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## 52 CIVIL ACTIONS ON CALENDAR OF SUPERIOR COURT

Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Halifax County, Will Preside

Fifty-two cases have been placed on the civil calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court convening March 20th. Many of the cases are calendar worn, having been on there every term for months past. None of the cases is of more than passing importance, and small crowds and dull proceedings are expected when work is started on the civil docket on Wednesday, March 22.

Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Halifax County, recently appointed judge, will preside over the two weeks mixed term of court. Judge Parker was solicitor for a number of years, and is recognized as an able jurist.

The list of cases: Wednesday, March 22: Peel Administrator, et al. vs. Roberson and Peel; Rhodes and Company vs. Ed Roberson; Child, administrator, vs. Norfleet; Taylor vs. Street; Rhodes and Company vs. Bell; Davis vs. James; Bank vs. Bailey and Barnhill; Colt and Company vs. Martin.

Thursday, March 23: Matthews vs. Bell; Ayers and Company vs. Jones, et al.; Colt and Company vs. Barber; Moore vs. Manning; Everett vs. Dees; Fertilizer Company vs. Jackson, et al.; Fertilizer Company vs. Morris; Fertilizer Company vs. Huston; Fertilizer Company vs. Mills; Harrison Brothers and Company vs. Hadley, et al.

Friday, March 24: Donaldson vs. Burkett, et al.; Fertilizer Company vs. Ennis; Fertilizer Company vs. Allen; Fertilizer Company vs. Lockamy; Fertilizer Company vs. Daughtry; Fertilizer Company vs. Matthews.

Monday, March 27: Bailey vs. Insurance Company; Harrison Wholesale Company vs. Brown; Fertilizer Company vs. May; Salisbury vs. Davenport et al.; Roberson vs. Ellis; Harrison Brothers and Company vs. Hassell; Fertilizer Company vs. T. S. Hadley et al.

Tuesday, March 28: Matthews vs. Jones; Harrison Brothers and Company vs. Williams; Chemical Company vs. Gurkin; Griffin vs. Meadows, et al.; Rhodes and Company vs. Morris; Peel Motor Company vs. Hadley, et al.; Taylor vs. Hadley; Armour Fertilizer Company vs. Clark.

Wednesday, March 29: Stalls vs. Perry; Fertilizer Company vs. Forbes; Bank vs. Taylor; Peel vs. Roberson, et al.

Thursday, March 30: Fertilizer Company vs. Ippock; Fertilizer Company vs. Patterson; Fertilizer Company vs. Lucas; Fertilizer Company vs. Willford; Tilden vs. Biggs; James vs. Britton.

## FORMER COUNTY RESIDENT DEAD

Secretary of Old J. and W. Railroad Company Died in Norfolk Monday

Mr. Henry H. Fisher, a native of Ireland, and a resident of this county for a number of years, died at his home in Norfolk yesterday at the ripe old age of 82 years.

Mr. Fisher came to this county when a young man and located in Dymond City, headquarters for the old Jamesville and Washington Railroad Company. He was secretary of the company until the railroad was discontinued. While there he was active in the operation of steamboats on the Roanoke and connecting waters to Norfolk and Baltimore.

When the company suspended operations, Mr. Fisher moved to Norfolk and went with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company and continued in that company's employ until he died.

He was known to many people in this county and was highly regarded as a citizen.

## Postmaster General's Hat Is Too High for Taxicab

Washington, March 7.—Postmaster General Farley is having silk hat trouble, it developed today, similar to that suffered by his predecessor, Walter Brown.

Farley rolled up to the White House today in a 20-cent taxicab with a slightly dented silk hat set squarely on his brow.

"Yeh," said he, "it looks like I'll have to get an auto that fits my hat. I understand there's one down at the Postoffice Department building."

Brown amused the nation a few weeks ago when it was revealed that he had traded in at government expense a small sedan for a big one so that there would be room for his hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Jackson, of Norfolk, were here for a short while today. They were returning to their home after attending the funeral of Elder N. H. Harrison in Plymouth. Mr. Jackson is a native of this county.

## Eight Cases of Measles Reported in February

Cases of contagious diseases reported in this county during the month of February were very few in number, it was learned from a review of the county health officer's report for the period. Only one disease was reported, the report showing eight cases of measles, four among white and four cases among colored people. All were in Williamston Township except one and that was in Cross Roads Township.

## DARK OUTLOOK FOR TOBACCO AND PEANUTS

'Uncle Buck' Sees But Little Hope Unless Acreage Is Kept Small

By W. T. MEADOWS Tobacco and peanuts!

