

Place Fifty Civil Cases on Calendar For Trial in March

Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, Will Hold Two-weeks' Court

Fifty civil cases have been placed on the trial calendar for consideration during the two-weeks' term of Martin County Superior court convening Monday, March 21. The calendar was prepared by members of the Martin County Bar association at a called meeting a few days ago. Judge Walter Bone, of Nashville, is to preside over the term.

The civil calendar:

Wednesday, March 23: Boston vs. Watts; Hyman v. Matthews; Holliday against Roberson; Manson v. Crawford et al.; Fertilizer Co. v. Edwards; Everett vs. Salisbury; Fertilizer Co. against Petty; Fertilizer Co. versus Tedder; Ellison v. Sills et al.; Fertilizer Co. v. Marshall; Fertilizer Co. v. Aycock; Fertilizer Co. v. Aycock; Jackson vs. Jackson.

Thursday, March 24: Fertilizer Co. vs. Blue; Fertilizer Co. against Whitley; Anderson v. Hardaway et al.; Coburn v. Heating System; Gainer vs. Gainer; Tetterton v. Carroll et al.; Tetterton v. Carroll et al.

Friday, March 25: Close v. Fertilizer Co. et al.; White vs. Bottling Co.

Monday, March 28: Corey vs. Leavister; Credit Company vs. Leavister; Green vs. Green; Rhodes & Co. against Thompson; Fertilizer Co. v. Jordan; Boston vs. Hinson et al.; Bingham v. Thompson; Hyman vs. Williams; Harrell v. Harrell.

Tuesday, March 29: Roberson vs. Hassell; Hardison v. Cherry; Fertilizer Co. v. Trenlor; Fertilizer Co. v. Tridgen; Fertilizer Co. v. Sutton; Cowen v. Holliday; Biggs vs. Huff; Perkins vs. Williams; Briley vs. Roberson.

Wednesday, March 30: Waters vs. Smithwick; Fertilizer Co. v. Carter; Fertilizer Co. against Landin; Fertilizer Co. v. Whitley; Harrison vs. Rogers; Town vs. Cherry; Beck vs. Arnold; Fertilizer Co. v. Lewis; Lindsay v. Butler.

The calendar doesn't carry but one case involving more than \$1,500 cash and the proceedings are not expected to attract more than passing attention from anybody other than the litigants and attorneys.

Although the damage suits have been settled against Corey, the aftermath of the Leavister-Andrews and Corey truck wreck near Robersonville more than three years ago is still holding attention in the courts. J. Lloyd Corey is suing Thos. O. Leavister for \$100 damages alleged to have resulted to his truck in the wreck that cost John Leavister and Marshall Andrews their lives. The Universal Credit company is also suing Leavister for the remainder of the car purchase price.

The case of Joe White against the Kelford Coca Cola Bottling company is unusual. Suing for \$1,000, White claims that a coca cola manufactured by the Kelford company contained a blow fly, that he drank the fly into his mouth and before he could spit it out he was made violently sick and suffered mentally from the experience.

E. G. Anderson is suing the Hardaway Construction company for \$500 damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant removed sand and dirt from a certain lot while paving the streets of Robersonville.

The case carrying a claim for more than \$1,000 is that of George E. Beck, former Jamesville policeman, against Curtis Arnold. Beck is asking for \$3,100 damages alleged to have resulted when Arnold charged him with breaking and entering and larceny and caused his arrest.

Local Young Girl Is Honored By Governor

Completing their work as speaker and band major at a celebration in Edenton yesterday, Governor Clyde Hoey and Miss Evelyn Lilley made the trip together in the number 1 car from the Chowan capital to Williamston last evening.

"It was a great trip," Miss Lilley said. The chief executive escorted the young lady to her home two miles out on the Washington road and bade her goodnight at the front door.

Home Mission Week To Be Observed Locally

The Woman's Missionary Society of the local Baptist church will observe Home Mission week of Prayer beginning next Monday. Prayer services will be held in the church each afternoon at 3:30 o'clock through next Friday.

