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JURY LIST FOR MARCH COURT IS DRAWN MONDAY

Two Weeks Term Begins March 20; Hunt Parker Will Preside

Fifty-three Martin County citizens were chosen this week by the Martin County commissioners to serve as jurors during the two-weeks term of superior court convening the third Monday in March. Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Halifax County, recently appointed to the bench, is scheduled to preside over the term. Judge Parker, coming here for his first time to preside over a term of Martin County Superior Court, is recognized as a "hard" judge.

The names of those jurors selected for the first week are as follows: Jamesville Township: R. O. Martin, John D. Mizelle, Dennis V. Ange, J. F. Holliday, and P. M. Ange. Williams Township: A. T. Lilley. Griffins Township: Jesse S. Lilley and R. H. Lilley.

Bear Grass Township: C. F. Perry. Williamston Township: R. A. Taylor, Harry L. Barnhill, R. W. Bondurant, J. W. Peaks, T. S. Critcher, and J. J. Gregory.

Cross Roads: Charlie Bailey and W. S. Bailey.

Robersonville Township: J. E. Congleton, W. T. Hurst, J. M. Dixon, D. L. James, J. E. Page, H. L. Warren, Earl Ward, W. Henry Gray. The name of Mr. J. Henry Roberson, of Robersonville, was drawn from the box before news of his sudden death reached the commissioners.

Poplar Point Township: V. U. Bunting, L. G. Taylor.

Hamilton Township: D. W. Etheridge, W. A. Fleming.

Goose Nest Township: A. E. Turner, H. J. Etheridge, Kelly Bunting, J. M. Harrell, and R. A. Haislip.

Second Week

Griffins Township: Claudius Roberson and Rufus L. Corey.

Williamston Township: W. M. Bowen, H. T. Taylor, W. H. Wynn, and J. P. Pender.

Cross Roads Township: W. W. Whitehurst.

Robersonville Township: W. E. Vick, S. L. Roberson, E. L. Dunning, S. W. Marshall, W. M. Everett, J. W. Lowe.

Poplar Point Township: W. E. Grimes, G. L. Gardner.

Hamilton Township: R. H. Weaver.

Goose Nest Township: Luke Harrell, and E. V. Smith.

MANY SEEKING FEDERAL JOBS

Local Man Wants Job As United States Deputy Collector

With the inauguration of a new President next month, there will be a change in government personnel from top to bottom if all the office seekers are successful in their attempts to land a job or an appointment. The rush is centering around Federal openings, as there will be no marked shift in the state government personnel.

Judge J. A. Leigh, of Belhaven, was here this week in the interest of an appointment as United States Deputy Collector for the First District. He was accompanied by Mr. Staten J. Peel, a former Martin man. It is understood that L. Bruce Wynn, of this place, is an applicant for the same job.

Little has been said about the job of postmaster here, and it will not likely be settled for some time yet.

Twenty-three Applications Filed for Government Aid

Twenty-three applications for loans have been forwarded to the Regional Finance Corporation, it was learned today from Mr. N. K. Harrison, who is assisting borrowers in filling out the applications. Approximately \$25,000 is asked for by the applicants.

Several of the loans have been approved by the loan committee, but no money has been received here so far from the lending corporation.

Rev. Sidney Matthews To Preach for Episcopalians

February 12 being Septuagesima Sunday, the first of the pre-Lenten season, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at the morning hour, the Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, N. C., being the celebrant. At this hour Rev. E. F. Mosley will preach on the subject: "Purposeful Living." At 7:30 p. m., there will be evening prayer and sermon, the subject being: "Reconstruction Now or Lamentations Later."

Messrs. S. S. Davis and Jackson Holliday, of Jamesville, were here today attending to business matters.

County Going After Refund Road Funds

STOCKHOLDERS HOLD MEETING

Roanoke Warehouse Here Passes Dividend for the First Time in Years

Meeting in the courthouse here last Wednesday afternoon, Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Company stockholders re-elected their board of directors and officers. Mr. Henry D. Peel heads the corporation again as president. He will be assisted by Mr. S. Claude Griffin as vice president. Mr. W. T. Meadows continues as secretary and treasurer.

For the first time in the history of the company, no dividend was declared, the officers deeming it wise to hold the profits for any emergencies that may arise.

Commenting on the record of the company, Mr. W. T. Meadows said, "The board of directors saw fit to pass the dividend this year. This is the first year in the history of the company that a dividend has not been declared. During the 14 years that it has been in operation, the company has paid out in dividends 136 per cent. The company is in good financial condition. It doesn't owe a cent to anybody and has money in the bank to its credit. A small dividend could have been declared, but the directors considered it best to pass it and hold the funds for any emergencies that might arise."

