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Superior Court In Final Session Here Thursday Afternoon

Non-Suit Ordered in \$10,000 Damage Suit Against R. G. Hancock

Completing the trial of a large number of cases since convening here a week ago last Monday, the Martin County Superior court adjourned by limitation yesterday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock.

Proceedings not previously reported are, as follows:

The hard-fought case of Wilmer C. Whitehurst against the Dixie Fire Insurance Company was brought to a close late Tuesday when the jury awarded the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$700, the amount representing insurance carried by the plaintiff on a store in Parmele.

The \$10,000 damage suit brought by William Bond against R. B. Murphy and Emmett Hardin was compromised, the plaintiff receiving the small sum of \$200.

The Harrison Wholesale Company was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$558.65 against Nora E. Brewer, the amount to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent from June 17, 1936.

The case of Standard Fertilizer Company against Rufus Galloway was settled by agreement, the plaintiff to receive \$582.17.

The court confirmed the sale of certain lands in the sum of \$1,436 by commissioners in the case of M. D. Wilson against William Andrews.

Suing George Everett, administrator of Monroe Everett, for wages, Simon Stalls was granted a judgment in the sum of \$104.

T. J. Coffield was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$170 against Dr. T. G. Charles, of Illinois, as a result of an automobile accident on the Washington road last July.

The \$10,000 damage suit brought by J. E. Pope, administrator of Isaiah Hardison against R. G. Hancock was brought to an abrupt end Wednesday afternoon when Judge Carr non-suited the case.

Recommendations from the general public, and will appreciate any title suggestions.

A judgment in the sum of \$404.93 (Continued on page six)

Headed by Mayor John A. Gurkin, a group of Norfolk citizens will make a brief stop here tomorrow afternoon while on a good will tour of Eastern North Carolina.

Caroline Day will be observed in the Virginia City, and special attention will be directed to the completion of a new road project making available free entry into Norfolk.

The public is invited to meet the good will touring party here tomorrow.

Will Urge Commissioners to Delay Delinquent Tax Sales

A strong appeal is likely to be directed to the Martin County commissioners here next Monday, urging them to delay for a month the sale of property for delinquent taxes.

Tax collections are running \$40,000 behind those of last year at advertising time.

Other than the tax problem, there is little business on the commissioners' calendar for consideration at their regular meeting next Monday.

A jury will be drawn for service at the special term of superior court convening here next month for the trial of civil cases only.

DATE FIXED

Tuesday, October 10, was definitely fixed for reopening the tobacco markets by the sales committee of the United States Tobacco Association in special session at Durham yesterday.

It is apparent, however, that the imperial will not return to the markets through the government if the control program fails of passage.

Schoolmasters Hold Meeting Last Night

The Martin County Schoolmasters club held its first meeting of the school year at the local high school last evening.

After the presentation of new members by Superintendent James Manning, nominations for officers were called for by David Hix, retiring president of the organization.

At the close of the dinner meeting Mr. Anderson called on Superintendent Manning, who introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. A. M. Jordan, professor of Educational Psychology at the State University.

Guests in addition to Dr. Jordan, included local school committeemen, C. B. Clark, R. L. Coburn and R. H. Goodman.

Subject Is Wanted For Painting In Postoffice

A contract having been executed already with a Northern artist, Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden is now seeking a suitable subject for a mural.

It has been suggested that the painting be based on a maypole scene. That topic is not very agreeable to the postmaster who thinks a painting of Robert E. Lee or some other famed personage of the South would be more appropriate.

Few Openings Reported For Boys In CCC Camps

A few openings in CCC camps for Martin County youths were reported by the welfare office yesterday, the superintendent announcing that only twelve of the sixteen openings had been filled.

SPECIAL EVENT

Rained out last Wednesday afternoon, "Suicide" Bob Hayes, former local resident, will ride on the fair grounds track here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Fred Chesson, local mechanic, who considered a \$25 offer to ride with Hayes last Wednesday, explains that friends had offered him \$20 not to ride.

After thinking it over, he is of the opinion that the \$20 offer is more attractive.

Hunting Season To Open Next Monday In Martin County

According to Reliable Reports Game Is Plentiful This Year

Sportsmen in this and other counties are cleaning their guns and making ready for the opening of the hunting season next Monday, early reports from County Game Warden Bill Abbott, indicating a successful season awaits the hunter.

Hunters will center their attention, providing it is agreeable with the mosquitoes, upon the deer and squirrel next Monday since the season for most other types of game does not open until late in November, as a general rule.

It will be lawful to shoot squirrel and deer next Monday and hunt the opossum and raccoon with gun and dogs on that day, but trapping will be outlawed until November 1.

Hitler And Stalin To Draw New Map For Continental Europe

Allies Declare They Will Not Stop Until Hitlerism Is Banished

Rerrawing the European map and crowding out England, Hitler and Russia's Stalin today planned to submit a new peace plan to the Allies.

