

Prices Nearing 40-Cent Average On Market Here Today

Two Weeks Of Court Heard In Two Days By Judge H. Stevens

Twenty-eight Cases Cleared From Regular Calendar, 119 Old Ones Removed

Crowding in one way or another two weeks of criminal and civil court into two days, Judge Henry Stevens cleared the criminal docket in a single day last week and handled 28 civil cases on the current calendar in a single day this week. In addition to that fast work, the jurist ordered non-suits in 119 cases that had been accumulated over a period of years and which had been all but forgotten. Nineteen of the civil cases were cleared from the current calendar in the one-day session this week, nineteen of them went to the jury. There may have been shorter terms of court held, but it is quite certain that the regular September term handled more cases and cleared more old actions from the files in the shortest time of any court ever held in the county. It is possible that the court this term set a new record for brevity, too, for just now it can't be recalled when any term cleared its criminal docket in a single day and then cleared the civil calendar in one day.

Starting a day late when he went to enter his son in the Naval training department at the University, Judge Stevens caught up and went ahead of the schedule the very next day. Hardly had the court reconvened on Monday of this week, before it had adjourned and the Judge was back in his Warsaw home.

There were no unusually important cases, but there was much heated argument over what cases there were on the calendar.

Lawyers worked long and shouted loud over cases involving a mere \$25 or \$30. Several divorces were granted, and surveys were named in other cases, some saying that that is a convenient way of having a case continued. Several cases were settled by agreement, meaning in some instances that the action was taken just to get the agreements entered in the permanent records with parties to both sides of the suits still maintaining cordial and friendly relations.

The case of Standard Fertilizer Company against Robert Blackburn was settled by agreement.

In the case of T. M. Britton, administrator, against Mrs. Helen Allen, the plaintiff was given a judgment in the sum of \$493.78.

A surveyor was named in the case of W. W. Griffin against W. F. Barber.

In the case of State of North Carolina on the relations of Mildred Wynne Jackson and husband, and Leon Wynne, S. T. Wynne and Merle Wynne Coburn against L. D. Roebuck, administrator, and Nancy J. Wynne, administratrix, and U. E. Fidelity and Guaranty Company, a corporation, was settled by agreement, the plaintiffs recovering \$200.

A voluntary non-suit was noted in the case of the Linen Thread Company against Jeff Rhodes.

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Twenty Cases For Trial Next Monday

Idle during the past two weeks while the Superior tribunal was in session or was scheduled to have been in session, the county recorder's court has a large docket awaiting attention at its session next Monday. Twenty cases have already been placed on the docket, the number including several old cases that were continued from previous sittings.

Indications point to a session equalling if not surpassing in interest in the criminal session of the superior court of the early part of last week.

New cases on the docket include the following: LeRoy and Elizabeth Anthony, assault with a deadly weapon.

L. J. Martin, reckless driving and operating a car with a faulty steering apparatus.

Robert T. Sparrow, drunken driving.

D. E. Bunting, assault.

Orlander Brown and Tony Mason, assault with deadly weapon.

Linwood Williams, contempt of court.

Rick Carson, assault on female.

James Purvis, drunk and disorderly.

Smith Thompson, possession of illegal liquor.

Orlander Brooks, drunk and disorderly.

Martin County Annual Fair To Open Tuesday

CONGRATULATIONS

Inspected at regular intervals, the Martin County Draft Board and all its associates were highly commended for their efficiency and impartial handling of their duties. After referring specifically to the several branches of the draft work, including the government appeal agent's activities, Charles R. Jones, of the Coordination Division of the State Selective Service, said, "In general, your board seems to be functioning very efficiently and unusually satisfactorily."

"We wish to congratulate you upon this record and to assure you that the fine work of the board members and your office personnel is appreciated by State Headquarters," Captain Jones, speaking for the State Director, said.

Reorganization Of Local Parents and Teachers Effectuated

Mrs. Garland Woolard Heads Association For the Current Term

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association was reorganized at a meeting held in the high school auditorium last Wednesday afternoon. Approximately 75 parents and teachers attended the session which marked the beginning of what promises to be a very successful year for the local organization.

The Williamston High School band under the direction of Jack F. Butler opened the program with a brief concert which was well received by the group. The 36 high school and grammar school students composing the concert band rendered several numbers after which Mrs. J. B. Taylor, retiring president of the association, formally called the meeting to order.

