

## Many Cases Cleared From Civil Docket In Superior Court

### Comparatively Large Number of Divorces Granted By Court To Date

Completing the trial of criminal cases last Wednesday afternoon, the Martin County Superior court, in a two weeks' mixed term, is clearing a goodly number of cases from the civil cases as the term progresses. There is yet plenty of work for the court to handle, however. Several divorce cases have already been placed before the court, the applicants charging two years' separation in every one called to date.

Proceedings: Alonza Hardison was granted an absolute divorce from Emma Pugh Hardison.

A divorce was granted Rosa Williams Outerbridge against S. T. Outerbridge.

In the case of J. S. Gurganus against Barber, a compromise was effected, the plaintiff receiving \$400 for alleged personal damages and paying the case costs of about \$8.

Suing for damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant's truck crashed into a wagon near Williamston several weeks ago, William Stokes received \$349 from the firm of Byrum, Old and Eaton.

Proving an upright character for truth and honesty, Sylvester Taylor had his citizenship rights restored by the court last week.

In its case against J. Y. Aycock, the Standard Fertilizer Company was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$2,706.45.

Daisy Mae Bowen was granted a divorce in her case against Leman Bowen on the grounds of two years separation.

The Universal Credit Company was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$494 in its case against W. B. Watts.

In the case of Davison Chemical Company against J. B. Whitfield, the plaintiff took a voluntary non-suit and was taxed with the cost.

The case of J. D. Bowen, trading as a partner of Bowen Brothers, against James A. Hassell and Victory Hassell was settled by agreement, the plaintiff to receive \$119.31.

A compromise was effected in the case of Gabriel Williams, administrator, against Carl Edward, H. Glenn and H. C. Norman.

In the case of Curlew Gilliam, Lee L. Brown and Catherine Hill against Mattie B. Speller, the defendant is to pay taxes due for the past several years by next March or forfeit life-time rights to property on Williamston's Washington and White Streets.

In the case of Roy Harrison, guardian, against G. U. and John Russell Rogers, the court sustained a deed of trust given by W. R. Harrison to the defendants.

A consent judgment was recorded in the case of J. F. Terry against Arch Whitaker, the plaintiff to receive possession of certain lands.

The plaintiff took a voluntary non-suit in the case of W. W. Walters against Mrs. Emily Smithwick.

In the case of Tenner Staton against H. S. Johnson and D. G. Matthews, the court ordered the sale of certain lands under deed of trust to satisfy \$150 claim held by defendants against plaintiff.

## Farm Life School Damaged By Fire Early Yesterday

### Citizens in Community Do Good Job To Save Building

Its origin unknown, fire slightly damaged the Farm Life School building in Griffins Township early yesterday morning, first reports from the thriving little community indicating that the fire had gained so much headway it could not be stopped. Summoned by hurried messages over a rural telephone system, citizens of the community rushed there and working as veterans stopped the fire after it had burned small areas between the first floor and basement ceiling in two rooms. The work of the volunteers would have done credit to a city fire-fighting department.

Discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly Griffin at 5:30, the fire was blazing at a window on the south side of the building, the first volunteers to reach there finding smoke pouring from the building. Braving a choking smoke, Lawrence Griffins (Continued on page six)

## "BOOKMOBILE" IN COUNTY NEXT WEEK



Operated by the Works Progress Administration, a traveling library will operate in Martin County all next week, distributing books to people in rural communities throughout the county. It is the first "bookmobile" ever to operate in this county, and the sponsors are anxious for Martin citizens to patronize the traveling library. Books will be lent without cost to the borrower, arrangements having been made to collect the books two weeks later. Watch for the "bookmobile", and plan to borrow a book.

## County To Have Part In Defense Maneuvers

### REVOCATIONS

Since the automobile drivers' law was instituted, 18,580 automobile drivers have lost their licenses in this State, according to a report released by the State Motor Vehicle Bureau in Raleigh last week-end. The number of licenses lost by drunken or reckless driving is not available, but a preliminary review of the records shows that the number this year is smaller than it was last year for a corresponding period.

## Hope For Peace, Europe Continues Mad Rush to Arms

### Hitler Will Not Yield in His Claim For Little Czechoslovakia

While hoping for peace, all Europe today continues its mad rush to arms as the turning point next Friday midnight draws near. Some observers in the diplomatic world already say that war cannot be averted, but others cling to the feeble hope that Hitler, master of Germany, will withdraw his extra demands, accept a portion of Czechoslovakia and guarantee peace for a few more weeks or possibly for a few months.

Sir Horace Wilson, British envoy, flew to Germany yesterday to further negotiations for peace and to state the position of Russia, France and England in the event Czechoslovakia is invaded.

Germany's mad man first demanded that territory of Czechoslovakia occupied principally by Germans. His next demand took in all of Czechoslovakia except a strip about thirty miles wide, moving the border to within about 20 miles of the little country's capital. Hitler then would not guarantee boundary lines, and in his speech yesterday afternoon he said that he would not yield his demand.

