

## List Civil Cases Disposed of in Superior Court

### Two Days Given in the Hearing of Ditch Obstruction Case

The second week of Martin County superior court ended yesterday at 1 o'clock. The cases which took up more time than any other during the week were Etheridge vs. B. F. Myers, the controversy being over obstructing a ditch. After a long and tedious hearing continuing through a good part of two days the jury found that the ditch had been unlawfully obstructed, and the defendant was ordered to remove the obstruction. The contention was bigger than the damage, just as is the case in many similar hearings.

While only a few cases, either criminal or civil, were heard by a jury, many were disposed of by compromise or by default.

The following cases were finally disposed of and judgments signed in them:

State & City Bank & Trust Co. vs. Peoples Bank Guarantors; judgment for \$3,183.51.

Atlantic Bank & Trust Co. vs. Peoples Bank Guarantors; judgment for \$10,500.

Slade, Rhodes & Co. vs. W. C. James; referred to J. W. Bailey for accounting.

Mrs. E. S. Stalls vs. J. F. Warren; judgment for plaintiff for the sum of \$500.

Corey vs. Lilley; land suit settled in favor of Corey.

Augustus Ayers vs. Wesley Bell; the defendant being dead, the case was stricken from the docket.

Mrs. Lela Etheridge vs. W. J. Etheridge, administrator; judgment for defendant.

R. L. Coburn, receiver, vs. W. J. Holliday, et al.; judgment of \$392.10 for plaintiff.

John T. Daniel, executor, vs. W. E. Davenport, et al.; order entered to appoint a commissioner and sell land.

A. B. Consovo vs. Julius S. Peel, et al.; judgment ordering a hearing.

Peter Thompson vs. Penina Thompson; divorce granted.

Levi Boston vs. Mattie L. Boston; divorce granted.

E. Gurguchis, et al., vs. J. B. Cherry & Bro.; judgment in favor of plaintiffs.

R. L. Coburn, receiver, vs. W. T. Ward; judgment against defendant for \$1,186.69.

The cases of James vs. Taylor; James vs. Planters & Merchants Bank; Planters & Merchants Bank vs. Rice, et al.; and the R. E. Roberson will case were all set for hearing at the June term of court.

C. L. Cannon vs. C. S. Smith; judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$2,000.

W. R. Grace vs. W. J. Holliday, plaintiff failed to appear and case was non-suited.

Ruth Andrews vs. D. Andrews; divorce granted.

Hughes vs. Speigh; remanded to justice's court.

Metropolitan Discount Co. vs. Cherry; judgment for plaintiff for \$298.00.

## Parents-Teachers Have Big Meet Robersonville

Around 250 parents and teachers of the Robersonville school attended a meeting of their organization there last night. The large attendance within itself speaks well for the school and the community in which it is located. The association there is supporting the school in its undertakings of advancement, giving aid in practically all the phases of school work.

Miss Evelyn Harrison, student at Louisville college, is spending a few days with her parents.

**STRAND THEATRE**

**SATURDAY**  
**BOB CUSTER**  
in  
**"HAIR-TRIGGER BAXTER"**  
Also  
**2-REEL COMEDY**  
And  
**Seventh Episode**  
**"OFFICER 44"**  
Always a Good Show

## To Discontinue Two Trains Next Friday

### Williamstonian Is Aide to Commander

Commander D. C. Godwin, chief of staff for Admiral Williams, who is in command of all the United States forces in Chinese waters, including the Marines who have been landed in China, is a North Carolinian and a native of Williamston.

Commander Godwin commanded a submarine during the early part of the World War, and was later in command of a destroyer. His wife and daughter are with him in China and have been evacuated.

## Series Services Closes Sunday

### No Service Will Be Held at Local Church Tomorrow

The evangelistic services at the Episcopal church this week will close Sunday night. The Rev. James E. W. Cook, who is preaching, has delivered some splendid sermons to appreciative congregations.

