

Argument Is Ended In Parker-Harrison Case at Noon Today

Superior Court Trial Calendar Delayed by Drawn-Out Damage Suit

Opening the second of its two-weeks' term yesterday for the trial of civil cases only, the Martin County Superior Court with Judge A. Hall Johnson on the bench struck a snag in the damage suit and counter claim centered in the case of Parker against Harrison. The trial calendar has been thrown out of schedule, and just what cases will be called next could not be learned from court or bar attorneys. The case of Williams against Harrell is next on the docket but just when it will be called is not known. It is possible that the court will spend the great part of this afternoon finishing the Parker-Harrison case, and that the calendar will be in effect from tomorrow morning.

In the Williams case against Harrell, the plaintiff, alleging undue pressure was brought to have her to sell certain lands, is asking that the deed be set aside. It is also alleged in the complaint that the plaintiff was assured an old-age pension if she would transfer title to her land. It has been pointed out that no one is eligible for an old-age pension who has transferred a title to land within two years from the time application is made for the pension.

In the Parker-Harrison case, the plaintiff offered the testimony of thirteen witnesses, the last of the evidence having been heard Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The defense took over at that time, and rested this morning about 10:45.

The questioning waxed warm at times, a climax having been reached with defense attorney, R. L. Coburn, and the plaintiff, W. K. Parker, engaged in a little tilt. Judge Thompson hurriedly put a stop to it and no damaging revelations resulted. The plaintiff, advancing his claim to \$5,000 personal and \$700 property damages as a result of a crash with the defendant's automobile near Everetts last June, offered evidence that he was not under the influence of any intoxicating liquors or narcotic drugs, that he was driving on his side of the road, that the defendant was driving recklessly.

Calling nine witnesses, the defense offered evidence claiming that the plaintiff was under the influence of some drug and that he was operating his car in a reckless manner between Robersonville and Everetts. In a counter claim, the defendant asked damages in the total sum of \$7,275.

Defense Attorney Coburn spoke to the jury for about 35 minutes, and Plaintiff's Attorney B. A. Critcher, taking over at 11:30 o'clock, ended the argument before the jury just before the court recessed for lunch.

With seven issues to explain, Judge Johnson is expected to use an hour or more in his charge to the jury this afternoon. Just how long the jury will debate the issues is a matter of guess, but some believe that a decision will hardly be reached within two hours after the case is received by the twelve men.

When he failed to appear as a witness in the case this morning, Dr. V. E. Brown was fined \$20 by the court. The doctor explained that he was busy at his hospital, but no excuse was accepted by the court who advised him to answer when called into court next time.

Daniel's Station Robbed Saturday

Forcing an entrance through a side window, robbers stole the cash register from Jack Daniel's filling station at the Jamesville-Washington Road intersection here some time during last Saturday night. There were only a few dollars in the register at the time, the station operator stating that he had left a small amount for change the following morning. In addition to the five or six dollars in cash, there were several checks totaling about \$30, but reports stated that they were of questionable value and Mr. Daniel explains that his loss is confined to a broken glass window, \$5 or \$6 in cash and a \$175 cash register. No goods, not even a pack of cigarettes, were missed from the stock, indicating that the robbers had their attention centered on the cash register.

Police have been unable to establish a single clue that would warrant an arrest in the case.

Officers Make Raid On Town's Bootleg Section

A quick raid, described by officers as being highly successful, was made in the town's alleged liquor section last week-end. Making a quick dash, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Officer J. H. Allsbrooks reached Robert Yearby's kitchen on Elm Street in time to see him pour about five gallons of liquor into a pot containing a disinfectant.

Yearby and his wife were both taken into custody, but the man admitted he was guilty, that his wife acted only under his instructions. He was released under a \$100 bond.

Election Officials To Hold School Here For Registrars

Determined to effect a new registration of Martin voters in strict accordance with the law, the county board of elections will hold a school for the thirteen precinct registrars either in the courthouse or agricultural building here Thursday morning.

Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, will play the role of the school master. He will be assisted by Messrs. J. R. Winslow, secretary of the board, and Wade Vick, Republican member.

There is no alternative when it comes to enforcing the election laws under the plan adopted. When the board called for a new registration, it automatically wiped every name from the registration books and for any citizen to participate in future elections he must register again. Those old citizens who once registered under the "grandfather clause" may get by at election time and vote even though their names are not on

the new registration books. For all others who are 21 years or older, can read and write and can swear, the law says they must register between April 27 and May 11, inclusive, Saturday, May 18, is challenge day and the election follows on Saturday, May 25. If one's name is not on the books, he cannot vote.

