

LITTLE HOPE FOR NEW POST OFFICE IN NEAR FUTURE

Congressman Warren Says Bill Will Meet Defeat In the Senate

That the proposed erection of a new post office here and others in adjoining towns in this section is little more than a dream right now is evidenced in a recent letter from Congressman Lindsay Warren to Postmaster Jesse T. Price. Mr. Warren writes as follows:

"I have your letter of May 28 enclosing clippings about Speaker Garner's relief bill. It contains many projects in the First Congressional District, but I have so far not given any publicity to same, for I realize that in view of President Hoover's denunciation of the measure that it will never become a law. It provides for post offices at Williamston, Hertford, Ahoskie, Farmville, and Plymouth, as well as many waterway projects in that section, and then my road bill, which I got through the House, has been incorporated bodily into Speaker Garner's bill.

"As you understand, the present law about public buildings is that no place will be considered unless the postal receipts are at least \$20,000. It does not mean that a town will get a building when the receipts reach that figure, but does mean that they can be considered. Congress has done nothing whatever about unemployment, and my road bill is the only measure that has so far been passed in either House that will give a job to a single human being in the nation. It is my opinion that the Speaker's bill will pass the House, but if the Senate should pass it I am sure that we could not pass it over the President's vet."

ONLY 2 CASES IN COURT TUESDAY

One of Two Cases Is Most Pathetic Ever Called For Trial Here

There were only two cases called in the county recorder's court here last Tuesday, but one of them was the most pathetic probably ever docketed for trial in the court annals here. John Griffin, 80 years old and so feeble he can't walk alone, was there to answer as defendant in a case charging him with an assault. It seems as if the old man threw an axe at a member of his family, causing no great injury, it is understood, but creating enough friction for a warrant to result. Well, the court just not prosed the case, this action resulting when it looked as if the old man was going to die of a weak heart right there in the courtroom. The court halted its work in another case long enough for Griffin to rest, all the while the court officers worried over the welfare of their charge.

The free-for-all fight at Corey's school house in Griffins Township several days ago was aired out, and the court found Claude Peel, Dawson Corey and Sherman Peel guilty of an assault. Claude Peel, who cut Corey, was taxed with one-third of the costs and ordered to pay \$20 on Corey's medical bill. Corey was fined \$10 and taxed with one-third of the costs. Judgment was suspended as to Sherman Peel, but he was charged with one-third of the costs. And then they all appealed.

John W. House Died Near Hamilton Last Wednesday

John W. House, 67 years old, died at his home on a farm near Hamilton last Wednesday of heart disease. The son of Wm House and wife, Annie House, he was born in Edgecombe County. He moved to this county 20 years ago and farmed until his health began to fail.

Two daughters, Mrs. Tom Harper, of Leggett; Mrs. Mills Ayers, of Hassell; and one son, Raymond House of Baltimore, survive. He also leaves one brother, B. F. House, of Edgecombe County, and two grandchildren, Robert and John L. House.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon and interment was in the family plot at Lawrence church in Edgecombe County.

Announce Curb Market Prices for Tomorrow

Last week the women selling on the curb market here received \$36.37 for their produce. We are hoping for sales will continue to grow. A partial list of the prices for the day follows: Eggs, 12 cents a dozen; string beans 3 1-2 cents a pound; new potatoes, 2 cents a pound; sweet potatoes, 1 1-2 cents a pound; meal, 1 cent a pound; garden peas, 4 cents a pound; carrots, 5 cents a bunch; onions, 3 cents a pound; beets, 3 cents a bunch, and strawberries, 3 quarts, 22 cents.

Costs of Superior Court and Recorder's Court Compared

Democrats to Hold Meeting Here Sat'day

A goodly number of politicians from all parts of the county are expected here for the county Democratic convention in the courthouse tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to information coming from the county chairman, Elbert S. Peel.

A county organization will be perfected and delegates to the state convention will be selected. According to reports, a few precincts have held their meetings and selected their delegates to the county meeting tomorrow. County delegates will go to Raleigh next Thursday for the State convention.

While there is some doubt as to whom the county delegates will be instructed to vote for for president, it is generally believed that the county will favor Franklin Roosevelt's nomination.

GUESSES CLOSE TO ACTUAL VOTE

W. H. Biggs Misses Total By Margin of Only Thirty-six Votes

That primary last Saturday was a baffling one in that more than fifty guessers found it difficult to estimate the size of vote before hand. Some thought there would be no more than 2,200 votes cast and others thought there would be no less than 3,300 cast during the day. But Messrs. W. H. Biggs, of Williamston; H. S. Everett, Oak City, and J. F. Martin, Jamesville, thought between 2,810 and 2,925 votes would be cast. Mr. Biggs furnishing the best estimate. Mr. Everett was second with a guess of 2,820 and Mr. Martin was third with 2,810 votes.

