

Clear Cases From Criminal Docket In Superior Court

Tribunal Adjourned One- Week Term Last Thurs- day Afternoon

After continuing the Edward L. Early, Jr., murder case last Wednesday, the Martin County Superior Court pushed on rapidly for an adjournment Thursday afternoon. The Harold Asby robbery case required a full day and the drunken driving case against Quincy took up much of the time Thursday, the court finding time to hear a few divorce cases during the meantime.

Proceedings not previously reported: The case charging Robert Jasper Rogers with no-support was not pressed, but is subject to be reopened.

After a heated trial, the jury found John Quincy James not guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving.

Hattie Rodgers Davenport, in her case against Thurston W. C. Davenport, was denied a divorce, the jury finding the couple had not lived separate and apart for two years. The plaintiff was later weaned.

In the case of Edmond Early against the Town of Oak City, the court sustained the findings of the North Carolina Industrial Commission. Suffering a broken hip while serving the town as police officer about two years ago, the plaintiff was allowed compensation at the rate of \$8 per week, plus a hospital bill, estimated at \$1,800.

It is estimated that the plaintiff is now due under the findings of the Industrial Commission the sum of \$2,500, including hospital expenses and medical bills, and that he is to draw \$8 a week as long as he is disabled or for about 350 weeks. The defendant was given sixty days to perfect its appeal to the supreme court, and the plaintiff 30 days for his reply.

Divorces, based on two years of separation, were granted the following: James Midgett from Rebecca Midgett, Oscar Morrow from Naomi Morrow, Mary Graham from E. Graham, Joseph Cotton from Cherrie Vick Cotton, Carolyn Privott from Elmo Privott.

Mrs. John W. York Died Early Today

Mrs. John W. York, 67, died near here this morning at 1:45 o'clock after a long period of declining health. Her condition, aggravated by heart trouble, had been serious for the past several months.

She was born in Suffolk, Virginia, on April 18, 1883, but lived in this county a number of years. No immediate relatives survive.

Funeral services had not been completed early today, but burial will be in the family plot on the Oakley farm near Williamston.

Disease Strikes County Tobacco

Reports from various parts of the county declare that black shank and other diseases are cutting down the tobacco crop. Quite a few farmers are reporting some disease in their crops, but black shank seems to be doing the most damage.

Farmer Henry Early of Goose Nest Township said yesterday that sizable blocks in his field had been ruined by black shank, and apparently it was spreading.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were caught in the law-enforcement net and spent a short time in jail. One was charged with violating the liquor laws, two for the possession of narcotics and four for public drunkenness.

Four of the seven were white and ages of the group ranged from 25 to 49 years.

Saturday Raid Nets Large Quantity Of Liquor Here

A double-barreled drought struck the night spots on Williamston's Washington Street last Saturday afternoon when Chief John Roebuck with Officers Jones, Haislip and Moore hit two spots not far from the railroad.

At one stop the officers found a pint of the bush brand in the home of Perlie Williams, and spotted LeRoy Smith moving out the back with a gallon of the same brand under his arm. Williams had the pint in a jug, the officers advancing the opinion that a larger supply was near. However, it could not be found.

Shaking down "Little Bud" Wiggins, two of the officers found eighteen gallons in half-gallon jars, carefully cased up and stored under the bed and ready for delivery.

The raid, striking the unsuspecting like a bolt of lightning, was one of the largest handled here in months. Reports declared that there were dry times along the street during the week-end.

At a preliminary hearing held before Justice R. T. Johnson later that afternoon, the three men booked for trial in the county recorder's court next Monday. Bond was required in the sum of \$200 each. Smith could not arrange his immediately.

HOLIDAY

A town-wide holiday is on the schedule here next Tuesday, July 4, it was announced today by the Williamston Boosters' secretary, Al Sweett. Just about everything in the old town will be closed.

To break the monotony of the drudgery, The Enterprise will not publish an edition on the Fourth, and the office will be closed all day Saturday and the following Monday and Tuesday.

Lions Get Report On Recent Trip

The Lions held their regular meeting at the Woman's Club last Thursday evening. The ladies of the Cross Roads Christian Church served a most delicious dinner that was enjoyed by all.

Lion Wheeler Manning gave a most comprehensive report on the recent State Convention held in Charlotte. He went into detail on the subjects most interesting to the club.

