

PROCEEDINGS OF MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Got Off to Slow Start Monday, But Judge Hastens Things Along

END TERM SATURDAY

Practically All Cases On Docket Will Have Been Settled When Special Term Is Over

Practically all the cases on the docket for the special term of superior court here will have been settled when the court closes a two weeks' term next Saturday, it was stated yesterday. While the court got off to a slow start last Monday, Judge Moore hastened things up Tuesday and up until last night cases were being brushed from the docket in rapid order.

In the case of N. C. Agricultural Credit Corporation against N. R. Griffin, plaintiff was given a judgment in the sum of \$500.

T. V. Davis was awarded \$1500 damages in his case against the National Handle Company.

A judgment in the sum of \$275 was given R. G. Sexton against W. C. Wallace.

The land division case of L. L. Ange against Jesse Ange, George Gardner and W. T. Padgett was compromised.

A judgment was given the plaintiff in the F. M. Peel case against Alton B. Corey. Corey's attorney gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court.

A commissioner was appointed and a sale was ordered in the D. G. Matthews tax case against W. T. Ward, et al.

Another case of D. G. Matthews against W. T. Ward, R. G. Harrison and J. S. Peel, was settled in the same manner.

In the case of Henry D. Gurganus and George Gray against Elsie Mac Bowen and husband and guardian and Sadie Gurganus, the court decided in favor of plaintiffs after it was proved that a certain deed involving the litigants had been mutilated.

A complete list of the cases tried this week was not available last evening since the judgments had not been entered on the minutes of the court.

Robersonville Boys and Girls Split With Plymouth

The girls' basketball team of the Robersonville high school added another game to its list of victories here last Wednesday night, defeating Plymouth's team 81 to 12. In the game following that of the girls, the Robersonville boys lost to Plymouth's five by only one point, the count being 8 to 7.

Robersonville's two teams were ably supported from the sidelines by the cheerleaders from the school there.

Ladies of Christian Church To Serve Supper Monday

Monday night, February 13, the ladies of the Christian church are serving a supper at the Woman's club for members of the congregation. Following the supper, pledges will be taken to raise the church budget for the year. The officers of the church will be elected at this time. There will also be several musical numbers on the program.

Williamston Highs Win Over Ayden

In a double header here last Wednesday night, the Williamston girls won over Ayden's girls by the huge score of 42 to 7 and the local boys scored 42 to 7 while the local boys turned Ayden's five back 19 to 9.

The locals played well in both games, showing better form than at any time this or last season. Tonight, Belhaven comes here for a return game.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY JACK HOXIE

in **'WOLF TRACKS'**

Also **Two - Reel Comedy And Serial 'ISLE OF SUNKEN GOLD'**

Theatre Well Heated

School Building Muddle Is Serious Problem to County

EARLY DECISION IS IMPORTANT

Whole Year Will Be Lost Unless Matter Is Decided Soon In Opinion

WHERE HITCH CAME

Failure of State To Allow All of \$130,000 Loan Asked For Embarrasses County Officers

After studying the school conditions in the county carefully, the Martin County Board of Education, at its meeting the second Monday in November, prepared the following petition and carried it before the County Commissioners:

Whereas under Section 271 Public School Laws Revised, the Board of Education of Martin County has discovered overcrowded and unsanitary conditions in the schools of Robersonville and Williamston at this time.

And whereas natural and expected increases in enrollment for the term 1928-29 in each of the above schools will make it still more imperative that adequate buildings be provided.

And whereas under the constitution of North Carolina the Supreme Court has held that a school building is a necessary expense for maintaining a six months' school as much so as a jail or courthouse is necessary to a county government.

We now, therefore, the members of the Martin County Board of Education in compliance with what we consider, after conscientious study, our bounden and sworn duty, do hereby wish to remind you of our conclusions above set forth and to urge and petition the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

First, that Martin County Board of Commissioners, clothed in its rightful authority, exercising a proper and cautious judgment, and recognizing its duty to serve the best interests of its citizenship, do provide the necessary funds for erection of such buildings in the sum of \$65,000 for each such building.

Second, that the board of commissioners authorize and make application for securing loans in the above mentioned amounts for the respective schools from the State Building Fund because of the economy in rates of interest charged on such loans.

Third, if said efforts to secure above mentioned loans should fail to provide any part or all of such money as is needed and above mentioned; then said Board of Commissioners petitioned to exercise such authority for securing the funds as is allowed them under Sections 271, 266 and 267 of P. S. L. 1927 and 25.