Wednesday night, Mr. Cook preached a special sermon, choosing his text from Nehemiah 3:3 and using as his subject, "Building."

It is safe to say that the sermon was one of the ablest preached in this town for a long time. The description of the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem was almost a perfect description of what we see on every hand today. The fellow who can do and will not do is as true today as it was in Nehemiah's day when the "nobles did not put their necks to the work of the Lord."

Last night the Masonic lodge attended in a body and heard a splendid sermon on the Patron Saint of their order, St. John.

Tuesday night Mr. Cook addressed a fine sermon to the young people, but unfortunately the persons to whom the sermon was addressed were busy with other affairs.

Sermons will be preached in the church tonight and Sunday morning and evening. There will be no services tomorrow.

## Robersonville School Notes

The trip to Raleigh planned for tomorrow, April 2, has created much real enthusiasm and interest. Several have their names on the waiting list, not exactly hoping that others will have to miss the trip but hoping that if such does occur they will be able to secure the tickets of the unfortunate ones. In other words, the tickets are too few.

At 5:30 the bus will leave Grimes drug store. Those who hold tickets will be expected to be there "on the dot." At present the ones who will make up the party are: Carrie Lee Roberson, Beattie Morris, Frances House, Glenn Norman, Millie Williams, Gladys Ausborn, William Everett, Hattie Ross, Margaret Ross, Sherwood Perkins, Elizabeth Shaw, Mary Johnson, John Robert Jenkins, Mae Hargrove, Ida Whitehurst, Bertha Krider, Leona Moore, Eva Irene Peele, R. I. Leake, Vernon Jenkins, Susie Jenkins, Virginia Barnhill, Hattie Lou Roberson, Paul Roberson, Vernon A. Ward, Jr., Mary Atkins, Alma Murray, Staton Williams, Harry H. Roberson, John W. Wynne, Irving Mason, Louise Smith.

"Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose" promises to be everything that you could expect of a comedy-drama of the Sunny South. The seniors will be at their best. Each character is well fitted for his part and all are working zealously to give you a good production. So don't fail to see "Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose" on Tuesday evening, April 5.

## Mrs. John A. Manning Guest of Honor of Club

Thursday evening at the Woman's club, Mrs. John A. Manning was the guest of honor at a banquet of her card club, she having made high score in the club during the past season. The husbands of the members were also guests.

The hall was prettily decorated for the occasion and a five-course dinner was served.

Mrs. Bettie Harrell returned last night from Norfolk, where she underwent an operation several weeks ago. Her many friends are glad to learn of her return.

## Civic Clubs Ask for a Hearing Before Commission

The two Atlantic Coast Line trains running between Plymouth and Tarboro will be discontinued next Friday, April 8, unless something steps in and prevents such action.

The application for the discontinuance of the two trains has caused many inquiries, but, according to information gained from correspondence between Mr. J. D. Woolard, secretary of the Williamston Kiwanis Club and the North Carolina Corporation Commission, no date has been set for the hearing relative to the removal of the two trains, Nos. 56 and 57, now operating between Tarboro and Plymouth. It was stated in the correspondence, however, that a hearing would be arranged within the next few days, and that all parties interested would be informed as to what time it would be held.

Mr. Woolard called officials of the chambers of commerce and Kiwanis Clubs in practically all the towns served by the trains, and stated the situation to them. In every case the officials stated that the towns they represented would send several men to the hearing whenever it was called.

The application filed with the Corporation Commission by the Atlantic Coast Line was dated March 21, and follows:

"We have been considering for some time the question of discontinuance of our Trains 56 and 57, operating between Tarboro and Plymouth, N. C., on account of the money we are losing in the operation. The passenger revenue for these trains for the year ended February 28, 1927, averaged 29 cents per train mile. Train 56 averaging for the period mentioned 27.3 cents per train mile, and Train 57 averaging 30.6 cents. There is no direct connection at Tarboro with either of these trains. The mail and express on these trains is very light. Calculating on the operating cost of \$1.25 per train mile, we are losing, taking into consideration the mail and passenger revenue, about 83.3 cents per train mile. The express revenue is small, and we are not including that in this statement.

