



ROOM SHORTAGE AT COURTHOUSE BECOMING ACUTE

Grand Jury Might Be Sent To Jail Again for Its Deliberations

That the four-room addition now nearing completion to the county court house will not solve the space shortage was considered certain this week when applications to occupy three of the rooms were received. In planning the addition, the authorities allotted one room to the grand jury, one to the county home demonstration agent, and one to the commissioners, leaving a fourth available for use should the necessity present itself. The second floor room, next to the courthouse, was designated to be used by the grand jury when in session and by others when the group was not working.

The home agent explained this week that use of both the upstairs rooms would be necessary in successfully carrying on the demonstration work. Then the Federal Emergency Relief Administration asked the use of the room on the first floor next to the courthouse, creating a situation that can possibly force the grand jury to meet in the county jail rooms. The recent condemnation of the county jail is sure to make room for Jailer Roy Peel to remain in the building at night as well as in the daytime. While in special session here next Tuesday, the commissioners are expected to make the space allotments to the best considered advantage, leaving out in the cold those who have not been accommodated before the occupancy of the four rooms is determined. In short, the building program in and around the county courthouse is complete for now and probably for evermore.

Debt Commission Active in County

Meeting with members of the county committee here today, Mr. Harry F. Walker, State representative of the Farm Debt Adjustment Commission, and Field Representative Jos. P. Greenleaf outlined plans for advancing the work of the commission in this county. An all-time secretary will be employed and semi-monthly meetings will be held on each first and third Fridays, beginning May 17, it was announced.

Created to bring together the debtor and creditor for an amicable settlement of debts, the commission has already settled several cases of the decided advantage of all concerned, Mr. Greenleaf said today. Others are invited to apply at the emergency relief office for blanks if they are anxious to effect a settlement of debts. Applications will be considered and the parties notified when to meet with the committee, it was announced.

House Passes Bill For Sale Liquor

The House of Representatives yesterday voted by a narrow margin to call a state-wide referendum on June 8 in connection with establishing state stores for the sale of liquor in the state. The bill now goes to the senate, where, it is generally conceded, that body will favor the referendum. Under the terms of the bill, liquor stores would be established if 51 or more counties vote wet in the referendum. With one or two exceptions representatives from this section of the state favored the bill, including H. G. Horton, of Martin.

Activities in the legislature continue to drag, with no immediate prospect of adjournment in sight.

First of Commencement Exercises Here Tonight

Appearing in the operetta, "The Wedding of the Flowers," pupils in the first five grades in the local school will open the 1934-35 commencement program in the high school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock. Large crowds are expected for the entertainment as well as for other features to follow.

Next Tuesday evening at the same hour, the senior class presents its annual play, "The Little Clodhopper," a very entertaining feature on the finals program.

Presbyterian Services In the County Next Sunday

Sunday, April 28, 1935: Church school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. Subject of message: "The Challenge of the Life Immortal." Regular services will be held at all other points at the usual hours.

Local Baseball Club Has Signed Up 14 Players; Other Contracts Are Pending

With 14 contracts already in and another one pending, the local baseball club is all set for play in the Coastal Plain League this season, Manager Bill Spivey said yesterday, adding that he believed the Martins would give them all a race for their money this year. Arrangements for transportation are being completed, the club officials planning to purchase a bus for use this season.

The contract with a fifth pitcher is being delayed pending an answer from the Boston Red Sox, who had made the young man an offer. "Slim" Gardner, Dick Cherry, John Gaddy, and Bill Herring, members of the slinging staff last season, are lined up for the season here.

Henry House, Edenton catcher and outfielder last season, and Ralph Gillespie, Wake Forest man whose home is in Newton, are scheduled to work behind the bat with House playing the field at times.

Eli Marion Taylor will again be at the first sack. Aubrey Marable, William and Mary student and a resident of Williamsburg, Va., will be at second base; and Claude Corbitt, shortstop for Edenton last year, will work that position here this season. Herbert Leary, also on the Edenton regular squad last year, will be located at third base. Cecil Brake, W. B. (Brother) Gaylord, Troy Goodman, and Tex Edens are outfield prospects at the present.

