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WEATHER HOLDS DOWN CROWD AT FARMERS' RALLY

Warren Says Day of Federal Control Past, Due To Supreme Court

A plea for a strong organization of farmers that the rights of agriculture may be maintained on a parity with other industries was directed to several hundred farmers in the Williamson Fair grandstand Wednesday morning, when prominent legislators and farm leaders reviewed the farm situation as to legislation and prices. Threatening weather held the number of farmers to less than a thousand, but the meeting was regarded as highly successful by the county Farm Bureau officials sponsoring the event.

Congressman Lindsay Warren, the main speaker on the program, reviewed the legislative acts and told the farmers that the present administration was still sympathetic toward agriculture. However, compulsory control, directed by the Federal government, is a thing of the past and the success of any program rests with the farmers themselves, Mr. Warren said. "The Supreme Court has said agriculture is a local problem, when we know it is not," Mr. Warren continued, explaining that the organization of farmers will be necessary to push compacts among the states that control may be effected and living prices for farm commodities may be maintained.

"In 1932, just four years ago, the total farm income in North Carolina was only \$84,000,000. Last year it was \$229,000,000, and the estimates for this year are for an additional increase," Mr. Warren said, in pointing out the record of the present administration as it relates to agriculture.

The congressman stated that he believed the compact law should have been tried this year that its defects might have been corrected, and now the future of farming depends on cooperation of farmers that the industry might support a concerted claim to recognition. If the farmers fail to push the program, they will fall back. Mr. Warren stated he believed the farmers would get together and will show their appreciation to President Roosevelt for his efforts to restore agriculture in State and nation.

While admitting that fair prices were being received for medium grades of tobacco, W. W. Eagles, a member of the State Advisory Tobacco Board, explained why the common types of tobacco were a drag on the market. "If there was definite assurance now that the crop production would be controlled next season, tobacco now selling for 3 and 4 cents a pound would be bringing 10 to 15 cents," Mr. Eagles said in urging the farmers to organize, make plans for control and demand the General Assembly and Congress to pass necessary laws to make control certain. If the farmers don't get together, they are going to suffer, he added.

The government is ready and willing to aid agriculture, but it cannot ram control programs down farmers' throats, Mr. J. E. Winslow, president of the State Farm Bureau, said in appealing to the farmers to organize that they might effect a control program of their own choosing. "We want state compacts based on national laws that will assure fair prices to the farmers," he said. Mr. Winslow told of the progress the Farm Bureau was making in its organization of farmers over in Pitt County, where 5,000 have already joined and a drive is now on to add 1,400 others to the membership before Saturday night of this week. The tobacco crop must be controlled through the organization of farmers for farmers, the bureau president explaining that the union would not be aimed to injure other industry.

Stressing the theoretical side and its practical application, John W. Goodman pointed out that proper cultivation, rotation of crops would make possible reduction in production costs and give the farmer a greater margin of profit. He also urged conservation and care of forest lands, fields, and appealed to the farmers to form a business organization for their farming activities.

E. F. Arnold, secretary of the State Farm Bureau, in urging Martin County farmers and others to organize and join in a program for the benefit of agriculture, said "If we can't get what we need through constitutional laws, let's get it in another legal way."

A drive for a strong organization of farmers in this county is expected to get underway shortly, the bureau officials to announce complete details later.

Tobacco Prices Are Stronger This Week; Sales Best of Year

Reporting higher prices on nearly all grades, especially those of the better class, the Williamson tobacco market is undoubtedly having the best sales of the season this week. The sales today are recognized as being stronger, and the price increase has been noticed from day to day during the week despite unfavorable weather. Good tobaccos are selling good, probably above the highest peaks of the season. The inferior grades, still offered in fairly large quantities, are holding their own, but the price increase has been negligible.

Today the market will barely miss a block, the estimates placing the sales at close to 200,000 pounds with

the average probably the best of the season.

Individual averages were reported from 30 to 40 cents for tips on the local market this morning, and there were very few complaints to be heard. Those farmers offering good quality tobacco were well pleased with their sales.

On account of illness, the sales supervisor has not completed the tabulation of sales and prices since Monday, but he will have a complete report over the week-end.

Present indications point to a heavy sale here next Monday, and with fair weather it is expected that a new poundage record for a single day this season will be established.

Awards Announced For Winning Exhibits

RECORD SALE

That good tobacco is selling just as high on the Williamson market as it is anywhere in the belt was well proved today when a farmer sold a barn of his crop for an average of \$57.05 here. The sale is believed to be one of the best in the belt, and there are others close to it on this market today.

