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## Martin Superior Court Convenes In Term Next Week

### Forty Cases on Civil Calendar for Trial During Two Weeks

The trial of forty civil cases is slated to get underway in the Martin County Superior court when it convenes next Monday morning for a two weeks term. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn is to preside over the term that is created for the trial of civil cases only.

There are several sizeable damage suits on the calendar, plaintiffs in three cases seeking a total of \$75,000. The cases of R. Howard Stone against Walter Fisher and W. I. Skinner and Co., Inc., and M. L. Lemmond against Fisher and Skinner have been set for trial on Wednesday of the second week. Stone, suffering the loss of an eye and receiving serious injuries when his car was sideswiped by the defendant's truck between Williamston and Windsor on March 1 of last year is asking \$50,000 damages. Lemmond, also injured in the wreck, is asking \$10,000 personal damage and \$244.91 car damage. The suit was started in Pasquotank Superior court in August of last year but was moved to this county a short time later. It was placed on the trial calendar several times, but trial was postponed each time, the counsel for both sides however preemptorily setting the case for trial during the coming term.

The \$15,000 damage suit of Jean Van Deuson against Saunders is also scheduled for trial during the term. This action was started following a wreck in Chapel Hill in December, 1935, when the plaintiff was badly hurt when riding as a passenger in the defendant's car.

The Corey-Leavister law suit still occupies a place on the calendar. Main issues growing out of a truck car wreck that cost the lives of Marshall Andrews and John Leavister several years ago have been settled, and now J. Lloyd Corey is seeking to receive \$150 damages to his truck. The credit company is also suing Leavister for the price of the car.

Other cases on the calendar, most of which fall into a group of no great consequence are, as follows:

Monday, November 22: Jno. D. Overton against W. R. Purvis, Boston against Watts and Culpepper against Cowen.

Tuesday, November 23: Fleming against Worsley, Keel against Taylor, Hyman against Matthews, Fertilizer Company against Edwards. An action has been started in an effort to set aside the will of the late Samuel Rogerson.

Wednesday, November 24: Fertilizer Company against Edwards, Ice Company against Lewis, Walters against Hopkins, Fertilizer Company against Petty, Fertilizer Company against Teter.

The court will recess Wednesday for Thanksgiving and will call the following cases on Monday, November 29: Manning against Insurance Company, Manson against Crawford, Harrison against Manning, Fertilizer Company against Simpson, and Armstrong against Rodgers.

Tuesday, November 30: R. Robt. Everett against P. L. and R. W. Salsbury, Moye against Land Bank, and Green against Daniel.

Wednesday, December 1: Fidelity and Company against Tommie Coward, H. D. Harrison against H. A. Berry, Stencil against Whitfield, Raleigh Company against Gradeless, Fertilizer Company against Marshall and Harrison against Price.

Thursday, December 2: Matthews against Williams, Hopkins against Daniel, Gainer against Gainer, Fertilizer Company against Valentine, Fertilizer Company against Johnson, Close against Coburn, and Rhodes and Company against Thompson.

## Work Progressing On New Building

Work on the construction of a branch office and distribution headquarters for the North Carolina Equipment Company on Washington Street here got underway this week and is progressing unusually rapidly at this time. Foundations for the brick structure, measuring 60 by 130 feet, were laid Monday and today the walls have been constructed to a height of several feet.

If no delay of steel deliveries is experienced, the contractors plan to complete the structure by or before the Christmas holidays. Plans are being made to occupy the building just as soon as it is completed. Mr. A. E. Finley, manager of the company, was here this week, but the operating personnel for the local branch has not been released.

## Tobacco Market Closes Its Season At Noon Today

### Williamston Has Excellent Chance to Become the Leading Market

The last tobacco sales of the 1937 season on the local tobacco market were held shortly before noon today, reports from the marketing center stating that prices held firm until the last pile was sold.

Pending the compilation of figures for today, the poundage and price average have not been announced. Indications are, however, that the market sold between eight and one-half and nine million pounds for an average price of approximately a quarter.