Miss Dorcas Knowles read the minutes of the last meeting and the report of the nominating committee was then heard. Mrs. James Manning nominated the following officers to serve during the coming year:

Mrs. Garland Woolard, president; Mrs. B. W. Nash, vice president; Dorcas Knowles, secretary; Mrs. W. E. Old, treasurer. These officers were unanimously elected by the group, and commended for their willingness to serve, as they took office.

After taking office, Mrs. Woolard commended Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Old for carrying on school and association projects during the last year, and led the discussion of association objectives for the year. After considering several problems, it was decided that the association include in its program for special attention the central library at the grammar school, sanitation in the schools, and the equipping of first aid rooms in both schools.

Mrs. Old, treasurer, in giving a complete review on the condition of the treasury, reported \$260.60 on hand. D. N. Hix, principal, reported on the lockers made last spring by the manual arts department, and stated that they were ready for use by the students.

Pledged to a greater support all things pertaining to the welfare of the children of the school community, the association selected the third Wednesday of each month for future meetings and adjourned to the home economic rooms where the social committee served refreshments.

To Open First Side Of Fill Tomorrow

Completed two weeks ago this afternoon, the first half strip of paving on the Roanoke River fill will be opened in its entirety to traffic tomorrow, Resident Engineer Franks said this morning. It is possible that the strip will be opened late this afternoon and then it is possible the opening will be delayed until next Monday, depending on the weather, the engineer explained. The shoulders will have to be repaired first, he added. Traffic is already moving over a large portion of the first strip of completed road.

The pavers are nearing the first bridge east of the river bridge today, and they are expected to complete their work by next Tuesday, meaning that two-way traffic will be turned on the project not later than October 15th. Two or three additional weeks will be required to round up the shoulders and place the guard rails on the approaches to the bridges, but this work will not interfere with traffic, it was explained.

Record Number Of Exhibits Expected At Fair This Year

More Interest Being Shown In Agricultural Features Of Legion-Sponsored Fair

Weather permitting, the annual Martin County Agricultural Fair, sponsored by the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion, is almost certain to set new records next week. Opening officially next Tuesday morning, the fair is already attracting exhibitors from a wide territory, especially from the agricultural communities, home demonstration clubs and schools. Stressing the agricultural features to a far greater extent than at any time in recent years, the fair operators are now puzzled as to how they will care for all the items that will go on exhibit between now and next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. "It is fairly certain that the main exhibit hall will be filled, but every arrangement possible will be made to care for the exhibitors and their displays," Manager W. E. Dunn said this morning.

Receiving the cooperation of the farm and home agents' offices, the schools and other agencies, the fair management is looking for one of the best all-around displays ever seen at the fair here. Added interest in the annual event is assuring the fair a larger swine and cattle show, but the manager pointed out that the outlook in the poultry department was not very bright, that only a limited number of exhibits were anticipated.

Work on arranging community booths has already been started, and it is expected that some keen competition will be offered for the \$50 first prize. Other prizes in this department are \$30, \$20 and \$10 for all others meriting recognition. Mrs. Jimmy Harrison is receiving exhibitors, and entries can be made up until about 11 o'clock next Tuesday.

The Kaus Shows, a North Carolina institution, will start arriving here Sunday afternoon from Asheville. The grounds will be open to the public at that time, but the management urges caution on the part of the sight-seekers. Advertising 18 rides and 18 shows, the management announced this week that one ride had been destroyed in a wreck on a Virginia mountain road, and that it could not be replaced immediately.

Manager Dunn declared yesterday that the midway would be free of objectionable features this year, and that nine special police, in addition to county, town and a number of State and Federal officers, would see that order is maintained on the grounds all during the week. Tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, the special police, ticket-takers, ground keepers and others connected with the operation of the fair will meet at the fair grounds to formulate plans for handling their assigned duties.

The grandstand attractions, including several unusual features and an extensive fireworks program, will be offered at 3 o'clock each afternoon and 8:30 each night.

The white schools will close for the fair next Wednesday noon, and the colored schools will have a half-day holiday for the fair Thursday, the office of the county superintendent has announced.

Harmony Restored Among Peanut Men

With existing differences apparently ironed out, members of the Growers' Peanut Cooperative in annual session yesterday re-elected its officers and made preliminary plans for operations this coming season. J. Mayon Parker, peanut farmer and newspaperman, of Ahoskie, was re-elected president, and J. B. Fearling, of Windsor, was re-elected secretary of the organization.