What are you going to do about them? They have just about broke every farmer and every warehouseman in Eastern North Carolina.

Now, I will take up tobacco first. It's true that last year the producers received around 11 1-2 cents for the crop of tobacco. That crop of tobacco was below the usual size in poundage that is usually raised in the State. Possibly when the final figures are announced for the state, they will be around 160,000,000 to 170,000,000 pounds short of last year. Not only was the crop short in eastern North Carolina, but it was short in every part of the state that raises tobacco.

Now if you had received an average of 11 1-2 cents a pound for your tobacco six or eight years ago, you would have hooted at it, but an average of 11 1-2 cents the past year was equal to 16 cents or better five or six years ago. You didn't care then about expense, what guano or labor cost, but last year the crop of tobacco was raised on a stark-naked program. And so is the one before you going to be raised.

So far as an 11 1-2 cents average is concerned for the coming crop, you go stick the earth full of it, and you will not get an 8-cent average. If North Carolina and the other bright states will hold their acreage down to its present size, there is a chance of getting 11 1-2 cents; and if this war between the cigarette people could have been avoided, there would have been a chance of a 16 to 20 cents average, provided the acreage could be held down to its present size. However, there is no telling where nor how that cigarette war will end up. Some good tobacco men predict that you will not sell anything for more than 20 cents next fall.

Now as to peanuts. Don't know much about them. But I do know they have put Martin County farmers in a bad hole the past year. The force of necessity is going to make you cut the peanut acreage, and when you cut it be sure and cut it 50 per cent below last year's acreage. I don't believe there is a mill buying a single peanut today from anybody in the peanut belt, and I don't believe—if what I can hear is true—that they have bought any in 10 or 15 days. If you sell any peanuts now, you have to sell them to a speculator or turn them over to somebody they owe, or store them. A great many people predict there will be no cut in peanuts. The average farmer says to himself that since Jim, John, Bill, Sam, and Joe have cut their peanuts 50 per cent, I will increase mine 100 per cent. You keep taking this view of peanuts or cotton and see where you will land.

Another factor: This year it is going to be hard for many to buy guano. Very few of the farmers have any ready cash, and 85 per cent of the guano people this year are going to demand the cash, and the other 15 per cent are staying close to the shore. Watch your step, boys, on the acreage—both in tobacco and peanuts.

## NEGRO IS DEAD FROM INJURIES

Noah Whit Moore, Auto Accident Victim, Died Saturday Night

Noah Whit Moore, colored man who was run down by an automobile driven by a Richmond salesman near the fair grounds last Tuesday, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday evening about 8 o'clock. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon and interment will follow in the Powell burial ground in Williams Township.

Moore suffered a fracture of the skull, a broken shoulder, and a crushed leg and never regained consciousness.

The colored man was walking the highway toward Williamston and was struck by a car driven by H. B. Stosell. Moore, meeting the car, failed to see it and was struck when he started to cross the highway to board a wagon for a free ride to town.

## TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Discuss Free Usage of the River Wharf by Private Individuals

No business of importance was discussed at the regular meeting of the town commissioners here last night, the body adjourning at 9 o'clock after granting a colored applicant permission to hold a dance, the inspection of bills, and a discussion of wharfage.

Depressions may come and stay and the banks may close, but the colored populace continues a strong desire to "shake a leg." The dance is to be held Easter Monday, applicant Gorham said.

The wharfage discussion took on no official sanction at the meeting, but it was the general understanding that a wharfage fee of 20 cents a ton would be charged for shipments handled by special or private boats. According to information furnished at the meeting last night, the county is said to have surrendered the wharf to the town, that it did not care to repair and maintain the dock. While it was a losing proposition the town took over the wharf, made repairs and it was little used by other than one boat line. Just two or three years ago more warehouse space was needed, and the space between the old warehouses was floored and covered. But not until recently has there been a demand for public use of the wharf, and now the question arises as to whether the private shipment should be handled without charge through a warehouse that another pays rent on.

Mr. J. G. Stator carried the matter before the county commissioners yesterday, but as far as it could be learned no settlement has been reached.

The board authorized the superintendent of water and streets to investigate the cost of painting the water tower after learning that repairs to the tank are necessary. A report will be heard at the next meeting in connection with the proposed work.

## BRIEF REVIEW SCHOOL NEWS AT OAK CITY

Will Hold Tonsil Clinic for Needy Children There Friday of This Week

Tonsil Clinic

The tonsil clinic will be held Friday, March 10, 1933, in the Oak City school building. Dr. Sawyer, of Windsor, will perform the operations, assisted by Dr. Pittman of this place. There will be 25 or 30 operations during the clinic and the cooperation of teachers and parents is desired to make the undertaking a success.

