

Judge H. O. Peel Handles 12 Cases In County Court

Several Defendants Charged With Failure to Support Families

Judge H. O. Peel held the county recorder's court in session during a greater part of last Monday handling a dozen cases. The docket carried no cases of any great importance, but large crowds were present for the proceedings. Their failure to support wife and children carried several defendants into court.

The proceedings:

Charged with non-support, Charlie Bellamy was directed to pay \$10 a month for the support of his five children. The order is effective for six months and Bellamy is to reappear at the end of that time for further judgment.

Henry Godard, charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, was sentenced to the roads for three months.

The case charging George, Ellsworth and Henry Andrews and Dink Ward, alias William Staton, with assault and interfering with an officer, was continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday.

Charged with non-support, Lester McKeel was ordered to pay \$4 a week for the upkeep of his wife and two children. The cost of the case was taxed against McKeel, and he was directed to reappear in court at the end of six months for further judgment. Bond in the sum of \$150 was required by Judge Peel.

The case charging Dawson Griffin with an assault and disorderly conduct was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in December.

The case charging Doc Whitfield with non-support was continued until the second Monday in next January.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Ed Goss was sentenced to the roads for three months.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging John A. Marshall with reckless driving.

Amos Jones was sentenced to the roads for sixty days for alleged larceny and receiving.

Charged with drunken driving, Hoyt Lilley pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in December.

Abraham McNeil, charged with being drunk and disorderly and carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and taxed with the case cost.

Probable cause appearing, Judge Peel bound Lucy Mae Dickens, young colored girl, over to the superior court for trial in the case charging her with larceny. The girl is alleged to have entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stubbs Peel in Oak City and stole clothing.

A Brief Review Of County Postoffices

Running across several old Postal Guides a few days ago, Mr. Warren H. Biggs offers a brief sketch of United States postoffices in Martin County.

A little over a hundred years ago, there were five postoffices in the county, three of them having gone out of existence years ago. Little is known about the postoffices, the names of the communities having been changed and their identity lost. A few of the old postmasters have descendants living in the county today, but little is known of the history of others.

The five postoffices in the county in 1831 and the names of the postmasters were:

Clark's Store, William M. Clark; Davis' Store, Jesse J. Davis; Gardner's Bridge, Maurice Gardner; Hamilton, William R. Bennett; Williamston, Joseph D. Biggs.

In 1846 there were only four, as follows: Gardner's Bridge, Maurice S. Moore; Hamilton, Bryant Bennett; Roanoke, Thomas Jones; Williamston, William Watts.

In 1851 the number had been decreased to three: Gardner's Bridge, George W. Ward; Hamilton, T. W. Ward; Williamston, Gilbert L. Ward.

Bookmobile Takes Up Books In The County

Effecting a distribution week before last, a "Bookmobile" operated by the Works Progress Administration is gathering nearly 1,200 books in all parts of the county this week.

The traveling library received a liberal patronage in the county, and the patrons are anxious for it to operate on a regular schedule in the future.

Martin Farmers Sell Million Pounds of Surplus Leaf Cards

No official figures are yet available, but reliable estimates gained from several sources indicate that Martin County farmers have sold approximately a million pounds in surplus tobacco marketing quotas so far this season. It is believed that considerably more poundage will be sold after farmers complete the marketing of their own crops and determine the surplus.

Soon after the Georgia markets opened, calls were received for surplus marketing cards, but few sales were made by Martin farmers to the growers in that State. When the farmers completed the harvesting of their crops and saw their yields were going to be small, many of them offered poundage for sale. Most of the poundage was bought by farmers outside this county, several hundred

thousand pounds going to farmers in Lenoir and Wilson Counties. More recently agents representing Virginia growers have been coming here for the purchase of surplus pounds. However, the sale is beginning to slow down, and it is likely that fairly large poundages will remain on many cards.

