

Thirty-Two Cases Are Scheduled For Trial This Month

Judge Henry A. Grady Will Preside Over Special Court Term

A \$10,000 damage suit brought by J. E. Pope, administrator, against Homer Glosson and others has been set for trial in the special two-weeks term of Martin County Superior Court convening April 17, according to a schedule of cases released last week-end by the Martin County Bar Association. Thirty-one other cases appear on the calendar for trial during the special term Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, is slated to preside over the term which will consider civil cases only.

As a whole, the scheduled term is expected to attract about as little interest as any term held in the county for some time. Few cases of marked importance are scheduled for trial, and one attorney jokingly said he today would surrender his anticipated equity in fees accruing from his work in the court for \$50.

Most of the cases center around land boundary disputes and personal properties of no excessive value. The \$10,000 damage suit will bring defendants here from Randolph County, and possibly the case will attract more attention than a number of others combined. The administrator in the case is suing for that amount of damage alleged to have resulted in the death of Isaiah Hardison, colored man, near Dardens on the night of September 14, 1938. Glosson is alleged in the complaint to have been driving a truck and struck Hardison, fatally injuring him. Glosson claims to have stolen the truck and admits in his answer to the complaint that he drove the machine near Dardens the night Hardison was killed, but that he did not strike Hardison.

Criminal action against Glosson is pending the trial of the civil case. H. D. Hardison, local attorney, is representing the plaintiff and T. A. Barnes, of Asheboro, is appearing for the defense.

The \$1,000 suit of Vallie Andrews against E. L. Whitehurst will likely attract attention of citizens in the Parme community where the plaintiff was said to have been burned as a result of the negligence of the defendant last June. In his complaint, Andrews points out he was sitting behind a stove in a Parme filling station, and alleges that the defendant threw or attempted to throw a jar of gasoline in the stove, that he carelessly threw part of it on him and caused his clothing to catch fire. The complaint further alleges that the plaintiff was badly burned on the face, shoulders, arms and legs, that he incurred large doctors' bills and was unable to work for a long time. In his answer, the defendant maintains the plaintiff was burned "through his own fault."

As a result of a wreck in Bear Grass Township last November, W. A. Bailey is suing Stephen Scott for \$175 damages alleged to have been done to the plaintiff's car. The list of cases appearing on the calendar follows:

- Monday, April 17—Jefferson vs. Hackler; Whittier v. Insurance Co.; Fertilizer Co. against Blackmore; Grimes vs. Clark, Close et al.; Clark v. Close; Matthews vs. Bell.
- Tuesday, April 18—Pope v. Glosson et al (Peremptory); In Re: Will Gus Coffield.
- Wednesday, April 19—Hyman vs. Williams; Waldo v. Worsley; Anderson, Rec. vs. Strawbridge; Rawls v. Purvis; Jones against Morgan et al.; Andrews vs. Whitehurst.
- Monday, April 24—Fertilizer Co. versus Galloway; Transfer Co. vs. Rogers; Fertilizer Co. v. Spell; Fertilizer Co. against Winn; Vanderford v. Hodges; Bailey against Scott; Loan Corp vs. Motor Co.
- Tuesday, April 25—Harrell versus Salsbury; Roberson et al versus Rogerson; James v. James; Fertilizer Co. against Newkirk; Fertilizer Co. v. McCullen; Fertilizer Co. vs. Simmons; Fertilizer Co. v. Coltraine.
- Wednesday, April 26—Harrell vs. Harrell; Fertilizer Co. vs. Buck; Thomas v. Bennett; Wilson against Andrews.

Tulip Festival Will Attract Thousands

The tulip festival getting underway in Washington the latter part of this week is expected to attract visitors by the thousands, reports stating that many will come from distant points to attend or participate in the event.

Numerous and costly floats have been prepared for the big parade. Unofficial reports maintain that the crowd will be one of the largest ever to gather in eastern North Carolina.

John Sam Moore Considerate When It Comes to Stealing

John Sam Moore, 33-year-old Martin County colored man, is very considerate when it comes to stealing. The general practice of most thieves in this county is for them to wait until their victims complete marketing preparations before they strike. With very few exceptions, all tobacco stolen in this county in recent years has been graded tobacco.

