

## Nine Cases Called In County's Court By Judge H. O. Peel

Proceedings Attract A Large Crowd To Hall of Justice Last Monday

A goodly number of spectators, witnesses and litigants was present for the proceedings in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when Judge H. O. Peel called nine cases for trial. No evidence of a spectacular nature was offered from the witness stand, and the session, while a bit longer than usual, offered nothing out of the ordinary. There were several cases on the docket alleging violation of the liquor laws, the court suspending sentences upon payment of costs. Then there was a bastardy case, but a settlement was effected and the case never reached the trial stage.

Proceedings in the court: Adjudged guilty of drunkenness over his plea of innocence, Claud Jenkins, colored, of Robersonville, was directed to pay the case costs, the court suspending judgment upon that condition.

Charged with reckless driving, Linwood Johnson was found not guilty.

Columbus James, colored, was sentenced the roads for sixty days in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. He pleaded not guilty at the bar.

At the conclusion of all the evidence in the case charging Sampson Roberson with an assault with a deadly weapon, a motion for judgment as of not guilty was offered by the defense and approved by the court. Johnnie Powell, a second defendant in the case failed to answer and papers were issued for his arrest.

In the case charging Henry F. Rogers with bastardy, a judgment of non-suit was allowed by the court without trial as the State and defendant had already made satisfactory settlement. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Nathaniel Boston was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Archie Mobley was sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months and directed to pay the costs. The sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next three years. The defendant in this case is not Archie Mobley, Jr., the clerk noted on the minute docket.

The wheels of justice turned rapidly for Dallas Whitley who was before the court for the larceny of a bicycle. Arrested Monday morning by Deputy Bill Haislip, the defendant was tried a short time later, sentenced to the roads for four months and by mid-afternoon he had started serving the sentence.

Ganzy Williams, charged with violating the liquor laws was sentenced to the roads for three months and directed to pay the case costs, the road sentence to begin at the direction of the court at anytime within two years from date.

Completing the trial of its docket, the court adjourned until Monday, April 1, the superior court to occupy the hall of justice during the next two weeks.

## Home Destroyed In Early Morning Fire

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the home of Shepard Rice on Church and Sycamore Streets here at 4 o'clock this morning, the man and his wife barely escaping with their lives. All contents, including \$500 in paper money, were destroyed. No definite estimate on the loss was reported to Fire Chief Hall, but the damage will approximate \$2,000 including the cash money and all contents. The loss was partially offset by insurance.

Believed by some to have been of incendiary origin, the fire was burning through a wall separating the dining room and bedroom where the couple were sleeping. "The cracking timbers awakened me," Rice said. Darting into the near-freezing weather and attired only in his night clothes, Rice ran to a neighbor's home more than a block away to turn in the alarm. Rushing back to the burning building, Rice in his great excitement forgot all about the trunk holding his \$500 and turned to the piano which he soon learned could not be moved without help. Apparently musically bent, the man grabbed his radio and threw it out the door, the fire forcing him out before he could save another article. He had to turn to neighbors for wearing apparel.

Fanned by a strong wind, the fire lighted the western end of the town, and firemen, called from their sleep at the dead hour of the morning, followed the light directly to the home. Effecting a connection to the water mains across the street from the burning building, firemen found a defective hydrant and were forced to move the apparatus to a hydrant on Main Street, a block away. Late in receiving the call and experiencing a delay of a few minutes, firemen were only able to keep the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. Fanned by a high wind, sparks and burning shingles fell more than a block away, but no other buildings were fired.

## Start Drive for One - Variety Cotton on All Martin Farms

Preliminary plans for the adoption of a single-variety cotton by all Martin County farmers were advanced at a regular Farm Bureau Forum held in the agricultural building here last evening. Assured that a single variety of high standard cotton will prove profitable, the farm leaders last night agreed to run several tests during the coming season and support a concerted drive for a uniform production of the most successful variety.

The meeting was poorly attended, but those few present are certain that the efforts advanced will bear fruit in time to come. Agent T. B. Brandon will order seed for the tests, and farmers in various parts of the county are asked to cooperate in handling them. "If we can get

all farmers in the county to plant one type of cotton, the work of the forum and time spent by the farmers will have proven well worth while," Farmer Bob Everett, of Palmyra, declared.

