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## September Term Superior Court To Open Next Monday

### Seventeen Cases Placed on Criminal Docket For Early Trial

A two weeks term of Martin County Superior court convenes next Monday for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, the criminal docket and civil calendar carrying an unusually large number of actions. While the criminal docket is larger than usual, it is comparatively small compared with the size of those found in the records of a few years ago.

Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, is to preside over the term, the first two days to be given over to the trial of criminal cases.

A review of the criminal docket shows no murder cases scheduled for trial, but the nature of several cases borders on the serious side and the proceedings, as a whole, are expected to attract large crowds from several sections of the country.

There are several hold-over cases from last term and the term before, the further continuance of at least one of them having been agreed upon in June. Pending the trial of a \$10,000 civil action the case charging Joseph Gordon with reckless driving assault with a deadly weapon and the killing of Delmar James, colored child, near Dardens last February 26, will be continued.

The \$10,000 civil suit is slated for trial on Monday, September 26.

Running over and critically injuring Edison Moore, young white man near Gardner's Creek on the night of April 10, William Penn Smith, colored, is slated for trial next week. The case was continued last June when Moore was unable to attend court. The hit-run victim is much improved and is expected here as a prosecuting witness in the case. Grandson Mitchell and Henry C. Heath, also colored, are charged with aiding and abetting in the Smith crime and they are scheduled to appear for trial next week.

The case charging Earl Taylor, 18-year-old youth, with seduction, is on the docket. It was continued last term.

Pete Bell, colored Plymouth attorney, having been found guilty in a Jamesville JayPee court and in the county recorder's court, is now appealing to the superior tribunal for relief in the case charging him with careless and reckless driving.

Charlie B. Hardison, charged with larceny and receiving, is appealing to the higher court from a judgment of the county court.

LeRoy Smith, charged with larceny and receiving, was bound over to the superior court for trial by Judge H. O. Peel.

William Melton, charged with the theft of cows, was bound over for trial by Justice J. L. Hassell.

The proceedings will be closely watched in the peculiar case charging C. J. Griffin, well known Jamesville man, with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Arthur Harrison, colored, was shot by Mr. Griffin when he (Harrison) attempted to break into the Griffin stores at Jamesville on the morning of August 6. Harrison died several days later in a Washington hospital, the man carrying to his grave the names of relatives and most of his past life history.

Probable cause appearing, the case charging Lyman Britt with (Continued on page four)

## Mrs. Wynne Dies At Home Of Parents

Mrs. Gladys Moore Wynne died at the home of her parents here last Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock following a long period of declining health. Her condition had been critical for several months and the end was not unexpected.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Moore, Mrs. Wynne was born in Williamston 26 years ago, making her home here all her life. When a young woman she was married to Barney Wynne who with two children, Margaret, 10, and Bennie Harrell Wynne, 7, survive. She also leaves besides her parents, one sister, Mrs. Ora Speller, and four brothers, Sam, Charlie, Jasper and David Moore, all of Williamston.

Mrs. Wynne was educated in the local schools and had many friends in the community.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore by Rev. James H. Smith, pastor of the local Baptist church. Interment was in the family plot in the Baptist cemetery here.

## Mother and Small Son United In Sheriff's Office Yesterday

A wandering son and his mother were reunited in Sheriff C. B. Roebuck's office here yesterday following five horrifying days for the mother, the sheriff stating that it was an experience he would never forget.

Running away from his home in Fredericksburg, Va., last Friday, Clayton Mann, just past 12 years of age, bummed his way to Norfolk, stole a bicycle there and was headed to Florida when he lost his way and stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claudius Roberson in Griffins Township last Tuesday evening. Sharing a free meal and lodging there, the youth was turned over to officers who started an investigation. The youngster, apparently desiring to throw the officers off his track, said he was from Washington City. Police there explained no such youth was missing there, but that it was possible he was the same boy

missing in Fredericksburg. The Washington police also explained that Clayton Mann was drowned in a river near a public school, that dragging operations had been underway without success.

