



## MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT FINISHES WORK

### Adjourns Wednesday After Completing All Cases Available

Completing all available cases on the civil calendar, the Martin County Superior Court adjourned the spring term here last Wednesday afternoon. Many cases, delayed on account of sickness among the witnesses or for other acceptable excuses, were continued. The Harrison Wholesale Company case against J. Neil Watson was continued when it was said witnesses from Roseboro would be unable to attend on account of illness. Worth Proctor, held here since last week as a witness for the plaintiffs in the case, was returned to the state prison early yesterday morning.

The action of N. L. Todd against the Western Union Telegraph Company was dismissed.

A verdict favoring the defendants was recorded in the case of Odessa Barrow against Lee Savage, et al.

A voluntary non-suit was granted in the case of Ernest Griffin Bagley, executor, against J. Dillon Simpson, executor.

August Wynn was ordered to pay the plaintiff, Esther Wynn, the sum of \$5 the first of each month.

Judgment in the sum of \$1,050 was recorded in the case of the Seaboard National Bank of Norfolk against the Oak City Supply Company.

John Edmondson and wife were granted \$450 in their case against the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank.

The case of J. Dillon Simpson against S. R. Bullock was settled by agreement.

The sale of the J. R. Bunting estate house and lot was ordered to satisfy a deed of trust for \$2,150 held by D. G. Matthews, the sale being subject to a \$1,000 mortgage held by the F. L. Gladstone estate.

A settlement was reached in the L. L. Harrell case against the Greenville Banking and Trust Company, the plaintiff taking nothing.

An appeal was noted in the Frank Taylor case against T. S. Hadley, bond in the sum of \$75 being required.

## Large Crowd See Movie Of Passion Play Here

At the showing of the Passion Play Wednesday at the Baptist church an immense throng of people—men, women, and children packed and jammed the large auditorium—many of them having to stand throughout the performance, while some were turned away.

People were present from all walks of life and from all churches. People from the rural districts were in from as far as 10 miles away.

It is thought that this showing of the religious picture will further attune the people for a deeper appreciation of the significance of Holy Week and for resurrection day next Sunday.

## Pageant To Be Given At Episcopal Church Monday

"Christ Risen," is the name of the Easter pageant to be presented at the Church of the Advent on Easter Monday at 7:30 p. m. This pageant is a prize play of the Morehouse Publishing Company and was written by Margaret M. French. It is divided into four sections, dealing with the Crucifixion and burial scene, the Sabbath interlude, the Resurrection on Easter, and the appearance to the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. There are about 25 characters in the pageant.

The church will not seat over 200 comfortably, and because of the need for the aisle to be used, only a few chairs will be placed there. Therefore, those wishing to see this pageant are urged to be in their places at least 5 minutes before the time for the play to begin.

## Boy Held in Jail Here For Several Robberies

John Whitfield, young white boy, continues in jail here following his conviction in the case of charging him with robbing the Hassell, post office, and railroad stations in this county. Application for his removal to a training school in Rocky Mount, is now before the authorities.

His companions, Caleb and James Moore, are being held in a South Carolina jail. Arrangements for their return to this county for trial have not yet been completed, it was learned this morning.

## Services at Holy Trinity Mission Easter Sunday

There will be Sunday school and preaching at the Holy Trinity mission near Bear Grass at 3:30 o'clock Easter afternoon.

## Cantata Sunday Night Will Be Feature of Easter Services

By CHARLES H. DICKEY "Life Eternal," an Easter cantata, will be rendered in the spacious auditorium of the Memorial Baptist church Easter Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock by the Community Choral Club.

This club is composed of picked singers from the five churches, and they have practiced for two months, reaching a degree of perfection which it is believed will make their rendition very acceptable to the great throng of people who are expected to be in attendance.

There is to be no other religious service in any of the five up-town churches at this hour—making it possible for all people to attend without interfering with any other program.

The cantata is in two parts, as follows: The prophecies and the resurrection.

The program begins promptly at 7:30 o'clock, and there will be

no sermon or other additional matter. The personnel will be as follows:

Mrs. Warren Biggs, at the organ. Tenors: Bruce Wynne, Wilbur Anderson and the Rev. E. F. Moseley.

Basses: H. L. Swain, John D. Lilley, W. C. Manning, sr., Frank Pittman, and Mr. Dickson. Altos: Mesdames C. B. Hassell, Arthur White, W. C. Manning, jr., Misses Selma Ayers, Lavinia Lilley, and Lelia Roebuck.

Sopranos: Mesdames J. S. Rhodes, Earl Wynne, Eloise Bennett, James Manning, and W. K. Parker.