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JUNIORS MEET IN ROBERSONVILLE

Meeting There Next Week Is First of a Series To Be Held This Winter

The Robersonville Council, No. 297, Jr. O. U. A. M., will entertain junior members with an oyster roast at the Taylor Mill & Gin Co. plant there next Tuesday night, February 14. The supper is given as a beginning to the series of class initiations that will be held in the Robersonville hall each Tuesday night for the next six months. The price per will be 25 cents. Special interest is being shown by the purchasing committee to the effect that all present will enjoy the best of oysters.

The class initiation each second Tuesday night will serve this district for all new members that wish to take the degree work. The Robersonville council is making every effort to make these class initiations a success. They extend an invitation to all neighboring councils to bring their new members for degree work.

The degree team is now in good shape and is ready to begin next Tuesday night with the 10 new candidates that the council there has solicited.

The council, due to economic conditions, is not notifying all members by card as usual, but they extend an invitation through the press for all to be present and help make this meeting a success.

On March 14th the council hopes to have a program to offer other than degree work and supper.

Usual Services at The Methodist Church Sunday

C. T. Rogers, Pastor
So many folks forget the night service. Why not come out for a short service Sunday evening. The church services help mentally, physically and spiritually those who attend and worship God. If you are able to get to the church come, you will feel better.

At both services we will have special prayers for you. If you are absent, your trouble will be our trouble.

Services will be held at the usual hours, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Federal Officers Conduct Liquor Raids This Week

Federal officers, conducting raids in this and adjoining counties this week, captured several large stills and arrested seven men. Only one of the plants was in Martin County and no arrests were made here. A large copper plant was destroyed near Jamesville, the operators fleeing just as the officers made their appearance upon the scene.

Two other plants were destroyed yesterday, one in Beaufort County where seven men were arrested, and where five men were arrested, and Messrs. C. S. Coats, Clarence Sexton and Warren Roebuck made the raids.

WILL INTRODUCE BILL IN HOUSE IN NEXT FEW DAYS

State Road Projects Costing County Taxpayers 20c on \$100 Valuation

An effort will be made within the near future to have the state refund the more than one-half million dollars advanced by Martin County for the construction of the Roanoke River bridge and causeway and Highway routes 30 and 125, according to a letter received by T. C. Griffin, chairman of the county board of commissioners, from Representative J. Calvin Smith a few days ago. In his letter Mr. Smith said, "I will attempt to do something about it during the next few days. Prospects look very poor, but it will not cost anything to make an effort."

Martin County property owners, declaring it unfair for the county to build roads for state use, are certainly gratified to learn that Mr. Smith will make an effort to right the unfair burden now resting upon their backs. Efforts have been made in past years, but they met with defeat. Former Senator E. S. Peel worked much during his stay in the senate in behalf of the county's interest in the matter.

Since 1922, the approximately 7,500 taxpayers in this county have been paying around 29 cents on the \$100 property valuation to offset the interest and principal of the bonds floated for the construction of the purely state projects. And the roads are not local at all, but are links in the state highway system, connecting county seats with county seats. Next year there will be an increase in the rate levied for the retirement of the road and bridge bonds, and Martin County citizens are of the opinion that the state should consider its responsibility in the matter.

The county spent \$425,000 for the construction of highways numbers 30 and 125. Another \$150,000 was spent on the Roanoke River bridge, and causeway. Ten years have passed since the first project was completed, but there are years and years ahead in which the county taxpayers will have to pay unless the state accepts the responsibility.

CARSTARPHEN STORE IS SOLD

Sinclair Refining Company Planning to Build Filling Station on Lot

The Sinclair Refining Company this week purchased the Carstarphen store site on Smithwick and Main Streets here and is planning the erection of a modern filling station there. Definite building plans of the oil company have not been made public, but it is understood that a costly and strictly modern gasoline station will replace the present structure.

The store building, for around 100 years a trading center for this section, will be torn down and hauled away within the next few weeks, it is understood.

The purchase price and other details of the transfer of the property were not made public.

Robbers Loot Store at Hardison Mill Tuesday

Breaking into the store of W. T. and G. A. Roberson at Hardison Mill last Tuesday night, robbers stole around \$75 worth of goods including overalls, shirts, socks, candy, canned goods and cigarettes.

