

SUPERIOR COURT STARTS REGULAR SESSION MONDAY

Stresses Importance of Preparing A Citizenship In His Charge

MOORE IS PRESIDING

Man Cases, All Minor Ones, Were Disposed Of By The Court During First Day

Convening here yesterday with Judge Clayton Moore, of this place on the bench, the Martin County Superior court settled down to business in record time to clear a large number of the criminal causes from the smallest docket to face the court in many months.

In a well prepared charge, the presiding jurist stressed the importance of preparing a citizenship which will be above law-breaking. This, the Judge stated, is more important than the mere execution of the law by the courts. He advanced the idea that it is easier, cheaper and better to teach obedience to government at home and in the school than it is in the court house, jail or penitentiary. He intimated that the over-crowded criminal dockets before many courts today had their source, to some extent, in the lax government at home and the broad privileges granted youth.

The cases called yesterday were all of a minor nature, their disposition following:

May Lou Roberson was given a 60-day suspended jail sentence on a larceny charge.

Found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Claude Whitaker was sentenced to the roads for eight months, the court suspending the judgment upon the defendant's paying the cost of the case and paying the injured parties, S. P. Saunders, \$17.00 and McKell, \$18.00.

S. P. Saunders was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, D. L. Whitehurst was found not guilty.

Jobie Gainer, pleading guilty of resisting an officer, was sentenced to the roads for three months.

Judgment was suspended in the case in which Oscar Briley was found guilty of resisting an officer upon his payment of the cost.

Judgment was withheld in the case in which Ernest Lanier pleaded guilty of larceny.

In the case charging Jobie Gainer and Rufus Gainer with violating the liquor laws, Rufus was given a four-months suspended sentence, Jobie receiving an unqualified sentence of three months duration.

Judgment was lifted in the case charging J. W. Cannon with assault.

Judgment was withheld in the case in which Charlie Thompson pleaded guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with stealing goods in certain parts of Beaufort, Pitt and Martin counties, Henry Blount pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. His accomplice, Albert Brown being under sixteen years of age, was turned over to the juvenile court.

John Henry Edwards, small colored boy pleaded guilty in the case charging him with the theft of a dozen or more watches from the Peele Jewelry store here, but sentence had not been passed shortly after noon today.

The grand jury, composed of Messrs. W. S. White, foreman; W. S. Revels, W. P. Harris, N. D. Griffin, W. J. Meeks, John A. Lilley, B. Mc. Manning, W. D. Manning, H. J. Haislip, J. W. Belflower, D. W. Etheridge, W. J. Wright, E. V. Smith, W. E. Everett, B. L. Gardner, will complete its work late today or early tomorrow morning.

Court was adjourned yesterday afternoon by Judge Moore until 2 o'clock on account of a mass meeting of tobacco farmers in the court auditorium this morning. In spite of this delay, it is believed that the criminal docket will be cleared this afternoon and tomorrow. The trial of civil causes is scheduled for Thursday morning and throughout this and next week.

Attempts To Kill Wife, Henry Pages Goes To Jail

Henry Page, young colored man of this place, landed in jail last Sunday when he attempted to kill his wife, Venus Page. The man, drunk at the time, is said to have used all his faculties in directing the pistol ball, but his condition hampered his movement and the shot missed its mark.

According to the story told by Chief of Police W. B. Daniel, Page and his wife parted some time ago. Page yearned for her return, and after failing in his plea he resorted to force which led to his arrest. He is scheduled for trial before Judge Moore this afternoon, it was reported.

A review of the court records shows that Page has been before the judge on several occasions within the past year or two.

2,107 Children Enrolled at Opening of Ten Schools of Martin County Yesterday

639 ENROLLED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

462 Pupils in Elementary Department and 183 in High School

Six hundred and thirty-nine children, 462 primary and elementary and 183 high school pupils, started a year's work in the local schools yesterday, the number enrolling yesterday being nine less than the figures reported at the opening last year. The elementary enrollment was decreased by three, leaving the high school department with a loss of nine pupils.

