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Slot Machines Are Now Operating In Few County Stores

Second Hearing Scheduled to Be Held in Raleigh on Thursday

While their legality hangs fire in the federal courts, slot machines or "silent salesmen" or as some better know them as "one-armed bandits" are operating in a few places in this county, according to information coming from the sheriff's office today. Two of the machines were running full blast a few days ago in the George Reynolds hotel and in a filling station at the Jamesville-Washington road intersections, reports reaching the sheriff's office.

Faced with a restraining order, Sheriff Roebuck reiterated today his plan announced last week when he explained that he would not confiscate a single one of the machines or interrupt their operation until Judge I. M. Meekins, of the federal courts, rescinds or cancels the injunction. "As far as I am concerned, they are being operated legally in this county at the present time, but if the order is vacated the machine owners had better moved them in a hurry," the officer said from his sick bed this week.

To Formulate Rules For County Tourney

The several high school athletic coaches in the county are to meet in the Williamston High School building Friday afternoon of this week to formulate rules and determine dates for a county-wide basketball tourney. Most of the schools are planning to participate in the county championship contest, and they will be represented in most cases by both the boys' and girls' teams.

County Teachers To Get Fifth Month Salaries

White teachers in the Martin County schools will receive their fifth month salaries within the next day or two. Checks for approximately \$11,000 are being drawn in the office of the board of education today. Salaries for colored teachers will be paid next week.

Open Season Again for State, District, and County Politics

With the primaries just four months off, state, district and county politicians are now opening the season with their candidacies, interest to the voters of this section centering at the present on a promised senatorial contest in the second district. No candidacies for other offices except a judgeship have been filed in this district or county up to the present time, but an interesting list is said to be in the making.

Three Critically Hurt When Tank Explodes

COMMISSION

Messrs. B. F. Perry, J. K. King and J. O. Manning were named on a commission yesterday by Town Attorney Robert L. Coburn to assess damages if any that will follow the opening of a street through the J. B. Cherry property, near the Atlantic Coast Line extension and Smithwick street. The commission is expected to file its report within ten days from last Saturday. A commission, first named to assess damages if any, was dismissed some time ago when it returned what was considered an unfavorable report for the town. The first commissioners, Messrs. W. H. Biggs, C. O. Moore and P. H. Brown, allowed Mr. Cherry \$750.

Highwaymen Rob Traveller Here

Held up by two colored men at the intersection of the Jamesville and Washington roads here at one o'clock yesterday morning, a white man whose name was given as Ange was robbed of \$47.00 in cash.

Coming into Williamston on a late bus from Elizabeth City, Mr. Ange walked to the road intersection and was waiting to catch a ride to Plymouth where he is employed by the North Carolina Pulp company. While waiting there two colored men approached him and asked for a cigarette. He willingly obliged, and the cigarettes had hardly passed hands when a pistol was stuck in his back, the men directing him to walk down Sycamore street toward the municipal water plant. Just before reaching there, he was told to turn and cross the municipal tennis courts. From there he was marched to a dark spot along the Plymouth railroad branch and robbed. While his life was threatened, he was not harmed.

Police were notified, and they called bloodhounds from the prison camp, the dogs losing the track near Roberson's slaughter house, near the fairgrounds. Police worked on the case all day yesterday and part of last night without success.

Raise \$100.40 At President's Ball Last Friday Night

The President's Ball here last Friday night netted \$100.40 for carrying on the fight against infantile paralysis, Chairman L. T. Fowden announcing today that the charity event received a stronger support this year than it did last.

To Undergo Operation In Washington Hospital

W. T. Padgett, critically injured the early part of last December by gunshot, will undergo a major operation in a Washington hospital some time this week, reports received from the hospital last evening stated. His bladder shot away, Padgett will be given one possibly from a sheep, it was unofficially learned. The man, shot by Clayton Beacham, is getting along unusually well at the present time.

First Car Poultry Loaded In County

Martin County farmers cooperatively shipped their first carload of poultry of the season last week, the shipment moving out of Oak City Sunday morning for the New York market.

Start Canvass For Funds To Finance Local Ball Team

Estimate \$2,000 Will Be Necessary to Supplement Gate Receipts

Starting this morning the task of raising \$2,000 in cash, canvassers will learn by tomorrow night whether Williamston will have professional baseball this coming season. Early reports from Solicitors R. H. Goodman and Pete Fowden were encouraging, but the \$2,000 goal was still in the dim background at that time. If just a few offer substantial donations, the rank and file of the community citizenship will offer an able support, it was stated.

Costs for operating the club last season amounted to \$11,530.76, the treasurer stating this morning there was a deficit of \$56.62. A financial statement for the season follows:

Miscellaneous expense	\$ 3,897.84
Umpire expense, local	221.47
Umpires' salaries	487.00
Players' salaries	4,551.15
Manager's salary	1,250.00
Other salaries	272.25
Lilley Bros. grandstand	851.05
Total	\$11,530.76
Gate receipts	\$ 7,728.60
St. Louis, agreement	1,470.00
Donations	1,316.65
Advertising	879.50
Total	\$11,474.14
Deficit	\$56.62

The item of miscellaneous expense includes training period cost, transportation, balls, bats, bases, dues, etc. The expenses of umpires were charged to the club while the umpires were in Williamston. Other salaries went to the score keeper, janitor, ground keeper, ticket takers and sellers. As owners of the grandstand, Lilley brothers receive one-half of the receipts or \$851.05 for the past season.

The working agreement with St. Louis called for \$1,500, but two per cent of that amount was held back for use by the national association.