To Consider Public Health Conditions

MARSHALS NAMED

Leading their classes in scholastic activities, seven pupils were named in the local high school to serve as marshals during the coming commencement exercises.

Ben Manning, who has made a remarkable scholastic and attendance record in the schools here, was named chief marshal. From the junior class, Misses Marie Griffin and Mamie Clyde Taylor were named. Misses Addie Lee chosen from the sophomore class and Miss Elva Grace Barnhill and Wilbur Culpepper won the honors as members of the freshman class.

Property Owners Here Slower Than Usual in Listing

Property Owners Failing to List by Tuesday Subject To Heavy Penalty

Williamston property owners are believed to be slower this year than ever before in listing their holdings, List Taker H. M. Burras stating yesterday that several hundred had not reported their property claims. The list taker stated that next Tuesday is the last day he will sit at the Planters Warehouse office, and under the terms of the law all those who have failed to list their property will be subject to a penalty.

Mr. Burras stated that he did not know whether the list would reflect an increase or not, that the work had not advanced far enough at this time to substantiate an estimate either as to an increase or decrease.

Automobile owners are seeing the value of their cars increased in many cases, it is understood. The new code price is being adhered to and that calls for an increase over the determined values last year, as a rule.

Man's Arm Broken When Attacked Near Oak City

In an alleged attack made on him by Jerome and Edgar Edmondson and another young man, a filling station operator named Baker suffered a broken arm near Oak City last Sunday night. Reports reaching here stated that the filling station operator's wife was also attacked by one of the three men. Details of the attack could not be learned here.

Deputy Roebuck Wrecks Two More Liquor Plants

Two more liquor plants were wrecked in this county yesterday by Deputy Sheriff J. H. Roebuck. A small copper plant and three barrels of beer were destroyed in Goose Nest, and a steam plant and a large supply of beer were destroyed in Bear Grass township.

Colored School Holding Field Day Events Here

The colored schools of the county are holding a field day here this afternoon with the program centering around athletic events. Nearly all the schools are sending representatives to compete following district elimination contests held recently.

Chief Daniel Operation On Eye In Richmond

W. B. Daniel, chief of police here, is recovering from an operation in a Richmond hospital. He had a serious operation on his eye and is expected to remain in the hospital several more days.

JOINT SESSION OF HEALTH AND COUNTY BOARDS

Dr. Fox, of the State Board of Health, To Explain Cooperative Plan

Meeting in joint session here next Tuesday, the Martin County Board of Health members and County Commissioners will consider establishing a public health service probably in cooperation with one or two other counties in this section. Dr. Fox, of the State Board of Health, Raleigh, will go before the meeting with a plan that will mean much in better public health conditions, it is understood. It is likely that parent-teacher association representatives from several sections of the county will attend the meeting to be held in the office of the superintendent of schools at 2 o'clock.

The definite plan Dr. Fox will outline to the joint boards is not known here at this time, but the early part of this month he is said to have informed local health officials that he would formulate a workable plan and gather data for presentation at the meeting next Tuesday.

Two plans for improving the public health in the county have been mentioned. One of these plans calls for the services of a county health nurse, county officials having stated they believe this plan will not prove very successful in that the task is too large for an effective work. The other plan calls for a two or three county set-up, providing for an all-time physician who is to direct the work. Under his supervision there will be in each county a public health nurse, sanitary inspector, and an office secretary. This plan is generally considered the more favorable one with the cost amounting to very little more, if any, than the expense necessary for the employment of a health nurse alone. Similar programs are said to be in operation in various parts of the state and much valuable work is being accomplished, according to reports from those sections.