Very few sales have been reported in this county for less than five cents, and it is estimated that the farmers have received approximately \$50,000 for their surplus pounds. To hinder card speculation, the government recently limited the transfer of pounds to 10 per cent of the total quotas. A farmer can sell all his surplus pounds, but the speculator cannot buy the surplus and then sell it to someone else, it was explained.

Plans Go Forward For Democratic Meet Here

APPROVED

Plans for the construction of two gymnasiums in the county—one at Oak City and one at Jamesville—have, after hanging in the air for many months, at last been approved by WPA authorities in Washington. Approval by the Comptroller General is necessary, but action on his part is recognized as a routine matter, and construction should get underway on the two projects shortly.

The WPA allotted \$3,468 for each of the buildings.

Firms Preparing Set-Up Complying Wage-Hour Ruling

Affects Several Small Industries In This Section

With the deadline in the impending wage-hour law set for October 24, Martin County business and industrial heads have been setting about the business of getting their houses in order for compliance with the measure.

However, admittedly little is known of the provisions of the bill in this county, although copies of the measure as passed have been received. Interpretation of the measure has been left to attorneys.

In part, the bill provides for a maximum work week of 44 hours and a minimum wage scale of 24 cents for all classes of industrial and business labor.

An administration group has been busy in Washington setting the machinery in motion.

In this section several small industries will be affected, principally in the lumber industry which employs the largest number. Meanwhile relief agencies are wondering if the lists of unemployed workers probably thrown out of employment because of the provisions of the law, will grow, and if the relief burden during the winter months in this area will be helped or hindered as a result of the measure.

At the same time, houses are being set in order for compliance with the provisions of the measure as required by the law itself.

Tobacco Marketing Season Nears Close

No definite date for closing the season has been set, but reports from farmers over this section indicate there will be little tobacco sold by the end of the next ten days or two weeks. Fair-sized sales are anticipated for next Monday when numbers of farmers plan to complete their marketing. Quite a few offered the last of their crop for sale today.

The closing expected in early November will set a new record for a short season in this section of the belt. In years past, sales have been operated well into January, and seldom have the markets closed before Thanksgiving.

There is little demand evidenced in the buying by the big companies today, the burden of holding up the sales resting on the warehouse operators. Prices, however, ranged up to forty cents this morning, but most of the sales fell into the 20-30 cent class.

County Coroners, Sheriffs To Meet Sunday Morning

Group Interested in Passing Amendment to the Constitution

Approximately 100 county coroners and sheriffs from all over eastern North Carolina are slated to meet in the courthouse here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock to formulate plans for support of a proposed amendment to the State Constitution. The adoption of the proposed amendment will lengthen the terms of sheriffs and coroners from two to four years, the officers maintaining that they can render a better service if they do not have to go into a political primary and election every two years.

Sheriff Robinson, of Iredell County, president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' association, is scheduled to preside over the meeting. Other association officials including Secretary Jones, of New Hanover County, will also be present for the meeting. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said today. No special dinner has been prepared for the meeting, but the visitors will be invited to the cafes and hotels for the meal, it was learned.

The proposed amendment to the constitution is being offered at an inopportune time, and while no strong opposition has been advanced, no sizeable vote in this section of the state is assured the measure. There are no interesting contests in the political line-up to attract the attention of voters, and one of the smallest votes in years is expected in this county on Tuesday, November 8.

It is likely the sheriffs and coroners at their meeting Sunday will offer plans for getting out a fairly representative vote, believing that if the people will study the proposed amendment they will vote for it.

Big Sweet Potato Crop Is Forecasted For Martin County

Yields as High as 300 Bushels Per Acre Are Reported

Weather conditions that curtailed production of major crops in Martin County this year apparently were favorable for sweet potatoes and this week the growers are harvesting what has been described as the county's record potato crop.

Reports from various sections maintain that the county will produce in excess of a quarter million bushels of potatoes this season. Individual yields have been reported as high as 300 bushels per acre, but it is not likely that the average will exceed 130-150 bushels. The acreage this season is about the same in this county as it was a year ago.

