

County Authorities Order Past Due Tax Accounts Advertised

Short Session Is Held By Commissioners on Monday

Holding one of its shortest sessions in many months, the Board of Martin County Commissioners Monday ordered the 1937 delinquent tax list advertised for sale the first Monday in October, the tax collector, in accordance with the order, making immediate arrangements to notify all property owners who have not settled their 1937 tax accounts of the board's action. No statement of county tax collections for the year 1937 is available at this time, the collector stating that a large majority of the property owners had paid their taxes and that a few had settled their accounts for 1938 already.

While the order to advertise the 1937 delinquent accounts was being issued, the editor's office was busily engaged preparing the 1938 tax books which will be turned over to the collector on or about the middle of next week.

Having very little business on the day's calendar, the commissioners worked through the lunch hour and adjourned early in the afternoon after handling routine matters and receiving petitions for opening two roads in the county.

A petition, carrying the names of 28 citizens, was placed before the board urging the opening of a road from Keys' colored school house to the Jamesville and Washington highway, a distance of about one and one-half miles. The petitioners, offering good argument in advancing their claim, pointed out that the proposed route will connect two roads and shorten the distance of travel for a large number of people. At the present time, a small woods path is being used and in certain periods of the year children have to wade through water to get to school it was pointed out.

The board was asked to recommend an improvement program for a road leading off U. S. No. 64 about three miles from Williamston and running by Johnnie Savage and the Meador farms, a distance of about seven-tenths of a mile.

The sale of the Whitehurst lands under deed of trust owned by the county was ordered, and J. Dillon Padgett was relieved of poll tax on account of physical disability.

Bicycle Theft Ring Broken Here Today

Operating out of Tarboro, a small bicycle theft ring was broken here today with the arrest of Raymond Carney, young Tarboro colored man, and Johnnie B. Williams, Williams Township colored youth. Six of seven bicycles stolen in Tarboro during the past few weeks had been recovered at noon today, and officers were searching for a seventh one at that time.

Carney, stealing the wheels on Tarboro streets, would ride them here and dispose of them at bargain prices, reports stating that he sold one for as little as 25 cents. Most of the bicycles were sold to colored boys in the rural sections near here.

Dissatisfied with his limited operations, Carney is said to have expanded his business last Saturday and drafted the Williams boys into service, and they started bringing down two stolen wheels for sale. Local officers became suspicious, and an investigation was started. Tarboro officers were notified and they effected the arrest of Carney last evening. The Williams boy was arrested this morning.

Addresses Maple Grove Sunday School Assembly

W. R. Roberson, Washington business man, addressed the Maple Grove church school last Sunday morning. The speaker, delivering an interesting talk, was heard by a large group.

The Sunday school there is numbered among the largest in the county.

Large Crowds Attending Services At Piney Grove

Conducting a series of revival services in the Piney Grove Baptist church, Rev. James H. Smith is preaching to large congregations this week. The meeting will continue into Sunday, September 11, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Biggs, of High Point, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Fannie Biggs here Sunday, after spending a few days at Nags Head.

Farmers Pledge Their Continued Support of Tobacco Control Plan

AGGRAVATED

Crowded conditions reported in the Jamesville school second grade on opening day last Thursday are being aggravated, Principal J. T. Uzzle explaining that the number of second-graders had increased from 63 to 70 and there's a possibility of a further expansion.

Attendance records are being watched closely in all the schools these days, some believing they will be entitled to additional teachers while others are fearful of losing a teacher.

Man Fails In Effort To End His Life In Parmele Last Night

Vernon Whitehurst, Shot Through Shoulder, In Serious Condition

Vernon Whitehurst, young son of Mrs. J. L. Whitehurst, is in a critical condition in a Greenville hospital following an attempt at suicide at his home in Parmele last evening about eight o'clock. No late reports have been received, but the 22-year-old boy's condition was reported critical shortly after he fired a load of shot into his left shoulder.

Going to the store of W. C. Whitehurst in Parmele just before eight o'clock, young Whitehurst said that he was tired of living, that life held no bright outlook for him and he was going home and kill himself. While at the store he bought three gun shells and a package of cigarettes. Little attention was given the remarks, but a few minutes later a gun shot was heard and the boy was found critically injured. He had attempted to fire the load into his heart, but the aim was high and all the shot tore into the left shoulder. He had removed one of his shoes and pushed the trigger with one of his toes.

Reports reaching here today indicated that the boys had been drinking, that he was desponded and declared he was tired of living. After receiving first aid treatment, Whitehurst was removed to a Greenville hospital.

