

JUDGE HARRIS MAKES LENGTHY CHARGE TO JURY

Jurist Surprised To Learn Slot Machines Are No Problem In County

Opening the one-week mixed term of Martin County Superior Court Monday, Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, denounced, in his charge to the grand jury, perjury and the operation of slot machines and directed an investigation of reports of administrators and guardians and an inspection of school buses. The judge explained to the jury that any man found guilty of perjury would be certain to draw a sentence on the roads or even in the state prison.

Just after court was opened, the jurist pointed out to the jurors the importance of jury service, but all excuses were accepted unconditionally except one, and the man offering that one was excused for one day. Four men escaped service as jurors.

"Next to a capital crime, perjury is the worst breach of the law," Judge Harris explained in stressing the importance of truth in advancing statements to the jury in the trial of alleged law violators. The practice of lying by witnesses should be stopped, the jurist intimating that too many falsehoods are told in behalf of defendants. He pledged his efforts to stop the practice by sentencing any one found guilty to the roads or to prison.

The slot machine, regardless of the type, or whether license has been granted by county or state, is illegal, the judge said, and all the contraptions should be outlawed. He instructed the jurymen to report the operation of such machines, and added that he would deal with the operators. Judge Harris, apparently surprised to learn that the county was virtually clear, if not totally clear, of the machines, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation on the part of the officers.

"It is no use for a grand jury to make recommendations if the recommendations are not carried out," the judge explained in instructing the June jury to review the records of the two previous bodies. "If the recommendations have not been carried out, then learn why, and if necessary call to account those who were charged with the duties," he said. There might be plausible excuse for not carrying out the recommendations, but the jurist wanted to know why in any such cases.

A thorough inspection of school buses was ordered, the judge explaining that now was the time to get the machines in shape for use next fall. The job of handling the transportation of thousands of children was described as the most important in the county, and the jury should see that the task is properly handled, Judge Harris said.

A definite stand on the illicit liquor business was advanced, the judge stating that any amount of unstamped liquor in the possession of anyone is a violation of the county liquor laws, which laws should be upheld by all the people. The possession of more than one gallon of liquor of any kind is prima facie evidence that it is held for sale.

While not informed of the facts, Judge Harris directed the jury to ascertain if the liquor control board for the county is turning over profits to the general fund. The jury was instructed to see that the profits are turned over to the county. Except for around \$15,000 represented in building up inventories, the profits from the four liquor stores have been and are being turned into the county's general fund.

Judge Harris completed his charge after instructing the jury to inspect the county office, jail and county home, the jurist stressing the importance of assuring the aged and infirm a comfortable place in which to spend their few remaining days on earth.

Official Vote Gives Coburn 2nd Place

The official vote, just released, for the second district senatorial contest did not alter the standings recently reported, but late figures certainly grouped three of the five candidates and left Carl L. Bailey trailing Attmore by only 118 votes. Rodman held his high position, with Coburn second and Dees running a poor fifth.

Rodman	6,939
Coburn	5,624
Attmore	5,353
Bailey	5,235
Dees	1,684

Mrs. J. E. King and children spent the week-end with friends in Beaufort.

Little Activity So Far on Part Of Second-Round Candidates

Resting after the June 4 battle, political candidates are saying precious little just now, but three groups have already planned to extend their campaigns, and others have until Saturday to ask for a second primary. Until then the definite line-up for a second contest on July 4 will not be known.

Dr. McDonald has asked for a second primary and will contest the nomination with Clyde R. Hoey, W. P. Horton, Pittsboro man, has stated he will run against Paul Grady for lieutenant governor, and Thad Eure will appear against Stacey Wade for Secretary of State. They are the only contests that are assured, and the candidates are already planning their second line of battle. However, speaking engagements will be limited by the major candidates, and present indications point to a marked decrease in interest in the contest.

World-War Veterans Are Receiving Bonds

STATE CONVENTION

The Democratic held a harmonious convention in Raleigh last Friday, when they limited business to the old routine custom of endorsing the state and national administrations and bombing the Republican party. The convention, largely attended, steered clear of the cat-and-dog fights featured in the contest for governor.

