

## Claims For Man's Body Are Carried To Superior Court

### More Interest Is Shown in The Dead Than in The Living

An unusual case reached the courts of this county last week-end when William Henry Wynn's wife obtained an order restraining the man's mother and sister from interfering with her in taking Wynn's body from the home of the mother and sister and carrying it to her own.

Killed by a convict guard near Williamston last Thursday morning, William Henry Wynn, 42 years old, apparently became valuable after breath had passed out of his body. Reports state that his mother-in-law, Willie Bailey, had run him away from her home, that he slept in a small out-building for a while and later went to live with his mother, Marina Wynn, and sister, Melinda Wynn Bailey, just a short distance from Willie Bailey's home in Jamesville. It was said that Wynn's mother-in-law offered evidence that convicted him of drunkenness and sent him on Tuesday of last week to serve thirty days on the roads.

Upon learning her husband had been killed, Lillian Wynn made arrangements with a Williamston undertaker to have the body prepared for burial. She purchased a casket and made arrangements for the undertaker's services.

In the order restraining the mother and sister from interfering with her efforts in gaining possession of the body, the plaintiff, Lillian Wynn alleges: "That as the hearse approached Jamesville, home of both defendants and plaintiff, the defendants ordered the driver to carry the body to the home of Melinda Wynn Bailey, that driver of the hearse knew no better and carried body to the Bailey home."

Upon learning what had been done, the plaintiff went and asked that the body of deceased be removed to her home, but the request was refused. The plaintiff later went to the undertaker and he then went to defendants' home for body to remove it to the home of the plaintiff, but that the defendants refused to surrender body to either the plaintiff or her agents, and threatened violence if anyone entered the home or removed the body."

The plaintiff further points out that she demanded the body a third time, but was again refused its possession. She also alleges that the defendants without advising with her or her children, prepared to bury the body under their own directions, refusing plaintiff the right to have anything to do with the burial services, that the body was held maliciously and willfully. The plaintiff further alleges that defendants denied her the right to view the body of her husband.

The plaintiff goes on to say that she suffered much mental anguish and nervous shock, that she suffered untold physical pain and claimed she was entitled to recover \$500 actual and \$1,500 punitive damages.

Papers were filed in the east last Saturday, three days after Wynn was killed. Judge Walter Bone signed papers, and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck directed the removal of the body to the plaintiff's home that afternoon. After a night in the home where the living William Henry Wynn was chased away, the body was removed Sunday afternoon and

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## Young Woman Dies In Duke Hospital

Mrs. Zola Mae Dickerson, wife of Willie Burt Dickerson, died suddenly last Saturday morning at 7:10 o'clock in a Durham hospital where she had been for a few days receiving treatment. Mrs. Dickerson, only seventeen years old, had been in ill health for about six months during which time she had received treatment in Washington and Durham hospitals.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bonds, of Williamston. About a year and a half ago she married Mr. Dickerson who survives with a six-months-old daughter, Angeline. She also leaves six brothers: Mervin, John Fenner, Earl P. Cecil B. U. A. and Ules Conrad Bonds, and four sisters, Mrs. Willie Clark, of Robersonville; Mrs. Elender Moore, of Enfield; Mrs. Melinda Williams and Miss Virginia Dare Bonds, both of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin. Burial was in the Skewarkey Church cemetery, near here.

## Fair Stands of Tobacco Are General Throughout County

Martin County's 1938 tobacco crop is off to a good start, farmers from nearly every one of the ten townships yesterday reporting fair stands with cultivation getting underway in quite a few cases. Ninety per cent of the crop has been transplanted, reports stating—that the transplanting task will be completed in its entirety by the end of this week, weather conditions being favorable. A few farmers have already finished re-setting their crops, the outlook for those transplanting in this dry season being for some heavy re-setting later on.

That portion of the crop transplanted soon after the heavy rains last month is doing well, reports state, but farmers are a bit pessimistic over the outlook for that portion of the crop transplanted in the latter part of last and the early part of this week.