"There is a hard-surface road from Tarboro to Plymouth, and there is bus service to accommodate the people. We are therefore making formal application to discontinue these trains."

The letter is signed by W. H. Newell, general superintendent, Rocky Mount, N. C.

## Firemen Respond to Second Call in One Day

The local fire company answered a second call on one day last Tuesday when a trip was made to a small tenant house just beyond Roberson's market on the Washington road a few minutes after 11 p. m. When the alarm was given, Lela Graham, colored, and several children were sleeping while the fire was burning the roof over their heads.

Little damage resulted, for the fire was put out in a very few minutes after it was discovered.

## Henry Ford Hurt in Automobile Wreck

The automobile magnate, Henry Ford, was badly injured when his car, a Ford coupe, was pushed over an embankment Sunday night.

Mr. Ford was driving alone and had just crossed the River Rouge bridge when a heavy car supposed to be a Studebaker side-swiped his little Ford and knocked the two Fords off the road and down an embankment. Mr. Ford was bruised from head to foot and seriously hurt. He will be required by physicians to remain in an hospital for at least two weeks.

There is a mystery about the accident, there being a strong suspicion that the driver of the big car attempted to wreck the automobile magnate's car and kill him. A complete investigation is being made to try to find both the car and the cause of the accident.

## Ford Company Will Announce New Car

Information which looks to be authentic says that the Ford Motor company will announce a new car on Sunday April 8.

The car is said to be a six cylinder with shift gears and will sell at popular prices. This will still keep the Ford at the head of the motor world.

William C. Durant says he is going to startle the motor world on April 7th, and it appears that Ford is rushing to get his announcement to the public first.

## Current News of Activities in County Schools

### Encourage Keeping of Flowers in Schools; Beautify Grounds

A certain school of the county is encouraging the keeping of flowers in large quantities by taking for safe keeping flowers grown by parents till the weather moderates. There was doubt expressed by some of the parents about advisability of this procedure.

It appears to the writer to hold splendid possibilities, granted the premise that constant association with nature is conducive to character making, that poets are inspired to write through having lived and enjoyed the mountain scenery, that song writers and music composers are influenced to produce classical music by familiarity with wild and ceaseless surging of the briny deep, one is obliged to believe association with flowers and enjoyment of their perfume will draw out and encourage finer qualities of thought and emotions in the pupils. If a great pot, yard stick or scales will assist in teaching mathematics, why will not flowers assist in teaching biology, English, agriculture, and even poetry. "Fair Daffodil, why waste ye away so soon," "Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds," "Yet once more oh ye ivy, here," "Thou poor leaf so sore and frail,"—these and many other quotations show the possibility of concrete illustrations of what poetry teaches through the use of flowers. Some of our schools have the beginnings of flowers and lawns, but many need more attention in this respect. It would be a fine expression of community spirit for Martin county if the parents-teachers associations would take up the matter of laying off the school yards with John J. Blair, director of school-yard planning, Raleigh, N. C. and once advised begin work on beautification of school grounds. Could we not soon have the most beautiful school yards in the State?

The laboratory method of teaching by having something concrete with which to make the lesson practical and more impressive will, in the future, encourage the use of flowers. With the poet, "If I knew what thou were, little flower, Root and all, all in all I would know what God is."

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## Rev. J. E. W. Cook to Preach in Hamilton

Rev. J. E. W. Cook, who is conducting special services in the Church of the Advent, Williamston, will hold a service in St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Saturday night, at 7.30.