But Moore is different, so Sheriff Charlie Roebuck says. Last Saturday night, Moore slipped to the chicken yard of Farmer Price Ayers and stole an old setting hen. He did not want to break up the old hen's work so he took the two dozen eggs along too. "Most thieves would have left

the eggs, or they would have waited until the eggs hatched and the birds had been raised to at least frying size," the sheriff wandering from his story of the theft long enough to comment. "But Sam was willing to at least accept part of the responsibility in furnishing his own table," the officer added.

Missing the old hen last Sunday morning, Mrs. Ayers called the officer and suspicious tracks led to Sam's house. Found in an old box there, Sam maintained the old hen was his own, but broke down and admitted the theft when the mama bird was released in the Ayers poultry yard and she went straight to her old nest.

ECONOMIST



Miss Elizabeth Lake, noted home economist, will conduct the first cooking school ever held in a Martin County rural community on Thursday afternoon of this week when she meets with the ladies of Bear Grass and adjoining districts in the Community House at Bear Grass. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting which gets underway at 2:30 that afternoon. A number of prizes will be given free and an interesting and instructive meeting is assured all who attend.

Another Grade "A" Dairy For County

Martin County's third dairy of "A" grade rank was opened by Farmer Van G. Taylor in Poplar Point Township on the Hamilton-Williamston road last week. The plant, recognized as one of the most complete in eastern North Carolina, is limiting its sales at the present time to retail dealers in Greenville, reports stating that the management is considering establishing a retail route in the county at a later date.

The dairy is milking about half hundred cows at the present time, but plans are well advanced for increasing the output, it was learned.

A fourth dairy, designed to meet the U. S. Public Health Milk code, is being constructed in Robersonville Township by Druggist David Grimes. "It will be a small plant, but it will be the fourth dairy of "A" grade in the county," Sanitarian Charles Leonard said.

Plans for a fifth dairy of the grade "A" type are being considered by a Robersonville dairyman, but plans for the construction of the plant have not been released by him, according to Leonard.

At the present time Grade "A" dairies are in operation at Parme, Poplar Point Township and Williamston.

First Fire Call In Thirty Days Received at Noon

The local fire department received its first call since March 10 shortly after noon today when fire starting from a trash pile threatened the stores of the Proctor Shop and Peel Jewelry. Very little damage was done.

Traffic, warned by town authorities, pulled to the curb and dangers ordinarily associated with fire calls were noticeably lessened.

VISITORS

Twenty young teachers of New Jersey Teachers' College are to be the guests of Mayor John L. Hassell here for a short while this afternoon. The visitors are making an economic and historical study in this section. They come here from Mantoloking, N. J.

On Wednesday of next week, ten young people selected to represent North Carolina at the New York World's fair, will come here with their director for a brief study of historical events. They are "brushing up" on their State's history before going to New York about May 1.

Eleven Marriages In Martin County During Past Month

Number Marriages Among Colored Race Smallest In Six Years

Eleven marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, seven to white and four to colored couples, by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger. Falling almost to a depression low, the number of licenses issued to colored couples was the smallest for the month of March since 1933 when a lone marriage among the colored population was reported in the county. It was one of the few months in the past several years showing a greater number of white marriages than colored. The issuance in February was the same as it was last month, but the order of the issuance in the first month was seven to colored and four to white couples. With the exception of March, 1936, the issuance last month was the smallest at the marriage license bureau in the county in recent years.

Licenses were issued to the following:

- White**
 - Thomas James Blount and Edna Gray Carson, both of Jamesville.
 - Melton Griffin and Novella Smith, both of this county.
 - Richard M. Marriner, of Roper, and Reba Ange, of this county.
 - William Curtis Alexander and Jessie Luraner Eason, both of Columbia.
 - James T. Allsbrook and Annie Wommack, both of Scotland Neck.
 - Archie Ward Griffin and Hazel Roberson, both of this county.
 - Otto Melson Reynolds, of Roanoke Rapids and Jesse Dare Rawls, of Hassell.
- Colored**
 - Cleophus McNair, of Plymouth, and Marie Jones, of this county.
 - John Little, Jr., and Hattie Bryant, both of Martin County.
 - Joe Henry Wiggins and Frances Owens, both of Hassell.
 - Milton Berry and Mabel Lee Watson, both of Bertie County.