The mother, Mrs. Hugh Curtis, learning that her son was possibly still alive, hurried here from Fredericksburg yesterday morning. "Anxiety was written all over her face as Mrs. Curtis heard the footsteps of the lad as he walked down the steps leading from the jail," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said. "No, the mother did not quarrel with her son for running away from home. She was too overwhelmed with joy when she saw him alive to think about quarreling," the officer said.

The youth and mother left for Fredericksburg immediately, and Norfolk police were advised to give directions for disposing of the bicycle.

## Colored Man Fatally Hurt By Hit-and-run Driver Near Dardens

### Two Men Held for Investigation in Isaiah Hardison's Death

Isaiah Hardison, 30-year-old colored man, was run down and fatally hurt by a hit-and-run driver as he walked along Highway 64 a short distance this side of Dardens late last Wednesday night. A large hole knocked in his head and his brains oozing from their socket, Hardison died at his home in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township without ever gaining consciousness.

Homer Glasson, 21-year-old white man, and Virgil Griffin, 28-year-old colored man, were arrested at Gurkin's filling station in Griffins Township yesterday morning about 3 o'clock by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Patrolman W. S. Hunt. Held without bond in the county jail, Glasson and Griffin both deny the hit-and-run charge, but officers said today that part of the story first offered by Griffin had been discredited.

Loafing around a filling station, near Dardens, Hardison started walking the highway toward Jamesville to go home. Glasson and Griffin, who were at the filling station with Hardison, drove off in a large truck about fifteen minutes later. A short time after that Hardison was reported to have been run down, the group at the filling station stating to officers that the truck was the last vehicle to travel the highway after Hardison left and up until the time he was discovered lying unconscious along the road.

Working on this clue, the officers went into Griffins Township, where Glasson and Griffin are employed by a logging firm. Finding them at the Gurkin filling station, the officers questioned the two men and found where water and oil had been poured on the truck body where Hardison's head struck. Some sign of blood was found on the side of the truck body. Glasson and Griffin stated they had driven to Hamilton and around Williamston, but had not been in the Jamesville area. Griffin later explained they had been to Dardens, and before anything was said about Hardison having been run over, he declared they had not hit anybody. Glasson, said to have been drinking, was reported to have driven the truck away from the filling station near Dardens.

Hardison was carried to Dr. Gibson's office in Jamesville where he was given medical treatment. He was removed to his home in Free Union yesterday morning.

Hardison's death was the third reported on the highways of this county this year. All three of the victims were pedestrians, and Hardison, father of a large family, was killed not far from the spot where Delmar James, a small boy, lost his life last April.

Glasson came to this county a few months ago from Robeson County. Griffin is from Georgia and has been working in this county for several months. They were driving a truck belonging to a logging firm operating in Jamesville and Griffins Townships.

## Aged Colored Man Dies At Home Here Tuesday

Jerry Small, aged colored man, died at his home here late last Tuesday night following a long period of declining health. He was 86 years old, and had worked here for years as a barber and later as a gardener.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon and burial was in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

## Suffers Stroke

Hal Biggs, former slave, suffered a stroke of paralysis a few days ago, and continues quite ill at the home of Stephen Riddick on Railroad Street. He has lost the use of his right side, but continues able to talk a great deal.

## New County Tax Books Ready For Collector

The new 1938 Martin County tax books will likely be turned over to the collector some time next week, reports from the auditor's office today stating that the receipts had been written and booked and that the books were being proved for corrections.

The amount of the 1938 levy is not yet definitely determined.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning next Monday, the Williamston Public Library will return to its old schedule of hours, remaining open from 3 to 6 each afternoon and from 7 to 8 each evening except Sunday.

The story hour is held each Saturday morning at 10 o'clock for children between the ages of 4 and 9 years. Additional books are being added to the shelves, and the public is cordially invited to visit the library.

## Peanut Stabilization Cooperative Will Maintain Old Base and Offer Higher Prices for Better Grades

### Will Let Contract for New Post Office Here October 12

Calling for bids this week, the Procurement Division of the Federal government plans to let the contract for a new post office building here on October 12, Postmaster L. T. Fowden announced today. Plans and specifications for the structure have been placed on file in the local postoffice for use by contractors. It isn't likely that builders in this immediate section will bid for the construction work.

