

Superior Court In Recess Here After Long Trial of Case

Tribunal Will Resume Work Next Monday Following The Holidays

Spending long hours on the trial of the case of Mrs. Susie Bunting against P. L. Salsbury, the Martin County Superior Court cleared very few cases from its docket here Wednesday. The long, drawn-out trial, starting at 10:30 Wednesday morning and lasting until dark that evening, has slightly gummed up the calendar and it is not known now just what cases will be heard next Monday. Two more cases were to have been heard Wednesday afternoon, but they were carried over. One of them was the Roebuck alimony case which, it is understood, will be strongly contested.

The court, created by a special act of the State Legislature for the trial of civil cases only, has attracted very little attention, and at times there were more witnesses waiting outside to be heard than there were spectators and lawyers inside the courtroom.

Taking the Bunting-Salsbury case at 4:50, the jury reached an agreement within ten minutes and returned a verdict favoring the plaintiff. The case involved aged accounts, liens, and insurance premiums, and had a cash value of about \$700.

Other proceedings in the court: In the case of Shapleigh Hardware Company against C. C. Rawls, Sr., the plaintiff was granted a judgment in the sum of \$702.97 with interest.

A voluntary non-suit was taken by the plaintiff in the case of J. T. Daniel against Cortez Green, colored. The case was one of several involving the litigants.

The jury concurred in the settlement made as a result of an accident on the Everetts road last September 21st when Sherwood Carraway, small child, was struck by a car driven by J. W. Zimmerman. The plaintiff, going into court by his next friend, Whit Moore, was awarded \$575. The court recognized the settlement as fair and reasonable.

No judgment has been entered in the records, but there was some talk of a possible settlement in the Roebuck alimony suit.

Granted \$6,000 In Death Of Husband

Mrs. Harvey Perry whose husband was accidentally killed the latter part of August while working in the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company, was awarded \$6,000 at a hearing of the State Industrial Commission in Plymouth on Wednesday, according to information reaching here that afternoon. The amount was the maximum allowed by law, it is understood. The widow, who lives in Williams Township, will share the amount with seven small children.

Perry was in the act of closing a loft window in the plant when he was shocked or slipped and fell to his death forty feet below. The defense was said to have claimed that the man died of a heart attack, and settlement of the claim was delayed two weeks.

Agree To Relieve Parking Situation

By a signed agreement, local merchants and other business operators will do everything possible to relieve the parking congestion in the business districts between now and January 1, R. H. Smith, Chamber of Commerce secretary, announced today.

Every business house except one and there were no cars there, will support the movement calling for limited parking by local merchants and employees.

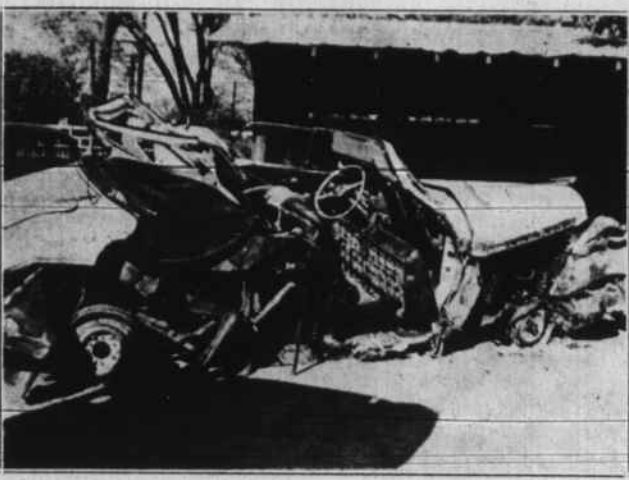
The petition read in part, "Williamston merchants, recognizing the value of reserving every possible parking space for visitors, do hereby agree to leave their cars at home or park them in the backlots or on little used streets, and ask all employees to do the same during the period beginning now and ending January 1, 1942."

Charge Woman With Drunken Driving

Katherine Theresa Halpin, of 47th and Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, was detained here early Wednesday afternoon for alleged hit-and-run and drunken driving. She was arrested by Patrolman Whit Saunders and later released under bond in the amount of \$100.

Driving south on U. S. Highway 17 the woman ran an auto off the road down the river hill. Weaving her way up Main Street she crashed into a laundry truck parked on West Main Street. She continued without stopping and was arrested near the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company plant on the Washington Road.

FRAGMENTS OF DEATH AUTO



Mrs. Fred Satterfield, of Fairmont, West Virginia, was instantly killed, and Darius Edwin Mitchell, of Princeton, was fatally injured when a sport model car, the fragments of which are pictured above, crashed into the east end of the Roanoke River bridge near here last Saturday night.