Splendid Program At Club Meeting

A splendid program, given under the direction of the Fine Arts Department, featured the meeting of the Woman's club here last evening with Mrs. R. H. Goodman, president, in charge.

Two numbers by the Robersonville Choral club were well received, the local choral club ably offering two selections. Mayor John L. Hassell briefly reviewed the history of Martin County. A special feature of the program was a review of North Carolina composers by Mrs. Charles J. Sawyer, of Windsor. Misses Thelma Griffin and Marjorie Dunn rendered an instrumental duet and Mrs. James H. Smith sang.

The meeting, very entertaining and instructive, was greatly enjoyed by an appreciative group.

Officers Capture Two Stills In The County

Raiding in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township yesterday, Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistants, Julian Roebuck and Roy Peel, wrecked two liquor plants and captured a 75-gallon capacity copper kettle. They destroyed 850 gallons of beer and ten gallons of liquor. One of the plants was in operation, but the operators escaped.

Last Saturday the officers wrecked a plant and poured out 200 gallons of beer in Cross Roads Township.

Auto Crashes Into Home Here to Stop Wild Drive Sunday

Two Slightly Hurt When Car Hits Porch of J. A. Ward Home

A wild automobile drive over several local streets was brought to an end here early Sunday evening when the Plymouth sedan driven by William Ward, young Robersonville man, crashed into the front porch of the John A. Ward home on Williams Street. The driver escaped serious injury along with Grady Andrews and Norfleet Whitfield, but a brother, Paul Ward, and a cousin, Thomas Ward, were cut on their heads and badly bruised. Thomas Ward, about 32 years old,

suffered a severe cut on his nose as he plowed through the windshield. Paul Ward had a piece of his ear sliced off. Patrolman W. S. Hunt said following his investigation of the accident.

Plowing into the porch from a side angle and apparently at a rapid speed, the car shook the entire house, throwing several occupants nearly off their feet and ripping a lavatory from the wall in a bathroom to the rear of the home. The porch was knocked out of line and passage through the front door was blocked. The front of the car was wrecked, the total damage to the car running well into the hundreds of dollars.

Said to have been tearing down South Watts Street, the car attracted attention of residents in their homes. Several people ran from their homes into the street to see if the car could turn the sharp corner at Watts and Williams Streets. They saw the car jump the curb, tear through flower and shrubs and crash into the porch.

The injured were treated in the offices of Drs. Saunders and Brown and released.

In Justice J. L. Hassell's court here yesterday, William Ward, driver of the car, was bound over to the county court for trial on May 1. Bond was required in the sum of \$100. Paul Ward, charged with public drunkenness, was released upon payment of the case costs. No charges were brought against the other car occupants.

Throngs Are Present For Easter Services

Religious programs in the various churches of the town attracted record-size congregations Sunday, church leaders stating that a renewed interest, marked by its reverence, was apparent in the services on Easter day. Several of the churches were filled to overflowing, unofficial estimates placing the number in attendance upon the services at more than 1,000 people.

Held at home by illness, Rev. John L. Goff was unable to fill the pulpit in the Christian church, but the membership there joined, for the most part, other religious groups for the special-day services.

Record attendance for the year were reported by Sunday school leaders that morning.

Weather conditions were ideal for the activities of the day, and Easter flowers and finery marked the main street parade.

Farmers Transplanting Tobacco In The County

Tobacco transplanting is getting underway in the county this week, reports stating that some farmers in the Angetown section had already transferred quite a few plants to their fields. Farmer Will Mallory plans to start transplanting in the Oak City section tomorrow.

Blue mold is exacting a heavy damage toll in some sections of the county, but farmers are not yet uneasy about a shortage of plants.

Transplanting is nearing completion in Georgia where anticipated acreage was set.

SLICED

C. B. Roberson, young Williams Township white man, was the victim of a serious knife attack on Roanoke River here late Sunday. Centering the attack on Roberson's back, Albert Sparrow ripped openings that required seventy-one stitches to close by actual count made by Dr. J. H. Saunders, the attending physician.

No warrant had been issued this morning, and no report filed with the police department. The cause of the attack could not be learned.

