

MARKET TO OPEN TUESDAY

Warehousemen, Merchants Ready for Initial Sales

Judges Of Superior Courts To Wear Silk Robes In The Future

Conference of Judges Proposed To Add Dignity To State Courts

Holding their first annual conference near Asheville a short while ago, North Carolina Superior Court judges sought to slightly overhaul the State Bench and add a certain amount of dignity to the proceedings carried on at the bar of justice, and to promote an impartial and equal justice.

The objects of the conference, as pointed out by the conference secretary are: To make of the courts a place of exact and impartial and equal justice; To ask a greater respect for law and for the courts, and by uniform rules and procedure to encourage greater dignity in the administration of justice; To encourage the enactment of legislation in furtherance of justice and tending to simplify and modernize the law.

That the dignity of the courts might be enhanced, the conference unanimously expressed itself in favor of the use of robes by the judges and mapped out plans of courtroom procedure. The conference would have the county commissioners comply with Consolidated Statutes 7538 and immediately purchase a standard of colors, preferably in silk, consisting of a United States color and a State of North Carolina color, each with gold fringe tassels and poles upon which is mounted a brass eagle, and that upon receipt of the same the sheriff of the county shall cause the colors to be displayed upon the bench during each session of the Superior court, the United States color to be placed on the right of the bench and the North Carolina flag to be placed on the left of the bench.

The rules of procedure follow: The sheriffs require all persons in the court room to arise at each convening and each recess of a session of the court.

The sheriff shall keep the space within the bar open at all times for officers of the court, attorneys and litigants, and shall provide for the use of jurors not in the box and witnesses in the case being tried, front seats in the court room, the jurors and witnesses to be seated separately.

That the clerk and the jury shall stand when taking the verdict of the jury.

Upon motion of Judge William Hyslop Sumner Burgwyn, the conference passed a resolution prohibiting bystanders in the courtroom from serving as talis jurors, to the end that the use of so-called professional jurors will be decreased and, if possible, abolished.

One-Teacher School Is Much In Evidence

Twenty years of consolidation has lowered the number of one-teacher schools in the nation, but there are quite a few of the small plants still in existence.

Estimates indicate that there are some 132,000 one-teacher schools with an enrollment of more than 2,500,000 pupils, and 23,000 two-teacher schools with an enrollment of over a million. Together they account for something like 74 per cent of all rural schools and almost 65 per cent of the nation's schools.

According to a report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education, the one-teacher schools are disappearing at the rate of seven a day. It is not likely, however, that this rate will continue. In mountainous or other isolated areas where the population is spread thinly small schools of this type are the only ones that can be supported, and it is believed that if the present distribution of population continues, there will always be between 50,000 and 75,000 one-teacher schools together with a considerable number of two-teacher schools.

Although such schools tend to be less efficient than larger schools with a number of teachers, great improvement is possible through the use of well-trained teachers, proper grouping of the few pupils, and modern educational methods. Poor teaching, it has been found, rather than merely smallness, has been the greatest weakness of the small rural school.

Strong Corps Buyers On Local Leaf Market

MARKETING

The first of the new tobacco crop is now moving to markets, present indications pointing to a record-breaking opening next Tuesday.

Farmer Sid Mobley, Williams-ton farmer, moved the first offerings to the local market last week-end when he placed approximately 500 pounds on the floors for the first sale next Tuesday.

Farmers throughout the territory are said to be preparing the leaf for market, and it is expected that liberal deliveries will be made here by the end of this week. With approximately four acres of floor space, the local market is prepared to handle a "world of tobacco".

More Territory Is Opened To County By New CCC Roads

Pinetown Is As Near Williamston As It Is To Town Of Washington

Once where the railroad and horse-drawn vehicle dared tread, automobiles and trucks are now traveling on improved roads. The old Dymond City area is being reclaimed by the modern methods of transportation, and barriers that once stood between thriving communities are being torn down after long years of waiting.

In cooperation with forest fire control work, Martin County now has gained a new outlet on its south-eastern border, and while the new road program has not attracted any great attention it is certain to develop into a modern link in the State Highway system some day.

With only an old railroad bed to work on, members of the Civilian Conservation Corps invaded the old Dymond City area some two or three years ago, and as a result of their work wide roads run through the territory. Griffins Township, cornered off by the thick swamps, has now an outlet on its southeast. The road development program narrows the distance between towns in Martin and lower Beaufort Counties, reports stating that Pantego is now nearer Williamston over the new route than it is to Washington.

