

DRAW JURY LIST FOR MARCH TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Two Weeks Term Court to Convene on Monday March 16th

Thirty-six citizens were selected by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting Monday to serve as jurors at the March term of court. The court is scheduled to last two weeks and handle both criminal and civil cases.

Names of the jurymen are as follows:

First Week
Jamesville: G. L. Cooper, Levin Ange, C. A. Askew, jr., Church Mobley.

Williams: L. G. Godard, G. A. Burras, Clyde Moore, W. W. Griffin.
Griffins: Arnold K. Roberson, Jas. H. Revels.

Bear Grass: C. R. Garrett.
Williamston: W. C. Griffin, C. O. Moore, C. G. Crockett, Luther B. Culpepper, Frank J. Margolis, G. H. Harrison.

Cross Roads: A. L. Keel, L. A. Clark, H. H. Williams.

Robersonville: J. H. Highsmith, Jasper Everett, O. P. Smith, A. V. Bowen, L. T. Creacy, W. D. Price, G. L. Crofton, B. E. Anderson.

Poplar Point: John Roebuck, W. E. Grimes, W. L. Edwards, D. E. Bennett.

Hamilton, H. L. Everett, D. G. Matthews.

Goose Nest: Wesley Stroud, N. L. Hyman.

Second Week

Jamesville: Lewis G. Modlin, Dan Fagan.

Williams: A. T. Lilley, O. S. Green, J. S. Andrews.

Griffins: B. Frank Lilley.

Bear Grass: Chesley Jones, Zack Cowin.

Williamston: C. H. Cowin, sr., J. D. Leggett.

Cross Roads: J. Marion Griffin, Joe Wynne.

Robersonville: H. A. Johnson, jr., Edgar R. Johnson, J. E. Barnhill, O. P. Roberson.

Poplar Point: John Stalls.

Goose Nest: J. W. Roberson.

Unemployed Again Urged To Register

With the contracts already let and work planned to start just as soon as the weather permits, the Martin County employment bureau is urging all unemployed laborers skilled in road-building work to register at once for jobs on the construction of a paved highway from Robersonville to Spring Green and the widening of Academy Street in Robersonville.

Manager Gilliam, of the county office explained that any unemployed men who could drive tractors, trucks and operate any road-building machinery would be eligible for what appears to be certain jobs within the near future.

Large numbers of unskilled laborers have registered, and others who are without employment are directed to register with the bureau.

Club Women To Meet Here Thursday 2 O'clock

Home demonstration club women will meet at the Woman's Club room here Thursday at 2 p. m. to have their annual business meeting which was carried over from last fall. At this time reports will be made from clubs, dues paid to the county treasurer and the annual election of officers will be held. There have been many disappointments in planning the afternoon program, but it is hoped a program can be given at the regular session of the Woman's Club, which comes later in the afternoon.

Kiwanians To Meet Here Thursday 6:30 O'clock

The regular meeting of the local Kiwanis Club will be held in the Woman's Club Hall Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock, President S. H. Grimes announced this morning.

Eighteen Cases In County Recorder's Court Today

Eighteen cases are before Judge H. O. Peel in the county recorder's court today, the number being considered very small in view of the fact that no session of the court has been held since the middle of January. The cases are made up mostly of liquor law violations, stealing and fighting.

Eastern Carolina is returning to the holding of swine feeding demonstrations to determine best methods of fattening hogs for market.

Groundhog About Six Weeks Late in Weather Predictions

The groundhog Sunday came in for some mention, but the animal was pushed into the background by the weather itself. Instead of predicting bad weather for six weeks, the animal came a bit late to climax bad weather experienced since the latter part of December. Reports state that the animal saw his shadow from coast to coast, even if he did have to push his nose through snow and ice.

There is one thing certain, and that is the weather in this section can be little or no worse than it has been during the past several weeks. A cold spell in the cold spell was reached here last Saturday morning, when unofficial observers found

a thermometer registering four below zero about 4 o'clock. A reading of six degrees was about the average in the town.

