

PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Term Is Brought To Close Thursday Afternoon; Small Docket

CREW GETS 2 YEARS

Only One Or Two Civil Action Were Heard; Number Road Sentences Are Meted Out

After completing the criminal court Wednesday and hearing one or two civil matters, the one-week term of Martin County Superior court was brought to a close here yesterday afternoon, both the criminal and civil dockets being the smallest to face a term of superior court here in some time. Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, presided.

The proceedings, more or less limited in interest, follow: William Crew, charged with house-breaking and peeping, entered a plea of guilty to the charges through his attorneys, B. A. Critcher and H. G. Horton, late Tuesday. No questions were asked, and Judge Devin ordered him sent to the roads for two years in each case, the sentences to run concurrently, however.

A nol pro resulted in the case charging Chester Hyman with larceny.

James Daniel and Edgar Briley, found guilty of larceny of tobacco, were sentenced to six months on the roads, the last two of the sentence to be suspended upon good behavior of the defendants. Oriander Scott, charged in the same case, was found not guilty. J. L. Daniel, aged man, found guilty in aiding and abetting the stealing of the tobacco, was sentenced to jail for four months, to go to the county home.

Dennis Whitaker, charged with non support, was required to pay his family \$15 each month.

Julia Williams plead guilty of aiding and abetting jail breaking, Judge Devin suspending the judgment upon payment of a fine and the cost of the action.

W. H. Perry, four months on the roads, the court agreeing to suspend the judgment upon the payment of the cost within 30 days.

The case charging Mattie Williams with violating the liquor laws, was continued.

Chas. Rhodes was found not guilty of removing crop, as charged.

Lacy Bridgers, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months.

Roy Beecham, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, failed to answer when he was called.

In the case of O. S. Anderson against Forbes and Morton, judgment was that verdict of jury be set aside and a new trial held.

In the case of C. A. Martin against Farmers and Merchants Bank, J. W. Watts and Ophelia Watts, the plaintiff was pleading an offset of the sum of \$1,800 due her by the defendant J. W. Watts. After debating the case the parties reached an agreement, ending the proceedings yesterday.

A divorce was granted in the case of Ben Ward against Fannie Ward, colored parties.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

Rev. Dwight A. Petty, Pastor

Timely sermons morning and evening by the pastor; special music by the choir.

The morning sermon is appropriate to the near approach of Christmas, "Foregleams of Christmas."

The evening message is suited especially to our busy, restless age, "Christ Calls a Busy World to Higher and Nobler Service."

Sunday school at 9:45—R. A. Pope, Superintendent.

Woman's Missionary Society, Monday afternoon at 3:30.

Senior Epworth League, Monday evening at 7:00.

High League, Wednesday at 7 p. m. Prayer service, Wednesday evening at 7:30; Subject, "The Prophet Hosea and His Prophecy."

The public is cordially invited to all services.

Holly Springs Service 3:00 p. m. The pastor preaches on "The Discipline of Failure and the Gospel of Another Chance."

Joseph Manning Dies Near Robersonville

Joseph Manning, 65 years old died while working on a house, near Robersonville, his home, yesterday morning of heart failure. He was stricken suddenly and fell to the porch, death following instantly.

He leaves a widow and four children, Epsey Manning, of New York; Mrs. Thos. Hughes, of Wilmington, and Harold and Elton Manning, of Robersonville.

Funeral services will be held at the residence today, it was announced late yesterday.

Automobile License Plates To Go On Sale Monday; No Extension of Time This Year

Between five and six thousand State automobile license tags will go on sale here next Monday, according to an announcement made yesterday by Mr. J. D. Woolard, manager of the license bureau located in the Williamston Motor Company salesroom on Washington Street. The plates were delivered some time ago from the revenue department's office, Raleigh.

Application cards, twelve truck loads of them, were mailed out this week from the Motor Vehicle Bureau's office in Raleigh to car owners all

over the State. These cards, it was pointed out at the local bureau yesterday, are of much importance in the purchase of the tags. With the application card and the required money, the car owner can, in a very few seconds, get his two tags. Heretofore only one tag has been required on North Carolina cars, but next year the State requires two of the plates, one to be exhibited on the rear of the machine and the other on the front.

