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## 59 CASES APPEAR ON CIVIL COURT CALENDAR HERE

Martin Superior Court To Begin Two Weeks Term Monday November 17

## NO CRIMINAL CAUSES

Judge Moore, of This Place Will Preside Over the Term; Number Cases Slightly Decreased

Fifty-nine cases, all civil, were placed on the calendar for hearing at the regular term of Martin County Superior Court convening here Monday, November 17. The cases, many of them familiar in court circles here, number two less than those on the calendar for trial at the November term last year, a comparison of the two, shows. Opening Monday, the 17th of next month, the court will continue for two weeks with Judge Clayton Moore, of this place, presiding. No criminal causes will be heard, the special legislative act creating the court for the trial of civil matters only.

The cases listed on the calendar prepared this week, are as follows, by days:

- Monday, November 17—Moore vs. Kornegay; Peel Motor Co. vs. the Chamber of Commerce et al.; Credit Corp. vs. Council; Fertilizer Co. vs. Sitterton et al.; Matthews vs. Peel; Matthews vs. Woolard; Matthews vs. Wynn; Matthews vs. Wynn; Matthews vs. Davis; Matthews vs. Jones.
- Tuesday, November 18—Guano Co. vs. Wilson; Ricks vs. Harrison et al.; In Re: Ed Lloyd; Rhodes and Co. vs. Peterson; Rhodes and Co. vs. Peterson; Anderson and Co. vs. Forbes et al.; Bunting vs. Edmondson.
- Wednesday, November 19—Coburn vs. Everett; Peterson vs. Peterson; Harrison vs. McMillan; Ayers vs. Craft; Perry vs. Sykes.
- Thursday, November 20—Powers Co. vs. Griffin; Power Co. vs. Dicus; Boston vs. Gordon; Taylor vs. Manning; Wynn vs. Andrews; Ayers vs. Curtis; Fertilizer Co. vs. Hurley; Keeling Easter Co. vs. Godwin; Motor Co. vs. Godard; Ayers and Co. vs. Bowen.
- Monday, November 24—Roberson et al. vs. Adebora; Bank vs. Sitterton; Ruff et al. vs. Gladstone; Green et al. vs. Gladston; Davenport vs. Purvis; Motor Co. vs. Barnhill; Pen Co. vs. Everett; Ayers vs. Cratt; Ayers vs. Brown et al.
- Tuesday, November 25—Fertilizer Co. vs. Gardner; Askew et al. vs. Coburn; Respass vs. James; Barnes vs. James; Carson vs. Roebuck; Matthews vs. Moore; Taylor, adm. vs. Coburn, adm.; Harrison vs. Hardison; Gwaltney Co. vs. Whitaker; Gladys Edwards vs. Bennett et al.
- Wednesday, November 26—Bank vs. Bunting; Ross, adm. vs. Harrell; Green vs. James; Fertilizer Co. vs. Keel; Carson vs. Roebuck et al.; Roberson and Co. vs. Williams; Coltrain, adm. vs. Mobley et al.; Rhodes and Co. vs. Barnhill.

## TWO SPEAK AT ROBERSONVILLE

Judge J. S. Manning Warns Voters Of Type of Ballot To Be Used

Carrying the Democratic campaign into Robersonville last Tuesday night, Mr. J. S. Manning, of Raleigh, warned his 150 or more hearers of the type of ticket to be used at the polls next Tuesday. For fifty years, he said, he had been voting the Democratic ticket, but next Tuesday will be the first time he will have ever used a ticket with the names of both Democratic and Republican nominees on it.

Mr. Manning was accompanied there by Congressman Lindsay Warren who made a short talk to the body.

## Jamesville Agriculturists Observe Tobacco Grading

The Jamesville School agricultural class, numbering 34 students, observed the tobacco grading service on the local market here yesterday. Principal Overby with his pupils arrived early in the morning to get first-hand information on the work. The trip here was made in connection with the course of study carried on in the school there, and provided to be very interesting to the young men.

## Turns Ford Car Over Near Here Yesterday

Hardy Gardner, of Williams township was slightly hurt yesterday morning when his old model T Ford coupe turned turtle with him between here and Jamesville. The other occupant, a colored man, was bruised but not badly hurt.