Quietness Marks Preliminary Activities in Town Politics

A listless convention and an old routine election are likely to feature town politics here this year, present indications pointing to no opposition for the old mayor and board of aldermen. With the nominating convention less than four days away, it is not expected that opposition will develop to thwart the candidacies of the present board members and mayor by that time. Little interest has been shown in the biennial event, and not more than once or twice has the subject been discussed, the lack of interest being recognized as a stamp of approval for the present administration.

But then one can never tell what an open convention will bring forth and it is likely that a goodly number will be present for the nomination

when the meeting is opened in the courthouse on Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. The convention was called by the commissioners in regular session on Monday evening of last week.

The nomination of five commissioners or aldermen and a mayor will be in order at the meeting.

Mayor John L. Hassell officially tossed his hat into the ring last week-end and is announcing his candidacy public today. No members of the board of commissioners have announced their candidacies, but it is reliably understood that they will offer themselves for re-election.

No definite rules and regulations govern the convention, the methods of voting and other details being left to the convention itself for consideration.

Reports on Operation Of the County Home

Service Expansion Program Possible At the Institution

Dr. F. E. Wilson Reviews Operating Program For Commissioners

Making a study of the operation of the Martin County home, Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the county health department, at the request of the chairman rendered the following report to the commissioners at their April meeting.

In the first place I should like for you to realize that I am entirely ignorant of all currents of public approval or disapproval regarding making a change in the status of the county home. It is not my intention to buck any existing plans that may have been advised. I merely appear before you on invitation from your chairman to express my personal views pertaining to a more efficient conduct of the county home, its personnel, and administration. These views are of necessity in an academic form, since I have been among you for only a short time.

The county home is of a pleasing design and was originally designed so that it could be converted at a future date into a hospital. It has rooms designed for an operating room, and the small ante-rooms necessary in an operating room, and rooms for the staff. It is arranged so that there are two wings, each with space for 12 beds, and an overflow capacity of 14 beds, or a total of 24, or 28 beds. This space does not include the larger portion of the building which could house the staff, the dining room, heating plant and kitchen.

At the present time there are 15 inmates occupying the home, and four patients with tuberculosis. These patients were admitted into this institution solely because there was no other place to put them.

Since the social security, and the old age pensions have come into use there seems to be a diminishing responsibility on the part of the counties to take care of their aged and infirm in county homes but at the same time there is an increasing demand upon the counties to take more adequate care of the medically indigent patients. Therefore it is my personal belief that with the existing circumstances, and with the existing facilities we could easily convert the county home into a medical institution.

You might readily ask, "but what kind of a medical institution?" There are two alternatives. One is to convert it into a county tuberculosis sanatorium. If this were done the inmates could be moved over into one of the wings leaving the other wing for tuberculous patients. As the inmates were discharged from the home more available space would be used by additional patients with tuberculosis, until eventually the entire home would be thus converted into a tuberculosis sanatorium. For such an institution to be maintained adequately it would be necessary to employ a full time physician and graduate nurse. This physician could act as county physician and treat the medically indigent—those ascertained by the welfare department, and he could also be superintendent of the institution and conduct maternity and infancy clinics, and assist and be under the direction of the health department. This department acting only as the

ILL LUCK

Ill luck has haunted Mrs. Maggie Bowen for some time. Not so long ago her son was run down and badly injured by an automobile. Her husband is incapacitated. The climax to her ill luck came this morning as she started from her home on the old Greenville road to Williamston to pay a doctor's bill and meet a few other obligations. Placing a considerable sum—several hundred dollars—in an old purse, she was walking down the road when the container and money fell through her coat pocket and were lost. Mrs. Bowen is offering a liberal reward for the return of the pocket-book and money.

Number Of Watches Are Stolen Saturday

Breaking a small hole in the plate glass, a robber stole around fifteen ladies' and men's wrist watches from the show window of the H. D. Peele Jewelry Company here on Main Street. The loss was estimated by Edwin Peel, owner-manager, at between \$250 and \$300.

Other than that they were working on the case and that no clue to the robbery had been found, local police had no comment to offer on what is believed to be the biggest robbery reported here in several years.

Using a short piece of pipe, the robber knocked a hole hardly large enough to get his arm through. He centered his hands on watches, leaving a number of gold bracelets and a few other articles untouched. Apparently frightened, the robber also left nine wrist watches.

Police reported they passed the store about four o'clock that morning and the window was intact at that time. About 6:30 the robbery was discovered by other store owners as they came down to open their places of business.

