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44 CIVIL ACTIONS ON CALENDAR OF SUPERIOR COURT

Judge E. H. Cranmer Will Convene Regular Term On Monday the 16th

Forty-four cases have been placed on the civil calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court convening for a two-weeks term Monday, September 16. None of the actions is considered of much importance and the docket is expected to attract very little attention.

Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, is scheduled to preside over the term. Civil cases are as follows:

Wednesday, September 18: Rhodes and Company vs. Barnhill, Barnhill vs. Rhodes and Company, Coltrair vs. Roberson, Matthews et al vs. Gurganus et al, Land Bank vs. Davenport, Davenport vs. Davenport (2 cases), Rogers et al vs. Bailey et al, Everett vs. James et al.

Thursday, September 19: Fertilizer Company vs. Walter et al, Ayers et al vs. Thomas et al, Thomas vs. Ayers et al, Warren et al vs. Roberson et al, James vs. Matthews, Hall vs. Mobley, Lilley vs. Lilley, Hines Estate vs. J. W. Hines.

Monday, September 23: Roebuck vs. Land Bank, Moye vs. Land Bank, James vs. Land Bank, Land Bank vs. James (2 cases), Rolox vs. Norman, Fertilizer Co. vs. Herring, Caskey Co. vs. Biggs.

Tuesday, September 24: Fertilizer Co. vs. Gerald, Keel vs. Keel, Culpepper vs. White, Fertilizer Co. vs. McCormick, Worsley vs. Oil Co., Raynor vs. Oil Co., Gardner vs. Bottling Works, Watts vs. Boston.

Wednesday, September 25: Taylor vs. Baking Co., Minton vs. Lumber Co., Fertilizer Co. vs. Long, Powell vs. Manning, Coffield vs. Coffield, Roberson vs. Roberson.

Thursday, September 26: Spruill vs. Hurst, Warren vs. Roberson, Griffin vs. Johnson, Wiggins vs. Bank et al, Bullock vs. Bullock.

Late Crops Damaged By Storm Last Night

The tail end of a tropical storm that took the lives of more than 250 people in the Florida keys and wrecked property valued in the millions of dollars, reached here last night, causing considerable damage to late crops and some loss to other property. The main damage was done to the corn crop, reports from over the section stating that a few trees were uprooted, but no material loss was caused to buildings.

A large tree fell on the corner of the Culpepper home on Simmons Avenue about 1 o'clock this morning ripping a few boards off and damaging the windows and electric lines. Mr. and Mrs. Culpepper, each grabbing a child, started rushing out, thinking the house was falling to pieces.

The storm, reaching its height here about 11:30 last night, was accompanied by a heavy downpour, the weather station on Roanoke River at this point reporting a fall of about two inches.

Reports indicate the storm passed into the Atlantic down about Hatteras.

Drunken Drives Breaks Out of Jail at Hassell

Jailed in Hassell's municipal house early last Tuesday morning on an alleged drunken driving charge, Ernest Howell, young colored man, tore a board from the cell ceiling and knocked a hole through the wooden wall to gain his freedom within an hour. County officers were called to transfer the prisoner to the jail here, but Howell saved them any possible trouble by clearing out for parts unknown. He has not been heard from since he escaped.

Start Revival Services At Gold Point Sunday

Rev. A. E. Purvis will start a series of revival services Sunday evening in the Gold Point Christian Church and will preach each night during the week. Services will be held at 7:45 p. m., and the public is invited to attend.

American Legion Will Hold Meeting Monday

The John W. Hassell Post, No. 163, American Legion, will meet in the Legion Hall Monday night at 8 o'clock, September 9th. This is a very important meeting and all members are urged to attend.

Sales on Local Market Pass 1,200,000 Mark This Week

Sales on the local tobacco market continue to hold up unusually well despite unfavorable weather prevailing during the past several days. Sales Supervisor McFarland announcing today that the poundage so far this season is larger than it was for the same period last year. To date, the market has sold 1,114,164 pounds for \$206,198.45, or an average of \$18.69 a hundred pounds.

