

## Dozen Cases Heard Court Last Monday In The Recorder's

### Docket Of Day Clearing Tribunal in Session Most

Judge H. O. Peel held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session a greater part of last Monday handling a dozen cases—eleven criminal and one civil. Fairly large crowds were present for the proceedings during the morning session.

Tom Jones, charged with non-support, was directed to pay \$5 a month for the upkeep of an illegitimate child. Payments are to continue for six months, at the end of which time the defendant is to report to the court for further judgment.

Charged with assault, Dawson Griffin was sentenced to jail for 30 days, the court suspending judgment upon promised good behavior for two years. The court included a provision in its judgment, as follows, "Any violation of law other than any arising out of defendant's use of intoxicating liquors while covered by the judgment shall be heard on its merits."

Motion for non-suit made after the evidence was heard in the case charging Leggett Roebuck with drunken driving, was allowed.

Lester Bailey was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for a period of one year in the case charging him with drunken driving.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in the cases charging Jarvis-Whicheard and E. M. Todd with public drunkenness.

Charged with larceny and receiving, John Simmons was found not guilty.

The case charging Lester Whitaker with violating the liquor laws was continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday.

J. E. Pierce, charged with drunken driving, and operating a motor vehicle without license, was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging Claud Parker with larceny was remanded to the justice courts for action.

Fred White, charged with destroying property, to wit, a dog, was found not guilty.

In the civil case of P. S. Bellamy against G. W. Barrett, the court ruled that the defendant was not indebted to plaintiff, as claimed. In a counter suit, the court ruled that the plaintiff was not indebted to defendant for a shortage of gasoline. Both parties gave notice of appeal to the higher courts.

## Health Report For Month Of October

Thirteen cases of communicable diseases were reported to the health department in this county last month the records showing a decrease in the number of whooping cough cases that almost reached the epidemic stage in some communities during the past several months.

There were five cases of whooping cough, three in Hamilton, and one each in Bear Grass and Cross Roads Townships. A bad feature of the report was the record of diphtheria cases, seven such cases having been reported during the period, four among the white and three among the colored population of Williamston, Bear Grass and Cross Roads Township. Williamston reported the lone chickenpox in the county.

The health department made 107 Wasserman tests during October, twenty-five of them showing up positive.

The task of testing several thousand school children for tuberculosis was just about completed during last month, the department to issue its findings within a few days.

### Hon. I. T. Valentine Speaks Here Tonight

Hon. Itimous T. Valentine, prominent eastern Carolina attorney, will address a meeting of democratic voters in the county courthouse here tonight at 8 o'clock. The Nashville man is well known in this section, and a good number of democrats will hear him.

His address is the only one scheduled in the county this year in support of the democratic ticket that will be placed before the voters next Tuesday.

### Light Rainfall For County Recorded Here

October, with a rainfall of 2.14 inches, was a fairly dry period compared with the preceding month when seven and one-half inches fell here. The rainfall for the period was considerably below the average.

## Status of Improvement Program Is Uncertain

### FINAL CURTAIN

The final curtain for the local tobacco market this season was lowered at 11 o'clock this morning, marking the end of a period that has been disappointing to farmers, warehousemen and the buying companies.

"It could have been worse," one warehouseman said, adding that considering the short crop and the quality, the market had a fairly successful season.

Unofficially, the market sold right at six and one-half million pounds of the golden leaf this season for an average price of more than 20 cents. Last year about eight million was sold.

## Complete Personnel For Handling Soil Program Next Year

### Jesse Crisp Again Heads Committee in This County

Machinery for handling the soil conservation program in this county was set up in its entirety Tuesday afternoon when delegates from the nine districts met in the county agricultural building and elected Jesse Crisp, chairman, J. R. Winslow, vice chairman, L. A. Clark, member, W. M. Harrison, first alternate and J. Linwood Knowles, second alternate to the county committee. All nine delegates were present to participate in the re-election of the three men.

There was a slight change in the county committee membership. Clarence Stallings, vice chairman of the committee, was succeeded by Mr. Winslow. Stallings resigned some time ago and his successor had served as a regular member of the committee for some time prior to the election Tuesday.