All parents whose children are to undergo this operation are urged to be present Friday morning. No child is to be allowed to leave the building after the operation until the following morning or afternoon. Doctors, nurses, and teachers will attend the children during this time. Trucks are to go out Thursday bringing in the necessary articles and equipment for the operations.—L. Allsbrook.

Test Week

This week, starting Monday, March 6, 1933, is test week for all high school pupils. All teachers are urged to complete their tests by Thursday afternoon, as there will be a shortened schedule for Friday in order to have quiet and order for the clinic.—L. Allsbrook.

Attendance Increases

The attendance for Oak City school has increased considerably since the sun has been shining. The bad roads have cleared up and all school trucks are coming in on time loaded with pupils.—L. Allsbrook.

Free Coaching

The Oak City school is offering free coaching help for retarded high school pupils. The extra class will be conducted at night from 7:30 to 8:30. These classes will meet twice weekly, on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Mr. S. P. Williams has begun his class of extra help in physics; others will follow.

## Woman's Club To Hold Dance Next Friday Night

The local Woman's Club announces a dance in its club room for Friday night of this week, beginning at 9 o'clock with the Windsor orchestra.

## Small but Representative Group Hears Dr. Landrith

A small but representative gathering heard Dr. Ira Landrith, prominent national prohibition leader, in an address at Robersonville this morning. He speaks here in the Baptist church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and tonight at Roberson's Chapel.

## Six Names Appear on the Griffins School Honor Roll

Six names appear on the Griffins school honor roll for the fourth month, as follows:

First grade: Nannie Margaret Roberson.  
Second grade: Not any.  
Third grade: Vera Ruth Griffin, Bruce Peel.  
Fourth grade: Henry Griffin and Clifton Ward.  
Fifth grade: Evan Griffin.  
Sixth grade: Not any.

## FIVE MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Number Is Smallest Since Issuance in July Back in the Year 1931

Judging from the small number of marriage licenses issued in this county last month the depression is not over. But speaking about the depression, three years of it are behind us, Mr. J. Sam Getsinger, the man who prepares the legal papers for those who would dive into the sea of matrimony, said yesterday. Not since last April have there been as few licenses issued in the county as the number for the past month. The low point was reached way back yonder in July, 1931, when only three, one to white and two to colored couples, were issued licenses.

With the exception of the issuance for the month of January, 1933, the white couples marrying in this county out numbered the colored. Up until the so-called depression made itself felt, the number of colored couples marrying in the county was larger than the number of white marriages by a wide margin.

Marriage licenses, four white and one colored, were issued to the following during the month of February:

White  
Robert L. Smithwick and Mattie V. Perry, both of Windsor.  
William Smithwick and Minerva Thomas, both of Windsor.

Colored  
Albert T. Gurkin and Louise Ward, both of this county.  
Clarence McKeel and Melena Lee, both of Martin County.

Willie Dawes and Anna Purvis, both of this county.

## ELDER HARRISON BURIED MONDAY

Died at Washington County Residence Early Last Sunday Morning

Elder Newsome H. Harrison, a leader in the Primitive Baptist church in this section for a long number of years, died at his home in Washington County Sunday morning at 8 o'clock of a complication of diseases. He was 87 years old and had been in declining health for some time. However, he was active in his church work until a few weeks ago and was mentally alert to the last despite his infirmities and advanced age. He filled his last appointment at the Smithwick Creek church two months ago.

Funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elder Hines, of Wilson, assisted by other visiting ministers and brothers. Interment was in the family burial ground not so far from Morratock church which he untiringly served for well over a half century.

## MAYOR CERMAK DIED MONDAY

Funeral Plans Being Made By City Council In Chicago Today

Anton J. Cermak, Democratic mayor of Chicago, the victim of a bullet Giuseppe Zangara fired in an attempt to assassinate President Roosevelt in Miami February 15, died in a Miami hospital Monday morning at 7 o'clock. Death followed a series of complications against which the Chicago executive rallied valiantly time after time. He died peacefully, never recovering from the coma into which he lapsed Sunday night.

Plans for the funeral are being made in Chicago at a special session of the city council today. Burial will be in the Bohemian National cemetery on the northeast side of Chicago, the burial place of Mrs. Cermak. The special train bearing the mayor's body will reach Chicago tomorrow morning.

The mayor was a native of Kladas, Czechoslovakia.

Each tenant on the farm of G. C. Howell, of Enfield, must agree to have a garden, some chickens and hogs, and Mr. Howell is planting three orchards on the place.