The group last night agreed that the meetings were being held too often, that semi-monthly sessions would possibly attract more farmers. In accordance with the opinions expressed meetings in the future will be held each first and third Thursday evening, the new schedule to become effective on April 4. No meeting will be held prior to that time.

An experienced peanut buyer-miller will address the next forum and discuss the best types of peanuts, handling and other factors that directly or indirectly enter into price fixing.

## Registration Problem Before Election Board

### VACCINATIONS

A preliminary schedule for vaccinating dogs in this county is being drafted this week by Dr. A. J. Osteen in cooperation with Sheriff C. B. Roebuck who is charged with the enforcement of the law designed to control rabies.

The vaccinations, scheduled to begin on April 8, will be handled in every community or township in the county. More than 3,000 dogs were vaccinated in the round-up last year. Owners are required to pay 50 cents at the time their dogs are vaccinated but they are given credit for that amount on the tax books. A fee of \$1 will be charged outside the clinics for each vaccination.

## To Observe April As Cancer Control Month In Nation

Extensive Enlistment Drive Is Being Formulated Over Wide Territory

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Every individual in this country has a right to know the danger signals of cancer and the urgent importance of early diagnosis and treatment. Spreading information about this disease which destroys thousands of humans needlessly each year is the duty of the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer. This was the message which Mrs. Marjorie B. Illig, New York City, national commander, carried to meeting after meeting as she journeyed from "the land of the sky" to the ocean on her speaking tour of North Carolina the past week.

Mrs. Illig addressed meetings of Field Army workers, club women, doctors, and social workers in Concord, Asheville, Charlotte, High Point, Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington and Williamston and conferred with local workers at many other points.

"We feel greatly encouraged by

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## Martin Farmers Buying Lime In Large Quantity

Martin County farmers are placing orders with the county agent for large shipments of limestone. Several carloads have already been unloaded, and other shipments are moving into the county. Offered at very attractive prices, the lime is purchased by a grant of aid from the government.

## Fix Dates for Starting Work On WPA Projects in County

A marked increase in Works Progress Administration activities in this county is scheduled for the latter part of this month and early April when work on two sizable projects gets underway. Lee A. Wallace, district WPA head, announced today that materials are being ordered out preparatory to starting a \$30,000 improvement program on Williamston streets Monday week, that work on a new colored school building for Parmele will get underway on April 8th.

All details for handling the projects have been handled, and it is reasonably certain that work will get underway on the dates fixed, the WPA head added.

While a few men will be transferred from other projects now in progress in the county, most of the labor for the street work will be drawn from those groups recently applying for WPA work. Construction work on the Parmele school will be handled mainly by a force that has been assigned to other construction projects in the county including gymnasiums at Jamesville and Oak City and on a colored school in Bear Grass Township.

## Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

Thursday, January 31, 1901. Read the new ads in this issue. Subscribe to The Enterprise.

Dr. U. S. Hassell, of Jamesville, was in town Monday. Miss Lela Simpson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Cobb, in Mildred. Everybody is looking for bargains and are finding them at Gurganus'. After being thoroughly renovated the "Plymouth" is back on her regular run.

The steamer "Lucy" belonging to the N. and S. was at our wharf Monday night.

Mrs. J. B. Cherry was baptised at the Missionary Baptist Church Sunday night.

Miss Pattie Skinner, one of Greenville's very charming young ladies, is visiting Miss Anna Crawford.

A fine stock of goods, low prices and accommodating clerks, can always be found at Eli Gurganus'.

Mrs. G. W. Blount who was reported sick in last week's issue is very much improved and able to be up.

Misses Lizzie and Mattie Quartermas returned from Greenville Friday after a very pleasant visit of several weeks.

Three runaway teams in one day is a pretty good record for a town of Williamston's size. This is the record of Tuesday.

There are bargains and bargains at Gurganus' looking for purchasers. We know you won't let them pass.

Some of the New York holders of January cotton got a hold on it Monday for a while it sold as high as 12 1-2 cents there.

After a hail storm Saturday night and rain Sunday the wind blew almost a gale Sunday night leaving cold weather in its wake.