It is understood that there are quite a few names on the books of persons who can neither read nor write. With a strict interpretation of the law in effect this year, the names of those persons will hardly find their way back on the books. Quite a few names that have been held off the books by an indirect force are likely to be listed this year, legally of course.

Instructions for handling the problems that are certain to present themselves during the registration period and on election days will be offered by the officials at the school Thursday, and registrars are being directed to be present.

Change in Line-Up of Political Candidacies

CANDIDATE



Reports declare that H. M. Burras, one of the five candidates for Martin County treasurer, is going into the by-ways and hedges earnestly seeking votes, and that he is making progress in his search.

Claim Germans Are Moving Men Nearer Swedish Territory

Attacks Go Forward in Air And On Land in Norway

Increased danger for neutral little Sweden today as unofficial reports claimed Germany was moving soldiers in considerable numbers closer to Swedish territory. Fairly heavy troop movements by England and Germany were also reported in the North Sea, their apparent destination being the seaport towns of Norway. Apparently angered by a hostile press, the Nazis sent a sharp warning to Sweden this morning, advising a suppression of free and open opinions as they relate to the invasion of Denmark and Norway.

Savage attacks are being reported as British and German forces continue their warfare in air and on land in Norway. The outcome of the battles is not yet known. German reports claim that the Nazis still hold the city of Narvik, and that railroads have been bombed cutting off the British forces from the sea. Germany also claimed that another British destroyer and three other ships had been sunk in the last few hours, that other ships had been damaged by Nazi bombs.

Another sea battle was predicted today as Germany sent four troop transports accompanied by two destroyers into the North Sea with ports along the Norwegian coast as their destination. British ships were said to be converging on the convoy.

In parliament today, arrangements were being advanced to float a ten and three-quarter billion dollar war budget, an amount greater than the total spent in the last war. It is estimated that Great Britain is now spending at the rate of \$15,000 a minute in the prosecution of the war.

On this side of the Atlantic, McKenzie King, of Canada, and President Roosevelt conferred possibly on war and other problems at the little white house in Warm Springs, Ga.

Brevard College Choir To Sing Here Thursday

Starting a state-wide tour last Sunday, the famous Brevard College Concert Choir will give a program in the Baptist Church here Thursday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock. Advance reports reaching here state that the choir is being well received and that it is one of the best to appear on the road this season.

Ange Withdraws His Candidacy For Post On Education Board

Tenders Resignation Following Long and Able Service As Board Member

Recognizing the possibility of a conflict with his duties as Jamesville postmaster should he actively participate in the current political campaign, Mr. E. H. Ange today announced that he was withdrawing from the race for member of the Martin County Board of Education. Accompanying his statement announcing his withdrawal from the contest, Mr. Ange said he had also tendered his resignation as a member of the board, explaining that it was possible the Hatch bill, recently enacted into law, would make it illegal for him to participate in a political campaign or continue to hold the office.

Appointed to the office back in March, 1932, to fill the position made vacant by the sudden death of Board Member John Getsinger, Mr. Ange was without opposition in the primaries that followed up until this year. Since the office is really an appointive one, and since the aspirants enter the primary as a mere formality to give the board make-up a democratic color, Mr. Ange was granted special permission to serve as Jamesville postmaster. Following the passage of the Hatch Clean Politics Bill, the board member asked for another ruling to determine his status or right to hold the job of postmaster and continue as a member of the county board of education. No ruling has been rendered in the case, but Mr. Ange points-out that there is some doubt as to whether it would be legal for him to continue in the two positions and he has chosen to withdraw from the primary contest. His resignation as a member of the board of education removes all doubt as to his right to continue in the employ of the postoffice department.

Keenly interested in the advancement of education, not by districts but over the county and state generally, Mr. Ange expressed the hope that he could continue as a member of the board. "I have tried to serve without favor to any one particular district, and I have considered the needs of other sections of the county with as much interest and thought as I have the needs of my own community." (Continued on page six)

Aged Citizen Died In County Saturday

Miss Rita Wynne, one of Martin County's oldest citizens, died at the home of her nephew, Mr. James N. Wynne, in Bear Grass Township last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She would have been 89 years old month after next.