Alleging some of the delegates scratched their tickets, at least two delegates to the convention pointed out after the meeting that the election will not prove satisfactory to many farmers. "We have no objection to the men, but as it is the committee is centered in one section of the county, leaving six townships without representation," one of them said. Mr. Crisp is from the Oak City area, Mr. Winslow from Robersonville, and Mr. Clark is from Everetts. There was every assurance that the results were determined solely by those participating in the election.

Assistant County Agent J. P. Woodard was named secretary of the association, and Mr. T. B. Slade was renamed treasurer for the organization.

The election of alternates on the community and county committees amounts to a great deal more than many farmers think, it has been pointed out. Before final action is taken in settling up quotas for the soil conservation program the alternates will be called in to review the work handled by the regular committee. Frequently a regular committeeman is unable to attend the meetings and in those cases the alternates are asked to serve.

Just when the committeemen will hold their first meeting to start work on the new 1939 program is not known at this time, but it is likely that the groups just recently elected will be called for work within a short time.

### Distiller Runs Out Of His Shoes When Chased

A colored man whose identity was not definitely established, ran out of his shoes as officers chased him away from an illicit distillery in Bear Grass Tuesday afternoon. Relieved of his shoes, the man hurriedly blazed a new trail to escape in a swamp.

A fifty-gallon copper still was destroyed along with 400 gallons of beer.

Special Officer J. H. Roebuck led the raid.

### J. L. Hassell Has Title Of Marrying Justice

Mayor J. L. Hassell is believed to have earned the title of marrying justice here last Saturday afternoon when he performed four ceremonies in a little more than half an hour.

The justice was tying the knots about as fast as Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger could issue the licenses.

Three of the four couples were white.

## Delay In Sale Of Bonds May Cause Plans To Blow Up

### Grant Offered on Condition That Work Be Started November 26

The delayed sale of \$72,000 bonds may forestall a proposed \$124,000 improvement program here, according to unofficial reports heard today. Town officials, making every effort to save the program, withheld all comment in the hope that something could be done to advance the plans and get construction work underway by November 26, a deadline mentioned in an agreement with the Public Works Administration.

Offered for sale by the Local Government commission in Raleigh this week, local bonds went begging, unofficial reports stating that not a single bid was received for the proposed \$72,000 issuance. The bonds are subject to sale thirty days from last Tuesday, but unless their purchase is effected immediately it will be impossible to let a contract for the \$125,000 construction program in time to start work by the November 26 deadline. Assured they can sell the \$72,000 issuance to a governmental agency, town officials are not certain whether the sale can be arranged and consummated in time to launch the improvement program within the short length of time allotted.

The possibility of an extension is receiving attention, but no action in seeking a few days' grace will likely be taken before the town board of commissioners meet next Monday night. It is generally believed that an extension of time can be had, that the town can float the \$72,000 bond issue with a governmental agency for about four per cent and participate in the Public Works Administration fund to the extent of \$52,000.

Parts of the improvement program are considered imperative, including the sinking of a fourth deep well to increase the water supply. All features of the proposed PWA program are badly needed, and every effort will be made to save the program which includes the surfacing of several sidewalks and streets and the laying of sewer and water line extensions.

## Club Members Hold Achievement Meet

Holding their annual achievement day program in Robersonville tomorrow, Martin County 4-H club boys and girls will review their activities of the past year, and participate in a series of events that are attracting more interest each year among the youth of the county.

The meeting gets underway at 10 o'clock in the Robersonville High School building, and the club members are urged to attend and bring their parents with them. Others interested in club activities are cordially invited to be present.

John W. Artz, agent in charge of 4-H club work in the State, will deliver the principal address. He will be accompanied by B. Troy Ferguson, district agent. The group will be welcomed by Professor L. W. Anderson, principal of the school.

Those club members completing their year's work will receive certificates and special prizes will be awarded for the best exhibits.

Following the lunch period, the club members, led by Agent Artz, will engage in a number of recreational activities.

### Case Against Bowers Is Continued In Pitt

The case charging Roy Bowers with criminally assaulting a young Martin County white girl, near Parmele, on the night of October 1, was continued "for the term" in Pitt County Superior court yesterday. A "true bill" was returned in the case by the grand jury.