A free-will offering will be received for the Choral Club, to be used for the purchase of other proper music, which will enable this high asset of Williamston's religious life to function on throughout the year.

## FAIR THIS YEAR

Leasing the grounds from Jim G. Staton, the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce plans to hold a fair here next fall, it was learned here yesterday. Plans for holding the fair are now being worked out and the dates will be announced within the next few weeks, it was stated.

The last fair was held in 1929 when Mr. John L. Rodgerson managed it for the property owners. Several other events were held in following years, but they were not successful.

The Roanoke Fair, managed for several years by the late H. M. Poe, was declared one of the most successful in eastern Carolina. Under the management of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, a creditable fair is expected here this coming fall. The commerce body managed several fairs last year, and they were successful. This year several fairs will be added to the list, including one in Suffolk, Va.

## DARDENS WOMAN DIED TUESDAY

### Mrs. Mandy Simpson, 70, Passes Away at Home of Daughter

Dardens.—Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Mandy Simpson, 70 years of age, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Byrum, in Dardens Tuesday morning. She had been in bad health for months and had been confined to her room since last fall.

Death came following a series of light strokes that seized her, already weak from infirmities of old age. Her demise was not unexpected, due to the fact that she had been unable to take proper nourishment for several weeks.

Burial took place in the Padgett burying ground in the Cedar Branch community, with Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor of Cedar Branch church, conducting the services. She was a member of Cedar Branch church for years and was loyal and consistent.

Surviving are three sons, C. L. and H. G. Simpson, of Plymouth; J. G. Simpson, Jamesville; and one daughter, Mrs. Vide Byrum, with whom she was living at the time of her death.

## C. A. Harrison Lets Contract for Home

Mr. C. A. Harrison yesterday let the contract for the construction of a modern two-story brick home on Academy Street, adjoining the home of Mr. J. D. Woolard. Building operations will be started within the next few days, it is understood.

## Special Service at Cedar Branch Church Saturday

There will be a service at Cedar Branch Baptist church Saturday at 11 a. m. This will be a business meeting, and we hope every member will make a special effort to be present. Also there will be regular services on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday night at 7:30. This will be Easter Sunday. Let's everybody attend church that day in remembrance of Him who arose from the dead 19 centuries ago.—Pastor.

## Methodist Aid Society To Meet Next Monday

The Methodist Aid Society will meet with Mrs. E. P. Cunningham at her home on West Main Street Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

## HONOR ROLL OF LOCAL SCHOOL FOR PAST MONTH

### New High Peak for Season Reached When 111 Make Select List

Scholastic attainments in the local schools reached one of the highest peaks of the term during the sixth month recently ended, according to number of names appearing on the honor roll for the period. The names on the roll announced by Principal D. N. Hix, as follows:

Grade 1-A: Joseph Wynne, David Dickey, Frederick Wheeler, Isabelle Anderson, Tillie Gardner, Betsy Manning, Lina McClaron, Angela McLawhorn, Violet Phelps, Betty Rogers, Alberta Rogers, Alberta Swain, David Stephenson and Mamie Holliday.

Grade 1-B: Annie Waters Chesson, Leah Corey, Leola Strawbridge, Addie Clyde Modlin, Edna Earl Roberson, Malotha Price, Nathan Mizelle, James Delbert Jones, Curtis Hopkins, Elmer Chesson, Polk Burroughs and Jennie Cherry.

Grade, Special: Fred Cherry, George Gurkin, Rhodes Jones and Dennis Beach.

Grade 2-A: Anne Lindsley, Della Jane Mobley, Susan Moore, Mary Truliah Peel, Susie Wableton, Virginia Hines, Marshall Ange, J. D. Woolard, Jr., Luther Peel, Bill Peel, Donald Dixon, Conrad Getsinger, Richard Margolis and Burke Parker.

Grade 2-B: Willie Gray Lee, Carrie Dell Wableton, Burkley Nicholson.

Grade 3-A: Theran Gurganus, Lucile Jones, Mary Warren, Madelyn Taylor, Mary O'Neil Pope, Bettie Rose Gurganus, Doris Griffin, Millie Biggs, Nina Bennett, Bill Griffin and Joseph Gurganus.

Grade 3-B: Thelma Lowe and Iris Howard.

Grade 4-A: S. C. Griffin, Charles Coltraine, Sybil Roberson, Elizabeth Parker, Mary Lewis Manning, Bina Jackson, Bettie Hoard, Faye Gurganus, Mary Charles Godwin, Susie Griffin, Estelle Perry, Edith Andrews.