One of the club's favorite guests, Prof. Jack Butler, then made a talk on the High School Band's trip to the convention, and related a few of the anecdotes of the trip. He gave a nicely worded description of the trip there and back, and told how much the band members enjoyed the trip. It was most gratifying to the Lions Club to have sponsored the band, and have them make such a wonderful record that the town of Williamston should be proud of.

Lion John Henry Edwards gave a description of the parade held in Charlotte. The Green Waves tied with Kannapolis for first place, and have a good chance for the bid to represent North Carolina at the National Convention to be held in Chicago later in the summer. Whether they can go or not, it is a wonderful honor to be given the chance.

Other guests for the evening were: Van Taylor, Herbert Roebuck, Clarence Mangum, Paul Robinson, Jimmie Harris, Sheriff Buck Holloman and Dick Gladden.

Lion Dick Elliott, chairman of the Finance Committee, gave his report and a detailed account of the various ways the money was raised and spent for the band on the trip. The report showed how the people of Williamston always arise to any occasion that is worthwhile, and respond generously toward meeting any goal that is set.—Reported.

Missionary Union Meets In Plymouth on July 6

The nineteenth convention of the Albemarle Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ will convene with the First Christian Church, Plymouth on Thursday, July 6th. The date was changed from the 5th of July to the 6th in order to clear the holiday and the church entertaining. Rev. J. M. Waters, formerly of Arapahoe, will be one of the speakers. The Rev. Olin Fox of Hassell will deliver the morning sermon. "Our Plymouth brethren are preparing for a large convention," said Rev. John L. Goff, the president. "So let's go down in large numbers."

Lagging Income Curbs Sales On Farm Equipment

Sale of Tractors and Farm Implements Off Ten To Thirty Percent

Chicago.—The farm equipment industry is moving through the first soggy spot in tractor and implement demand in over a decade.

A ten year climb in farm equipment sales was climaxed last year by a record industry sales volume of \$1,800 million, roughly five times '39. But a slackening began late last year—and odds are the 1950 total will be down, despite a spring surge in sales.

This clearly indicated by a Wall Street Journal check of seven big farm equipment manufacturing firms which account for about two-thirds of the industry's sales. Interviews with 24 equipment dealers in eight leading agricultural states back this finding.

Shrinking farm income is mainly to blame. In the first half of 1950 it lagged 9 percent behind last year.

"With less money to spend, farmers are tightening up on their buying," explains W. A. Roberts, executive vice president of one of the largest farm equipment makers. "This is affecting farm equipment makers. This is affecting farm machinery and everything else sold to farmers."

Implications of this trend could extend a long way beyond the barnyard. "Farm buying has never before slowed down without sooner or later pulling everything else along with it," Mr. Roberts contends.

Huge postwar production has also contributed to lessening demand. The industry has eaten away the backlog of business accumulated during the war, filled distribution pipelines and is now down to producing for current requirements.

With plenty of machinery available, farmers went back last fall to buying equipment only when needed. This put sales on the skids through the winter. Since, the industry has been watching to see whether or not the seasonal rise this spring would offset the winter decline. Normally, farm equipment sales reach a seasonal peak in April or May.

With that period past, it has become evident that this year's business won't be as good as 1949. How much have sales declined? At the dealer level, the showing varies widely. Down in the northwestern part of Texas, where farmers suffered a wheat crop failure this spring, dealers are probably finding the going rougher than any other place in the country.

Amarillo's International Harvester dealer, Tom Gallaher, is no exception. "We've had a hard time," he says. "The business is down. It's not as good as 1949. It's not as good as 1948. It's not as good as 1947. It's not as good as 1946. It's not as good as 1945. It's not as good as 1944. It's not as good as 1943. It's not as good as 1942. It's not as good as 1941. It's not as good as 1940. It's not as good as 1939. It's not as good as 1938. It's not as good as 1937. It's not as good as 1936. It's not as good as 1935. It's not as good as 1934. It's not as good as 1933. It's not as good as 1932. It's not as good as 1931. It's not as good as 1930. It's not as good as 1929. It's not as good as 1928. It's not as good as 1927. It's not as good as 1926. It's not as good as 1925. It's not as good as 1924. It's not as good as 1923. It's not as good as 1922. It's not as good as 1921. It's not as good as 1920. It's not as good as 1919. It's not as good as 1918. It's not as good as 1917. 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