

## Thirteen Cases Are Placed on Criminal Docket For Trial

### Judge J. J. Burney Will Preside Over Two Weeks' Mixed Term

The regular two weeks' term of Martin County Superior Court will convene here next Monday with Judge J. J. Burney, of Wilmington, on the bench for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. An unofficial appraisal of the criminal docket shows there are no unusually important cases scheduled for trial but it is apparent that several of them border on the sensational side and are expected to attract large crowds during the first few days of the court.

Monday and Tuesday have been set aside for the trial of criminal cases, the court to start work on a large civil calendar the following day, provided the schedule is maintained.

Unusual as it may appear, very little attention is likely to be centered on the two murder cases on the docket. Raymond Powell is in jail awaiting trial for the alleged murder of Willie Mitchell in Oak City on August 24. Sam Powell, who is implicated in the attack that cost the colored man his life, has not been apprehended. Harvey Short, young Parmele colored boy, is charged with killing his young playmate, Thomas Little, there on June 23. The youths were playing wild west games and the killing was apparently without malice.

At a hearing held before Justice Rawls in Oak City Tuesday evening, Powell pleaded not guilty. Probable cause was found in the case, and he was ordered held without the privilege of bond.

Charged with breaking into the home of Ike Mizelle in Bear Grass Township on September 1 and stealing a shotgun valued at \$45, Grover Taylor, young white man, was arrested and placed in jail yesterday. His case will be scheduled for trial next week.

The case charging Edgar Harrell with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill G. H. Manning is expected to attract much attention. Manning, in a critical condition for several weeks following the attack in Harrell's filling station in Oak City on March 7th, is apparently getting along very well. Only a formal preliminary hearing has been held in the case, and no official evidence has been offered. The defendant is at liberty under a \$500 bond.

Densil Simpson, young white man, is charged with assaulting and attempting to rape Myrtle Brabble on June 29 near Williamston. The defendant, bound over for trial by a justice of the peace court, is at liberty under a \$300 bond.

The old case charging Gus Forrest with non-support comes over from previous terms for the attention of the court next week.

Appealing from a judgment in the county court, James Gilmore, charged with violating the liquor laws, continues in jail.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Henry Coffield is to face trial next week after appealing from a judgment handed down in the county court several weeks ago.

Hilliary Ward Spruill, appealing from a lower court judgment, faces trial for alleged drunken driving.

Ralph Dugger appealed his case in the lower courts and is slated for trial for alleged violation of the liquor laws.

Abe Purrington, charged with bastardy, awaits trial under a \$100 bond.

Murial Rascoe, young Negro boy, faces a charge of larceny and receiving, forgery and obtaining goods under false pretense. The boy is alleged to have stolen a \$16 pension check belonging to Mrs. Sallie Jackson Coltrain on August 3rd from Mrs. Juanita Coltrain, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Coltrain.

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## Mill To Resume Operations Soon

Idle since the destructive fire that swept the lower end of Williamston's Main Street last June 11, the large lumber plant of Saunders and Cox is scheduled to resume operations within the next week or ten days, according to Mr. J. McKimmon Saunders, owner-operator.

A new plant has been constructed on the same site, and millwrights are rapidly completing their work. "We hope to test the plant the latter part of next week," Mr. Saunders said yesterday.

While the new plant has been improved and slightly enlarged, its production capacity remains about the same as it was before the first mill was burned, according to Mr. Saunders.

## Flake Shaw Addresses Farm Bureau Meeting

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## Long Session Of Recorder's Court Held Last Monday

### Seventeen Cases On Docket For Trial Before Judge H. O. Peele

Idle since the 26th of August, the Martin County Recorder's Court found a fairly crowded docket upon resuming its activities last Monday, and Judge Peel and Solicitor Johnson worked well into the dinner hour period meeting out justice. Seventeen cases were on the docket, quite a few of the cases having accumulated since the opening of the markets a little over a week ago.

While the court continued several cases, one of them allegedly for the third or fourth time, it did impose at least one long road term and called for one or two substantial fines.