From early yesterday morning until 9:00 o'clock, the little folks literally poured into the town for the opening exercises in the new high school auditorium. The number coming in yesterday compared so nearly in size to the opening enrollment last year that both the elementary and high school departments again faced crowded conditions. Many of the grades are over-crowded and it is understood that several changes will necessarily be effected that the teaching load will be lessened in some of the grades. Even then the average teaching load will be far above the State average or State regulations.

While the enrollment figures are fairly representative of the attendance throughout the last term, it is Principal Watson's belief that there'll be a few more pupils entering both the high school and elementary departments within the next few days. Last fall, approximately fifteen children entered the local schools after the opening day.

The opening exercises yesterday morning were marked by a short talk by Mayor Robert L. Coburn in which he welcomed the teachers to their posts and the pupils to their studies. Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of the local Presbyterian church, led the devotional worship.

This morning the 639 children were seated at their desks for a season of study after a long vacation. Principal Watson with his corps of teachers is predicting a successful year in the schools, and the cooperation of the parents and patrons is earnestly solicited to that end.

URGES CHANGE IN GAME LAWS

Would Make It Lawful To Shoot Squirrels On Or After September 1st

Attending a meeting of game wardens from Edgecombe, Nash, Halifax, Bertie and Martin counties in Tarboro last week, Warden John Hines, of Oak City, urged a change in the game laws making it lawful for hunters to shoot squirrels on and after September 15, or one month earlier than the schedule provides for now in effect.

According to reports published on the meeting, Mr. Hines did not favor a change in the season. He did oppose opening the season on October 1, maintaining as did the warden from Halifax September 15 as the proper time for opening the season.

When asked what the next legislature would do relative to the proposed change in the hunting season, Mr. Hines withheld a definite answer, but he gave as his belief that either September 15 or October 1 would be made the opening date for the squirrel season in this part of the State for next year.

Jamesville Schools Holds First Exercises Last Friday

The formal opening of the Jamesville School was held last Friday when the first chapel exercises were planned. Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Robersonville, following the devotional worship made a very impressive talk based upon an appropriate Scripture reading.

In a brief talk, Mr. R. J. Peel appealed to the child, the teacher and the parents present to cooperate with the school and thus make the year a successful one. Only a few brief remarks were made by Principal A. L. Pollock. The main thing he stressed was the care to be exercised by the truck drivers who hold the lives of many children in their hands on the daily trips.

Yesterday morning, 316 children reported for work, a number slightly in excess of the opening enrollment last year.

Raleigh Banking And Trust Company Closes

The Raleigh Banking and Trust, one of the oldest financial institutions, was consolidated with the Page Trust Company today. The depositors are said to have made heavy withdrawals following the Drusey and Marr failures there a few days ago.

LITTLE CHANGE IS EXPECTED IN ENROLLMENTS

Oak City Believed To Have Greatest Loss of Ten Schools Reporting

ALL 8 MONTH SCHOOLS

Practically All Opens Are Well Attended By Parents and Patrons Reports State

Approximately 2,107 children enrolled in ten white schools in this county yesterday, the figures being complete with one exception—Robersonville. While accurate comparisons are not available for opening days last year and this, it is believed that the number of pupils entering the ten schools will be about the same as it was last year. Some of the schools report marked losses in their opening day enrollments; others report gains; still others report very little change if any in the numbers.

Parmele reported 75 pupils as compared with 85 on the opening day last year. Many patrons were out for the opening, and at their request the principal, Mr. L. B. Wynne, will begin class work at 7:30 and continue to about 1:30 each school day. The schedule is to be followed beginning tomorrow morning until the harvesting season is completed.

Dardens reported 81 pupils, or five less than the opening enrollment last fall.

Williamston with 177 in its high school lost six pupils in that department. The enrollment of 462 in the elementary school was only three less in number than was the 1929-30 opening day number.