## Government Grades 140,000 Pounds Tobacco Yesterday

One of the largest breaks of the week was recorded on the local tobacco market yesterday when every pile of the unusually poor offerings was graded by the government graders. Official government averages for the day were not available early today, but it was the opinion of the two graders that the price was slightly higher than it was last week, probably with one or two exceptions. The sales on two floors had been checked by the graders this morning, and only one type fell below the general standard average, it was stated. The great volume of figures required by the government in determining the averages could not be completed in time for a report today, but Mr. Elliott, local grader, stated

that a comparison of several hundred piles proved the price to be a fraction higher than it was last week for the same grades.

The break yesterday was declared by many farmers, warehousemen, and buyers, to be one of the blackest and poorest offered in some time here. Only a few of the better grades were offered, it was stated.

As a whole, the grading service met with a marked approval, very few farmers entering complaints or turning backs. The service was arranged for the growers without cost, the warehouses and business men of the town accepting the expense. The experiment was declared a success, and it is believed that more growers will use the service in the future.

## Federation of Women's Clubs Hold Meeting Here Yesterday

### Will Pave Part of Hamilton Road Soon

According to a letter received here today by Mr. G. H. Harrison from Highway Commissioner Kugler, a contract for the hard surfacing of five and one-half miles on the Hamilton Road will be let by the State Highway Commission at its next letting in December. The road will be eighteen feet wide and will be of regular concrete six inches thick, it was stated. While the definite cost is not known at this time, the project will cost around \$100,000, it is believed.

## LONG DROUGHT FINALLY ENDS

### Raging Forest Fires in This Section Rained Out Wednesday

That long drought, the subject an almost endless conversational topic, came to an end last Tuesday night and Wednesday when heavy rains fell to wet the ground several inches deep in this county. Reports from all over the county indicate that the downpour was general and that late fall seed will now have a chance to develop.

Directly and indirectly, the drought proved itself very expensive in these parts where forest fires have burned for days and weeks, making worthless thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of timber. The raging fires that have swept several sections of Martin and surrounding counties were rained out and the heavy smoke screens that have made travel difficult and dangerous cleared away over night.

## Announce Sunday Program Methodist Church Services

Dwight A. Petty, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45, Prof. W. R. Watson, Supt. Morning service at 11. Communion talk by the pastor on, "The Communion As Revelation." Lord's Supper at close of sermon. Evening service at 7:30. Sermon theme, "The Peril of Indifference." Good music, led by a good choir, at both services. You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends. Holly Springs Church. Sunday School at 10:30, Mr. C. R. Daniels, Supt. Worship service at 3 in afternoon. Sermon by the pastor. The public is invited.

## LARGE BREAK OF TOBACCO ON FLOORS HERE TODAY

One of the largest breaks of tobacco of the season was reported on the local warehouse floors, with prices holding up well. The quality of the offerings is said to be much better than it was yesterday, the better grades selling at high 50 and 55 cents per pound. The sale will continue late in the day, it was stated.

## TWENTY CLUBS HAVE PART IN DAY'S PROGRAM

State President Mrs. E. M. Land Delivers Feature Address at Meet

200 IN ATTENDANCE

Federation Accepts Invitation To Go To Washington For Annual Meeting Next Year

Addresses by Mrs. E. M. Land of Statesville, State president and Mrs. J. M. Hobgood of Farmville, chairman of the districts, featured the annual meeting of the Fifteenth District of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs held here yesterday. Mrs. D. M. Clark, of Greenville presided and Mrs. J. W. Joyner of Farmville acted as secretary for the occasion.

Outlining the program of work for the year, Mrs. Land emphasized adult education as one of the major projects of the federation. She commended the program for this work as outlined by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morris of Asheville. Mrs. Land also made an urgent appeal to support law enforcement, especially in reference to the eighteenth amendment, work for world peace and make use of their privilege of the ballot. She also warned them of the necessity of actively supporting their legislative program as set forth at the State meeting in the spring, which seeks to promote beautification of the highways, improvement of conditions under which women and children in industrial work, maintenance for the industrial school for negro girls at Effland, an adequate appropriation for the Farm Colony and support of the public welfare program as sponsored by the State Department of Charities and Public Welfare.

In an address Mrs. Hobgood stressed efficient and business-like methods among women, and explained the machinery of the Federations of Women's Clubs.

The sessions of the meetings were held in the Memorial Baptist Church Rev. Dickey, pastor leading the invocation. Mr. J. H. Saunders, local president of the Club made a few remarks of greeting which were responded to by Mrs. C. J. Sawyer of Windsor.

There were two lovely solos by Miss Jessie Moye and Mrs. Knott Proctor of Greenville, both accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Manning Jr.

