this manner. If such procedure is followed, the vice-chairman would serve as alternate delegate."

Guardsmen Leaving For Camp Saturday

Little Pete Fowden, casting his lot with the Washington unit of the National Guard field artillery, was here yesterday bidding his friends farewell and making preparations to leave for Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C., early tomorrow morning.

Local young men are leaving every day or two for military duty in one branch or another of the service.

Several National Guard units will move out of North Carolina this week-end, including those at Washington, Smithfield and New Bern. Gates Matthews, former local resident, was here this week attending to business matters before joining the New Bern unit.

Quite A Few New Customers Selling On Market Today

Field Representative Henry Johnson Has Encouraging Farmers' Reports

With a noticeable strengthening in prices on many of the better quality grades and with quite a few new customers on the floors, the local tobacco market today is reporting one of its most successful and encouraging sales of the season. Tobacco prices are not high, to be sure, but there is a marked upward trend, and farmers are well pleased when they take into consideration the quality of the crop and the general unrest in world conditions.

Claims, advanced by operators of the market and declaring that prices, grade for grade, are just as high if not a little higher here than they are on any other market are being substantiated by reports coming from the field. Making a recent survey of certain sections, Field Representative Henry Johnson stated today that farmers who have patronized the Williamston market and observed the sales at first hand are agreed that prices here are just as high if not a little stronger than they are on any other market. "And then there are the other big advantages to be had when tobacco is sold in Williamston," Mr. Johnson added.

After trying several other markets, quite a number of new customers, some of them coming from quite a distance, are on the local market today. A few new faces were seen yesterday, and they are back again today accompanied by their neighbors and other friends.

"The tobacco acreage was cut 50 per cent in this immediate territory this year, and considering that reduction the local tobacco market has sold more tobacco than it did a year ago," the field representative said, adding that the market was certain to sell a greater percentage of the crop this year than it did last year.

The market today is handling between 175,000 and 200,000 pounds, farmers stating that they are finding prices holding up well. Despite large quantities of inferior types of leaf, the general average will exceed 16 cents, observers pointing out that many sales were being made in the 20- to 30-cent price range. New high figures were reached on the market this week when several piles sold for 36, 37 and 38 cents.

Farmers, observing the sales here this morning, stated that they planned to be on the market next Monday and present indications point to heavy deliveries during the coming week.

Plans Formulated For Registration Of Men October 16

Asking Recommendations for Members of Draft Boards in the Counties

Governor Hoey said this week he would get recommendation for members of local draft boards quickly now that he had directed the state elections board to order registrars on duty October 16 to register young men subject to compulsory military service.

The elections board will direct each of the 1,916 registrars to be on duty at their regular polling places for the day. The governor said he hoped that competent and patriotic citizens would volunteer to aid the registrars.

Compilations are now being made to determine how many draft boards will be needed in each county and as soon as the figures are complete letters will go to the county superior court clerks, county school superintendents, and county election board chairmen, asking them to act as a committee to recommend draft board members.

Gov. Hoey said he would issue a proclamation as requested by President Roosevelt concerning the registration and also would issue a formal statement requesting citizens to cooperate with registrars and draft boards.

The governor had before him a letter from the President saying "it is all important that the local boards be composed of men in whom the community has the greatest confidence. Membership on the board should be considered a position of trust and honor. I feel certain that many thousands of our most able and patriotic citizens will offer their services for this duty."

The President noted that election officials and draft board members are expected to serve without pay as their "contribution to national defense" just as young men will be required to devote a year of their time to military training.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

April 4, 1901.
B. E. Dillabust spent Sunday in Kinston.

The Editor spent Saturday in Norfolk.

Sheriff Crawford carried a prisoner to Raleigh last Monday.

M. J. O. Guthrie, of Raleigh, is spending a few days in town.

Judge Coble and wife left Sunday to attend Pitt County court.

The cost of court for the last term was between \$1,500 and \$1,600.

A. B. Bowers, of Scotland Neck, was in town a few days this week.

Everybody is looking for bargains and finding them at Gurganus.