The Nazi leader made a strong appeal to the Germans, but his appearance was more in the form of a 'pep' talk often held for a football team entraining for foreign territory. He offered a brave front on the surface but the man's voice trembled with fear underneath when he tried to justify his own position and place the blame for the pending flare-up on the democratic nations. He "courted" Italy's Mussolini much during the speech that captivated the German nation and commanded attention throughout the world. (Continued on page six)

### HANDLE CARDS

For the convenience of farmers, the Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade, Henry Johnson, supervisor, is buying all surplus marketing cards, paying the maximum price of five cents a pound. Any farmer who has a surplus and wishes to sell it is advised to see Mr. Johnson on the Williamston market at any time.

The board of trade has effected the exchange of thousands of pounds of surplus for the convenience of both the seller and buyer.

## Offering New Plan For Curtailment of Cotton Production

### Association Head Maintains No Cotton Should Be Planted

J. Skottowe Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, realizing the present plight of the staple, is proposing a drastic movement to limit production, wipe out the present surplus and raise the price. In a statement issued last week on the eve of cotton conference to be held in Washington this week Wannamaker said, "We will never reduce the cotton surplus while the Government is working it."

It is quite evident that the association and its president are for control after a more drastic pattern than that cut out by the government AAA.

Every farmer, he said, "plants his allotted acreage on his best land, applies all the fertilizer that he would have used on his full acreage and cultivates this reduced acreage intensely, and is breaking the record in cotton production."

A plan will be offered at the cotton conference in Washington on Sept. 30 to dispose of the unwieldy surplus of cotton now being carried by the government and to prevent an increase in this surplus," Wannamaker said.

"This plan is similar to the plan used by the cotton growers through the activities of the American Cotton Association under similar conditions in the past. With cotton selling below the cost of production, farmers of financial means purchased the amount of cotton they would produce under normal conditions and did not permit the planting of any cotton on their lands.

"As an illustration, in 1925, when cotton prices declined to six cents per pound under the systematized campaign cotton farmers throughout the South took out of production a record acreage of cotton and purchased the cotton while it was selling below the cost of production that would have been produced on these lands under normal conditions in 1921, '22 and '23. As a result, the unwieldy surplus was destroyed, cotton prices advanced from six cents in the fall of 1920 to 23 cents in 1921, 32 cents in 1922 and 37 cents in 1923."

The new plan, Wannamaker said, would be an amendment to the present act permitting the grower to purchase from the surplus government cotton the amount he would have produced on his allotted acreage based on his five-year acreage yield.

"In the fall of 1939, if the farmer has complied and has not permitted or planted cotton on his lands, he is to be paid the same amount for compliance that he would have been paid had he planted the cotton and be delivered from the surplus carried by the government his five-year average production on his allotted land not planted."

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## Rev. Darst Will Make Annual Visit October 2

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will make his annual visit to the Church of the Advent and St. Martin's, Hamilton, on Sunday, October 2. He will preach here at the eleven o'clock service in the morning and at Hamilton at 7:30 at night. Bishop Darst is recognized as one of the outstanding preachers in this country today. The people of the community are cordially invited to attend both services. (Continued on page six)

## Williamston's Annual Fair Gets Underway Early This Afternoon With Elaborate Events Program

### Official Fair Program

The official Williamston Fair program follows:

**Wednesday, Sept. 28 — Farmers Day**  
12:00 Noon—Gates open to public. Art Lewis on midway.  
12:15 P.M.—Farmers Program with Congressman John Kerr and other widely-known speakers participating.  
2:30 P. M.—Grandstand attractions including mule races.  
8:00 P. M.—Grandstand attractions, featuring "National Barn Dance" presented by special cast from WLS, Chicago. Fireworks.

**Thursday, Sept. 29 — Running Races**  
2:30 P. M.—Two big running races with best horses in country on the track.  
4:30 P. M.—Big day on the midway for all.  
8:00 P. M.—Grandstand attractions with added fireworks program display.

**Friday, Sept. 30 — "Thrill Day"**  
2:00 P. M.—Austin C. Wilson and his Hell Drivers. "Suicide" Wilson has got more than most when it comes to breath-taking acts.  
8:00 P. M.—Complete grandstand program, followed by attractions on the midway.

**Saturday, October 1 — Everybody's Day**  
12:00 Noon—Gates open.  
2:30 P. M.—Two running races.  
8:00 P. M.—Grandstand attractions.  
Special: Watch for Art Lewis' airplane dropping free tickets to the Fair.

## Record Sales Are Reported on Williamston Market Monday

Tobacco sales, holding a marginal lead over those a year ago, established a new record yesterday following the big opening on August 26, Supervisor Henry Johnson stating that more tobacco was sold on local floors yesterday than at any time this season. Auctioneers and buyers traveled up and down the long rows with exacting regularity until a minute or two after five o'clock, the sales for the day passing the 275,000 pound mark. Total sales for the season are now in excess of the four-million mark, and the prestige of the market is growing day by day to include an ever-increasing patronage. Farmers were here yesterday from a dozen counties, and viewing the sale, as a whole they were well pleased.

