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VACCINATION OF DOGS IN COUNTY WILL BEGIN SOON

Appeal To All Dog Owners To Cooperate in Task This Year

Headed by Dr. A. J. Osteen and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, a concerted drive gets underway early next month for the vaccination of all dogs in the county. A schedule, arranged probably more conveniently than the one in effect last year, is being announced this week, and those in charge of the work are directing an appeal to everyone to cooperate in the undertaking.

Dogs are vaccinated without cost to the owners, for the 50 cents paid at the time the dog is vaccinated is refunded when tax payments are effected.

That the vaccinations cause some trouble to the dog owner is certain, but the value of the service has already been proved in this county. Few people have found it necessary to take the Pasteur treatment since the first vaccinations were made nearly two years ago. Prior to that time as many as 15 and sometimes 20 or more took the treatment annually in this county. Fewer dogs were killed last year as a safeguard against the possible spread of rabies, and now the general public accepts the enforced vaccinations without much or very little complaint. The vast majority of dog owners welcome the service.

Several people are now taking the Pasteur treatment as a safeguard against possible infection following attacks by a dog reported to have been made. The attacking dog in the particular case was too young for vaccination a year ago.

Last year there were 2,820 dogs vaccinated in this county, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck explaining that possibly half a dozen or more escaped both the needle and the gun. Seven hundred of the dogs vaccinated were not listed for taxation, a careful review of the vaccination records and the tax books shows.

9,000 Pounds Poultry Loaded This Week

Martin County farmers at three points, Jamesville, Williamston and Robersonville, sold cooperatively this week 9,000 pounds of poultry it was learned late yesterday from Assistant County Agent L. T. Weeks. The last stop is being made in Oak City this afternoon, and it is estimated the car will load approximately 1,000 pounds there.

Jamesville loaded around 600 pounds Tuesday and about the same amount to private buyers. Farmers in the Williamston area sold around 5,400 pounds Wednesday, and Robersonville farmers delivered around 3,000 pounds of the barn-yard product yesterday.

County Agent Brandon is not in a position at this time to say whether another car will be operated cooperatively this season in the county.

Local Firemen Are Called Out Twice

The local fire department was called out twice this week when fire threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles James on East Main Street Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and at 6 o'clock Thursday morning when fire destroyed a storage barn on the Wheeler Martin farm at the end of West Main Street.

Soot, catching fire and cracking the James chimney, smoked one room in the home and heated abutting timbers. Very little damage was caused other than to the chimney itself.

Starting from a home-made brooder, fire burned the hay barn on the Martin farm down in a short while. Ollie Moore, who lives near the barn, discovered the fire but before he could turn in an alarm, the dry hay was burning rapidly and nothing could be saved. The loss was estimated at about \$500, that amount including the cost of about 150 bales of pease hay belonging to Frank Scott, tenant, and the building itself. A small amount of insurance was carried on the building.

W. H. Coburn Continues To Improve In Hospital

Lawyer W. H. Coburn, whose leg was amputated several weeks ago, continues to improve in a Richmond hospital and is expected home the latter part of next or the early part of the following week. The wound has not been closed, but it will be sewed up early next week, it was learned here today.

WILLIAMSTON'S NEW BUS TERMINAL



Just recently leased by the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation and Carolina Coach Company, the new bus station here is a hub in the transportation system in this section for the two companies and for the Seashore Transportation Company, a third carrier. There are a minimum of thirteen busses now using the station daily, and the number of passengers handled by the three companies on their runs through here will average from 140 to 200 daily, it was estimated by W. H. G. Chase, jr., manager of the terminal.

Shortage of Tobacco Plants Faces Farmers

SINGING CLASS

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will give a concert in the high school auditorium here on Saturday evening, April 10. It was announced this week by representatives of the Skewakee Masonic lodge, the sponsoring organization.

Since the orphanage is open to all children, it is hoped that the people of this entire section will hold the date open and attend the concert. No admission charge will be made.

FEW SPECTATORS AT SESSIONS OF SUPERIOR COURT

Hangers-On Disappear Almost Completely When Civil Cases Begun

Fewer people are attending "big" court in the county this week than at any term in many months, and a spectator in the court after the criminal docket was completed is really a rare thing. Choice seats were available at all times while the criminal cases were being handled the early part of the week, and a further dwindling of the spectators was noticed when the civil calendar was called by Judge Paul Frizzelle.