The daughter of the late Billie and Macy Wynne, she spent her entire life in the community where she was born. She was the last member of a family of five children, a brother having never been heard from after he entered the Confederate army during the Civil War.

Miss Wynne, well known in her community, was despite her advanced age, able to be up until about two weeks ago. Her heart, weakened by the weight of nearly four score and ten years, gave way, the end coming gradually. Miss Wynne never married and lived at home most of her life.

Funeral services were conducted in the Rosen Sharon Free Will Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin, of the Primitive Baptist Church, Interment was in the family plot at the old Wynne homeplace in Bear Grass Township.

Thirty-Nine Years Ago As Recorded In The Enterprise

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1901.

Court third Monday, March 18th. Read our club offer in this issue. Mrs. W. H. Crawford was in Norfolk last week.

Mr. W. J. Riddick, of Everetts, was here Saturday.

Court begins Monday; Judge A. L. Coble presiding.

March came in very quietly, but gave us a breezy time Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford spent Sunday in Robersonville.

Everybody is looking for bargains and are finding them at Gurganus'. The Steamers Julian S. Taylor and Croatan were at the dock Sunday.

Mr. George Newell was in Scotland Neck Monday on professional business.

Messrs. Floyd Hobbs and John S. Cook spent Sunday evening in the country.

Mr. Perry, of the Greenville Reflector, called in to see us Monday morning.

Mr. G. A. Guilford, Robersonville, is now on the road again. We wish him much success.

The Methodists, of Hobgood, are building a nice parsonage for their preacher, Rev. Mr. Piland.

Mr. S. H. Ellison, of Parmele, spent Sunday night and Monday morning in this city.

Rev. Mr. Sutton filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church in Hamilton last Sunday.

D. S. Parker, Robersonville, makes the finest buggies in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. A. E. Whitmore left Saturday morning for Norfolk, Va., where she will spend three or four weeks visiting relatives.

Miss Sophie Morton, who has been visiting Mrs. W. H. Crawford for the past week, returned to Robersonville Sunday morning.

The horse belonging to Mr. S. N. Yarrell, which had a very large splinter extracted from its flank last week is getting along nicely. The splinter was 11 inches long and about as large as a man's finger.

Have you seen the new soda fountain at Simon Sitterson's? It's a beauty.

Mr. Sitterson deserves much credit for making such a handsome addition to his place of business.

Robersonville placed an ordinance after the recent fire, that all buildings on the Main Street of that town should be brick. We are glad to note that the business men are at work erecting brick buildings.

Mr. L. R. Roberson, of Robersonville, is in Norfolk this week prospecting. He expects to locate in either Norfolk or Pinner's Point. We are very sorry to lose him from our county, but wish him success where he goes.

Mrs. James Quartermus is home from Norfolk.

Mr. I. P. Delouch was in town a few days last week.

Herbert Pope went to Conetoe on Wednesday morning.

Miss Roberta Dickens returned from Rocky Mount Sunday evening.

Mr. Joe Cowan, of Conetoe, but formerly of this place was in town this week.

Rev. J. B. Tingle will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning and night.

Rev. Mr. Sutton will fill his regular appointment at the Methodist Church Sunday.

Mr. John D. Biggs, who is chairman of the county pow-wow. (Continued on page six)

ORPHANS COMING

The Oxford Orphanage is sending one of its best singing classes here for a program in the high school auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Those interested in the fatherless and motherless youngsters are directing a cordial invitation to all the people of this section to attend the concert. No admission charge will be asked, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

There are fourteen members in the class this year, and the group is offering a very entertaining program.

Democrats Will Hold County And Precinct Powwows Next Month

Precincts To Hold Their Meetings on Saturday, May 4th

County Convention Is Scheduled To Be Held May 11 In Courthouse

Elbert S. Peel, Williamston attorney and titular head of the Democratic party in Martin County, today called upon all good and loyal party members to meet in their respective precincts on Saturday, May 4, lay the foundation for the party's organization and move on Williamston for the county convention to be held Saturday, May 11. The wishes expressed in the precinct and county meetings are to be recognized at the State convention to be held in Raleigh on Friday, May 17.

Little recognized in years gone by, the precinct and county conventions are likely to assert their powers this season before the party organization is perfected in its entirety in Raleigh less than a month from now. Last week a third term movement for Roosevelt was started in the State. Less than four days later, Governor C. R. Hoey, in a formal statement, declared that Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, is his choice for the Democratic presidential nomination. While the lines may not be drawn sharply, it is quite apparent now that there will be at least two factions in the State Convention. The power of those factions, in all probability, will be determined in the precinct and county conventions.