Martin County was well represented, and its 30 delegates supported Roosevelt and the state's delegates were instructed for him.

PRESBYTERIANS DEDICATE NEW CHAPEL SUNDAY

Roberson's Mission Meets With Marked Success In Past Several Years

A marked accomplishment in the religious realm of the county was observed Sunday, when the Presbyterians dedicated their chapel near J. H. Roberson's farm, about 6 miles from here. An overflow congregation was present and listened intently to the sermon by Rev. E. E. Gillespie, of the State Board, from Greensboro.

Six years ago a small group started holding prayer services in an old tenant house. From this humble beginning, the church has prospered, now numbering among its membership 81 leading citizens of that community, proving that the day for the rural church is not yet ended. Difficulties were experienced during the period, no doubt, but the obstacles were met with a willing and cooperative determination. The old tenant house was moved to a new location—an acre of land donated by the Robersons—and it was remodeled and a new building added.

A small amount of money was borrowed, but the amount did not figure so prominently as did the willingness of the people of that community to advance the religious movement. Services of a goodly number of men were volunteered, and the movement gained momentum, and today their efforts and the efforts of others are responsible for probably the greatest religious advancement during the period of any other one denomination in this section of the state.

Prayer services, held at a disadvantage in many instances, have an average attendance each Thursday evening of more than 50 people. The Sunday school each Sunday afternoon and the regular preaching services each second Sunday attract capacity congregations.

The burning of the old papers severing the debt that was paid several months ago, and the interest in the community advancement by a large majority of the people there point to an even greater progress in the future for the little church that is well off the paths of hasty and care-free travel.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff is pastor of the church, and Rev. John Whitley, recently graduated by the Richmond Theological Seminary, is his assistant there and at other points in the county.

Following the Sunday morning service, the membership and a large number of friends from other parts of the county enjoyed a picnic dinner on the grounds.

Mrs. P. B. Cone leaves tomorrow to spend several days with friends in Morehead City.

First Distribution In County Is About Total of \$150,000

Approximately 300 World War veterans in this county started receiving their bonus bonds yesterday, the local office receiving 80 packages for distribution in this community. The bonds will average around \$500 for each veteran, making a total of about \$150,000 for the first distribution. Deliveries are being made in the rural centers today, a few of those veterans living on the routes calling yesterday at the local office for their bonds. Mailed in Washington City yesterday morning, the bonds reached this office at noon.

Eighty Checks Are Already Delivered To Veterans In Williamston Area

Additional bonds are expected the latter part of this week, and the distribution will continue as rapidly as possible until approximately 600 veterans receive their money. It is estimated the veterans in this county will receive around \$257,000.

Hardly had the first bonds been delivered here before the veterans started turning them back to the post office with instructions to send them to Raleigh and have them cashed.

A general but not too inquisitive survey was made among several veterans this morning, and, judging from the answers it is apparent that the former soldiers do not plan to throw their money away. A few mentioned old debts that had to be paid. One or two said they were going to hold their bonds for a while. Others said they planned to make various types of purchases, in clothing, furniture, clothes and automobiles. Still others said they planned to invest in some local undertaking, but all said they were steering clear of wild-cat and get-rich-quick schemes.

When loans were advanced the veterans some time ago, one former soldier said that he did not throw his money away as many others did, explaining that he bought a baby grand piano with it.

The local post office was a busy place yesterday afternoon, and news of the arrival of the bonds spread rapidly.

Rules Against Date Change for Primary

A proposal to change the date for holding the second democratic primary in this State met with disapproval at the hands of State election officials, and arrangements are going forward for holding the contest on Saturday, July 4. The election officials received suggestions asking that the primary be held the following Monday, and the proposed change was considered but without favor, reports stated.

Following the long delay in getting the complete returns in from the first primary the 6th of this month, many people over the State are urging the proper authorities to effect changes in the system followed in counting the ballots. Some are proposing that the count be started several hours before the polls close on election days, making it possible for the poll holders to get the count in before Sunday.