W. T. Parker, of Virginia and around whom much of the controversy in the organization had centered in recent weeks, was re-elected manager, and E. P. Debnam, of Edenton, was elected assistant manager. The election of Mr. Debnam was well received by peanut farmers in this county.

Operating plans for the current year have not been announced, some observers believing that the open market will rule the marketing program with a price schedule over and above that of the stabilization program. It is apparent, however, that the cooperative will be ready for action in case of a falling market.

Last season, the cooperative paid \$10,762,536 for 82,219 tons of peanuts, the government subsidizing the purchases with \$1,185,269.

Seventeen Selectees Leaving The County For Army October 8

First Service Man from the County Released by Army Few Days Ago

Seventeen young white men are scheduled to leave this county on October 8th for the Army's induction center at Fort Bragg, according to a list to be posted by the draft board here late today or tomorrow. The group is one of the largest called at any one time by Uncle Sam, and comes from nearly every section of the county.

One out of the seventeen, Robert Thomas Pritchett, of Dardens, is volunteering his services while the draft call is yet 1,000 below his order number. Draft Board Clerk Marion Cobb said this morning that 1,556 order numbers had been exhausted to date in this county, or just about half of the registration list.

The names of the young men scheduled to leave on October 8th are, Jesse Dennis Wynne, of Route 3, Williamston and Norfolk; Woodrow Bullock Sugg, of Jamesville and Oak City; Robert Asa Edmondson, Jr., of Hamilton; Irvin Clifford Griffin, of 216 Houghton Street, Williamston; Craven Baker Roebuck, of Hamilton; James McKimmon Saunders, Jr., of 106 W. Church Street, Williamston; Earl Woodley Griffin, of Jamesville; Eli Clayton Rogers, of Route 3, Williamston; Kelly B. Cowey, of Oak City; Jesse David Heath, of Route 1, Williamston; Cyril Harrison Respass, of Route 1, Robertsonville; William Nathan Cherry, of Everetts; Archie Benjamin Griffin, of Route 1, Williamston; George Wiley Keel, of Route 1, Robertsonville; Dave Dickerson, of Route 1, Jamesville, and William Harcom Capps, of Route 1, Williamston, and Pritchett, of Dardens.

Don Elphonsa Johnson and John Leon Rogers, two county young men who were subject to induction in October, have gained stays of induction. They are studying at State College subjects of recognized importance to national defense, Johnson studying Diesel engineering and Rogers studying production management.

The county is also to fill a quota calling for 11 colored selectees the latter part of October.

Two of the last group of ten colored men to leave the county were rejected. They were Hezekiah Spruill, Jr., and Gabriel Williams, Jr. Spruill had flat feet.

The first man from this county to receive an honorable Army discharge returned a few days ago. Clayton Lee Leggett, young Williamston R.F.D. 1 man volunteered his services about a year ago. The grounds for the discharge could not be learned immediately.

Application for release has been filed by Joseph Brake Roberson, young Robertsonville white man who entered the service last May. Dependency was advanced as the basis for the application for release, according to a report received from the Army by the county draft board. As far as it could be learned here today, the young man's release has not been effected.

The draft board was notified this afternoon that Eli Clayton Rogers had beat the call by enlisting in the Army at Richmond yesterday.

Colored Schools To Reopen October 6

Forced to close when over half of the pupils were directed to the cotton patches and to the tobacco pack-houses, fourteen of the 23 colored schools in this county are to reopen on Monday, October 6th, according to information received today from the office of the superintendent. It is believed that a large portion of the tobacco crop will have been prepared and marketed and that much of the cotton crop will have been picked by that time.

The fourteen schools closing several weeks ago are, Jones, Whichard-Jones, Bowers, Oak City, Hamilton, Salsbury, Gold Point, Robertsonville, White Oak Springs, Poplar Point, Burroughs-Spring Hill, Biggs, Bear Grass and Williams, Lower.

NEW TAGS

North Carolina's revenue collectors are making ready to tag all automobile, truck and trailer owners in the State before long. Four thousand sets of automobile license plates were delivered to the local license bureau this week and will go on sale December 1st. The numbers, appearing in black on a yellow background with the name of the State and year underneath, run from 453,001 to 457,000.

To date, the local bureau has sold 6,410 automobile, truck and trailer licenses of the 1941 vintage.