There is good reason to believe that this county will follow the Roosevelt movement, provided enough good Democrats find time to attend the meetings and take a definite stand. In taking this stand, however, they are not voicing opposition to Mr. Hull. They are merely placing a stamp of approval on the work of Mr. Roosevelt since 1933. If Mr. Roosevelt does not choose to offer himself for the nomination at the Chicago convention, and Mr. Hull is offered for nomination, then it is reasonable to believe that Martin County Democrats will willingly follow the Hull banner. They merely want to handle the business in order.

The assumption that Martin County Democrats will endorse the third term movement will be supported or refuted at the precinct and county conventions. The precinct meetings, scheduled for May 4, will be held at the voting places, with few exceptions, at 12 o'clock noon, or at an hour to be set by the precinct organization chairmen. These precinct meetings will perfect their organization by the election of officers and name delegates to the county convention. The delegates are to receive instructions from the meetings. A similar procedure will follow in the county convention with the business schedule taking on added importance. The delegates, 26 in number, will be named to attend the Raleigh convention, the group to receive instructions at the county pow-wow.

Based on the vote cast for governor, the number of delegates to the county convention from the precincts, follows: Jamesville, 15; Williams, 7; Griffins, 14; Bear Grass, 9; Williamston, 38; Cross Roads, 12; Poplar Point, 7; Robersonville, 26; Gold Point, 5; Hamilton, 7; Goose Nest, 13; and Hassell, 5. The county will get one vote in the State convention for each 150 votes cast for governor, giving Martin County 26 votes.

Very few changes have been made (Continued on page six)

Very Few Dogs Are Vaccinated Locally

When owners here failed to heed a warning to have their dogs vaccinated last Saturday, authorities in charge of the drive against rabies immediately started preparing a list for prosecution in the courts. In some instances the owners were warned in person, but a check up Saturday evening revealed that their dogs had not been immunized against hydrophobia. It is unlawful to bring charges within ninety days against the owners for not having their dogs vaccinated, but the warrants will be prepared and made ready for the prosecution at the expiration of that time.

Reports from the other stations state that dog owners have complied with the law remarkably well, that few dog owners are subject to prosecution in the courts.

Robins Wander From The North To North Carolina

Banded in July, 1936, by Mrs. K. B. Wetherbee, in Pomfret, Conn., a robin was found in this county a short time ago. Only recently a second robin banded in South Bend, Indiana, was found in this county.

CANDIDATE



Dick Smith, after handling the books for others during a long number of years, is seeking the job of Martin County treasurer under his own banner and name.

Marked Drop In Attendance Upon Church Services

More Than Three Hundred Members Are Absent Last Sunday

REV. JOHN HARDY, Rector, Church Of The Advent

With the return of February weather the attendance at Sunday School and Church declined to stay in keeping with the weather. The idea is to not let the weather affect our religious interest and activity. It seems that we in Williamston have quite a way to go before we reach the ideal. The largest attendance at Sunday School was the Baptist, with the Holiness running a close second. The best percentage attendance at Sunday School was the Presbyterian which was closely followed by the Holiness. The smallest attendance was at the Episcopal, and the lowest percentage was the Episcopal.

The Christian Church had the largest congregation in the morning, even though the attendance was not as large as usual to hear the excellent program presented by the glee club from Atlantic Christian College. The Holiness had by far the highest percentage attendance at both the morning and evening services.

Sunday before last there were 489 present for the Sunday school hour. Attendance upon the Christian Sunday school dropped from 138 a week before to 97 last Sunday. With one exception, the attendance trend was downward. An attendance report for the Methodist Sunday School and church was not available.

	S.S.	Y.P.	A.M.	PM
Baptist	111	25	100	36
Presbyterian	24		32	
Episcopal	13		30	13
Christian	97	9	100	33
Holiness	106		105	75
Totals	352	34	427	159

The tabulation below shows the total membership of the Sunday Schools and percentage of attendance in the first and second columns respectively, and the total church memberships and percentage of attendance for the morning and evening services in columns three, four and five respectively.