A law, passed by the recent legislature, requires all cars to carry tags

by the first day of January, 1930. The days of grace heretofore allowed will be no more, it is understood. Owners failing to equip their cars with the tags by that time will be forced to leave their machines under shelters or in garages, according to the law.

Messrs. Woolard and Corey, of the local bureau, are attending a district meeting of the Carolina Motor Club bureau managers today in Greenville where instructions in the methods to be followed in the sale of the tags are being given.

NINE PRISONERS SENT TO ROADS

Population of Jail Here Is Smallest It Has Been in Long Time

Thirteen prisoners were removed from the Martin County jail here yesterday morning, nine of them going to the Edgecombe County roads, one to the county home, near here, and three receiving their freedom.

Found guilty of one or more charges state, the following prisoners were sent to the roads:

Noah Andrews, assault with a deadly weapon; James Williams, attempted criminal assault; Roy Boston, house-breaking and larceny and receiving; William Staton, violating the liquor laws; Lacy Bridgers, violating the liquor laws; William Crew, house-breaking and peeping; James Pollard, house-breaking and larceny and receiving; Edgar Briley, larceny and receiving; and James Daniels, larceny and receiving.

J. L. Daniel, found guilty of larceny and receiving, goes to the county home for four months. The three other prisoners were released when their cases were not pressed or some other disposition made.

After the house cleaning yesterday, Sheriff Roebuck is now holding only 10 prisoners in the jail, the smallest number to be confined there in several months. Four of them are white. Federal charges face two of the inmates, a majority of the others serving jail sentences of varying lengths.

FIDDLERS MEET AT EVERETTS

Large Crowd Expected at Entertainment There Tonight

Everetts, Dec. 13.—A large crowd is expected to attend the Fiddlers' convention, sponsored by the parent-teacher association, at Everetts this evening at 7:30 o'clock. It is definitely known that old-time fiddlers from Bertie, Pitt, Beaufort, Edgecombe, Halifax as well as Martin counties will be here to fiddle, it was stated today. According to a late announcement, there will be an additional feature in the splendid musical talent that is to take part in the piano and vocal numbers.

The judges for the convention will be, W. C. Manning, Williamston; Judge Calvin Smith, Robersonville, and Miss Eva Peel, of Williamston and Robersonville. You'll be sorry if you miss this one.

Robersonville Girls Play First Conference Game

The Robersonville High School girls' basketball team begins its play in the Northeastern basketball conference this evening when they play the Belhaven High School girls at Belhaven. During the past few days, the team, coached by Miss Dorothy Schwab, has been following an intensive practice schedule. Last Wednesday evening the girls won over the woman's club team there by a 37 to 15 count, their play pointing to a successful part in the conference.

According to a tentative schedule announced yesterday, the girls play those of the Edenton High School next Wednesday evening, the place of play not being given. On Tuesday evening a game between the Woman's Club team and that of the high school is scheduled to be played in the high school auditorium.

Patrolmen To Speak At School on Tuesday

Lieutenant Lester Jones, of the North Carolina Highway patrol, will address the students of the high school in the school auditorium next Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Lieutenant Jones' talk will center around safety on the highways, it was stated. He has made talks in a number of high schools in this section recently, and his addresses are well worth while to autoists and young girls and boys.

Principal Wm. R. Watson stated at noon today that the public is invited to join the students in hearing Mr. Jones.

TELL OF TRYING TO BREAK JAIL

Negro Prisoners Worked Long Time But Didn't Get Anywhere

Facts relative to the attempt to break jail here recently proved interesting when told collectively by several of the time and who were carried to Edgetime and who were carried to Edgecombe County yesterday to serve sentences meted out by Judge Devin in court here this week.

While the guilt centered down to James Williams and his wife, Julia Williams, several of the other prisoners stated they were planning to make the hole Williams was going to make in effecting his escape.

Nerve, fright, and disappointment each figured in the attempt to break jail. Two or three of the prisoners stated they did not want to leave, but when they were threatened if they did not leave, a spirit of full cooperation was announced. At 10 o'clock some started to connecting the sheets with which to let themselves to safety from the third-story window. Others dug the blades and saw from hiding, all the while the prisoners were telling where they were going when they got out and what they were going to do when they did make their escape.

Calling for the blades, a short while later, Williams is said to have started sawing. The first blade dulled so quickly that he told his fellow prisoners a second-hand blade had been given him. He called for another, and another, until he had dulled several and had hardly sawed through the paint on the bar.