## Surveys Ordered For Town Improvements

Meeting in regular session here last evening, the town commissioners considered a number of proposals including the surfacing of several streets, the extension of sewer and sewer lines in newly opened residential sections, but delayed action pending the completion of surveys. Engineer Rivers, of Greenville, will be assigned the task of making surveys this week, and it is likely that plans for a definite improvement program will be placed before the authorities at a special meeting within the next week or two.

Representing Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Attorney E. S. Peel asked for an extension of water and sewer lines on East Grace Street and Franklin street where, according to the owner of the adjoining properties, 20 or 25 homes will be placed under construction, before next January 1 if the conveniences are made available. An extension of water lines on East Grace Street, to be opened soon, was ordered, the board delaying action on the request for sewer lines. It was pointed out that a new disposal plant would be necessary, that a cost estimate will be necessary before connections with the town system can be effected.

## Hospital Group To Inspect Site Here

Colonel George Ijams, chairman of the sub-committee of the Federal Board of Hospitalization and a special committee named to recommend a site for a new \$1,500,000 veterans' hospital in North Carolina, are scheduled to visit Williamston late tomorrow afternoon and inspect properties near the high school building and near the fair grounds with the slight, very slight, possibility of locating the hospital here.

The committee left Washington yesterday, on a nine-day inspection tour, beginning at Raleigh today. In addition to the inspections here tomorrow, the committee is scheduled to visit Rocky Mount and Greenville, going from here to Washington for an inspection on Thursday. Other towns the committee plans to visit are: Durham, Wilson, New Bern, Kinston, Wilmington, Lumberton, Fayetteville, Southern Pines, Concord, Charlotte, Salisbury, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Burlington.

Mayor John L. Hassell and others will receive the committee here tomorrow afternoon, the hour of arrival not being known.

## Resume Construction Work On the Carolina Warehouse

Construction work, delayed by steel shipments, was resumed yesterday on the New Carolina Tobacco warehouse here. The building work will be rushed to completion.

With one exception, more rain fell last month at this point than in any other April on record. Hugh Spruill, keeper of the weather station of Roanoke River, reported 6.98 inches of rain during the period. In April of last year, 7.83 inches of rain fell here. The nearest approach to the April, 1937 record was the 4.76 inches reported for the particular month in 1935. More than two-thirds of the last month rainfall was recorded in a single day, weather officials describing it as one of the largest ever reported in this section.

of this week. They are not greatly worried, however, as the season is still early and there are plenty plants, some stating there are enough plants in this county to set out two more crops.

The cut worm is playing havoc in some sections. Farmer J. W. Eubanks, of Hassell, stating yesterday that he had found it necessary to re-set five acres in its entirety after the worms had made their attack. The worm is not doing a great deal of damage in the county as a whole, and the crop is off to a good start, numerous reports state.

General farm work is being sidetracked to a large extent while the tobacco crop is being placed in the ground, but quite a few farmers are turning attention to other chores their tobacco already in the field and growing.

## County Democrats Are Planning To Reorganize Ranks

### Precinct Meetings Are to Be Held on Saturday of This Week

Plans for the reorganization of their ranks were announced today by County Democrats who are slated to go into huddles in the various precincts on Saturday of this week and form a combined march on the county convention scheduled for the following Saturday in the Martin County courthouse.

"The precinct meetings for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention will be held at each precinct, at the call of the chairman of the precinct on Saturday, May 7th, 1938, E. S. Peel, chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee announced today. The place and hour of call are at the election of the precinct chairmen. At these precinct meetings delegates to the County Convention are to be elected and also a precinct committee of five active Democrats. This precinct committee shall immediately elect a chairman and one or more vice-chairmen, one of which said vice-chairmen shall be a woman.

The county Democratic convention will be held Saturday, May 14, 1938, at twelve o'clock at the courthouse in Williamston. Jamesville Township is entitled to fifteen delegates to this convention, Williams seven, Griffins fourteen, Bear Grass nine, Williamston thirty-eight, Cross Roads twelve, Poplar Point seven, Robersonville twenty-six, Gold Point five, Hamilton seven, Goose Nest thirteen and Hassell five.

