

Sixteen Cases On Docket For Trial In Court Monday

Regular Session Recorders Court Attracts Many Spectators

With sixteen cases on the docket the regular session of the county court attracted a large number of witnesses and spectators on Monday, the crowd almost equalling in size those ordinarily reporting for the proceedings in the "big" court. Judge H. O. Peel was on the bench and Solicitor W. H. Coburn prosecuted the docket.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Lonnie Biggs with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The case charging Ben Cross with bastardy was non-suited.

The case charging R. S. Bullock with contempt of court was remanded to the J. P. courts. In a second case, Bullock, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty.

Maek Peterson, charged with violating the liquor laws, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

The arrest of Frank Brown was ordered when he failed to appear and answer in the case charging him with hit-and-run driving.

Perlie Lilley, defendant in a disorderly conduct case, called for a jury trial and the case was scheduled for consideration at the May 2 session.

The case charging Gus and Willie Ray Bullock and Jasper Roebuck with violating the liquor laws, was non-suited.

Charged with larceny, James Strickland was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the sentence and ordering him placed on probation.

A similar judgment was announced in the case charging Marvin Peel with aiding and abetting larceny.

Charged with drunken driving and temporary larceny, Charles Carpenter was sentenced to the roads for two years.

J. S. Whitman, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. An additional thirty days on the roads was given Whitman for issuing worthless checks.

William Penn Smith, charged with hit-and-run driving, waived preliminary hearing and was placed under a \$1,000 bond. Granderson Mitchell and Henry C. Heath were recognized under penalty of \$25 to be at the June term of superior court as witnesses in the case.

Charged with drunken and reckless driving, Henry Allen pleaded guilty of reckless driving. The prosecution accepted the plea, and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the costs in the case.

Judge Peel ordered the return of a car confiscated by liquor law enforcement officers to James Keys, owner. The car was confiscated with a quantity of liquor several weeks ago. Keys maintained that Willis Pierce was operating the car without his knowledge.

Anniversary Night Observed by Lions

Celebrating the anniversary of the granting of its charter and observing Ladies' Night, the local Lions club held an enjoyable meeting in the Woman's Club hall here last evening. Thirty-five visitors, representing clubs at Edenton, Washington and Plymouth, enjoyed the program along with the club members' wives and special friends.

Rev. Bill McInnis, of the Washington club, addressed the meeting on "Lionism" stressing the value of neighborliness as noted by Lion clubs everywhere and by other similar organizations. The minister's talk, timely and to the point, was regarded as one of the best ever addressed to Lions in this section. President Clayton of the local club stated that it was a masterpiece and one that was greatly enjoyed.

An added feature on the program were special numbers by Miss Mary Davis Hardison's dance pupils.

Sunday Service Schedule In Maple Grove Church

The regular communion service will be combined with the Sunday school in the Maple Grove Christian church Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock, a member of the board explaining that there would be no morning service, that the members of the church would join in the commencement sermon at Farm Life at the 11 o'clock hour.

That evening at 7:45 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. M. L. Ambrose, will occupy the pulpit, it was announced.

First of the Martin County Schools To Close Next Week

Five of the ten white schools in Martin County will close the 1937-38 term on Friday of next week, reports coming from the office of the county board of education indicating that the combined graduating classes will be smaller than they were a year ago.

Elaborate programs are being completed for the closings, but the high spots, as far as the general public is concerned, will be the picnics at Farm Life and Bear Grass and possibly one at Hassell.

The school authorities are bringing one of the strongest groups of speakers ever to enter the county to deliver the commencement addresses and the exercises are certain to attract record-size crowds.

In the group of schools closing next week are Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Hamilton and Hassell. Oak City is slated to hold

its graduation exercises on Monday April 25, the other schools to close on Wednesday, April 27.

Only two schools are expected to graduate a larger number of graduates this year than they did last term. There are 37 candidates for graduation at Robersonville compared with 39 last year. Bear Grass is expected to graduate 10 as compared with nine last term. Williamston has 32 candidates for graduation, the same number receiving diplomas a year ago. Farm Life only has eight candidates for graduation as compared with eleven a year ago. The number of candidates for graduation at Oak City has dropped from 21 last term to 18 this year.

Examinations between now and next Friday will largely determine the number of pupils completing work in the seventh grades, the present indications pointing to new high records in most of the schools.