Not until after the seventh blade was tried did the men, all colored, untie the knots in the bed clothing, make their beds, and retire for the night.

'FLYING CIRCUS' DRAWS CROWD

Plety of Amusement Is Furnished by Advertising Stunt

Chickens and guineas commanded a price much higher than that of the market last Wednesday afternoon when several of the fowls were loosed from a second-story window of the C. D. Carstarphen store on Main Street here. The street was all but blocked, workmen laid down their tools and the crowd gathered close in to grapple for a fowl bearing a trade coupon and promised to the one who caught the bird.

B. B. Glisson caught the first chicken in a hurry. The next fowl loosed was a guinea, and what a bird it was. From the window it flew to the old Martin County Bank Building. The boys routed it from its high perch there, the bird going from the two-story building to a three-story one, the Peel Jewelry store, near by. No one knew how to reach the top, so many in the crowd went for brick-bats, and their attacks, it is believed, would have put Caesar's catapultic stunts to shame.

The attack on the guinea ceased long enough for the crowd to go after a black hen. Landing in the middle of the street, the innocent bird had practically all its feathers picked off before John Hutton Gurganus got a claiming hold.

It was an exciting time, for when the next chicken was released the little colored boys crawled under automobiles and dashed to and fro, ignoring danger, and with only one purpose—to catch the bird. One chicken went under the store, the excitement ending when Chief Daniel ordered a last guinea shot from its perch on an electric wire.

Program of Services At Episcopal Church

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector

Third Sunday in Advent: Sunday school at 10 a. m.—Mr. Maurice Moore, Sunday school superintendent.

There will be no other services but the Sunday school on the third Sunday of the month.

The Christmas service at the Church of the Advent will be at midnight on Christmas Eve, to which the public is cordially invited.

Hamilton

St. Martin's Church; Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.—Mr. J. E. Edmondson, superintendent.

MANY CHURCHES SEND DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

One Day Meeting at Local Christian Church Is Well Attended

BANQUET IS FEATURE

Theme of Day's Program Is "Witnessing for Christ;" Several Noted Speakers Present

The district convention of the United Christian Missionary Society held at the Christian church here last Wednesday was well attended by delegates from about a dozen churches. The theme of the program was "Witnessing for Christ."

The special points of service, giving testimony to the theme were, "The Christian College," by E. B. Quick, of Atlanta, who also stressed the importance of benevolence and missions in the Christian life.

The Preachers' Pension Fund, which the church is trying to found, was brought before the convention. The State Mission needs were presented by C. C. Ware, State Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Seattle, secretary of the Women's State Mission Board, talked on the splendid work being done in the State and the greater opportunities they have awaiting them.

The day session closed at 4:30, the convention reassembling at a banquet held at 6:30 in the Woman's Club hall.

Dr. C. L. Pickett made the main address of the evening. Dr. Pickett, who with his wife, also a medical doctor, has spent 26 years in the Philippines where the two of them have treated as high as 25,000 patients in a year and built a large hospital.

Dr. Pickett gave many illustrations of the superstitions of the Filipinos and how difficult it was to establish themselves in a colony of 200,000 people without a doctor and a people who had never known a doctor. They, however, succeeded in finding four thousand patients to treat the first year, and began to grow in the confidence of those people and have found much cooperation in helping to eradicate a number of diseases common to that country. They have since trained hundreds of native nurses who are doing a splendid work as health directors, teachers and helpers in various capacities for the government.

The missionary's talk was regarded as the most interesting of the day, because of the fine traits of nature pictured among those people.

Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, who had charge of the convention closed the meeting with an address, "The Local Church Leader and the Christian Message."

Every Paper Printed This Issue Different From Rest

The printers, so they say, are sending out this issue of The Enterprise with no two papers alike. And while that is unusual without itself, there is another feature that will probably be of more interest. Here it is:

Each paper is numbered. The number of the paper is in the advertisement of the B. S. Courtney Furniture Store on page two. Several of the numbers have corresponding numbers attached to articles in the Courtney store. If the number of your paper corresponds with the one on an article in the store, you get the article free. It is agreed that you shall carry the paper to check the numbers at the store. It costs nothing whatever, and the sales manager invites you to check the numbers.