Lastly, said County Commissioners are urged to give answer in full to this petition at once as the Board of Education of Martin County is reliably informed that applications reaching Raleigh by the 20th day of November will have precedence over later arrivals and building materials will be cheaper purchased prior to February 1 than they would be later.

At the time of accepting the petition, the commissioners felt sure that the money could be borrowed from the State Building Fund; in fact they were so sure of this that they went on to agree that in the event the money could not be secured from the State Fund, then they would secure funds by other means. The application for a loan of \$130,000 was entered. And if that amount could have been borrowed from the State, it is the opinion of many that work would be going on at Robersonville and Williamston in erecting the two much-talked-about school buildings.

Then the hitch came. The State announced \$50,000 for a school in the county instead of \$130,000; the commissioners cried no bonds but did approve the loan of \$50,000 from the State; the Board of Education split the \$50,000, giving \$25,000 to Robersonville and \$25,000 to Williamston and tabled the matter until sufficient money could be had to start and complete the program outlined.

The commissioners don't know; the Board of Education doesn't know; and while many people have their opinions, it is most certain that nobody knows what will be the outcome of the situation.

The opinions of some of the county's leading men follow:

"The commissioners have already looked upon the program as a necessary one, and to carry out their duty, a bond issue will be necessary now."

"The commissioners are not going to issue bonds to carry out the entire building program this year, but they might consider adding \$15,000 to the \$50,000 secured from the State and provide for one building in the county. In that event, consider the conditions and needs of both schools and let the building go to the one in most need of additional school facilities."

"No bonds will be issued by the

BIG SHIPMENT PEANUTS MADE

Candy Manufacturer in Chicago Buys 400 Carloads At One Time

According to Farm Facts, one of the largest shipments of peanuts ever made to one concern is now in progress from Southern points to a candy manufacturer in Chicago. The consignment consists of 400 carloads of shelled peanuts, weighing more than twelve million pounds, and represents only a portion of the company's yearly requirements.

It would take every peanut raised in Martin county last year and several hundred cars of the goobers raised elsewhere to fill the order. According to estimates, between five and six hundred carloads of peanuts were shipped from the county during the past season. They were not shelled, however.

Farm Facts says, "If the goobers in this movement were laid end to end, they would encircle the globe nearly two and a third times, as they would make a strip more than 57,000 miles long."

"There were 1,182,000 acres planted in peanuts in Southern states last year, which produced a yield of 866,822,000 pounds of farmer stock (unshelled), or approximately 440,000,000 pounds of shelled product."

FINDS STOCKING IN SOFT DRINK

Claim Is Made Basis of Unusual Suit in Court Here This Week

A bottle of coca cola said to have had a woman's stocking in it was the ground for a suit of O. L. Harrell against the Kelford Bottling Company in the superior court here yesterday. Harrell failed in his suit for \$12,500 when the bottling company proved to the jury that it was impossible for a stocking to get into a bottle at the time the coca cola was made.

In his complaint, Harrell who lives in Goose Nest township, this county, stated that he went to the store of N. M. Hyman near his home last August and purchased a coca cola, that he took one drink of the bottle's contents and found something was wrong. After an examination, he discovered a lady's stocking inside the bottle. And that made him desperately ill. Mr. Harrell stated that the dye from the stocking impaired his health greatly; in fact he said he was damaged to the extent of \$2500.

Asks for Booklet But Fails To Give Name

In writing to the educational bureau of the Chilean Nitrate Company for a leaflet on how to grow more corn to the acre, a farmer near Jamesville failed to sign his name to the letter. Anxious to render this service, State Manager H. B. Mask called on Professor Overby at Jamesville to assist him in locating the farmer who carelessly left his signature off the letter. So far Mr. Overby has failed in his several attempts to learn the name of the farmer desiring the information.

Town Team Loses Close Game To Norfolk Police

Molly Craft, veteran baseball and basketball player, with several other members of the Norfolk police force, made a raid here last night on the Security Boys and won 32 to 24.

The policemen, in the first few minutes of play, forecasted a walk-away, but they soon changed their opinions when Pete Fowden's boy settled down to real playing. At one time, the locals were trailing with only a one- or two-point margin between the scores.

The police team, with its star players gathered from former Navy and school teams in that section, had a hard time proving its superiority to the local boys.

