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Superior Tribunal Will Resume Work Monday Morning

Few Cases Disposed of in First Three Days of Session

After handling a lone case during the morning, the Martin County Superior Court adjourned Wednesday noon until next Monday, the members of the bar, judge and litigants welcoming the Thanksgiving holiday as a rest period in the two weeks of tiresome litigation.

During the three days the court was in session this week, few spectators visited the courtroom to hear the proceedings. The docket carries no cases of particular interest.

Ordering an extra jury, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn is anticipating speeding up the wheels of justice next Monday when the court starts its second week for the trial of civil cases only.

Proceedings not previously reported:

A consent judgment was entered in the case of T. F. Dawson, J. N. Dawson and Helen Dawson Thompson against W. R. Everett and F. C. Harding, trustee. The judgment shows the defendant to be the owner of a deed of trust upon which \$1,800 is due, arrangements for settlement having been outlined.

A judgment in the sum of \$45 was granted the Economy Auto Supply Company against the F. and E. Motor Company, a Washington firm.

The case of Wilmer M. Sitterton against S. Harcum Grimes and Charles B. Roebuck was non-suited when the plaintiff failed to appear in court to prosecute the action. Sitterton was suing the defendants for several hundred dollars to offset the cost of a ring alleged to have been lost by the defendants. In the complaint, Sitterton alleged that he placed the ring in the hands of defendants as bond when he was wanted as a defendant in the Pitt County courts several years ago.

A voluntary non-suit was taken against the plaintiff in the divorce case against Beatie Ann Ruffin. The non-suit was taken when the plaintiff learned the defendant would contest the action.

A consent judgment giving the plaintiff \$3,000 was entered in the case of Standard Fertilizer Company against C. P. and Ben T. Aycock.

Medrick Daniel was granted an absolute divorce in his case against Rosa Daniel. The action was based on two years' separation.

A judgment in the sum of \$92.50 was given A. H. Brown against Theodore Elliott, the plaintiff having recovered \$90 on a claim and delivery proceeding.

Orders Plaintiff From Courthouse

Medrick Daniel, colored man, was given a stern lecture and ordered from the courtroom Tuesday by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn after Daniel had successfully applied for a divorce from his wife, Rosa Daniel.

The lecture was given when the jurist learned that the two had separated on the day of their marriage some over two years ago. Daniel, questioned by Judge Burgwyn, admitted that he married the girl to save himself from jail, and explained that there was a baby in the case.

It was apparent that the jurist thought little of Daniel and his case, and that he would deny his freedom if possible. Daniel got his divorce and left the courtroom at the direction of the court, but not until the jurist said that he thought little of the judgment of any woman who would marry such a man.

Williamston Merchants Get Ready for Holiday Shopping

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Toylands are opening this week, and gift centers are fast taking on an atmosphere that reminds one the day of days is near. Christmas decorations are already seen in some of the shop windows, and interior decorations have already been planned by store owners and operators. Particular attention has been given the selection of extensive lines of toys, and the gift centers are out with their new creations.

Sheriff Settles 1937 County Tax Accounts

SPEAKS



J. E. Winslow, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, addressed a group of Martin County farmers in Williamston last Friday night.

Warns Against Use Of Fireworks In Business District

Arrests Ordered By Town Authorities; Fines Promised

The promiscuous firing of salutes well in advance of the holiday season brought a stern warning from the town's police department this week after the town authorities passed a special ordinance outlawing the firing of the "crackers" on the main streets. Strict orders have been issued for the arrest of any person, adult or child, white or colored, "shooting" fireworks in the business districts. First violations will not be excused, the police department pointing out that the first violator to appear before the mayor will be made subject to a fine or a stay in the common jail.

"We are not trying to rob the youth of his pleasure, and we don't want to appear hard on the merry-makers, but the practice of shooting fireworks in the business district has got to be stopped," Chief Daniel was quoted as saying yesterday. "It will be too late for one to beg lenience of the courts after he is caught. Youngsters will do well to remember before hand that there is a law against the bad practice of shooting fireworks in the business district," the chief pointed out, adding that there was danger in the practice.

Considerable complaint has been filed with the authorities by local citizens, and the general public is demanding the arrest and conviction of violators of the ordinance prohibiting the firing of popcrackers on the main streets of the town. The practice of issuing licenses for the sale of fireworks has been attacked, and the open sale on Sundays has been censured. "If mail order sales could be checked, we could better control the sale of the things," a town official said.