A hurried review of the 31 pages of plans shows a complete one-story structure with a cupola. The specifications form a book almost as thick as a mail-order catalog. An unusually large basement is included in the plans which provide for furnace and fuel rooms, storage and a swing room. The building will be constructed of face brick with a liberal scattering of marble and granite around the windows and for the steps. Extensive plans have been made for an adequate window service and a large increase in the number of lock boxes.

The structure, costing around \$70,000, will be modern in every particular with plans for landscaping walks and drives.

Work to clear the Main Street site just across the street from the Courtney Furniture Store is scheduled to get underway next Monday, and it is understood the governing work soon after the bids are opened in Washington City the 12th of next month. The old Bagley house, now on the lot, will be moved to a site on Watts Street.

## Judge Peel Clears Docket And Closes Court For 2 Weeks

### Thirteen Cases Handled in Recorder's Court Monday

The prosecution of two men for catching fish less than six inches in length held the spotlight in Judge H. O. Peel's county recorder's court last Monday. Evidence in the cases, indicating that the enforcement of the game and fishing laws borders on a racket in certain instances, demanded that the two men should be adjudged guilty, but the jurist tempered the facts, showed mercy and suspended judgment without payment of the costs in the cases charging William Baker and Gus Forrest with violating the fishing laws. Incidentally no costs are allowed the prosecution which was supported by private counsel.

There were few cases of any consequence before the court and Judge H. O. Peel cleared the docket by the noon hour and ordered a recess for two weeks while the superior tribunal holds forth handling the trial of both criminal and civil cases.

Proceedings in the court: The case charging John Pittman with careless and reckless driving was not pressed.

Willie Faulk, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, was fined \$25, sentenced to the common jail for three months and taxed with the costs, the jail sentence to begin at the direction of the court.

The case charging Joe Collins and Bertha Collins with violating the liquor laws, was nolprossed.

Linwood Bland, charged with careless and reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended for two years in the case charging E. L. Whitehurst with violating the liquor laws.

Sentenced to the roads for six months in the case charging him with larceny and receiving, Charlie B. Hardison appealed to the higher court, Judge Peel requiring bond in the sum of \$150.

The case charging Harvey Perkins with drunken driving was nolprossed.

Frank Redmond was sentenced to the roads for twelve months for larceny and receiving. John Hatley, a second defendant in the case, was found not guilty.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Joe L. Godard was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

Howard James, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

The case charging Julius Smith with drunkenness was nolprossed. The next session of the court will be held on Monday, October 3.

## Called To Wreck

Local partolmen were called to Bethel last night about 10:30 o'clock when a car crashed into a transport truck parked on the highway. Two men from Colerain were hurt, one seriously, according to reports reaching here.

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## OFF THE DOCKET

For the first time since November, 1934, the Martin County Superior Court will have no cases growing out of the Leavister-Corey wreck to call for trial when it convenes here next week. Following the deaths of Marshall Andrews and the young Leavister boy near Robersonville in 1934, the court has had on its docket suits and counter suits, the action having been prolonged by a mistrial in one instance.

## Take Twelve Liquor Stills In County So Far In This Month

### Second Flare-up in Illicit Liquor Trade During Recent Weeks

The illicit liquor trade, budding forth on a comparatively large scale for the second time in recent weeks in this county, is experiencing handicaps that threaten to outlaw the traffic for economic reasons if not on a moral basis. Working night and day, enforcement officers, led by Special Officer J. H. Roebuck, are exacting a heavy financial toll in the destruction of plants and operating equipment.

With very few exceptions, replacements are made with cheap equipment, including, as a rule, an old gasoline drum rudely connected with a wood still. In some cases old gasoline drums are used for brewing the spirits. It is seldom that a complete plant with a sizeable copper kettle is found by the raiders. Supplies, including sugar and beer are being found in small quantities, and it is apparent that some of the manufacturers are making a last stand to hold on to an illegitimate business that is fast proving an economic loss.