	Sunday School	Church
Baptist	200 56	368 33 12
Presbyterian	33 73	38 84
Episcopal	25 52	143 21 11
Christian	162 59	224 72 15
Holiness	154 70	58 181 120
Totals	574 61	771 55 21

Ammunition Used In Political Race

Politics are beginning to warm up down Jamesville way, late reports stating that the opposition forces are bringing sizable cannon into use against Clarence Wallace, candidate for township constable down there.

On a recent morning, Candidate Wallace went to open his small country store and found the huge war missile carefully placed in the door with the following chalked words, "Vote for Joe Hardison." Wallace is opposed by Hardison for constable.

Martin County residents are warned not to show any great alarm when things start popping down around Jamesville for the reports will only be those of a blitzkrieg of one or the other's candidacy.

Busy Week-end Is Reported Here By Justice Of Peace

Eight Cases Are Handled By Mayor John L. Hassell During Period

Last week-end was a busy period for Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here. The increased business followed a period of little activity in the trial justice's court, Judge Hassell explaining that law violations have a way of their own in coming in spurts.

This immediate section took on the appearance of a battle line in Norway over the week-end when sweethearts and whole families engaged in free-for-all. The docket carried a varied list of alleged violations for law and order, none so terribly serious, however.

Charlie Hinton was bound over to the county court on a charge of assaulting Mary Eliza Swain. Her stab wounds healed, the prosecuting witness was ready to withdraw the warrant, but the trial justice, seeing the warrant signed with bloody hands, sent the case on up for Judge Peel to decide.

Philistine Barnhill and his wife Louise, had quite a fight last Saturday night. Each charging the other with not being loyal, an attack followed. Barnhill claimed that his wife broke a gallon jug over his head, that he used pieces of the jug to slice her skin in several places. In the second round, the wife planted a flat iron on the husband's forehead, one report stating that an even dozen stitches were necessary to close the opening. The case goes to the county court for trial.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon and with an assault, Hardy Smallwood was bound over to the county court for trial on April 29 under a \$50 bond.

Adjudged guilty of an assault, William Lanier was taxed with the case costs in the sum of \$6.45. Tom Hardison, a second defendant in the case, was adjudged not guilty.

A free-for-all fight took place on a truck on West Main Street last Friday afternoon when Normal Ewell and Horace Silver, Warren County Indians, argued with Jesse Richardson, colored. The riot squad was called out, and the three men were taxed with the case costs of \$5.50 each by Justice Hassell.

Charged with operating motor vehicles with improper brakes and without proper lights, Willie James Pursey and Itley Williams were each fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

W. R. Morris, charged with speeding, was taxed with the trial costs, amounting to \$5.50.

Jamesville Pupils Make Field Trip

Accompanied by their teacher, Professor Woodrow Sugg, twenty-five students of the Jamesville High School are making a field trip here today. The young people, members of a class in sociology, are visiting the courthouse, radio station, county home and other places of a semi-public nature.

The names of the pupils are: "Spit" Martin, Harold Ange, Jasper Perry, Carolyn Hassell, Virginia Hassell, Beverly Coburn, Mamie Louise Holliday, Mary Louise Carson, Dan Davis, Leon Davis, Marie Gurkin, Carlyle Stallings, Roscoe Stallings, Elmon Modlin, Irene Ange, Dolly Godard, Sybil Roberson, Alfred Glass, Mildred Glass, Margaret Browning, Elwood Brown, Florence Walters, Bernice Gardner, Lola Hardison, Earl Sawyer.

Announce Finals In Bear Grass School

The first in the series of commencement exercises in the Bear Grass school will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock when the high school presents the play, "Let's Go Somewhere." A small admission fee will be asked to offset royalty costs. Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. John L. Goff, local Christian Church pastor, will preach the commencement sermon in the school auditorium.

Miss Melba Russ' music pupils will appear in their annual recital, Wednesday evening, May 1, at 8 o'clock. Miss Russ will also offer pupils from her combined classes at Farm Life and Grimesland.

The seniors will hold their class exercises on the evening of May 2, and on Friday, May 3, Dr. H. S. Hiley, president of Atlantic Christian College, A. Wilson, will deliver the commencement address, the event to mark the close of a successful term for the school.

No One Hurt In Auto Accident Here Saturday

No one was hurt but considerable damage resulted in an automobile accident on Washington Street here last Saturday night. Parked in the street, the car of James Sutton was struck by Dr. V. E. Brown. The doctor's car was traveling at only a moderate speed, and very little damage was done to the Sutton car. Damage to the doctor's car was estimated at about \$100.