### Home Found For Little Child In Lee County

"Parker," the nine-months-old charge of Martin County during much of the past several months, has a home. Of doubtful parentage, the little fellow was carried by welfare workers this week to Lee County where it was received in a good home.

## Plan Discussion Of County Roads At Board Meeting

### Delegations From Hassell Section Expected Here Next Monday

A discussion of road conditions in this county will likely be held during the regular meeting of the Martin Board of Commissioners here next Monday, according to advices received this week by J. E. Pope, chairman of the board. A delegation of citizens from Hassell and other communities in the upper part of the county will likely appear before the board and participate in an informal discussion of road conditions as they exist in the rural areas not only in the upper part but all over the county.

"As I understand it, the delegation planning to appear before the board Monday is not considering a petition for the improvement of one specific road or piece of road," Mr. Pope said. "They are interested in the maintenance of secondary roads and also those other roads that fall in the Class 'C' and possibly Class 'D' type," he added.

It has been pointed out that the same methods are employed in the maintenance of roads in all counties, but the condition of roads in other counties is reported far better than in Martin.

Formal complaint was lodged with the board some months ago by citizens in other parts of the county who pointed out the narrow width of nearly all the lower type roads.

The commissioners have very little business other than of a routine nature scheduled for consideration at their meeting next Monday. Jurymen for the December term of the Martin County Superior Court will be drawn, the authorities anticipating a long session for handling other routine affairs.

It is the last meeting the old board will hold. Certain of re-election next Tuesday, the commissioners will carry on as a new board on the first Monday in December.

## Mrs. John Mizelle Dies In Hospital From Operation

### Funeral Services Are Held At Home Near Here Yesterday

Mrs. Sadie Clark Mizelle, highly respected county citizen, died in a Washington hospital Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock, of peritonitis. She was operated on for appendicitis last Monday a week ago. Mrs. Mizelle had been in feeble health for several years, but was able to be up and attend to her duties about the home until she suffered an acute attack of appendicitis.

The daughter of the late Outler Clark and wife, Mrs. Mizelle was born in this county about 70 years ago. She first married E. H. Wynne and following his death she was married to George D. Gurganus. About ten years ago she married Mr. John H. Mizelle and made her home here and near the fair grounds. No children were born to either of the unions and besides her husband she leaves one brother, Mr. Buck Clark, of Cross Roads, and one sister, Mrs. David Mobley, of Bear Grass.

Mrs. Mizelle was a good woman and a thoughtful wife. She had many friends throughout the county. A member of the old school, she was an unassuming person and one who valued the high respect and friendship of everyone in all walks of life. Funeral services were conducted at the late home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. John L. Goff, her pastor. Interment was in the Ben Wynne Cemetery in Cross Roads Township.

### SHORT CROP

The boll weevil played havoc with the cotton crop all right, but he did not get it all, a government report released this week showing that up until October 18 farmers in this county had ginned 110 bales of the staple. Up until the same date last year, 632 bales were ginned in this county from the 1937 crop.

Production in the State dropped from 375,358 last year to 178,941 bales this year. Not a single county in the State reported increased ginnings this year over last. The eighty per cent decrease in this county was about the largest percentage decrease reported in the State. The decrease in some counties was less than 17 per cent, however.

## Listless Election Next Tuesday Is Predicted

### No Opposition On County And Little On State Tickets

### Two Proposed Changes in Constitution Before The Voters

Other than efforts by Republican leaders to regain what little strength it had prior to 1932, little attention will be given the general election in this county next Tuesday, late reports from most of the twelve precincts in the county indicating that less than 2,000 voters will participate in the battle of the ballots. "We are going to get out a few voters next Tuesday," a prominent member in the Republican ranks of Jamesville Township said this week. Those Democratic voters who find it convenient to do so will participate in the election, but very few are expected to go out of their way to cast their ballots.

With no opposition on the county ticket and very little on the State ballot, The Enterprise will not attempt to tabulate the election returns next Tuesday as has been the custom in past years.