Yesterday, the sales totaled 142,956 pounds, and conservative estimates today place the

poundage at 165,000 with prices little changed from the average so far this season.

Prices continue low throughout the belt, very few types of the golden leaf bringing above 35 cents a pound. Farmers are not at all satisfied, but no vigorous protests have been heard.

"I have visited several markets during the past few days, and I find that the Williamston market is just about the best and most advantageous place to sell tobacco in the entire belt," one farmer said this morning. Others are agreed to the same thing.

Building & Loan Looks For Large Stock Sale

FEW APPLICATIONS

Very few applications for surplus tobacco marketing cards have been filed in the office of the farm agent in this county so far, Assistant M. L. Barnes said yesterday, and no farmers with surplus pounds on their cards have offered them for sale, he added.

It has been pointed out that farmers will find it to their great advantage to buy or sell surplus tobacco poundage through the agent's office, and not individually. Records will be kept and each grower will be credited with his production with the view of possible adjustments in allotments in the future.

Home of Colored Man Is Destroyed By Fire Thursday

Damage Is Estimated at \$500 to \$600, Partially Covered by Insurance

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the two-story home of Jack Biggs, colored, on Warren Street here yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, causing a loss of about \$500 to the building and about \$50 or \$60 to the contents. A small amount of insurance was carried on the building, but the contents were not insured, it was learned.

Two grown people and a small child were in the home at the time, but they were in the rear part and did not learn about the fire until neighbors discovered it and turned in the alarm. The upper story of the old wooden structure was in flames when discovered and firemen had much trouble in bringing the fire under control. Two streams of water were turned on the house for about 15 minutes and portions of the roof had to be turned away to get water to the flames.

It was first rumored that a seven-year-old child, Lindbergh Biggs, an orphan, started the fire, but the little waif denied the rumor and explained that he was in a closet down stairs looking for some clean clothes when he heard some one call the house was burning. It was said there had been no fire in stoves there at the time, and no plausible reason for the fire could be had.

The property is said to belong to Fred Biggs, colored, of Rocky Mount.

Seven From County On Federal Jury

Seven Martin County citizens have been chosen to serve as jurors in the September term of the Federal court at Washington, beginning on Monday, September 23. It was learned here yesterday. No colored citizens were selected from this county for jury service in the Federal tribunal, and none was selected from other counties, as far as it could be learned today.

The names of those selected from this county are as follows: L. R. Everett, Hamilton; Luther Peel, Williamston; J. F. Jordan, Dardens; W. M. Harrison, Williamston; R. F. D. H. D. Harrison, Williamston; John T. Price, Williamston; and Dennis Coburn, Dardens.

SEVEN CASES ARE CALLED TUESDAY IN COUNTY COURT

Justice Meted Out Swiftly By Judge Peel; Session Lasts Only Hour

Justice was meted out rapidly and smoothly in the county recorder's court Tuesday, when Judge Peel handled seven cases in a little over an hour. Several substantial fines were imposed and one or two road sentences were created. Violators of the alcoholic beverage control laws continue to face a hard road in the court, and drunken auto drivers are not finding things quite so easy. The activities of the day reflected better times in this section, but the number of cases has not materially increased since the markets opened some over a week ago.

Sam Ayers, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for one year.

Joe Beach drew 60 days on the roads for disorderly conduct.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the cases charging G. H. Barnacassel and Hubert Akew with violating the motor vehicle laws.

Charged with violating the alcoholic beverage control laws, Willie Green was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost. The judge instructed the defendant to pay the fine or go to the roads for three months.

G. H. Gurganus, charged with driving a truck with improper lights, was found not guilty.

Kader Gardner was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with drunken driving. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

PLAN TO PUBLISH DELINQUENT TAX LIST NEXT MONTH

Only Three Tax Accounts Settled Since Markets Opened Last Week

Martin County's delinquent tax list will be advertised the first of October preparatory to sale the first Monday in November in accordance with a special law passed by the last session of the General Assembly. Final notices, about 3,000 of them, are being mailed to those property owners who have not paid their taxes, advising them of the scheduled advertising and urging payment prior to the first of next month.