TAGGED FISH

A rock fish, tagged by a fisheries commission in Connecticut waters, was caught by the Fleming fishery at Jamesville yesterday, reports from the old-time fishermen stating that it was the first time a tagged fish had been taken there.

Attached to the two-pound fish just back of a top fin, the tag bore a number and the name of the fisheries commission. The owner of the Jamesville fishery is reporting the catch to the commission, and it is believed that some interesting information on the habits and migrations of rock will be made available.

Plans Completed For Tuberculosis Clinic In County

Interested Persons Asked to Have Tuberculin Tests Now

By DR. E. W. FURGERSON

An X-ray clinic will be held at Williamston on April 25th to 30th at the grammar school. The clinic may be carried to other sections of the county for one or two days during this period if there is sufficient interest and there are enough cases showing a positive tuberculin reaction in any particular locality in the county.

Although tuberculosis has fallen from its leadership among the causes of death and is now at the bottom of the list of the seven most deadly enemies of mankind, it still remains as the chief cause of death among people from 15 to 45 years of age.

We are receiving excellent cooperation from both the physicians and the general public throughout the county and many people are taking advantage of the opportunity.

Every member of a family in which there is a known case of tuberculosis should be examined and each should have a tuberculin test made. This test is perfectly harmless and merely tells whether or not tubercular germs have entered the body. But that is all that it tells. If it is positive, the next step is to have the patient X-rayed to see whether any damage to the lung has already been done.

Anyone may receive this harmless tuberculin test by going to your family physician or to the health department. This should be done at once, so that free X-ray examinations can be arranged for all those who show a positive reaction. If the disease is discovered in time it can usually be cured or arrested and in this way the patients will not only be greatly benefited themselves, but they will also aid in preventing the spread of infection from undiagnosed open cases.

Inspect Plant Bed Experiments Here

J. S. Hamilton, R. B. Hicks and Clark Spallman, representatives of the V. E. P. rural electrification division, were here from Richmond inspecting with farm leaders a tobacco plant bed on the W. L. Taylor farm where an experiment for blue mold control is being conducted.

Arrangements were completed some time ago to heat the beds with electricity, and the experimenters turned on the heat in one of the two beds under test. The plants, planted late in the season, are very small and no sign of blue mold has been reported so far in either of them.

The experimenters believe that by maintaining a certain temperature in the beds, the blue mold will not attack the plants. It is believed by some that the value of the tests can not be determined in a single year.

LIBRARY

Opened to the public last Monday night the community library on Watts street up until today had issued 150 books to readers, the patronage during the first three days substantiating the claim that Williamston's greatest need was a public library. Nearly 85 per cent of the books checked out so far went to young people, it was learned.

Already several borrowers have read the books taken out and returned them. Opening with around 500 volumes, the library has received around 60 additional volumes from interested friends.

Defense Files Answer In \$1,000 Damage Suit

Patrolmen Hunt and Rothrock Deny All Charges By Lilley

Maintain Arrest of Plaintiff Was in Line of Their Sworn Duties

Charged with effecting a false arrest and assaulting Perlie Lilley, well known Griffiths Township farmer, on the evening of March 12, W. S. Hunt and H. W. Rothrock, members of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, this week filed an answer through their attorney, H. G. Burton, denying the plaintiff had been mistreated or assaulted by them. The defense further points out that temporary arrest of the plaintiff was in line of their sworn duty.

Plaintiff Lilley filed a complaint on March 19, alleging false arrest and mistreatment, and asks to recover damages in the sum of \$1,000. The answer filed by the defense reads, in part, as follows:

That on the 12th day of March, 1938, these defendants, members of the North Carolina highway patrol in pursuance of their duties as such, were patrolling the highways of Martin County and at the time Highway No. 39 and saw the automobile being operated by plaintiff, operated in what appeared to them to be a reckless manner and almost run over by a train on the A. C. L. Railroad, and it appeared to them plausible and in fact their duty, to investigate the driver of the automobile to see if he was operating a motor vehicle on the highways of the state while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, as he had every appearance at the time of doing so.

and they stopped the plaintiff and asked him if he realized how close the train came to running over him, and as it was their duty to do investigate his condition and the plaintiff got mad and proceeded to curse these defendants, and abuse them in the most vile and unbecomingly language and to see if he was drunk the defendant Hunt asked the plaintiff to get out of his car and the plaintiff refused and continued his cursing and abusive language and became disorderly with out any reason to do so and after such an orderly conduct and after the plaintiff got out of his car, the defendant Hunt asked the plaintiff for plaintiff's driver's license and he refused to give them to him, and he said Hunt proceeded to examine plaintiff to see if he had any weapon, and plaintiff began slapping at the said Hunt and if the said Hunt did so in his own protection and self defense and has committed no assault and battery whatever upon the plaintiff.