The price range is advancing daily with the appearance of the better tobaccos. However, no noticeable increase is noted for those grades that fall in the non-descript type. Reports show that prices for all grades are holding their own with some in the better quality group showing added strength from day to day.

Individual averages this week have ranged as high as \$39 per hundred, one farmer stating that he sold tobacco for the highest price he had ever received, considering the quality. As the season advances, and it is estimated that it is well over half spent, the better types of tobacco in this immediate section are not appearing on the floors in as large quantities as was the case a year ago. "We just did not raise this type this year," ninety per cent of the growers pointed out. Grade for grade, tobacco is selling just as high in Williamston as it is anywhere in the belt.

## "Bookmobile" Will Make Tour Of This County Next Week

### Books Will Be Lent to Citizens in Thirty Communities

A WPA "Bookmobile" will be in Martin County all next week, bringing free books to county crossroad stores and rural homes. The books are made available by the sponsoring State Library Commission. The "Bookmobile" shown will be in Martin County for the month of October to demonstrate the value of this type of library service. The annual library report discloses that about one-half of the population of North Carolina is without library service of any kind. Other than providing worthwhile employment for many needy, the WPA objective is to awaken interest throughout the State to the end that permanent library programs be established and that obtaining good books be the easy privilege of all North Carolinians. At present sixteen bookmobiles are making regular rounds. Other phases of the WPA library project during the current year have provided means for 1384 unemployed to earn their livelihoods, maintain and obtain skills—resulting, ninety-six counties have library service. In 159 public libraries, WPA workers are assisting with the clerical work, routine duties. In the schools 548 units have been maintained. In book-repair units, over 950,000 public school text books and library volumes have been repaired and returned to circulation.

Last week, a state-wide project was approved to carry on the library service and to expend the service. For that purpose, George W. Coan, Jr., State WPA administrator, allocated \$867,421 for the project. (Continued on page six)

## Big Parade Features Opening of Five-day Agricultural Event

### Congressman John H. Kerr To Address Farmers Here Tomorrow

Last-minute details were rushed to completion at 1:30 today as a big street parade formed on the grammar school campus and proceeded to the fair grounds to mark the gala opening of what promises to be one of Williamston's greatest fairs in a number of years. Hundreds of school children, led by the Robersonville High School band, joined the parade which was made up of Hoaglan's Combination, regular circus cage sand features from the Art Lewis shows and Higgins' famous band.

Chief Manager Norman Y. Chambliss joined Resident Manager Harvey Walker today in executing the fair program, and a successful week is expected in all departments.

The chief attraction this afternoon is centered around a children's day program with local talent participating in several contests. Ten separate grandstand acts have been booked for the kiddies this afternoon.

A hurried review of the exhibit halls at noon today found the exhibitors busy as bees, the management explaining that a greater portion of the \$2,000 premium list would be claimed this year. The schools are offering some keen competition for the group prizes, and individual farm exhibits are far more numerous than they were last year. The swine and cattle pens were almost crowded early today, and late exhibitors are expected. Club boys and girls are well represented with various exhibits throughout the fair with a special entry in the calf club.

Judges will handle their work this afternoon and tomorrow, and premiums will be awarded the latter part of the week.

Traveling across the State, the midway attractions were late in reaching here last evening, but activities were carried on all last night and the fair is now running at full blast with fifteen rides and twelve shows by actual count.

Caught in the hurricane that swept the New England coast last week, the Continental Revue will not be included in the grandstand program this year. Manager Chambliss explaining that other acts had been substituted at a marked increase in cost to the fair operators. "We sincerely believe the people of this section will see the best grandstand features traveling in the South this year at the Williamston fair this week," Mr. Chambliss said.

Farmers day, sponsored by the Martin County Farm Bureau, has an excellent and instructive program for tomorrow at 12:15. A mule show and race with added features to the regular grandstand program have been booked for the program Wednesday afternoon.

Running races will be extra features on the grandstand program on Thursday and Saturday afternoons, and Austin C. Wilson and his Hell Drivers will feature the program Friday afternoon. "Suicide" Wilson surpasses many of the stunt drivers, and his acts are expected to draw a capacity crowd.

County agents with Mrs. J. E. Harrison as acting director of exhibits and Mrs. Theo. Roberson as assistant are well pleased with the exhibit lineup and the colored exhibits, handled under the direction of Matilda May, are up to all expectations.

## Two County Men Are On Review Committees

Two Martin County men, Messrs. J. F. Crisp, of Oak City, and J. R. Winslow, of Robersonville, have been appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace to review complaints filed in Edgecombe and Halifax counties by tobacco farmers who maintain inequalities exist in their marketing quotas.

Mr. Crisp is chairman of the Edgecombe committee and vice-chairman of the one in Halifax. No date for holding the hearings has been announced, as far as it could be learned here.

### FREE TICKETS

The Williamston Fair management this afternoon is dropping 1,000 free tickets to the fair here this week. Art Lewis' airplane is spreading 5,000 advertising circulars over a wide territory and 1,000 of them carry at the bottom the admission requirements to the fair on either Wednesday or Saturday. The plans today dropped thousands of pieces of crepe ribbon on the parade.