Farm Bill To Get Attention Shortly

Waiting its turn while the Senate filibustered week after week, the farm bill is expected to get consideration before Saturday of this week. At the present time, the Congress is wrangling over a federal housing measure, but reports indicate that that bill will be out of the way in time for Congress to start final work on the farm measure.

Large Numbers Apply For Farm Security Financing

Large numbers of Martin County farmers are turning to the Farm Security administration for funds in financing their 1938 activities. David Modlin, field supervisor for this and Edgecombe counties, stating today that 39 applications were received at his office Monday. It was the largest number of applications ever received by the office in a single day, he said.

LIBRARY CALL

The Williamston Public Library committee is issuing a call to all those who made pledges in the recent campaign, asking them to address checks to Mrs. J. C. Cooke, treasurer, as early as possible. "We want to get all the pledges paid up and start something within the very near future," Rev. J. L. Goff said this morning.

New Post Office Building To Be Located on Hoyt Property

Williamston's new postoffice will be located on the Simpson or Hoyt property on East Main street, according to information released yesterday by Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden. The bid entered by Mr. Frederick Hoyt, owner of the property, was accepted yesterday morning. Mr. Fowden explained. Receiving bids from five property owners, the Treasury department has been nearly six weeks in selecting a site.

The delay in selecting a site is expected to forestall construction work until early fall, it is thought. Mr. Fowden said yesterday that Mr. Hoyt will be given thirty days following notification to clear the property for the new building.

Formal Opening Here For Equipment Firm

Demonstration, Free Movies and Lunch to Feature the Program

Plans were announced virtually complete today for an interesting and entertaining program marking the formal opening of the North Carolina Equipment Company here on Saturday of this week. Hundreds of farmers are expected here during the day—the officials of the company stating that they were making every effort to make the program enjoyable for their guests.

The program will center around demonstrations of nearly every type of machine used on the farm, free moving pictures and a barbecue dinner. Factory representatives and others from the main office in Raleigh will be here to assist in the program, and the machinery demonstrations are certain to prove of value to farmers of this and adjoining counties. The moving picture, taken in the huge plant of the International Harvester company at Chicago and Milwaukee, is unusually entertaining. The picture will also show International machines handling nearly every task on the farm. It will be brought here by a special representative of the company. A large order has been placed for barbecue which will be served free. Officials of the company ask that every farmer who can attend to fill in the invitation blank and return it to them as soon as possible.

While the program marks the formal opening of the new business in this section, activities of the day will follow an informal course. The firm will open early that morning and receive farmers at any time. Dinner will be served at 12:30, and demonstrations will be held during the day. The moving pictures will be shown from time to time.

Officials of the company are expected here from several of the large offices in the country. Mr. A. E. Finley, president of the North Carolina Equipment Company and general manager of the branch here will attend from Raleigh. Messrs. J. R. Register, W. C. Calton, and J. M. Kennedy, also of Raleigh, will accompany.

Williamston Loses To Washington Hi

The boys basketball team of Williamston high school suffered defeat by a score of 39 to 19 last Friday night in a game played in Washington high school's gymnasium. With Kelly and Duke shooting freely for a total of 21 points, the Beaufort county boys were never in danger. Williamston's attack netted only seven field goals as offensive drives bogged down repeatedly in the neighborhood of the basket. Riddick with four field goals and Peele with three, accounted for all of Williamston's action shots, the other five points coming from the free throw line.

Boys and girls teams will go into action again on the local court to night at 7:30 when they engage Hertford in a doubleheader. Hertford was victorious in both games played early in the season, but the locals plan to even the count to night.

Dr. W. F. Evans To Leave February 15 For Special Study

Dr. V. E. Brown Comes To Day Over Practice

Dr. W. F. Evans, well-known local physician, will leave about the 15th of this month for a year's study in several of the leading medical schools of the country, the physician announcing just before departing for a brief vacation down in Florida last Saturday, that he planned to resume his practice in Williamston possibly the early part of next year.

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ASSISTANT CLERK

Miss Mary Elizabeth Keel, young Martin County girl, has been appointed assistant to Clerk of Court L. Bruce Wynne, it was announced yesterday by Mr. Wynne following the death of Deputy Clerk A. Hassell in a Washington hospital last Thursday. Miss Keel has been assisting the clerk during the illness of Mr. Hassell.

Coach Martin Says Charges Unfounded

Accusations advanced by an Elizabeth City paper sports writer or representative and directed against the referee and umpire in the Elizabeth City-Jamesville basketball game played in Williamston week before last were declared unfounded by Coach Russell Martin, of Jamesville, today. It was pointed out that the game went into extra periods, that a called foul in the first extra period enabled Elizabeth City to tie the score.

Jamesville Forms Commerce Group

Showing an unusual interest in the advancement of their town and community, twenty or more progressive citizens have perfected a chamber of commerce in Jamesville, the organization taking on a degree of permanency last night when officers and committees were named.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck Enters Hospital Today

Suffering with an infected tooth, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was removed to a Washington hospital for treatment at noon today. The officer was reported suffering much pain, and his condition, while not critical, demands hospital attention, his physicians advised this morning.

W. B. Daniel and Jim Staton Vouch for Unusual Dog Story

Some time during the latter part of the past century, Tabitha Leggett and his family pulled up their stakes, packed their earthly belongings in a covered wagon, crawled aboard and started the long trek into Tennessee, an old hound dog named Wagner following on foot. The Leggetts lived in the Macedonia section and old Wagner enjoyed his native haunts. However, the hound respected his master and made the long and tiresome journey across the Great Smoky Mountains.

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