Favorable Comment On New Star Coach

The new Star car, a coach, on display at the Barnhill Motor Company here during the past few days has had many favorable comments paid it. Mr. Barnhill expects an entire carload of new Stars within the next few days.

commissioners this year, and another year is likely to pass with conditions remaining unchanged.

"No one seems to know what will be done, but unless something is done at once, it will soon be too late to do anything to relieve the congestion in the schools next term."

HOME AGENT IS HOLDING MANY CLUB MEETINGS

Almost Dozen Held During Past Week in Various Parts of County

EIGHT CLUBS FORMED

Despite Handicap of Measles Epidemic In Some Sections Miss Sleeper Has Busy Week

"Since last Friday, Miss Lora Sleeper, home demonstration agent, has held almost a dozen meetings with the girls' and women's clubs of the county. Tomorrow morning she will hold another in her office and tomorrow afternoon, she plans to meet with the women of Poplar Point.

The girls of the Jamesville school met with Miss Sleeper Friday morning. There was such a large number wishing to become club members that the group of fifty-four girls assembled was divided into two clubs, the Senior and Junior clubs. The Junior club is composed of girls aged 10 to 13 and the senior club of girls 14 to 18. The Junior club elected the following officers, Delores Long, president; Pauline Davis, vice president; Selma Mizelle, secretary; Lyta Rae Manning, Marrie Mobley and Rachael Carson, program committee. The Senior club elected the following girls for its officers, Iceline Martin, president; Opal Lilley, vice president; and Ocie Walters, secretary. The clubs are to meet the first and third Fridays in each month.

Friday afternoon, the women of Jamesville met with Miss Sleeper in the library of the Jamesville school. There were nineteen women present at this, the first meeting. The women elected the following officers, Mrs. Bettie Hassell, president; Mrs. J. E. Smithwick, vice president and Mrs. Mary Godard, secretary. The women there plan to meet the first and third Friday afternoons in each month.

The women of Ange Township had their first meeting with Miss Sleeper Monday. In spite of bad weather and bad roads, there was a fair number of ladies present. Officers elected, include Mrs. C. H. Ange, president; Mrs. Bertha Ange, vice president and Mrs. Ben Ange, secretary. This club plans to meet the first Monday after the first Sunday in each month. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Bertha Ange.

Wednesday morning Miss Sleeper visited the Everetts school where she found it necessary to organize two clubs to take care of the large number of girls wishing to take part in the work. Thelma Peele was made president of the Junior club; Pattie Hardy, the new vice president and Edith Ayers was named secretary of the Junior club. The senior club elected the following for its officers, Beatrice Wynn, president; Pattie Cherry, vice president and Margaret Wynn, secretary. The two clubs plan to meet twice a month on Wednesdays.

At Robersonville Wednesday afternoon the club enrollment was so large that two clubs were necessary. Officers of the Senior club are Pauline Jenkins, president; Selma Gurganus, vice president; and Irma Fae House, secretary. The Junior club elected the following officers at its last meeting Wednesday, Doris Jenkins, president; Fleen Hathaway, vice president and Rosalie White, secretary. Meetings will be held twice each month on Wednesdays.

In the local school yesterday morning two clubs were formed to care for the large number of girls. The Junior club elected Ruth Ward, president; Mary Godard, vice president and Lucille Ramey, secretary. The senior club elected Doris May Stalls, president; Nelle Teel, vice president, and Sarah Ramey, secretary. Arrangements for regular meeting dates will be made later.

The measles epidemic in the county interfered with the regular schedule of work, but even then Miss Sleeper organized eight clubs and plans, when the epidemic is over to organize four more, bringing the total to twelve. Last year there were nine clubs in the county, but with the increase in students desiring to take up the work, it was found necessary to add three clubs to last year's list.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Everetts Modern Woodmen will be held next Monday night, February 13. All members are urged to be present as there are several important matters to be placed before the meeting. A special program is being planned.

Jamesville To Play Woodland Tonight

Jamesville journeys to Woodland tonight where it will meet the school team there in the first game of the State championship elimination series. Jimmie Brown is expected to take his regular position on the court in the game tonight.

TO END MEETING SUNDAY NIGHT

Rev. John Gilbert Preached Last Night on "Friendship With Jesus"

Rev. John Gilbert's theme last night at the Episcopal church was "Friendship with Jesus." In a direct and forceful manner, he illustrated with David and the twelve lowly men who were so closely associated with Jesus, the disciples showing how their power came from being friends with Jesus. In our lives the power and strength which accomplish things come from contact with Jesus, that one gets through prayer. It is impossible to stay at one level if we would take advantage of our opportunity of being with Jesus through prayer.