There is no doubt but what the market had its best year in all its history, exceeding by several hundred thousand pounds the record established several years ago. With one of the best selling organizations in all three of its warehouses and the best corps of buyers to ever walk a warehouse floor, the Williamston market has sold tobacco for more farmers from over a larger territory this season than ever before. Patrons have been loyal throughout the season, and a smooth running organization has met with the marked approval of farmers generally.

Selling the last of his crop this morning, a farmer from a nearby county stated that he had sold every pound of his tobacco in Williamston and that he had made money, received courteous treatment and formed some of the most pleasant and enjoyable friendships of his life. "Williamston has the promise of being one of the leading markets in the belt, and I believe that a solid foundation was laid this season to promote that progress," the farmer added.

Buyers and their assistants, while anxious to get to their homes in several of the states, expressed regret that the season was at an end, and expressed the wish that they may be returned here next season.

Among the tobaccoists and their families leaving for their homes this afternoon after spending the season on the local tobacco market, are: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Morford, Lexington, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Harper, Horse Cave, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Peddicord, Cynthiana, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson, Lexington, Ky.; Mr. J. Morgan Soper, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Doty and children, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. John Cobb, Durham; Mr. and Mrs. John Gregory, Oxford; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith, Lexington, Ky.; Mr. Norwood Thomas, Wilson; Mr. Arthur Beales, Washington; Mr. Jimmy Thomas, Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. West, Liveoak, Fla.

## Two Auto Wrecks In County Recently

No one was reported injured, but considerable property damage resulted when two cars crashed on the Washington Road at Skewarkey on Tuesday evening and another tore down part of the village of Dardens, earlier that day.

Driving toward Williamston, an autoist whose name has not been learned, failed to round the curve at Dardens about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning and tore into the filling station of J. F. Jordan. The car, apparently traveling at a rapid rate of speed, tore down the gasoline pump at the station and banked cinders and dirt 12 inches deep against the front door of the store. The driver failed to stop, members of the patrol stating today that they had been unable to locate the car in any of the garages in this section.

The cars of Joe Edwards, of Williamston and Plymouth, and that of H. G. Corey, of Aulander, were damaged when they sideswiped each other on the Washington road, but no one was hurt. Both drivers have been cited for reckless driving and they are to appear in the county court on December 6.

The cars of Jos. R. Whitehurst and Turner Ward were wrecked in a collision at a Main Street intersection in Robersonville late last night, but no one was hurt. A hearing in the case is scheduled before Mayor C. M. Hurst.

## Missionary Convention To Meet Here Tuesday

The state board of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention will meet with the Williamston Christian church on Tuesday. Members of the state board, pastors and laymen of the churches are invited to attend this meeting. Mr. W. C. Manning is chairman of the board and Rev. John L. Goff is a member.

## HEADIN' SOUTH

Rushing by the calendar and spurred on by wintry blasts in the frozen North, the more fortunate from above the Mason-Dixon line are headin' south in increased numbers, a fairly accurate count one day this week listing nearly two hundred foreign cars in the procession passing through here and destined for the winter playgrounds.

The travelers do not tarry long, one every now and then stopping for a few gallons of gasoline, a quart of oil or a sandwich or two. Quite a few stop over for a meal, but the most of them hurry on southward.

## Lop-sided Farm Bill Expected At Special Session Of Congress

### Members Really Interested In Farm Bill Are Routed

Fate of agriculture another year in this country remains uncertain as the House Agriculture Committee rushes to completion a farm bill that has the appearance of being a lop-sided make shift and one that is not wanted by those really interested in saving agriculture but one that apparently will be sufficient for opponents of farm legislation to hide behind.

While there is still some hope for a tobacco control bill, there is little possibility that any other major crops will get into the protective fold.

The House Agriculture committee is working long hours in an effort to get a farm bill before Congress and in the group an agreement has been reached in support of an "ever normal granary bill," but there remains a marked division as to the best method of advancing the program.