The thriving little Beaufort County community is now a mere 24 miles from Williamston. Travel is increasing on the new roads, and Griffins Township people who have occasion to visit in lower Beaufort or Hyde Counties are finding them convenient and profitable. The road, following the old J. and W. railroad bed, is open to traffic a greater part of the way most of the time, but more work will have to be done on that route before it can be recognized as a dependable outlet for a large section lying in the southwestern section of Jamesville and parts of Griffins Township.

Announce Additional Changes In Facilities

Quite a few changes in the Farm Life and Jamesville school facilities this week took place following the marriage of Miss Emma Adcock, to Professor Russell Martin last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are quitting the faculty at Jamesville to go to Farm Life where he will head the school and she will teach English and French. Mrs. Stella B. Hyman is quitting the Farm Life school to teach English and French at Jamesville. Mrs. Woolard succeeds Mrs. C. B. Martin in the Farm Life school.

Home Slightly Damaged By Bolt Of Lightning

The Robert Edwards home, near the fair grounds, was slightly damaged by a freakish bolt of lightning last week-end. Entering the house on an electric wire, the lightning scorched the side of one room and ran down a lamp cord to a table where it burned off the center cover and destroyed a letter. No one was at home, and the damage was not discovered until some time the following day.

Several Companies Sending New Men To Market This Season

Buying Personnel Recognized As Strongest Ever To Be On Market

With several new men coming in and with the return of several of the best from last year, Williamston is assured the strongest buying personnel for its tobacco market this season than in years, a local warehouseman said yesterday. "We are extremely pleased with the buying personnel, and have every reason to believe that top prices will be made available by these men," the warehouseman continued.

Several changes have been effected in the buying personnel for the season opening next Tuesday. While some mighty good buyers have been transferred to other markets, Williamston has been greatly favored with appointments that are certain to prove popular with the farmers. The local market has been fortunate in having friendly and able buyers in years past, and this season will find no exception to the rule. The new men coming here for the first time this season have able records to their credit, and they come here highly recommended. Some of them are already known to the farmers of this county and section, and those farmers learning of the changes expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with the new appointments.

Tommy Tisdale, for four years a buyer for Greenville, will represent the American Tobacco Company on the Williamston market this season. He, with Mrs. Tisdale, will be at home with the Gus Harrisons on Academy Street.

Jack Lovelace will represent the Imperial Tobacco Company. Mr. Lovelace, an able buyer and a likeable young man, has been on the Lumberton market for three years and comes here from Georgia where he represented the Imperial at Vidalia this season.

Bill Frost, another able buyer and one who readily makes friends with farmer customers, will represent the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Mr. Frost has been on the eastern markets for several seasons.

Jack Buster, the popular buyer for Liggett Myers, returns here for his second season. Mr. Buster made many many friends during his first season here and they are glad to have him return.

Mr. Edmondson, who made an enviable record on the Durham market during the past three years, will represent the Export Company here this season.

Norwood Thomas, for five or six years buyer for J. P. Taylor and Company, is returning. In Mr. Thomas is recognized an able asset to the market. He is well liked by farmers and warehousemen and they are glad to welcome him back.

The Washington Tobacco Company will again be represented by that able and friendly buyer, Mr. Arthur Beale, who has made many friends on the local market during the past several years.

W. I. Skinner, with possibly a larger number of independent orders than ever before, will be represented on the market by the firm's senior partner, Mr. J. E. King.

Several other companies will also be represented on the local market, one or two for the first time, this season, but the appointments have not yet been announced, a member of the Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade announced this morning.

With this able set of buyers, Williamston is assured a good market this season.

NEW DOCTOR

Dr. J. T. Llewellyn, formerly of Newport News, will come to Williamston within the next few days to be associated in general practice with Drs. J. S. Rhodes and E. G. McAllister.

He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1933 and from Medical College of Virginia in 1937. He interned at Tucker's Sanatorium, completing a residency there. He also interned at Watts Hospital, Durham, for one year.

He was in general practice in Clintwood, Va., prior to coming to Williamston.

Thieves Raid Three Smokehouses Early Yesterday Morning

Sheriff Urges Every Precaution Be Taken Against Tobacco Thefts This Fall

Daring thieves, apparently prompted by hunger and a craving for "easy money", bore down heavily on farmers Will Taylor, Paul Peel and Nathaniel Harris, on the Washington Road near here yesterday morning and almost cleared their smokehouses. At Mr. Taylor's the raiders also visited the chicken coop and carried away twenty or more prize hens.