Nearly all other counties and municipalities are advertising their delinquent lists this week, or have already done so, but the commissioners were empowered to delay action by a special act of the legislature.

Reports from the sheriff's office on collections are not considered very encouraging, the collector explaining that not over three accounts had been paid since the tobacco markets opened nearly two weeks ago. However, increased collections are expected shortly, since the advertising and sales times have been determined. Approximately \$44,295.55 of the 1934 levy of \$175,103.26 remained uncollected yesterday, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said. No comparison of unpaid accounts for this time last year is available, but in October of last year only about \$19,000 remains uncollected. The collector is optimistic despite small collections of recent days, and believes that the delinquent list and unpaid amount will be even smaller than they were last year. The property of nearly 800 taxpayers was included in the delinquent list advertised last year.

August Rainfall Above Average for 3 Years

The August rainfall in this section was about one and one-half inches above the average for the past three years, the weather station on the Roanoke River here reporting 7 1-2 inches during last month. The heavy precipitation in July continued to hold the record at 11.41 inches for any month so far this year.

September, one year ago, was one of the wettest seasons of the year in this section, the station reporting nearly 9 inches of rain that month.

Rev. Chas. H. Dickey To Begin Regular Broadcasts

Beginning Saturday morning at 11:15 and at the same time each week in the future, Rev. Charles H. Dickey, recently of Williamston, will broadcast during a 15-minute period "What's Going On in the Religious World." The parson, now connected with the State Baptist organization, prepares the manuscripts and reads them in person at the studio of State WPTF, Raleigh.

Prosecutions will be pushed for second offenses, the court warned the defendants.

To Start Tobacco Sign-Up In County Next Week

Authorities Protest Rejection Of School-Building Program

Martin County officials and hundreds of others from over the State last Tuesday voiced vigorous protests to Works Progress Administrator Harry L. Hopkins for rejecting the application for a \$100,000 school building program in this county and others over the state. The county and other officials met in Chapel Hill and appointed a committee, composed of Governor Ehringhaus, Senators Bailey and Reynolds and Representative Doughton, to take the matter up with authorities in Washington. County Board of Education member W. O. Griffin and Superintendent J. C. Manning attended the meeting from here.

Holder of an application for PWA funds for use in this state apparently has about as little chance to get anything as the holder of a Louisiana lottery ticket has to win the "pot." It is certain that this county will not be able to advance the \$100,000 program in its entirety, but it is hoped the Washington authorities will approve a portion of the program. Any part of the program to be handled will be designated by Washington and not by county authorities, it was stated.

The committee will act as soon as possible, and the Martin authorities will continue, in the meantime, to promote as much of the building program as possible.

County Board Not To Adopt Rental System

Time Is Too Short For Setting Up New System This Term

Books Will Be Offered for Sale At Usual Places Again This Year

The Martin County Board of Education in special session here last Wednesday decided not to adopt the State textbook rental system for the schools in this county this coming term, the superintendent explaining that the rentals will not be available before some time in October, or too late for use during the first few weeks of school. As a result of the ruling of the board, books will be offered for sale at the usual places in this county at retail.

With only one or two exceptions the same books used last term will again be used this coming term, the officials explaining that nearly all books would again be used next year when the rental system is to go into effect in this county.

Many counties in the state are delaying the adoption of the book rental system until next year for the same reason announced by the Martin County Board of Education. Probably by next year many bad features to the system will have been corrected, and rentals can be handled then more advantageously to both the school authorities and the children. Books are to be rented next year at one-third the cost, the state requiring excellent care and rents in advance.

The rejection of the county's 100,000 school building program was discussed by the board, but definite action awaits developments in Washington. The board plans to handle as much of the program that the authorities in Washington approve, it was stated.

Former Resident Killed In Accident at Norfolk

Horace James, about 20 years old, died in a Norfolk hospital Wednesday from injuries when struck by a hit-and-run driver near the Virginia city the night before. Young James was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon James, former citizens of this county. He was a native of this place, moving to Norfolk with his parents when a small boy. He was a grandson of the late Eli Gurganus. Funeral services are being conducted there this afternoon. Burial will be in a Norfolk cemetery.