The plaintiff was not arrested until after his actions aforesaid, which constituted a violation of the laws of North Carolina and the town ordinances of the Town of Williamston, N. C. and after such unreasonable actions, and cursing and disorderly conduct upon the part of the plaintiff, the defendant Hunt did arrest the plaintiff and for a few moments he was taken to the courthouse at Williamston, all of which was done in compliance with his duties as an officer of the law and has in no way harmed the plaintiff.

That the only thing that the defendant Rothrock ever did was to ask the question, "Did he realize how close the train came to running over him," which is the only thing the defendant Rothrock said.

The plaintiff's cause of action is spurious and unfounded in law and good morals and was instituted for the announced purpose and intention upon the part of the plaintiff to cause these defendants embarrassment in their profession and in an attempt to try to get them, if possible, fired as patrolmen and to other purpose and defendants again aver that no damage whatever has

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Dr. Herbert ReBarker To Deliver Literary Address

Dr. Herbert ReBarker, head of the East Carolina mathematics department of the East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, will deliver the commencement address here on Wednesday evening, April 27 at 8 o'clock, Principal D. N. Hix announced today.

The first event on the finals program will be the commencement sermon on the morning of April 24 in the high school auditorium.

Considerable Work Is Done In County By Board Sanitarian

More Than 100 Privies Are Placed In County In Past Two Months

Marked progress has been made in community sanitation in Martin County by the full time health department since it started functioning last February. Sanitarian Charles Leonard stating that 300 homes had been included in an initial survey of sanitary conditions.

A review of the department's sanitary division work shows that 125 privies were placed in the county during the period, that there is much interest in the work, and that further expansion of the program can be expected. Commenting on the work, Sanitarian Leonard points out that there are still many homes in this county without adequate sewage disposal. Deplorable conditions have been found in some communities, and the task to correct such conditions is deserving of the support and cooperation of everyone.

The importance of this item in the prevention of communicable diseases cannot be underestimated and to effectively stamp out all bacillary disorders, including typhoid fever, we must properly sanitize all homes in the county. Three WPA projects, one in Williamston, one in Jamesville and one in Oak City are making this possible for everyone whom it might effect," Sanitarian Leonard stated.

Monthly analyses are being made on milk from the Edgewood Dairy in addition to regular inspections, and it is found that all requirements for grade A milk are being met. "We are hoping that in the near future one or more additional grade A dairies will be built in the county," Mr. Leonard stated.

A sanitary survey in accordance with the North Carolina State Board of health is being made of all the schools of Martin County, and it is hoped that the highest degree of sanitation may be established and maintained in the schools and school cafeterias in the future.

The health department appreciates the fine spirit of cooperation that has been met at every hand in the effort to promote the health and well being of our citizens.

Parents-Teachers In Last Term Meeting

The Williamston P. T. A. held its last meeting for the school year yesterday afternoon. The minutes were read and approved and after a count was made it was found that the sixth and eighth grades had won the attendance prizes.

Mr. Hugh Horton, leader of the Cub Scouts and Scout Executive Mr. John Sigwald, then took charge of the meeting. The Cubs sang a cub song and repeated the cub vow and an example of cub fun was given the assembly in the form of a relay race played by the Cubs. Mr. Sigwald presented the cub charter to Rev. John Goff who is one of the cub sponsors. Mr. Horton and Rev. Goff took the cub vow and the minister delivered a short address in commemoration of the occasion.

Reports were given by the treasurer and the chairman of the finance committee Mrs. Jimmy Taylor was elected to be the representative at the P. T. A. Convention to be held in Winston-Salem. The following officers were elected for the term 1938-39: President, Mrs. A. J. Osteen; First vice-president, Miss Jimmy Taylor; second vice-president, Mrs. Roy Gurganus, recording secretary, Miss Mary Benson; corresponding secretary, Miss Lela Brown Barnhill; treasurer, Mrs. Dewey Hayman.

After a short acceptance speech by Mrs. Osteen the meeting adjourned.