Mr. Williams To Speak At Dardens Christian Church

Mr. Herbert Williams will make a short address Wednesday night at Dardens Christian church at the close of the young people's meeting.

The Bible school reached its highest attendance last Sunday, having 69 present. This newly reorganized church had its largest congregation Sunday morning and again Sunday night when the church was filled for the first time since Rev. Garland Bland has been pastor. There was one addition Sunday night.

GO TO TARBORO

Members of the local Boy Scout troop are looking forward eagerly to next Friday when they will go to Tarboro for their annual Camporee. There they will encamp for two days on the common and engage in competitive activities with hundreds of Scouts from other towns in Eastern Carolina. On Friday afternoon they will be guests of Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics at a baseball game with the Williamsport Grays. Twenty boys are busy preparing tents and other equipment for the encampment which will be held under the supervision of Scoutmaster Horace Ray.

Big Improvement Noted In Ratings For County Cafes

Grades Average About Sixteen Points Higher Than Year Ago

Grading the several cafes and hotels last month, County Sanitarian Charles A. Leonard, Jr., found a marked improvement in the ratings as compared with those recorded for the same month a year ago. Held to the low average grade of 73 in March, 1938, the general rating listed by the sanitarian last month showing a gain of nearly seventeen points for the twelve month period.

For the first time since the health department was established, no cafes were ordered closed and no grades fell below the "B" class. Twelve of the eighteen cafes and hotels graded rated an "A" grade.

The ratings as released this week by the sanitarian:

- Williamston—Dunning Place, 96; Welcome Inn, 94.5; Clark's Drug Store, 94; Pickwick Billiard Parlor, 92; Leggett's, 91.5; Roberson's Cafe, Geo. Reynolds Hotel, Williamston Cafe, each 91; Jones Service Station, 90.5; Sparrow's Lunch Room, 90; McCoy's Service Station, 89; Sunny Side Inn, 88; Rumba Dream (col.), 84.5; Atlantic Hotel, 83.5.
- Robersonville—Wilson Hotel, 92.5; Bullock's Cafe, 91; Gray's Cafe, 85.5 and Big Apple Cafe, 83.5.
- Pulp Mill Cafe, 82.5.

All cafes and hotels with a grade of 90 or above hold an "A" rating. Those with grades between 80 and 90 are in the "B" group.

The sanitarian points out that the climb has been gradual but fairly steady, the cafe and hotel operators cooperating splendidly, as a rule, in bettering the ratings of their establishments.

Auxiliaries Will Hold Meet Here

Plans for a big meeting of the First Area auxiliaries of the American Legion here on Thursday of this week were announced complete today by Mrs. H. L. Swain, district chairman. A large representation is expected here from over the district which embraces many of the north-eastern counties.

The meeting is scheduled to get underway at 10 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. About one o'clock the visitors will be served luncheon in the legion hut.

Hon. J. H. Rose, superintendent of the city schools of Greenville, and a very prominent legionaire, will make the principal address. Mr. Rose is a former past department vice commander of the legion and has held many other very important positions in the legion and in civic life. He is regarded as one of the leaders in the city of Greenville. He is also very active in his church and other religious matters. He is now a candidate for department commander of the legion.

Other prominent people on the program include Mrs. Herbert Taylor, of Dunn, state president; Miss Arelia Adams, state secretary; Mrs. D. M. Reaves, of Edenton, a delegate to the national convention; J. L. Hassell, mayor of Williamston and Mrs. J. R. Winslow, president of Martin County unit of the auxiliary.

Cantata Is Well Received Here

The cantata, John Stainer's "Crucifixion," presented by the local choral club was well received by a large and appreciative audience in the Methodist church here last Friday evening. The singers, under the direction of Mrs. Louie P. Martin, handed their parts well. The intricate arrangements were masterly executed with a perfect timing by the entire chorus.

The musical program was one of the main features in the list of scheduled events here during the Easter season.

Special invitations have been extended the club to present the cantata in nearby towns.

Suit Against Sheritt Settled By Agreement

A \$1,000 damage suit brought by Price Kearney, administrator, against Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, was settled out of court in Edgecombe County yesterday, the plaintiff taking \$200.

Suit was brought following an automobile accident at Spring Green church last November when Lewis Kearney, aged colored man, was fatally injured.