Proceedings of the court: The case charging David Page with issuing a worthless check, was continued.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Orlander Rogers pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months. The sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at anytime within the next two years.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Hobart Ralph Hunt with operating a motor vehicle after his driver's license had been revoked.

The case charging Julian Fagan with trespass and larceny was not pressed.

V. Leonard Moore, the white man who was returned to this county from Moultrie, Ga., to answer to a charge of non-support, pleaded guilty. Judge Peel directed him to pay to the court the sum of \$50 a month during the next twelve months for the benefit of his wife and five children. A bond in the sum of \$1,500 was demanded as the guarantee for the performance of the duties imposed by the judgment.

The case charging Silas Askew with an assault with a deadly weapon, was not pressed.

Joe Lanier Godard, Sr., charged with operating an automobile after his operator's license had been revoked, was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs. Godard pleaded guilty to the charge.

The case charging William Arthur Stokes with non-support was not pressed.

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## Draft Bill Likely To Pass Tomorrow

The passage of the military draft bill is expected in Congress this week-end as the nation bends its efforts in the promotion of the greatest peace-time defense program in history. Senate and House differences have been virtually ironed out, and the isolationist block has admitted that little or nothing can prevent the enactment of the bill into law by tomorrow.

The bill calls for the registration of all male citizens between the ages of 21 and 35, inclusive. Under the provisions of the proposed law, the President is empowered to command industrial plants when the need is considered imperative in the furtherance of the defense program.

Registration of the nation's manpower between the designated ages is slated to get underway about the middle of next month. Pending the enactment of the law and the subsequent call to service, quite a number of young men are entering the army, navy and national guard.

## Important Meeting Of County Group To Be Held Wednesday

### New Secretary of Organization Cites Need for Strong Farm Group

R. Flake Shaw, new secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and Guilford County commissioner, made a stirring appeal to members of the Martin County bureau unit here last Wednesday evening, urging them to rally in the support of the organization and help push agriculture to the front. Mr. Shaw's address, delivered straight from the shoulder, was centered around the problems facing agriculture and the work that could be handled through a strong farm organization.

"Agriculture has made a lot of progress in the last six years, but there is much yet to be done," Mr. Shaw stated. One of the greatest needs, according to the speaker, is a strong farm organization. The new bureau secretary stated that he was in conference with agricultural leaders in the office of the governor recently and they were agreed that one of the greatest needs of agriculture was a strong farm organization.

Continuing, Mr. Shaw said, "We are facing a new economic world. The rapidly diminishing farm market, brought about by events beyond our control, is giving farm leaders great concern. A quarter of a century ago, farm produce was selling on parity with manufactured goods. Today, industry has forged ahead by having laws enacted that caused the value of the farmer's dollar to drop to 56 cents. Labor has organized, and I am glad the workers have formed their organizations, and through their cooperative efforts they are now in a position to protect their rights. Only recently industry had to be assured certain profits before taking action. The United States Chamber of Commerce, mouthpiece for business, is said to spend 175 million dollars annually for lobbying and they have had laws advantageous to their interest passed."

"Despite what agriculture has contributed to the nation, and much has been contributed, it is getting less than industry and labor. Until recently nothing was ever done for agriculture. Certain measures, designed to help agriculture, were proposed, but those measures were vetoed by Republican presidents. "Back in 1920, the American Farm Bureau started work for an agriculture bill that will give the farmer parity for his crops. And we shall not stop until we have reached that."

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### Highway Authorities Planning To Let Contract In Early October

Closed early in the morning of August 20, the Roanoke River fill was reopened to limited traffic last Wednesday following the hasty repairs to the route that was greatly damaged by the recent flood waters. Traffic, limited to vehicles of seven tons or less, is moving over the route without much delay or interruption, and it is certain that a normal schedule can be maintained for local and some through traffic of limited tonnage.