Stabilization Cooperative Is Moving Peanuts to Oil Mills

The North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative is continuing its efforts to boost prices by diverting portions of the 1937 crop to oil, the first of the goobers moving out of storage in Martin County this week. Approximately 8,000 bags of the crop are being trucked to oil mills in Wilmington, and bids for additional lots are expected within the near future, according to unofficial information received here today. Deliveries are being made from the cooperative's storage warehouse in Everett, thousands of other bags having been moved from various warehouses in eastern North Carolina in recent weeks.

Price quotations on the peanuts moving out of this county to the Wilmington oil mills have not been made public. Regardless of the price or any resulting loss, the stabilization cooperative plans to divert a sufficient quantity of peanuts from regular market channels to boost the out-side prices, it is understood. As far as it can be learned here, the cleaners have not entered the market offered by the cooperative. Reports state that prices on the open market have shown added strength during the past few days following the diversion activities carried on by the stabilization organization.

A very small percentage of the 1937 crop is now in the hands of growers, but where they are in private storage the peanuts will likely be held by the owners until the market rises above the present quotations of 3 1/4 cents. The stabilization cooperative, under its charter, cannot sell peanuts to cleaners at less than 3 1/4 cents plus insurance and storage charges and a "small" profit.

Hit-Run Driver Held Under \$2,000.00 Bond

TAX COLLECTIONS

There's a seasonal decline in business, but the business recession or plain old, common depression with a Hoover ring that has been so prominently mentioned in the press fronts has made no noticeable dent in this county so far according to a review of tax tabulation sheet the sheriff is preparing for the county treasurer this week.

To date, the county collector has received \$121,687.24 in 1937 taxes or nearly 63 per cent of the total levy. The percentage of collections is slightly higher than it was near the end of February a year ago. The sheriff is planning to collect nearly all of the remaining \$72,185 of the 1937 levy between now and early fall.

Mayor J. L. Hassell Hears Dozen Cases In Court This Week

Five Defendants Fined \$2.50 Each for Alleged Drunkenness

A period of much activity in Mayor J. L. Hassell's court here this week followed a record number of arrests in this section over the week-end, the trial justice handling an even dozen cases in two days. The busy period in the trial justice's court came after a quiet season in crime circles in this community. According to reports coming from police headquarters, a record number of arrests was made during the week-end, the record effecting a like one in the mayor's court.

Five of the defendants, charged with being drunk and disorderly, were fined \$2.50 each and taxed with the costs. The names of the defendants: George Furrington, Riley Rascoe, Cal Coburn, Dock Perkins and Mack Peterson.

James Keys and James Rhodes, charged with operating motor vehicles with improper brakes, were each fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with possession and the transportation of illegal liquor, Alonzo Wilson was bound over under a \$50 bond for trial in the county recorder's court.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost in the case charging Rosa B. Austin with simple assault. M. B. Cahoon, charged with speeding within the incorporated limits of Williamston, was fined \$5 and taxed with the cost. This was the second case charging speeding to be tried in the local courts within a long number of months.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper license, Jeff Taylor was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

C. L. Stevens, of Broadway, was bound over to the county court under a \$100 bond for trial in a case charging drunken driving.

Uninjured When Auto Hits Hog And Turns Over

George Mobley, employee of W. D. Ambers Pressing club, escaped unhurt when his car struck a hog and turned over on Highway 125, near Oak City, Wednesday. Mr. Mobley states he was not driving more than 30 or 35 miles an hour at the time, and very little damage was done to the car.

Measles Appear In County for the First Time in Three Years

Few Cases Are Reported Near Williamston During Week

After reaching epidemic proportions in a number of sections of this State in recent weeks, measles were reported this week in Martin County for the first time since 1935. No serious outbreak of the communicable disease is expected in this county, however, reports stating that the health authorities are effecting strict quarantine regulations and closely observing for any possible spread into neighboring territories. The few current cases now on record were reported among the colored population near Williamston.

In January and a part of February, 1935, more than 700 cases of measles were reported in this county, and it is reasonable to believe that another crop of youngsters is just now ready to fall victims of the disease. This week, three years ago, the number of measles cases in the county started declining rapidly, and it is thought that the disease made its appearance here too late to reach serious proportions this season.

There were 1,600 cases of measles reported in the State in a single week recently, and many schools in a number of counties were closed by the epidemic.

