

## Judge Peel Calls Eight Cases In The Recorder's Court

### Woman Beater Sentenced To Roads For Term of Two Years

After two skimpy sessions last week and the week before, the Martin County Recorder's court took on a busy appearance last Monday when Judge H. O. Peel called eight cases and passed around road sentences ranging up to two years in duration. There were quite a few spectators in the auditorium for the first time in several weeks, and conditions surrounding the court were back to normal.

Woman beaters will find no quarter in Judge Peel's court, it was firmly established at the session this week when Thomas Moore, Jr., was sentenced to the roads for a period of two years for a brutal attack on Rosa Ellison, colored woman. There was a mix-up in the actual count of the stitches taken to close a wound in the woman's head, but the smaller number was sufficient for Judge Peel to give the defendant the limit and add that he wished it possible to add more time to the sentence. Moore pleaded not guilty, but a shattered chair and the cuts on the head and the bumps on the woman's body were sufficient to discredit the man's plea.

The Jackson boys had their round in the court Monday, and got no where. Charged with breaking and entering and stealing a quantity of meat from Farmer Matthews, near Parmele, the defendants were bound over to the superior court for trial when Judge Peel found probable cause of guilt. T. F. Jackson was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for eighteen months. His brother Solen Jackson, was adjudged guilty of drunken driving and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The two defendants appealed, and Judge Peel required bond in the sum of \$750 for each. Unable to raise that amount, the Jacksons continue as charges of Jailer Roy Peel.

Charged with the larceny of a hog Calvin Hill was sentenced to the roads for six months.

The case charging Phillip Swain with violating the motor vehicle laws, was continued under prayer for judgment.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Nathaniel Brooks and Michael Boston with violating the liquor laws. The case is now set for trial next Monday.

The court accepted the plea of guilty of temporary larceny in the case charging Herman Farmer with larceny and sentenced him to the roads for two months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the judge at any time within the next two years.

Charged with disorderly conduct and an assault with a deadly weapon, Alton Lilley was found guilty of simple assault. Judge Peel sentenced him to the roads for 30 days, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

The case charging W. J. Thompson with issuing a worthless check, was continued for an indefinite period.

## Officers Seize 70 Gallons Of Liquor

Special Officer J. H. Roebuck, assisted by the combined ABC forces of Pitt and Beaufort Counties and by federal agents, made one of the largest liquor raids in recent months when they confiscated 70 gallons of illegal liquor in an old kitchen at the "Red" Taylor home in Bear Grass last Tuesday afternoon. Brought here that afternoon, the liquor was poured into the gutter near the old county jail Wednesday morning as witnesses smacked their lips and watched the liquor seep into the ground.

Scheduled for trial in the federal court at Washington next month Taylor has not been given a preliminary hearing, but will be arraigned within a short time, it is understood.

In addition to the liquor raid, the officers wrecked three liquor plants along the Beaufort-Martin boundary and poured out 1,400 gallons of beer. On Wednesday, the county's special enforcement officer, assisted by his son, Julian Roebuck, wrecked a 100-gallon capacity copper still and 1,200 gallons of beer in Griffins Township.

Prior to the raids this week, county officers had wrecked two stills along the Beaufort boundary and arrested Paul Whichard and Jasper Taylor, Beaufort men. Their cases will be placed before Judge J. M. Meekins in federal court at Washington.

## Approach of Spring Renews Activities on County Farms

With spring rapidly approaching and with a break in the rainy weather, farmers are getting busy again in the county these days, reports from a scattered area stating that quite a few Irish potatoes are being planted, and that plows are running where the land is not too wet.

A task, uncommon on the farms of this section at this season of the year, is being reported in several communities. Their tobacco plants washing away or damaged considerably by the recent heavy rains, quite a few farmers in the county are sowing more seed. The work was underway in Cross Roads and Poplar Point Townships and in possibly other sections yesterday. "It is rather late to be sowing tobacco seed," O. S. Green, Williams Township farmer said, "but twenty-three

years ago we planted tobacco seed the third week in March and transplanted the plants from the bed the last week in April and in the first week of May," he added.

A recent check on the rain damage to plant beds shows that while many plants have been drowned, there is no apparent shortage at this time.

Blue mold, already reported in the Kinston area, is to be considered however, and it is possible that there will be a shortage of plants. Present indications are that Martin farmers will be able to transplant a normal crop and handle a fairly sizeable addition from the beds as they are now. Plants are growing rapidly and farmers are moving their fertilizer in large quantities making ready for the transplanting season the latter part of next month.