## Pupils of Sixth Grade Had Picnic Yesterday

Miss Stanback, teacher, and the fifth grade pupils of the local school, enjoyed a picnic at the river yesterday afternoon. Marshmallows were toasted and served along with pickles, cakes, and Dixie cups.

## Baptist Church Announcements

Mr. Moore will preach his first sermon in the two-week's revival Monday night.

Preparatory for this meeting, the following services are announced: The pastor will meet with the children of the church for a short service Saturday afternoon at the church at 4 o'clock. In addition to the regular services Sunday, the pastor will preach a special sermon to the women of his church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. And Sunday night, at 7:15, there will be two prayer meetings in the church; one for and by the women, the other for and by the men. Following these, the pastor will preach at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Moore is coming to give this community his full-time services for two weeks. It is desired by the people of the Baptist Church to make these services community-wide in their scope. Everybody is invited, and the choirs of the other churches are especially wanted to assist in the music for these meetings.

Beginning Monday night, all preaching services for the meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

Sunday should be a great day in the church, and to make it such the people are invited to come out in large numbers, and to come with prayers for the meeting.

The people over Martin County are invited to come into these services as much as is possible.

Mr. Moore is a plain Gospel preacher, and is heartily commended on this one statement.

## BAPTIST START REVIVAL NEXT MONDAY



Rev. Arthur O. Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Salisbury, N. C., who will preach his first sermon at the Memorial Baptist Church here Monday night, at 8 o'clock, in a series of meetings which will continue until Easter.

## Announcement of Municipal Election for May 3 Expected to Set Political Pot a-B'iling

### Town Convention Might Be Called to Take Place on 18th

At a call meeting of the Town Commissioners here yesterday afternoon, a special town election was called for May 3. No date for the holding of a town convention was decided upon, but Monday, the 18th was mentioned as a probable time for the nomination of the candidates.

No new registration of voters will be required this year, but all electors whose names are not on the books are urged to register when the books are opened the 22nd of this month. Mr. J. E. Pope was appointed registrar, and he will have the books open in his office in the old Farmers and Merchants bank building from April 22 to 30 inclusive.

While town politics have witnessed little if any action up until this time, things are expected to warm up when several possible candidates for mayor and commissioners are mentioned. The status of affairs in the old camp is of a very quiet nature, and it is not known whether any of the present administration will consider renomination or not.

## Colored Schools Hold Group Commencements

The colored schools of the county will hold two group commencements, one at Jameville on April 14, and the other at Hamilton on April 15. Preliminary commencements were held on the 16th and 17th of last month in Williamston and Hamilton. The work as done in the colored schools and as brought out in the preliminary commencements was very good and showed a decided improvement over conditions of several years back. The schools were divided into three classes: 8-months class, regular-term class, and Rosenwald class. In every case competition was held within the classes and included the seven grades of the elementary system.

School winners in the preliminary group-center contests were:

Flash-card reading: Williamston and Jameville tied; Williams Lower Flash-card number work: Williamston and Jameville tied; Williams Lower Dramatization: Williamston-Jameville tied; Biggs and Spring Hill tied. Silent reading: Biggs, Jameville. Spelling: Woolard, Jameville. Composition: Biggs, Jameville, Williamston. Arithmetic: Jameville, Woolard.

Hamilton Group Center: Flash-card reading: Parmele. Flash-card number work: Hamilton, Parmele. Dramatization: Robersonville, Salisbury, Hamilton. Silent reading: Robersonville, Whichard. Spelling: Robersonville, Jones, Everetts. Composition: Robersonville, Oak City, Salisbury. Arithmetic: Robersonville, Hamilton. (a second high score with Jones.)

Schools entering the Williamston group are as follows: Jameville, Dardens; Keyes; Piney Woods; Williams Lower-Rosenwald; Smithwick's Creek; Woolard; Biggs; Spring Hill; Burroughs, Cross Roads; and Williamston.

