

Will Make A Final Ruling In Hunting Club Case Today

Broad Creek Hunting Club Offers Evidence at Hearing in Windsor

A final ruling on the injunction brought by J. G. Staton enjoining the members of the Conine or Broad Creek Hunting Club from hunting on lands along the reaches of the lower Roanoke River between Jamesville and Plymouth is expected today, according to information coming from Windsor where a hearing was held in the case before Judge C. E. Thompson Wednesday. "To save gas and tires, I will go to Martin County Friday morning at 11 o'clock to hand down a final ruling," Judge Thompson was quoted as saying after he learned that Martin County people, mostly from Williamston, were filling nearly half the courtroom.

No witnesses were questioned, the jurist explaining that he had read the injunction and answer. Several depositions were read, however, and proposals and counter-proposals were offered, but none were acceptable.

The defendants, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Titus Critcher, K. B. Crawford, W. G. Peele, H. O. Peele, Rosell Rogers, N. C. Green and John Henry Edwards, had their counsel read several depositions, all purporting to show that J. G. Staton had procured the lease of the land as agent of the Broad Creek Hunting Club. A paper signed by C. C. Fleming stated that he (Fleming) had leased some land for use by what he thought was the Broad Creek Hunting Club or the members named as defendants, that Mr. Staton told him it was for the club.

Similar depositions were signed by T. C. and J. S. Cooke and Johnnie Philpott.

Working to settle the case, the defendants offered Staton the right to hunt in certain areas. The proposal was not acceptable. Staton proposed that all go ahead and hunt as usual this year, but the defendants, apparently looking to the future, rejected the proposal. Staton maintained at the hearing that he was the Broad Creek Hunting Club, that it had no members, and certainly not the defendants named.

Judge Thompson mentioned a possible course of action when he tentatively suggested that possibly three days could be set aside each week for the defendants and three for the plaintiff, the jurist explaining that it was unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

A motion to remove the case to this county for trial next week was rejected, the court intimating that the plaintiff could not get a fair trial in Martin. If no agreement is reached, the case will likely be called for trial in the Bertie County Superior Court next February.

Parents - Teachers Hold Meeting Here

The second meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association for the current year was held at the grammar school building on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Coburn, the president, asked Mr. Hurley to lead the devotionals, after which the meeting was turned over to Mrs. W. C. Manning, who was in charge of the program for the afternoon.

Miss Mewborn's boys' quartet, Hal Dickens, Al Ward, J. D. Lilley and Billy Myers, gave two vocal selections.

The subject of How Can Education Be Made More Effective was very ably discussed first, by Mrs. John L. Goff, representing the parents; second, by Dr. John D. Biggs, the citizens; and third, by Miss Golden, the teachers' viewpoint. Each of the three talks was both entertaining and enlightening.

At the conclusion of the program the count was taken and the prize was awarded to the first and tenth grades for having the largest attendance at the meeting.

It was learned that 7010 free lunches had been served at the elementary school and 4414 at the high school during the month of October.—Reported.

Presbyterians Announce Sunday Morning Service

Rev. C. W. Solomon of Wilson will conduct services in the Presbyterian Church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, but he will be unable to meet appointments in any of the other Presbyterian churches in the county, it was announced. He will have for his topic at the service here, "How To Be an Effective Christian."

Sheriff Roebuck Expected To Return Home Monday

A patient in a Washington hospital since October 9, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is expected to return to his home here Monday. During the past few days he has been able to get up and about the hospital for brief periods, but his right eye is still giving him some trouble.

Twenty-four Divorces In The Superior Court

One Nazi a Minute



IN A FIVE-MINUTE battle with the Nazis while on a mission over Vienna, Flight Leader Lt. Sheldon K. Anderson, Kenosha, Wis., of the 15th U. S. Air Force, shot down five German planes. He was escorting heavy bombers over strategic targets. AAF photo. (International)

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Nine Cases In The County Court

Small Crowd Present For The Few Proceedings During Brief Session Monday

Calling nine cases for trial, Judge J. Calvin Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session hardly two hours before the docket was cleared and the tribunal folded its tent until the first Monday in December. A special term of the superior court will be convened next Monday for the trial of civil cases during the next two weeks. A very small crowd was in attendance upon the session last Monday and the docket offered about the usual run of cases.

Proceedings: Charged with reckless and careless driving, Linwood Bland was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs and \$400 to Mrs. Irving Roberson. The defendant's license was revoked for twelve months.

The case against Lafayette Pearlall was not proessed with leave. Pleading guilty in the case charging him with non-support, George Mooring was directed to pay the costs and \$50 for the support of his two children. He is to pay an additional \$50 before the first Monday in December, 1945. The welfare department will administer the fund and the defendant was required to give bond in the sum of \$50.