## Boy Critically Hurt in Main Street Accident

### BLUE MOLD

Reporting a heavy damage caused by excessive rains and an almost ruinous blue mold attack to their plants, Georgia farmers will be unable to transplant more than a normal tobacco crop this season, according to indirect reports coming from the Habira section of that state yesterday.

The blue mold attack was described as one of the worst on record.

## Jail Inmates Are Moved To Hospital

Advised that a mentally unbalanced youth would possibly die in the common jail of this county unless he could receive treatment in a hospital, authorities in the State hospital at Goldsboro agreed to take the patient in yesterday afternoon. Another inmate who had been in the county jail during much of the time since last December was also received by the Goldsboro institution.

Making preparations to send the raving-crazy youth to the hospital, county authorities decided to take the aged inmate along, thinking that possibly a place could be found for him, too. Crowded conditions were mentioned by the hospital authorities, but when Deputy Joe Roebuck explained that the old man had been confined to a small room in the jail for more than two months, they decided to keep him.

The young inmate had to be held all the way to Goldsboro, but the old man was delighted with the ride. "I must get my mule and cart out, and plant corn," he told the officers.

## 4-H Club Founder Will Appear Here

O. H. Benson, founder of the 4-H Clubs of America and who is now chairman of rural scouting for the Boy Scouts of America, will address the regular meeting of the Williamston Kiwanis club in the Woman's club hall here next Thursday evening, it was announced today by L. B. Wynne, president of the local organization.

The exact nature of Dr. Benson's talk has not been disclosed, but he is expected to deal with the scout movement as it is related to a county-wide movement with centers established in Jamesville, Williamston and Robersonville.

Eastern scout director Sigwald, of Wilson, is planning to attend the meeting, it was learned.

## Holland Will Address Meeting Here Tonight

R. C. Holland, president of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, will address a special meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau membership in the court house here this evening following a free barbecue supper for the members in the New Carolina Warehouse.

Farmer Van G. Taylor is taking time out from his numerous farm duties to do the cooking for the several hundred expected here for the supper and meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck James, of Robersonville, visited here yesterday afternoon.

## Draw Jurors For Special Term Of Superior Court

### Judge Henry A. Grady Is Scheduled To Preside Over Term

Thirty-six citizens were drawn by the Martin County Board of Commissioners in regular session this month for jury service during the two-weeks term of Martin County Superior Court convening next month. Created by a special act of the legislature, the term for several years was designated as a "special term," and while it is often referred to as such now, the April court as well as the one in November are to be recognized as permanent. The "special" court, created for the trial of civil cases only, is ten years old, the legislature of 1929 directing the commissioners to make provisions for holding the April and November sessions.

Back in 1931 the economic bottom fell from under the country, the Martin commissioners tried to have the two courts taken from the calendar, but the proposed economy measure was defeated.

Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, was to have presided over the term for Judge C. Everett Thompson, Elizabeth City man recently elevated to the bench. Since the Fayetteville jurist left the county following the first trial of the Smithwicks Creek controversy about ten years ago, he has not returned. He is alleged to have packed his clothes and accessories and cleared out. His old friends throughout the county were anxious to have him return for another court, but Judge Henry A. Grady was named in his place and he will preside over the two-weeks term opening April 17.

The commissioners were directed at a recent session of the superior court to draw additional jurymen that the work of the tribunal might be "stepped up," but the selections this week are limited to 36 men, 18 for the first week and the same number for the second. Names of the jurors, by townships, are:

- First Week**
- Williams Township: Joe Hopkins and Irving Roberson.
- Griffins Township: Arnold L. Roberson, J. Raymond Gurkin and Leslie J. Griffin.
- Bear Grass Township: E. G. Taylor and John Leggett.
- Williamston Township: Claude Keel, W. J. Melson, D. V. Clayton, O. S. Anderson, Jesse T. Price and W. H. G. Chase.
- Robersonville Township: Willie H. Johnson and R. E. Turner.
- Goose Nest Township: Roy Edmondson and D. A. Long.
- Second Week**
- Jamesville Township: W. B. Lilley, L. C. Brown and Waido Holtaday.
- Griffins Township: A. E. Manning, William S. Hardison, James Dalton Roberson, John A. Hardison and John A. Griffin, Jr.
- Williamston Township: Alfred Griffin and J. A. Roberson.
- Robersonville Township: Henry Oakley, J. R. Daniel, J. H. Roberson, Sr., Clarence Hardy, J. L. Edmondson, T. J. Roberson and T. C. Norwood.
- Hamilton Township: C. D. Perkins.

## Dr. E. W. Furgurson Locates In Plymouth

Dr. E. W. Furgurson, until recently head of the Martin County Health Department, has formed a partnership with Dr. Alban Papineau for the general practice of medicine in Plymouth.