At the present time, the dignified Senate has reversed the usual order of procedure by having a filibuster in the early part of the session instead of at the end. They are talking anti-lynching and reorganization bills which one faction is trying to delay until action has been taken on the farm program. Whether the wrangle over lynching will come to an end when the farm bill comes from the agriculture committee while likely, is not certain. Anyway, one big wrangle is expected over the farm bill, the lines of battle being drawn with the old guard on the side of voluntary control, and the New Deal forces on the other for compulsory control. The farm measures are expected to reach the floors early next week.

To date the Congress has accomplished nothing, absolutely nothing, but activities in the Capital indicate that the opposition has gained strength and that there is little hope for favorable farm legislation from this extraordinary session of a wild congress.

## Red Cross Drive Adds More Names

Twenty-five dollars were added to the Red Cross Membership roll call fund in this chapter yesterday. Chairman Harry A. Biggs stated that only two canvassers had reported their activities. The roll call head in the county added that the campaign would have to show great activity if the goal of \$350 was to be reached between now and Thanksgiving Day.

Names recently reported to Chairman Biggs and not previous acknowledged are, as follows: R. L. Smith, Billy Bobbitt, W. C. Manning, Jr., C. D. Carstarphen, Clyde Griffin, Garland Barnhill, J. D. Woolard, R. E. Heath, W. S. Hatchett, Eugene Rice, Herman Bowen, Belk-Tyler, Norman Harrison, Dr. Wynn, V. E. & P. Co., Ann's Variety Store, George Reynolds Hotel, Shain & Israel, C. B. Clark, Sr., Herbert Clark, C. B. Clark, Jr., R. H. Goodmon.

## To Entertain Former Soldiers At Barbecue

Members of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will be guests at a big barbecue feast in Oak City next Wednesday night. I. E. Boykin, commander of the organization, said today. Messrs. Smith, Myers and Worsley are entertaining the legionnaires, and a large attendance upon the supper is expected.

## Army Comes To Town

Sixty U. S. Army men, traveling in twelve trucks and carrying four large guns, stopped here a short while this afternoon on a tour to get recruits and acquaint the public with army equipment.

## Judge Peel Calls Eight Cases Last Monday In Court

### Liquor Law Violator Sentenced to Six Months on the Roads

Eight cases were disposed of in the county recorder's court last Monday by Judge H. O. Peel who clamped down on alleged violators of the liquor laws in this county. Assistant Solicitor Robt. L. Coburn prosecuted the following cases:

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Fred Thomas was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. Geo. Smith, charged with violating the Alcoholic Beverage Control act, was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months.

The case charging Harvey Perry with an assault with a deadly weapon was not prosed.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging P. I. Williford with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Mary Davis, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to jail for 60 days, the court suspending judgment upon payment of one-half the case costs. The court suspended judgment for two years against Jim Davis, a second defendant in the case.

Charged with drunken driving, Robert Peel was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

Clyde Knight, charged with non-support, was directed to pay \$4 a month for six months to the court for use of an illegitimate child.

In a civil action of Geo. Nichols against Wm. Andrews, the court awarded the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$44.66. An appeal was noted, and the case goes to the superior court for trial.

The county court suspended its sessions during the next two weeks while the superior tribunal handles civil cases. Judge Peel will hold the next term on Monday, December 6.

## Oak City Woman Victim of Paralysis

Mrs. Sarah Belle Weathersby, 55, died at her home near Oak City last Saturday night at 7:30 from a stroke of paralysis she suffered at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of the deceased Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. J. N. Dendy, Presbyterian minister of Tarboro. Interment was made in the Bethel Cemetery.

Mrs. Weathersby is survived by her husband; three sons, Clyde Weathersby of Robersonville; Chester, of Edgecombe county and Ralph Weathersby of Washington; two daughters, Mrs. Mary E. McLawhorn of Aurora and Miss Hazel Weathersby of Oak City; also one brother, R. H. Lee of Norfolk, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Lucy Coltrane of Robersonville.