Apparently this is one year when side-applications of nitrate of soda should pay well on cotton and corn, say farmers who have suffered from the continued dry weather.

LOCALS GET TWO WINS OUT OF LAST THREE CONTESTS

With Rating of .500 Team Leads Four Clubs In Coastal League

Williamston's baseball team ended the second week of play last Sunday, the Martins holding to a .500 percentage standing to lead Kinston, Tarboro, New Bern and Goldsboro, and to trail Snow Hill, in third place by one-half game.

Club line-ups in the league are fast taking shape, and the teams are expected to take up their strides after a general clean-up tomorrow. Playing numbers will be reduced to 15 men for each club, but there will be some changes every now and then until the deadline is reached the latter part of the season.

Activities of the Martins recently include two wins over the strong Kinston organization and one loss and a win with the Goldsboro cellarites. After nosing out Kinston by the skin of their teeth here last Thursday, the Martins, behind the 5-hit pitching of Dick Cherry, easily downed the Eagles at Kinston on Friday, 6 to 1. Ferrell, a promising addition to any man's ball team, and Wade led at bat that day with 3 hits each, Wade making one of his hits for an extra base. Black hit a homer with one on.

Larry Wade worked on the mound against Goldsboro here last Saturday and chalked up the first shut-out the Martins have handed an opponent this season, the final count being 6-0. With a home run and a single, Black featured at bat for the locals.

Sunday, the Martin lost one of those games, Goldsboro making 4 hits count for 4 runs with the aid of costly errors. The Martins gathered 10 hits off Crouch, but they were held to 3 runs. Brown started on the mound for the Martins, and while he allowed only 2 hits he was a bit wild, and yielded to Tommie Morris in the fourth who held the Bugs to 2 singles during the remainder of the game. Brown has been released and is understood to be with Ayden now.

The dope for the last three games is on page three, also individual batting averages.

134 Pupils Enrolled At First Session of Daily Bible School

Much Interest Shown In Movement To Continue For Two Weeks

Opening with a brief worship period yesterday morning in the local Methodist church, the community union daily vacation Bible school was off to a splendid start, reports stating that 134 pupils and workers took part in the initial sessions and that an increase in the enrollment could be expected before the school gets fully underway.

Rev. James H. Smith, Baptist pastor, was in charge of the service yesterday morning. Rev. John Whitley, Presbyterian minister, leading the devotional worship. The school joined in the pledges of allegiance to the national flag, the Bible and the Christian flag.

Following the assembly period class work was started by the 27 beginners in the Methodist church, 29 pupils in the primary division at the Episcopal church, 51 in the junior department in the Baptist church and 6 in the intermediate group at the Christian church. There were 16 teachers and assistants.

Lemonade was served at 10:15, when the classes assembled on the Baptist church corner. Following the recess, girls in the junior and intermediate departments met with Miss Ora Finch to outline handicraft work, and the boys discussed the athletic program with Parson Whitley and J. D. Bowen.

Meeting each morning at 9 o'clock the school will continue for two weeks.

Youths Hold Boxing Match Under Own Rules Saturday

Formulating their own rules and asking no admission fee, Simmons Avenue youth pulled a hurried boxing schedule in Nardie York's garage last Saturday morning. Buddy Wier won by a technical knockout over J. D. Woolard in the initial round of the first fight. Billie Mercer took the honors of the day when he kayoed Wier in the first round of the second bout. One of the boys had to go to a doctor, the champion finally explaining that the visit to the doctor was not the result of battle blows.

Typhoid Vaccination Drive Gets Under Way Next Week

The reported increase in the number of typhoid fever cases and deaths in this state last year is expected to attract more people to the anti-typhoid clinics in this county next week than in 1933, when the last campaign was conducted by health officials free to the people. Three years ago 12,410 people, or more than one-half of the county population, were given protection against typhoid fever, and while the number of cases increased in the state there was an actual decrease in this county and not a single death

from that cause. Last year there were 645 cases of typhoid fever in the state. Halifax County reported 5 and Pitt 3 typhoid fever deaths. Both counties adjoin Martin, and the deaths were getting pretty close home.

