



159 CWA WORKERS DROPPED FROM LIST THIS WEEK

Work on Road Projects In This County Greatly Curtailed Now

Meeting in the courthouse here yesterday, CWA supervisors and members of the employment committee, under orders from Washington and Raleigh, reduced the number of Martin County CWA workers from 555 to 396, a reduction of 159 men. The 159 workers after today will no longer be connected with the administration, and it is likely that more of those at present on the job will join the ranks next week, pending orders from the federal and state authorities.

Road projects were curtailed considerably, the number of men being reduced from 206 to 52, but the building force was increased from 77 to 156. The number of men employed on drainage projects was reduced from 160 to 100, while sanitation workers were reduced from 76 to 50. Work on three projects, Gold Point-Hassel road, Stokes-Williamston road, and Hamilton drainage, were ordered suspended by the state administration.

The number of workers on 10 projects was reduced to the figures given as follows: Hamilton-Palmyra road, 26; Jamesville-Washington road, 26; Everetts drainage, 8; Parmele drainage, 8; Bear Grass drainage, 10; Oak City drainage, 16; Jamesville drainage, 15; Farm Life drainage, 10; Williamston drainage, 23; and Robersonville drainage, 49.

The authorities are said to have given every case particular attention, removing first those men best fitted to care for themselves.

7 CASES TRIED BY RECORDER

Cases On The Docket Last Tuesday Considered of Little Importance

The Martin County recorder's court marked time in its regular session last Tuesday, when seven cases were called. None of the number was of hardly more than passing importance.

Marvin Orman, operating a motor vehicle without proper brakes, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging Hezekiah Keel with aiding the manufacture of liquor, was continued for several months.

A nol pros resulted in the case case charging Robert Leggett with an assault.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Tony Ayers with operating a motor vehicle without proper lights.

A continuation of two weeks was allowed in the case charging W. Victor Venters with reckless driving.

Charlie ("Chocolate") Harris pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case charging him with an assault and larceny.

The case charging Jeffrey Taylor with non-support was removed from the docket when the recorder nolle prossed it with leave. The case had been hanging fire during the greater part of more than a year.

Presiding Elder at Local Methodist Church Sunday

"Anxiety and worry are the parents of temper and disease." Why not use the church to help ward off these diseases? They are soul killers, as well as joy killers. Meet us at the church next Sunday and we will pray for your body, mind, and soul. You can not serve God with your soul and the devil at the same time. All of you must be for or against God. There will be a blessing awaiting for you at the church next Sunday, come.

Mr. McCracken, the presiding elder of this district, will preach at 11 a. m. Regular services at night and through the week.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. You are cordially invited to attend some church Sunday.

Work Progress Rapidly On Filling Station Here

Work started this week on a new Sinclair Refining Company filling station, corner of Main and Smithwick Streets, is progressing rapidly, the contractor representative, Mr. Thompson, stating this morning that the project would be completed within the next three weeks, weather permitting. The building, built of brick and tile with a stucco finish, will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000, the lot advancing the cost of the station up to about \$10,000.

The names of the station operators and the opening date could not be learned today.

Sales Tax Operation for Six Months Reflects Tax Saving

Although recognized as somewhat of a nuisance, the general sales tax during the first six months of its operation saved Martin County property owners, approximately \$15,047, according to information released this week by A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of the State Department of Revenue.

During the first six months period, the sales tax amounted to \$17,861 in this county. Tax relief afforded by the last legislature in enactment of the sales tax and other adopted measures made possible a reduction of \$50,769 in real estate taxes in this county. It is estimated that \$35,722 will have been collected through the sales

NO INFORMATION YET AS TO SEED AND FEED LOANS

Preparations Now Underway for Handlings the Loans This Year

While instructions for handling seed-feed loans have not been received, Field Representative Roy Hearne stated yesterday that he believed applications could be received about the first of March or soon thereafter. Definite announcement will be made upon the receipt of forms, Mr. Hearne added.

Arrangements for advancing the loans have been completed by the government, and it is understood that contracts are being printed and made ready for distribution to the hundreds of counties in the several states. Mr. Hearne expected to be called to a district meeting for definite instructions any day now, and until then the date for advancing the loans and the details surrounding them will hardly be learned here.

PITIFUL CASE IS REVEALED WHEN FAMILY EJECTED

Aged Woman Said To Be Carry on "Housework" Out Of Doors

Lou Manning, her two daughters, and their flock of allegedly illegitimate children were thrown upon the mercy of the world last Tuesday when officers, under legal direction, ejected them from an humble abode in Hamilton Township. Wednesday, the last time reports were received from the ejected group, the aged woman was said to have been singing merrily as she cooked on a big range along the roadside. The children, said to be in a really pitiful condition from venereal disease, were temporarily housed in the home of a colored neighbor.

Officers, obeying orders, described the ejection as one of the most pitiful and disgusting events they had ever had anything to do with. No resistance was offered by any member of the household when the officers started moving the furniture and the other few earthly belongings from the small house to the open road.

Crying and weeping, the three women aided in bundling the few scattered articles about the house, said to have had a scent more offensive than that dispelled by a pole cat or skunk.