Commenting on the disease, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, head of Martin County's full-time health department, says:

"Measles is most infectious in the early stages before the appearance of the rash and it is acquired through the secretions of the nose and mouth by contact with someone ill of the disease. The onset is gradual, with fever, a little cough, cold in the head, and inflamed eyes. The family physician can frequently diagnose measles before the appearance of the rash, so that if a child has any of the above symptoms, he should be kept away from school and the doctor called at once.

"Measles is not infrequently complicated by pneumonia, as well as by infections of the middle ear and mastoid, involvement of the sinuses, and inflammation and swelling of the glands of the neck. On account of the frequency of pneumonia, measles may be quite serious in children under three years of age, and most of the deaths occurring from this disease are limited to this group.

The preliminary hearing offered few facts in addition to those carried in Moore's confession gained by officers soon after the young colored man's arrest last Monday afternoon. The State called only four witnesses, Justice Hassell ruling that their evidence was sufficient to hold the group as charged in the warrants. J. Calvin Smith, representing Moore, admitted probable guilt as to that part of the warrant charging hit-and-run driving, but entered a plea of not guilty to the murder charge. The motion advanced by Attorney Hugh G. Horton, representing James Wallace, and asking that the charges of aiding and abetting the crime be dismissed, was denied.

The only new evidence offered at the preliminary hearing was given by Officer J. H. Allsbrooks who with other officers had questioned the Edwards girl. According to that evidence, Moore and his companions left a well-known club on Washington street and were on their way to Edwards' home on West Main street when they crashed into the group of three pedestrians, fatally injuring Mrs. Charles Bullock and her 14-year-old son. The Edwards woman, according to Officer Allsbrooks, claims Moore drove his car to the right side of the road to make a left turn and put her out in front of her home on the other side of the road or almost directly across from the spot where the three people were run down. A recognized weak point in the story was offered by the woman when she told the officers that she thought the car struck a post. It was further brought out in the evidence that Moore speeded away from the accident, turned into a little-used road paralleling the railroad and stopped to put the Edwards girls out. She is said to have crossed the railroad and entered her home without offering any assistance to the hit-run victims or reporting to the law.

While the evidence offered at the preliminary hearing failed to establish Moore's guilt as to wilful murder, it did prove he was driving the car and that he did speed from the scene of the tragedy. Moore is claimed to have been frightened and did not know what he was doing when he hurried away, but it has been pointed out that he had presence of mind to remember the little-used side road and effect a temporary escape.

Moore Pleads Not Guilty to Murder Charge, But Admits Hit-Run

James Moore, young county colored man charged with hit-and-run driving and the murder of Robert Coltrain, young county youth, here last Saturday night, was held in default of a \$2,000 bond at a hearing before Justice John L. Hassell in the county courthouse Wednesday morning. James Wallace, Carrie Bell Ward and Alameda Edwards, companions of Moore, were placed under \$500 bonds each, the trial justice upon learning the Edwards girl was the mother of a young child, later released her. Unable to raise the \$500 the Ward woman was remanded to jail. Wallace gained his freedom. The four are slated for trial in the superior court during the week beginning March 21.

Methodist Youth to Meet in Washington

The Methodist young people of the Elizabeth City district will turn their faces toward Washington, N. C. next Monday for a regional Aldersgate Youth rally. Following a rally for the general membership of the church during the day, the young Methodists will convene at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and inspiration for commemoration in the local church of the two hundredth anniversary of John Wesley which led him to organize the religious societies out of which grew the various branches of the Methodist church.

Except for the speakers, the entire program has been arranged by the Albemarle Young People's Union in cooperation with the Methodist Young People in Washington. The speakers will include Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes of Washington, D. C. and another prominent minister with special appeal for youth. Pastors and young people's leaders in the local churches are arranging for the transportation of delegations from churches throughout this section.

Commissioners Are Revising Jury List for Next Two Years

Martin County's jury crop is undergoing a close revision by the board of commissioners this week.

preliminary reports stating that numerous changes are being effected in the jury box lists. Quite a few citizens who served as members of juries for many years have passed away, and their names are being removed from the box along with many others who have moved their residence to other counties and states. Many new names are appearing in the box for the first time.