A few new curing barns have been constructed this year, and in 90 per cent of the cases, farmers will cure their potatoes, some planning to use tobacco barns for the curing process. Up until just a few years ago there were no sweet potato curing houses in the county, but the special house is now recognized as necessary equipment on a large number of farms.

The price outlook for the current crop is considered fairly favorable, some predicting the cured potato will sell for around \$1 per bushel.

Martin farmers are showing considerably more interest in certified potato seed after experimenting during the past two seasons with special types grown and imported from Louisiana. "Production in my field where certified seed were used is far in excess of that where old stock was used," Frank Weaver said. The value of good seed having been firmly established, Martin farmers are now working to build up their stocks.

Reports from over the State point to a large crop. Weather conditions generally have been very favorable. The 8,600,000 bushel crop is 6 per cent more than last year.

MORE CHECKS

More cotton price adjustment payments are being made to Martin County farmers today, the office of the county agent announcing yesterday that 221 additional checks representing 137 applications and amounting to \$3,968.02 had just been received for farmers in this county.

To date, 1,004 checks representing 497 applications and amounting to \$23,189.42, have been received in this county. The total payments received and expected will approximate \$40,000.

Series of Farm Meetings Will Be Held in County Next Week

Committeemen for handling the AAA program in Martin County for the coming year will be elected at a series of community meetings to be held next week, County Farm Agent T. B. Brandon announced today.

Each one of the meetings will be held at 7:30 o'clock p. m., arrangements having been made by the county agricultural force to hold two meetings at the same time in two or three districts. Farmers are being notified direct and urged to attend the meetings and participate in the elections.

Many of the present committeemen will not be candidates to succeed themselves. Messrs. J. R. Winslow and Jesse Crisp stating yesterday they were anxious to turn their tasks over to others.

The meetings will elect community committeemen, alternates and delegates to the county meeting, from this group the county committee will be selected. The selection of

the personnel for handling the AAA program rests entirely with the farmers, and they are expected to show more interest in the elections than they did last year.

The schedule of meetings:

Monday, October 24, Bear Grass school.

Tuesday, October 25, Everetts school in Cross Roads Township.

Wednesday, October 26, Jamesville and Farm Life schools.

Thursday, October 27, Oak City school and Hassell school.

Friday, October 28, Robersonville high school, and County Agricultural building. Farmers of both Williamston and Poplar Point are to participate in the agricultural building at Williamston.

Monday, October 31, Williamston Township house.

These meetings will be held at 7:30 p. m. on dates specified, and Messrs. T. B. Brandon, T. B. Slade and J. P. Woodard will assist in holding them.

Chas. H. Jenkins Lets Contract For Garage

Construction Work To Get Underway Here Next Monday

Building Located on Pearl And Washington Streets

A contract for the construction of a new garage was let this week by Charles H. Jenkins and Company to E. W. Faucette, general contractor, of Littleton. The contract price was not disclosed, unofficial reports stating that the structure which is to be modern in every detail will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

The building will be located on Washington and Pearl Streets about one block out from the New Carolina Tobacco Sales warehouse. The structure will be of brick and steel construction with a frontage of eighty feet and a depth of approximately 125 feet.

Contractor Faucette arrived here this week to complete plans for starting construction work next Monday. An old building until recently occupied by Booth's garage, is being cleared from the lot and will be located on South Pearl Street. Materials are being placed on the lot ready for the builders next Monday, Mr. Faucette stating that the contract called for the completion of the building in two months.

Agents for the Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs and Buicks, the Chas. H. Jenkins Company, since locating a branch in Williamston has been carrying on its operations at the Colonial Oil Station on South Haughton Street. The company is rendering splendid service in this community, and it will be able to better serve the trade after getting in the new building. Mr. James Bailey Peel is local manager for the company.

Officers Capture Eight Liquor Stills

After losing much time attending court in this and Beaufort Counties, Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Pele, are now making continued progress in the drive against illicit liquor manufacturing. During the past eight days the officers have wrecked eight liquor plants in the county, the raids taking place in Jamesville, Griffins, Bear Grass and Hamilton Townships. More than 2,000 gallons of beer and seven gallons of liquor were poured out during the eight-day period.