Mr. W. A. Jones and Miss Ida Hassell spent Sunday in Mildred.

Now the court is over, we would like to receive items from our correspondents.

Mrs. G. W. Blount and Miss Hatie Harrell returned from Baltimore Tuesday night.

Anyone thinking of purchasing a typewriter will do well to examine the Hammond.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie, of Raleigh, will preach at the M. E. church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.

A fine stock of goods, low prices and accommodating clerks, can always be found at Eli Gurganus.

D. B. Parker, Robersonville, makes the finest buggies in the eastern part of the State.

Our town seems very dull this week. All the visiting lawyers and attendants of court have gone home.

Prayer meeting at the Baptist Church tonight; on account of the rain Tuesday night the meeting was not held.

We call special attention to the new "ad" of B. E. Dillabust, Insurance Agent. Mr. Dillabust issues a very attractive policy.

The telephone company is still putting in phones. They now have 59 subscribers in all. We congratulate the company on this good work.

Robert Biggs, son of Mr. S. R. Biggs, is lying in bed, the result of a wound on the knee received from a hatchet while playing last week.

A severe rain storm raged over this section Monday night, Tuesday night it rained about as hard as we ever heard it.

The columns of The Enterprise are the place for your spring announcements. Our subscription list is increasing and you can use no better medium to tell the people what you have for sale.

We are sorry to learn that little Frances, the little child of Dr. J. B. H. Knight, to whose illness we have referred to before, improves slowly. We join them and their many friends in a fervent prayer that God will raise up the little one.

There will be special "Easter Service" at the M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Sutton, the pastor, has issued invitations to be sent to all that are not members of the church. He will also send an envelope with each invitation for an Easter offering for the church debt. We hope Mr. Sutton's efforts will be crowned with success and that he will be able to have the church dedicated in the near future.

Organizing Forces For Farm Bureau Membership Drive

Farmer Chas. Daniel Formally Accepts Presidency and Sets Out To Work

Pointing out that a strong farm organization was needed now more than ever before and that without an effective organization the cause of the farmer might be lost, Mr. Charles Daniel, Williams Township farmer, community leader and former school teacher, formally accepted the presidency of the Martin County Farm Bureau Federation at a meeting of the directors held in the agricultural building here last Wednesday evening. Pledging his best efforts in advancing the work of the organization and in promoting the interest of agriculture and that of his fellow-farmers and the county, as a whole, the new president immediately rolled up his sleeves and settled down to a task that is mighty important but one that offers no direct remuneration whatever.

"There are many things to be done and we can't remain idle while other forces march ahead. We must forge forward with them, and to do that we must advance—and loyally support a strong organization," the new Farm Bureau head said.

Forces for launching a drive for 1,000 members in this county are being organized this week-end, and by the middle or latter part of next week the president is certain that much progress will have been made in shaping up a strong farm organization in this county for the new year.

Directors in the several districts are being contacted in the field by the president and secretary and membership teams are being selected. A series of Farm Bureau meetings will be held in connection with the soil conservation program election.

Highway Commission Considers Closing River Fill To Traffic; Hearing In Raleigh Next Week

Expecting Large Crowds Here For Legion Fair Next Week

The Martin County fair, sponsored by the American Legion, and opening next Monday, is expected to attract the largest number of people seen at any fair here in recent years, the management stating this morning that the annual event is being handled this season with a greater confidence on the part of the general public. More interest has been shown in the fair, and a marked improvement in all departments is quite evident today as plans are being rushed to completion for the opening next Monday.

Community booths, vocational, school and miscellaneous exhibits are expected to be the largest in recent years, the management stating that all premiums will be paid in cash on the last day of the fair. In addition to the booths in the main exhibit hall, several commercial firms will have displays and some livestock and poultry will compete for the cash awards.

The entertainment program, centering around the Kaus midway, will measure up to expectations, the

management declared. The midway will have sixteen rides, including one direct from the World's Fair, and legitimate shows. The amusement group, playing in Asheboro this week, will start moving in Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock by trucks and busses.