Following the bombardment Saturday evening, the "enemy" of sobriety opened fire Sunday evening to interrupt the quietness of the worship period in several local churches. "It is difficult to break up the practice, and we can't catch all the violators, but if the practice is continued someone is certain to fall in to the hands of the law," Chief Daniel said in appealing to youths to get out of the business districts with their fireworks and obey the laws. The police department appeals to the general public for aid in supporting the ordinance.

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Commissioners Meet In Special Session To Receive Report

Approximately 97 Per Cent Of Levy Has Been Collected

Meeting in special session here Wednesday afternoon, the Martin County commissioners accepted Sheriff C. B. Roebuck's settlement for the county's 1937 tax accounts on the motion of Commissioner R. L. Perry, seconded by Commissioner R. A. Haislip. During two hours the commissioners reviewed the collection record, granting relief orders for proven mistakes and studying the insolvent list.

Briefly stated, the sheriff collected approximately 97 per cent of the 1937 levy of \$193,872.72, the calculating not taking into consideration the amount represented in land sales.

The sheriff actually collected \$173,848.15. Land sales representing taxes due the county, amounted to \$11,312.83. The insolvent list amounted to \$7,846.29, a review of the collection for 1937 and 1936 showing the collections for the latter year to be slightly smaller. Relief orders issued to cover mistakes made in listings and calculations represented \$875.55.

Headed by F. E. Butler of the firm of Greathouse and Butler, auditors offered the commissioners a concrete picture of the collection records, and pointed out that the tax collection in this county was possibly better than in a large majority of the counties in this section of the State.

Recognizing the collection of the "insolvent" list as a big problem, the commissioners discussed the task but delayed action until their next regular meeting in December. The list will be offered to Former Deputy S. H. Grimes for collection on a commission. It could not be learned whether Mr. Grimes would accept the task, but the commissioners at the Wednesday meeting considering offering him 25 per cent of the first \$2,000 and around 30 per cent for collections in excess of that amount.

The "insolvent" list is made up principally of \$1, \$2 and \$3 accounts, representing unpaid poll taxes and levies against personal property. It is likely that the commissioners will at their next meeting issue orders for the sale of considerable personal property to satisfy the tax claims. It is estimated that nearly three-fourths or possibly more of the "insolvent" list can and will be collected.

Local Basketeers Open With A. C. C.

Manager Tommie Rose will send his Williamston Martins over to Wilson tonight to battle the Bulldogs of Atlantic Christian College. Manager Rose says his Martins have been working out regularly for two weeks and will have a seasoned outfit to send against the Bulldogs. The locals are given an even chance to take the college team that has lettermen returning at every position.

Members of the Martins who will make the Wilson trip are as follows: forwards: Sam Edwards, Fenner Wallace, Ernest "Big Boy" Mears, Dillon Cobb; centers: Sammy Taylor, Grant Jefferson; guards: Tom Rose, Jack Manning; "bosko" Anderson, Jim Cooke, Billie Watts.

Taylor and Watts are new members to the squad while all others are holdovers from last year. Taylor was star member of Robersonville last year and is expected to give the Martins another scoring ace.

The Martins will play their first home game next Thursday night against the same team. Everybody come out and support the Martins who last year won 18 out of 25 games played.

Rider Hurt As Bicycle Crashes Into Car Door

Reg Griffin, young local boy was painfully hurt on his shoulder and side last Wednesday afternoon when he ran his bicycle into the door of a double parked car on the main street here. The wheel was smashed and the glass in the car door was broken.

Miss Magdalena Harris, driver of the car, stopped to discharge a passenger. Just as the passenger opened the door the youth crashed into it.

Special Venire Is Called For Service In Superior Court

Eighteen Additional Men Drawn For Jury Duty This Week

Anticipating a number of hotly contested cases in the special term of Martin County Superior court next week, Judge William Hyslop Sumner Burgwyn, presiding over the two weeks term, ordered a special venire of eighteen men to serve as regular jurors during the period beginning next Monday.

Most of the cases in the court so far have been compromised or cleared from the docket without the jury passing on the issues.

It is estimated that the calling of the additional jurors will cost the county another \$150 or \$200, provided the court continues in session four days.

Judge Burgwyn in ordering the special venire drawn in open court, explained that by having two juries available for service, it would be possible for the wheels of justice to continue to turn while one body was debating a case.

The names of the citizens drawn this week for jury service in the court next week are: Jamesville Township: Joe John Modlin.

Griffins Township: W. T. Roberson and D. Clarence Gurkin.

Bear Grass Township: Sidney Beacham, C. Gilbert Rogerson, LeRoy Harrison and Mack Leggett.

Williamston Township: D. L. Hardy, L. R. Nicholson, W. H. Dickens, B. C. Chesson, S. S. Brown and C. E. Jenkins.