The chairmen of the various precincts are as follows:

Jamesville, Stencil Brown; Williams, Joshua L. Coltrain; Griffins, Pleny Peel; Bear Grass, J. D. Wynne; Williamston, L. T. Fowden; Cross Roads, J. S. Ayers; Robersonville, A. E. James; Gold Point, Joe Winslow; Poplar Point, W. S. White; Hassell, J. W. Eubanks; Hamilton, J. A. Davenport; Goose Nest, Wheeler Daniel.

## Benjamin E. Moye Dies At Daughter's Home On Monday

### Funeral Services Are Being Conducted There This Afternoon

Benjamin E. Moye, well-known citizen of Oak City, died at the home of his daughter near here Monday morning at 11:15 o'clock following a long period of declining health. A retired farmer and real estate man, Mr. Moye had been in feeble health for the past eight years, and had been confined to his bed during the past five years.

The son of the late George Washington Moye and wife, he was born in Pitt County 77 years ago. He married Miss Martha O. Crawford and about a quarter of a century ago moved to this county locating in the Robersonville community. A few years later he moved to Oak City where he spent the remainder of his life.

Mr. Moye was a life-long member of the Reedy Swamp Free Will Baptist church in Pitt County. He was held in high esteem as a citizen and neighbor and had many friends throughout the county. Prior to his illness, he was active in community and business affairs. His wife died last October, and during the past several months he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Moore, near Oak City.

Two sons, A. R. Moye, of Oak City, and B. A. Moye, and five daughters, Mrs. R. M. Galesby, of Madison, N. C.; Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. W. V. Daniel, Mrs. P. V. Rawls and Mrs. J. T. Moore, all of Oak City, survive. He also leaves several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian minister, of Robersonville. Interment will follow in the Oak City cemetery.

## Plan Organization Of Girl Scout Troop Here

All girls between the ages of 10 and 14 years interested in a girl scout organization here are requested to meet at the agricultural building Thursday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. A hike will be one of the features of the meeting, it was announced.

## Corey Withdraws from Race for Seat in 1939 State Legislature, Charging Political Crucifixion

### ESTABLISH ATTENDANCE RECORDS



Miss Melba Grace Peel established a unique attendance record during the Bear Grass school week before last, Miss Magdalene Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Harrison, was neither absent nor tardy during the eleven years she was in school. She maintained a high scholastic record and was a recognized player in amateur theatricals.



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## Action Leaves Two Candidates in Race For the Legislature

### Jamesville Man Releases Public Announcement Monday

A. Corey, after filing his candidacy for a seat in the 1939 State legislature yesterday officially announced his withdrawal from the race, the former candidate releasing an official statement charging he had been "tried and sentenced to political crucifixion."

Mr. Corey's action leaves Messrs. W. Clarence Griffin and Hugh G. Horton in the race for a seat in the general assembly in this county.

"It is with a very keen sense of sore and heartfelt regret that I have been tried and sentenced to political crucifixion. If there be no resurrection I have one consolation, and that is the fact, that 'Truth crushed to earth will rise again.'"

"I have for thirty-eight years been a true Democrat, having begun my political career under the leadership of Aycock and Simmons. I have at all times and always regarded my political promises as sacred and binding as one affecting my social or religious obligations.

"After having served for twelve years as engraving clerk in the senate, and by study, service and experience I felt that I knew legislative organization and procedure, and desired to go to the general assembly as a representative of my county one time. And even with a number of suggestions from friends that I enter the race I hesitated, and discussed the fact with Mr. Hugh Horton but told him that I would not be a candidate if he desired to or would run again for the third term, he told me he did not want to and could not afford to go again and would let me know in plenty of time.

"After this conference he made his decision public. I then concluded it to be final; and after discussing with him and many others of my friends and at their suggestion I entered the race. Then in conference with Mr. Horton he told me he would vote for me and work for me in the campaign. I believed it, and went ahead with my plans for the race.

"Having at all times felt that a promise was binding, and even though it means political annihilation for me, and since Mr. Horton chooses to reverse himself and re-enter the race for the legislature, I shall stick to my promise as to fact of running against him, and hereby withdraw from the race, but making it clear that I reserve the right not to work or vote for any candidate, or to work for and vote for any candidate for any office of my own choice."