Masons Will Resume Meets Next Tuesday

After suspending meetings during the past two months, Skewarke Masonic lodge will resume its regular session next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the lodge hall, it was announced today by the master, V. J. Spivey. A number of business matters are scheduled to come up for consideration, and a large attendance is requested. Visiting Masons are invited to attend.

Hopeful That Large Immediate Sign-Up Will Increase Prices

Farmers Are Said To Be Anxious To Sign; Drive To Last Four Days

Machinery is being set up this week to launch a new tobacco sign-up in this county for the next four years, beginning with the 1936 crop, Assistant County Agent M. L. Barnes announcing today that the campaign will get under way about Wednesday of next week in the several districts. Already the sign-up is under way in several counties in the Bright Belt area, the agent pointing out that the program was meeting with a very favorable response, and that one equally as successful is virtually assured in this county.

Names of the committees to handle the work in this county have not been announced, but agreements will be entered into at Williamston for Poplar Point and Williamston Townships, and at Jamesville, Griffins, Bear Grass, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Hamilton and Goose Nest. Farmers will be notified direct where to execute the contracts that are now being prepared for delivery to the respective committees.

Hopeful that a large and immediate sign-up will effect an upward trend in present tobacco prices, many farmers are said to be anxiously awaiting the opportunity to enter into the agreements. It is planned now to handle the campaign in about four days, beginning next Wednesday, and farmers are urged not to delay action.

The four-year contracts are very flexible, those who have studied them explaining that they are the most desirable ones yet offered to tobacco growers. Provisions are made for any grower to cancel his contract at the end of any one of the four years if he so desires. The right is reserved by the government to terminate the agreement when terms are not complied with by the grower. A parity price probably not less than 21 cents, and possibly more, is all but assured, and a tax on sales by non-signers continues in effect. Adjustments are possible each year when the facts justify a change, the government agreeing that production will not be limited at any time to below 65 per cent of the base acreage and poundage of every grower. In short, the new contracts aims to keep production in line with consumption, and maintain fair prices.

In the new program the bases already established will be adjusted to obtain more equitable bases as between all classes of growers. Downward adjustment, however, in the present base for a grower cannot exceed 10 per cent except in case of over-statement, it was pointed out. Provision is made for some additional contracts with tobacco growers who could not qualify for equitable allotments under the 1934-35 contracts.

The new contract provides for a payment which will give growers a return not less than the difference between the average farm price and the average parity price for that portion of the crop which is equal to domestic consumption.

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Another Still Captured In Poplar Point Section

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Faculty Appointments Completed This Week

Mrs. Bettie Eason, member of the local school faculty during the past two years, resigned that position this week on account of her health. Miss Marina Brinson, recent graduate of A. C. College, Wilson, was appointed, and she will teach the fourth grade. Miss Brinson is from New Bern.

Fourth Liquor Store In County Opens at Jamesville Tuesday

About \$30 Worth Liquor Is Sold First Three Hours Store Is Open

Martin County's fourth liquor store was opened Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when the legal brands went on sale at Jamesville, unofficial reports placing the sales at \$30 the three hours the store was open. The delayed delivery of a cash register was given as the main cause for a late opening. Stencil Brown is manager of the new county liquor control unit.

The store opens more or less on trial, the control board members stating that operations there would be suspended should the store fail to show a profit and effect a decrease in sales of domestic liquors. It is expected, however, that the store there will handle a larger volume of business than the one at Oak City, since Washington County, a dry territory legally, will find the unit to be its nearest source for legal liquors.

As far as it could be learned, the board is not planning the opening of another store in the county any time soon.

Lawson Case Argued In Supreme Court

The case in which Joe Lawson, white man, was sentenced to prison for not less than two and not more than three years in connection with the tragic death of little Peggy Harrison on the Jamesville road the 15th of last November, was carried to the state supreme court on appeal this week. Just when a decision will be handed down by the court is not known.

Johnny Williams, a second defendant in the same case, did not appeal but started serving immediately the two-to-three year sentence imposed by Judge R. Hunt Parker in the Martin County Superior Court here last June.