Roberson Township: H. A. Rogerson, D. B. Parker, J. L. Williams and H. A. James.

Goose Nest Township: J. T. Matthews.

In addition to the above list eighteen men were drawn by the county commissioners the first Monday in October for jury service next week. Their names are:

Jamesville Township: W. J. Holiday, Jr.

Griffins Township: Claudius Hardison, Claudius Roberson, J. Arthur Revels and J. Rome Corey.

Bear Grass Township: Eli Rogers and Henry Jones.

Williamston Township: J. G. Barnhill, M. A. Price and W. C. Gardner.

Cross Roads Township: Harry Hardy, D. A. Ausbon, Arthur Ayers, Robersonville: H. L. Keel.

Poplar Point Township: W. J. Meeks.

Hamilton Township: J. B. Everett and N. B. Bland.

Goose Nest Township: E. L. Glover.

Man Arrested For Alleged Criminal Attack Early Today

Two Young Girls Report Alleged Crime to Local Police

Willie Eborn, young Beaufort County colored man, was arrested early today by Sheriff Roebuck, of Martin, and Rumley, of Beaufort, and Highway Patrolman H. W. Rothrock, for an attempted criminal assault on Ellen Ruth Baker, young West Virginia girl, between here and Washington last night. Eborn, lodged in the Beaufort County jail following his arrest near Old Ford, is being given a preliminary hearing in Washington today.

The alleged attack was reported to local police shortly before midnight after Miss Baker and her relative companion, Miss Mary McCoy, were picked up by a motorist and brought here.

Accompanied by the West Virginia girl, Miss McCoy was returning from her home in Kinston to Norfolk where she was employed in a cafe. They were hitch-hiking and reached a filling station near Old Ford about nine o'clock. When the station operator started to close

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CAMPAIGN

A campaign for crop control will be continued in this county next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock when representatives of the county agent's office and outside speakers appear in the Oak City High School auditorium to review the soil conservation program and discuss the new farm program proposed for 1939. Other meetings will be announced later. Farmers are urged to attend the meeting in Oak City.

Presbyterians To Use New Church Auditorium for First Time Next Sunday; Dr. Gillespie Will Speak

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMPLETED



Another milestone in the march of religious progress will have been reached Sunday morning at 11 o'clock when the Presbyterians of Williamston and Martin County occupy for the first time their recently completed house of worship. Dr. E. E. Gillespie, superintendent of Home Missions for the Synod of North Carolina, will occupy the pulpit at the 11 o'clock service and again that evening at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended the public to join the Presbyterians in celebrating the crowning achievement of ten years of work in the religious field here and in the county.

Presbyterian House Of Worship Here Is Of Unusual Design

Interior Is Duplication Of Architecture Distinctive Of Colonial Days

The Williamston Presbyterian Church is colonial in architecture. Four large columns support the roof of a large portico. As one enters from the street he passes through the street door into a small vestibule. The pastor's study is on the right, the stairway that leads to the balcony and a small cloak room are on the left.

The walls of the church are of plaster, sand finished. The woodwork is painted old ivory. As you enter the vestibule you pass over a large coconut door mat which is almost as wide as the vestibule itself. From the vestibule you enter through two large swinging doors with peep holes in them into the auditorium proper. Three large colonial windows with Florentine glass grace each of its sides. A cherry wine rug runner covers most of the center-aisle to the front lower pulpit level, then divides and runs to each side across the front, and then passes through the two entrances into the church school unit to the rear.

The pews are lovely to behold. They are of colonial panelwork, and are stained antique mahogany. Each pew seat is covered with a three-inch cushion made of wearcloth. There are eight pews on each side of the center aisle and each pew is entered through a little panelwork door. Each of the eight pews are divided in the center making 32 box-like sections.

The electric light fixtures are of colonial brass suspended by a brass chain and holding five glass chimneys with colonial designs with small glass prisms dangling underneath.

The lower pulpit level is just one step off the main floor at the front. On this level is a small reading desk a cherry wine rug runner, and an alders' bench for seating the ministers and elders. The pulpit proper is of old ivory panelwork and is reached by two circular stairways, of five steps each. It is housed in a large oval dome effect which extends to the ceiling.

The balcony rail at the rear of the auditorium is of panelwork and is to be used for the choir loft and extra seating purposes.

Edwin Holding Continues In a Washington Hospital

Receiving a dangerous neck injury in an automobile wreck near Raleigh several weeks ago, Edwin Holding continues in a Washington hospital, late reports from the young man's bedside stating that he is getting along very well. Carried to Richmond for treatment last week, Holding was returned to the Washington institution last Tuesday afternoon.

