

HENRY BOURNE LEGION MEETING IS SPEAKER AT

Large Number of Veterans Enjoy Barbecue Feast Here Last Night

The John W. Hassell post of the American Legion entertained its members and guests with a big barbecue at its club rooms here last evening, at which time 50 men were present.

This was their regular meeting time with an extra program added. And when the group of men filed into the big hall for "mess," it sounded like old times "over there" to hear them taking up, again, the old Army question, "When do we eat?"

The meeting was presided over by State Senator Elbert S. Peel. And in his usual fine manner, he presented the speaker of the evening, Henry C. Bourne, of Tarboro, former State commander of the Legion.

Mr. Bourne spoke directly about the mission of the American Legion in the nation today, and gave a clear exposition of its platform. He lauded it as one of the liveliest organizations on the continent today, and advised that there was too small a proportion of available men in the organization. Martin County has a membership of no more than 50 out of a possible 400. While North Carolina as a whole has only a small percentage of its service men enrolled in the organization.

A feature of this meeting was the presentation to the local organization of a beautiful American flag which had been given the organization by Misses Clyde Hassell and Hattie Thrown. When in 1925 this post was first organized, it was decided to name it in honor of the first Martin County man to die at the front. That man was John W. Hassell, whose sister, Miss Clyde, felt that the club should possess the flag which draped his body when he was sent back home. The flag was presented by Rev. Charles H. Dickey, chaplain, and was accepted on behalf of the organization by Elbert S. Peel, commander.

At this meeting a beautiful trophy which this club had won at the recent state convention in Asheville, was on display. This post had secured a larger percentage of membership in class D than any post in the state. Plans were set up towards keeping this cup in the post.

The meeting was adjourned after a rising vote had been taken tendering the thanks of the group to Misses Hassell and Thrown; and after due appreciation was voiced to Messrs. T. H. Wynn and J. F. Jordan for their donation of two fine pigs for the barbecue.

Several new members were enrolled at the meeting.

TOBACCO STILL IS BEING CURED

Estimated More Than One-Fourth of Crop Has Been Marketed

A few Martin County farmers are now just about completing curing their 1932 tobacco crop, the season having been one of the longest experienced in this county in years. It is only now and then that a bright burning fire can be seen along the roadside, curing the last of the late crop.

Hardly more than one-half a normal crop was grown in the county this season, many farmers stating that they would hardly receive as much money as they did last year, despite the price increase, explaining that their crop was decreased by more than 50 per cent.

It is estimated that one-fourth or probably more of the 1932 crop has already been marketed.

Tom Crockett Gets Sand Spur in Throat, Friday

Tom Crockett, young son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crockett, was painfully hurt when he sucked a sand-spur into his throat last Friday. The young boy was playing football when the spur stuck to the ball, and he used his teeth to extract it. In some way the sandspur went into his windpipe, making it necessary for him to visit a specialist in Kinston. The operation was successful, and the young boy is getting along all right.

His mother, while visiting him in the Kinston hospital, was taken suddenly ill with a serious headache and her condition was considered grave at one time, but she, too, is getting along all right now.

County Represented at Democratic Meet Today

Miss Hattie Thrown, of this place, and Mrs. Vernon A. Ward, of Robersonville, were among those representing Martin County at a First District Democratic campaign meeting at Bayview today.

Lauds Officer for Halting Burlesque on Advertising

Many local people were more or less shocked last Saturday when an advertising monstrosity, sent out by a foreign warehouse, parked on the streets here, one citizen offering the following comments: "Many and various things are to be seen in Williamston, some local and others just passing through. But a certain foreign warehouse must be given the prize for the only specimen of burlesque advertising ever witnessed in this live-wire town. An old truck filled with a group of disreputable appearing negroes, was parked in the fashionable trade section of Main Street Saturday afternoon, and a rattletrap piano, several horns and evidently tin pans were

used to make a noise. Placards told how one could get the high price at this particular warehouse, and a white man stood in the midst thereof. No permission had been granted for the aggregation to block the street, and Chief W. B. Daniel ordered the advertising monstrosity to move on and out. That kind of advertising is disgusting to the people of Williamston—or any other town, as for that, and Chief Daniels' alertness in moving it is to be commended. If out-of-town advertisers desire publicity, the best country weekly in the state, published here, will gladly give them space at a reasonable rate." "CITIZEN."

Churches Required To Pay Assessments

REGISTRATION

Registration books for the general election, November 8, will be opened in this county next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections. The books will remain open through the 29th of this month, when they will be closed until the following Saturday, at which time challenges will be in order.

Mr. Peel will deliver the books to the 12 precinct registrars in the county tomorrow. No heavy registration is looked for during the period, as many new names were added to the list just prior to the June primary.