So far this month, the officers have captured twelve stills and poured out about 3,700 gallons of beer. One arrest was effected, the officers taking Joe L. Godard, Jamesville Township man, into the courts for alleged illegal possession of liquor.

The raids were conducted in several townships of the county, as follows:

Jamesville Township—three stills and 500 gallons of beer.

Williamston Township—two stills and 350 gallons of beer.

Bear Grass township—five stills and 2,400 gallons of beer.

Hamilton Township—two stills and 450 gallons of beer.

Two federal agents, said to have been ordered to locate here, have not yet reported. At the present time, Special Officer Roebuck and his assistant, Hewitt Edwards, are handling most of the raiding work in the county.

## Fair View Revival Will Begin On Sunday Night

The revival to be conducted at Fair View will begin Sunday night, September 18. The pastor, Rev. Lilley, of Washington, will preach the opening sermon Sunday night at 7:45 and Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, will preach Monday night and on each evening throughout the week. Public is cordially invited.

## Price Schedule Is Fixed At Meet In Capital This Week

### Plans Are Now Underway To Reopen Warehouses In Williamston

Reorganized a few weeks ago with the help of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative will maintain its old price base of 3 1-4 cents a pound for peanuts and pay premiums ranging up to 3 1-2 cents for the better grades, it was announced this week following a conference of Farm Bureau leaders, officials of the organization, cleaners, confectioners, and representatives of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Washington City. The action taken by the conference is recognized as very favorable for peanut growers in that it assures a stabilized price with the possibility of an open-market competition.

The only threat hanging over the peanut farmer is the effort to shift the lowly goober from a special base and place it in the list of general crops. Farmers, raising low-priced cotton in the South and Southwest, are turning to peanuts rapidly and they are anxious to have the crop included in the general list that they might grow less cotton and plant that acreage to peanuts. Such an arrangement will give them maximum cotton benefits and they will have the peanuts extra.

In Washington this week, the conference is reported unofficially to have gone on record favoring the continuation of the special base for peanuts, but there was a strong opposition voiced by farm leaders from certain areas. "The Farm Bureau, leader in the movement to get the Peanut Cooperative created, is now leading the fight to hold the peanut crop in the special base group," a representative from this section said following his return from the conference.

Under the new stabilization price set-up, farmers will be offered from \$65 to \$70 for peanuts grading 65 per cent meat or more. Goobers, grading 65 per cent meat, will be accepted by the cooperative at \$65 a ton or 3 1-4 cents a pound; No. 2 Virginias will command \$67.50 a ton or 3 1-3 cents a pound; No. 1 Virginias are pegged at \$70 a ton or 3 1-2 cents a pound. Records compiled by receiving warehouses in this county last year, show that very few peanuts graded below the required standard.

The stabilization organization enters its second year with the pledged cooperation of millers and candy makers. A. Obici, president of the Planters Nut and Chocolate Company, attended the meeting and extended his cooperation to the organization, explaining that it was not reasonable to expect peanut growers to operate at prices below those adopted. Representatives of the Curtis Candy Company favored the cooperative plan, and while peanuts may not command even a fair price, it is certain that the market will not dip down to one or two cents this fall.

Messrs. R. C. Holland, president of the N. C. Stabilization Cooperative (Continued on page four)

## Youth Hurt In Fall From Motorcycle

Joe Godard, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Godard, of near Jamesville, was badly hurt in a fall from a motorcycle near Nurney's store on Highway 64 early last evening.

Home on a 30-day vacation from Fort Bragg where he has been soldiering for the past year or more, Godard was thrown to the pavement when the front tire on his machine blew out. He suffered a severe head injury, doctors in a Washington hospital where he was carried after receiving first aid treatment in the offices of Drs. Rhodes, Eason and McAllister here, stating that it was possible the young man had a slight concussion. He was rendered unconscious for several hours.

Brought here by Mr. Miller of the Western Auto Associate Store, Godard was transferred to the hospital about 7:30 last evening.