Grade 4-B: Sallie Brown Griffin and Lettie Hines.

Grade 5-A: Katherine Manning, Marjorie Gray Dunn, Anita Wheeler, Stuart Critcher and Maud Taylor.

Grade 5-B: Mary Louise Bland, James Daniel Nicholson, Fate Roebuck, jr.

Grade 6-A: Jerry Clark, Delsie Godard, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Margaret Jones, Louise Melson, Dorris Moore, Caroline Stalls, Eleanor Taylor, Martha Rhodes Ward, Virgil Ward, Reid White, Susie Whitley.

Grade 7-A: Reg Manning, John Ward, Wilbur Culppeper, Grace Barnhill, Alma Godwin, Thelma Griffin, Lucille Griffin, Nora Grimes and Bernice Ward.

Grade 9: Marie Griffin, Ben Manning and Edna Ballard.

Grade 11: Jessie Mae Anderson, Elsie Mae Jackson and Lavinia Lilley.

## Six Vacancies Open To County Boys in CC Corps

With an opening for six young Martin County men in the Civilian Conservation Corps, applications will be received at the welfare office here next week for those places, it was announced yesterday by the welfare heads.

The vacancies were made by desertion of a few boys entering the forestry service from this county several months ago, and by the honorable discharge of a few others, it was explained.

The successful applicants are scheduled to report at New Bern the ninth of April, where they will be given final examination and assigned to one of the several camps.

## SERVICES HERE ALL WEEK ARE WELL ATTENDED

### Estimated That From 1,500 To 2,000 People Have Been Reached

Opening with a prayer service in the Watts Theatre last Monday noon, the series of services conducted this week in all the white churches and in one colored house of worship have proven successful beyond all expectations. A new meaning of Holy Week has been universally established in the religious life of this community, assuring a permanent worship feature in the religious program each year at this time. That the efforts of ministerial heads have been far-reaching is evidence by the large crowds from far and near attending the non-day prayer meetings and every one of the services in the evenings.

The churches reporting the largest crowds in history upon their services, it is estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 persons have been brought in close touch with the Holy Week program, each day giving a rebirth to religious activities that are considered unusually encouraging. In addition to the six white churches—Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Holiness, Presbyterian, and Christian—the A. M. E. Z. church has been conducting regular services each evening with an attendance as large, if not larger, than any other in the town. The Presbyterian services by Rev. W. D. McInnis, of Washington, have attracted from 65 to 80 each evening during the week. An average attendance of more than 50 has been reported so far by Rev. E. F. Moseley at his church, the other congregations averaging from 150 to more than 200 in attendance; it was estimated.

Attendance upon the noon-day prayer service in the theater, has increased each day.

In nearly all the services, the worship program has centered around the events leading up to the resurrection. The messages, considered very appropriate for the particular period, have been received with great interest, creating a noticeable and better spiritual atmosphere in the town and for several miles into the country. In few instances has there been a more marked cooperation among the country and town people for the advancement of Christ's teachings in the town and community.

Other events have been scheduled during the week, but they will have been forgotten while the value of the Holy Week program will increase many fold for years to come. While glancing placards announced dances and other events in near-by towns, no dances were arranged for here this week, and as far as it could be learned the bridge players packed up their cards during the period to cooperate in the religious program.

The last of the week-day evening services will be held in all the churches this evening at the usual hour, 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday morning religious worship will reach a climax for the period. While the services that morning mark the end of a strenuous week for the ministers, each of them is making extra special preparations for one of the greatest services of all services. And then the choral club will render a program of special music Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Baptist church. There will be no services in the other churches at that time, and one of the largest crowds ever to enter the edifice is looked for by the ministers.

## Achievement Tests To Be Given 7th Graders

Several hundred seventh grade pupils in the Martin County schools will be given achievement tests next week, it was learned from the office of the county board of education here yesterday. The tests will be handled in the six high school districts, Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Williamston, Robersonville, and Oak City.

## Aged Negro Minister Dies At County Home

Arch Outterbridge, aged negro, died at the county home last Sunday morning. A minister in the Primitive Baptist church, he was 85 years old. He had been an inmate of the home for several years. Prior to his entrance there he was recognized as an able preacher among his race.

## Easter Pageant At Hamilton Church

There will be an Easter pageant at St. Martin's Episcopal church, Hamilton, on Sunday afternoon, at 5:30 o'clock. The pageant is built up around the reading of appropriate Scripture passages, with special hymns, and the speaking of several characters.