8 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED

License Bureau Stock in the County Shows Strength As Fall Approaches

Sixteen brave souls challenged the deputation, procured licenses at the marriage bureau in this county last month and made the leap into wedlock for better or for worse. Issuing eight licenses, four to white couples and four to negroes, J. Sam Getsinger, register of deeds, is of the opinion that business is on the upgrade, the bureau having apparently hit the low back in April when only five licenses were sold in the county. Activities at the bureau have been similar to those reported on the stock market during the past months. Falling from 24 in January of this year, the number reached bottom in April with a slow but steady recovery since that time.

Licenses were issued to the following in September:

- White**
Roy Mary and Berta Bell Pritchett, both of Martin County.
William Marshall Beach and Anna Fae Whitfield, both of Martin.
Henry Leamon Wynne and Lillie Mae Vick, of Martin County.
Reubin Bunting and Lizzie Bland, both of this county.
- Colored**
Isaac Austin and Lizzie Rodgers, both of Martin.
Ivory Griffin and Bessie Reddick, of Martin County.
William Jesse Little, of Pitt County, and Vivian Chance, of Martin.
William Elmer Brown and Joe Ella Williams, both of Martin County.

SWEET POTATO CROP IS SHORT

Johnnie Savage Grows A Sweet Potato Weighing Almost Five Pounds

Johnnie Savage, farmer living near here on R. F. D. 5, is believed to have established a new record as a potato grower in this section. Mr. Savage dug a potato last Saturday weighing nearly 5 pounds.

While he does not grow the sweets on a commercial scale, Mr. Savage generally always harvests a sufficient quantity to care for his home needs.

According to him, the crop is unusually short this year, and it is not believed that more than one-third of a normal yield will be harvested in Martin County this season.

The vines are dying as a result of dry weather, and although the vines have a large growth, the potatoes below are numbered a few to the hill. Digging will be underway within the next week or two.

NO ACTION YET ON APPLICATION FOR RELIEF FUND

Welfare Agencies Continue Their Work to the Best Advantage Possible

Going to much trouble and some expense to fill out blanks, local and county welfare workers have heard nothing from the application, directed to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, asking for approximately \$50,000 with which to carry on a scheduled relief program in Martin County.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation, or "R. C. F."—Republican Campaign Fund—was too late in shouldering the relief task in this county during September, and there is some doubt as to whether it will turn liberal in time to do any good this month or next or the next. In the meantime, local agencies are doing the best they can—handing out old clothes here and there and trusting in the Almighty.

The latest information offered in connection with the R. C. F. and its relief program in this State is as follows:

"Dr. Fred W. Morrison, director of relief in North Carolina, is not ready to say what amount North Carolina will get in the first draft on the relief fund, and indicated his impatience with the scribes who undertake to guess what will be sent.

There may be people in the world the first allocation to North Carolina, who know how much is to come in but if they do know Dr. Morrison has been handsomely trained to appear simple-minded. The needs of the state are very considerably greater than had been at first anticipated. The failure of food crops has a good deal to do with it.

"Dr. Morrison spent much of last week in Washington. He was boiling mad at the stories that went out about the fund. But he has not said more than that the authors of these articles knew not whereof they write. He is accustomed to reading a good deal of that stuff about other people's affairs, but has not had to contend with it himself.

"It apparently is a well-known fact that none of the money has been this far received. The governor of the state is the man through whom the money is to be turned over to the state and the state agencies for relief will disburse it. But they do not say what amount it is.

ASKS PUBLIC AID IN CURBING BAD DRIVING OF CARS

Head of Highway Patrol Urges Violations Be Reported

In spite of the thousands of warnings issued and hundreds of arrests made by highway patrolmen for reckless driving and especially for passing other cars on hills and curves this violation continues to be one of the most frequent of all violations, according to Captain Charles D. Farmer, of the Highway Patrol. As a result of this tendency on the part of many drivers to continue to pass other cars on hills and curves, patrolmen have been instructed to be more severe than ever before with these violators.

"The highway patrol would also appreciate it if the public generally would cooperate with us in curbing this violation as well as others, and report to us any violations noticed," Captain Farmer said. "If other drivers will only report to us the license numbers of cars noted passing on hills or curves or violating the law in any manner and give us the approximate location, time of day, and date, we will send warnings to these drivers. Or if the witness or witnesses are willing to appear against these drivers and testify, we will arrest them.

"However, it will be of great assistance to us if those who see violations from time to time will merely report them to us for warnings only. Such reports do not necessarily need to be signed, although we would prefer to have them signed, of course. All names will, of course, be held confidential. In this manner, we will be able to warn careless drivers and cite specific cases of violations to them. Often it is only necessary to warn a careless driver to get him to drive more carefully. Very few drivers are deliberately careless or reckless, although there are some."