The record of cases and the deaths in the near-by counties is not mentioned to frighten anyone, but is mentioned in an effort to show the importance of the campaign that gets underway in the county next week. See the dates and hours for the clinics in this paper.

Again Urge Planting Soil-Building Crops

Must Have Certain Acreage To Qualify With Farm Program

Making Arrangements To Determine Compliance In This County

With a large majority planning to participate in the soil conservation program, Martin farmers are urged to make their plans coincide with the requirements and earn the right to stipulated benefits. Farmers are warned that in order to participate in the benefits they must have the soil-building crops as well as effect a reduction in cash crop acreages.

Plans for handling applications for benefits and acreage measurements are fast taking shape, and it is likely that checking activities will get underway the early part of next month. In the meantime, I. O. Schaub calls attention of the farmers in the following to be prepared to participate in the program:

"Due to the unfavorable seasons caused by the dry weather, many of the farmers of the state have lost some of their legume crops, such as lespedeza, especially where it was sown late in the spring, and a good many of the other legume crops have not been planted due to the unusual weather conditions. These crops are necessary in order to qualify for the soil-conserving payment under the Soil Conservation Program.

"We would like to stress to every grower the importance of seeding, before it is too late, a sufficient acreage of conserving crops in order to qualify for the soil-conserving payment and as large a soil-building payment as possible.

"In this state we are allowed, for the year 1936, to use soy beans and cowpeas as conserving crops, even though the hay is cut. This is a very liberal interpretation of conserving crops.

"Realizing that legume seed is scarce, if peas or beans are planted in 2 1/2 to 3 feet rows and cultivated once or twice, you will generally make as much hay as if the peas or beans are sown broadcast. This will certainly make the seed go further and will enable the grower to receive his payments under the Soil Conservation Program.

"The question frequently arises as to whether sorghum or Sudan grass sown with peas or beans for hay is soil conserving. If beans or peas predominate the acreage will count as conserving, but if the sorghum or Sudan grass predominates and is cut for hay the acreage will count as depleting.

"Provision is being made in the classification of crops to provide that sorghum and rye left on the land and not harvested will be classified as soil conserving for 1936."

Commissioners Are Chased Out by Jury

Martin County's commissioners are finding themselves about in the same fix as the man without a country. Meeting as a board of equalization and review here yesterday, the commissioners were chased out of their regular quarters by the grand jury, and it looked, as if they would have to go to jail to receive tax listing complaints. However, the employment bureau office was not in use, and the commissioners held their session in the small room that hardly accommodated the five men and a small table.

There is still hope that the federal government will construct a building to house the county department of agriculture and relieve the congested condition in the courthouse. Action on the proposed building project is pending the appropriation of funds by congress.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Arrangements are now being completed for a summer school here, beginning Thursday morning. Instruction will be offered those pupils who wish to advance their units and eliminate conditional grades in some cases it is understood.

Professor James Peters, who will have charge of the session is enrolling pupils at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in the high school building.

FEW COMPLAINTS ON TAX LISTINGS MADE TO BOARD

Hear Petition For Paving Road From Jamesville Toward Washington

Meeting as a board of equalization and review, the board of county commissioners Monday received very few complaints from owners against values listed on certain properties and made still fewer adjustments, the records show. Six adjustments, reducing the county valuation by \$2,254, were made by the owners explaining that the property had been double-listed.

The high spot of the meeting was reached when a Griffins Township property owner went before the board to enter a complaint and learned that the value of his listings was several hundred dollars below the amount of the desired reduction.

Briefly stated, the board of equalization and review meeting had little business to handle. While in session, the commissioners listened to a delegation headed by Mrs. Allie Roberson, Messrs. Lewis and Arthur Roberson, and James L. Coltrair, urging support of the county body of a proposed paved road from Jamesville to a point connecting with U. S. Highway 17, near Washington. The petition carried the names of around 300 citizens, it was reported. A resolution was unanimously passed by the county authorities petitioning the Highway commission to pave the road. Armed with the resolution and backed by their own petition, numbers of citizens of Griffins and Jamesville are expected to go to Raleigh and present their claim to the highway commission within the next few days.