"The Church in Williamston probably as well as in many places of our land, is suffering because those who are in it are not better friends with Him," said Mr. Gilbert.

The messages delivered by the Missioner here this week have been inspiring and beneficial to those who have heard him.

Mr. Gilbert will hold services this afternoon and tonight, but he will not preach tomorrow night.

Bishop Thomas C. Darst will arrive tomorrow and he will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Gilbert will conclude the mission Sunday evening and the Bishop will go to Hamilton where he will preach that night.

EVENING CLASS AT JAMESVILLE

Fifteen Farmers of Jamesville Section At First Class Last Friday

Fifteen farmers in the Jamesville school attended the first of a series of evening classes at the Jamesville school last Friday night when a profitable system of hog raising was discussed. Professor Overby who has charge of the classes states that the subjects placed before these meetings are very profitable and that all farmers are invited to attend.

The second of the meetings will be held tonight at 7:30, and continuing with the same subject, the group will discuss profitable feeding of hogs in this section. A comparison of different hog feeds will be considered along with the composition, feeding value and relative cost at this time of each feed. Mr. Overby is planning to distribute at the meeting tonight mimeograph sheets, showing the results brought about through the use of certain feeds.

Farmers in that community are urged to attend the classes.

To Have But One Service At Baptist Church Sunday

Because of the evangelistic services being held at the Episcopal church, there will not be the usual evening service in the Baptist church Sunday.

The pastor suggests to his congregation that they join him in attending these evangelistic services Sunday evening, as this is the wholesome practice adopted by the Williamston churches, and the courtesies they show each other.

Sunday morning the pastor will have for his sermon subject, "The Good News."

Sunday school and the morning service will constitute the day's services at this church.

For some time the people of this church have been planning an extension to their already commodious building. Last Sunday morning the pastor appointed a Findings Committee, who will study the conditions and the needs and report back to the church. Gus Harrison was named the chairman, and Mrs. A. T. Crawford and Dr. P. B. Cone, associates.

Plans are under way for a Bible School to be held in the church this spring, and announcements will be made later, of a definite nature.

The church was well pleased with the splendid hearing given Rev. Mr. Powell by the women of the church, and their friends, Monday afternoon.

Christian Church Services for Week

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Last Sunday we had the largest attendance this year.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Sunday night there will be no preaching service because of the mission at the Episcopal church. This is the last service of the mission and all members are urged by the pastor to attend.

Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday. We all need to cultivate the habit of worship. Topic, "Hebrew Appreciation of the Privilege of Worship."

J. H. HALE, Pastor.

Order Opening of Two New Streets

ADVISES SOWING OATS FOR FEED

County Agent Says Question of Feeds Is Always Serious

"Despite the fact that farmers of Virginia and North Carolina are practicing better crop rotations than in the past, the question of feed is always serious," states County Agent T. B. Brandon. Due to spells of extremely cold weather the fall sown oats have either been killed outright or badly hurt. This will cause a shortage of feed and a poor yield per acre, making it necessary that spring oats be sown.

Before planting the oats, an application of from 400 to 600 pounds of fertilizer per acre analyzing 8 per cent. phosphoric acid, 4 to 5 per cent. nitrogen, and 3 per cent. potash should be used. If it is thought desirable to top dress with soluble nitrogen, an 8-3-3 fertilizer may be used, and from 50 to 100 pounds of calcium nitrate, sulphate of ammonia, or nitrate of soda may be applied after the plants are about two months old.

On the fall sown oats that have come through the winter in good shape, Mr. Brandon states a top dressing of from 100 to 150 pounds of nitrate of soda or calcium nitrate, or about 100 pounds of sulphate of ammonia should pay.

INVITE SCHOOLS ENTER CONTEST

Several County Institutions Plan To Take Part in Oratorical Contest

The high schools of this county have been invited to participate in the fifth National and third International Oratorical contest made possible by the cooperation of fifty-three newspapers in the United States. The North Carolina phase of the contest contemplates the widest possible participation by the various schools in county-wide elimination contests, district contests in twelve districts which largely will follow the lines of Congressional Districts, and finally a State contest in Raleigh.

The Oak City school has already entered the contest, and while no other school has yet entered in this county, it is understood that several are planning to take part.

The high school elimination contest will be held March 16 and the county elimination contests, March 30. The final contest will be held in Washington, D. C., May 25.