The low temperature played havoc with the individual water systems over town, and it was reported that some families actually were without water to drink. Saturday night it was estimated that nearly as many families were without water as there were with water.

And there is no immediate prospect for relief, the weather men declare.

The Roanoke did not freeze over during the cold period last week, but persons walked across the ice on Gardner's Creek, it was reported.

Clay Hearing Will Be Held Friday Morning

FILE APPLICATIONS

Numbers of Martin County veterans of the World War are filing their applications for the bonus baby bonds, H. L. Swain, commander of the county Legion post, stating that the men are coming in rapidly to prepare the necessary papers for the bonds. The commander explains that bonds will hardly be received until or after the first of next July.

Veterans have been invited to see the commander of the county legion post for aid in filing applications for the bonds.

24 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Issuance For Past Month Smallest for any January In Number of Years

Twenty-four marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, but there were only 23 marriages, the records showing that arrangements went haywire for one colored couple, and the license was returned and money refunded. The last month issuance was the smallest for any January since 1933.

Licenses were issued to the following:

White
Alton H. Stalls and Minnie Hardison.

Thursman Peaks and Velma Ree Williams.
Charlie Beacham and Alice G. Bonds.

Foy Rogerson and Thelma Bland. James Dalton Roberson and Sudie F. Rogerson.

Willie H. Modlin and Ollie Virginia Hardison.

Willie Bullock and Viola Whitaker.

Lester Rogers and Marjorie Jones.

Zack S. Cowin and Thelma Grimes.

Burtis Byron Bailey, of Greenville, and Dorothy Jean Walsh, of Inwood, N. Y.

Joseph Moore and Paulie Alton Grimes, both of Halifax County.

Colored
Johnnie Coburn and Virginia Blount.

James Bellamy and Leora Stancil.

John Jenkins, of Hassell, and Pearl Gardner, of New York.

Phillip McNaair and Lerah Jackson both of Plymouth.

Henry Gilliam and Mary Eliza Latham.

Willie McAndrews and Icelan Chance, both of Pitt County.

Turner Howell and Susie Bonner. Dave Spruill and Elnora Hodges. Theodore Freeman and Bertha May Hilliard.

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A. C. L. To Inaugurate Improved Freight Service

Beginning next Friday, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company will handle freight to and from the customers' doors free of charge. The new service does not include carlot shipments nor that class of freight carrying a minor charge, it was stated.

Is Postponed Again Account of Accident To State Witnesses

Beaufort Courthouse Said To Have Been Packed To Capacity Monday

The preliminary hearing in the case charging George R. Clay with murder and the practice of medicine without license has again been continued, the court granting an extension for the third time yesterday when two of the state witnesses were unable to reach Washington. Dr. Carpenter, of Wake Forest, and another doctor, of Raleigh, were on their way to Washington when their car overturned near Wendell, and they were unable to continue the trip. The preliminary hearing has been scheduled to be held next Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the Beaufort County Recorder's Court.

The Washington courthouse yesterday was said to have been crowded by witnesses and spectators from miles around, including a number from several sections of this county. One report stated that the courthouse had not been so completely packed since the Brown will case was heard there several years ago.

Hallet S. Ward and Rodman have been employed to represent the defense. It is expected that the defense will try to prove that Mrs. Kathleen Lilley, who died in the Pamlico Osteopathic Sanatorium rather suddenly the 13th of last month, fell off her bed and hurt herself and that no drugs were administered.

One report stated that the court-state is said to have denied making certain statements that were considered of much value by the prosecution and is now refusing to admit any knowledge whatever of the facts in the case. However, the prosecution is still working on the case, and it is likely that another crowd will pack the courtroom next Friday morning when the case is called again.

J. Luther Daniel Died Friday Night

J. Luther Daniel, well-known county farmer, died at his home near here last Friday night at 10 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis. He suffered a stroke about two years ago, but was able to be up most of the time until a short while before his death.