While the outcome of the election next Tuesday as it pertains to candidates is certain to be in favor of Democratic nominees, there is some doubt about the passage of two proposed amendments to the constitution. "A good sheriff such as ours, has no trouble in gaining re-election every two years, and I see no demand for a four-year term for sheriffs," a county citizen said yesterday. The amendment to increase the terms of sheriffs from two to four years is certain to get a fair support in this county, however, according to those who have made observations in various precincts in recent days. The proposal to establish a state department of justice remains almost an unknown quantity in this section and the lack of interest is likely to cause its defeat. Both proposed amendments have their good points, and possibly their passage will be effected in the State.

In addition to the regular county and State tickets, voters in Jamesville will ballot for a township constable. Paul Holliday is the party nominee and he is without opposition. Jamesville is the only one offering a township ballot.

The democratic ticket in this county carries the names of the party nominees, as follows:

For clerk superior court: L. Bruce Wynne.  
For sheriff: C. B. Roebuck.  
For treasurer: C. A. Harrison.  
For judge recorder's court: H. O. Peel.

For coroner: S. R. Biggs.  
For county commissioners: C. A. Robertson, R. A. Haislip, R. L. Perry, C. C. Fleming and J. E. Pope.

For solicitor, second district: Donnell Gilliam.  
For member house of representatives: H. G. Horton.

For state senator, second district: W. B. Rodman, Jr., and D. Bradford Fearing.

The state ticket carries the following:

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## Peanuts Moving To Market This Week

With no price definitely established, peanuts started moving to the markets this week, the cleaners reporting light deliveries so far from the new crop.

Sales for as much as 3 1-2 cents were reported in a few cases, but most of the quotations stood at 3 1-4 and 3 3-8 cents per pound.

Buyers, waiting for the marketing activities to get underway on a larger scale, are withholding comment on the possibility of price increases later on.

Farmers started picking peanuts on a large scale throughout the county this week. Generally, the crop is short and the quality is only fair. However, a few farmers are reporting comparatively large yields and good quality, the reports indicating that a large portion of the crop was dug too early in the county.

Warehouses of the North Carolina Peanut Cooperative will start receiving the crop next week, arrangements having been made to maintain receiving houses at Robersonville, Hamilton and Williamston and possibly at Everetts later in the season, if necessary.

## Colored Man, Shot Here Last Saturday Dies In Hospital

### Willie Johnson Wanted for Murder of James Howard

James Howard, colored man about 35 years old, was fatally shot while visiting in the home of LeRoy Purvis on Warren Street here last Saturday night shortly before ten p. m. He was fired upon twice with a shot gun in the hands of Willie Johnson, colored, the first shot missing its mark and killing the Purvis' family cat. The second load struck Howard just above the knee and partially severed the limb. Howard was given first aid here shortly after he was shot and his leg was amputated soon after he was removed to a Washington hospital the following morning about four o'clock.

Johnson, a stranger here, left for parts unknown and the cause of the shooting remains a mystery. The two men were said to have come here about two weeks ago from New Bern and worked with the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company. They were said to have known each other before coming here and were said to be good friends. Shortly after coming here they rented rooms in the home occupied by J. K. Coltrain before his death a few months ago on Washington Street.

Purvis and a few friends were said to have been enjoying a fish fry when Johnson came in and saw Howard. He returned to their rooming house, took his gun and went after Howard, one report stating that the assailant fired upon Howard through a window. If there were any words spoken by the two just before the shooting, no one seems to have heard them. Several were in the room and Barthonia Bennett, sitting close to Howard, was punctured in his leg and thigh by several shot.

It has been rumored that there was a woman in the case that Howard had taken her away from Johnson. These rumors could not be established, however, and the cause of the shooting continues a mystery.

Following his death early Wednesday morning, Howard was brought here and buried in Potter's Field, near the County home, the town and county sharing the burial expense.

## Kiwanians Enjoy Musical Program

Members of the Kiwanis club were entertained last evening at a musical program featured by the appearance of the high school glee club. The twenty-seven students who at present make up the organization in the local high school sang well in making their first public appearance of the school. Their rendition of the "Volga Boatman", a Russian song, provoked much favorable comment from the club members.