The robbers entered the store after boring a hole through the weather boarding and ceiling. No arrests have been made, and as far as it could be learned today no trace of the robbers has been found.

Regular Services at Local Baptist Church Sunday

Sunday morning communion will be observed at the Baptist church. This is always a red-letter service in this church—simple, beautiful, and meaningful. It is especially desired that the younger element in the church membership be present to commune. At the evening hour the pastor will preach on the second of the deadly sins. For centuries the church fathers have agreed on what has come to be called the seven deadly sins. This sermon treats the second of these.

The H. H. Morton family moved this week to Kinston.

ELDER JOHN N. ROGERSON, 84, IS CALLED TO REST

Funeral Held at Late Home in Bear Grass Township Yesterday Afternoon

Elder John N. Rogerson, for more than 45 years a prominent leader and minister in the Primitive Baptist church, died at his home in Bear Grass last Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock. Eighty-three years old last month, Mr. Rogerson had been in feeble health for several months, being confined to his home since Christmas. Death was caused largely from infirmities of age.

The son of the late Nathan Rogerson and Reilly Mizelle Rogerson, the minister was born in the Bear Grass section, where he farmed for a number of years. About 45 years ago he actively entered upon the duties of the Primitive Baptist church, and up until four months ago he served the churches at Bear Grass, Flat Swamp, and Smithwick Creek, serving the minority faction at the latter place. Recognized as a friend to all mankind, Elder Rogerson did a valuable work during his long life in the community where he was born and reared. He was a ready visitor in the home of the sick, ever rendering what aid he could for the distressed.

Following the death of his wife a few months ago, Elder Rogerson had experienced poor health, the end coming gradually. One son, Amos Rogerson, survives; two sons, Nathan and Javan Rogerson, having died within the past three years.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin, of this county, and S. B. Denny, of Wilson, and W. E. Grimes, of the Spring Green church. Interment followed in the family plot near the old home.

INDEX OF FARM PRICES REACHES NEW LOW POINT

Prices of Farm Products 37 Per Cent Below Pre-War Levels

The index of farm prices of 27 agricultural products reached a new low point at 51 per cent of pre-war on January 15, despite price advances on 15 commodities from December 15 to January 15, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The index on January 15, 1933, was 63 per cent of pre-war.

Leaders in the advance from December 15 to January 15 were flax, rice, apples, horses, wheat, and cotton, but prices of eggs took a larger than seasonal drop, and prices of hay, hogs, cattle and calves went down to new record low levels in 23 years of statistical record by the bureau.

Hogs were bringing an average farm price of \$2.68 per 100 pounds on January 15, or 29 per cent less than on January 15, 1932. This drop is nearly one-third in a year and is attributed mainly to reduced consumer demand. The hog-corn ratio continues favorable to hog feeding, says the bureau, standing at 14 on January 15 compared with 11.2 a year ago.

Corn prices rose with wheat during the month ended January 15, but the advance was only about one-fifth that of wheat, since both industrial and feeding demand for corn continued weak and commercial stocks increased slightly. Corn was yielding farmers 19.1 cents per bushel on January 15, or about 43 per cent less than in January a year ago.

Cotton was selling at an average of 5.6 cents per pound at farms on January 15, or about 4 per cent higher than on December 15, and at about the same level as on January 15 last year. The bureau reports that domestic consumption of cotton during December was the largest for that month since 1929.

Eggs were selling at an average farm price of 21.4 cents a dozen in mid-January, and although that figure represented a drop of about 24 per cent from December 15, the price on January 15 was 24 per cent higher than on the same date in 1932.

Few Cases of Mumps Reported in This Section

The outbreak of mumps reported among local school children has abated and there are hardly more than a dozen cases in the district, Principal William R. Watson said yesterday. At one time it looked as if the mumps would result in a marked decrease in attendance upon the schools here, but the number of cases dwindled suddenly and few children have been detained at home on account of them, the principal said. However, attendance figures continue at a low point for one reason or another, it was said.

NEWEST FORD IS TO BE DISPLAYED HERE TOMORROW

Latest Development in the Automotive Field To Be Seen at Garage Here

The first of the new Ford V-8 cylinder, 112-inch wheelbase motor cars will be displayed here tomorrow in the showrooms of the Williamston Motor Co., Ford dealers, it was announced today. The showrooms will be opened early tomorrow morning and hundreds of people are expected to see the four-door sedan, the latest in automobiles.