The Robersonville Woman's Club won honorable mention for the largest attendance of any Club in the district, having twenty-three members present with Aurora running a close second with twenty-one present. A very encouraging phase of the meeting was the presence of seventeen members of the Junior Woman's Club of Greenville and seven from the Aurora Junior Club, and their interest in the work to be accomplished.

The reports by the clubs of their past year's work were very good and

## END CAMPAIGN AT EVERETTS NEXT MONDAY

Hon. A. D. MacLean Addresses Jamesville Voters There Last Night

IN OAK CITY TONIGHT

Canvassers Go To Farm Life For Engagement Tomorrow Night at 8 O'clock

For more than a week Democratic campaigners have carried on a concerted drive in behalf of their party in this county, speaking in practically every precinct or community. Next Monday night, the drive will be brought to a close when practically all the local nominees gather in the Everetts school house for a last engagement on the eve of the election.

Two guns were fired in behalf of Democracy last night, one at Jamesville and a second at Hassell. Hon. A. D. MacLean spoke to 75 or more voters at Jamesville, and Messrs. R. J. Peel and J. Sam Getsinger carried the issues before a small gathering at Hassell. Mr. MacLean is said to have made a very logical and impressive speech to the citizens of Jamesville and community, one that met with marked approval on the part of his hearers. He was accompanied there by Messrs. J. L. Hassell and H. O. Peel and E. S. Pee, who made short talks.

Another high spot in the campaign this week will be the address by Hon. R. T. Fountain in Oak City this evening at 7 o'clock. Practically all the county nominees are planning to attend and others from this community are expected to hear him.

Tomorrow evening, the canvassers go to Farm Life, out in Griffins where Democracy has always come through with an allied front. The canvassers are said to be arguing over the right to address the voters there, and it is not known just which one the honor will fall upon. A set speech is assumed, however.

And then the final curtain next Monday night at Everetts.

The campaign has been one of the most complete ever undertaken in this county in an off-year, and the size of the vote will be greatly increased as a result, it is believed.

## MAKING RECORD ON RIVER TRIP

Boat Captain Plans Three Round Trips from Norfolk In One Week

Ever since the passing of the steamboat, passenger days on the Roanoke, very little attention has been given river commerce that has continued through the years. Throughout the years commerce has thrived on the stream, suffering every now and then a lapse in business but more recently enjoying a heavy traffic. Regular twice each week connections with the outside world have been made for several years, the boats of the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Line plying the various streams between here and its home port in the quiet of the night, through storm and squall that cargoes might be moved in all seasons.

And while the public mind has been turned from the old packet steamer to rail, auto and air, the freighters still continue their runs, making records and furnishing facts for stories that never lose their savor for the boatman.

Twenty hours removed from Norfolk, the freighter "Dorothy Leigh" captioned by George C. Wise is now in the process of making a new record on the run from this point to its home port, Norfolk. Bringing tons of merchandise in and carrying tons of farm products out, the boat will complete its third round trip out of Norfolk early Sunday morning, according to a rush schedule undertaken by the captain and his crew this week. Heretofore, the boat has maintained a schedule of two trips weekly, and the crew considered itself fortunate in reaching home in time to do their Saturday night shopping.

## Higgs Roanoke Institute Destroyed By Blaze

Plans for the holding of a school in Farmville by the Roanoke Association of the Colored Baptist Church were dropped this week when it was learned that it would be impossible to provide accommodations for the pupils following the fire that destroyed the three-story brick building last week, it was learned from Professor G. T. Hill this morning.

Early Tuesday night of last week, fire, of undetermined origin, razed the structure, valued at \$20,000. School was scheduled to have been opened the following morning. Operating as Higgs Roanoke Seminary, the school was maintained by the colored Baptist Church in the Roanoke Association. Approximately \$12,000 insurance was on the building at the time.

## Voters Go to Polls to Vote in Off-Year Election Tuesday

### PROPERTY TO GO ON AUCTION BLOCK SOON

718 Acres of Farm Lands and Nine Houses and Lots To Be Sold

SALE NOVEMBER 7TH

Sale Scheduled for Next Friday Is Largest of Its Kind Ever Held in This County

One of the largest land sales ever held in Martin County will be made in this immediate section next Friday when the J. W. Ferrell Company, selling agents for the old Farmers and Merchants Bank here offer for sale 718 acres of farm land and nine houses and lots. The auction is one of the few that has been announced since war times when property prices soared to unheard of levels.