Majority Of Sales Range From \$38 To \$44 With All Types And Grades Showing Added Strength

Coast Artillerymen To Move Through Here Saturday Noon

Traveling in 302 vehicles and forming a convoy nearly ten miles long 1,500 men and officers of the 244th Coast Artillery and of Company A, 80th Quartermaster Battalion will move through here tomorrow about noon en route from Camp Pendleton, Va., to the fall maneuvers in the vicinity of Wadesboro and Hoffman.

Under the command of Lt. Colonel E. T. H. Colvin, the convoy will enter North Carolina tomorrow morning at 7:15 o'clock on U. S. 17. Blocked by the river fill project here, the Army contingent will detour over Routes 37 and 64 to Williamston and continue on 64 to Bethel, Greenville and Goldsboro, making an overnight stop in the latter town. The convoy is limited to a maximum

speed of 30 miles an hour in the rural areas and 15 miles in towns. It is estimated that the convoy will be going through here during the greater part of an hour. The schedule calls for a stop of thirty minutes just west of Williamston, but details could not be learned. It is understood, however, that the vehicles, mostly trucks, will be parked along the highway while the men have lunch.

While it is possible the convoy will slightly interrupt traffic here for a short time, the Army spaces its vehicles about 150 feet apart to permit a fairly free flow of regular traffic. Local police will aid in every way they can to expedite the movement, and the general public is asked to cooperate in every way it can.

High Court Affirms Decisions In Cases Handled In County

Judgment Allowing Lee \$1,000 In Case Against Roberson Is Upheld

Activities in the Martin County Superior Court were given a stamp of approval recently when the State Supreme Court upheld the lower tribunal in three out of three cases. A fourth decision handed down by the lower court was affirmed by the State tribunal a few weeks ago.

The \$1,000 judgment favoring G. W. Lee in his \$15,000 damage suit against the D. M. Roberson Slaughter House was upheld by the State court, but there was one dissenting opinion accompanying the decision. Lee, young county white man, lost several of his fingers in a sausage mill at the slaughter house some months ago. The defense maintained that the plaintiff sustained the injury as a result of his own negligence. The courts ruled otherwise.

Although appearing contrary to principles of justice, the lower court was upheld in the Barrow land case. Knowledge Barrow, the plaintiff, left his home and a house full of little children who managed to live through adverse circumstances by going barefooted in the snows. About twenty-three years later, the father returned home. During his absence, his son, Nicodemus, had sold timber valued at about \$285 to the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company to keep the family's body and soul together. The court ruled that the son had no right to do that and that the father was entitled to recover. The decision was affirmed by the Supreme Court. Since the case was tried, Knowledge Barrow passed away, and the money will go to his children, after all. Justice comes in mysterious forms and ways, and now the children will enjoy what was about to be denied them.

In a third case, Jefferson against Southern Land Sales Corporation, the high court sustained the lower tribunal. The plaintiff recovers about \$1,000. This case has been pending in the courts for many months, and

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Dry Weather Has Grip On Section

Without rain since August 20th, this section is now in the grip of a serious dry spell. While the dry weather is creating no critical situation at present, farmers are said to be hauling water from deep wells for their stock. Creeks and other small streams are actually drying up, and the old Roanoke is down to the lowest levels in many years. It is down to one foot on the gauge when the tide is out. The stream backs up when the tide comes in, the water raising to 2.5 feet on the gauge at high tide. Objects thrown into the river yesterday floated up stream and were seen drifting back this morning.

Since August 20, when 1.03 inches of rain fell here, there has hardly been enough precipitation to measure. Since that time a total of one-tenth of one inch has been recorded by Hugh Spruill at the weather station on Roanoke River.

Light rains were reported near here night before last, but they hardly laid the dust.

To aggravate the situation, weather prognosticators said this afternoon that no rain was in sight.

STANDARD TIME

North Carolina along with adjoining states will return to Eastern Standard Time Sunday morning at 2 o'clock after working halfheartedly on a daylight schedule for several months.

One does not have to remain up until two o'clock Sunday to get back in step with Father Time; he can wait until Sunday morning when instead of getting up he may back his clock up an hour and turn back over and sleep another hour without being late for Sunday school and church.

Germans Are Facing Stubborn Resistance In Leningrad Battle

Breaking Point in Greatest Struggle of All Time Expected Shortly

Apparently making a last charge before digging in for the winter, German forces are engaging the Russians in one of the greatest battles in all history around Leningrad, late reports stating that the defenders of the Soviet's second largest city were more than matching the invaders blow for blow. Yesterday, The Russians staged an offensive and smashed German siege lines. A break in the battle is expected almost momentarily, the reports declaring that the human slaughter and untold damage to property cannot last much longer.