Making the farmers their victims as they came to them, the thieves, believed to be three in number, broke the lock on Harris' smokehouse and stole eight nice hams. Going on to Mr. Taylor's the thieves figured the smokehouse door was too close to the home so they went to the rear of the building and as one watched the others rapped off several boards and walked in. They helped themselves to a dozen or more choice hams. They carried the hams across to the old Mill Road and loaded them on a truck or automobile. Turning around, the thieves re-entered the Washington Road and continued down to Mr. Peel's where they broke a lock and entered the smoke house, taking six nice hams. Their raiding work about complete for the time being, the thieves went to a lonely spot on the Bear Grass Road and transferred the chickens from sacks to coops.

Working on the case all day yesterday and much of last night and back on it again today, officers have been unable to establish a single clue so far. The work goes on however.

Recognizing in the series of three thefts a sample of what might be expected when farmers get some of their tobacco graded and ready for market, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is urging all farmers to exercise every possible precaution against the work of rogues.

With no control system in effect with its card marketing quotas, tobacco farmers are said to be making arrangements to meet any thieves that may wander around their pack houses. Quite a few growers have bought strong locks and others have replenished their supply of gun shells. One farmer is said to have moved his bed to his packhouse and will watch over his tobacco by night.

It is quite apparent that most Martin County farmers will fight to maintain their equity in their own tobacco.

County People Have Gone Gambling Mad

Observing the operation of the late model slot machines in the county and State, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said this week that many people apparently have gone gambling mad. "Small machines in the out-of-the-way places are taking in as much as \$10 and \$12 weekly, and in some instances the machines were forced out of commission because the money pans were filled to over-running," the sheriff said.

Gambling in general, and slot machine operations in particular, were described by the sheriff as being more widespread than ever before. Some of the slot machines declare no direct dividend, according to the sheriff, but they produce certain numbers which can be cashed in privately, according to the officer. At least two machines of that type are now in operation in this county, the officer apparently awaiting instructions from the county commissioners before taking action against the operators.

Reports from outside the county maintain that the old one-arm bandits are being operated "wide open" in several places. "I counted seventeen of the gambling devices in a single room at a resort in one county," Sheriff Roebuck declared, adding that he believed there were nearly 500 persons awaiting their turns at the machine.

Gambling is not limited to the slot machine by any means, the officer pointing out that if reports are true there were no less than forty poker games in progress in this county during a greater part of last Sunday.

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Predicts Fair Tobacco Prices When Mart Opens August 22

Based on observations made on sales down in Georgia during recent weeks, a price average slightly under twenty cents was predicted today for the opening of the markets next Tuesday by Warehouseman Jimmy Taylor. His prediction is in line with the guesses advanced by others who have been on the markets in Georgia, South Carolina and on the Border. It is generally believed that farmers will be fairly well pleased if the opening day sales average between eighteen and nineteen cents, but that a price average below that figure will bring much disappointment.

Returning home last Saturday from Hahira, Ga., where he and Mr. Jackie Taylor, local auctioneer, had been on the market since the opening last month, Mr. Taylor stated that the season average in that State will hardly exceed eleven or twelve cents. Commenting on the season down there, Mr. Taylor added that

the tobacco was of inferior quality, that the better types of tobacco when offered for sale commanded unusually low prices as compared with the prices paid for the grades of inferior quality. Heavy rains fell during the growing season, and very little quality tobacco was produced in the belt.

Farmers offered little opposition to the prevailing prices, but they will vote for a control program any time a referendum is called, Mr. Taylor believes.

The marketing season closes there tomorrow, Mr. Taylor explaining that it would have closed yesterday, but farmers, realizing that the inferior quality types were commanding fair prices, decided to market their scrap and other types that would ordinarily have been thrown away. Production in Georgia this season barely exceeded that of last season when about 100 million pounds were grown.

Williamston Bids For A Continued Growth Of Market

Four Big Warehouses Are Operated By Strongest Force In History

Preparations were announced complete in every detail for the opening of the Williamston Tobacco market next Tuesday, reports from "Tobacco Town" stating that the personnel, including buyers, proprietors, office and bookmen, truckers and packers, was complete and that the houses were open for the delivery of the golden leaf.

The tobacco marketing center here began taking on renewed life last week-end when the first deliveries of the 1939 season were made. Already the big floors swing open as farmers make ready to make early deliveries.

On the eve of the marketing season, a renewed interest in all lines of endeavor is evident, and there is an apparent cheerful outlook for the opening day price averages. That old spirit of gloom that has been openly noticed during recent weeks is fast fading away, and a spirit of good cheer and strong hope is rapidly taking its place.