Importance to the event was increased when England and France firmly stated they would not stop until Poland is restored to its people and Hitlerism is banished, meaning that the war is now almost certain to shift from the diplomatic front to actual warfare after a horrible pattern.

The foreign situation apparently is fast becoming more serious, Russia has just about taken over the control of the North Sea, and it has followed close on the heels of Germany to claim a lion's share in the spoils fought for by the Nazis.

Hitler promised England that a bitter struggle could be expected on land and sea and in the air in the event the Allies refused to accept a newly-drawn map of Continental Europe.

The concentration of millions of men along the Western Front continues today, observers explaining that the movement is being made to impress the Allies and force them into submission when the new peace proposal is offered.

French forces early today were said to have advanced another mile into German territory along a five-mile front, capturing fifty German villages.

Warsaw, a thorn in Hitler's body during the past month, will be formally occupied next Monday.

In Washington all activities were proceeding along a strict peace front today as debate was scheduled on the neutrality bill for next Monday.

As peace talk was heard from Europe this morning, stock prices began to show small losses, the "war babies" leading the downward trek.

Religious Service Held At Fair Here

The annual custom of providing a worship service and sermon for the personnel of the fair grounds was held again this morning at 11 a. m. in the grandstand on the grounds.

Rev. S. A. Maxwell of the Methodist church delivered the message. A number of hymns were sung by those attending.

The program was arranged by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, with Rev. John L. Goff and Rev. John Hardy All the ministers of the association took part in the service.

Federal Court Opens In Washington Next Week

A docket of pre-prohibition size is awaiting attention of Judge I. M. Meekins in the federal court at Washington next week.

More than 60 cases are on the calendar, including seven from this county.

Much Interest Shown In Control Program

District Meetings Attract Crowds In County This Week

A heavy vote favoring a planned production for tobacco in 1940 was predicted in this county today as reports began to pour into the office of the farm agent from various community centers where the control campaign has been in full swing this week.

Admittedly in the control column by a vast majority, Martin County farmers are now at work to get out a full vote next Thursday.

Far more interest is being shown in the coming referendum than has been shown since 1933, and a vote in excess of 3,000 is anticipated.

The educational campaign, starting in this county with a mass meeting in the courthouse last Monday evening, is being extended into the various communities.

About 75 farmers met in the Farm School auditorium Wednesday evening and discussed the features of the program for nearly an hour and a half.

More than 100 farmers were present for a similar meeting in Oak City the same evening, reports from that community indicating that a support approximating 99 per cent was to be expected there.

More than 60 Cross Roads farmers in a harmonious campaign meeting at Everett's last evening challenged the Griffins Township group in getting out a large and favorable vote next Thursday.

Around fifty farmers were at the Hassell meeting last night in Hamilton Township, and much interest was shown in the tobacco problem.

Members of the county committee and others interested in the tobacco problem are attending the meetings. Complete harmony has been in evidence at each of the meetings, and the growers have expressed their views willingly and sought to know all the facts surrounding the problem and the program itself.

This evening at 7:30 the campaign will be extended into the Bear Glass and Jamesville communities, two sections where the opposition scored a few votes last December.

Next Monday night at the same hour, the campaign will be brought to a close at Robersonville and at the Williams Township house.

Small Docket Scheduled In The Recorder's Court

Idle while the superior court was in session during the past two weeks, the county recorder's court will resume its activities next Monday.

A comparatively small docket has been prepared to date, the clerk stating that less than a dozen cases are slated for trial.

DON'T LIE DOWN

In an informal interview here yesterday afternoon, State Commissioner of Agriculture Kerr Scott urged the farmers of Martin County not to lie down in the campaign for a tobacco program.

The agriculturist appeared not at all optimistic over the outlook for the referendum, making it quite evident that much work needs to be done in this county to offset an adverse vote in other sections.

After a brief stay here, the commissioner continued to Raleigh.

Attorney General Rules On Legality Of Sunday Program

Suicide Hayes and Troupe to Attend Church Services On Sunday

Questioning strictly the legality of a Sunday afternoon program at the fairgrounds here, Martin County authorities were advised today that "Suicide" Bob Hayes had a perfect right to go ahead with his show at that time.

Talking with Attorney General Harry McMullan over telephone today, county authorities were advised as follows: "It might be possible to bring the event within consoldate statute 3130-3137 as a place used for gambling and, therefore, a nuisance which might be abated or enjoined.

The attorney general referred to an old state law concerning work and amusements, which had been considered by Martin authorities as ineffective because it merely provided for a "penalty of one dollar."

In the light of the legal facts, the authorities will take no more action to stop the show which will go on as scheduled Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

It was made plain that midway activities, including shows, games of chance and allied amusement places will have to close promptly at midnight Saturday. It is possible, however, that a few kiddie rides will be allowed to operate during certain hours that afternoon.

The management of the midway shows is said to have scheduled the departure of the troupers by special train early Sunday and it might be that the program that day will be limited to the Suicide Hayes show in front of the grandstand.