Bishop Confirms Class at Roper This Afternoon

Bishop Thomas C. Darst is confirming a class of candidates at St. Luke's Church, Roper, this afternoon. Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, of this place, the church's rector, stating that the class is the second to be confirmed there within the last 60 days. The candidates at Roper today will bring the number of confirmations in the group of churches of which Mr. Marshall is the rector, to 12 per cent of the membership in the churches, and places the group, including Williamston, Hamilton, Bear Grass, Plymouth, and Roper, first in the number of confirmations made in the East Carolina Diocese, it is understood.

Tells Children That Santa Claus Is Dead

A Negro woman, a widow, living near here, in meeting the Christmas demands of her children, darkened the holiday season for the flock of little ones clustered around her coat tails recently when she told them that Santa Claus died a few weeks ago. Their demands were understood to be reasonable, just a few apples and oranges had constituted their receipts in past years; but dire necessities take first place this Christmas in the home, it was stated.

Many Chattel Mortgages Are Now Being Recorded

According to reports, many chattel mortgages have been recorded in the register of deeds office here this week. A goodly number of the mortgages mention household and kitchen furniture as collateral. The amounts stipulated in the papers recorded were said to be small, only one or two of the chattels being for any appreciable sum.

NATHAN ROGERS DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME IN BEAR GRASS TODAY

MAIL LIGHTEST IN MANY YEARS

Little Danger of Local Post Office Force Being 'Snowed Under'

The slogan, "Mail early to avoid the rush," has little use for being in this section, it is understood. According to unofficial reports, the mails are running lighter this year in this section than for years. And no big rush is anticipated. Postmaster J. T. Price stated that the card business will be heavy, but that will not last over one or two days, judging from past mailings.

For 20 years or more the mails for this time of the year here are understood to be the lightest during the period, including summer seasons and all.

The decrease is not confined to the mails, according to reports coming from other sources. Common carriers in this section reported marked decrease in freight shipments, both of the staple and perishable varieties.

A last-minute rush might develop, and postal patrons are warned to take no chances if they are desirous of having their cards and packages dispatched in time for Christmas delivery.

CAGE SCHEDULE FOR JAMESVILLE

Girls' Team Enters Championship Series; Win From Plymouth

Jamesville, Dec. 12.—The Jamesville High School Basketball girls, playing their opening game last Friday won from the Plymouth girls on the latter's court by a count of 29 to 15. The Plymouth girls were out-played by the Martin County girls' aggregation in every department of the game.

Dorothy Carson, Ella Mae Gaylord, and Strelia Manning, forwarding for Jamesville, kept the ball in Jamesville's territory most of the time. The Plymouth girls gave most opposition in the second quarter and did most of their 15-point scoring in that period. Ella Mae Gaylord and Dorothy Carson, starred on forward for Jamesville while Beba Bailey, and Louise Wates, kept Plymouth from the basket.

The schedule of play for the remainder of the season in the district championship race is as follows: Jan. 10, Windsor at Jamesville; Jan. 17, Jamesville at Windsor; Jan. 24, Greenville at Jamesville; Jan. 31, Jamesville at Washington; Feb. 7, Washington at Jamesville; Feb. 14, Jamesville at Greenville; Feb. 21, Belhaven at Jamesville; March 7, Jamesville at Belhaven.

Ordination Service at Belhaven Yesterday

The ordination by the Right Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, of Rev. Worth Vicker to the priesthood at Belhaven yesterday was largely attended, it was stated last night by Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, who, with Mrs. Marshall, attended the service. Rev. Mr. Marshall was Gospeller, the Rev. Bertram E. Brown, of Tarboro, preaching the sermon.

Gasoline Price Reduced To 19c in This District

Gasoline prices in this immediate section, after remaining at the 23-cent mark for several months, underwent a 4-cent on the gallon cut this week, the Harrison Oil and Robersonville Oil Companies, distributors of Texaco products, announcing that gasoline would retail for 19 cents at all stations served by them. All prices are understood to be the same at this time, the Standard stations also reducing their product four cents on the gallon.

HAD LONG BEEN PROMINENT IN COUNTY AFFAIRS

Member of County Board of Education Is Victim of Apoplexy

IS SHOCK TO FRIENDS

Mr. Rogers Was Apparently in Best of Health Prior to Seizure; Funeral Will Be Held Tomorrow

Nathan Rogers, prominent merchant of this county, died suddenly at his home in Bear Grass early this morning, apoplexy having been given as the cause of his death. He was taken ill around five o'clock and died shortly after six. Returning from his mule lot after attending to the duties there, he started up stairs and fell. He called the members of his family, and grew worse rapidly.