A small bone in his neck broken, the young man is now in a cast and will have to wear a special collar. He is expected to return home tomorrow.

MORE CHECKS

Cotton price adjustment payments to farmers in this county bounced up to \$38,969.58 this week when eighty additional checks, amounting to \$1,387.37, were received in the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon.

Approximately 100 checks are due farmers in this county, and they are expected to push the total payments to a figure in excess of \$40,000. To date, 783 applications representing 1,595 checks, have been approved and paid in this county.

Young Girl Dies In Hospital Tuesday

Little Miss Jacqueline Allen, daughter of Henry Allen and Mrs. Bettie Allen Jackson, died in a Washington hospital last Tuesday at 11:30 p. m. Suffering an attack of diphtheria about a month ago, the young girl experienced a relapse a few days ago and was removed from her home near Jamesville to the hospital Tuesday where she died a few hours later. She was seven years old.

Funeral services were conducted from the Biggs Funeral Home on Main Street here yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock by Dr. S. A. Maxwell, pastor of the local Methodist church. Burial was in the Perry plot in the local cemetery.

Besides her parents she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Harry Barnhill, of Colerain; Mrs. N. E. Stephenson, of Norfolk; Deborah Allen, and one brother, Fred Allen, both of Jamesville.

Dr. Joseph A. Eason Is Improving At Home

Dr. J. A. Eason, who has been quite ill at his home in the Tar Heel apartments during the past week or ten days, is improving rapidly. He will have to continue in bed for two or three weeks, however.

Allot County Farmers 6,057 Acres of Cotton for Next Year

Martin County's cotton acreage allotment for 1939 is 6,057, it was announced in Raleigh by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College.

This allotment represents this county's share of the 931,031 cotton acres allotted to North Carolina for 1939 under the federal farm program. Of this total, 882,647 acres have been divided among the state's cotton-growing counties. Of the balance, 16,128 acres have been held in reserve for allotment to new growers and 32,256 acres have been reserved to be used to give all farmers in the State who have been producing as much as five acres an allotment of five acres, and the remainder is to be used to give all farms an equal share of the county allotment. In addition to the original quota,

Service To Climax Ten Years of Work In Martin County

Dr. E. E. Gillespie Will Preach Morning and Evening

The Presbyterians of Williamston and Martin County are to celebrate Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the crowning achievement of their first ten years of work for the Lord in Martin County when they use for the first time their new church auditorium. Building their beautiful church building in the spring of 1930 they were unable to finish the interior of the auditorium. Since then they have been worshipping in the church school auditorium at the rear of the church building.

A number of months ago, a friend paid off the indebtedness on the church, and immediately the membership pledged themselves to complete the auditorium. An architect was secured, the contract let, and work begun. The arrangements inside are different from the usual run of churches and some of them quite unique.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of their work in Martin County, Dr. E. E. Gillespie, who is well known in Williamston, and who was responsible for the beginning of Presbyterianism in the county has consented to be the guest speaker for the day. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Special music will be rendered by the combined choirs of the Williamston and Bear Grass churches. The Rev. John C. Whitley is the director, and Mrs. Herman Rogerson is the pianist.

A brief history of the past ten years' work in the county follows:

On the first Sunday in May, 1928, Rev. A. J. Crane, Rev. J. L. Yandell, and Dr. E. E. Gillespie came to Williamston with a tent given by Mr. W. Henry Belk, of Charlotte, and held a two weeks' meeting. These men were assisted by Rev. J. T. Wildman. At the close of this meeting the First Presbyterian church of Williamston was organized with the following charter members: Mrs. Erath Cobb, Dillon Cobb, Marion Cobb, Miss Delphia Peebles, Mrs. Anna S. Harrison, Mrs. L. P. Lindsley, Laurence Lindsley, Thomas B. Brandon, C. F. Alexander, Peter R. Reeves, Mrs. Maurice D. Watts, Mrs. C. G. Crockett, Carol Crockett, Miss Mary Ann Crockett, E. P. Cunningham, Mrs. Raleigh H. Bradley, R. G. Harrison, Mrs. R. G. Harrison, Ernest Harrison, Miss Alice Harrison, John L. Rodgerson, Mrs. John L. Rodgerson, Miss Mary Elizabeth Rodgerson, Miss Margaret Rodgerson.

On June 11, 1928, a lot for the church was purchased from Mrs. J. B. H. Knight, on the corner of Main and Watts streets. After the moving of the tent, three services were held in the Christian Church, after which they were held in the Woman's Club until the completion of the present church building in the spring of 1930.

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized in September, 1928, with nine members.

On the first Sunday in November, 1928, the organization of the church was completed. E. P. Cunningham

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