Mr. Biggs estimate is offered in comparison with the actual vote cast last Saturday by precincts, with the 1930 primary vote offered as good measure:

Precinct	Estimate	Actual	Vote	1932	1930
Jamesville	350	368	317		
Williams	125	149	137		
Griffins	300	279	312		
Bear Grass	150	184	205		
Williamston	700	714	776		
Cross Roads	250	282	274		
Robersonville	500	369	464		
Gold Point	100	82	92		
Poplar Point	50	94	82		
Ham-Hassell	200	162	202		
Goose Nest	200	189	215		
Total	2,925	2,889	3,076		

HEALTH REPORT FOR PAST MONTH

Report One Smallpox Case in the County During The Period

Twenty cases of contagious diseases were reported to the county health officer during the month of May, it was announced by Dr. J. H. Saunders' secretary, Mrs. Erah Cobb, this week. Fifteen whooping cough cases were reported, 7 in Bear Grass, two in Cross Roads, 3 in Griffins, and 3 in Robersonville. The disease has been unusually common in the Bear Grass section during the past few months, a goodly number of cases having been reported there during that period.

And to add more misery, there was one smallpox case in Bear Grass Township during May. One diphtheria case was reported in Williams Township. Jamesville reported one measles victim, Bear Grass reporting two cases. No deaths resulted from any of the diseases in the county during the month, it was stated.

Five County Girls Finish Work at E. C. T. College

Martin County was well represented in the East Carolina Teachers' College graduating class a few days ago, five of its young girls completing the course of study there. They are Misses Lela Brown Barnhill, Susie Jenkins, Josephine Harrison, Daisy D. Johnson, and Mary L. Rodgers.

The county was also represented in the graduating classes at several other colleges in the state, E. C. T. C. having the largest number from this county.

PROFIT SHOWN BY LOWER COURT UNTIL RECENTLY

Depression Is Reflected in Amount Fines and Costs Collected

From May 1, 1931, to May 1, 1932, Martin County spent \$2,880 to operate its recorder's court, it was learned from a study of Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel's records, Mr. Peel having assisted in the survey.

Whether that amount is too much or whether the court is an unnecessary tribunal for the trial of certain criminal and civil cases has been discussed by many citizens during the past several weeks. The figures and conclusions derived from the study of the court are offered not in behalf of the court or against it but are offered as they are found.

In actual figures, the recorder's court has been a paying proposition up until several months ago, when unfavorable economic conditions developed to affect the court's financial status even more than they affected general business. Many defendants, who several months ago would have preferred paying a \$50 fine, now accept sentences on the roads, and in numerous cases they are glad to get on the roads, where food and shelter are provided them.

During the one-year period ending the first of May, the court tried and actually disposed of 317 cases, 10 of which were civil ones. The court collected during the period \$828.20 in fines and \$603 in fees. There remain uncollected approximately that amount a majority of which is not due until September and October of this year, the defendants being allowed until then by the judge to raise their fines. Approximately \$500 of the unpaid fines and fees will be collected, while some of the defendants, finding it impossible to pay them, will face the roads.

Taking the amount of fines actually paid in, \$828.20, the amount of fees, \$603, and the anticipated collections, \$500, and subtracting them from the cost of the court, \$2,880, there is a deficit of \$671.

Saving Made Possible

And then there is another side to the court beside the cost, and that is the saving made possible by it. This saving can not be measured in actual dollars and cents, but a few facts will show that money has been saved for the county. On Tuesday, May 12, there were 12 prisoners awaiting trial. When the court completed its work for the day, 8 of the number had been removed from the jail. Some went to the roads, others were fined and still others were found not guilty. The main point is that 8 prisoners were turned out of the county's hotel to find their own food and shelter or share that provided by the State. The following Tuesday, there 13 in jail and 7 of them were removed by the court. Several more were removed last Tuesday, and in the course of a year, it is believed the jail costs would amount to more than \$1,000 yearly should the prisoners be held for months in jail awaiting trial in the superior court. Unable to raise bonds, even small ones, a majority of the prisoners would certainly find it necessary to await trial in the superior court. There are a few whose cases are not within the jurisdiction of the recorder, and many of them wait for months at a time for trial.