Building and Loan Opens Stock Series

Opening the 42nd stock series last Saturday, the Martin County Building and Loan Association today reported more than 200 shares sold and applications for nearly 300 additional shares. Wheeler Martin, secretary of the organization, explained that the sale was certain to pass the 500-share mark within the next two or three weeks.

Most of those buying stock in the current series are planning a consistent saving program, but quite a few are buying stock in anticipation of financing building plans, it was pointed out.

Quite a few new shareholders are being added to the list, reports stating that a resident of New York has purchased a number of shares in the current series.

Father Of Mrs. Barnhill Dies In Clinton Monday

Funeral services for Mr. De Wooding Wood, father of Mrs. Leman Barnhill, of Williamston, were held in LaGrange last Tuesday afternoon following a long period of declining health. He was 79 years old. Mr. Wood, who had visited here on many occasions, left a few days before to visit his daughter, Mrs. Guy Dawson, at Clinton. Taken ill while there, his condition suddenly became critical and he died on Monday.

Mr. Wood was a prominent citizen of Lenoir County, taking an active interest in education and the affairs of his county. Besides Mrs. Wood, he is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Fred S. Isler, Mrs. J. P. Walters and Mrs. R. M. Adams, of La Grange; Mrs. Guy Dawson, of Clinton and Mrs. Leman Barnhill, of Williamston; and two sons, W. C. Wood and D. Styron Wood, both of La Grange; also a large number of grandchildren and other close relatives.

The Rev. C. A. Jarman, of Wilson, assisted by the Rev. Perry Case, of Grifton, conducted the services. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery in La Grange.

Mass Meetings Are Held In Number of Counties Saturday

Psychological Wave of Dissatisfaction Fades In Meetings

The psychological wave of dissatisfaction sweeping over eastern North Carolina faded almost in its entirety when thousands of tobacco farmers gathered in huge mass meetings last Saturday afternoon in eight county courthouses and pledged a continued support for the federal crop program. In the meetings farmers expressed dissatisfaction with current tobacco prices, but when the proposition of control or no control was presented in the form of a question, they answered almost unanimously in favor of control for next year.

Over in Greenville where much opposition was centered on the size of the quotas, only two out of an estimated 2,000 people voiced opposition to the control program. "Throw them out," the crowd roared when the identity of the opponents was determined.

In most of the eight meetings, farmers packed the courthouses to overflowing, some standing in windows and aisles. Some expressed with emphasis that the manufacturers were trying to contribute to the downfall of control, that there is little excuse for tobacco prices to drop from the high point paid in Georgia to the current low level.

Soil conservation leaders at the meeting in Greenville urged against the transfer of surplus marketing cards to those failing to conform to the control program requirements. The transfer is legal, however.

A review of the activities in the meeting shows that only six out of an estimated 1,000 in Wilson voted against their crop control.

H. D. Godfrey of the N. C. State College Extension Bureau, said that the moment control is abandoned, the state would lose its place as the third most prosperous state in the Union.

Asked why tobacco prices had dropped, he answered that no poundage allotments had been made when the Georgia and border markets opened.

When a howl went up from planters, he said, the buyer told themselves, "if they're going to do away with control there's no use paying high prices this year."

The farmers resolved that "we will vote and work for control in the referendum of 1939 if a referendum should be declared necessary and called."

Dissatisfied farmers were instructed to seek adjustment through the county review committees. Planters were called upon to refrain from "unjust, thoughtless and uninformed criticism," of the program.

This year, the farmers said, "we can better afford to pay five cents a pound or even a penalty of 50 per cent on small percentage excess poundage than lose five cents a pound or more on our entire crop by a slump in prices which has already begun."

At Kinston five hundred tobacco growers met, pledged support of Federal control of crop acreage and resolved to vote for control next year if a referendum should be ordered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the view that current "low" prices were due to buyers' belief that control was doomed and an enormous crop would be produced.

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Circus Comes Friday For Two Performances

Followers of the "big top" will see some of the world's best acts when they attend Downie Brothers' circus at the fair grounds here on Friday of this week. Unofficial but reliable reports state that the show has annexed several features from the big Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus.

The management of the show through a special arrangement with The Enterprise is reducing admission prices to all kiddies in this section. A coupon appears in this paper and each child clipping the coupon and presenting it to the ticket agent at the show grounds gains admission for fifteen cents.