Robert L. Smith was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with speeding. Charged with being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest, Caesar Gorham pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant is not to get drunk in public during the next year.

Raymond Carney drew a twelve months term on the roads for drunk driving and speeding. Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Robert Coburn, colored, was fined \$60 and taxed with the cost. His driver's license was revoked for one year.

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Wounded Youth In Alabama Hospital

Wounded in France last September, Pfc. Burrace F. Ange, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy M. Ange, RFD 1, Jamesville, is getting along very well in a government hospital at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, his parents and wife, Mrs. Nina Ange, reported yesterday following a short visit with him in the hospital.

Pvt. Ange was removed to a hospital in England soon after he was wounded on September 10 and later transferred to the States. A bullet, about one and one-half inches long and about the size of a cigarette in circumference, shattered his cheek bone and lodged near the ear, missing his brain by breath-taking inches.

It was learned that the veteran was in the thick of the battles at St. Lo and Cherbourg, that he hurt his back by straining.

Receiving an honorable discharge from the Army after seeing action in two great battles in France, Willie J. Roberson, Martin County man who just recently returned home, made a special trip to see J. C. Manning, chairman of the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross, to make a cash donation to the organization.

"The Red Cross was so kind to me while I was overseas and helped me while I was hurt that I want to show my appreciation, even if my contribution is small," the veteran explained in handing over a crisp \$5 bill.

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Actions Outnumber All Other Cases On The Court Calendar

Damage Suit for \$20,000 To Be Called During Term Opening Monday

Opening a special two weeks term here next Monday for the trial of civil cases only, the Martin County Superior Court will find a record number of divorce cases on its calendar. Outnumbering all other cases on the calendar, twenty-three of the divorces are based on two years of separation and one on adultery. Possibly as many as twenty divorces have been calendared at a single session of the superior tribunal in time past, but the two dozen scheduled for trial next Monday sets an all-time record when it comes to tearing asunder the bonds of matrimony. In addition to the divorce cases, four plaintiffs are suing for alimony without divorce.

With Judge Jeff Johnson of Clinton scheduled to preside, the court apparently plans to run its divorce mill full blast next Monday, leaving a few cases to be ground out later in the term. The court plans to sit only two days next week, recessing some time Tuesday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Activities will be resumed the following Monday when the trial of twenty-two other cases will be continued.

The twenty-three divorces, based on two years' separation, follow: George Shannon against Esther Shannon, Linwood Rhodes against Cora Lee Rhodes, Martha Parker against Noah Parker, Jamie Dempsey against William Henry Dempsey, William Jasper Weaver against Myrtle Weaver, Tony Manson against Mary Manson, Marshall Moore against Wannie Mae Moore, Maggie Davis against Harry Davis, William Everett against Susie Everett, William Frank Spruill against Mary Della Spruill, Luetta Knight against Jonah Knight, Lillian Rogers against Octavius Rogers, Herman Farmer against Louise Farmer, Ethel Dickerson against Robert Dickerson, John Terrell against Ruby Terrell, Daisy Thompson against Philip Thaison, Luther Hardison against Minnie Hardison, Stanley Hollis against Elizabeth Hollis, Alexander Hodges against Gladys Hodges, Bettie Ann Green against Askew Green, Charlie Mack Mizelle against Annie Bailey Mizelle, Martha Whitley against Noble Whitley, Jasper Andrews against Louvenia Andrews, L. E. Hyman is suing Ada Hyman for divorce on the grounds of alleged adultery.

In the cases of Esther Shannon against George Shannon, Frances Whitley against Jesse Whitley, Della Staton against Wilson Staton, and Betty Otterbridge against Jimmy Otterbridge, the plaintiffs are suing for divorce.

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Two Are Cleared in Manslaughter Case

Frank Brown and Roland Outlaw, colored men charged with manslaughter, were cleared in the Bertie County Superior Court. The case against Brown was not proessed by Judge C. E. Thompson at the conclusion of state's evidence, and Outlaw was found not guilty by the jury.

Brown, employed by the Standard Fertilizer Company, and Outlaw, employed by the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company, were driving trucks of their employers on the morning of September 28 and wrecked them on the eastern end of the Roanoke River bridge, costing Matthew Bond, Bertie colored man, his life.

According to reports reaching here, the two men were not charged with reckless or careless driving.

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Resigns As Chief Clerk Of County Ration Board

Mrs. Irene Blount of Jamesville, after serving as chief clerk of the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board, tendered her resignation a short time ago and ended her activities with the board Wednesday of this week. Accommodating and most thoughtful in her duties as chief clerk, she plans to spend much of the time in Virginia with her husband, P. C. Blount, of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Her successor has not been named, but Mrs. Myrtle Bunting of Hamilton is acting as chief clerk for the present.