In staging their offensive, the Russians used armored trains carrying the most deadly type of guns ever built. Behind them, Russian tanks and artillery rumbled into the breaches in the German entrenchments, while hard-riding cavalrymen and infantrymen stabbed at the German flanks.

Savage fighting on this scale is going on day and night, the dispatches said, and the woods and swamps surrounding Leningrad are littered with thousands of unburied German dead, the wrecks of tanks and planes, and the rubble created by one of the most intensive battles of all times.

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Men From County In Federal Court

Ten Martin County men are facing trial in the federal court at Washington of the internal revenue laws. An action of the internal revenue laws. A eleven men, Lonnie Johnson, Bertie County blind man, is also to appear in court for trial following a preliminary hearing given him before U. S. Commissioner Walter Halberstadt here a short time ago.

Johnson was booked for trial when it was alleged that operators of an illicit liquor still maintained a base at his home. His dog was also found at the still.

Those from this county scheduled to appear before Judge I. M. Meekins are, Foy Rogers, Lorrin Williams, Charles L. Smith, Llewellyn Barber, George Barber and Lewis Simpson, all white, and Charles Razor, Joseph A. and Williams James, and James Keys, colored. The two Barber men and Simpson were involved in a wreck with a federal officer's car, and were held for the court when part of a pint of liquor was found in the Barber truck.

Predict Large-Size Break and Stronger Prices For Monday

Farmers Are Still Jittery and Dizzy From High Prices For the Crop

The price peak on the Williamston tobacco market is being pushed higher and higher as the buying companies, realizing the crop is short, are offering the strongest competition ever seen here with the possible exception of those hectic days back in 1919 when the price situation ran away. Activities on the market today are patterned after those days, for most any kind of tobacco is bringing from 38 to 44 cents, as a whole. There are, of course, some higher priced piles and there are still some that are on the low side. But any type of tobacco that can be used for smoking is selling in the forties today, farmers themselves declaring that the price trend is from three to four cents a pound higher than it was even last Monday when a peak up until that time had been reached.

Those types of tobacco placed in the trash grades just a few years ago are now selling in the high thirties. Farmer Lucian Hardison said this morning that prices are in the tree tops and apparently are still seeking a higher limb. Farmer Albert Gurkin declared that prices today are from three to four cents higher than they were Monday according to the income received for half a barn last Monday and that received for the remainder of the same barn this morning.

No one can be certain, but the expressed opinion on the market is that a record size sale will be recorded here next Monday, and that the price trend will continue as strong as it is today with the possibility of even higher prices.

Tying up nearly 1,000 pounds of tobacco just as it was taken from the barn, a patron on the local market today sold the five piles for 43 cents a pound each.

Observers on the market this morning with no tobacco of their own on the floors, were heard making arrangements to start hauling tomorrow, preparatory for the sale next Monday.

The market will clear its floors easily this afternoon and be ready for the big sale expected next Monday.

A comparison of prices received yesterday and those received on opening day follows:

Grade	Sept. 25	Aug. 26
Lemon Leaf		
Good	\$43.00	\$37.00
Fair	42.00	35.00
Orange Leaf		
Good	42.00	36.00
Fair	40.00	31.00
Low	36.00	24.00
Common	28.00	14.50

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U. S. O. Is Aiding Service Men Here

A complete report for the entire county is not available at this time, but according to Treasurer John W. Hardy the United Service Organizations fund is being put to work here on a larger scale all the time. During the past few weeks, fourteen young men have been aided by the fund, the treasurer pointing out that the demand is expected to increase several hundred per cent within the next few months.

Unnecessary use of the fund has been blocked, the treasurer explained that where service men were able to finance their own way, no aid was offered. In nearly all of the fourteen cases serviced by the organization, the recipients were very appreciative and the aid offered seemed to strengthen the morale of the young men, Treasurer Hardy declared.

Reporting at the local hotel a few nights ago, two young New Jersey chaps inquired about a room. They had only a dollar between them and they were making comparatively slow time on their trip from Camp Davis to their homes for a short visit. The U. S. O. stepped in and financed their over-night stay, Treasurer Hardy stating that they gladly accepted the cheaper of two rooms offered them.

While no large sum of money has been drawn from the fund for use in aiding service men in this county, the \$350 turned into national headquarters has been put to use in building chapels and recreational centers.