While there is sympathy for the lowest in a case of that time, the really pathetic side of the story surrounds the several little children, and one in particular. With hardly enough clothes to cover its body, not to mention its bare legs and unshod feet, one of the children, under a year old, is blind, its eyeballs hanging from its sockets two inches or more, the declared result of syphilitic parentage. Unwanted and spurned by nearly every one, the group is now facing, without hope or friends, an uncertain future. What will become of the old woman, her daughters, and the blameless little one nobody knows.

HOLD HEARING FOR GANGSTER

Papers Are Issued to Bring Proctor Here for Trial In March Court

Charged with participating in more than 20 robberies in the eastern part of the State within the past eighteen months, Worth "Tick" Proctor is being given a hearing in Raleigh today. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Chief W. B. Daniel left here this morning for the hearing.

A warrant has been prepared here to bring Proctor to this county for trial next month in connection with the Harrison Wholesale Company robbery back in November, 1932. Officers in several other counties are also planning to prefer charges against the man and members of his gang, and it is understood that he will be tried in first one place and then another on various counts.

The three women arrested in the raid early last Monday morning continue in jail. Judge N. A. Sinclair ordered their release from his sick bed in a Rocky Mount hotel, but before they could get out of the hotel they were re-arrested and placed in the Nash County jail by Sheriff Johnson. They are to get a hearing next Monday, it was learned here.

Nineteen Local Boys Are Given Athletic Awards

Nineteen boys who had much to do with the Williamston High's successful football season last fall received letters at the assembly period on February 14. James E. Peters, coach, spoke briefly in making the awards. The school letters, white felt W's, were donated by Mrs. J. W. Watts, jr.

NEW CANDIDATE COMES OUT FOR CLERK OF COURT

Other Candidacies Likely, Making Season Open One for the Office

With the official announcement of Mr. Henry S. Everett for clerk of the Martin County Superior Court coming this week, the political situation in this county is rapidly reaching a climax. More interest is being added to the contest made interesting when three other candidates, Messrs. T. B. Slade, L. B. Wynne, and John D. Lilley announced a few days ago.

It is, without question, open season for the clerkship, and others are expected to announce their candidacies within the next few days, according to rumors heard here.

Mr. Everett, prominent citizen of Robersonville, is at present a member of the board of Martin County Commissioners. His announcement for the court clerkship will create an opening in the race for county commissioners in the June primary.

Little activity has been reported in other county contests, and the list of candidates for the general assembly remains unchanged, it is understood.

SAFE IS STOLEN FROM HASSELL POST OFFICE

Robbers Get \$45 In Fifth of Series of Break-ins In County Recently

Martin County's fifth safe robbery in about that many weeks was reported about 2 o'clock yesterday morning, when robbers broke into the post office at Hassell and carried off the iron safe estimated to weigh between 800 and 1,000 pounds.

Forcing an entrance through the front door, the robbers used a small railroad push truck to haul the heavy safe out. They then attached a rope to the truck and towed it behind an automobile about 300 yards out on the Gold Point road. A hole about the size of a big water bucket was torn in the back of the safe and about \$45 in cash was stolen. A number of stamps were found around the safe, but no definite check on the loss had been reported yesterday afternoon, and it is not known whether the robbers carried away any with them.

Citizens in the town are said to have heard a noise about 2 o'clock, but they paid no attention to it, and the robbery was not discovered until early yesterday morning.

A small tire track was found near the spot where the safe was torn into, but officers are without clues as to who the parties were. It is generally believed that the same gang connected with other robberies of late in the county did the job.

Robberies or attempts to rob railroad stations at Robersonville, Jamesville, Everetts, Oak City were reported within the past few weeks. Following the robbery at Hassell early yesterday, there are only a few towns left in the county unmolested by the intruders.

Approximately \$12,000 Is Paid Teachers In County

The 186 teachers in this county are receiving this week their fifth month salary amounting to approximately \$12,000, it was learned from the office of County Superintendent J. C. Manning yesterday.

Representative Explains Contracts To Agent Here

Instruction for handling cotton contracts by the offices of county farm agents were offered to the agents and their assistants here yesterday afternoon, a representative from Raleigh explaining in detail how the contracts are to be prepared before they are forwarded to the authorities in Raleigh and Washington.

All contracts from this county are now in the office of Agent Brandon, and employees have already started work preparatory to forwarding them to Raleigh.

Sunday Services at the Riddicks Grove Church

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct the regular preaching services in the Riddicks Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited.

Peanut Growers Will Meet Here Tomorrow Morning

PROTECTION OF INTERESTS TO BE TOPIC DISCUSSED

Meeting Will Be Held In County Courthouse at 11 O'clock

A large representation of peanut farmers is expected here tomorrow, when plans for protecting the interests of the peanut grower will be discussed. Plans will likely be formulated for advancing the cause of the peanut, and other points of vital importance to the grower will be given consideration.

With no restrictions of the peanut acreage now in effect, it is believed one of the largest acreages ever planted to the crop will be in the making this year unless some steps are taken immediately to guard against expansion. All farmers are urged to be present.