Fisheries Reporting Large Catches Today

The fishing season struck its stride at Jamesville today, reports direct from the fishery there stating that the nets were taking from four to six thousand each trip, and that the size of the catches was increasing steadily.

Catches are limited for the most part to herring, but occasionally a shad or a rock is taken from the waters.

Thousands of fish will be taken from the river during the next few days, and visitors by the hundreds are expected to inspect the operations during that time.

Richard Margolis left for New York last night to visit relatives during the Easter holidays.

PINEY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH



Recognized as one of the finest rural church buildings in this section, the New Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Griffiths Township was used for the first time last Sunday morning. The new house of worship, pictured here as Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, was preaching his first sermon there, was built through the cooperative efforts of members of various denominations in the community.

Beloved Citizen Dies At Her Home In Robersonville

Funeral for Mrs. L. L. Peel to Be Held This Afternoon

Mrs. Margaret Brown Peel, widow of L. L. Peel, died at her home in Robersonville Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock following an illness of fourteen months' duration. Mrs. Peel, 76 years old last July, had been in declining health for several years, but had been able to be up until fourteen months ago.

The daughter of the late John H. and Margaret Brown, she was born at Brown's Springs, near here, and spent her early life there. When a young woman she moved to Robersonville where she since made her home.

Mrs. Peel was greatly beloved by all who knew her. She possessed a sweet disposition even through her long illness, and she had many friends in her adopted community. Long a member of the Baptist church, Mrs. Peel was a devoted religious worker until her health failed, but she found peace and hope in the teachings of her Maker until the end.

She was the last member of her immediate family, and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Mizelle, of High Point, Mrs. H. C. Norman, of Robersonville, and Mrs. A. C. Andrews, of Raleigh, and one son, W. J. Peel, of Baltimore. A daughter, Mrs. D. R. Chandler, died just a few weeks ago.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. E. C. Shoe, assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry and Rev. R. N. Fitts. Burial will follow in the Chandler family plot in the Robersonville cemetery.

Mrs. J. A. Mizelle, injured in an automobile accident while on the way to her mother's bedside last Friday, was released yesterday from a Raleigh hospital and continued to Robersonville. She is reported to be getting along very well.

Buys Half Interest In Local Grocery Business

Lewis T. Williams who has been here for the past two years with the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company bought out half interest in the grocery firm of J. O. Manning here this week.

Both Mr. Manning and Mr. Williams will be actively engaged in the operation of the new firm and it will be known as the Manning and Williams Grocery Company.

Five Homes Burn Near Jamesville

Five of undetermined origin destroyed five homes just off Highway 64 on the old Astoria mill road, near Jamesville, yesterday afternoon, reports stating that no insurance was carried by Harry Biggs, owner of the property, or by the occupants on their furniture.

Starting in the home of John Bateman the fire had gained considerable headway before it was discovered and it was impossible for neighbors to save anything from the homes. The homes, built years ago when the Astoria mill was in operation and in bad repair, were close together and one building burned after another in quick order. Furniture in four of the homes was removed to safety.

A German police dog penned under one of the houses, lost his life in the fire, several people failing in their efforts to free him.

Cafe Ratings For March Released

The department of sanitation of the Martin County Health department reports the following grades for the restaurants and hotels of the county for the month of March.

The grade A establishments are headed by the Dunning Place with a grade of 94.5. Next in line are Paul Jones Filling Station with 92.5 and George Reynolds' Hotel and Welcome Inn each with 90 per cent.

Grade B cafes are as follows: Williamston Cafe, 88.5; Sparrow's Filling Station, 87; Leggett's Drug Store, 82.5; Culpepper's, 80.5.

The following are grade C or below: Jim's Quick Lunch, Robersonville, 78.5; Sunny Side Inn, Williamston, 78.5; Rumba Dream, Williamston, 77; Bullock's Lunch, Robersonville, 76.5; Pulp Mill Cafeteria, Plymouth, 72.

Roberson's Cafe, Williamston, which is run in connection with Roberson's abattoir, was given 67 with allowance of 15 days to meet all requirements.

Oyster Bar At Mickey's Inn Destroyed By Fire

Fire, thought to have started from an oil stove, destroyed the oyster bar at Mickey's Inn, two miles west of here, at 9:30 this morning, the operator, Jack Dixon, stating that the loss will approximate \$1,500 with only \$400 insurance.

The local fire department was called there, but the volunteer firemen were only able to confine the fire to the one building.