Resigning his post with the health department here the early part of the year, Dr. Furgurson spent several weeks at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn.

He will enter upon his new duties in Plymouth the latter part of next week. Dr. Furgurson spent several days here this week renewing acquaintances.

### THE THREE C'S

Openings for nineteen Martin County white youths in the Civilian Conservation Corps camps were announced yesterday by the welfare department. Several boys already have applied for places in the camps, but additional applications will be received between now and the last of this month. There are also openings for unemployed veterans in the CCC organization, it was stated.

The successful applicants are slated to report for duty between April 1 and 10.

## Pulp Company To Add To Its Plant in County

### Additional Unit To Cost Approximately A Million Dollars

#### Plan To Start Work On the Addition Within Sixty Days

Arrangements were announced virtually complete yesterday for the construction of a million-dollar addition to the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in the lower part of this county.

Announcing the enlargement program yesterday, General Manager O. H. Cox said the program of expansion would include the construction of buildings and installation of machinery for a complete bleaching unit, a filtering plant, and addition of pulp-making machinery sufficient to increase the output of the mill from 300 tons daily to about 550 tons. Actual construction will get underway within 60 days, or just as soon as the plans and specifications now being prepared are completed and a contract awarded. The construction work will be rushed to completion, it is understood, but will require at least five or six months.

Mr. Cox said the enlarged plant, when completed, would employ about 200 more workers than now, raising the total from 350 to 550 regularly employed. The annual payroll of the company is now estimated at over \$300,000 and it is believed this sum will be increased to about half a million dollars a year after the additions are completed.

No estimate was made as to the number who would be engaged in the construction work, definite plans and specifications being in the embryonic stage at this time. Mr. Cox was unable to say whether the new buildings would all be constructed within the present enclosure or whether it would be necessary to add adjoining property already owned by the company to the plant site.

Expansion of the plant has been the subject of rumors for several months, but it was not until this week that the reports were given cognizance by company officials and confirmation made. Few details in connection with the additions were available at this time, but it is expected further announcements will be made from time to time.

The present plant, representing an investment in excess of \$2,500,000, was constructed by the James Stewart Company of New York City the work getting underway on January 4, 1937, after decision to locate in the lower part of this county had been announced December 8, 1936.

After nearly ten months of intensive work, the first pulp was made in the new plant on October 9, regular operations beginning on October 27. Since that time the plant has continued in operation day and night almost without break, except for periodic shut-downs of a few days for inspection and repair of machinery.

At the present time the plant employs about 350 persons and produces around 300 tons of pulp daily. The enlarged plant will nearly double the production and the bleaching unit will enable it to make a better grade of pulp. The bleached pulp is used extensively in making the higher grade cartons and boxes for package goods of all descriptions.

## H. G. Horton Introduces School Bill In House

A bill empowering the Martin County commissioners to call a special school election upon petition of 25 or more citizens, was introduced in the House at Raleigh yesterday by Representative H. G. Horton. The bill in itself creates no special tax and does not provide an extra school month. It merely gives the commissioners the right when petitioned to call a special election that the people might voice their approval or disapproval of an extra school month.

## Infant Dies At Home Of Parents In Windsor

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Waters died at the home of its parents in Windsor last evening. Funeral services were conducted this morning, and interment followed in the cemetery here. Rev. John L. Goff, local minister, conducted the last rites.

Mrs. Waters is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurganus, of Williamston.

## Council Of Social Work Organized In County This Week

### Rev. E. C. Shoe Named To Head New Welfare Organization

Meeting in the Martin County Agricultural building here last Tuesday evening, fifty interested citizens formed a county council of social work in an effort to bridge the gap that apparently exists between the general public and the various welfare agencies, and to bind together the various civic and religious agencies and the general public in a concerted study of the board problems that are facing society today.

Rev. E. C. Shoe, member of the Martin County Welfare board, was named to head the new organization. Miss Lora E. Sleeper, Martin County home agent, was elected vice chairman and Miss Sara Cone, a member of the county welfare staff, was named secretary of the new organization. Messrs. W. R. Everett, a member of the county welfare board; T. O. Hickman, county school principal, and C. A. Roberson, a member of the county board of commissioners, were appointed on a committee to draft by-laws and regulations for the organization. The committee is slated to formulate the rules and regulations within the next few weeks or before the next regular meeting of the Council in June.