Martin Defendants Will Learn Fate Tomorrow

While several cases charging Martin County people with violating the liquor laws, were heard in the federal court at Washington yesterday, Judge I. M. Meekins withheld sentence in nearly all of them. The defendants were ordered to return tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock when the defendants will learn their fate, it was learned here today.

V. E. & P. Co. Opened New District Office Here Monday

COUNTY BOARD HOLDS REGULAR MEET MONDAY

Session Is One of Shortest Held by Commissioners In Several Months

Other than the selection of a jury for the November term of Martin County Superior Court and the handling of routine duties, the regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners here yesterday was one of little activity. The appeals for aid and requests for tax relief were fewer than in many months. Mr. J. Sam Getsinger, clerk to the board, declared following the meeting. Business was complete early in the afternoon, and the commissioners adjourned after one of the shortest sessions held this year.

Catherine Willis, colored, of Jamesville Township, was allowed \$2 a month, account of indigent fund.

Henry Baker, colored, of Williamston Township, had his name added to the county poor list and is to receive \$1.50 monthly.

J. R. Bunting, Hamilton Township, was relieved of the payment of \$2.75 poll tax listed against him through error in that district.

The \$3 monthly allowance made to Gibb Whitley was increased to \$6.

HEALTH REPORT FOR PAST MONTH

Slight Increase Reported in Number of Typhoid Cases in County

Four cases of contagious diseases were reported in the county during the month of September, according to information coming from the office of the county health officer, Dr. J. H. Saunders, this week.

Two typhoid fever cases and one case of diphtheria were reported among colored people in Robersonville Township, and one whooping cough case among white people in Williamston Township.

While the number of typhoid cases continues very small, there has been an increase in the disease victims this year over last year. There were sixteen cases of typhoid reported during the first nine months of this year. A campaign against the disease has been planned for next summer, the present increase in the number of typhoid cases indicating the necessity of the prevention drive. The last county-wide campaign was conducted in the summer of 1930. Residents in those communities where the disease has recently been reported are said to have guarded against typhoid by taking the vaccine, and many other have taken precautionary measures off and on during the year.

WAREHOUSE IS ROBBED OF \$680

Unable To Establish Clue Bold Theft on Robersonville Tobacco Market

Making out his own bills and presenting them for payment, a thief stole \$680 from the Central Warehouse, Robersonville, last Friday. No clue has been established that will lead to an arrest of the guilty party or parties.

According to information received here, the thief slipped a few blank sales bills from the warehouse and prepared his own figures, including the number of pounds and price. He presented the bills, received the checks and later cashed them.

A similar theft was reported by a New Bern warehouse, the proprietors there losing around \$500.

Oyster Season In State Opened First of Month

Raleigh.—Piping hot stews, crisply fried, or raw oysters from North Carolina grounds will be on the menu of the state 15 days earlier than the scheduled opening of the season this year as a result of recent action by Ford S. Worthy, chairman of the committee on commercial fisheries of the Board of Conservation and Development, and Captain John A. Nelson, fisheries commissioner. Originally scheduled to open on October 15, the Tar Heel oyster season began October 1 under authority of the Conservation Board as exercised through the two fisheries officials at the request of oystermen. Oyster seasons in a number of other states opened earlier.

LEAF MARKET

Selling 105,000 pounds of tobacco for an average of \$11.26 per hundred pounds, the local tobacco market had one of its best sales of the season yesterday. Farmers were very well pleased with their sales, and a goodly number of market boosters were gained by local warehousemen.

Sales were unusually light today with the price average remaining about the same as it was yesterday.

Peanut digging is under way in this section now, and no heavy sales are looked for during the next few days, warehousemen said this morning.

Following the sale yesterday, Mr. E. P. Cunningham, local farmer said, "I am telling the world there is no better tobacco market in the State than the one here."

DRAW JURY FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Two Weeks Civil Term To Convene Third Monday Of Next Month

Jurors were selected this week by the county commissioners to serve during the November term of Martin County Superior Court. Only civil cases will be heard during the two weeks term. No judge has been assigned to conduct the court as far as it could be learned this week.

Citizens selected:

- First Week**
Jamesville Township: H. H. Holliday, H. G. Griffin, R. B. Holliday.
Griffins: William Rufus Hardison, R. H. Peel, Simon Lilley, Miles R. Lilley.
Bear Grass: Claude Whitehurst.
Williamston: L. H. Gurganus, J. E. Thigpen.
Robersonville: Charlie Evans, R. L. Cochran, W. Q. Abbott.
Hamilton: L. R. Everett, R. F. Everett.
Goose Nest: J. T. Bennett, F. M. Price.
- Second Week**
Jamesville: W. C. Sexton, H. B. Barber, C. H. Ange, H. L. Davis.
Griffins: Geo. W. Hodges, W. G. Hardison.
Williamston: J. W. Watts, Jr., Jessup Harrison, W. H. Gurkin, J. R. Everett.
Cross Roads: M. D. Ayers, Biscoe Biggs.
Robersonville: P. N. Arrington, F. F. Cox, Joe B. Everett.
Hamilton: William G. Hines.
Goose Nest: J. P. Faithful, B. A. Moyer.

IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS IS SEEN

Increases in Special Lines Are More Than Mere Seasonal Rise

Richmond.—Reports of "definite improvement in nearly all classes of business" in the Carolinas in August were released recently by the Fifth District Federal Reserve Bank here in its district summary for August and September.

"Although there was no marked increase in the total volume of business transacted in the Fifth Federal Reserve District in August, some seasonal increases in special lines were noted, and several barometers of trade show more than a mere seasonal rise," the summary said.

"Definite improvement in nearly all classes of business is reported from the Carolinas, where cotton and tobacco play a more prominent part than in other sections."

Continuing the summary said "the textile situation improved more than any other industry last month."

"Higher cotton prices as a result of a much smaller crop than in recent years" stimulated buying of textiles quite materially it was noted, and cotton consumption increased "more than seasonally in August."

Mills took on more employees and orders were received in August "in sufficient volume to run the mills for several weeks."

Retail trade, as reflected in department stores, in spite of very unfavorable weather for early fall trade, was up to seasonal level and wholesale trade showed seasonal gains in all lines for which data are available.

FORCE IS MADE WELCOME BY LOCAL PEOPLE

Eighteen Men Enter Upon Duties with Company Here Yesterday

The Virginia Electric and Power Company formally opened its newly created district office here yesterday morning when 18 very promising young men reported at the company's attractive building on Main Street to enter upon their regularly assigned duties. Headed by Mr. Ray H. Goodman, district manager, the office personnel is fast acquainting itself with the new surrounding and the people of the town and community. Characteristic of the personnel of the company throughout the Virginia and Carolina districts, the young men locating here are picked men and would add to any town's citizenry. Williamston and its people are 100 per cent behind a warm welcome to these young men and their families. A hearty cooperation is assured them in their every undertaking by local people.

And the employees and their families are cordially reminded that so long as they hang their hats here, it is their town, where we are sure, cordial relationships in business, religious, fraternal, social, and political circles, too, will be established and increased as time passes on.

Our new citizens and their home addresses:

- Mr. and Mrs. Ray H. Goodman and son, Ray, jr., Tar Heel Apartments.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Odum and little son, Tar Heel Apartments.
- Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Worrell, Tar Heel Apartments.
- Mr. W. E. Anderson, at home with the C. G. Crocketts.
- Mr. James L. Harris and Mr. Frank Pittman, Atlantic Hotel.
- Mr. Jack Downing, K. B. Crawford Apartments.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parker, K. B. Crawford Apartments.
- Messrs. W. A. Teel, Dan Tetterton, E. A. Simpkins, and W. H. Glover, at home with the John W. Mannings.
- Mr. M. S. Moore, home on West Main Street.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reid, at home with the W. C. Mannings.
- Messrs. J. W. Garris and M. W. Rhea, Carolina Inn.
- T. A. Gray, at home with the Oshings in the Simpson home.
- Harry Barnhill, home, West Main Street.

PLAN BIG DAY HERE ON 22ND

Arrangements Now Being Made for Derby and A Hoover Cart Parade

Plans were fast nearing completion today for staging a Martin County derby and Hoover cart parade at the fair grounds here the 22nd of this month, it was announced by Henry Johnson, one of the promoters.

Several horses have already been entered in the derby, and more entries are expected within the next few days, it was said. Cash prizes, totaling \$42.50, will be given the race winners, who will be required to ride their steeds bareback.

United States Senate nominee Robert R. Reynolds and the Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Democratic nominee for governor, have been asked to speak and a big day is expected here on the 22nd.

Accepts Position with the Standard Fertilizer Co.

Mr. Henry D. Harrison, for 15 years an employee for the firm of Harrison Brothers and Company here, resigned this week to accept a position with the Standard Fertilizer Company as salesman. Mr. Harrison, head of the local volunteer company, has many friends throughout this section who wish him success in his new position. He will work in a part of Martin, Washington, and Tyrell Counties, it is understood.

Dish-washing Husband Makes Plea For a Job

Raleigh.—Washington, the dishes and tending the children proved the last straw for one young Raleigh husband, a victim of the depression. He inserted the following classified advertisement in a local newspaper: "Young married man, tired of cooking, washing dishes, and being nurse to children, wants salaried job in Raleigh so wife can quit work and stay home where she belongs. Please give a man a chance."