Such little pills as DeWitt's Little Early Risers are very easily taken, and they are wonderfully effective in cleansing the liver and bowels.

Leave your orders at The Enterprise office for engraved visiting cards, wedding invitations, etc., at so far north and strictly first class office and business stationery.

Mrs. J. L. Ewell was summoned to the bedside of her niece, Mrs. Jordan, at Jamesville, last Friday, finding her better. Mrs. Ewell returned to the city Saturday on the freight train.

Mr. S. N. Yarrell, one of our most popular and prosperous farmers, was seen on our streets Tuesday. Mr. Yarrell's kind thoughtfulness of us during the fruit season last year has not been forgotten.

The merited reputation for curing piles, sores and skin diseases acquired by DeWitt's Hazel Salve has led to the making of worthless counterfeits. Be sure you get only DeWitt's Salve.—C. D. Carstarphen.

The Bank of Martin County will make application to the present session of the General Assembly for a charter of incorporation. Books are now open at the bank to receive subscriptions to its stock. Those wishing to subscribe are requested to do so at once.

When threatened with pneumonia or any other lung trouble, prompt relief is necessary, as it is dangerous to delay. We would suggest that One Minute Cough Cure be taken as soon as indications of having taken cold are noticed. It cures quickly and its early use prevents consumption.—C. D. Carstarphen.

Last Sunday night between 11 and 12 o'clock we heard the report of a pistol. Upon investigation we found a colored boy had been teasing a tramp and the latter shot at the boy, the bullet missing the object fired at and passed through the glass in

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## Community Forum Organized by Group

The Williamston Community Forum met and organized in the Woman's Club last evening. The purpose of this new organization as the name indicates is to give those of the community who desire an opportunity to meet together regularly and air their views in an orderly way on certain social, economic, religious, political, philosophical and moral issues that confront us today. It is hoped that every interested person in the community will come to the meetings and take part in the discussions whether you have been invited or not for it is open to all. At various times outstanding authorities on current topics will be brought in by the club.

The group which met for the first time last night set up its organization and made tentative plans for the future. Mr. Arthur Bertollett was elected chairman and Mr. Sam Edwards, secretary. The steering and program committee is composed of the chairman and secretary and Rev. John Hardy, Mr. Irving Margolis and Mrs. Charles Leonard.

The group will meet twice a month on the first and third Wednesday nights at 8 o'clock.

Each meeting will be strictly limited to one hour unless a vote for extension of time is made. It is hoped that the meetings can continue to be held in the Woman's Club.

The next meeting will be held on the first Tuesday in April. There were twelve present.—Reported.

## Superior Court Opens Regular Term Monday

## Superior Court Will Convene Two Weeks Term Next Monday

Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., To Preside Over His First Term in County

A fairly crowded docket will greet Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., when he opens a two weeks' term of Martin Superior Court next Monday. Twenty-four cases are already on the criminal docket awaiting attention, and numerous complicated civil cases are on the trial calendar for consideration as soon as the criminal docket is completed. Judge Nimocks comes to this county for the first time as a member of the North Carolina bench. Regarded as an able jurist, he is a resident of Fayetteville.

While the docket includes alleged crimes all the way from murder on down to minor infractions of the law, it centers around a little crime wave that swept over several communities in the county during the last three months of 1939. For the first time in recent sessions, a first-degree murder case is on the docket. Joe Willie Moore, colored, will go on trial for his life for the murder of Cheatham Ray, half-breed, in Jamesville on Sunday, February 18. The possibility that Moore would plead guilty of manslaughter has been virtually eliminated, reports declaring that he stated he had gotten the man he was after.

Other cases on the docket are, as follows:

Gus Forrest, non-support.

Randon Jones, assault with intent to kill. Jones attacked James Whitehurst in Williamston on October 7 with a pistol, the shot tearing through the man's intestines. A true bill was returned by the grand jury last December, but Whitehurst was unable to attend trial at that time.

Columbus Rogers, bastardy.

Preston Clyde Durant, drunken and reckless driving. The case was appealed from a judgment in the county court where the defendant was adjudged guilty and fined \$50.

Leamon "Red" Taylor, careless and reckless driving. This case was placed on the "big" court docket by appeal.

Charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, Curtis Rhodes and Lin Williams both appealed from judgments in the county court. Reports state that Williams only last week was again charged with violating the rules of the road.

Alleged to have forged the name of "Mrs. J. G. Whitehurst" to a check, C. Vernon Whitehurst is booked for forgery.

Herbert Page really put himself on the spot last December 16 when he was alleged to have stolen three automobiles. He stands along in two cases charging him with the theft of cars from A. O. Roberson and Company and from Harvey Roberson. In a third case he is charged along with Paul Dennis Terry and Dennis Crisp with the theft of an automobile from Jasper Roebuck.

James Roberson faces a seduction charge.

Charged with breaking into the home of Mrs. Bettie Bullock in Cross Roads Township on February 17 and stealing \$20 or more, Matthew Crandall will be called for trial next week.

Dennis Wynn, young county white man, will possibly hold the court spotlight when he is called to answer in five cases, charging him with assault with intent to kill, robbery, breaking and entering and larceny. The young man stands alone in two cases but shares the alleged guilt with several others in three cases. He is charged with stealing an automobile tire from the Harrison Oil Company last December. On December 23 he is alleged to have attacked Charlie Davis, Williamston merchant, with an automobile crank with in-

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### JUDGE NIMOCKS



A relatively new member of the North Carolina Superior Court bench, Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville, will preside over his first term of Martin County Superior Court beginning here next Monday.

## Issue Ten Marriage Licenses In County During Past Month

Issuance Is Smallest For Any February Since the Year, 1933

The fairer sex, charged as custom would have it with taking the lead in promoting cupid's activities, did not do so well in this county last month despite the extra day. A review of the marriage records in the Martin court house shows the smallest issuance of licenses for the period than in any other February during the past seven years. The love attack proved exceptionally weak in the colored ranks, the number of licenses issued to colored couples last month falling two below the figure recorded for February, 1939. There was an increase of one in the number of licenses issued to white couples.

It was one of the few times that the number of white marriages in this county equalled the number of colored marriages, the number issued to colored couples in the particular month ordinarily exceeding the number issued to white couples by a sizeable margin. Last month licenses were issued to five white and five colored couples, as follows:

**White**  
Albert G. Tyre and Edith Hardison, both of Martin County.

J. C. Leggett and Cora Lee Roberson, both of this county.

Cecil Williams and Elsie May Page, both of Robersonville.

LeRoy Beach, of Williamston, and Gladys Bernice Hardison, of Oak City.

**Colored**  
Johnnie Alston and Lucy Tillery, both of Palmyra.

William Henry Dixon and Irene Bennett, both of Williamston.

Augustus Reddick and Flora Woolard, both of Martin County.

Peter Little, Sr., of Everetts, and Frances Johnson, of Robersonville.

Robert Martin and Elizabeth Williams, both of Martin County.

March promises to be a bumper month for colored marriages in the county, the office of the register of deeds reporting the issuance of three licenses during the first three days.

## Stolen Car Recovered Near Virginia Line

Stolen on Main Street here last Tuesday night, the Ford car belonging to Edwin Holding was recovered a few hours later by Highway Patrolman Gibson near the Virginia line, not far from South Mills. The car was not damaged.

## Republicans Of The First District In Meeting Here

Area Throws Support to the Candidacy of Taft for President

Holding their biggest meeting here in twenty years, First Congressional District Republicans yesterday afternoon pledged a concerted support to the candidacy of Senator Robert A. Taft for president, the group instructing the delegates to the Philadelphia convention to stick by the Ohio man as long as there was any hope for his nomination. Messrs. Wheeler Martin, Williamston, and John L. Phelps, Creswell, were elected to represent the district in the North Carolina delegation at the national meeting to be held in June. Other potential candidates in the field received little consideration, the district meeting here leaving the course of the district delegate to be determined as the events may demand. R. L. Dozier, of Pasquotank, and B. C. Carrawan, of Beaufort County, were elected alternates to the convention.

Competition for Lindsay C. Warren in the November election was made certain when the convention endorsed John A. Wilkerson, Beaufort County man and attorney, for congressman from this district. Wilkerson will be without competition in the primary and it isn't all likely that Warren, the Democrats' man, will have opposition in the primary, but the two will be on the ballot next November, Wilkerson stating before the convention here yesterday that he would make an "extensive" campaign. The Republican candidate plans to file for the office with the State Board of Elections late today or early tomorrow, the deadline for filing coming tomorrow midnight.