Mr. O. W. Curin, representing the selling agents, arrived here several days ago to subdivide the Biggs farm, one of the several tracts to be sold. The Price farm, another tract several miles from here on the Washington Road will be sold as a unit, Mr. Curin stated yesterday morning.

The sale in the town here will include several choice lots and residences as well as a number of small ones in various parts of the town.

Rain or shine, the company says the sale will go on with band concerts and cash prizes featuring the amusement program. The first of the sales will be held at 10:30, each being conducted at or on the property offered for sale.

## DR. TURNER TO PREACH HERE

Local Baptists Will Have Baptismal Service Next Sunday Evening

There will be a baptismal service at the Memorial Baptist church Sunday night at the 7:30 o'clock service to which the general public is invited.

A number of people have come into the church recently and some of them will be baptized at this service. It is always a beautiful service, impressively carried out. The doors of the church will be opened again at the close of the Sunday School next Sunday morning and at the 11 o'clock service, so that if others wish to present themselves, there will be ample time in which they may be presented for the evening baptismal service.

Last Sunday there was 190 in Sunday School. There should be 200 at Sunday's sessions. The B. Y. P. U. met in the evening at 6:30. Either of the three unions will be pleased to welcome any who may come. The mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening.

Last Sunday it was announced at the local Baptist church that Dr. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, had been secured to come here for a series of service next spring. The exact date of the meeting has not been announced.

## Dr. Turner to Preach Here

Dr. Turner is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Greensboro and president of the North Carolina State Baptist Convention. He is, perhaps, the leading Baptist minister in the state. He was prominently mentioned for the presidency of Wake Forest College, but steadfastly refused to let his name be used.

It is felt that the local church has been unusually fortunate in securing the services of Dr. Turner. He is a man of winsome personality and a delightful preacher. The people of Williamston will love him when he comes. Further announcements will be made at the proper time.

## Deliver Ballots To Poll Holders in This County

Ballots for use in the election next Tuesday in this county are now in the hands of the poll holders, the last of the blanks being delivered today by Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections.

There are seven township ballots in addition to the county one, all numbering around 10,000. Then there are the State and district ballots furnished by the State. The several lots were distributed by Mr. Peel.

## Kill Two Deer In Roanoke Swamps Near Here Today

Hunting in the Roanoke low grounds near here this morning, Messrs. Joe Winslow, of Robersonville, and W. O. Abbit, of Norfolk, each bagged a good-sized buck, the hunters declaring it great sport to kill one of the animals.

## Local Precinct Voters To Use Auto Showroom

Finding it impossible to set up the ten voting booths in the courthouse here, election officials have made arrangements with the owners of the Peel Motor Company to hold the polls in the company's showroom, and for the second time, voters in this precinct will go there to vote.

The polls will open at 6:40, sun-up, and close at 5:08, sundown. A variation of a minute or two will make little difference however, as there'll be few ready to vote at sunup and still fewer to vote about sundown.

## DANIELS SAYS TARIFF CAUSE OF DEPRESSION

Raleigh Editor States No Relief Possible As Long As Tariff Is In Effect

Greenville, Oct. 30.—Tax reduction—the bone of contention among the two dominant political parties of this nation at the present time cannot be expected from the representatives of "privilege and big industry"—the Republican party.

This fact was set forth in a forceful way at the courthouse here last night by two members of the Democratic party, who are campaigning the State asking support of the party in the forthcoming election.

The speakers were Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, Secretary of the Navy during the Wilson administration, and O. M. Mull, of Raleigh chairman of the State Democratic Executive committee.

Mr. Daniels, paying his first visit to Pitt county in four years, told the three or four hundred representative Pitt county people that no relief may be expected from the state of depression existing through out the nation as long as the tariff wall credited by the Republican party remains in effect. He declared the high tariff rates had driven our own industries to the other side of the world, and that the farmer, unable to move his farm, would continue to suffer until the tariff situation had been improved.

## PEANUTS BEGIN TO MOVE HERE

Car Shipments Made By The Local Plant To West and North

With the marketing season hardly open, peanut shipments from this point are increasing in size daily. Large trucks carrying as many as 270 bags each trip, or thirty less than a car load, are operating from this point to Virginia cities, carrying the lowly goober to the cleaning factories. Deliveries to the local plant are increasing, and shipments from here to the markets in the West and North are moving rapidly, it was learned yesterday.