Everetts reported no change at all in its first-day enrollment, there being 175 pupils to register, 133 in the elementary and 42 in the high school departments.

Bear Grass reported a gain with 204 in the grammar grades and 32 in the high school as compared with 215 in the entire school last year.

Gold Point with 80 pupils reported a gain of four pupils over last year's enrollment.

Hassell jumped from 62 last year to 77 on the opening day yesterday.

Hamilton reported a fair-sized loss. There were 220 in the school on the opening day last year as compared with 157 in the grammar grades and 19 in the high school this year.

Oak City's elementary department fell from 302 to 262 and the high school enrollment dropped from 85 to 81.

Jamesville reported 316 enrolled in its elementary and high school departments yesterday as compared with 315 last year. The division in the two departments was apparently copied wrong as there were 87 listed in the high school and 138 in the grammar grades.

The actual trend of enrollment in the eleven eight-month schools cannot be determined until Robersonville reports its opening day figures.

LOCAL COLORED SCHOOLS OPEN

Three Hundred and Seventy Three Enroll for Work Here Yesterday

The local colored schools opened the 1930-31 term yesterday morning with an enrollment of 373 pupils as compared with 390 registered the first day last term. One hundred and forty of the pupils reporting for work yesterday were first-graders, Principal E. J. Hayes reporting crowded conditions in the third and fourth grades also. The number of pupils in the higher grades was comparatively small, it was stated.

In spite of adverse housing conditions, Principal Hayes stated late yesterday that they expected a successful year. The school has an exceptional faculty this term, teachers coming for duty in the various rooms from Elizabeth City State Normal, Agricultural and Mechanical College, Miner Normal, Washington D. C., Durham State College, Virginia Union University, Shaw University and Bennett College.

Warden Denies Report That He Flew From Man

The report circulated in certain parts of the county maintaining that Township Warden Mayo Grimes fled from a woods in Williams township last Friday at the command of a game law violator was branded as false by Mr. Grimes when questioned yesterday. It was reported, humorously probably, that the hunter knocked the warden's gun out of his hands and ordered him from the woods.

The game protector explained that he arrested T. D. Williams, of Roanoke Rapids, in Williams township last Friday, but the arrest was made under very amiable terms, the hunter being lost and Mr. Grimes wearying of wait-

ADVANCE IDEAS FOR RELIEF OF THE FARMERS

Acres Reduction Is One Of Best Methods, Two Men Write

The plight of the tobacco growers in the various sections affected has pushed all other happenings in this part of the State in the far background. Even the superior court in session here this week postponed its morning's work today to give room for a mass meeting of the tobacco growers in the court auditorium here. Ideas have been advanced, and the discussions have been unlimited.

According to two open letters received here, the acres reduction plan and some type of marketing have been the two most favorable solutions so far advanced. One of the two letters written by Mr. W. T. Meadows, of this place, the other by R. E. White, of Aulander, follow:

In an open letter addressed to Mr. J. G. Staton, Mr. W. T. Meadows says, in part:

I see in the papers that a meeting has been called of the fifteen members of the District Executive Committee of the Cooperative Tobacco Association for the State of North Carolina. I presume this committee is called together for the purpose of formulating some plan to put in operation cooperative marketing in North Carolina. I hope and trust the plans set before you are not drawn up to order, and some fellow will get up and say "Here it is, sign on the dotted line" for that is what they do when they go out to have a farmers' meeting in every county in the State. They issue the call for the farmers to meet at the courthouse, have men at each door to pass the farmer as he enters a type-written contract; he invites you to walk in, sit down and read this contract. After allowing ample time for the persons gathered to read this contract; some local citizen will get up and introduce the speaker of the day to address this crowd of farmers in reference to what is written on that cooperative contract which he is holding in his hand, and invites them to walk up and sign it. The farmer involved has no chance to say whether he likes a clause in the contract or not.

