



SHERIFF EJECTS FAMILY FOR 6TH TIME IN 3 YEARS

Latest Ejection Held Up Few Weeks on Account Of Child's Death

For the fifth or sixth time during the past several years, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck ejected the Lou Manning family, the last ousting taking place at a small tenant house owned by a colored woman near Gold Point last Friday. Said to be trifling to the "nth" degree, members of the family have been shifted to and fro over the county, and no matter where they landed ejection proceedings always followed from several months to a year later.

Last year, when the family was moved from their humble abode in Poplar Point Township to the wide-open road, the mother of the group attracted much attention when she started cooking and sleeping in the open. A few days later the group moved to the small house from which they were moved last week.

Several weeks ago the mother married and is said to have located in Washington County, leaving her three daughters, Hilda, Becky and Stella and the several children to face the future alone. Suffering with rheumatism, Stella is said to have been taken to the home of a relative in the upper part of the county. The others have not located, as far as it could be learned here today.

Going to the home more than one week ago, the sheriff notified the family that they would be forced to move. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, out of sympathy for a pitiful child that was near death, delayed the trying task for several days. The child died, and when the officer returned to the home last Friday, the occupants had their goods packed and were ready to go. The few earthly belongings were placed in the road, the sheriff declaring that he is about ready to buy a new and smaller cook stove to replace the heavy old range he has shifted so many times.

Several ejection proceedings have been handled in this county this year, but the Gold Point case is the first one where officers had to carry out the household goods themselves.

HONOR ROLL AT JAMESVILLE

Favorable Record Is Made Last Month Despite Many Handicaps

Despite many absences caused by measles, influenza, and hog killings, a very favorable scholastic record was attained by pupils in the Jamesville school for the fourth month just recently ended. The names, reported by Professor C. B. Martin, are:

Grade 1-B, Miss Brown; Celia Gardner.

Grade 1-A, Miss Smithwick; Marie Lilley, Grace Price, Charlie Padgett.

Grade 2, Miss Martin; Nell Holliday, Lorraine Griffin, Mildred Moore, Mildred Gardner, Emma Gardner, Ernestine Gardner, Ethel Lilley, Janie Harrison.

Grade 3, Miss Davenport; Audrey Price, Francis Coltrane, Della Harrison, Irvin Gardner, Jamie Wells, Grace Brewer, Katie Davenport, Mamie Clyde Wells, Delsa Gardner, Juanita Calloway.

Grade 4, Miss Everett; Esther Martin, Cleo Griffin, Rufus Manning, Ray Stallings, Arthur W. Lilley, Beulah Modlin.

Grade 5, Mrs. Holliday; Leon Davis, Dolly Goddard, Virginia Hassell, Carolyn Hassell.

Grade 6, Miss Godwin; Joseph Ange, Leonard Holliday, Andrew Holliday, jr., Hugh Martin, Marvin Sexton, Reba Gardner, Lavaghn Harrison, Elsie Mae Lilley, Marion Stallings.

Grade 8, Miss Satterwhite; Mae Swinson, Edna Coburn, F. C. Stallings, Robert Harrison.

Grade 9, Mr. Martin; Flora Swinson, Pauline West, Helen Wright.

Grade 10, Mrs. Uzzle; Hubert Ange, Dallas Waters, Margaret Holliday, Fannie Modlin.

Grade 11, Mrs. Uzzle; Selma Ange, Louise Martin, Martha Moore, Rosa Moore, Alexander Corey.

Auto Takes Life of Fifth Bertie Man This Month

Duncan Ward, the fifth Bertie man to lose his life in an automobile wreck so far this month, was almost instantly killed when a light automobile truck crashed into him and his mule-drawn cart near Windsor early last evening. The mule was killed, and Ross Tarken-ton, driver of the light truck, was badly but not seriously hurt. A second party in the truck was not badly hurt, it was reported.

Ward, a colored man, was said to have been about 30 years old.

Peanut Campaign Successful; Acreage To Be Measured Soon

Ten per cent of the peanut contracts entered into by Martin County farmers will be checked this week to establish acreage claims, it was learned from M. L. Barnes, assistant county agent, yesterday. The first measurements will probably be made tomorrow or Thursday, it was stated.