No arrests were made, but some heated races took place, the officers stating that at one still the operator plunged into a stream of water and escaped.

Most of the plans were small and cheaply constructed, Mr. Roebuck explained.

Bowlers Lose Second Contest to Washington

Meeting a four-man team from Washington here last Wednesday evening, local bowlers lost their second contest to the alley boys from the Beaufort capital. The locals, led by Bullock with a score of 141 points in a single game, made the contest interesting, however.

Little Interest Is Being Shown In Nov. 8th Election

Reports State That Not a Single Person Has Registered

Little interest in the coming election was predicted in this county today as officials continued arrangements for holding the event on Tuesday, November 8. Incomplete reports from the various precincts state that not a single person has registered since the books were opened a week ago tomorrow, and it is highly probable that less than a dozen or two will meet the requirements for participation in the election.

The election this year offers only three contests, one for United States Senator and two for associate justices of the North Carolina Supreme Court. There is no opposition to the democratic ticket in this county.

Proposed amendments to the State Constitution will attract some attention, no doubt, but with little or no opposition on the regular ticket the vote in the proposed amendments will be small in this county.

The democratic ticket in this county carries the names of the party nominees, as follows:

For clerk superior court: L. Bruce Wynne.

For sheriff: C. B. Roebuck.
For treasurer: C. A. Harrison.
For judge recorder's court: H. O. Peel.

For coroner: S. R. Biggs.
For county commissioners: C. A. Roberson, R. A. Haislip, R. L. Perry, C. C. Fleming and J. E. Pope.
For solicitor, second district: Donnell Gilliam.

For member house of representatives: H. G. Horton.
For State senator, second district: W. B. Rodman, Jr., and D. Bradford Fearing.

The State ticket carries the following names:

For associate justice of Supreme Court: M. V. Barnhill, (D), Herbert F. Seawell, Sr., (R).

For Associate Justice of Supreme Court: J. Wallace Winborne, (D); J. B. Tucker, (R).

For Associate Justice of Supreme Court: A. A. F. Seawell.

For attorney general: Harry McMullan.

For commissioner of labor: Forrest H. Shuford.

For utilities commissioner: Stanley Winborne.

For judge superior court, 1st district: C. Everett Thompson.

For judge superior court, 2nd district: Walter J. Bone.

For judge superior court, 5th district: J. Paul Frizzelle.

For judge superior court, 6th district: Henry L. Stevens, Jr.

For judge superior court, 8th district: John J. Burney.

For judge superior court, 9th district: Q. K. Nimocks, Jr.

For judge superior court, 10th district: Leo Carr.

For judge superior court, 12th district: H. Hoyle Sink.

For judge superior court, 14th district: William H. Bobbitt.

For judge superior court, 16th district: Wilson Warlick.

For judge superior court, 19th district: Zeb V. Nettles.

For judge superior court, 21st district: Allen H. Gwyn.

For United States senator: Robert R. Reynolds, (D); Charles A. Jonas, (R).

For House of Representatives, 1st district: Lindsay Warren.

County Board Holds Special Meet Here

Meeting in special session here yesterday afternoon, the Martin County commissioners approved a \$4,000 loan for the construction of additional rooms to the Williamston colored school building, and considered a small increase in the budget figures for agricultural extension work in the county.

The \$4,000 loan is to come from the State literary fund. School authorities, appearing before the board, stated that nearly 700 colored children are crowded into eleven rooms and that additional space was vitally necessary.

Action on granting an increase in the budget for agricultural extension activities in the county was deferred until the regular meeting to be held on the first Monday of next month.

Messrs. C. C. Fleming, of Jamesville; R. L. Perry, of Bear Grass; J. E. Pope, of Williamston; C. Abram Roberson, of Robersonville, and R. A. Haislip, of Hassell, were present for the meeting.