Special maintenance forces have been assigned to the project, and they are expected to keep the route open under most all conditions. Maintenance Superintendent Dewey Hayman was greatly worried when heavy rains started falling last Tuesday night, a few hours before the scheduled reopening of the route. The schedule was maintained however, and despite the unfavorable weather traffic started moving over the route. A shallow sand surface was placed on the clay, and today traffic can move rapidly over the "patched" highway.

Bus schedules are being maintained over the route today for the first time. However, a few of the light buses started using the road Wednesday. Tobacco farmers are traveling the road in large numbers, and local traffic is being maintained just as if the road had never been damaged. Some through traffic is also using the road, but highway authorities are directing that type of travel around by Plymouth and Scotland Neck.

Quite a few of the many who have traveled the fill since the road was opened, point out that the highway forces under the direction of Maintenance Superintendent Dewey Hayman did an excellent job in restoring traffic in such a short time.

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Beginning next week two classes of eighth and ninth grade boys will be given instruction in mechanical drawing preparatory to actual shop instruction and practice. It is expected that the mechanical drawing will continue for several weeks. The morning class of older boys and the eighth and ninth grade groups will make up the enrollment of Mr. McGuire's classes for the 1940-41 term, laying the foundation for a practical program which in the years to come should be an important part of the local school curriculum.

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The good tidings this week pushed the tobacco marketing business into high gear and today a considerable quantity will have to be held over until Monday for sale. Unloading work was badly congested early this morning, and at times the streets were almost blocked. Deliveries were still pouring in just before the noon hour, and the offerings today will possibly run close to or even exceed those on the floors on opening day, a week ago last Tuesday.

The price trend, according to able judges of tobacco, was considerably stronger on most of the grades ranging from 6 to 20 cents yesterday, and the market was reported to be holding its own today, as a whole.

Considerable quantities of tips and inferior grades are being offered for sale today, but even for the common and nondescript grades the buyers were bidding strong and seldom a price under 6 and 8 cents was seen.

Those farmers offering good quality lugs were more than pleased. "I expected an average of about 25 cents, and received more than 30," Farmer Gaston James said following his sale at 11 o'clock this morning. Averages ranging above 31 cents have been reported by individuals in quite a few cases.

The market outlook, according to tobaccoists, is more encouraging than it was during the first few days of the season. Once in a while a farmer rejects a sale, but those cases are mighty limited in number.

Most growers realize the quality of their crops is not up to normal, and considering that factor they state that tobacco is selling for a fair price.

Late estimates from the market indicate that possibly more than 100,000 pounds will be left on the block this afternoon. However, it was a bit difficult to get an accurate estimate as the warehouse driveways were crowded with trucks and large quantities of leaf were still in the street.

Including today's offerings, the local market has sold approximately one and one-half million pounds for more than \$208,000 or an approximate average of \$17.70.

## Robert C. Bailey Dies In Hospital Tuesday Afternoon

### Funeral Held Near Here Last Wednesday Afternoon for Respected Citizen

Robert C. Bailey, highly respected county citizen, died in a Washington hospital early last Tuesday afternoon following a several months' period of declining health. Despite his failing health, Mr. Bailey continued his farming operations near Williamston until a few weeks ago when he was forced to his bed by illness. He partially recovered and was able to be up again until a short time ago. He was thought to have suffered a slight stroke and he was removed to the hospital. The stroke and complications caused his death.

The son of the late Daniel and Louise Roberson Bailey, he was born in this county 67 years ago the eighth of next month. In December, 1902, he was married to Miss Addie Coburn who survives with four children, Robert Bailey, Jr., A. C. Bailey, Mrs. Herman Biggs and Mrs. John Beach, all of this county. He also leaves one brother, J. Thomas Bailey, a half-sister, Mrs. Mary Bailey Colias, of Raleigh, and a half-brother, M. C. Bailey, of Tarboro.

Mr. Bailey was a member of the church at Cross Roads for more than a quarter of a century. During the past 23 years he had made his home in the Brown Springs community, and spent his entire life in this county excepting two years he lived in Pitt. He was a hard-working farmer and a good neighbor. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and he was a friend to his fellowman.

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