## Cozart, Foxworth & Langley Lease Brick Warehouse Here

A successful tobacco marketing season for Williamston this year was virtually assured yesterday when the Planters (Brick) Warehouse was leased to Messrs. J. J. Cozart and George D. Foxworth, of Marion, S. C., and Carlisle Langley, of Wilson. The two-year lease carries extension privileges, Mr. Cozart pointing out that he would like to consider the new undertaking a permanent one.

The three partners come here well recommended and stand high in the tobacco business. Mr. Cozart is of the Cozart family in Wilson, and is a brother of Dick Cozart, leading tobacco warehouse man of that town. These gentlemen are all-year-around warehousemen, operating warehouses in Live Oak, Fla., Valdosta, Ga.,

Abbingdon, Va., and Johnson City, Tenn.

Mr. Langley will move to Williamston just as soon as he can make housing arrangements, it was learned following the leasing of the warehouse yesterday. He will set up an organized force and begin campaigning within the next several weeks, it was stated.

Arrangements for operation the third house here have not been completed, but they are being considered by the owners, it is understood.

The Roanoke-Dixie house has been leased to S. Claude Griffin and Jimmie Taylor, two well-known tobaccoists. The operating line-up here so far is considered the most promising in the history of the market.

## CWA Passes Out of Existence Thursday

### ALL PROJECTS IN THIS COUNTY ARE BROUGHT TO END

### FERA Will Probably Take Over and Finish Some Of Work Started

The Civil Works Administration, a life-saving agency for millions during the past several months, passed out of existence yesterday, bringing to an end nearly all relief activities throughout the country, temporarily for some, but permanent for many.

All projects will be discontinued in this county, with the exception of the activities in the several lunch rooms now functioning in the schools and possibly one or two others requiring only one or two men.

Arrangements are now being made to turn the relief activities handled under the CWA during the past few months over to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration. In the transfer many workers will be dropped from the list, authorities estimating that more than 123 works will be on the FERA payroll if the continuance of all the projects is approved.

Briefly, the Civil Works Administration is understood to have been created to boost the purchasing power of the general masses; the Federal Emergency Relief Administration will function to provide aid for the needy, and the needy only. In other words, employment will be provided for those who are on the relief lists with very few exceptions, indicating that the day of wholesale handing out of money for hesitant labor is just about spent. And it might be said that other than increasing purchasing power the accomplishments in this county were mighty few. However, it might be added that the money released was well spent.

Requests have been made for the continuance of the following projects: Lunch rooms, 19 workers; sewing, 11 workers; librarians, 2 workers; assistant to county home agent, 1 worker; drainage in Jamesville, Robersonville, Goose Nest and Williamston Townships, employing 32 workers in addition to a supervisor of malaria control and an assistant; Bear Grass school addition and Williamston gymnasium, the two projects employing 42 men; Bear Grass road projects connecting with highway 30, 16 men.

The reemployment office will continue operations, it is understood. The services of a disbursing agent will also be continued for the present.

Until the state authorities pass upon the requests for continuance of projects, activities will be at a standstill. Approval may be given next week, or it may be a month before activities are resumed. Details of the new program are not generally known at this time, but every effort will be made to adjust the relief situation in this county and care for the needs of those actually in want.

## Field Day at Parmele Colored School Monday

Parmele.—The Martin County Training School, colored, will hold field day exercises on the Training School Campus Easter Monday, April 2nd. Many events have been scheduled for the enjoyment of those who may be present. The exercises will begin at 10 a. m. Just before 10 o'clock there will be an egg hunt by the little folks. At 10 o'clock there will be a declamation contest by the seventh grade, after which will follow athletic events.

The schools of this county and the adjoining counties are invited to participate. First, second and third prizes will be awarded the winners.

## MAKE PLANS TO START LISTING ALL PROPERTY

### Tist-Takers Met Wednesday To Set Up Uniform Values for Listing

Instructions for handling the listing of Martin County property for taxation for the current year were given the several list-takers at a meeting held Wednesday morning in the courthouse. All list-takers were present and virtually the same procedure followed last year will be in effect this year, it was learned.

Specific instruction was offered in those cases where "stray" dogs are kept by families receiving relief from various sources, particularly those families whose names appear on the county pauper list. The list-takers were instructed to see that the dogs were either listed or disposed of by the owners. Those persons who maintain that wandering dogs have taken up at their homes will either have to list them or dispose of them, it was ruled by the meeting. In short, the person having a dog in his care and can't pay taxes on him has no business with a dog, it was intimated.

The list-takers were instructed to pay more attention to the farm census than had been given the survey heretofore. The list-takers appeared not at all anxious to handle the survey and receive no direct remuneration for the work, and farmers will aid them by having the information ready when they list their property.