In strict accordance with the law, names of some few colored citizens are being placed in the box again this year. It is quite evident, however, that no large number of colored citizens are qualified to serve as jurors, reliable reports stating that quite a few white citizens are not eligible to serve.

The names of colored citizens were placed in the jury box in July, 1935, for the first time in many years. Since that time only one has been drawn for active service. He served as a member of the grand jury, and no case has been tried in the county with a colored citizen as a member of the jury.

The revision work is almost complete, but no estimate as to the number of names placed in the box is available at this time. There are over seven thousand taxpayers in the county, but it isn't likely that more than three-fourths of them are eligible to serve as jurors, the custom being in this county to draw no women for jury service.

Revision work will be completed possibly early next week, and the jury for the special term of April court is to be drawn from the new list.

Bailey Asked To Attack Farm Bill

Opponents of the federal crop control act have invited Senator Josiah William Bailey to address a mass meeting of farmers in Raleigh's Memorial auditorium on some date before the referendum of March 12, the date most agreeable to the senator being acceptable to farmers who are opposing compulsory regulation of the tobacco crop.

The movement is being engineered by B. J. Beasley, Johnston county farmer, and Raleigh wholesale merchant, who deals with the tobacco business at both ends. He grows enough of the crop on his farm to make him dubious about the benefits of the law, and he sees the people as a merchant who knows their distress. He is joined by numerous Johnston and surrounding counties' citizens who wish their neighbors to have the benefit of Senator Bailey's study.

"We are going to get the Raleigh auditorium and pay our own money for its use," Farmer-Merchant Beasley said today. "I don't like the idea of somebody outside North Carolina telling our farmers what they shall or shall not raise, nor how much of it. All that I know about this bill makes me think that it ruins the little tenant farmers and helps the big landlord and nobody else. At least, I want to hear the bill discussed and I know Senator Bailey understands it. As soon as we hear from him and he announces the date most agreeable for his visit, we are going to get up a crowd to hear him."

Proposed Fuel Oil Tax Stirs Action

Introduction in Congress of the Boland bill levying a one cent per gallon tax on fuel oil used for heating and power production has brought quick action on the part of the oil industry, which sees in the bill a threat to millions of families.

According to G. A. Harrison, chairman of the Martin County Petroleum Industries Committee, "The burden of the tax in this state would fall on the home owners of North Carolina. More than ten per cent of them have already installed oil burners to obtain the comfort and economy of oil heat. The Boland bill would increase their annual fuel bill \$21 on the average, or nearly \$2 per month for each family using oil heat."

He pointed out that a cent a gallon levy in North Carolina would be in effect a fuel oil sales tax of approximately 12 1/2 per cent (the average price in North Carolina being about eight cents a gallon), which is in addition to the three per cent sales tax already in effect on all fuel oil.

Not only would home owners be hard hit, he contended, but dwellers in apartment houses would be forced to pay increased rent because of increased cost of heating the buildings. Hotels, he estimated, would in many cases find their fuel bills increased as much as one-third.

"The proposal to impose a cent a gallon tax is not only a big step backward, but is an imposition on the intelligence of the American people," he said.

Regular Services To Be Held At Riddick's Grove

Regular services will be held at Riddick's Grove church Sunday February 27th, at three o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

State Gets Liberal Allotment, 580,000 Acres In Tobacco

Believed Farmers in This County Will Get 11,000 Acres

Tentative tobacco allotments for the several states growing flue-cured leaf were announced this week by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, unofficial reports pointing out that the approximately 575,000 acres allotted this state constituted a very liberal allowance. Georgia was allotted 71,000 acres, South Carolina, 89,000 acres; Florida, between 9,000 and 10,000, and Virginia, between 84,000 and 86,000.

The announcement of the state allotment is giving rules to speculation as to how much Martin county will be allowed to plant. Until all claims are studied, it will be impossible to offer reliable information. However, it is reasonable to believe that Martin county farmers will be allowed to plant between 11,000 and 11,500 acres, possible a little less or a little more than the minimum and maximum figures given here.