First scheduled for trial next Monday, the \$65,000 damage suit of Leavister and Andrews against J. Lloyd Corey, Pitt County man, has been postponed until next Tuesday. Witnesses, in numbers are being summoned and several visiting attorneys will appear for the plaintiffs. The cases are expected to bolster the attendance figures for the day, at least. The cases, first set for next Tuesday, will be called Monday, giving the entire day Tuesday for the trial of the damage suit.

Originating soon after Marshall Andrews, Martin County youth, and John Leavister, Raleigh young man, were killed in an automobile-truck wreck near Robersonville in September, 1934, the \$65,000 damage suit has had its ups and downs in the courts of this county. Judge Clayton Moore, back in March, 1935, frowned upon a \$400 judgment for the plaintiffs after the jury had found the driver of the defendant's truck, Ollie Page, negligent, and he set the verdict aside. Term after term of the high court was held, but the case did not appear on the calendar until last September, and Judge H. A. Grady, for some reason, had it continued again. Indications now are that the case will be tried and cleared from the docket.

The criminal charge against Ollie Page patiently waits the trial of the civil action.

Jimmy Brown Sticks with Cardinals Baseball Club

Training with the St. Louis Cardinals at their camp in Daytona Beach Fla., Jimmy Brown, young Jamesville man, this week was assured a connection with the National League club this coming season.

Assured of at least a utility position, Brown may start the season at second in place of Stuart Martin, who is recovering from an illness, if he is not ready to play second base.

SUPERIOR COURT RECESSES AFTER FEW BUSY DAYS

Judge Frizzelle Sets Aside Jury Verdict In Case of Long Against Long

The Martin County Superior court, clearing the criminal docket Tuesday, did considerable work Wednesday and yesterday, but accomplished little toward clearing the civil calendar. A greater part of the work during the two days was lost when Judge J. Paul Frizzelle set the verdict aside in one case and appointed a referee in another. Rough waters are marking the matrimonial seas for the colored people, judging from the number of divorces granted this week.

The verdict in the case of Ada Long against John Long was set aside by Judge Frizzelle as the decision, favoring the defendant, was declared contrary to the weight of the evidence. It was the third time in recent years that a judge in the superior court ruled out a jury decision. The plaintiff in the case was suing for alimony without divorce. The trial of the case lasted all day, and the jury had the case a greater part of two hours. A new trial was ordered.

After working most of yesterday on the case of Keel against Eli Roberson, the court recognized there were too many issues involved and a referee was appointed to handle the evidence. The plaintiff foreclosed on certain property and the revenue from the sale was not sufficient to cover the amount of the debt, and the plaintiff started suit for a deficiency judgment. There were 23 issues to be answered in the case.

The value of a certain piece of land was placed at \$375 by the jury in the case of N. C. Joint Stock Land Bank against W. C. James.

Rock Spruill, small-colored boy who was injured in an automobile accident at the Jamesville-Washington Road intersection in Williamston several months ago, received a judgment of \$400 against C. U. Rogers.

Divorces were granted the following colored couples:

Queenie Leary from C. R. Leary; Herbert Forrest from Rowena Forrest; Lucy Speller from Elisha Speller, and John Briley from Elnora Briley. All of the actions were based on two-years separation except the Speller case and that was granted on the grounds of adultery.

Grand Jury Returns Extensive Report; Is Praised by Frizzelle

Finds Deplorable Sanitary Conditions Existing In Number of Schools

Working three entire days, the Martin County grand jury this week handled an extensive survey of all public offices, schools, jails, school-buses and sanitary conditions. Judge Frizzelle declaring the report one of the best he had ever received. The jurist stated that all the recommendations should be carried out and that he would investigate upon his return here to see if they had been carried out.

Learning from Judge Frizzelle's charge last Monday of the need for a permanent grand jury system, the jurists strongly recommended a six or twelve months jury for the county. A bill was proposed for passage in the present legislature, but the time was too short, and it now rests with the county commissioners to support a bill creating the long-term jury.

Deplorable sanitary conditions were found in a number of schools in the county, and Judge Frizzelle ordered that the conditions be remedied. Most of the defects in the sanitary system were found in the small colored schools where vandals steal the pumps, tear down and burn the privies.

Judge Vernon Cowper To Preside Over April Court

Judge G. Vernon Cowper, of Kingston, will preside over the two-week special term of Martin County Superior Court convening the 12th of next month, it was learned here this week. Judge Cowper, appointed at the same time Judge Clayton Moore received his bench commission about 10 years ago, comes to hold court in Martin's capital for the first time.