Meeting Will Be Held In County Courthouse at 11 O'clock

Sam N. Clark, grower member of North Carolina on the National Peanut Control Board, has the following idea for control, and it will be discussed at the meeting: Saturday:

Only allotment certificate peanuts may be warehoused by growers and receive government loans available on the same basis as other basic commodities.

Growers will be asked to agree to an assessment not to exceed 1 per cent of the sales of the 1934 crop to be deducted by the millers and forwarded to the secretary to pay the expense of setting up the allotment program outlined above, varying it for the 1934 crop.

Those who are growing peanuts in this county should attend this meeting, and their expressions in the matter of outlining a plan will be heard, and the local men will have present a speaker who will answer questions and explain the plan to all.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the program of the peanut control board recently set up under the marketing agreement. Also the farmers will be asked for expressions as to the plan they favor for controlling production this year.

"The allotment program is to be formulated with regional, state, and county associations of growers or county committees is to make daily summaries of the sign-up for the county agent, who in turn will report to the state officials and they to the national leaders. Signers of these contracts have the right of electing their representatives to state meetings.

Allotments will be made on the basis of tonnage to the farm, rather than tonnage or acreage to the grower.

The base allotment for 1934 is to be the average of the total production in pounds for the three years, 1931, 1932, and 1933. County committees under the farm agent are allowed to make equitable adjustments of allotments, if possible, but must hold the county totals within the base of allotment to the county by the state officials.

The miller's marketing agreement and license is to be amended to provide that they purchase peanuts from those holding allotment certificates unless authorized otherwise. Growers will not be allowed to obtain peanuts from others to complete their allotments.

Two Basketball Games Scheduled Here Tonight

Two basketball games are scheduled for tonight at the Farmers Warehouse the local boys meeting the Windsor team and the girls' team playing the Bear Grass girls. The girls game is scheduled to begin promptly at 7:30.

With the basketball season drawing to a close the Williamston boys will probably participate in one of the numerous basketball tournaments being held in this state. Application has been made for entrance in the tournament to be held at N. C. State College on March 8th.

Robber Enters Commissary Here Last Tuesday Night

Forcing an entrance through a side window, a robber last Tuesday night stole a pair of No. 8 shoes from Jim Staton's commissary on Washington Street here. Manager John R. Peel stated that the shoes were the only articles missed. No clue as to the identity of the robber has been established, it was learned yesterday from police headquarters.

RAINFALL

With a rainfall of 3.40 inches so far this month, it now looks as if February will be one of the wettest months since last August, when 6.08 inches of rain were reported.

The largest rain of the season fell last Monday and Tuesday, Hugh Spruill reporting 1.07 inches at the river. Last month the rainfall was 2.51 inches, or about one-tenth of an inch more than the fall in January, 1933, but one and one-quarter inches below that in the same month of 1932.

Snow on the 9th accounted for nearly one-fifth of an inch of the rainfall during this month.

AID IN PLACING FARM TENANTS TO BE OFFERED

Unemployed Farmers Are Asked To Register In This County

A registration of all unemployed farmers was ordered in Martin County this week, the registration being planned as a part of the program to place those unemployed who have been unable to get places to locate and who prefer farming to other types of work. Other than the ordering of a registration, few details are known here in connection with the placement program.

Home H. B. Mask, representative of the farm placement section, was here this week making arrangements for having all unemployed farmers to register. The government plans to place those farmers who are unable to get places to locate, it is understood.

It could not be learned definitely, but it is understood that some Martin farmers who care to go may be sent to government farming projects in Pender County. It is also understood that arrangements will be made to care for the 500 farmers estimated to be out of places in this state. Authorities estimate that there are 25 unemployed farming families in this county, but it is generally believed by others that there are more than that number without farms this year.

According to reports reaching here, it is believed the government plans to make a careful survey of the unemployed tenants and other farmers throughout the country. Those landowners who have turned off tenants are subject to have their cotton and tobacco contract rentals or benefits forfeited, it was indicated in a report released recently.

Farmers who have no place to go and desire to farm are directed to register at the employment office in the county courthouse as soon as possible.

Local Basketball Boys Add Two More Victories to List

Williamston's high school boys added two more to their long list of basketball victories so far this week, defeating Bethel here last Tuesday night by a 27 to 11 score. With Anderson out of the game, Cook led the scoring with 10 points, followed by Hopkins with 6 markers.

Last night the boys went to Hertford and defeated that team by the staggering score of 28 to 6. Cook, Anderson, and Manning accounted for 26 of the 28 points in the contest.

The local girls lost another contest here last Tuesday night, when they were defeated by Bethel to the tune of 20 to 11. The local team continues to show improvement, and should have a successful season next year.

Rights of Prisoners Pointed Out by Attorney General

Any person held in custody by police, regardless of whether any charge has been preferred, has a right to see counsel, Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt said this week.

The point was brought up following criticism by Raleigh officers of action of the Nash County sheriff in allowing three women arrested in a roundup of the Proctor gang to see their attorneys. The women filed petition for writ of habeas corpus. The State Constitution provides that "the privileges of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended." Denial of the right of prisoners to see their attorneys would amount to suspension of the right of habeas corpus.