Mr. Daniel, 60 years old, moved to this county many years ago, coming from the Louisville section to introduce the cultivation of tobacco in this section. He had lived in this county since that time. He was the son of the late Robert Daniel and wife and is survived by his widow and two children.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Skewarkey Primitive Baptist church by Elder B. S. Cowin and interment was in the church yard cemetery.

Young Griffins Man Is Slightly Hurt In Wreck

Archie Coltrain, Griffins Township young man, was slightly hurt in an automobile crash at the intersection of Haughton and Washington Street late last Saturday night. The door of the Ford car driven by Roy Coltrain flew open when the machine crashed into another driven by Ransom Roberson, of Jamesville, throwing the young man out on the concrete. No one else was hurt, but considerable damage was done to the Coltrain car.

INTRODUCE BILL FOR CONTROL OF TOBACCO CROPS

Georgia Likely To Be Chief Drawback To Compact For Crop Control

As a supplement to the administration's soil conservation act, which he is supporting and which he thinks will become law and will accomplish its desired purpose, Representative John H. Kerr a few days ago introduced formally his bill in the House of Representatives for a compact between the flue-cured tobacco states to regulate the production of that commodity.

The bill as introduced would require passage of identical laws by all five of the state, but the participation of Florida is not regarded as essential since it produces only a small amount of flue-cured tobacco.

Considerable sentiment for the bill has developed in the Congressional delegations from Virginia and South Carolina, and it is believed that if the bill is pushed and Judge Kerr has every intention of pushing it, it can be enacted by the present session of Congress.

The trouble will come in securing action by the states. If Florida should fail to act and the other four did act, the bill could be amended. But action by Georgia is regarded as essential and it is regarded as most doubtful if that state would act while Governor Eugene Talmage is a dominant figure there.

In any event, it seems highly improbable that there would be action in Georgia before next year, when there is a meeting of the General Assembly. The Virginia Legislature is in session now, and Representative Thomas G. Burch, of the Fifth Virginia District, in which most of the flue-cured tobacco of that state is grown, thinks that there would be a very good prospect of favorable action at the present session of the legislature, provided Congress acts before adjournment of this session. He also thinks the matter will not be regarded as one of sufficient importance to cause the calling of a special session of the legislature.

There is also very good prospect, according to information reaching Congressman Kerr, of favorable action by the legislatures of North Carolina and South Carolina at their regular sessions next January, if not earlier.

Call Local Firemen To Chowan Bridge

The local fire company was called out at noon yesterday, when fire threatened the Chowan River bridge but a second call stating the fire was under control was received in time to stop the apparatus and firemen at the river here.

Starting from a short circuit in a power cable, the fire did not do any great damage to the structure, according to reports reaching here. Part of the underpinning and the bridge floor were burned for a distance of a few yards, but light traffic was delayed only an hour or two, it was stated. Edenton firemen put the fire out. A boat equipped for firefighting was unable to get to the bridge as the river was frozen.

School May Close Due To Bad Roads

The closing of the white schools in the county during the remainder of this week was being considered by county educational authorities at noon today, but no definite announcement had been received at that time. The county superintendent was reported making a hasty survey of the situation, and all indications were that the schools would be forced to close. Bad roads were said to have made the operation of busses almost impossible, and that the schools, if continued, would have hardly more than a 50 per cent attendance.

Reports state that the roads, thawing out after the cold weather of the past several days, are in a worse condition than at any time in years.

Announce Examinations For Civil Service Jobs

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:
Economist, various grades, \$3,600 to \$5,600 a year.
Associate milk specialist, \$3,200 a year, and assistant milk specialist, \$2,600 a year, Public Health Service, Treasury Department.
Full information may be obtained from the local post office.

Tentative Plans for County-Wide Revival Are Considered

Plans for a county-wide religious meeting to be held in Williamston in the spring were discussed at a meeting of the Martin County Ministerial Association held in the Presbyterian church here yesterday. Nearly every denomination and 90 percent of the churches were represented at the meeting, it was stated.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff was named to make arrangements for a canvass of the town to raise \$119.00 to pay for the lumber used in building the tabernacle in the warehouse. It is understood the minister and his helpers will personally solicit the people of the town for the amount.