Many fines imposed by the recorder are unpaid, but while a few have been paid in that court during the past 12 months, not one of the very few imposed in the superior court has been paid in almost a year. The defendants in some of the superior court cases were allowed so much time in which to pay, and in some cases the time has been extended by the judge, while in others warrants for the arrest of defendants have been issued.

Superior Court Costs

And while the recorder's court was operating at a cost of \$2,880 during the past year, the following figures show what the superior court cost for the years 1930 and 1931:

	1930	1931
Stenographers' fees	\$ 717.60	\$ 534.00
Witnesses' fees	969.60	973.37
Jurors' salaries	3,675.90	2,780.35
Special attorney	100.00	50.00
Lodging and meals for jurors	121.35	14.25
Totals	\$5,580.45	\$4,351.97

As the state pays the judges and solicitors of the superior courts, that cost is not considered here. On an average the higher court disposes of a smaller number of cases, but more important ones probably than does the recorder's court. Not including the salaries of officers, the recorder's court

EARLY CLOSING

A paper petitioning the merchants of the town to close their doors each Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from June 15 through August 17 is being circulated here this week. Many of the merchants have already signed the petition, but it was stated that the agreement would not be perfected unless there was a 100 per cent sign-up.

Store employees enjoyed the half holidays last year, and the agreement was generally observed during the hot summer months. The outcome of the circulation of the petition for closing this year will be determined within the next day or two, it is understood.

AGENT'S REPORT SHOWS TOBACCO ACREAGE LOWER

Dry Weather Limits Yield of Irish Potato Crop In This County

The old live-at-home program has been loudly proclaimed in North Carolina during the past two years, but County Agent Tom Brandon's May report shows that tobacco still continues as a center of interest for Martin farmers. It might be that every one is acquainted with gardening methods and finds it unnecessary to call upon the agent for his services. Anyway, the agent spent a greater part of the month investigating blue mold damage and trying to check it. He was called to only four gardens.

In connection with the blue mold, Mr. Brandon states that the disease killed more than half the plants and effected a further decrease in tobacco acreage.

Dry weather has been injurious to the Irish potato crop, limiting it considerably, the agent said.

Several of the sweet potato curing houses were disinfected under the direction of the agent, and many hogs were vaccinated against cholera during the period.

The report in detail follows: Seventeen days spent in field work, 5 days spent in office work, 4 days annual leave, 136 office conferences, 131 telephone calls, 139 letters written during the month, 40 farm visits made during the month, 754 miles traveled on official duties, 1 article written for local papers, 420 hogs treated for 22 farmers and their tenants, 13 farmers assisted with sweet potatoes, 23 farmers assisted in the control of blue mold, 9 farmers assisted in pasture work, and 4 assisted with gardens.

START HARVEST TOMATOES SOON

Pick Good-sized Tomatoes From Vines This Week Near Jamesville

With tomatoes already on their vines weighing as much as 5 and 6 ounces, farmers in the Jamesville section are making preparations to start shipping within the next one or two weeks, it was learned from Prof. W. T. Overby this week. Tomatoes were pulled from the vines there this week as large as one's fist, and with favorable weather farmers will be ready to start picking by the latter part of next week or the early part of the following one, it was said.

There are around 200 acres planted to tomatoes in that part of the county and carload shipments will be underway before July 1. The growers have made arrangements with a marketing association to handle the crop. Mr. Overby said, and sales will be made on the highest markets.

disposed of 317 cases at a cost of around \$900. In 1931 the superior court costs amounted to \$4,351.97. Defendants, it is agreed, are due a trial by jury if they demand it, but much of the trouble is found when an appeal is noted, not on any substantial grounds, but because attorney's fees sometimes increase and, in the hurry, sentences imposed by the recorders are railroaded through the superior court by officers who are in a hurry to go home or somewhere.

Reports received here on courts in other counties indicate that longer sentences are being meted out and smaller fines are being imposed. In Martin, as well as in many other counties, the loudest howls directed against the cost of courts often come from those who offer little aid in supporting the laws and their enforcement, and who, in some cases, it must be admitted, violate the laws themselves.

WILL PROBABLY TAKE OFF BOTH SUNDAY TRAINS

Postmaster Making Plans for Handling Mails On Sundays

According to unofficial information received here this week, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is planning to discontinue all Sunday trains now operating on the Tarboro-Plymouth branch and possibly all other Sunday trains connecting at Parmele. The proposed discontinuance of the Sunday trains has not been announced at the office of the railroad company here, but it is understood that the government is considering making other arrangements for handling the Sunday mails when the train schedules are changed.