The number of contracts in each district will be carried on little cards, and 10 per cent of those cards will be drawn after jury-drawing fashion, it was pointed out. The contracts corresponding with the numbers drawn will be checked to establish the acreage claims. If the variation between the figures advanced by the farmer and those determined by government representatives, an additional 10 per cent of the contracts will be checked, and if the

claims are not brought into line by the second check, the matter will be referred to state agricultural authorities, and they will handle the situation, it is understood.

Agent Barnes stated yesterday that the campaign was virtually complete, and that it could be considered highly successful. With more definite information available the base acreage for peanuts has been established with very little difficulty, and the program can be handled far more easily than that for cotton and tobacco, it is believed. Since peanut production is considered about equal with consumption, the program does not call for drastic reductions in acreage or production, the apparent aim of the program being to hold production about to its present level.

Cotton Growers of County Organized

PEANUT PRICES

Peanut prices continue as high as 4 cents a pound for the best grades, with a 5-cent premium a bag prevailing in a few cases where the goobers are of exceptionally good quality. Offerings by farmers, continue fairly heavy, and the crop is expected to be in the hands of buyers within a short time. It is estimated that more than 80 per cent of the crop has been sold, and the remainder will be cleared within a few weeks.

While there are a few farmers holding their crop for higher prices, the 4-cent figure seems to be moving the peanuts in a large majority of cases.

The market was described yesterday as firm, with nearly all companies active.

200 AT MEET IN COURT HOUSE LAST FRIDAY

District and County Committees Were Chosen At Meeting

The organization of a cotton production control association for this county was perfected in the county courthouse last Friday afternoon by approximately 200 cotton farmers, representing all sections of the county.

Dividing the county into two districts, committees were chosen by the body at large, as follows: Messrs. A. R. Osborne, of Robersonville, chairman; J. T. Matthews, of Oak City, and D. R. Edmondson, of Hassell, members; and H. S. Everett, of Robersonville, alternate, for the community comprising Robersonville, Goose Nest and Hamilton Townships. District No. 2, comprising the townships of Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Williamston, Poplar Point, and Cross Roads, will be headed by John Daniel Biggs, of Williamston, and W. S. White, of Poplar Point, J. R. Knowles, of Dardens, as members, and Albert T. Perry, alternate, of Williamston. The community committees selected H. H. Cowen, chairman; and J. F. Crisp, of Oak City, and Marshall D. Wilson, of Williamston, members of the county committee.

A general discussion was held until late in the afternoon, final action resting with the originating of any business with the community committees from time to time. The possibility, and there is a possibility, of equalizing production and acreage of the cotton crop in this county, but investigations are to originate with the community committee. The members of the committee, as it is understood here, gather all necessary data, report their findings to the county group, who, in turn, report to the county agent in writing. The agent then takes the matter up with the State Board of Review. While there is no possibility of increasing the total allotment to this county or any other county, the association can effect a fairer distribution, it is believed. The authorities state there must be a reduction where there is an increase. In other words, if a farmer has misappropriated his acreage and in addition thereto, stepped up his production claim, his allotment can be reduced and the amount taken from that farmer and given to another who has suffered by drastic reductions in both acreage and production, or in either, as the case may be.

COLORED WOMAN NEARLY FROZEN

Local Negress Found Near Hamilton in Critical Condition

Her mind apparently deranged, Fempie Biggs, young colored woman, wandered from her home here last Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock and was found nearly frozen to death near Hamilton; the following morning about 9 o'clock. She was identified late Friday and returned here that evening, last reports received from her home describing her condition as critical.

When found by a colored family on the Sherrod farm near Hamilton, she was unconscious and her feet were frozen to her shoes. She was taken in the home of a colored family, and as she revived she was rushed to the stove and is said to have placed her hands on the hot heater, burning the tips of her fingers nearly off before she could be removed to safety. Sheriff Roebuck was called, and he removed the woman to her home here. Medical attention was procured, but her condition was such that treatment was difficult. Yesterday afternoon, it was said the flesh was falling from her toes, her condition being described as little less than horrible.

Members of the family were searching for the woman when the sheriff was bringing her to Williamston, it was said.