The new V-8 is the largest and most powerful Ford ever built. It has new and distinctively modern lines, a most attractive front end, longer wheelbase, larger and roomier bodies, faster acceleration, increased power and speed and is exceptionally economical in operation. With its 75-horsepower V-8 engine, the new Ford is capable of a sustained speed of 80 miles an hour.

The styling of the 14 body types expresses the new mode in motor car building. The modern note is found in the sloping Vee radiator grill, the skirted fenders, newly designed headlamps, cowls lamps, and bumpers, the curve of the hoodside ventilators, the 20-degree slant of the windshield, the curved roof header, the reverse curve of the rear quarter and the backward sweep of the apron, masking the gasoline tank.

The new all-steel bodies are materially wider, almost a foot longer, and consequently much roomier. The attractive instrument panel is directly in front of the drive, with a large package compartment at the right side of the instrument board. Front seats in closed cars are fully adjustable. Interior fittings are luxurious. Options in upholstery and a wide choice of body colors are available.

The improved V-8 engine is fitted with all-aluminum cylinder heads, one of the most noteworthy forward steps in motor design in many years. Because aluminum dissipates heat more rapidly, the use of the aluminum cylinder heads permits higher compression pressure and results in increased speed, power, and smoothness, faster acceleration, and added fuel economy.

Smooth engine performance results also from the basic 8-cylinder design and the 3-point rubber mounting. Cylinder blocks are set at a 90-degree angle. The crankshaft is fully counterbalanced and the crank throws are at 90 degrees. Opposing pistons and connecting rods are even in weight. All of these features combine to place all moving parts in natural balance, resulting in exceptional smoothness of operation. The engine is fitted with down-draft carburetor, air-intake silencer, and a diaphragm-type fuel pump.

Features of the 112-inch wheelbase chassis include an extremely rigid double-channel, double drop X-type frame, torque tube drive, a straddle-mounted rear axle pinion-transverse cantilever springs, internal expanding mechanical four-wheel brakes, 17-inch steel spoke wheels and tires of 5.50 inches section.

In the new three-quarter floating rear axle, the driving pinion is mounted in a double taper roller thrust bearing at the front and a straight radial roller bearing at the rear. This maintains permanent alignment of the pinion with the ring gear under all driving conditions and results in extremely quiet axle operation.

The frame is cushioned by four Houdaille double-acting shock absorbers, which are both automatically and thermostatically adjusted for every variation in weather or road surface conditions. The shock absorber links are insulated in rubber. The rear fuel tank has a capacity of 14 gallons.

The transmission is of the synchronized type, with helical constant mesh gears, and functions unusually quietly both in second speed and during speed changing. The clutch is of the double-disc type and is spring-cushioned for soft engagement.

Fire Company Answers Call At Noon Today

The local fire company received its first call of the year at noon today when fire threatened the home of Floyd Gorham at the foot of the river hill. Sparks from the chimney fired the roof. Only a small place was burned and the damage was slight.

Stolen Horse and Cart Are Found in Beaufort County

Stealing a horse and cart belonging to Joe Henry Lassiter, of near Jamesville, thieves Wednesday night enjoyed a ride over the roads of Griffins Township and into Washington. When they neared the Beaufort town, thief or thieves turned the horse loose and was later recovered by the owner.

Tax League Favors Economy Measures

GRADING SYSTEM IS COPYRIGHTED

Martin County School Man Develops Unique System for Grading Papers

Professor W. E. Plyler, principal of the Hamilton school, has recently invented a grading system that will, it is believed, revolutionize grading in the schools. Containing thousands of figures and countless combinations, the system will save a teacher much time in determining the average grade of each of her pupils at the end of the month and term.

Mr. Plyler, studying many months in perfecting the system, has procured copyrights for his system and guarantees it will save three-fourths of a teacher's time ordinarily spent in grading. The system apparently has great possibilities and already the professor has had orders from school people as far away as Ohio.

The tables, appearing a bit complicated at first glance, are very easily mastered and grading work can be carried on by the use of them readily.

Mr. Plyler has advertised the system over the radio and is now running a series of advertisements in school journals.

SMALL GARDEN IS WORTH MUCH

Half-Acre Plot Has Cash Value of \$168.33 To Family of Six

A farm garden, one-half acre in size, is worth exactly \$168.33 in cash to a family of six persons, and its value probably exceeds this when the better health of the family is considered.