The term is for trial of civil cases only, and the county bar association has not prepared its calendar at this time.

Martins To Begin Training About Tenth of Next Month

Williamston's professional baseball team will start training about April 10 for the season opening early in May. R. H. Goodman, president of the Martins, said today. Manager Art Hauger is expected here about April 5 to complete arrangements for the training period and to line up his team for play when the season gets underway.

Heretofore, players in the Coastal Plain loop were drawn principally from the centers of wisdom, and the colleges gave them their early spring training. The clubs will now have to season their own material, but no salaries are paid the players until the season opens. Several or most of the clubs in the league will get a glimpse of Class D baseball material early next month.

Hauger, in a letter to the club heads here yesterday, stated that he had signed a number of players and pledged his cooperation to hold the expenses of the organization down. "Nobody knows better than I do that high-priced baseball has ruined many good towns," he said.

Soil Program Checks Received Here Today

Over 400 Checks in Batch, Representing \$32,000 for Farmers

Farmers Will Be Notified When To Call for Soil Conserving Payments

Received today, the first batch of soil conserving checks will be distributed to Martin County farmers immediately, and others will be put in the hands of the owners just as soon as they reach here from Washington. Mr. T. B. Slade, of the county agent's office, said this morning.

More than 400 checks were received today, representing cash in the sum of \$31,683.10. The amount covers 193 of the more than 900 applications, and, on this basis, Martin County farmers will receive approximately \$150,000 for participating in the soil conservation program.

Checks are made separately this year, the tenant's share being represented in an individual check. No claims will be considered, the office of the agent receiving instruction to deliver checks directly to the individual owners.

It is estimated that approximately 1,500 additional checks are due farmers in this county and, while the agent's office is expecting them any time, they could not say just when they would reach here from Washington.

The office of the agent pointed out time and again that the farmers would receive direct notification when to call for their checks. The farmers are urged not to call at the office until they receive notice to do so direct from the office.

Planing Mill To Be Built at Jamesville

H. B. Thompson & Co., of Liberty and Greensboro, are starting construction of a planing mill at Jamesville today, where they will handle under contract lumber sawed on the old J. & W. tract, recently purchased by Bingham & Parrish, of Randolph County.

Mr. Thompson said yesterday that operations would be started just as soon as the plant could be installed on the old depot site on the A. C. L. tracks. According to present plans, the plant will be enlarged within the next two or three months. Mr. Thompson stating that the present production capacity of 50,000 feet daily would be materially increased. The mill will give employment to about 15 people.

Four Jailed Here This Week by U. S. Marshal

George Willoughby, James Willoughby, and Dennis Woolard, all young white men, charged with operating a stolen automobile across state lines, and Percy Bunn, colored man charged with violating the internal revenue laws, were placed in the Martin County jail here Wednesday afternoon by U. S. Marshal Worthy.

The three white men are awaiting transfer to the Norfolk district for trial, and Bunn goes on trial in Washington week after next.

Receive Bids Monday for New Furniture Store Here

Bids for the construction of a new furniture store next to the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company for the VanDyke Furniture Company will be opened next Monday, it was learned from Mr. Garland Woolard, local manager for the company. Several contractors are planning to enter bids, it was learned.

TAX DEED IS SET ASIDE BY COURT HERE THIS WEEK

Heirs-in-Law Must Be Made Parties To Suit For Valid Deed

The validity of possibly a large number of tax deeds was made uncertain in the county this week when the Martin County Superior Court declared null and void a title to a certain piece of property in the case of Rebecca Hyman, Alice Harris, Ada White, Vina Johnson, George W. Hyman, and John Hyman against D. G. Matthews. It is believed there are similar cases in which tax deeds would not stand up under court tests.

The case handled this week originated several years ago when the defendant bought several certificates of sale from Martin County and the Town of Williamston, the judgment reading, in part, "that the land (Hyman property) was listed in the name of Rebecca Hyman, and that Defendant D. G. Matthews brought suit on said certificate of sale, but only made Rebecca Hyman defendant. Sale was made by a commissioner appointed by the court and the commissioner made to Rebecca Hyman a deed for the amount of taxes due, to wit, \$425.19, and Rebecca Hyman executed to B. A. Critcher, trustee for D. G. Matthews, a note in the sum of \$425.19, secured by deed of trust."