The public health of Martin County has been well safeguarded by the generosity of the several practicing physicians in the past and they continue to render a valuable service, but with their private practice they cannot forever cope with a situation that is steadily requiring more of their time, costing them their own money, and offering very little, if any, remuneration. With state and probably federal aid, the proposed health program can be undertaken successfully, saving the county on its typhoid vaccinations enough to nearly offset the expense to the county for a more complete service.

The commissioners are said to be seriously considering the proposed program, and if the cost is within reason it is believed the cooperative plan will be accepted. It is not known whether or not the commissioners will reach a decision at the next Tuesday meeting, some thinking that the matter will be referred to the regular meeting to be held the following Monday.

Local Team Loses Three Games by Small Margin

Coach "Frosty" Peters' baseball team has lost some hard games during the past several days, dropping three contests by a one-run margin. In a game with Greenville, the boys lost, 5 to 4, the playing going into an extra inning. The locals lost a game to Columbia, 7 to 6, and the following day Washington turned them back by the same score. Wednesday afternoon Kinston recorded a 13 to 7 win here, Harper leading the visitors at bat with three home runs.

FIRE DESTROYS LUMBER PLANT AT BEAR GRASS

Owned by B. O. Cowin and Gilbert Rogers, Plant Was Not Insured

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Cowin and Rogers lumber mill, several thousand feet of lumber, and threatened other property at Bear Grass shortly after midnight yesterday. No definite estimate of the loss could be had, but the property was valued at several thousand dollars and carried no insurance, according to reports heard here.

When first discovered the fire was spreading rapidly near the top of the roof, and was then beyond control of the bucket brigade that formed in a very few minutes. Nearly 30,000 feet of lumber, donated to the parent-teacher association for the construction of a teacherage there, was on the mill lot and for a while it looked as if all hopes for the school property would go up in smoke. One pile of the lumber caught fire and was burning rapidly, but the volunteers checked it, limiting the loss to about 200 feet of lumber. A large quantity of lumber belonging to Urbin Rogers was burned.

The local volunteer fire company received a call for aid about 12:20, and part of the fire-fighting apparatus was carried to the scene, but with no water supply available the firemen were almost helpless to do anything. All the water in the truck tank was pumped on the fire, probably preventing the blaze from spreading to large piles of lumber near by.

Messrs. B. O. Cowin and Gilbert Rogers owned and operated the mill, but the plant had been idle since Tuesday, it was stated.

Prize Winners in Kitchen Contest

Kitchen contestants are indebted to the following for contributing to the prize list: Branch Banking & Trust Co., \$10, given to Mrs. Lydia Gurkin, first prize winner in the contest; Van Dyke Furniture Company, end table, given Mrs. J. D. Griffin, second prize winner; Hazel Atlas Glass Co., 3 doz. fruit jars, given to Mrs. J. D. McKeel, third prize winner; Culpepper Hardware Co., kitchen pump, donated to Mrs. Will Taylor, fourth prize winner; and Mr. B. S. Courtney, first contributor to the prize list with an ironing board for Mrs. G. D. Grimes.

Other contributors to the prize list for the contestants were the Wesson Oil Co., Savannah, Ga.; Junket Products from Little Falls, N. Y.; General Foods Co., Automatic Canning Co., Chicago, Ill.; National Steam Pressure Cooker Co., Eau Claire, Wis.; and Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co., New York.

Schedule of Services at the Methodist Church Sunday

At the Methodist church, April 28: Church school, 9:45.

Preaching, 11 and 8 p. m.

About 75 Easter envelopes that were given out for our conference collections have not come in yet. You will be happy and the beneficiaries of these offerings will be happy if we can get 100 per cent return of these envelopes filled with your sacrificial offerings.

Big Meeting of Cotton Agents Held Yesterday

Cotton control agents from all over northeastern North Carolina met here yesterday to hear J. W. Criswell, state cotton administrator, explain the handling of cotton allotments under the Bankhead law. Opening the meeting at 10 o'clock, Administrator Criswell explained feature after feature of the cotton control program, particularly as it affects the issuance of allotments. The session adjourned late in the afternoon.