"As the political situation now stands, there are three contests for consideration by the voters in the June 4 primary. Messrs. Henry D. Hardison and H. O. Peel are in the race for judge of the county recorder's court; Messrs. D. E. Johnson and

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## G. H. Harrison Dies In Scotland Neck

George H. Harrison, native of this county, died at the home of his son, Oscar Harrison, in Scotland Neck last Friday, following a long period of declining health. His death came suddenly, however, as the result of heart trouble.

Mr. Harrison was 84 years old. He spent his early life in the Parmele section, moving about a quarter of a century ago to the Hassell community where he lived until about two years ago when he went to Scotland Neck to make his home with his son. He was a retired farmer, highly respected as a citizen and neighbor, Mr. Harrison was the oldest member of the Christian church at Hassell where he formed many strong friendships during his twenty years' residence there.

He is survived by his widow, Miss Maggie Coltrain before her marriage, and two sons, one of Scotland Neck, and one of Norfolk. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. A. E. Purvis, and interment was in the cemetery at Oak City.

## Board Extends Time For Listing Property

### Commissioners In Regular Session Here On Monday

#### Time for Listing Taxes Is Extended Through Next Saturday

Meeting in regular session Monday, the Martin County commissioners ruled against the strict enforcement of the law as it relates to tax listing and granted an extra week for owners to get their property lists on the books. Time for listing was to have ended last Saturday, but heeding the requests of a number of property owners, the board members granted a week of grace for the completion of the work. The taxing authorities point out that the provisions of the law will be applied in those cases where listings are not properly handled on or before Saturday of this week. The law provides a penalty of ten per cent of the actual tax when property is not listed before the extension period closes.

It is estimated that around 500 property owners in the county have failed to prepare and turn in their lists, that the majority of the group makes a practice of waiting until the list minute, a few failing to list at all. In the latter cases, the taxing authorities are considering taking action to force compliance with the dictates of the law.

No estimate on the trend of values as to individual districts has been advanced, but it is believed the total assessed valuation for the county will show a marked increase. Two or three districts are reporting substantial losses through the removal of solvent credits from the county lists, but most of these losses are being offset by increased values of other properties.

The meeting yesterday, attended by all the commissioners, was a brief one, the authorities limiting action to the extension of time for tax listing, the selection of a jury for the one-week term of superior court next month, a review of monthly reports from the several departments and one or two other items.

Robert A. Moore, war veteran, was relieved of county license tax for the sale of certain products.

Ben Hooker was relieved of poll tax due to the loss of an arm. A contract for the annual county audit was awarded Greathouse and Butler, certified public accountants of Rocky Mount. The contract carries a price of \$300.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Damour left yesterday for their home in Redwood, N. Y., after spending the winter season here.

### CONCERT

Fourteen young girls and boys from the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the high school auditorium here this evening at 8 o'clock. No admission fee will be charged, but following the usual custom, a liberal free-will offering will be asked.

The little folks coming from fatherless and motherless homes in various sections of the State are offering one of their best programs, and it is hoped local people will attend in large numbers and offer a liberal support.

## Firemen Get Call Early Yesterday

The local fire department received its first call in a little over two weeks yesterday morning at three o'clock when fire threatened the FCX (Farmers' Cooperative Exchange) building in the tobacco warehouse district on Washington and Haughton streets.

A brooder, the fire was spreading starting from an electric lamp in rapidly through the show-window floor and to office furniture when employees at a nearby filling station discovered it and turned in an alarm. A show window, already cracked, was broken and the fire was soon under control, but not until after the building was filled with smoke.

F. H. Stephenson, manager of the store, stated he found no short circuit in the heater, that he believed the biddies kicked some moss on the heating coil and started the fire.

There were around 300 chicks in the brooder but only about 20 of them were burned to death. Quite a few of them were singed, however.

### T. B. CLINICS

Examining 240 persons in this county last week, a special tuberculosis clinic discovered eighteen old and new cases of the disease, the report stating that there were six suspicious cases.

The clinics, held at Williamston, Oak City and Robersonville, were described as very successful, but that the average number of cases of the disease found was believed slightly higher than was expected.

No children were examined in the clinics, but plans are underway to provide examinations for nearly all school children in the county next fall.