The supervisor advised the list-takers to make notations in the cases where property owners failed or refused to list their property. Their names will be placed before the county authorities, and the dictates of the law will be observed in those cases, it was pointed out.

Beginning next week, the list-takers are scheduled to complete the work and have the books in the office of the county auditor by the first Monday in May. To prevent a delay and avoid a last-minute rush, property owners are urged to list their holdings as soon as they find it possible to do so.

Changes in values of real estate will only be made where there is a differential of \$100 or more. If real values have been enhanced by \$100 or more, the owner is directed, under law, to make note of that change. If there has been a resulting damage to property by fire or other immediate agencies of \$100 or more, he is entitled to a reduction. In the main, however, there is very little change looked for in real values.

Much of the discussion at the meeting Wednesday centered around personal property values, the several list-takers entertaining the belief that these values should show an increase this year. No definite estimate for such an increase was mentioned. But with an increased number of automobiles, trucks, mules, and horses, general provisions and increased mercantile stocks, it was reasonable to predict an increase in personal property values. The trend of the prediction will be determined as the listing activities get under way.

Mercantile stocks are to be listed at 75 per cent of their inventory value. Other valuations determined at the meeting are as follows: Corn, \$3 a barrel; peanut and soybean hay, 25 cents a bale; horses, \$125 downward; mules, \$200 downward; sheep \$2 each; goats, \$1 each; hogs, 4 cents pound; all meats, 10 cents pound; milk cows \$50 downward; automobiles and trucks, 80 per cent of cost price on new cars and downward for older models; peanuts, \$2 a bag; sweet potatoes, 60 cents a bushel; and soybeans, \$1.50 a bushel.

## Program by Pupils At Woman's Club Meeting

A program by the seventh grade will feature the entertainment at the regular meeting of the local woman's club here next Thursday afternoon, it was announced today.

## Fishing Licenses Needed for Inland Waters Only

The list of licenses recently called to the attention of fishermen does not apply to those following the sport of business in commercial waters, County Game Warden J. W. Hines explained this week. It only applies to fishing activities in inland waters, such as creeks and ponds, where only hooks and lines and rod and reel are permitted.

## More Than 6,000 Bales of Cotton in County in 1933

Martin County gins turned out 6,050 bales of cotton from the 1933 crop to boost the production to the highest peak in several years in this county. In 1932 there were 5,188 bales ginned, the 1933 increase being 862 bales.

The State reported 689,183 bales in 1933, compared with 680,279 in 1932.

## HOLIDAY MONDAY

The poor looking for relief from the welfare department in this county will have to scratch for themselves next Monday, as the employees, along with all other state workers, will observe the day as a holiday.

Several schools, including the one here, will also observe Easter Monday as a holiday, many of the teachers leaving this afternoon to spend a few days with their families.

The local bank will be closed for the day, but other business activities will continue as usual. A meeting of the county board of commissioners will be held that morning, and the local town board will meet that evening.

## TAX NOTES BEING MADE RAPIDLY

### Time for Executing Them Expires Saturday; 30 Made in Two Days

Realizing the time expires tomorrow for executing tax notes, many Martin County property owners have made and are making efforts to forestall the sale of their properties for taxes between now and next October. Approximately 30 notes were prepared during Wednesday and yesterday, it was learned, the property owners coming from all sections of the county.

There are approximately 900 property owners who have failed to make an effort to prevent the sale of their land for taxes unpaid during the years of 1929, 1930, and 1931. The law making possible the execution of notes to offset unpaid taxes was passed as a relief measure for depressed property owners. The large number of owners who have failed to take advantage of the law's provisions will, it is understood, be liable to lose their property unless they make arrangements for floating notes or paying in cash before the sale some time between now and next October 1.

## PROCTOR TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

### Noted Outlaw and Gangster Starts on Eight Year Term for Robbery

Worth Proctor, convicted and sentenced to prison for eight years in court here last week for robbing the Harrison Wholesale Company store here back in 1932, was returned to Raleigh early yesterday morning. When informed that his wife was seeking a divorce in Durham, Proctor made no comment.

During his stay here in jail, Proctor tore up his steel bunk and tampered with the cell locks. The damage was slight, however. A guard was placed in the jail each night, and while the man made no attempt to escape the sheriff was relieved to get him away. Proctor's girl friend, one of three women arrested in the Rocky Mount raid, visited him here last Sunday for a short while.

## Local High School Given Honor in Teachers School

Miss Frances Bowen, daughter of Mrs. J. M. Bowen here, was signally honored last week when she was elected a member of the student council at the East Carolina Teachers' College in Greenville.