OVER 4,000 BALES COTTON GINNED

County Farmers Already Over Allotment by 534 Bales

Ginning 4,403 bales of cotton up to the 16th of this month, Martin County farmers had exceeded their allotment by about 534 bales, with the possibility that the excess will run around one thousand or eleven hundred bales. The ginnings up to January 16 this year were 1,632 bales under the ginnings up to the same time last year an official government report released by Mr. Luther Hardison this week shows.

Martin County was allotted 3,869 bales of tax-free cotton this year. In 1931 the production in this county was placed at 3,955 bales, but the 1932 and 1933 production was increased. To market the crop this year, Martin farmers bought approximately \$25,000 worth of tax warrants, representing about 550,000 pounds of cotton in excess of the allotment.

Mercury Drops To Seven Degrees Here Yesterday

After holding this section with a severe cold grip for several days, old man weather began loosening up yesterday and today warm sunshine and comparatively high mercury readings were enjoyed. However, the weather prophets are predicting colder weather tomorrow.

No official thermometer readings were available here, but some reports maintain the mercury dropped to as low as 7 degrees early yesterday morning. As the section began to thaw out, bursted pipes and hot water tanks were reported in large numbers here, but no serious damage is said to have resulted.

REGISTER DEEDS OFFICE REACHES ITS BUSY SEASON

More Than 1200 Papers Are Cancelled During The Past Four Months

Following a season of great activity in the cancelling of mortgages, automobile and mule notes and numerous other papers, the Martin County Register of Deeds office is well on its way into another busy season of placing new papers on the books.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger yesterday estimated that his office cancelled around 1,200 notes, mortgages, deeds of trust and other papers between September 1 of last year and a few days ago. The number was considered to be the largest in the history of the county, and the cancellation activities clearly reflect improved business conditions in this section.

The rush of entering new notes, mortgages, and other papers is gaining momentum at the county office almost daily, late reports showing 51 Washington Production Credit Association liens on the books with about 30 more being prepared for delivery to the office. Total loans advanced to farmers in this county so far by the Production Credit Association will amount to approximately \$20,000, the size of the loans ranging from \$100 to \$2,000. Hundreds of mule and automobile notes, automobile contracts, crop liens, chattel mortgages, deeds and deeds of trust have been recorded during the past several weeks, and additional papers are reaching the office in large numbers daily. The peak will hardly be reached, however, until the seed and feed loan papers are made ready for recording. It will be several weeks before any such papers will be ready for filing in the office, it is believed.

The issuance of marriage licenses is requiring much time in the office, 19 licenses having already been issued to white and 10 to colored couples so far this month.

All in all, it is a busy time in the register's office the year around, but it is even busier just now.

NEGRO YOUTH STABS ANOTHER

S. T. Jackson, Stabbed By Charles Clark, Reported In Critical Condition

Charles Clark, 14-year-old negro boy was jailed here yesterday afternoon for assaulting S. T. Jackson, young colored boy, with a pocket knife in Robersonville last Saturday. The Jackson boy, with a knife wound in his side, is said to be in a critical condition, information received here stating that his recovery is doubtful.

The Clark kid, said to be a roamer and one who completely ignored fatherly advice, was described as a good-natured chap. His father had not seen the boy since the Wednesday before he stabbed Jackson, it was said.

On his way to jail here yesterday afternoon, the round-faced care-free kid said he stabbed Jackson because he (Jackson) spit in his face and hit him on the head. Apparently the boy did not realize just what he had done.

Loose Horse Killed By Auto Near Hassell

Eli Stevenson, Robersonville farmer, wrecked his car when he ran into and killed a horse loose on the highway near Hassell last Sunday night. Mr. Stevenson was not badly hurt, it was said.

REGISTERED NURSE GIVES SOME PERTINENT FACTS ON MEASLES

Is Most Infectious During Its Early Stage, Before Rash Breaks Out; Is Dangerous Because of Serious Complications Which May Set in

The following article, prepared by Mrs. Ruth M. O'Brian, Registered Nurse, of Person County, should be particularly interesting to people of this section, due to the epidemic of measles now raging in the county and which has caused the closing of several schools.—Ed.)

Measles—an acute, highly infectious disease of childhood, usually characterized by a cold in the head accompanied by fever and followed in two or three days by a rapidly spreading skin eruption.