"We usually do not think of the cash value of a garden in a system of self-sustaining farming, but records kept for us last year by 75 farm families show this plot of land to be an important asset," says H. R. Niswonger, extension horticulturist at State College. "The average size of the family from which the records were secured consisted of the farmer and his wife and four children. The garden plot averaged one-half acre in size and cost \$4.77 in seeds and fertilizer to get in shape. The returns in fresh vegetables were valued at \$168.33 above the cost of the seeds and fertilizer."

The amount of fresh vegetables used amounted to an average value of \$150, Mr. Niswonger says. In addition, there was an average of 116 quarts canned during the summer and valuing this at 15 cents a quart, the return was \$17.40. Fresh vegetables to the value of \$157.90 were sold from each garden, and about \$12.50 worth were given away to neighbors or needy persons.

Mr. Niswonger believes it more than ever important to have a good garden this season. The one-half acre size is all right for the small family but larger families need an acre given over for the production of vegetables. In addition, other land should be planted to watermelons, cantaloupes, and sweet potatoes.

At any rate, the soil for the garden should be prepared as quickly as possible and large amounts of manure should be plowed under, the horticulturist advises.

Sunday Services at The Local Christian Church

Preaching services at the Christian church at the usual hours Sunday. All members are urged to attend and all visitors are cordially invited and warmly welcomed. A small church with a big mission, message and program. A fifth Sunday coming between services this time has made it seem like a mighty long time between services. All true members are getting hungry for the fine fellowship, the inspirational uplift of the sermons, the soul soothing harmonies of the sacred songs, the spiritual strength of meditation and prayer, and the inner sanction and satisfaction of assembling in the house of the Lord.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on "God's Inward Circle," and 7:30 on "The Bed Rock of the Kingdom." Invite your friends.

Remember Bible school at 9:45. Bring the family. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Tell the young folks about it. Come out and hear them. They will surprise and delight you. Our young people have the ability. Let's encourage them in the Christian life of program of Jesus and His church.

DELEGATION IN RALEIGH TODAY URGING ACTION

Favors State Taking Over County Debts Created for State Roads

Meeting here last Tuesday, members of the Martin County Taxpayers' League advocated measures that will mean strict economy in practice. Only a small representation was present, but the league perfects its proposals and a committee is now presenting them to state authorities in Raleigh.

"One of the major proposals advanced by the league is allowing a property owner five years in redeeming land sold for taxes, and the rate of interest charged be not over 6 per cent.

The exorbitant salaries paid court stenographers was discussed, the league asking that the county board of commissioners be empowered to employ court stenographers and fix the salary.

The league went on record asking the State to assume the bonded indebtedness of all counties created in the construction of standard state highways.

A salary schedule for county officers was urged, allowing the county commissioners to fix the salaries and recommending that the law calling for a minimum sum be repealed.

The league strongly opposed the consolidation of all authority for running the public schools, entertaining the idea that centralization would entirely destroy local self-government.

6 CASES CALLED BY RECORDER

Session Tuesday Was One of Shortest Held In Many Weeks

A session of short duration and of little consequence features the county recorder's court last Tuesday. The session was a financial failure, not a red cent finding its way into the school fund. One \$50 fine was imposed, but the court, knowing that it was expecting something it would never get, remitted the fine, it was said. Only six cases were called and about that number was continued. The court completed its criminal actions for the day 30 or 40 minutes after beginning operations at 9:30 o'clock.

The cases charging Lee Hardison and John Manning with hunting without permits, were continued.

Elijah Rogers pleaded guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws. Prayer for judgment was continued one week. Will Sherrod, facing a similar charge, also pleaded guilty and prayer for judgment was continued one week.

The case charging Arthur Lilley with non-support was not prosed.

Jesse Bland was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost of action for carrying a concealed weapon, the court remitting the fine.

Oscar Biggs, charged with larceny and receiving, had the choice of a small fine or a term on the roads.

Alton Roberson Bitten by Mad Dog Last Tuesday

Alton Roberson, eight years old, was attacked and bitten by a mad dog near his home in Bear Grass Township last Tuesday morning. He is now taking Pasteur treatments and is getting along as well as could be expected.

According to reports reaching here, the dog attacked several others in that section.

Thomas Gardner Died In Williams Last Wednesday

Thomas Gardner, aged citizen of Williams Township, died at his home there Wednesday following a prolonged illness. He had been in poor health for years and during much of that time he was confined to his bed. Mr. Gardner was 78 years old and had married three times. His wife and four children survive. He was the father of Major and Dan Gardner, successful farmers of this county.

Funeral services were held at the home yesterday afternoon by Lewis T. Holliday. Interment was in the family plot on the home farm.