Speaking before the meeting last Tuesday evening, Mrs. W. B. Aycock, of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, outlined the work of the county council, and stressed the importance of local interest in welfare activities and social problems in general. "The tendency has been to leave the welfare and relief problems up to Uncle Sam," Mrs. Aycock pointed out, adding that some civic agencies has actually folded up and quit their work in connection with meeting the welfare problem common to almost every community. The county council, according to the welfare authority, is in a splendid position to study welfare needs and offer recommendations to the respective relief agencies. Some councils in the State, it was pointed out, have made careful and detailed surveys of social problems in their respective communities and offered leadership and considerable aid in solving those problems. Mrs. Aycock urged the public to participate in relief activities, to offer constructive criticism.

Unable to attend the meeting, Nathaniel Yelton of the State Board was represented by Miss Elva Ashton who reviewed in a general way the public assistance program as it relates to old age pensions, aid to dependent children and to the blind. At the present time, the dependent aged are receiving an average of \$9.70 a month in this State as compared with the national average of \$19. There are 32,000 sharing old age assistance in the State.

Mrs. Dorothea B. Tucker, field representative of the State Blind Commission, reviewed the work her department is doing in rehabilitating the unfortunates and extending them aid. The commission work, according to Miss Tucker, is centered around special training, surveys, placements for the blind, education, aid in establishing its subjects in small business undertakings, recreation, cooperation with other agencies and direct relief.

Hugh Evans, of the National Youth Administration, outlined the work being handled by that agency.

## Seniors To Present Play This Evening

This evening at eight o'clock in the Williamston High School auditorium the local seniors will present their annual play. A farce comedy in three acts, entitled "The Red-Headed Stepchild," has been selected for the annual event.

The story concerns the maladjustments of a naive Kansas girl suddenly injected into the hustle and bustle of the city.

Members of the cast, which includes Martha Rhodes Ward, the red-headed stepchild; Virgil Ward, Louise Melson, Reid White, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Dixie Daniels, Susie Whitley, Rudolph Peel, Dick Dunn, Bill Ballard and Jack Edmondson have been practicing diligently for the past several weeks and promise to provide some very excellent entertainment.

The public is cordially invited to attend and everyone is urged to be on time so that he will miss none of the performance.

### LEGISLATURE

After lifting the sales tax on Bibles and refusing to exempt more foods from the tax, the House last night added \$71,483 to the State Health fund and passed the revenue bill on its third reading. Efforts to block the diversion of gas funds failed. The money question goes to the Senate this afternoon where the passage of the bill is expected the early part of next week. North Carolina is now virtually set to spend \$40,782,437 during the next fiscal year, and \$42,860,542 the following year.

## Eastern Ministers To Hold Meeting In Baptist Church

### Rev. H. B. Anderson Will Conduct Series of Services

Sixty or more Baptist ministers, representing churches throughout northeastern North Carolina, will hold a retreat here next week, Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the host church announced yesterday. Beginning next Monday, the ministers will hold sessions twice daily at 10 a. m. and 2 o'clock in the afternoons. The special meeting of the ministers is one of a series called by Rev. M. A. Huggins, secretary of the State Baptist Conference, and his assistants. Every Baptist minister in the State is slated to attend one of the meetings.

The conference here next week, according to Rev. Mr. Smith, has a three-fold undertaking. The ministers' new retirement plan will be discussed at length, and attention will be given for the improvement and increased circulation of the Biblical Recorder, State Baptist paper. Plans for holding a State-wide revival in the church will also be discussed, the local minister said.

Visiting ministers will be entertained in local homes during their several days' stay. In connection with the ministers' conference, Rev. Henry B. Anderson, prominent Durham religious leader and pastor, will deliver a series of sermons on evangelism each evening during the period at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Anderson is an able preacher, and a cordial invitation is extended the general public to hear him each evening.

## Cannie Williams Dies In Oak City

Mr. Cannie Williams, well-known Goose Nest Township farmer, died at his home near Oak City last Saturday afternoon following an illness of thirteen months' duration. He had suffered greatly but with patience during most of that time, death being attributable to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Williams was 62 years old, and leaves besides his wife, two brothers, Elic Williams, of Oak City, and James Williams, of Hobgood, and one sister, Mrs. Ben Tillery, of Murfreesboro, and an adopted daughter, Miss Pearl Williams, of Tarboro.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Merritt Holiness church, near Oak City by Rev. S. T. Harris. Interment was in the Williams cemetery in Goose Nest Township.

## Colored School Building Burns

The three-room Cedar Hill or Woolard's schoolhouse in Bear Grass Township was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon after the day's session was closed and the pupils and teachers had left for their homes. The origin of the fire is not definitely known, but it is believed to have started from a flue in the attic.

Workers, nearby, saw the smoke and reached the fire in time to save a book case, a few books and a small number of desks.

The building, one of the oldest in the county, was insured for \$800.

Pending replacement plans, the approximately 100 pupils are attending class in the Cedar Hill colored church.