The sale is advancing slowly, however, as the crop in its entirety was only dug recently.

## STAGE MINSTREL TUESDAY NIGHT

Young Banker Plays Role of Bathing Beauty in Fashion Show

Playing the role of bathing beauty, Mr. C. D. Carstarphen, young banker here, and other personages carrying noble figures are expected to draw a capacity house when they appear in "Dixie Blackbird Minstrels," scheduled for a one night showing in the school auditorium here next Tuesday night. The "Womanless Style Show," in which the young men appear is only one of the features included in the minstrel program, it was announced last night.

Aside from the minstrels, juvenile, adult and second part, there are reviews of former plays such as "Here Comes Arabella," and others too numerous to mention, and choruses, and womanless fashion show and Negro sermon and wedding. The minstrels are sponsored by the Philathea Class of the Baptist church and are directed by Miss Billy Ruth Sears. Numbered among the cast are found the town's most talented characters, including Harry A. Biggs, the interlocutor, Charlie and Jack Frank. And there are others who are near professionalism on the amateur stage.

## 2000 VOTES ARE PREDICTED IN THIS COUNTY

No Contests Locally; Some Interest in Constitutional Proposals

NO GREAT INTEREST

Records Show That Vote Has Been Limited In Martin County In "Off-Years" In Past

Next Tuesday, the voters go to the polls in an off-year election. In this county just how many will visit the polls that day is a matter of speculation. Some political leaders predict that 2,000 votes will be cast in this Democratic strong hold, and if that many are cast about 1,950 will be democratic in nature. Others in touch with the political pulse throughout the district are of the opinion that more than 2,000 votes will be polled that day, and still others limit the number to 1,500.

Turning to past records, it is found that 3,288 voted in the last general election, but it was Hoover and Smith then that urged Martin County voters to the polls. In 1926, an off-year for politics, there were only 954 votes cast, one of the smallest recorded in Martin in years. In 1922, another off-year the vote stood at 1,000.

Locally, there is very little interest in the outcome of the contests and issues at stake, but with the applied pressure, it is likely that 1,800 voters will visit the 12 voting places in this county next Tuesday. A majority is reliably predicted for Josiah Bailey, the only wrangle resulting being the one over size of the predicted majority. While there is a prediction that the Democrats will win all 10 seats in the House of Representatives, there is some doubt about the wholesale victory, and naturally some interest is centered in that phase of the contest. And then there are the four constitutional amendments or proposals, and other than adding to Mr. Bailey's predicted majority, Martin County Democrats will find in these four proposals their only real incentive to visit the polls for there is no Republican opposition locally.

Loyal Democrats are expected and should turn out and vote next Tuesday but the outcome will be of little interest locally, and other than accepting the duty as a matter of course, very little attention will be given the returns here, it is believed.

Viewing the election from a State standpoint, State political leaders are quoted, as follows:

Size of Majority Rests With East Though North Carolina, or the greater part of it, is quite safe for Democracy and Josiah W. Bailey, Democratic nominee for the United States Senate, party leaders, anxious for a large majority, are worried about conditions in the East. If Mr. Bailey is to get a normal off-year majority of about 75,000, Eastern workers must do a lot of work between now and next Tuesday.

State Chairman O. M. Mull's desired 100,000 majority seems a long way off at present. He expresses satisfaction with the campaign results in the West but working up enthusiasm in the East is proving a hard job. Apathy is widespread and reports from Wayne, Craven, New Hanover, Wilson and other counties are not encouraging. There is, however, a silver lining to the Democratic cloud in that the party workers are well aware of the condition and are most active in trying to change it.

Though he is refraining from predicting the size of the Bailey majority, the State chairman is predicting that the Democrats will win all 12 of the State's seats in Congress, two of which are now held by Republicans. The Tenth seems safely rewon but in the Ninth, where former Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle is trying to regain the seat taken from him two years ago by Congressman Charles Jonas, the fight is hard and close. There was much worry about the Fifth which the late Congressman Charles Stedman won by less than 100 votes two years ago, but Frank Hancock,

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## Reads Judge Biggs Autobiography With Interest

In a letter received here a few days ago, Mr. Thomas Yarell, former Martin County man but now a resident of Belton, Texas, states that he read the autobiography of Judge Asa Biggs with many additions, his little office across the street with tall pillars, his church among the pines and his warm religious talks there.

Concluding his brief note, Mr. Yarell said, "His like is not here now, and it seems will never be again."