OAK CITY SCHOOL AND TOWN NEWS

Seniors Present Play At Everetts School; Enter Oratorical Contest

Oak City, Feb. 9.—(Special to the Enterprise)—The seniors gave their play "Eyes of Love" in the Everetts school auditorium Wednesday night.

Oak City school has entered the State's competition in the Oratorical contest sponsored by fifty-three newspapers in the United States. The first elimination contests will be held the 16th of next month.

The new flag pole was erected Wednesday. The date for flag raising will be announced as soon as the speaker is secured by the Junior Order, which order is presenting the school with the flag and a Bible.

Elementary grades are "boosting" the seed selling project. Mothers hold your order for the school girl. She is working for a prize.

School was discontinued Tuesday on account of heat. The necessary parts were adjusted promptly and school was running smoothly Wednesday.

Town News
A very pleasant evening was spent in the home of Mrs. Jodie Faithful Wednesday. Many guests were present and refreshments were served.

The Sunday school convention met at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. A very good program was rendered. It was regretted that Rev. Hale of the Williamston Christian church was called to conduct a funeral and could not take part in the program.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson in honor of their week-end guest, Miss Emily Casper.

Farmers are busy planting tobacco seed and building tobacco barns. A much larger crop of tobacco is expected in this community this year.

ATTORNEY TO CONDEMN LAND

One Street Links Main and Church; Other, Main and Warren

NEW MARKET RULING

Not To Allow Any Markets Outside Of Those in City Hall; Theo. Roberson To Move

In their meeting here last night the Town Commissioners passed an order authorizing the town attorney, R. L. Coburn to condemn the property, fifty feet in width and the distance between Main and Warren streets and the property of a similar width and the distance between Main and Church streets. The first line will enter Main street between Harrison Brothers and Company's store and that of W. D. Ambers and will run into Warren street near the home of Mr. Bob Leggett. The second line will be an extension of Hassell street and will enter Main street near the new post office. This property, according to the commissioners, will be condemned and if agreeable prices can be arranged streets will be built. In their order the commissioners pointed out that unless both streets could be built, they would not build one.

The opening of these two proposed streets has long been discussed by the commissioners and citizens of the town, and at their meeting last night the majority of the commissioners was highly in favor of the improvements provided the development could be made at reasonable prices.

Roberson to Move Market to City Hall
An agreement was entered into by the town and Mr. Theo. Roberson whereby Mr. Roberson will move his market from near the oil tanks of the Standard Oil Company to the market stalls in the City Hall. Mr. Roberson stated that he expected to move within the next month. An order was passed by the Board prohibiting any markets outside the City Hall.

James E. Griffin was given permission to hold a dance, the latter part of this or the first part of next month. Frank Carstarphen was granted permission for a dance to be held Easter.

The sanitary laws were reviewed by the commissioners and Chief W. B. Daniel was ordered to investigate the sanitary conditions in several places in town.

JURY DECLARES HICKMAN SANE

Judge To Pass Sentence on Slayer of Marian Parker Saturday

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—Eight men and four women, some elderly, some middle-aged, the jury holding the fate of William Edward Hickman, confessed slayer of Marian Parker, today stripped his cloak of asserted insanity from him and branded him as a murderer.

Two verdicts were rendered in 45 minutes in the sanity trial, one that Hickman was sane on the murder charge and the other that he was sane on the kidnapping charge.

Judge J. J. Trabucco announced that he would pass sentence on the prisoner Saturday. Jerome Walsh, Hickman's chief attorney, said that he would give notice of appeal from the verdict at that time.

Under the law, either the death penalty by hanging or life imprisonment for the murder could be imposed.

The trial was the first under the new California law on Hickman's plea that he was not guilty on both charges "by reason of insanity."

Hickman, having confessed his crimes, and pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity, and been found sane by the jury, the court assumed that the next step was to pass sentence, which will be done Saturday.

The convicted man sat bolt upright, looking straight ahead as the jury foreman read his findings. He seemed unperturbed. Maintaining his poise, Hickman, with his guard at his side, walked from the court room with a firm step, back to his cell in the county jail.

Missionary Society Changes Meeting Date

The Missionary Society of the Christian church has changed its date of meeting from Monday, February 13 to Wednesday, February 15, 8:30 o'clock. This change was made on account of the supper by the church couple that will be given Monday night. The meeting will be held with Mrs. A. L. Roebuck at her home.