Martin County has a base of about 15,000 acres. All indications are that the acreage will be reduced around 70 per cent as a whole. If the county's tobacco base acreage stands up under the scrutiny of the state allotment group, it is reasonable to believe that the farmers in this county will be given 11,000 or more.

Efforts are being made to have the county allotments prepared in ample time for the farmer to make his plans for the coming crop. The individual allotments will possibly be announced within the next three or four weeks. However, no official information has been released in this connection, visits to the various offices of the county agents find the employees working long hours in an effort to handle the big task that is before them.

This afternoon the county agents and local committeemen are meeting with others in Bertie for a detailed study of the program. Farmer meetings will be held in every one of the 80 counties growing tobacco between now and March 10. M. L. Barnes will address a meeting of farmers in Williamston next Friday at 7:30 o'clock, and all farmers are urged to be present.

Colored Youth Robs Motor Company and Reports to Officers

Wayward Little Rascal Said to Have Admitted Daring Crime

Breaking through a side window, LaVerne 'Mut' Roberson, 12-year-old colored boy, entered the Williamston Motor company building on Washington Street here last Wednesday morning and stole about \$12 from a cash drawer. Arrested that afternoon, the little vandal surrendered most of the money or all that he had not spent. He is now a charge of the county welfare department, proving one big problem to the authorities.

Roberson, a victim of disease, will not be accepted by correctional institutions because of his degrading ailment, and it is unlawful to keep one of such tender age in jail. The rascal offered a solution, and as much as the police, court judge and welfare authorities would like to follow his own suggestion, they cannot do it. "Just put me in a bag and throw us into the river," the boy suggested.

A pert, saucy little imp, Roberson was recognized as a leader of youths even older than he. By offering him training, it was thought that other wayward youths could be corrected in their waywardness. But, lo! and behold! the little brat reversed the order, and all of his subjects have been convicted in the courts and sent to correctional institutions or to the roads. And now he has committed a serious crime himself, and there's no place for him to go. They are keeping him in jail just now, and it has been suggested that he be held there until he can be given medical treatment.

Boy Roberson, possessing an art for "snooping" around has served officers as a "stool pigeon" in months gone by. Last Thanksgiving day he reported the robbery of a local store. He told how a chum had entered the store's coal chute and stole money. Following his arrest, the chum told how Roberson had maneuvered the law-breaking venture. Last Wednesday, another holiday for some, the boy told police about the motor company robbery before it was discovered. He promised details before night. Suspicious from the beginning, officers questioned the boy and he admitted the job.

Accepts Position Here

Mr. Willie B. Everett, of Robersonville, has accepted a position with the Standard Fertilizer Co. in its offices here.

Several Are Hurt In Automobile Wreck

Mrs. Augustus Williams, of Windsor, was badly cut and bruised and several others were painfully hurt when the car in which they were riding skidded and turned over on the fill near Sweet Water creek last Wednesday noon. Mrs. Williams was hurt about the knee, reports stating that more than 25 stitches were necessary to close the wound. She was also cut about the face and hands.

R. E. Owens, Jr., of Norfolk, was driving the car, a Dodge sedan. Besides Mrs. Williams, he was accompanied by Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Carrie Sykes, and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Carhart, all of Norfolk. The party was said to have been traveling to Columbia to attend a funeral.

Owens stated that the car started skidding on the wet concrete and when he applied the brakes, the machine swerved and plunged over the 10-foot embankment, landing bottom side up. Damage to the car was estimated at more than \$100.

Light And Power Service Interrupted Short Time

Light and power service was interrupted here a short while Wednesday morning when an unknown party short circuited the high-powered lines of the Virginia Electric and Power Company between Creswell and Columbia. A piece of wire was thrown on the lines deep in a swamp about five miles from the highway.

Service on the lines from Tarboro to Plymouth was restored in about thirty minutes, or in time to cause no great inconvenience to housewives in the preparation of the noon day meal.

Continue Work On New Baptist Church In Griffins

Work on the new Piney Grove Baptist church in Griffins Township will be resumed next Monday, Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, said yesterday in extending an invitation to anyone who wishes to donate time or service to join in the undertaking.

The structure has been framed, and present plans call for completion of the building within a short time.