# Banking Holiday Is Now in Effect Throughout Country

## LIST TAKERS FOR TOWNSHIPS ARE NAMED MONDAY

T. C. Griffin Will Head Tax Listing in County for Current Year

Preliminary plans for listing property for taxation for the year 1933 were made by the board of county commissioners in regular meeting here yesterday when a tax supervisor and list-takers for the 10 districts were appointed.

Mr. T. C. Griffin, recently made full-time board chairman, was appointed to head the tax-listing work this year, and with one exception all list-takers serving last year were again selected to handle the work in their respective townships this year.

List-takers and their respective districts are as follows:  
Jamesville: F. C. Stallings.  
Williams: L. J. Hardison.  
Griffins: George C. Griffin.  
Bear Grass: A. B. Ayers, succeeding List-Taker Roberson.

Williamston, R. T. Griffin.  
Cross Roads: G. G. Bailey.  
Robersonville: J. B. Rawls.  
Poplar Point: L. G. Taylor.  
Hamilton: T. B. Slade.  
Goose Nest: J. A. Rawls.

The list-takers are to meet with the tax supervisor the third Monday in this month, when listing methods will be discussed and an attempt will be made to establish uniform values.

## LARGE CROWDS IN CAPITAL CITY FOR INAUGURAL

Banking Situation Leaves Many Visitors Penniless in National Capital

One of the largest crowds ever to assemble in Washington was there last Saturday for the Presidential inauguration. Local people found the city crowded to the limit, thousands of people finding it impossible to get a glimpse of the President.

Former President Hoover left Washington immediately after Mr. Roosevelt took the oath of office. The President went to the White House with his family and a few friends, and the throngs started for home. The city was one gigantic traffic snarl.

Hundreds missed outgoing trains because their taxicabs took hours instead of minutes to reach the Union Station. Other hundreds tried to buy tickets, but found train reservations sold out.

Still more hundreds wanted transportation, but couldn't pay the price. They had spent all their cash seeing the sights incident to the inauguration of President Roosevelt. The nationwide banking situation made it impossible for them to cash checks.

Some of the destitute flocked to telegraph offices, which did a rushing business sending collect wired pleas for money. The rest of the moneyless visitors returned to their hotels. They admitted they didn't know what to do, but the little Williamston group squeezed through the thousands and returned here in time to go to work yesterday morning.

## MAKING PLANS TO ISSUE SCRIP

Meat and other Food Prices Advance Sharply on Larger Markets

According to reports coming from the big financial centers and even here in North Carolina, plans are being made to issue scrip for use during the present bank crisis. The practice is a new thing with this generation, but according to those experiencing previous depressions it is a makeshift to insure the continuance of business. As it is understood here, a customer with a bank balance can draw his check and he is issued scrip which is negotiable in ordinary business circles. When the bank situation is cleared, he can redeem the scrip.

As a result of the banking situation, food prices are said to be rising by leaps and bounds in the bigger centers, Raleigh even reporting a rise of 20 to 30 per cent in prices.

In New York yesterday, hotel cashiers bargained with many of the churches for their collections the day before that change might be made for their guests. Change holders were taking dollar bills for 95 cents in change. Millionaires were borrowing the small change off their servants.

## Tobacco Cloth Stolen From Plant Bed Here

Thieves went to the tobacco bed of Mr. E. P. Cunningham, near here, last Friday night and stole 300 yards of tobacco cloth. There were 600 yards of cloth on the bed, the thieves dividing with the owner when they left 300 yards.

## COUNTY BOARD HOLDS REGULAR MEET MONDAY

Authorize Steps Be Taken for Refinancing County Bonded Indebtedness

Realizing the impossibility of meeting all county indebtedness, including bond interest and principal, the board of county commissioners in session Monday, authorized the board chairman and the county attorney to take any necessary steps through the state legislature or otherwise in providing for the financing of county bonds. Just what steps can be taken and what will result are unknown just at this time. The county recently defaulted for the first time in the payment of a bond principal installment and interest. The premium on the non-payment of taxes placed there by the legislature, it is believed, is partly responsible for the first financial default of the county.

The board was in session nearly all day and recessed subject to the call of the chairman. During the meeting, the board, upon motion of V. G. Taylor, seconded by H. S. Everett, made T. C. Griffin full-time chairman of the commissioners and appointed him county tax supervisor as provided by law. Several applications were before the board, but after consideration it is understood that the chairman could handle the work to an advantage and at little extra expense to the county. In reporting the rumor suggesting the application of Mr. R. L. Stallings, of Jamesville, as supervisor, a correction was later noted. Mr. Stallings said that he had not applied for the task, and it developed that his brother, F. C. Stallings, was applying for the job as list-taker in Jamesville Township. Well, other applications were duly considered, but the solution was reached with the appointment of Mr. Griffin as the man to head the listing work in the county this year.