The onset of measles is usually from 6 to 18 days after exposure. The rash first appears behind the ears or on the neck, gradually covering the entire body.

Measles, not frequently, is complicated by pneumonia, mastoid, and infections of the middle ear. These complications may be serious, and measles is dangerous for children un-

Several Bills Introduced by County Members Assembly

Do Not Plan To Reopen Local Schools Before Next Monday

Closed Monday of last week by an epidemic of measles sweeping over the district, the local schools will not reopen until next Monday, it was announced this morning by Principal D. N. Hix. The school was to have opened Thursday of this week, but a continued increase in new cases of measles made the delayed opening advisable, the professor said.

Up to yesterday, 291 cases of measles had been reported in the county this month. Thirty-nine new cases were reported over the week-end, most of which were in this immediate community. The health office said there were 28 new cases reported yesterday and that there were many more cases believed unreported.

Plans are now being made to reopen the school next Monday, the authorities believing the epidemic will have subsided by that time to assure a fair attendance. However, there will be a number of pupils who will not have recovered sufficiently to return to school at that time.

Closing last Friday on account of measles and numerous cases of influenza, the Jamesville school is scheduled to reopen Thursday. However, the reopening might be delayed until Monday of next week, the authorities announcing today that the definite time for the reopening could not possibly be determined before tomorrow morning at the earliest.

ONE WOULD PUT OFF TAX SALES UNTIL DECEMBER

Another Would End Quail Season in County on February 1

With a strong determination to complete its work and adjourn within or at the end of 60 days, the state legislature is gradually speeding up its machinery, and there is no good reason at this time why the session should not be complete within the allotted time. Representative Hugh G. Horton said while spending the week-end at his home here. Both branches of the assembly are well advanced in their work, it was stated. While many bills have been introduced in both the Senate and the House, only a few have been ratified. The committees, however, have completed their work on a number of proposed laws, and new legislation will make its appearance more rapidly from now on, it is believed.

Representative Hugh G. Horton and Senator R. L. Coburn have introduced several local bills, none of which has been made law to date. All of the bills will be enacted into law within the next day or two, it is predicted.

A bill introduced by Senator Coburn to close the season for hunting quail in this county on February 1, is being rushed and will likely be effective before Friday of this week. The bill was passed by the senate and was later approved by the house with amendments. The proposed law is yet to be considered with its amendments by the senate before it can become operative. Senator Coburn said yesterday he was sure the bill would be passed and ratified by tomorrow or Thursday, and that it would be unlawful to hunt quail on Friday of this week in this county. The Department of Conservation and Development is meeting in Raleigh today, and it is believed a uniform closing date will be established to close the quail hunting season on the first of February.

To establish a definite time for holding tax sales for delinquent taxes in this county, Representative Horton last week introduced a bill permitting the county commissioners to extend the time until the first Monday in December of each year. The bill has been approved by the committee and it is almost certain that it will become law, probably within the next few days. The bill would apply to taxes for 1934 and subsequent years. No provision was made for holding town tax sales later than the time prescribed by law at the present time. The general law, as it applies now, calls for the sale of taxes on the first Monday in June of each year, the new bill permitting the commissioners, in their discretion, to postpone action until after the markets open and the property owners have time to pay their taxes before the sale.

Representative Horton also introduced a bill last week relating to the payment of criminal costs before a justice of the peace in Martin County. This bill would allow the commissioners, according to an explanation by the Institute of Government, in their discretion, to pay the costs of the trial justice in cases in which the defendant is sent to the roads or to prison and in cases in which defendants are unable to pay the costs. The bill makes no distinction between cases bound over by the justice or magistrate and cases in his final jurisdiction, but the use of the term "trial justice" would seem to indicate that the bill is intended to cover cases tried rather than preliminary hearings. Mr. Horton explained that the schedule of costs allowed trial justices and the payment provided when cases are sent to the higher courts remains unchanged, that the proposed law only affects payments of costs to the justice of the peace when jurisdiction is final in that court.

A third bill introduced during the week by Representative Horton would prohibit the setting of steel traps in woods, forests, and swamps for a period of two years. Before the bill could become law it will have to be posted at the courthouse door for a period of 30 days after its enactment. The maximum fine provided is \$25 and costs or 30 days in jail.