The group, asserting a unified strength and a determination of purpose, did not center its eye on sub-divisional politics, but reports from the meeting indicate that the Democrats can expect strong opposition higher up the line. There'll be some reckoning done about the selection of governor in this State, and the congressional district scraps need not be taken too lightly. But the presidential race is the spot where the big guns will be fired.

The group, apparently in a joyful mood and virtually licking its tongue against WPA dessert, worked earnestly, a fair representative of the woman's organization recording the proceedings as they related to committee selections and a state set-up. J. C. Meekins, W. J. Manning, R. C. Dozier and Wheeler Martin were placed on the State committee to represent the first district. The congressional committee includes, Clarence Allen, Beaufort; P. D. Burgess, Camden; M. S. Elliott, Chowan; B. C. Kinsey, Currituck; W. H. Elliott, Hertford; Harvey Mason, Hyde; Jesse Wilson Price, Martin; M. N. Toxey, Pasquotank; J. P. Jessup, Perquimans; H. R. Munford, Pitt; F. E. Cahoon, Tyrrell, and H. A. Liverman, Washington. Two counties, Dare and Gates were not represented. H. A. Liverman was named chairman of the committee.

Numbered among the approximately fifty delegates to the meeting in the courthouse were Mr. Josh J. Jessup, 86-year-old member of the G. O. P. He with Mr. Evans who is 85 years old, entertained the meeting with political stories, their reminiscences bringing hearty applause that almost disturbed the democratic party working in the offices below.

The meeting was a harmonious one the little band of faithful followers pledging itself to the interests of the Grand Old Party.

This county was well represented at the meeting, a number from Robersonville and several from Williamston attending.

## To Represent Local Schools In Debates

Debating for the second time in a triangle with Scotland Neck and Washington, Williamston "High School will send her debating teams to the nearby towns on Monday, April 1. The query selected for debate this year by the North Carolina Debating Union, sponsors of the competition, is resolved, "That the Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads."

The local affirmative team of Billie Mercer and Joseph Thigpen will argue the query against Washington in Scotland Neck, while the negative team of John Goff and Marjorie Gray Dunn defend their side of the query against Scotland Neck in Washington.

The Washington and Scotland Neck teams will speak in the auditorium at the local high school, all debates being held at 10:30 a. m. on April 1.

Members of the local debating team are making final corrections to their speeches and practicing for the annual event.

Considerable interest in the contest has been evidenced this year by members of the debating club. Debates were written and presented in competition by the following:

Affirmative: Bill Peele, Richard Margolis, Nord York, Elizabeth Parker, Billie Mercer, Joseph Thigpen.

Negative: Evelyn Griffin, Patsy King, Madelyn Taylor, John Goff, Marjorie Gray Dunn.

## Commissioners to Hear Tax Complaint At Meet Monday

Sitting at a board of equalization and review, the Martin County commissioners will hear complaints against assessed property values for 1940 at a special meeting to be held in the agricultural building here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock. While the authorities in this county generally show great patience in hearing complaints meeting after meeting all the year through, the law says any and all owners who wish to enter objections to tax values assessed against their properties must file their complaints on the eleventh Monday following the opening of the listing period, the date this year falling on March 18.

No new valuation of real property was effected this year, and since the changes are centered around personal property only, very few complaints are anticipated by the board members at their meeting next Monday.

A comparative study of the tax lists has been made by the county tax supervisor, S. H. Grimes, and a few interested citizens, but two townships, Bear Grass and Jamesville, have not filed their lists and a complete comparison of total values for 1939 and 1940 cannot be made. Unless the two districts report appreciable gains, the total assessed valuation is going to reflect a slight decrease in taxable values this year as compared with the listings a year ago.

Added interest in the meeting next Monday is being centered on the county treasurer's office. The commissioners are expected to abolish the office and turn the job over to a bank or banks or retain the office and leave the selection of a treasurer up to the people in the primary to be held on May 25th. The proposal has its supporters and then there are those against it.