Postmaster Jesse T. Price has requested that Sunday mail service be arranged with the Norfolk-Raleigh bus owners, but it is not certain that the postal authorities will comply with the request. It was proposed to have the Sunday mails handled by the Babcock bus line, but Mr. Price believes the other service would be far better than that. The Babcock bus only operates six days to the week, while the other buses maintain weekly and Sunday schedules.

Under the proposed schedules when the Sunday trains are discontinued only one mail will be received here and one dispatched on Sundays. But if arrangements can be made with the Norfolk-Raleigh line, mail will be received here more than an hour earlier than it is now received.

It is not definitely known when the Sunday train service will be discontinued, but the proposed change will, in all probability, be made not later than July 1.

Very little passenger traffic is handled by the Sunday trains in this section, and if mail schedules can be maintained by other agencies, it is believed no protest will be made against the railroad company's curtailment of service here.

17-YEAR LOCUST IS FOUND HERE

After Sleeping 17 Years the Cicadas Are Waking Up In This Section

After sleeping undisturbed for 17 years, the cicadas, or 17-year locusts, are waking up, the entomologists predicting the air will be full of them before the season is over. The first of the bugs discovered in this county was caught by Vernon Griffin in Williams Township a few days ago. The young man identified the big bug with the aid of a book on entomology, and his father, Mr. W. W. Griffin, exhibited the pest here.

Although the locusts are expected to appear in great numbers, no great harm is likely to result from their visit. In only one instance has damage been reported in the State this year—an apple orchard in Buncombe County where thousands of the bugs covered the trees.

The cicada caught in Williams Township was brought to the Enterprise office and left in a small box. Lonnie Spruill, the janitor, thought it rather cruel to confine the bug in so small a box and he turned it out and burned the box. It is hoped another of the bugs will be caught and brought here for inspection.

Christians Announce Their Services for Next Sunday

Bible school at 9:45; morning worship at 11; Christmas Endeavor at 7 p. m. and evening service at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to all services. It is children's day and all members of the church and Bible school are urged to be present and enjoy the day and take some part in the worship and fellowship.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "A little bit of heaven and earth," and that evening on "Earth's greatest possessions." All young converts who came into the church recently are asked to be present at both services if possible. Special music, a warm Christian welcome, worshipful atmosphere and gospel messages that comfort and encourage.

Sunday Services at the Local Baptist Church

"The Evidences of Our Salvation" will be the sermon theme at the Baptist church Sunday morning. This is a subject in which all Christian people are vitally interested. And an attempt will be made to set forth in order some of the reasonable bases upon which the evidences of Christianity rest. The pastor will preach again in the evening, following the sessions of the B. Y. P. U.

Peanut Marketing Method Explained

Morrison and Reynolds in 2nd Primary

Hardly before the last chapter in the June 4 primary is officially closed in Raleigh today by the State canvassers, political lines were being formed for a second primary the second day of July. Senator Cameron Morrison and Robert R. Reynolds, the wet candidate, will oppose each other for a seat in the United States Senate, Tam Bowie, Frank D. Grist, and Arthur Simmons having been eliminated last Saturday.

R. T. Fountain, second high in the race for the governorship, has not announced his intentions of opposing Ehringhaus in a second primary. He has until next Wednesday to decide, some of his friends having already advised him to contest his opponent's 50,000 or more lead. Others are said to have advised against a second contest between the two men.

Other contests are likely to be announced following the official canvass of the State vote by the board of elections in Raleigh today.

BASEBALL TEAM IS FORMED HERE

Play First Scheduled Game with Coleraine Here Next Tuesday

Organized baseball was established here this week when Williamston of Martin County officially signed as a fourth member of the Albemarle League, Coleraine-Windsor, Elizabeth City and Edenton having already entered before that time. A team is in the making here at the present time and the first game will be played here next Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock on the high school diamond, it was announced here yesterday afternoon.

Nineteen young men, many of whom have held positions on various college teams, are working for regular positions on the squad here, and present indications point to a successful season as far as good baseball is concerned—financial support is another horse of a different color.

Players reporting for practice include the following: Howard Earps, of Apex, shortstop; William Mills, of Monroe, pitcher; David Cobble, of Monroe, catcher; Bill Herring, Seven Springs, pitcher; Jimmie Brown, of Jamesville, third base; P. Nettles, Florida, pitcher; Eli Marion Taylor, first base; Doc Kugler, Washington, pitcher; John Latham, Washington, catcher; Howard, Onward, and Brother Gaylord, all of Jamesville; Carl and Howard Brown, "Slim" Gardner, Earl Gardner, of Jamesville; J. B. Whitehurst; Robersonville; Jesse Goffield and Jack Frank. Earps and Herring played with Wake Forest and Mills and Cobble played with Wingate College last season.