Farmers, after long weeks of hard toil, are centering their activities on market preparations, ever hopeful that the season will bring a fair price for their labor and investments. Indications still point to a record-breaking opening this year, and Williamston warehousemen are making every preparation possible to handle the offerings to the very best advantage of their customers.

With approximately four acres of floor space available, the Williamston market is prepared to set new records this season. The warehouse personnel is, without a doubt, the strongest in the history of the market, and it is surmised that no better place can be found for the successful marketing of tobacco than in Williamston.

Messrs. Holt Evans, Leman Barnhill, and Joe Moye will be at the Farmers and Planters houses this year, and Messrs. Sylvester Lilley, Johnnie Gurkin, Arlie Belch, Jimmy Taylor and Claude Griffin will be at the Rankins, Dixon and New Carolina warehouses. These men are known to thousands of farmers throughout the belt, and they will be selling tobacco for them from a wide territory. "We are not promising the impossible in prices, but we guarantee that the man who sells in Williamston from first to last, will make money," a warehouseman said today.

The buying personnel this year is recognized as the strongest in years, one of the warehousemen stating that he believed that the buyers constitute the most able and most friendly group of men ever to be assembled on the local market.

In connection with the opening of the market, local business houses are increasing their stocks and making ready on a larger scale than at any time in years to better serve their patrons.

A hearty welcome is awaiting the thousands of visitors expected here when the new marketing season gets underway, and a happy experience is hoped for everyone who makes Williamston his headquarters next Tuesday and every day possible thereafter.

Checking Dogs For Taxation In County

Dogs in Martin County are causing one big problem for the authorities. The problem was partially solved when the sheriff's office just recently completed a successful anti-rabies drive. Thousands of dogs were vaccinated, and for the third year no hydrophobia cases have been reported among the county's canine family. Few, if any, persons have considered it necessary to take the Pasteur treatment.

The other phase of the problem is still before the taxing authorities. County Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes is checking the list of dogs that were vaccinated against the number of dogs listed for taxation. To date he has found that more than 100 dogs were vaccinated than were listed for taxation. Pending the completion of the check-up, the tax man is not expected to take action against those owners who "forgot" to list their dogs for taxation.

Making Plans For Market Openings

Illicit liquor manufacturers, idle in this county for the most part during recent weeks, are resuming operations in anticipation of an increased flow of money when the markets open next Tuesday, according to a report coming from Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck this week. Possibly a dozen plants have been placed in operation during the past few days, the officer said, and an increased activity in the illicit business is expected during the next few days.

Reporting very little activity during the past few weeks, the enforcement officers went into action last week-end when they wrecked three plants and arrested an alleged retailer of the spirits. Several other raids are being planned.

Accompanied by A. B. C. officers from Beaufort, Special Officer Roebuck wrecked two stills along the Martin-Beaufort line last Thursday and poured out 550 gallons of beer. Learning of a sale of sheet copper by a Greenville firm a few days ago, the enforcement officer accompanied by Deputies Haislip and Peel, returned to the same section Friday and wrecked a new, 100-gallon capacity still and poured out 600 gallons of beer. Sixteen sticks of dynamite were used in wrecking the plant.

Saturday, the officers went after alleged retailers in Hamilton and arrested H. D. Andrews. He is facing the court of a charge of possessing five pints of illegal liquor. Andrews' father, Willoughby Andrews, was arrested in Hamilton about two weeks ago for the alleged possession of six pints of illegal liquor for the purpose of sale. The cases are scheduled to be tried in the county court on August 28.

Plan Consolidation Of District WPA Offices

According to unofficial information received here this morning, plans are virtually complete for consolidating several WPA office units here within the near future. The consolidation will increase the office personnel here to about fifty people.

Highway Accident Record

Martin County motorists, possibly exercising a greater care and observing more closely the rules of the road than they did during the two preceding weeks, made the safety honor roll during the seven-day period ending last Sunday night. Not a single automobile accident was officially reported on the county's highways during the period.

Little thought is given the value of such a record, as motorists and others are prone to talk about the loss of life and injury to limbs after an accident rather than recognize the value of human life and costly property while life is still evident and property is not damaged.

The automobile death toll is on an upward trend, and it is gratifying to observe that Martin County motorists for the duration of one week, at least, had no part in the dastardly work.

An unofficial comparison of accident records in the county for the past week and for previous weeks in the year follows:

	Accidents Injured	Killed	Property Damage
Last Week's Record	0	0	\$ 000.00
Prior Record	28	25	7,250.00
TOTALS	28	25	\$7,250.00