County Whiskey Sales Approach New Record

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The drive for library funds started last week will be continued for a few more days, it was announced today. The extension was ordered to give the canvassers time to complete their work.

So far less than \$100 had been contributed, the library board stating at the beginning of the drive that they believed approximately \$500 could be raised. The drive in some quarters has not been very heartening while in others a generous support has been willingly offered. It has been pointed out that the public library is receiving far less than the amount spent for questionable reading matter at newsstands.

Advisory Council Is Named By Governor

Governor Broughton has just completed the appointment of 322 members of Local Advisory Councils of the Unemployment Compensation Commission, made up of seven members, two each representing employers, and employees and three representing the general public, for each of the 46 local permanent employment office areas.

Members of the local advisory council, named by Governor Broughton to serve in the area covered by the Williamston Employment Office, are as follows: Representing labor: Lawrence Lindsley, Jr., of Williamston, and J. C. Swain, Plymouth. Representing employers: Herman Bowen and R. W. Bondurant, Williamston. Representing general public: Francis Manning, Hugh Horton, Mrs. Elbert Peel, Williamston.

These local advisory councils will serve for two and three year periods and will meet to consider problems that arise in both the State Employment Service and Unemployment Compensation divisions. The local office manager will serve as secretary.

These councils will advise on local conditions and serve as units of the state-wide and nation-wide employment security programs. They will cooperate in making effective such measures as may be necessary under special conditions, such as these related to supplying and training workers in defense activities.

They will also promote cooperation among all groups and local agencies concerned with employment security; discuss problems relating to employment security, particularly as applied to local conditions; promote plans and methods of providing employment, reducing unemployment and stimulating the local application of such plans.

LITTLE PROGRESS

The annual Red Cross membership roll call is meeting with little progress in the Martin County Chapter, according to incomplete reports heard here today. Assigned a quota of 1,100 members by the national organization in the hope that every possible dollar could be raised to relieve the starving, the local chapter this morning reported hardly more than 50 members enrolled.

The question is being asked, "Will Martin County citizens stage a charity strike while millions of humans face starvation?" Don't wait for a solicitor, send in your membership fee of \$1 or \$5 or more to Red Cross Roll Call Chairman, Williamston, or leave it with a member of the Junior Woman's Club, the organization sponsoring the roll call along with others.

This Week In Defense

Navy Secretary Knox issued a statement that removal of the Neutrality Act shipping restrictions makes it possible to get the defense aid materials authorized by Congress for use in the war against the Axis powers transported to those positions where they can be usefully employed. It also insures that the war efforts of the British Commonwealth, of China and Russia, hold out greatly increased promise of ultimate victory.

In an Armistice Day address President Roosevelt said the United States took up arms in 1917 "to make the world habitable for decent self-respecting men." He said the men who died then did so "to prevent the very thing that now... has happened from one end of Europe to the other." The President said the people of America believe liberty is worth fighting for, "and if they are obliged to fight they will fight eternally to hold it. This duty we owe to the many who died to gain our freedom for us—to make the world a place where freedom can live and grow into the ages."

Lend-Lease Aid
President Roosevelt authorized Lend-Lease Administrator Stettinius "to take immediate action to transfer defense supplies" to Russia. The OPM-Priorities Division issued a special allocation order designed to promote a steady flow of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 of American-made machine tools to the Soviet Union. The Navy announced two more British warships have entered U. S. ports for repairs.

President Asks Support For Red Cross
President Roosevelt asked for support of the Red Cross in its roll call for membership which closes November 30th, to "prove that we have the heart as well as the sinews to keep ourselves strong and free." The Red Cross announced it is seeking a membership matching its greatest World War figure of 18,000,000. Last year's adult membership was 9,200,000.

Civilian Defense
The Office of Civilian Defense issued specifications of dimensions, colors and materials for 16 insignia to be worn by trained volunteer workers. OGD Assistant Director Davison estimated volunteer women workers needed in defense fields include 1,000,000 in first aid, 500,000 home gardeners, 100,000 each in life-saving, home nursing, school lunches and for staffs of local volunteer offices, 700,000 in the protection program, 600,000 rural leaders and 200,000 in the aircraft warning service. The OGD also issued a 60-page pamphlet on blackout stating areas within 300 to 600 miles of seacoasts must be prepared to blackout on a "night to night" basis.