Big Civil Docket Awaits Attention Of Superior Court

Seventy-one Cases Placed On Calendar for Trial In September

Convening the two weeks term of Martin County Superior Court on September 19, Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, will find a crowded civil calendar awaiting his attention. Two days of the term have been set aside for the trial of criminal actions, the first of the civil cases to be called on Wednesday morning, September 21.

No startling cases appear on the civil calendar, and other than the litigants and witnesses the civil proceedings are not expected to attract the attention of but very few people.

The calendar carries the following cases:

Wednesday, Sept. 21: Fertilizer Co. v. Simpson; Hyman v. Williams; Fertilizer Co. versus Aycock; Harrison Bros. against Price; Harrison Bros. vs. Griffin; Harrison Bros. vs. Peel; Everett v. Matthews; Gilliam v. Speller; Oil Company versus Robinson; Sitterson vs. Grimes and Rob-buck.

Thursday, Sept. 22: Fertilizer Co. v. Jordan; Williams vs. Edwards; Walters v. Smithwick; Chemical Co. against Whitfield; Fertilizer Co. vs. Carter; Credit Co. c. Watts; Gray versus Griffin; Alexander v. Griffin; Purvis versus Griffin.

Friday, Sept. 23: Harrison v. Rogers; Davis vs. Ruffin; VanNortwick vs. Jones; Strawbridge v. Cherry.

Monday, Sept. 26: Leggett v. Motor Co.; Dawson vs. Everett; James, Adm. vs. Bishop; Staton against Johnson; Frank v. Ebron; Cooke vs. Ebron; Gurganus versus Barber; Lilley v. Hut et al; Grimes vs. Close; Mobley against Mason; Fertilizer Co. v. Aycock; Fertilizer Co. versus Anderson; Fertilizer Co. against Briley; Fertilizer Co. v. Evans.

Tuesday, Sept. 27: Fertilizer Co. v. Gladstone; Fertilizer Co. vs. Cox; Fertilizer Co. versus White; Fertilizer Co. v. Galloway; Fertilizer Co. v. Baker; Fertilizer Co. vs. Gladstone; Fertilizer Co. against Morris; Anderson, Rec. v. Strawbridge; Wynn v. Wynn; Fertilizer Co. versus Ellis; Fertilizer Co. v. Brown; Martin vs. Cowen; Peel vs. Bailey; Harrison Bros. v. Hopkins; Fertilizer Co. v. Moore; Credit Co. versus Parker.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: Dixon versus Fass; Jones v. Morgan et al; Fertilizer Co. v. Worsley; Harrison Bros. v. Perry; Roberson against Holliday; Bowen v. Hassell; Col-train v. Frances; Moore vs. Cherry; Chesson v. Cherry; Leggett versus Brown.

Thursday, Sept. 29: Jones v. McKirby; Jones v. McKirby; Spencer versus Spencer; Strawbridge against Cherry; Ida Moore, adm. v. Wilson; Harrell vs. Daniel; Matthews against Bell; Smithwick v. Smithwick.

Arguing Cases In Supreme Tribunal

Attorneys B. A. Critcher, R. L. Coburn and E. S. Peel are in Raleigh today arguing cases before the State Supreme Court.

In one of the cases, Sam Briley versus Roberson, Attorney Coburn is asking for a new trial. Briley, when the case was called twice in the Martin Superior Court, maintained that he gave what he thought was a mortgage on his farm, that three years after giving the paper to Roberson he learned it was a deed, that he was ordered to vacate the property. He also points out that during the three years he bought materials from the defendant and does not deny an account charged against him by the defendant. The plaintiff took a voluntary non-suit when the case was first called, and later Judge Clawson Williams non-suited the case, the plaintiff appealing to the high court.

In the second case, Everett against Salsbury, the defense is appealing from a judgment in the superior court. Everett was awarded a judgment in the sum of about \$600 for damages alleged to have resulted when the defense cut timber on certain lands of disputed ownership. An appeal was noted by the defense.

Tobacco Stolen From Martin County Farmer

Approximately 500 pounds of good quality tobacco were stolen from Robert Coltrain, Bear Grass Township farmer, last Sunday night. The tobacco was graded and ready for market.

The theft, the first reported in the county this season, is believed to have taken place while services were underway in the Macedonia church, a short distance away.

Tobacco Sales Continue To Hold Gain Reported During Friday of Last Week on the Local Market

Will Receive Bids for New Post Office Here Next Week

Bids for the construction of a new postoffice building here will be received by the government on or before Thursday of next week, Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden was advised by the Acting Assistant Director of Procurement through Congressman Lindsay C. Warren today.