A bill validating the delayed sales of land for delinquent taxes has also been introduced in the assembly, giving credence to the sale of land in this county last November.

Chief Wm. Gray was here yesterday from Robersonville.

TWO CARS FARM MACHINERY ARE RECEIVED HERE

Lindsley Ice Company Are Representing the John Deere Company

Recently appointed dealers for the famous John Deere line of farm machinery in this section, the Lindsley Ice Company is unloading two solid carloads of equipment this week. The first car of machinery, including three tractors, harrows, plows, cultivators, and other equipment, was unloaded yesterday, and Factory Representative McDonald is supervising the erection of the large machinery supply.

A second carload is expected in here today or tomorrow, the shipment including farm wagons, rubber tire trailers, planters and transplanters.

Mr. McDonald, the company representative, said this morning that the new dealers here were handling one of the largest stocks of farm machinery to be found in this section, that every machinery need on the farm can be met with high-grade and internationally known implements. The tractors, the latest in modern construction, are the first of their kind to go on display here. They are equipped with large pneumatic tires, and are of the semi-Diesel type, a machine that is recognized as a fuel-saver.

Commenting on the future outlook, Mr. McDonald stated that the huge factories of the John Deere Company are now working overtime to meet the increasing demand for farm machinery, that the South is urging immediate shipments of all types of farm machinery, especially for tractors. The prices, he said, have not advanced to any appreciable extent, so far.

Large Crowds Expected Here for Dance Tomorrow

The President's birthday party locally will be attended by large crowds tomorrow night, according to reports heard here today. Arrangements are complete for the dance in the new gymnasium and the square dance in the warehouse, it was announced.

Seventy percent of the proceeds are to be held in this county to aid infantile paralysis victims, the remaining amount to go into a general research fund.

DEATH OF MRS. WHIT MOORE

Funeral Conducted From Home Near Everetts Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Whit Moore, 31 years old, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Friday evening at 8 o'clock from a complication of ailments. She had been in ill health only a comparatively short while, spending three weeks of that time in a hospital for treatment.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home, near Everetts, last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. L. M. Perry, of Robersonville. Burial was in the Moore burial plot, near the home.

Mrs. Moore was Miss Monte Perry before her marriage and was born and reared near Williamston. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Moore, who survives with two children, one 14 years old and one 11 months old.

A member of the Everetts Christian church, Mrs. Moore was highly regarded as a neighbor. She was a good woman and one who cherished the welfare of her family.

LOCAL BOYS WIN AND GIRLS LOSE

All-Star Town Team Loses First Game of Season Here Last Night

Although losing 42 to 13, the local high school girls' basketball team showed much improvement in the game with New Bern at New Bern last Friday evening. Coach Peters said today.

Last night, the local boys defeated Oak City 23 to 7. Clayton Moore's return to the line-up strengthening Coach Peters' team. At the end of the first quarter the visitors were leading 5 to 0—Williamston forged ahead in the second quarter and led 7 to 5 at the half. In the last period, the visitors were held to 2 points, while Cook and Bowen figured in making 16 points for the locals.

Williamston's town team met with their first defeat at the hands of Campbell College, losing 32 to 23 here last night. The collegians left today for Langley Field, where they will play two games before returning home.

The town team plays Tarboro here tonight.

Little Damage Done by Fire Here Last Friday

Slight damage was done to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hodges on Houghton Street last Friday night about 9 o'clock, when fire burned through the timbers behind the mantel in one of the rooms. It is believed the fire started from an overheated chimney earlier in the day. Mr. Hodges said he thought there was fire in the house, but could not locate it until several hours later. Volunteer firemen were called, and they tore away a small portion of the plaster and laths over the mantel and extinguished the fire with a bucket of water. One 2 by 4 piece of timber had been burned in two, but the fire was confined to the one spot, although much damage was caused to the walls and woodwork by smoke.

Chief Wm. Gray was here yesterday from Robersonville.

Birth Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lowie announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Brown Lowie, in the Gaston Hospital, Gastonia, on Friday, January 25. Mrs. Lowie was Miss Mittie Brown, of Williamston, before her marriage.