V. E. P. Co. Sponsors of Free Play To Be Given at School Here Next Tuesday

One of the most interesting, as well as educational, plays ever to be exhibited will be shown here Tuesday, April 30, in the graded school auditorium at 3 p. m.

Through the courtesy of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, this show comes to Williamston direct from the famous Westinghouse "Home of Tomorrow," built in cooperation with the Good Housekeeping magazine.

In bringing this unusual entertainment feature here, the Virginia Electric and Power Company cordially in-

County People Are Stocking Smokehouses With Herring

Light Registration Indicates But Little Interest in Municipal Election May 7th

Present indications point to another quiet municipal election here Tuesday week, Registrar Theodore Hassell reporting only 24 new names had been added to the registration list so far. The books close tomorrow, and those residents who have not registered and who desire to participate in the coming election should do so before 5 p. m. tomorrow.

NUMBER CASES DOCKETED FOR NEXT TUESDAY

Sixteen Cases Already On Docket for Trial In the Recorder's Court

Suspending its operations for two weeks that the superior court might handle a number of civil cases, the county recorder's court will, next Tuesday, hold its first session since the 9th of this month. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne said yesterday that a large number of cases had already been placed on the docket and that there would likely be others scheduled for trial next Tuesday.

Four of the sixteen cases already on the docket are against owners operating trucks and trailers without proper brakes. Another case charges reckless driving.

One unusual case is on the docket for trial next Tuesday. Two Bertie men, charged with perjury, are said to have sworn when getting a marriage license, that the girl was 16 years of age. The parents of the young girl started the action, and it was learned that the girl was only 15 years old the first of last month. She is from Bertie County.

The legal status of an "A. B. C." dispensary in Martin County will be determined next week, when Rick Carson, of Robertsonville, faces trial for the possession of a quantity of bottled in bond liquor.

35 Go On Kitchen Tour Yesterday

Approximately 35 availed themselves of the opportunity to take a tour to Martin County's improved and new kitchens here Thursday afternoon. The tour left the Woman's Club room at 2:15 p. m. and visited the following homes during the afternoon: Mrs. J. D. McKeel, Williamston; Mrs. Lydia Gurkin, Jamesville road; Mrs. O. S. Greene, Sandy Ridge; Mrs. Easton Lilley, Mrs. Sylvester Lilley, Mrs. Elmo Lilley, Mrs. J. D. Griffin, near Lilley's Hall school; Mrs. Will Taylor and Mrs. G. D. Grimes. The kitchens were most interesting and attractive and the onlookers gained many new ideas how to improve arrangement, lighting, warmth, grouping of equipment, utensils, etc.

Methodist Society Meets In Church Next Monday

It was announced today that the Methodist Women's Missionary Society would meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the church. Members are urged to be present.

Work Started Today On Widening Local Street

Construction work was started this morning on the widening of Washington Street from the A. C. L. station to a point near the colored school building here. Highway Engineer Poole stated this morning that the work would probably be completed in about 40 days.

LARGEST RUN IN NUMBER YEARS REPORTED HERE

Herring so thick one can walk across river, Man Claims

That herring are more plentiful in the Roanoke River and other streams in this section of the State this year than in many seasons is certain, according to stories coming from fishermen and others.

NOTED ORGANIST



Emil Velasco, noted organist and orchestra leader, will play for the third annual charity ball in Rocky Mount May 3rd.

Checks Received by Early Applicants for Seed & Feed Loans

Shtorage Of Blanks Has Held Up Work in Some Counties

It was stated by Roy Hearne, Field Supervisor for Beaufort, Craven, Martin, Hyde, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Washington, and Dare Counties, that checks had arrived on all of the first applications sent in from these counties. It is understood that approximately half of the loans have been applied for. It is estimated that the demand will show some increase this year.

It was also stated that there was some unavoidable delay in securing the blank applications. However, the Washington office has a sufficient supply for the whole territory now and the application offices will be open each day.