Pearl Haines' revue, supporting a cast of fifteen, will be one of the grandstand features. The Edwards family, acrobats, Fred and Marie Guthrie, aerialists and Frank Doss' animal revue are added features on the grandstand program. Gilson's military band has been engaged for the week.

Next Wednesday is children's day. The schools are scheduled to close at 11 o'clock that morning. Admission will be free at the main gate and the grandstand admission fee will be reduced to 5 cents for the little folks.

Reducing the admission charges to a new low figure, the fair management is anticipating record-size crowds during the entire week if weather conditions are favorable.

Choosing Of Sides Continues As Grim Task In World War

Mass Assault on Berlin Is To Be Expected, British Authorities Say

The grim task of choosing sides in the current world war continues with the diplomatic fronts giving and taking in an effort to gain even a slight advantage in the death struggle. Accepting the trend of the war as it appears today, the fighting, before it is over, will be done with England and America on the one side and the rest of the world on the other with the possible exception of Russia who might hold out with the intention of grabbing a broken world or joining later with Britain to save her own hide.

Spain is virtually at war and Japan is marching in strict accordance with the Axis plan. French are fighting French with the Axis powers holding an apparent advantage in French West Africa. Little has been heard from Italy in Egypt, but there are few outward signs to indicate that the Egyptians will actively line up with the British.

Once the preliminaries are completed, the unrest now current throughout the world is quite likely to flare up and a world-wide holocaust will follow.

Japan has assured Hitler she will enter on his side if any other power enters the war against Germany. While no action declaration of war against Britain has been filed officially, it is apparent that Japan will render much aid to the Axis powers.

The developments on the diplomatic front during the past few days prove almost conclusively that America's defense program is well founded, that even more defense work will be necessary if this hemisphere is to escape the domination of Europe's mad men.

On the actual war front itself, Britain has suffered disappointments. The "free" French movement in Dakar and the attack on Gibraltar—allegedly by French planes—are disheartening, but possibly the real facts bound up in the incidents are not as bad as the outward appearances would indicate.

Germany is promoting today one of the greatest day-light attacks on England of the war. Despite the cost, the Nazis are pounding at London and scattered sections of England. The raids, while successful to a certain extent, are falling far short of their goal. Four waves of bombers were turned back by the British this morning, and more than 100 Nazi planes were downed up until about noon. Last night the British air forces raked the Channel ports, preparatory for a planned mass attack on Berlin. The attack is expected to equal in intensity the raids conducted by the Germans on London in recent days.

Cars Stolen From Local Streets In Past Few Days

The '37 model Ford, belonging to Farmer Lester Peel, was stolen on Houghton Street here last Saturday night. The machine, deserted by the thief the following day, was recovered by the highway patrol in the old CCC camp at Washington and returned to the owner.

Wednesday night Farmer Sylvester Taylor left the keys in the ignition switch for the first time and when he started home the car was missing from its parking place on Washington Street. The car, a 1935 model, had not been recovered early today.

QUALITY

Representative reports from the main producing areas in the county point to a quality peanut crop this season with production falling slightly below normal.

Digging operations while getting off to an unusually good start the early part of this week will reach a climax about next Monday or Tuesday, weather conditions permitting. Rain, falling late Wednesday, did not interrupt the preliminary harvesting work.

Working For Full Deck Of Cards In Pockets Of Many

Uncle Sam To Add Big Trump To Deck for Men Between 21 and 36 Years Old

A full deck of cards is being rounded out for men between the ages of 21 and 35 years, and while some of the players might attempt to finessé it is fairly certain that Uncle Sam will play the big trump on registration day, October 16. Just now the following types of cards are in evidence, tobacco marketing cards, auto operators' cards, cotton marketing cards, auto certificate cards, identification cards, calling cards, security cards, union cards, social security cards and after October 16, registration cards.

Those eligible for service will have to carry their registration cards at all times or face some mighty inconvenient situations. It is likely that the policeman who stops you for a traffic violation may ask for your military registration card, even before he asks for your driver's license, if you look like you're between 21 and 35.