In silent answer to the objections raised to his scheduled Sunday performance Hayes plans to march his group of ten other motor maniacs to religious services Sunday morning.

It was also brought out that Hayes is a deacon in the church in his home town. "It is a good thing for us to go to church ahead of our performance and say a few extra prayers," Hayes was quoted as saying.

The driver is making his first appearance in this county as a daredevil, and it is expected that a large throng will see him when he attempts to jump over fourteen stock cars.

Will Return Thieves For Trial In County

Ed Thompson and his son, James Thompson, charged with the wholesale theft of meat and chickens and a car from Dean Speight, will be returned here within the next ten days or two weeks to face trial in the county courts.

Arrested in Georgia the early part of this week, the elder Thompson continues in an Atlanta jail, and his son, arrested in Macon County, this State, is being detained in the Franklin jail.

They are being held at the direction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will be turned over to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck possibly in Raleigh.

After getting a taste of North Carolina justice in a Martin County type, the two men are slated for a round in the federal courts. When the federal authorities finish with them, they will likely be returned to Virginia to complete sentences in the State prison at Richmond.

The two men were serving terms there for the theft of meat and chickens when they escaped a few months ago.

Losing around 100 chickens, Farmer John Powell, of this county, is anxious to go to the Thompson storage center near Atlanta and see if he can identify his chickens. It is not known if he can make the trip.

Heavy Registration Of Voters In This County

A heavy registration of voters for the tobacco referendum next Thursday is well underway in this county, incomplete reports stating that several hundred names were added to the eligible voting list on a single day this week.

A complete report from Bear Grass stated that 80 names were added to the list there. In other sections, interested parties have scoured the farms to build up the registration.

Any farmer may vote in the election next Thursday, but if he is not registered his vote will be challenged. The authorities will investigate all such votes and where the voter is ruled eligible the ballot will be recognized.

Registration books will continue open in the various communities until the election, and every farmer is urged to see that his name is on the books.

DRIVE

The membership drive formulated by the Martin County Farm Bureau Federation early this week is meeting with marked success, according to reports coming from the captains of the two membership teams.

Entire receipt books have been exhausted by some of the canvassers, and it is now believed that this county will reach its goal of 1,000 members by the first of November.

Business men as well as farmers recognize the value of the organization and they are willingly lending their support in building up the bureau membership.

Juniors To Hold Meet In Windsor

Berth Council No. 124 will be host to a large gathering of members of the Jr. O. U. A. M. from the 14th district on Wednesday night, October 4, in Windsor, according to J. A. Pritchette, counselor of the local organization.

Forrest G. Shearin, field secretary of the Eastern division, was in Windsor this week completing arrangements for the meeting which will be held at 8 o'clock in the Junior order hall.

State Councilor N. Sankey Gathery, of Harmony, State Junior Order Treasurer Gurney P. Hood, of Raleigh, State Secretary E. V. Harris, of Tarboro, and State Vice Councilor J. L. White, of Oxford, are scheduled to be present at this meeting, according to Mr. Pritchette. They will probably make short addresses after the organization meeting at which new district officers will be chosen.

Mr. Shearin states that following the recommendation of the state convention which was held recently at Salisbury, all former district offices were abolished, and that under the new plan adopted a district council will be set up and officers elected to these posts as the first business of the meeting.

The fourteenth district is now comprised of the councils located in Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Bertie and Martin Counties.

Mr. Shearin, in discussing the activities of the fraternity, stated that "interest in such major objectives of the Junior Order as more stringent enforcement of the immigration and deportation laws of the United States have been greatly stimulated by the published reports of investigations of the anti-American groups, such as the German American Bund and other "shirted" aliens. Everywhere great concern is being shown," he stated, "in the possible danger from these un-American groups, in case this country should be drawn into the European conflict which is rapidly taking on world war proportions."

Health Lectures Are Scheduled At Oak City

Miss Phyllis Owen, Virginia Electric and Power Company representative, of Richmond, working in cooperation with the Martin County Health Department, will give two lectures in the county this week-end on visual health. The first of these will be given on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the colored school at Oak City.

On Monday afternoon, Miss Owen will speak at the white school in Oak City. There are a number of interesting movies to be shown in connection with this work. The health department is making a study of the eyesight of the children of Martin County beginning next week.

Secretary Of Agriculture Will Speak In Kinston

Henry A. Wallace, United States Secretary of Agriculture, will speak in Kinston next Wednesday evening, it was announced by the secretary's office in Washington City this week. Quite a few Martin County farmers plan to hear him.

DRY MONTH

The dry spell experienced here since the latter part of August was partially broken this week when the fair came to town. Last Tuesday, five-hundredths of an inch of rain fell, and on Wednesday, nearly an inch was recorded at the weather station on the Roanoke River.

Farmers state the rain was welcomed, that it did the crops much good. But it was hard on the fair management. During the past fifteen years, rain has fallen on at least twelve fairs.