The sale, including an entire barn, is as follows:

Pounds	Price	Amount
68	30	\$20.40
96	45	43.20
108	54	58.32
150	65	97.50
164	67	109.88
46	68	31.28
632		\$360.58

Averaging \$57.05, all this tobacco was bought by regular companies and not by the warehouse.

COURT ADJOURS WEDNESDAY; BUT FEW CASES TRIED

Most of Cases on Crowded Docket Continued To Next Term

Trying only a small number of cases on what was considered a crowded docket, the Martin County Superior Court, convening here last Monday a week ago, adjourned for the term at noon Wednesday, after Judge Henry A. Grady had planned a special term for the trial of the Leavister-Corey cases the first week in December.

Cases cleared from the docket not previously reported follow:

The case of Henry S. Hardison, Dardens man, against the A. C. L. Railroad Company was non-suited. The plaintiff was asking damages alleged to have resulted when defendant's train killed a hog belonging to Hardison.

A judgment in the sum of \$1,712.16 was given the Salisbury Supply Company against W. C. James. A consent judgment was entered in the case of Emily Jenkins against L. J. Manning.

Proving two years' separation and mutual consent, B. C. Wynne was given a divorce from Ora Wynne.

Judgment was rendered in favor of Lou Wiggins against D. G. Matthews and others.

Mary Huff was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$150 in her case against Noah Cherry, administrator of Moses Alexander.

In the case of Slade, Rhodes & Company against Ferd Barnhill, the defendant was allotted 15 acres of land as his homestead, the plaintiff receiving 35 acres of the certain tract.

A judgment in the sum of \$304.03, less costs, was given the defendant in the case of Nancy Rolax against H. C. Norman.

To Discuss Cucumber Plantings at Jamesville

Members of the vocational agriculture class and other farmers in the Jamesville section are scheduled to meet there next Tuesday night to study a proposed sign-up for cucumber production in the section next year. J. C. Eubanks, agriculture teacher, will be in charge of the meeting.

Pickle packers are to open a plant in Plymouth, and they are interested in creating a supply in the lower part of the county.

COUNTY LIKELY TO HAVE RECORD NUMBER COURTS

Nearly 100 of 365 Days Are Allotted County And Superior Courts

With another special term of "big" court almost made certain at the direction of Judge Henry A. Grady, Martin County is expected to establish a new "courting" record this year. Application for a special term to be held here the first week in December for the trial of the Leavister-Corey cases was filed with the governor's office this week, there being little doubt but that the request will be favorably considered.

On an average of one out of every five days one court or another is holding forth in the Martin County hall of justice. The county recorder's court ordinarily sits 40 days each year. The regular superior court, convening in March, April, June, September, November and December is allotted 10 weeks, or 50 days; and this year an additional week is being added that the be-whiskered Leavister-Corey cases may be tried.

If the courts—with the emphasis on the "if"—held forth all the time they are allotted, they would be in session 95 days, or about one-third of each year.

In ordering another week hitched on to the already considered heavy court schedule, Judge Grady explained that it would save the county several hundred dollars. It is a fact that several hundred dollars have already been spent by the county with the possibility, of course that it might recover some or all of it.

The Leavister-Corey case was placed on the docket soon after a truck-car accident near Robersonville in September, 1934, when John Leavister and Marshall Andrews, young white men, were killed. The case has been tried once, but the verdict, allowing \$200 to each of the two plaintiffs, was set aside by Judge Clayton Moore, presiding judge. A continuance was granted the plaintiffs this week when important witnesses could not attend court. No other cases will be placed on the docket for trial during the first week in December.

Fifty people will be drawn for jury service, the judge ordering that none be chosen from Robersonville Township, where the wreck occurred.

Native of County Dies in High Point

Arch Sherrod, native of this country, and for 30 years a prominent business man and leading citizen of High Point, died suddenly at his home there Wednesday morning. Retiring in good health Tuesday night, Mr. Sherrod suffered a heart attack and died a few hours later.

The son of the late Robert W. and Jane Parker Sherrod, he was born in Hamilton on November 18, 1860. Going to High Point in 1888, Mr. Sherrod entered the manufacturing business and met with marked success. He also was connected with the city government there several terms and was interested in several allied businesses.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Edith Moore Sherrod, of High Point; four daughters, Mrs. W. R. Morrow, of High Point; Mrs. Lucille Collins, of Raleigh; Mrs. H. L. Newbold, of Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. W. L. Watson, of High Point; one son, W. A. Sherrod, of High Point; one sister, Mrs. C. H. Baker, of Charlotte; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 3 p.m. from the home by Dr. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist church.