Willie Watts is taking the applications at the courthouse in Martin County. He has several assistants. Miss Martha Horathal is taking applications at Roy Hampton's office for Washington County at Plymouth.

Mr. John S. Combs is taking applications at his home in Columbia for Tyrrell County.

Regular Services at Local Baptist Church Sunday

The two regular worshiping services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday. Those having the special Easter envelopes will kindly bring them to either of these services. The congregation is happy that Mrs. Warren Biggs is back at her home again. Now that spring is here all church activities should show new signs of life.

Episcopal Services In Two County Churches Sunday

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector, First Sunday after Easter: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Holy Communion, 8 a. m. St. Martin's, Hamilton Church school, 10 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

Annual Meeting Woman's Club Here Next Thursday

Announcing a regular meeting of the local Woman's Club for next Thursday afternoon, the president, Mrs. Fannie Chase Staton, stating that under the terms of the by-laws, all officers, chairmen of departments and committees are obligated to present a written report of the work done during the year. A large representation of members is expected.

Mr. Chas. Davenport and young son were here from Jamesville this afternoon.

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Down at Camp Point, the fishery operated by Commissioner C. C. Fleming a short distance below Jamesville, the catches have been unusually large, the reports stating that more herring were being taken than could be conveniently cared for with the usual number of employees, making additional employment for a number of men. Nearly one-half million herring were taken one day this week from the Chowan. Fishermen along the Roanoke at this point have been dipping the herring from the stream by the thousands in small nets overnight. Fishing machines have been wrecked by the weight of large catches, and, finding it next to impossible to handle the thousands of fish, some of the operators stopped their machines. The market for fish as they are taken from the water is flooded, and the prices are low at this time. However, the season will be a short one and the catches will hardly total as much this year as they did last, and higher prices for corned herring can well be expected later in the year.

With fish on their hands, fishermen at this point were asked yesterday if they had sold any to the relief authorities for distribution among the unemployed. "No, sir," was the answer. "Those or many of those who look for work and refuse to work when they find it, are waiting for the welfare crowd to feed them beefsteak," he added.

Another near-by fisherman explained that the reason herring were not suitable for relief use was because they were not ready fried and the relief subjects had to pick the bones out for themselves. Farmers and many others who are striving to stay off the relief roll are buying the fish in large quantities. Herring are apparently good enough for them. For the small sum of 80 cents a person can purchase a supply of herring that will feed him for nearly 12 months. Many people are taking advantage of the market and are laying aside sufficient supplies for the coming months.

"I spent all my money paying old debts last year, and while I hope to get ahead with my farming this year, I am taking no chances on my food supply," one farmer said as he left the river here with several hundred herring one day this week.

"It has been 50 years since I fished on Roanoke River, but when I heard how freely the fish were running I decided to try it again this week," Mr. John Bailey, of Everetts, said here Wednesday. He caught 1,100 fish in two hours and quit. Mr. Bailey said he had not eaten a herring in 50 years, explaining that right after the Civil War he lived a long while on nothing but herring, and he declared then he would never eat another as long as there was other food available. The only salt they had at that time was dug from the ground where pork-barrels once stood, he said.

The greatest story yet heard in describing the abundance of herring was related by Cy Bazemore, editor of the Bertie Ledger-Advance, yesterday. He said that according to reports reaching him one could walk across the Cashie River without getting his feet wet as the herring were no numerous in that stream.

Mrs. N. E. Mizelle Dies in Malvern, Pa.

Mrs. Nathan E. Mizelle died at her home in Malvern, Pa., early Wednesday morning, following an illness of several months, it was learned here yesterday. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon and burial will follow in a cemetery there.

Mrs. Mizelle, for many years a resident of Malvern, where Mr. Mizelle is prominent in business circles, had accompanied her husband to his old home in this county annually for a number of years. Their last visit was made early last fall. She enjoyed her visits to this section and made the acquaintance of a large number of friends.