Now I have read the North and South Carolina contracts on cooperative marketing, and being a farmer, a warehouseman, and a dealer, I know there are a great many objections to certain clauses in these contracts. My plan has been that they could get on unless they could control the acreage, and I still stick to this idea. All this stuff you see about the politicians and the departments of markets playing up is not worth a cent in getting the poor farmer out of the hole. I have just one plan that I am going to ask you to submit to your brother committeemen. This plan not only will control the acreage but it adopted, one hundred per cent of the farmers will sign up for the bright belt of Georgia, South and North Carolina, and Virginia and under the belt of Kentucky. It is too late to put this plan in action in the bright belt this season. It is just as well to go ahead and take your medicine this season as it is doped out to you, whether it be a short crop, long crop, good crop, bad crop, over-production or under-production. Take your dose this time, but hand them this clause in your agreement from now on:

"We will raise and store with the cooperative marketing association of the United States a crop of tobacco in 1931, and in the bright belt of Kentucky. It is too late to put this plan in action in the bright belt this season. It is just as well to go ahead and take your medicine this season as it is doped out to you, whether it be a short crop, long crop, good crop, bad crop, over-production or under-production. Take your dose this time, but hand them this clause in your agreement from now on:

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County Farmers Discuss Relief Measures at Mass Meeting Here

Aged Man Murdered At Camp Point Late Sunday

W. Dave Daniel, 19-Year-Old Colored Boy, Believed To Have Murdered William Wrighten Ange, 84, To Get Money Late Sunday Afternoon

William Wrighten Ange, 84-year-old Civil War veteran, was murdered allegedly by W. Dave Daniel, colored youth, late Sunday afternoon at Camp Point, six miles below Jamesville on the Roanoke River. Daniel, who lived in Jamesville but recently from the chain gang in Edgecombe, was last seen near the scene of the murder shortly after the crime was committed by Mr. Dick Perry and a colored man named Boston. Officers of two counties started a search for the alleged murderer soon after it was reported here, but it was unofficially reported that the negro had made good his escape. Daniel's brother was arrested in connection with the killing late yesterday and placed in the local jail.

According to a story told by Mr. Perry, farmer of the Dardens section, and the colored boy, Mr. Ange was shot and killed as he slept on a bench under one of the sheds at the Camp Point fishery. He murdered, then, rebbed him and threw the body into the river where it was found by the two men. It was stated that a large portion of the head had been blown off by a load of shot fired from a gun.

It is believed that the negro planned the murder after learning Monday of

Prices On Local Market Show Gain of 3 to 33 Percent

GOVERNMENT'S FIGURES SHOW GAIN IN PRICES

1930 Crop Selling From 4 to 10 Cents Lower Than the 1929 Crop Did

According to authentic reports coming from the government grading service, prices on the local tobacco market yesterday showed gains varying in amount from three to thirty-three per cent as compared with the prices paid last week.

A fair break was reported on the local floors today, but shortly before noon no official price reports were available as the bills had not been completed.

Growers using the government service yesterday were very much pleased with the results, and it is believed that the system is gaining in favor steadily among the farmers of this and surrounding sections.

Interesting figures have recently been released showing a very accurate comparison of prices paid this year and those paid last year. Prices paid on the Smithfield market in 1929 have been compared with the sales on the Williamston, Washington, Wendell, Tarboro, and Smithfield markets for the first week of this season, and the results are very interesting:

Grade	1930 Price	1929 Price
x11	\$14.55	\$16.67
x12	11.25	12.97
x21	8.05	9.88
x41	5.28	7.52
x51	4.03	5.10
x11	17.34	16.81
x21	11.48	12.44
x31	7.06	9.39
x41	5.28	7.07
x51	3.93	6.39
x4m	4.30	7.00
x5m	2.94	4.77
x3g	7.18	13.19
x4g	4.82	8.85
b31	19.44	31.99
b41	16.56	24.28
b51	10.37	17.73
b4f	18.32	22.80
b5f	13.06	16.05
b6f	7.03	10.00
c31	19.47	30.09
c41	16.95	22.18
c51	16.05	19.36

In grouping the various grades into three groups, we have the following differences:

A drop from \$19.96 for the B grade in 1929 to \$12.44 this year; a drop in the C grade last year from \$26.12 to \$16.96 this year; and a drop for the X grade in 1929 from \$12.55 to \$8.17 this year.