Williamston ministers were appointed as a committee to employ a minister to conduct the spring meeting, the association explaining in its announcement released today that no evangelist "by trade" would be brought here, that every effort would be made to bring on outstanding religious leader here to conduct the services.

No date for the meeting was mentioned, but probably it will be held the latter part of March or early in April. Plans for holding the meeting which is to be of a county-wide nature, will be announced within the next few days.

Town Streets Ordered Marked at Board Meet

Step Necessary To Retain Present Mail Delivery To Homes

Action on Stop Lights For Main Street Indefinitely Postponed Last Night

Holding their regular monthly meeting last evening, the local town commissioners ordered local streets marked and gave formal approval to the widening of Main Street at its ends. Action on the installation of stop lights on Main Street was postponed indefinitely, Mayor Hassell explaining to the manufacturer's representative that nothing would be done about the signals until traffic experts had been consulted.

Learning that the government might consider stopping the village mail delivery unless the streets were marked, the authorities last night ordered the work done. The board agreed on using a post about 10 feet long and measuring 4 by 4 inches for marking the streets at each intersection. There are approximately 200 intersections, and preliminary estimates placed the price of the posts at 50 cents each. Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden was to have appeared before the board to explain a plan whereby it would be possible to advance the local mail delivery service, but illness kept him away. It is understood that the service would be advanced from village to city delivery, giving the town a third carrier and substantial salary increases. To carry out the plan, the town will be required to improve the sidewalks in the outlying districts to meet the requirements of the government.

Loading Poultry In County This Week

Handling the first cooperative poultry shipment this year from the county this week, County Agent T. E. Brandon stated at noon today that comparatively large receipts were made at Jamesville this morning despite bad roads and competition from hucksters. After offering only 15 cents before the car was scheduled, hucksters are said to have advanced the price one-half cent ahead of that paid at the car, but reports at noon indicated the outsider was not getting a great amount of poultry, that the farmers with very few exceptions were patronizing the cooperative undertaking.

Wednesday the car will be in Williamston, leaving here for Robersonville Thursday and completing its loadings in Oak City on Friday.

Campbell College Team Plays Here Tonight at 8

Campbell College's fast stepping basketball team will meet "Frosty" Martin's Sanitary boys in the high school gymnasium here this evening at 8 o'clock. A good game is expected.

Colored School Damaged By Fire In Cross Roads

A colored schoolhouse in Cross Roads was slightly damaged last night by fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin. The floor was burned and part of the fixtures was damaged. Arrangements are now being made to transfer the 35 or more pupils to Robersonville, it was learned.

ALL-DAY SESSION HELD MONDAY BY COUNTY BOARD

No Major Changes Made in System For Handling Relief Problem

Continuing in session until well after dark, the county commissioners Monday discussed numbers of problems, heard appeals from the less fortunate, but took definite action in only a few matters, a review of the minutes shows.

One or two new names were added to the relief list, and aside from those no changes were made in the relief system now in force in this county. A report was reviewed from the special welfare workers, showing that approximately \$118 worth of clothing had been distributed from the Works Progress Administration sewing rooms, and that a round \$66 had been spent in direct relief to cases now on the regular county list. Unofficial reports indicate that the special welfare workers will be in a position to distribute food in addition to clothing within the next few days. It was learned from the report that an extensive investigation of relief needs had been made all over the county and that the relief situation is being well handled apparently.

The commissioners appointed Mr. G. H. Harrison to act as an arbiter in the dispute over the location of the dividing line between Beaufort and Martin Counties. It could not be learned this morning if Mr. Harrison would be acceptable to the Beaufort group. Mr. Sylvester Peel was named by the commissioners some time ago to represent Martin County in the boundary controversy but his services were rejected by the Beaufort authorities, it was said.

A resolution was heard from Plymouth people, urging the county to improve the river road from Dardens to Plymouth. No definite action on the proposition was noted, however.