## Officers Take Three Stills In Two Days

Raiding in two townships Wednesday and yesterday, Special Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Bill Haslip captured three liquor stills and wrecked extensive manufacturing equipment.

Wednesday, the officers were in the Free Union Section of Jamesville Township where they destroyed a plant and 450 gallons of beer.

Yesterday, the officers found and destroyed an 80-gallon capacity copper still and poured out 1,200 gallons of beer and 15 gallons of liquor. The last plant was in operation when the officers entered the woods, but signals were fired and the operators escaped.

## NOT COMPLAINING

While eastern North Carolina's tobacco belt has had a very successful season as a whole, there are cases where farmers have experienced near failure in their operations.

"I am not grumbling, but I sold three acres of tobacco for a total of \$50," Herbert Callipher, county farmer, said this week. The farmer explained that his crop was late, and there was no quality.

Reports state that some checks for as little as five cents have been written in the belt this year, nearly everyone agreeing that the stellers in such cases should not offer such sorry tobacco for sale, that it would profit him more and help the general market more if they had used the sery leaf for fertilizer.

## Market Shows Added Strength as Stabilization Warehouses Start Receiving Peanuts at This Point

### Proclamation

Whereas, the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina have issued their proclamation setting aside Thursday, November 25th., as Thanksgiving Day and

Whereas, from the days of the Pilgrim Fathers it has been observed as an annual custom and

Whereas, our land has been free from storm and pestilence and blessed by Providence with wonderful harvests.

Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor of Williamston, do hereby proclaim this day as one of Thanksgiving for the people of the town of Williamston on that day and may every one repair to their various places of worship and carry in their hearts a deep sense of gratitude to our Creator for all these wonderful blessings.

J. L. HASSELL,  
Mayor.

## Employment Office Has Placed Fifty-one Applicants In Jobs

### Few More Than 200 Are Registered With the Service in County

Martin county and this area have been served by the State Employment Service in the past few weeks by having 51 people of this section located in jobs, both in public and private employment, according to figures available at the local office in the Town Hall. These jobs covered many kinds of employment, for both men and women.

Martin county at present has 212 people actively registered and in the files of the employment service. As rapidly as openings are located for each applicant, he is notified, and in most cases, employed if his qualifications are up to what the employer reasonably expects.

Any citizen may register, on any day in the week, at the offices in the Town Hall. As soon as a person registers, the full facilities of not only the local office, but cooperation of other state offices, begin working toward locating a suitable job for that person, in his regular occupation, or in any other work he is willing and qualified to do. The state and federal governments, cooperating in providing this extensive employment service for every citizen, invite all persons seeking a job to register; and any others as well, who for various reasons may not be in the line of work they are best qualified to do.

## Missing Man Back At Home In Rocky Mount

Disappearing after parking his truck on the main street here on the night of November 4 or early the following morning, J. H. Melton, young Rocky Mount man, showed up in that town on Tuesday of this week. No account of the man's travels during the nearly two weeks he was missing from home, could be had here, but it was reported that he had been working in Ashokle.

## Parents-Teachers Group Meet Here Wednesday

The Parent-Teachers association held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, November 17. The minutes were read and approved. Reports from the treasurer, membership and publicity committees were heard. The governor's proclamation concerning the membership drive that is being put on in the state was read and followed by the reading of the duties and qualifications of room representatives. After the very fine report of the lunch room committee, a count was taken of the number of parents and teachers representing each grade, the sixth and tenth grades again winning the attendance prizes.

The president, Mrs. Parker, then turned the meeting over to the chairman of the program committee, Miss Elliott. She presented Miss Eva Hogard, who sang "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes" and Rev. E. F. Moseley who spoke to us on the subject of "Educating for Peace."

## OPEN SEASON

The season for taking quail and rabbit opens in this county tomorrow, and hunters in increased numbers are expected to turn to the fields and woods in larger numbers. Reports state that more hunting licenses have been sold in this county this season than in years, and an increase is certain to follow as the quail season gets fully underway.

According to early reports, there are more game birds in this county than in years past, and a successful season is assured the sportsmen.