County Education Board In Special Session Tonight

Another difficult task faces the board of education at a scheduled meeting here this evening when its members are to discuss high school attendance in one or two of the districts, it was unofficially learned here this morning.

NAME DELEGATE TO REPRESENT MARTIN COUNTY

Many Farmers Take Active Part In Meeting Held Here This Morning

STATION A DELEGATE

Will Hold A Second Meeting In The Courthouse Here Next Friday Evening At 8:00 O'clock

The movement to effect some organization, some system whereby tobacco farmers can get relief was advanced another point here this morning when a large number of interested tobacco farmers and others filled the courthouse to study and discuss the serious price situation confronting the tobacco growing sections of the county.

A number of short talks was made, each emphasizing the need of some kind of help to tide the growers over the period of depression that confronts the farming sections of the country today. Although there were numerous suggestions made to the body assembled here today, nothing definite resulted other than the election of Mr. J. G. Staton a delegate and Messrs. J. T. Barnhill, V. G. Taylor and Harry Waldo, associate delegates to a state meeting to be held in Raleigh tomorrow.

The acreage reduction plan, cooperative marketing and other plans for possible relief were discussed by the meeting, and while neither of the plans was accepted, many farmers expressed a willingness to go into an organization if all interested in the problem would go in also. Bankers, time merchants, landlords and tenants must all join, they said. However, they showed an unwillingness to join with a sufficient number left on the outside to kill the purposes and limit the advantages that an organization would ultimately bring.

Truly the interest in some movement was there in unmistakable terms, but it was evident that the farmers will proceed with great caution.

Tomorrow the delegate goes to the State meeting which will be the next major movement toward the adoption of some type of relief measures. James C. Stone, tobacco member of the Federal Farm Board, will address the meeting and outline a plan for launching a new association, it was stated.

Governor Gardner, Mr. Stone and business and farm leaders of the State will hold a preliminary conference in Raleigh tonight to make final plans for the general mass meeting tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned about noon to meet again in the courthouse here next Friday night at 8:00 o'clock when the delegates to the State meeting will report the outcome of tomorrow's meeting.

The meeting this morning was to have been held Friday of next week, but the date was changed when it was learned that Mr. Stone, the farm board member, would be in Raleigh tonight and tomorrow, and it was thought best to have the delegates from the various sections selected before his coming.

Judge Moore adjourned court late yesterday afternoon until two o'clock today to afford a meeting place for the farmers and their meeting this morning.

ARREST 13 GAME LAW VIOLATORS

Killing Squirrels Out Eight Hunters Fined For Of Season Here

Charged with hunting out of season, eight people were fined in the various J. P. courts in this county last week, according to a report filed by County Warden J. W. Hines yesterday. Five others, fishing without license, were also required to pay small fines.

Those hunting out of season and charged with the costs last week include:

Joseph Beach, white of Everetts. He was carried before C. B. Riddick by G. H. Moore, warden, and fined \$11.15.

Mack Bryant, colored, was fined \$9.75 by Justice B. B. Sherrod in Hamilton.

It cost Navin Howard, colored, of this township, \$8.50 to hunt squirrels, J. P. Hassell hearing the case.

J. L. Hassell, taxed, John Lilley, white of Williams township, \$10. for hunting in that district.

Robert Brown received a 30-day jail sentence in Justice of the Peace Geo. H. Leggett's court in Goose Nest. Brown, a colored man of that district, is the first to go to jail for hunting out of season in this county, it is understood.

T. D. Williams, of Roanoke Rapids, was carried before Justice Asa Crawford and required to pay \$5.00 and the costs for hunting out of season.