County attorney E. S. Peel was appointed to meet with representatives from other eastern counties to petition the Governor to name a committee to investigate the claims of this and other counties to refunds for money spent 10 or more years ago in advancing the highway construction program. The Governor was directed by the last legislature to name a committee, but last reports state that this has not been done. The committee was to have been named to find the facts and report them to the next legislature.

County Man Sends Derby To Al Smith

Learning that Al Smith had lost his brown derby and could find nothing but a high hat handed down by Park Avenue to replace it, Citizen John W. Hines, of Oak City, turned to his own wardrobe, resurrected the top piece that was so popular back in 1928 and so proudly worn by him at that time, and sent the derby to the former New York governor by parcel post yesterday.

Mr. Hines said he could never again conscientiously wear a brown derby or any other color derby again after the way the old and greatly over-rated warrior acted and entered the camp of the enemy. The top piece was well kept by Mr. Hines and it is still a good hat, but the owner released it well knowing that Al Smith, the branded traitor of his party, needs it worse than he does.

The little incident expresses well the sentiment of about 99.44 percent of the people in this county and section.

January Health Report Carries Only Four Cases

Only four cases of contagious diseases were reported in this county last month, but while the report of contagious diseases reflected splendid health conditions, there was much sickness, doctors explaining that there is more influenza and pneumonia now than at any time in several years.

The report showed there were two cases of scarlet fever, one of whooping cough, and one of diphtheria.

Dr. C. J. Sawyer Postpones Trip To Vienna Until May

Dr. Charles J. Sawyer, local eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, who had planned to leave this month for Vienna, Austria, for a special study course, will not sail until early in May. The doctor was advised by cablegram a few days ago that the course had been postponed until that time.

BEGIN CHECK-UP

Beginning within the next few days, possibly next Monday, the highway patrol will start checking up on drivers' licenses, the reports stating that motorists will be stopped and asked to show the permits. Nearly all licenses have been issued, and in those cases where applications have been entered and no license received, the car driver will sign an affidavit before the patrolman and enter another application for license.

Car drivers will find it to their advantage to have the permits or licenses conveniently located for inspection within the next few days.

LINDSAY WARREN WARNS AGAINST CROP INCREASES

No Control Program For Major Crops Of This Section In 1936

Washington, D. C.—In a statement sent this week to his district, Representative Lindsay Warren declared that there would be no potato program this year, and warned potato growers, as well as tobacco, cotton, and peanut farmers, that they faced the same bankrupt condition that existed prior to 1933 unless they exercised their own control over what they planted and produced.

The North Carolina member, who has played an active part in agricultural legislation during the last six years, said:

"By reason of the amazing decision of the Supreme Court, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has been destroyed, as well as the control bills for cotton, tobacco, and potatoes. These measures had the overwhelming approval of the farmers of our state, for they were fast being liberated from an economic serfdom that had brought bankruptcy and ruin to them. As a result of the decision, Congress has been placed in a straightjacket, for every one knows that agriculture is a national problem. Congress will remain here in session and pass some new measure, which we hope will include all crops. What it will be or when it will become a law no one can now tell or predict. In my opinion, it is going to be difficult to secure any thing as effective as the AAA. Planting time will soon begin, especially potato planting. If our growers, especially after all they have suffered in the past, again plant the earth in potatoes, and run wild with the contract system, then the same bankruptcy stares them in the face.

"We made the greatest fight for the potato growers that has happened here in Congress for many years, and it was won against almost insurmountable odds. But the Supreme Court has now destroyed that. The same thing applies to tobacco, cotton, peanuts and other crops. The only hope I can see for our farmers this year is that they plant only what allotment they would have received had the AAA been continued, and in no case should they exceed that. After the hard lessons they have been taught in the past, they have now the opportunity to exercise self-control and voluntarily hold down their production. As one who is vitally interested in agriculture and who has fought its battles I urge them to do this. Overproduction in 1936 before any permanent farm policy is worked out, spells ruin."