## Man Is Battered In Drunken Brawl

Garland Gurganus, employee of a local warehouse, was unmercifully beaten about his head and face at a special oyster roast at Mickey's Inn, near here, early last night, reports stating that while the man was badly beaten his condition is not considered serious.

No warrant had been issued in the case early today, and no authentic details of the attack could be had. However, several different versions were heard. It was claimed that the man was drinking and fell over a stool, inflicting injury. Another report stated that he was knocked down and trampled, that the names of the attackers were not known. The sheriff's office today had no authentic information about the attack, but it was rumored that a warrant would likely be drawn some time during the day.

Knocked unconscious, Gurganus was carried to the office of Dr. W. F. Evans where two or three stitches were taken to close a small gash just over the man's eye. Gurganus' face was bruised badly, but reports stated that no bones were broken.

## Mission Study Series Started On Monday

For the first time in Williamston there is being held a series of Mission Study Classes by the missionary societies of the various churches. The course of study is "The Moslem World," which was prescribed by all the national mission boards.

The first class was held in the Church of the Advent with Rev. E. F. Moseley leading. His subject was "An Airplane Trip over the Moslem World." His dissertation and explanations were very fine and were made more interesting on account of the fact that he had visited some of the countries where Mohammedanism is the principal religion.

A very fine crowd attended this class and even more are expected each week as the ministers and missionary societies are putting forth every effort to have all the members join the classes. In view of unsettled conditions in the world today a study of the oriental countries is very interesting.

## Number Farmers Make Deliveries As Houses Open

### Crop Measuring Up to Government Grades for Top Prices

Following the opening of two stabilization cooperative warehouses here yesterday, peanut prices advanced several points on the open market, and buyers appeared more interested in purchases than at any time since the crop started moving, the latter part of last month.

The open market has been more active during yesterday and today, and while deliveries were small the buyers are more active in their bidding and the farmer is receiving more than a casual reception when offering his crop for sale. Top prices on the open market yesterday were 3 1-4 cents.

Operation of two local government warehouses got underway yesterday on a small but steady scale, reports stating that more than a thousand bags of the crop were delivered during the day and that plans were made by farmers to start deliveries as rapidly as possible. The opening of the warehouses under the direction of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative at this point was not definitely determined until late Wednesday afternoon when a representative of the Department of Agriculture set up two organizations for handling the crop. Several farmers were ready to make deliveries at that time, and the news went out over the grapevine route late that afternoon and the farmers started moving their crop yesterday.

No one knows what the market trend will be, but unless the open price equals 3 1-4 cents, it is believed that large deliveries will be made to the bonded warehouses during these next few days. The two warehouses, Planters and Farmers here, are making preparations to handle several thousand bags daily. It is understood that arrangements are being made for additional storage space if necessary.

The government warehouses are using an exacting grading system, and the prices vary from about 3 to 3 1-4 cents a pound. If a crop grades less than 65 per cent meat, he is paid accordingly. Direct reports from the two warehouses here late yesterday stated that only one crop had graded less than 65 per cent meat, that in all but that one case, the growers received the price of 3 1-4 cents a pound.

## Medical Group Hold Meeting Wednesday

The medical profession throughout much of eastern North Carolina was represented at the semi-annual meeting of the Second District Medical Society here Wednesday evening. "Nearly 100 doctors were present and an enjoyable meeting was held," Dr. W. F. Evans, former secretary of the society, said this morning.

Following an informal session in the office of Dr. J. H. Saunders, the society repaired to the Woman's Club hall where a turkey dinner was served, and an interesting program was rendered. "The papers were very instructive, and the meeting was the most interesting and enjoyable I have ever attended," a member of the society stated.

## Plan Opening Wholesale Auto Parts Store Here

Arrangements were announced virtually complete for the opening of a wholesale auto parts store here within the next three or four weeks. N. B. Liles, partner in the operation of several stores in this state, plans to open a store in the Atlantic Hotel building some time in December. The store will handle automobile parts at wholesale only, it is understood.