The deed was set aside on the grounds that none of the heirs-in-law was made party to the tax foreclosure proceedings except Rebecca Hyman. The defendant willingly agreed to have the deed set aside, but, it appearing to the court there is a balance on said taxes of \$252.69, the defendant is to get first lien, "but that deed of trust executed from Rebecca Hyman to D. G. Matthews be declared null and void."

The court, to validate the deed, appointed B. A. Critcher commissioner, with authority to duly advertise the property in question, pay D. G. Matthews the remainder due him and report to the court at the June term.

At least one other deed was declared null and void under similar conditions by the court now in session here.

Child Swallowing Lysol Recovering

Swallowing an ounce or more of Lysol, the two-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. P. Cullipher, of Robersonville Township, was carried to a Washington hospital late Wednesday afternoon after receiving first-aid treatment in the offices of Drs. Rhodes, Eason and Winn here. The condition of the child was described as extremely critical.

The child was first carried to Robersonville, but no doctor was immediately available, and it was an hour or more from the time the deadly disinfectant was swallowed before medical attention could be had. The little fellow was unconscious when he was brought here, and after doing what they could for him, doctors advised his removal to a hospital.

Reports from the hospital at noon today stated that the child was much better than he was yesterday and that recovery was expected.

Change in Hours Affects Sales Little

No material increase in sales has taken place following the adoption of a 12-hour day by the liquor store here, it was learned today. Sales, ordinarily made before 6 o'clock, the old closing hour, are now delayed until just before closing time at 9 o'clock, it was pointed out.

Sales to alleged bootleggers of legal liquor could not be checked.

The county control board is expected to take definite action soon in the matter of employing a full-time officer for the enforcement of the liquor laws, it was unofficially learned today. The position has already been offered to a county man, but his name has not been disclosed.

Senior Play Gets "Big Hit" Rating Here Last Evening

The local senior class play, "Here Comes Charlie," presented in the high school auditorium here last night was heartily received by one of the largest audiences to witness an amateur performance here in a number of years. Coached by Miss Annie Shields-VanDyke, the three-act comedy was described as a big hit and a financial success.

LEGISLATURE

Its adjournment hour still uncertain, the North Carolina General Assembly continued its wild rush today in an effort to quit Raleigh early Sunday morning, but there are still many things to be done, and their proper handling almost makes adjournment impossible before next week.

While the legislature was voting a half million dollars back pay to state employees and a two millions for buildings, it killed the last ray of hope for any relief for people living on dirt roads when it turned down a \$5,000,000 improvement measure.

JUNK BUSINESS IS STILL ON BOOM IN THIS SECTION

Leaving Hardly Enough To Weight a Fishing Line, Bill Keel Says

"There won't be enough iron left in this section for use as a sinker on a fishing line if they don't slack off," Mr. Bill Keel said yesterday, when discussing the concerted drive for old scrap iron that is sweeping the country. "We are on the receiving end now, but we don't know what toll the old iron will exact if it is made into bullets and shells," another commented.

Scrap iron yards have opened up at nearly every cross roads in this county, and truckers are searching the by-ways and hedges for junked iron. Occasionally serviceable iron is included in the drive that has just about swept the junk piles of the country.

The price is not quite high enough for the real lazy to take part in the drive, but the more thrifty are tackling big chunks of the heavy material with a determination to share the profits of the big drive.

Word comes from Robersonville that one of the Rogerson boys there worked all day and a part of one night cutting an old boiler with an acetylene torch and found the iron gone the next morning after he had spent hours reducing the boiler to pieces that could be easily handled. In a near-by county a little-used molasses mill was grabbed and sold in the mad rush for cash.

Hundreds Children Killed in Explosion

Between 600 and 700 school children lost their lives when a strange explosion tore to pieces and fired a million dollar high school building at New London, Texas, yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Numbers of others were killed, including several teachers and parents who had called in cars for their children a scant five minutes before school was to close for the day.

Thought to have been caused by natural gas forming in the basement, the explosion took a top position in the nation's list of disasters. Most of the children, many of them hardly more than 15 years of age, were killed outright when the roof and walls of the building, described as one of the largest and best rural schools in the country, caved in and trapped the pupils.

Martial law was declared in the rich oil community, and thousands rushed there to see the pitiful sight. The Red Cross and the U. S. Army rushed relief workers there to take charge as desperate parents sought their children.