Slightly Hurt In Auto Accident Monday Night

James Warren Jones, young white man, was painfully but not badly cut under one of his eyes in an automobile accident on Highway 17 near Old Mill Inn early last Monday night. The other car was driven by Mrs. Cottie Mae Wynne Williams.

One of the cars was turning off the highway and was rammed by the other, causing damage estimated at about \$100.

New Bern Minister Will Conduct Service Here

The Rev. B. L. Johnson, St. Columbian Church, New Bern, will preach at 204 S. Smithwick Street Sunday at 3 o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend the service.

D. Luther Williams Dies in Cross Roads

D. Luther (Pete) Williams, retired farmer and resident of Pitt County, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Beach, in Cross Roads Township last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. He had been in failing health for some time. Undergoing an operation last spring, he had been in failing health since that time, but was able to be up until about three weeks ago when he suffered a stroke and was forced to his bed. He is believed to have suffered a second stroke just before he died.

He was born in Pitt County 71 years ago and married Miss Mollie Peaks in 1900. He moved to this county about 35 years ago and spent the remainder of his life here except for about five years when he lived and farmed in Bertie County. Returning to this county about four years ago, he had made his home in Cross Roads Township.

Besides his widow he is survived by the following children, Lelon and John Williams of Robersonville, Mrs. Charles Beach and Mrs. Clarence Phelps of Williamston, Mrs. Jake White of Chocowinity, Mrs. P. S. Ambrose and Robert Williams of Windsor, Mrs. Palmer Tyner of Edenton, Mrs. J. P. Coward of Norfolk, and Pfc. Herman C. Williams who is in overseas service. He also leaves twenty-two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Williams was an able and hard-working farmer until advanced age forced his retirement about two years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Dennis W. Davis and interment followed in the Bowen Cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

Eighty-eight Tires Allotted By Board

Eighty-eight tires, including 73 Grade I's, six for large trucks and nine for small trucks, were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday night.

Grade I tires were issued to the following:

H. M. Ayers, Mary W. Taylor, Dennis A. Roberson, E. H. Ange, A. B. Ayers, Jr., Mrs. J. S. Godard, Vester Coltrain, I. L. Alexander, Arthur Johnson, J. A. Haislip, W. S. White, A. T. Gurkin, A. B. Fagan, Noah Brown, D. G. Modlin, Mrs. W. L. Manning, W. S. Peel, J. S. Wynne, Eli H. Bowen, W. W. Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Concklin, J. E. White, J. R. Winslow, Clarence allace, Willard Earl James, Vernon Davis, J. H. Jones, Arch Council, James W. Riddick, E. B. Peel, Lela A. Gainer, Robert Jones, J. E. Parrish, A. B. Bullock, Willie H. Modlin, Tom Williams, William R. Jones, Charlie Spruill, Robert Lee Brown, William S. Powell, Hubert Wobblen, R. L. Whitehurst, J. L. Gibson, Peter J. Byrne, Lester Cherry, Redden Tyre, James A. Leathers, Arthur B. Gurganus, C. B. Gurganus, Jesse Gray Lilley, Harrison Land, A. B. Bullock, William A. Leggett, Dorcie Williams, L. E. Nelson, A. L. Hardy, Martin County Transfer Co., Leroy Harrison, Woolard Hardware Co., M. B. Barefoot, Frank Bell, B. S. Courtney, Rufus A. Coltrain, E. C. Stevenson, L. D. Hardison, Rosa Lee Andrews, Benjamin Best.

Tires for small trucks were released to the following: L. A. Carson, B. F. Lilley, Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company, Floyd A. Whitfield.

Large truck tires were issued to the following: Martin County Transfer Company 5, and J. E. Andrews 1.

UNION SERVICE

The Union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Baptist church with the Rev. J. S. Huske, Jr., rector of the Church of the Advent, as speaker. Special music will be furnished by members of the several choirs. The service begins at 10:00 o'clock that morning. Surely the good people of Williamston and our county of Martin have much to be grateful for. Is there a better way to express that gratitude than fellowshiping with one's brothers in the sanctuary of the church? The unfortunate substance with the unfortunate of our state? A gracious welcome awaits everyone at the Baptist church Thanksgiving morning.

Wreck Minister's Car Beyond Repair

Stolen from his son who was visiting in Rocky Mount a short time ago, the Ford car belonging to Rev. John L. Goff, local minister, was wrecked so badly by the thieves that it is beyond repair, the minister was advised this week.