Just before his death Mr. Rogers was in splendid health apparently, as he was jovial in his manner and active in his duties. He attended a meeting of the Bear Grass Parent-Teacher association last night and was beginning his duties for another day when he was stricken.

The son of Elder John Rogers and wife, Rittie Peel Rogers, the deceased was 47 years old last July. He was born near Bear Grass where he worked on the farm until he started clerking in a store at Bear Grass. In the spring of 1907 he with his brother, Javan, entered the mercantile field, and had built a large business there. In 1908, he was married to Miss Hattie Barnhill, of Robersonville, who with three children, Rossel, Hazel, and Grace, survives. He also leaves his father, 80 years old, and mother, 81 years old, and two brothers, Messrs. Javan and Ammon Rogers, all of Bear Grass.

During the past several years he was a member of the Martin County Board of Education, taking an active interest in all county affairs. His death comes as a decided shock to both relatives and friends throughout the county.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning, but it is understood that the funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Rogers family plot with Elder B. S. Cown conducting the last rites.

Former Resident Critically Ill in Rocky Mt. Hospital

According to reports received here yesterday, John L. Tyndal, former telephone employee of this place, is critically ill in a Rocky Mountain hospital. Very little information could be had, and the nature of his illness is not known.

Square Dance at Lilley's Hall Next Tuesday Night

According to an announcement made yesterday, there will be an old-fashioned square dance at Lilley's Hall, near here, next Tuesday night, an invitation being extended the public.

Error in Announcing Date of Jamesville Services

Elder Newsome H. Harrison will preach at Jamesville the first Saturday and Sunday in January and not next Sunday as was announced.

Regular Services Sunday at Jamesville Baptist Church

Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, will conduct the regular services in the Jamesville Baptist Church, Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Special Attractions at Watts All Next Week

Extra special attractions feature the program at the Watts Theatre here next week, the management announcing the two all-talking, singing hits of the season, "The Cock Eyed World," the first three days of the week and "Flight" Thursday and Friday.

The "Cock Eyed World" established a world's record in its four weeks' run in New York recently, that is one picture you must see. Laurence Stallings, a brother-in-law to Mrs. Wheeler Martin, of this place, and Maxwell Anderson, who co-authored "What Price Glory," are responsible for this picture.

"Flight," showing in the theatre Thursday and Friday of next week was produced in cooperation with the United States government. Three marine officers assisted Director Frank R. Capra with the technical end of the flying scenes which were made on location at San Diego, California. The cast of this aviation film includes Jack Holt, Lila Lee, Ralph Graves and others.

Here Are Five Opportunities for Some Real Service

While poverty, in its real sense, has been limited in this section as a whole during past years, the cases of want and the mute appeals for help have multiplied many times and this year we find conditions in our midst that are more than the "short and simple annals of the poor." Investigations have pointed out a number to be the unadorned story of special need, conditions that, whatever be the cause, must be met.

Only a few cases of dire necessity have been reported at this time, but it is understood that the number is great. Representatives from the several churches and civic organizations are scheduled to meet tomorrow morning to perfect an organization for handling charity cases. And while the organization's appeal is coming late, local citizens are asked to look around their attics for old clothes and plan to aid in some way.

Five opportunities have been reported, the facts in the cases being more eloquent than any comments upon them could be. The Enterprise will be glad to furnish names and information to those desiring to aid in the following special cases:

No. 1. Family of six, the four children ranging from 6 to 10 years of age, being without shoes and adequate wearing apparel; unable to attend school.

No. 2. Family of six, mother having died recently. No chairs in the home; children inadequately clothed; many urgent needs.

No. 3. Family of five, father ill in bed. Mother and three children are said to have roamed the peanut fields to get peanuts for food.

No. 4. Aged woman living alone without relatives.

No. 5. Family with no means of support.

Other cases will be reported and published next Tuesday in this newspaper.

That the work might be as effective as possible, our readers or any others are asked to report cases worthy of aid, giving conditions of the case. The board of charities will make appeals to the citizens for assistance in handling any and all cases reported. The time is short and immediate action is urged.