Homecoming at Christian Chapel

The revival meeting conducted by Rev. J. M. Perry will begin at Christian chapel next Monday night, October 5th, at 7:30 o'clock. It will run through the week closing with the Homecoming Day, second Sunday in October, which is the 11th. This is planned to be one of the greatest weeks in the history of the church, and closing with perhaps the victim, a colored person, had taken the anti-typhoid serum in the drive against the disease last summer.

There were four cases of diphtheria in Williamson Township during the period, a review of the records showing that there were fairly numerous diphtheria cases in this section just a few months ago.

Fair Will Close Saturday Night: Auto Races Feature of Program Scheduled Tomorrow Afternoon

County Farmer Says This Is Good Year for Crop Failure'

"This has been an unusually good year for crop failures in this section," Farmer C. Abram Roberson, of Robersonville, remarked while here yesterday. While the crops are not complete failures, they are ranked among the poorest ever raised in this section as a whole, the nominee for county commissioner added.

Reviewing his farming activities, Mr. Roberson said it was difficult to get a stand of tobacco last spring on account of dry weather, and then

the rains coming later damaged the crop considerably. Good stands of cotton were almost impossible. The tobacco crop quality is inferior, and the weight is far below the average, he continued.

"While we got a fair stand of peanuts last spring, the rains this are threatening the gobbers in stacks, and those still in the ground are likely to fall off the vines when digging starts," Mr. Roberson said, adding that this had been an unusually bad year for farming in this section.

Fair Weather Today For First Time This Week; Crowd Larger

Complete Schedule Events To Continue in Effect Until Final Curtain

Experiencing the first favorable weather of the week, the Williamson fair is attracting the largest crowds of the week today with indications that attendance records will be broken this evening and tomorrow. Rains, falling nearly every day this week have handicapped the operators, and daily programs were necessarily curtailed, resulting in a substantial loss for the management and the owners of the attractions. No estimate on the operation loss could be had today, some believing it would run into several thousand dollars. With the sun shining bright this morning, attention is centering on the fair, the management stating that complete programs would be maintained until the final curtain late tomorrow night.

Reports stating that the fair would continue operations through Sunday are unfounded. The Cetin and Wilson shows on the midway will close late tomorrow night and are scheduled to leave here around 9 o'clock Sunday morning for Wilson where they will play the Wilson County fair all next week.

Considering the unfavorable weather, fair-sized crowds have visited the fair this week, but operations were carried on under a marked disadvantage.

The feature on tomorrow's program will be the automobile races with several prominent professional drivers competing for the prize money. In addition to the races, a complete grandstand program will be offered, the Winter Garden Review giving its last performance tomorrow evening. The fireworks program will be complete, and the midway will continue its extensive activities until midnight.

Large Steamship Here This Week

The steamship "Woonsocket," one of the largest boats ever to come up the Roanoke, was docked at the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina line wharf here this week taking on a load of tobacco. Only recently commissioned by the N. B. & C. line, the boat was brought here by Captain Barnes, employee of the line for a number of years.

Having a capacity of about 700 tons, the boat is nearly 200 feet long and has an engine of about 650 horsepower. It has a cruising speed of about 14 knots and makes the run to Norfolk from this point in about 13 hours. With several hundred hogsheads of tobacco in its hold and first freight room, the boat pulled out of the N. B. & C. line dock here early last Tuesday evening to deliver its cargo directly to an ocean-going steamer scheduled for a China port.

The N. B. & C. line handles thousands of hogsheads of tobacco from this point each season, operating sometimes as many as two boats in a single day, and from 5 to 7 a week to accommodate its shippers.

County Board Will Hold Meet Monday

Holding their regular monthly meeting here next Monday, Martin County commissioners have very little business on their work schedule other than that of a routine nature. J. Sam Getsinger, clerk to the board, said this morning, "Our County." The B. T. U. convenes at 6:30 p.m., followed by the evening session at 7:30 o'clock. There will also be a baptismal service during the evening hour.

The names of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school are Superintendent, L. Bruce Wynne; assistant superintendent, Jessup Harrison; pianist, Ellen Cowan; secretary and treasurer, Julian Anderson; librarian, Mrs. D. A. Roebuck.

1. Cradle Roll and Beginners, birth to 3 and 4 to 5, respectively. Superintendent, Mrs. Francis Barnes.

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