Miss Clara Jones, public school music teacher in the local schools, accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Manning Jr., sang two solos, and at the close of the program led the Kiwanians in the singing of several popular songs.

President Jodie Woolard presided over the meeting.

### Former Slave Dies At Home Near Jamesville

Mary Taylor Jefferson, former slave, died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Frank Minor, near Jamesville last Tuesday evening following a stroke of paralysis. She was 93 years old. Funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church in Jamesville yesterday afternoon.

When a young girl she was sold to a slave owner in Edgecombe County, returning to her people in Martin following the close of the Civil War.

Besides her daughter, she leaves several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The former slave was fairly active despite her advanced age until about two weeks ago when she suffered a stroke of paralysis.

### Peanut Grading School Being Held Here Today

Representatives of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperation are holding a school for peanut graders in the agricultural building here today. Graders from several counties are receiving instructions for handling the work which is scheduled to get underway next Monday throughout the peanut territory.

### VOTING HOURS

Martin County voters will have exactly ten hours and twenty-eight minutes to cast their votes in the general election next Tuesday. The polls open at sunrise, 6:37 o'clock and close at sunset, 5:05 o'clock. In the primary last June, the polls were open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., but for the general election the hours are set between sunrise and sunset.

Present indications point to a total of not more than 2,000 votes for the election in this county next Tuesday.

## State Missionary Group Will Hold Meet Next Week

### Rev. John L. Goff, Local Minister, President of Convention

The ninety-fourth session of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention will convene with the First Christian Church in Washington, November 9-11. The program begins at 7:30 on Wednesday evening with a brief devotion, a word of welcome by the host pastor, Rev. H. L. Tyre and the president's statement, by Rev. John L. Goff, of Williamston. Dr. Herbert L. Willett, of Chicago, the guest speaker of the convention will bring his first of two addresses to the convention on the theme: "Prospects of Christian Unity." The general theme of the convention is "The Church of the Future." Dr. Willett will then speak at 11:50 on Thursday morning. His subject will be "The Church and a Better World." Dr. Willett took his A. B. and A. M. degrees at Bethany College. He did graduate work at Yale, University of Berlin and received his Ph.D. at Chicago. For many years he has taught in the University of Berlin and serves a great church just outside of Chicago. Recognized as one of the great religious thinkers and authors, Dr. Willett will be making his first speaking visit to North Carolina.

Among other out of state speakers will be Rev. John A. Tate, of Richmond, the state secretary of Virginia Disciples; Dr. Alexander Paul, Oriental secretary of the United Christian Missionary Society, who has given forty-two years to China and the East; Rev. J. Eric Carlson, of St. Louis, who will speak for the National Benevolent Association; Dr. Myron F. Hopper, of St. Louis, will address the Youth Convention on Friday evening; and Mrs. P. D. Snipes, of Bolenge, Africa, will address the convention on Thursday afternoon at 2:45.

Among the leaders of the state who will appear on the program will be Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College; Rev. J. M. Waters, of Atlantic Christian College; Rev. E. B. Quick, religious education director; Rev. C. B. Marshall, of Farmville; Rev. C. Manly Morton, formerly of North Carolina, but now a missionary to Porto Rico.

A number of banquets and luncheons will be given in connection with the convention. Woman's Missionary luncheon will be held Thursday, Nov. 10th at 12:30; Atlantic Christian College Banquet at 6 o'clock on Thursday; Minister's Wives Luncheon at 12:30 Friday and Youth Banquet at six o'clock Friday. All banquets and luncheons will be held in the social room of the church.

Delegates to the convention from the Williamston church will be elected on Sunday morning.

### To Pay Tribute To The Memory Of Colonel Lamb

The Society of the Cincinnati of North Carolina has ordered a portrait to be painted of the late Colonel Wilson G. Lamb of Williamston, who served the society as president for many years.

The portrait will be hung in the rooms of the society in Raleigh. The Society of the Cincinnati, oldest of all the patriotic societies of the United States, was formed by Washington and La Fayette, just after the American Revolution. Colonel Lamb was a lineal descendant of Abner Lamb, a charter member of the organization.

The Lamb family of Williamston now is represented in the society by John Cotton Lamb of Baltimore.