Thieves Raid Chicken Coop Here Last Saturday Night

Hungry thieves continued their march down Houghton Street last Saturday night, when they raided the coop of Mr. S. S. Brown and carried away six old hens. No trace of the missing chickens has been found.

The extensive raid made on Mrs. T. F. Harrison's smokehouse last week remains unsolved, but officers are believed to have established a clue in the case. However, no development have been reported.

LIMITS FOR SOIL-BUILDING PAYMENTS ON EACH FARM

There is a limit to the soil-building payments made to any one farm it was announced by agricultural authorities this week. This payment cannot exceed an amount arrived at by multiplying by \$1 the total acres of soil-conserving and soil-building crops on the farm in 1936. However, where there are less than 10 acres as the minimum requirement on the farm the payment may be as much as \$10. This minimum is 15 per cent of the general soil-depleting base, and 20 per cent of the cotton, tobacco, and peanut base as established.

LONG SENTENCES HANDED OUT BY SUPERIOR COURT

Will Oxydine Gets Twenty To Thirty Years in State Prison for Murder

Opening the one-week term of Martin County Superior Court Monday, Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, started turning out the cases in rapid order, the jurist finding long periods of time available for a number of the defendants. While the number of cases is considerably below the average, the nature of the cases on the docket is far more serious than the average.

The grand jury completed its work shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday and the court was then nearing completion of the criminal docket. The civil case of James against James receives attention of the court tomorrow.

Will Oxydine, the Indian who shot and killed his son-in-law, Turner Saunders, a negro, in Griffins Township several weeks ago, pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Gilliam, and Oxydine, already with one killing to his credit down in Robeson County, was sentenced to prison for 20 to 30 years. The man, already past 50, will hardly complete his term before death overtakes him.

Reuben Rogers, the young white man who broke into Nurney's store over in Williams Township, was found guilty and he was sentenced to prison for from four to five years. Jarvis Griggs, driver of a fish truck that figured in the accident in which Glenwood Capehart, young white boy, lost his life on the Washington road a short time ago, was found not guilty, the judge directing the verdict.

Charles Howell, jr., and Rugus Andrews, colored, who were charged with entering the J. C. Stephenson home in Robersonville last April and stealing \$75, were found guilty. The court sentenced them to prison for from five to twelve years.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Watts Rhodes was sentenced to the roads for four months. Rhodes appealed to the state supreme court, the case having been entered in the superior court from the county recorder's court a short time ago.

Charles Edward Spruill, charged with forcible trespass, was sentenced to the roads for 12 months by consent judgment.

Harold Lee, white man, was sentenced to prison for two years in the case charging him with an assault on a female.

A four months sentence on the roads was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging John H. Ellison with violating the liquor laws.

John Lee, charged with violating the liquor law and resisting arrest, was sentenced to the roads for 12 months.

A plea of simple assault was accepted in the case against Paul Holliday, and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the costs.

The old Ollie Page manslaughter case that has been on the docket since December, 1934, following the wreck that cost young Andrews and Leavister their lives near Robersonville, was against continued. It is still maintained that the civil action should be cleared first.

The case charging C. L. McKeel with embezzlement was continued for the term.

Divorces featured the activities of the court during the first two days, five having been granted on the grounds of two years separation, as follows:

Lucille Bright against Frank Bright; James A. Wynn, now in England, against Elizabeth Wynn; Wm. A. Ayers against Mattie Ayers; F. C. Williams against Connie Williams; Elton Hodges against Ida Hodges.

The number of divorces granted in the two days is thought to be a record for Martin County.

Just before noon today the court was working on the case charging Joe Peel, jr., with larceny. About the only case left for trial is that charging Marion Hodges for an alleged assault. Work on the case was started yesterday, but for some reason, further action was delayed until this afternoon.

Some Sections in County Have Had Little Rain

While the drought situation has been partially relieved in some sections of the county, other areas have had little rain and the farming conditions continue somewhat critical, reports received here indicate.