Production and Subcontracting
Vice-President Wallace, speaking in New York City, said "By putting one-half our effort into national defense instead of less than one-fifth, we shall match what the British and Germans are doing." Priorities Director Nelson told the New England Council defense expenditures

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Bookmobile Makes Its Third Run In County Next Week

More Than 200 New Books Have Been Made Available for Circulation

The B-H-M Regional Library Bookmobile Service will begin its third trip in Martin County, November 24th. Many new books have been received and they will be ready for circulation at that time. This will be the last trip before the Christmas holidays.

Final reports from the three counties have been received for the second month. It is pleasing to note an increase of 135 registered borrowers making a total of 454. Circulation was up to 1545. For the books left in school and public libraries, there is a reported circulation of 1118.

The schedule for next week:
Monday, Nov. 24: C. B. Allen's Service Station, 9:15 a. m.; Hamilton school, 10:00; In front of Bank of Hamilton, 11:05; Gold Point school, 12:45; Harry Roberson's Service Station, 2:05.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Hassell school, 9:30; Hassell Post Office, 10:20; Oak City school, 11:15; Wilbur Barrett's Drug Store, 1:35; Smith's Store on Parmele Post Office, 3:00.

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Williamston high school, 9:00; Everetts school, 9:45; J. S. Ayers store, Everetts, 11:00; Cross Roads Church, 11:30; Elementary school, Robersonville, 1:00; Robersonville high school, 2:20; Parmele Post Office, 3:00.

Thursday, Nov. 27: Williamston elementary school, 9:00; Farm Life school, 11:00; Corey's Cross Roads, 1:15; Bear Grass school, 2:00.

Friday, Nov. 28: Jordan's store, Dardens, 9:30; Browning's store, 10:25; Ange Town by intersection of road, 11:00; Poplar Chapel Church, 11:30; Jamesville school, 12:45; Brown's store, Jamesville, 2:20; Holly Springs Church, 3:00.

Thanksgiving Day Holiday Is Quietly Observed In County

The Thanksgiving Day holiday was quietly observed in this county, preliminary reports coming from highway patrol headquarters, police departments and sheriff's office stating that the day passed without incident.

Traffic was unusually heavy on the highways in this section, but no wrecks marred the observance schedule. There were no arrests, and the observance was marked for its quietness and soberness. While a few may have gone through the day without a bite of turkey, the 1941 edition of the special day of thanks possibly saw a greater prosperity in this section than in any other year during the past two decades.

The faithful few, possibly 135 persons, found time to bow down in humble worship and thanksgiving and hear Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Presbyterian minister, preach the annual community Thanksgiving sermon in

the Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock that morning. There were services during the day in other churches. The population, as a whole, turned to the fields and sporting events to pass the day. Hunters reported only fair success in their trips to the fields in search of choice quail. The weather was unusually warm, and not at all ideal for man and dog.

On the business front an air-tight observance was reported by merchants and shopkeepers, but industry moved along according to a rapid schedule filling orders directly or indirectly for defense. A few farmers patronized the peanut market which was held open during the day.

Thanksgiving yesterday had a more realistic meaning than some of those in the past in Williamston and Martin County, but concern was expressed for the 95 per cent of the population who was not in attendance upon a thanksgiving service of any kind.

Local Parents And Teachers In Meet Tuesday Afternoon

Increased Interest Is Seen In Activities of the Association

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association holds its November meeting in the high school auditorium last Tuesday afternoon with approximately 75 parents and teachers in attendance. A brief entertainment was rendered by the Rhythm Band, composed of children from Miss Benson's second grade room, who were accompanied on the piano by Miss Mewborn, after which interesting and timely discussion of children's problems commanded the attention of the assembled group.

Timely talks on recreation and leisure time problems among students were as follows:
"Athletics and Leisure Time Problems," by S. R. Edwards;

"Reading and the Funny Book Habit," Mrs. Joel Muse;

"Dangers in Certain Types of Motion Pictures," Mrs. Titus Critcher;

"The Need for More Adult Attention to Youth's Interests," Mrs. J. W. Watts;

"Survey of Youth's Leisure Time Activities," D. N. Hix.

Free contribution to the discussion revealed a wholesome interest in the improvement of conditions surrounding youth's leisure time activities in the community.

In addition to the reports from regular committees, Miss Ruth Manning, speaking for the elementary library committee, stated that the central library at the grammar school was equipped with book cases, magazine racks, tables, window drapes, etc., at a cost of \$35. Over two thousand books have been circulated in the library since it was established in October. The standing committee on first aid rooms, Mrs. H. R. Williams, chairman, reported the furnishing of two well-equipped first aid rooms at each school building.

Attacking the problem of sanitation in the local schools, the association went on record as sponsoring the employment of a matron or matrons to serve the needs of the local schools. It was agreed that the association would raise funds to provide for such a project if matrons could be employed.