That's just one of the many ways that authorities will check up on draft dodgers. See?

At that, fewer men will register under the present draft than during World War No. 1. The total number of registrants then was 24,234,021. However, if you are eligible, the chances now are greater that you will be called up. The World War ended after only 2,810,296 men were mustered into the Army. Under the present draft, about 4,500,000 will be called in for a year's training the next five years.

Those eligible for service now will be divided into four classes to be called up in this order:

1. Single persons without dependents.
2. Persons who hold jobs in vital national defense industries including some jobs on farms.
3. Persons with dependents, including married men with families.
4. Those specifically deferred by the act, such as ministers, some government officials, etc.

If you're married, it isn't likely you will have to go. The draft board expects that there will be at least 5,000,000 single men registering.

The government expects all persons to learn they must register by notice in the press and on the radio. In the World War, it was different. Deputy sheriffs and rural mail carriers were used to spread the word in remote sections.

One Army officer recalled that officials traveled as far as 200 miles to notify persons in the same county. It happened that the Grand Canyon cut through the county and the officials had to travel clear around it. Then after all that trouble, they found only 10 or 15 men of registration age.

Delegation To File United Protest At Raleigh Next Week

Preliminary Survey Indicates That Added Cost Will Not Equal Losses

Unofficial but reliable reports reaching here this week state that the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission is considering closing the Roanoke River fill to all traffic for a ten to eighteen months period or during the reconstruction of a new fill across the four-mile swamp. While the proposal to suspend traffic across the fill in its entirety has only been rumored, authentic reports state that plans are well advanced for restricting traffic across the fill to an absolute minimum.

Plans for protesting any such action were tentatively formulated at a meeting of interested parties in Windsor Wednesday evening, and a united front will be offered later at a hearing before the highway authorities in Raleigh. The meeting in Raleigh has been tentatively scheduled for 11 o'clock next Wednesday morning.

Considerable confusion has been reported among travelers as a result of confusing highway signs, and it is possible that no steps will be taken to clear up the misunderstanding until after the hearing next week. While several parties have asked that the wording on the signs be changed, no action was taken by the commission possible because unannounced plans called for the closing of the route. The signs directed some traffic one way and admitted passage to others up to seven-ton loadings.

It has been pointed out that the closing of the route for ten months or a year will spell ruination for a number of business enterprises whose operations are geared to the flow of traffic across the fill. "It will possibly cost the highway commission \$15,000 additional to maintain traffic over the road while construction work is in progress, but at the same time the suspension of traffic will mean \$50,000 or even a \$100,000 loss to business interests and farmers," a delegate to the meeting in Windsor Wednesday evening said following his return here. It is an established fact that the extra cost for maintaining traffic will not equal the losses to farmers who will start moving peanuts and other farm commodities over the route about the time the contractor starts work.

Several towns along the route, including representatives in other areas, are planning to send a large delegation to Raleigh next Wednesday for the hearing, and local people are urged to make plans to attend, too. Anyone who can possibly make the trip is directed to contact Mayor J. L. Hassell immediately that transportation might be arranged.

Section Shivers In New Fall Weather

Officially, fall made its appearance late last Sunday night, but it remained for the weatherman to prove to the folks that summer was spent. Striking late last Wednesday afternoon, a storm ushered in the first really cool weather experienced in these parts in recent months. While a change was welcomed following that parching heat, it was so sudden that the section shivered a great deal before light-weight clothes could be cast off and heavier ones put on. Then the section got busy with its stoves and heating apparatus, local stores reporting heavy sales of stoves and pipe.

Some more warm days are to be expected, but this section has been convinced these past three or four days that summer is gone.

Temperature readings, recorded at 90 degrees and above earlier in the week, varied as much as 40 points almost over night. No frosts have been reported, but with the mercury hovering in the low fifties, a white coating is to be expected.

More Cotton Checks Are Received In This County

Additional cotton price adjustment checks are being distributed to farmers in the county this week, the agent's office receiving more than \$2,000 Wednesday to boost the total to almost \$15,000.