"With the exception of the determination of the rate of wage for this project by the Department of Labor, which information has been promised within the next day or two, the drawings and specifications are now complete and ready for the market," the director advised Mr. Fowden.

Action on the project was taken following recent telephone call to the department from Congressman Warren, and local postal authorities are confident construction work will

get underway within the next month or six weeks.

The deed for the lot is scheduled for definite transfer tomorrow morning. A check representing the purchase price, is ready for delivery to Frederick W. Hoyt, owner of the Main Street site where the \$78,000 building will be located.

Considerable delay in advancing the project has been experienced because of a strict title guarantee requirement by the government. Ownership to the lot was traced back 108 years and there was little ground to dispute the claim, but the government insisted that the property be identified as a part of the original layout of the town. All details have been handled in advancing a valid deed and Mr. Hoyt is expected to make immediate plans to clear the property.

Town Officials Fix Tax Rate at \$2.60 for 1938

Budget Calls For A Total Of \$65,614.00 For Current Year

Commissioners Handle Varied Program of Business Last Evening

A tax rate of \$2.60 was tentatively adopted by the local town commissioners in regular session here last night for the current fiscal year, the levy to raise approximately \$44,200. Final adoption awaits public inspection and approval by the local government commission in Raleigh.

Starting the new year with a cash balance of \$10,000, the town treasury anticipates the need of \$65,614 to maintain its several departments and meet bond-interest requirements. Despite an increase of \$14,620 in bond-principal requirements, the authorities are holding the rate at the same figure in effect last year. The \$2.60 rate, figured on a \$1,700,000 assessed property valuation, it is estimated, will raise approximately \$28,000. Other sources of revenue including that from collection of prior years' taxes, privileges, licenses, paving assessments, profits from the A. B. C. store, water and rents will increase the revenue to \$65,614.

The budget sets aside for general administration, \$6,165 this year compared with \$6,669.90 last year; for the fire department, \$1,360 compared with \$1,450.34 last year; for the police department, \$6,655, compared with \$6,586.80 in 1937; for the street department, \$6,460, compared with \$6,392.29; for debt service, \$38,920, compared with \$25,174.49 a year ago, and for the water department, \$6,054, compared with \$5,916.33 in 1937.

The budget was forwarded to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh today, and its final adoption is expected shortly at a special meeting of the board.

The business calendar last evening touched on a varied program, one that had to do with the issuance of \$72,000 improvements bonds, water supply, the fire department and a new cemetery.

Preliminary plans were made to have the bonds offered for sale immediately, and Attorney Coburn is

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Annual Fall Meeting to Be Held at Roberson's Chapel

On Friday night of this week, the members of the Roberson's Chapel Presbyterian church will begin their annual fall meeting. The meeting this year is to be conducted by the Rev. R. K. Davenport, of Greensboro, who is the regular evangelist for the Synod of North Carolina.

Services will be held each night at eight p. m. Friday, the 9th through Sunday the 18th. On Sunday, the 18th, the members of the church will have a home coming and roll call. The Christian people of this community are invited to partake of this spiritual feast with the membership.

Inferior Quality of Offerings Is Holding Price Average Down

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Youths Leave For Various Schools

Thirty-five local young girls and boys have left or will leave within the next few days for colleges and schools in several states.

Included in the list are: J. D. Bowen, Ben Manning and John Pope, Jr., Duke University, Durham.

Burras Critcher, Jr., John Fleming Thigpen and Carlyle Hill, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill.

Herbert Whitley and J. L. Mobley, State College, Raleigh.

Miss Alta Critcher, Meredith College, Raleigh.

Miss Blanche Harrison, Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.

Marvin Roberson, RCA Radio School, New York.

Billie Biggs, Fishburne School, Waynesboro, Va.

Ned Cunningham and Jimmie Watts, Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga.

Ray Goodman, Jr., Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Va.

George Lee Roberson, S. W. Manning and Pete Egan, Campbell College, Buies Creek.

Miss Evelyn Lilley, Elon College, Elon.

Kimbo Saunders, Howard Cone, Billie Griffin, Billie Clark, Charles Daniel, Milton James, Whit Purvis and Tom Crockett, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Jack Baker Saunders, Virginia Episcopal school, Lynchburg, Va.

Misses Mary Helen Boykin and Addie Lee Meador, East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville.

Harry Taylor, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Charles Manning, Thad Harrison, Edgar Gurganus and Walter Cooke, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest.

Jim Rhodes, Jr., Medical College of Virginia, Richmond.

Reg Manning, Florida Military College, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Clifton Malone, Louisburg College, Louisburg.