Schools entering the Hamilton group are as follows: Parmele, Robersonville, Gold Point, Everetts, Smith, White Oak, Spring (did not enter), Salisbury, Poplar Point, James, Whichard, Oak City, Rosenwald, Hamilton-Rosenwald, Jones, Bower.

This is the fourth year that the colored schools have held such contests. Each year standards of achievement have been set, and each year the schools try to better them.

## Martin County Vital Statistics Report for 1926

### Martin County Had 294 Deaths and 673 Births During Last Year

The annual report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the year 1926 has just been received and compares very favorably with the report of an adjoining county that has one of the best health departments in the State. It is no reflection on that county, however, for her rates are a great honor to it, and with such an excellent and high grade health department they will continue to come down. It is to be hoped that Martin's rate will show a reduction from the figures of last year. The comparisons are shown below to try to impress upon those who have the responsibility of bettering conditions that these several people saved are worth much to a county.

There were no deaths from measles, smallpox, scarlet fever, or whooping cough reported by the bureau of statistics.

The report and comparisons follow: Martin County had 673 births; rate 29.8; adjoining county 1,599; rate 31.4. Must start it at the school. Spring is here. A committee of Bear Grass parents have recently raised a neat sum with which to purchase stage scenery. Mr. John Philpot has been employed to paint and install same. Everetts, Gold Point and Parmele schools need stage settings and will probably arrange for such before many seasons pass. The standard high school stages are fairly well provided for. Everything for the ennobling of the lives of our school children should be encouraged.

In the issue of the Enterprise carrying an account of the program given for the benefit of commitment at Robersonville, one number was mentioned. I am sure everyone was delighted with the splendid examples of dramatization given by the Bear Grass school. Mr. S. M. Lee and his teachers are to be congratulated for their excellent service in offering this work. Keep it up Bear Grass; for, to understand a subject, one must place himself in the "shoes" of the author.

It has been reported that Martin county is going to lose some of her teachers. When approached by school Martin had 294 deaths; rate 13.0; adjoining county, 656; rate 12.9.

Maternal deaths: Martin, 2; rate, 2.9; adjoining county, 17; rate 10.6.

Infant deaths (under 1 year): Martin, 66; rate, 98.0; adjoining county, 161; rate 100.6.

Typhoid fever: Martin, 7 deaths; rate 3.1; adjoining county, 13; rate 25.5.

Malaria: Martin, 1 death; rate 4.4; adjoining county, 8; rate, 15.7.

Diphtheria deaths: Martin, 7; rate, 3.1; adjoining county, 8; rate, 15.7.

Tuberculosis deaths: Martin, 12; rate 5.2; adjoining county, 52; rate 102.3.

Deaths from Diarrhea and Enteritis—Martin, 16; rate 70.9; adjoining county, 53; rate 104.3.

Wm. E. WARREN,  
County Health Officer.

## Standard Stations Here Under New Managers

The two Standard oil filling stations located on Main Street underwent a change in management this week when the Messrs. Barnhill Bros. took the business in charge. The station on the corner of Main and Houghton Streets will be operated by Mr. Ben Riddick, formerly of Everetts. The station next to the Tar Heel Apartments will be managed by Mr. Charlie James.

## Windsor People Plan to Erect Modern Hotel

At a call meeting of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce last Friday night, plans were offered to launch a movement to organize a stock company and build a modern hotel for that town. A dispatch from that town states that the need for a modern hotel has long been felt there, and that with the opening up the bridge across the Chowan a larger and better hotel would be necessary to handle the tourist traffic.

## Sunday Services at Church of Advent

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector  
Sunday, April 3, 1926.  
8 o'clock—Holy Communion.  
10:00—Church school.  
11:00—Holy Communion and sermon by Rev. J. E. W. Cook.  
3:00—Holy Trinity Mission.  
8:00—Evening prayer and sermon by Rev. J. E. W. Cook.

Miss Myrt Wynne, of Wilson, is visiting friends here.