Albert S. eel was appointed collector for 1931 tax sales, bond in the sum of \$5,000 being required.

John Ellis, by order of the board, was discontinued from outside poor relief.

## SIXTY APPLY FOR REGIONAL LOANS

No Seed-Feed Loan Blanks Have Been Received Here So Far

Approximately 60 applications have been entered with the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation for loans by farmers in this county, it was learned yesterday from N. K. Harrison, who is receiving the applications for Martin County. The applications represent \$80,000, Mr. Harrison said, and average around \$1,200. The size of the requests for loans vary from about \$300 to \$20,000 it was learned.

As far as it could be learned, no money has been received by the applicants in this county, although requests were forwarded to the lending agency several weeks ago. Three papers have been recorded in the county register of deeds office, and the applicants should have completed loans immediately.

The seed and feed loan group is expected to start operations shortly, and it is believed there will be only a very few more requests made for loans through the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation. Those wishing to borrow money will apply to the seed and feed loan group where they have to pledge nothing but a crop lien.

## Believe Country Is Now Ready for a New Start

Mr. Guy A. Cardwell, agricultural agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and a keen student of world affairs and especially in the realm of agriculture, said while on a visit here today that he was pleased with the present situation because, he thought, we can make a fresh start. With few exceptions, everyone is agreed that conditions have reached the bottom and the turn now must be upward.

## NORTH CAROLINA IS LAST STATE TO FALL INTO LINE

Special Session of Congress Called for Thursday To Discuss Situation

The banking situation bobbed up over the week-end as the first big problem of national magnitude to face President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and already he has called a special session of Congress to convene Thursday of this week. Just what that body will do is now a matter of speculation, but it is believed that something will be done.

In the meantime, banking is at a standstill in every state of the Union, North Carolina being one of the last states to declare a holiday. Following a meeting of State banking officials in Raleigh Sunday all the banks in the state were enjoined and commanded to observe Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday as holidays. That the holiday will end before Friday or Saturday is not certain, many believing that the holiday will last until the latter part of the week, or until something definite is done either in Raleigh or in Washington.

Locally, the enforced holidays was little noticed. Business in this little agricultural center was carried on as usual, but inconvenience was experienced every now and then when a customer offered bills of large denominations in payment of small accounts and asked for change. The holiday was not considered seriously at all, the people here reading and laughing with Will Rogers when he said, "No money, no banks, no work, no nothing."

According to reports coming from the strictly industrial centers, business was suspended. Automobile plants closed down and operations in the steel industry were stopped.

## Governor's Proclamation

The text of the governor's proclamation follows:

"Whereas, an emergency has arisen which is nationwide and which threatens to leave us isolated unless similar action is taken by us, and

"Whereas the Commissioner of Banks" and the Advisory Banking Commission, and practically unanimous sentiment among the bankers of our state, representing both state and national banks, agree that such action is necessary, and

"Whereas, a number of Federal Reserve Banks have suspended their normal operations,

"Now, therefore, I, John C. B. Ehringhaus, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim and set apart Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 6, 7, and 8, 1933, as a banking holiday throughout North Carolina. All banking institutions, both State and National, doing business in this state are hereby enjoined and commanded to observe the three days as holidays with the same force and effect, in the same manner, and to the same extent as legal holidays are observed in this state."

The recommendations adopted by the bankers follow:

"Resolved, that in view of the bank holidays declared in every other State of the Union except North Carolina, and a resulting cessation of ordinary banking functions throughout the nation, North Carolina is left without protection from unreasonable withdrawals of bank deposits for transfer to other states without the reciprocal right to draw against deposits in other states, it is believed to be necessary for the protection of the banks, their depositors, and the business interests of North Carolina, that a banking holiday be declared for the state, and it is hereby recommended to the governor that he at once declare a banking holiday for the State of North Carolina for such period of time as he, with the Commissioner of Banks and the Banking Advisory Commission may deem advisable; and that upon the termination of the holiday the Commissioner of Banks put into effect such uniform regulations as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the depositors and the business interests of the state."

## Missionary Society Leader To Speak Here Tomorrow

Mrs. Augusta Taber, a prominent missionary society leader, will deliver an address on mission work at the Episcopal church here tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Members of every missionary society in town are invited to attend and hear Mrs. Taber, who will be prepared to answer any questions addressed to her during the hour.

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