Arrested soon after they had stolen and wrecked the car, George Lee Anders, Harvey Taylor, Ernest Rivensbark, Nicholas Thomas and Dallas Matthews, Rocky Mount young white men, were given a hearing and bound over to the next session of the Edgecombe Superior Court. They were fined \$500 each.

No insurance was carried on the car and it was reported that the thieves are without means to make good the damage.

Sixth War Bond Drive Opens In County Next Monday; Township Quotas Assigned Here Last Night

Tobacco Sales Still Holding Up on the Market This Week

Despite predictions that the end of the block would find all tobacco gone in this section, sales continued to hold up well on the local market. The daily poundage does not compare with records established during past weeks, but fairly sizable sales have been reported every day this week.

Sales through yesterday boosted the figures for the season to date to 10,304,780 pounds and to \$4,478,141.46 and setting an all-time record for poundage and income. The average price for the past few days has been right around 45 cents a pound, and would have been much higher but fair-sized quantities of scrap tobacco have been handled on the

warehouse floors. The average for the season, according to unofficial reports, now stands at about \$43.52, or approximately three-quarters of a cent per pound above the average for the belt.

Most of the farmers have completed the marketing of their crops, but there are quite a few who still have a barn or two and in some cases several barns yet to be marketed.

It is not known how long the market will continue to operate, but it is fairly certain that sales will be resumed after the Thanksgiving holidays. Next Thursday and Friday will be observed as a holiday and the market will reopen the following Monday, November 27, according to present plans.

Leaders Optimistic Over Prospects For A Successful Drive

Martin County Asked To Buy \$245,000 E's and \$455,000 In Negotiable Bonds

Plans were virtually complete at a meeting of township and county chairmen here last night for launching the Sixth War Loan Drive next Monday, the leaders expressing the belief that Martin citizens will rally behind the movement and push it over the top long before the campaign is scheduled to close. While only five of the ten townships in the county were represented, most of the others explained that they would be ready to start the drive.

Martin County is being asked to invest a total of \$700,000 in bonds during the Sixth War Loan Drive, \$245,000 in "E" and \$455,000 in negotiable bonds. The total has been divided among the ten townships as to "E" and negotiable bonds, and while some of the quotas may be a little high in comparison with others, they are certainly not out of proportion to the times and conditions prevailing just now. Nearly ten million dollars has been paid for the tobacco crop alone in the county, not to mention peanuts that are bringing from \$8.50 to \$10 a bag. It has been pointed out that if this county does not measure up to the challenge advanced in the Sixth War Loan Drive, it will have done much to dishearten our boys at the front.

Most of those accepting the chairmanship tasks in the townships explained that they thought it was about time to call on others. Fighting men overseas, according to a series of articles submitted by "Breezy" Beard are anxious to come home, but they are not ready to quit and return until the job is finished. The job on the home front is far from finished, and it is believed that all workers will plug on and on and march to victory along with the fighting men.

Herman A. Bowen is heading the drive as chairman, and Sherwood L. Roberson, of Robersonville, is serving as co-chairman. Next week, the township chairmen will perfect their organizations and start the drive immediately. The township chairmen are:

Chas. Davenport and C. C. Fleming, Jamesville; Joshua L. Coltrain and Mrs. R. J. Hardison, Williamston; George C. Griffin, Griffins; G. D. Giles and A. B. Ayers, Bear Grass; D. V. Clayton, Williamston; Paul Bailey, Cross Roads; D. R. Everett, Robersonville; Mayo Hardison and L. H. Taylor, Poplar Point; Henry Johnson, Jr., and Ernest Edmondson, Hamilton; Hassell Worsley and John Hassell, Goose Nest.

Counsel in Murder Case Visit County

Attorneys Rivers D. Johnson of Warsaw and Faison Thompson and Needham Outlaw of Goldsboro, representing Dr. Hecht Person in the case charging him with murder and with performing illegal operations, were in this county this week, presumably in the interest of their client. Their mission was not disclosed, but it is understood they were reviewing evidence that had been given in the case charging Herman Manning and Joe Martin with aiding and abetting in an illegal operation.

The three attorneys are well known in legal circles throughout this section of the State, and it is apparent that the case will be bitterly contested.

No date for the trial has been set. Wayne County holds its next term of court for the trial of criminal and civil cases the 27th of this month. Another regular session is scheduled to be held in January. It was unofficially learned, however, that the bonds, given in the sum of \$5,000 and \$2,000 by Person and his nurse, are returnable in December.

Revival Closes In Local Holiness Church Sunday

The series of revival services being conducted by Rev. J. H. Marley, evangelist, will close in the local Holiness Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

In addition to the Sunday night service, the Sunday school will convene at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, followed by preaching at 11 a. m. The young people will meet at 6 p. m.

The women's prayer meeting is being held each afternoon at two o'clock.