Dr. Powell, of Edenton, is president of the league and Gus Hughes, also of Edenton, is secretary and treasurer. V. J. Spivey is manager of the local squad; and T. M. Grimes and a man named Rosenthal, of Norfolk, are the league umpires.

A complete schedule of play will be announced later.

Frightened by Snake, Man Jumps Into Conoho Creek

Paddling a small canoe up Conoho Creek one day this week, James Herbert Ward and Hubert Cook had their bull-frog hunt suddenly interrupted when a large water moccasin fell from a tree limb into their boat. Before the snake could fall the distance of a few feet, young Mr. Ward had made room for him by jumping head-first, with clothes and all, into the creek. Young Cook, occupying the other end of the boat, made ready to jump, but he gambled on the snake's actions and saved his face, as the reptile crawled over the side of the boat into the water.

There is a large crop of snakes in the woods this year, especially along the creeks and other small streams, according to reports heard here.

Services at Farm Life Sunday Afternoon at 2:30

Rev. W. B. Harrington announced yesterday that there would be services at the Farm Life School building Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The public is invited to attend.

PRICES TO BE LOWER UNLESS PLANTERS ACT

"Sign Something or Leave Peanuts in Ground for the Hogs," Agent Advises

"Unless peanut growers establish some marketing system of their own this year, they just as well leave their peanuts in the field for the hogs," Mr. A. E. Gibson, Federal Farm Board representative warned a few farmers at a meeting held in the courthouse here yesterday morning.

Mr. Gibson, who has talked to hundreds of growers in Bertie, Northampton, and Washington Counties during the past few days, mentioned his disappointment at the small group of Martin farmers assembled to discuss a matter of vast importance to them. "We are not here to urge you to sign a contract, but we are here to advise you that unless something is done to handle what promises to be the biggest crop of peanuts ever grown in the United States, you will receive less for your 1932 crop than you receive for your last crop," he said.

But even though there was a small representation present for the meeting the group was 100 per cent strong for some type of marketing this year, and plans were formulated for carrying the proposition to every community in the county. A series of community meetings is being planned and the dates will be announced later. During the meantime, farmers are asked to get in touch with the agent and study the contract proposed for handling the 1932 crop.

Martin County's quota is around 12,000 bags, reporting coming from other counties indicating that the sign-up will go over with all ease. Exchanges are working to a marked advantage in several states already, and it now looks as if the only hope for the 1932 peanut farmer rests in the organization of an exchange in the peanut-growing counties of this state.

The plan, according to Mr. Gibson, provides for the delivery of peanuts to a local bonded warehouse. The farmer can sell in the optional pool, or he can sell in the yearly pool. The peanuts are then cleaned by exchange factories and sold direct to the large candy manufacturers, eliminating speculation, plain out-and-out gambling, and excessive middle profits, Mr. Gibson said.

No high-salaried men will be employed, and the cost to the grower will be a nominal one, each share of stock selling for only \$2.

The Farm Board representatives said that State agricultural authorities would meet with the community groups and explain the contracts and answer any questions. County Agent T. B. Brandon is making a personal call upon farmers in each of the 10 districts in the county, and as soon as the district representatives are named a series of meetings will be held.

A thorough drive is being made in all the peanut-growing counties in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia, and it is believed the undertaking will meet with success. It is hoped that Martin growers will interest themselves in the movement and support it.

Republicans Gathering In Chicago for Convention

Already the Republicans are gathering in Chicago for their presidential convention there next Tuesday, early reports indicating that a wet atmosphere overshadows the meeting. The selection of a presidential candidate is a minor issue with the Republicans as they will have to nominate Mr. Hoover again. The greatest wrangle will be over re-submission of the prohibition question to the several states, it is understood.

The Democrats will have the same trouble, it is now believed, when they meet in the windy city later on this month. And then the selection of a presidential candidate for the Democrats might cause trouble in the ranks.

"Trial of Vivienne Ware" at Watts Monday-Tuesday

Hailed as one of the most grippingly interesting pictures of the year, "The Trial of Vivienne Ware," Fox Films production, will open its engagement at the Watts Theatre here next Monday, June 13, where it will remain for two days, the final showing being made Tuesday night. Joan Bennett appears in the leading role, that of the society beauty tried for murder. The cast also includes Allan Dinehart, Donald Cook, Lillian Bond, Zasu Pitts, Sheets Gallagher, Ruth Selwyn, William Rawley, and Herbert Mundin.