Mrs. Garland Woolard, president, presided over the business session. Mrs. John Goff had charge of the program.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Opens Monday

Handled by members of the local Junior Woman's Club, Christmas seals will be placed on sale here next Monday, it was announced today by Mrs. Edwin Holding, chairman.

Governor J. M. Broughton addresses the following appeal to all people urging them to support the sale:
"Under the sponsorship of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, there will again be held this year the annual sale of Christmas Seals. The people of North Carolina have always responded wholeheartedly to this opportunity for serving so commendable a purpose.

"It is well known that the proceeds of the sales of Christmas seals go directly and completely towards the object stated; that is, for the relief and prevention of tuberculosis in North Carolina. A substantial portion of the proceeds is used in the respective counties in which the sales are made. Those who are charged with this undertaking are among our most highly regarded and public-spirited citizens, who are deserving of the fullest cooperation on the part of our people.

"Now more than ever before there is a need for this sort of undertaking, and I earnestly urge that the people of this state in every city, town and county will give wholehearted response to this appeal."

Moscow Defense Is Again Threatened By New Nazi Drive

Late Reports From Diplomatic and War Fronts Not Very Encouraging

With the outcome of the Japanese-American peace or war conference still in doubt, the outlook on the diplomatic and war fronts is not very encouraging today. And unrest in this country, fomented by strikes, isolationists and greed, is only aggravating the situation.

Late reports indicate that the Germans are making a renewed drive on Moscow, that the Russian lines, hard-pressed in the half-moon front, have been pierced and that the defense of the Soviet capital is in a precarious way. The drive toward the Caucasus is apparently moving forward despite a stubborn defense and the heavy toll in German life and mounting property losses. The British army in Africa estimated to have 750,000 men and equipment equal that of the Germans, has started a drive in Libya and is pushing toward Tobruk where an English garrison has resisted two German divisions successfully for months. While the "second" front may be of minor consequence and will possibly fail to relieve pressure now being borne by Russia, some observers believe that quick successes there will enable the British to move in the defense of the Caucasus. The British drive early today had encountered no main opposition from the Germans, indicating that the move will bring material results within a short time.

This afternoon reports state that British forces have encountered the miserable Italians in an extensive tank battle in the Libyan desert, and that it may mark the beginning of an important battle.

The Red Army has withdrawn from Kerch to consolidate more favorable strategic positions in Eastern Crimea after a siege which cost the Germans 20,000 men and hundreds of tanks, guns and planes, the Soviet high command reported.

The Russian garrison in the Kerch fortress guarding the narrow water gap to the Caucasian mainland managed to evacuate all of its equipment and supplies as well as other valuable properties, a communique from Moscow said.

A late Moscow communique reported especially violent fighting in the Tula and Volokolamsk sectors of the Moscow front, on which it said 2,000 Germans were killed Thursday and before Rostov on the Don.

The Red army organ Red Star told of a terrific onslaught by four German divisions of probably 60,000 men on the southern front, precipitating a situation conceded by the Red army to be "serious."

The German attack admittedly showed the Russians back at one place before Soviet resistance stiffened.

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Miss Lula Council Passes In Hospital

Miss Lula Council, respected county citizen, died in a Washington hospital Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. She had been in declining health for several years, but her condition was not regarded serious until about a week ago when she was removed to the hospital for treatment.

The daughter of the late B. S. and Elizabeth Richards Council, she was born in Goose Nest Township near Oak City 69 years ago. For the past ten or twelve years she had made her home with her brother-in-law, Mr. Frank L. Haislip, in Hamilton, where she made many friends and where she was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was the last member of a large and prominent family of children. Miss Council held membership in the Oak City Baptist Church for a long number of years.

Funeral services were conducted at her late home in Hamilton yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. W. O. Andrews, Baptist minister of Robersonville, assisted by Rev. John W. Hardy, rector of the Episcopal Church here. Interment was in the Haislip family plot in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Expect Action In Coal Strike Soon

Remembering that little was gained and that France was lost when the French Fascists and Royalists crushed the labor union ahead of Hitler, President Roosevelt has been slow to take action in the "captive" coal mine strike. However, some action is expected after tomorrow. The Mine Workers' Policy Committee is meeting tomorrow, and with the left wing of the CIO already behind the President and his foreign policy it is believed that a serious situation can be avoided.

During the meantime, violence is becoming more general in and around the strike areas. Eleven persons were injured in Pennsylvania this morning when pickets and strike breakers clashed. The strike is also spreading and in addition to around 53,000 miners in the captive mines possibly more than 100,000 others have quit in sympathy with the demand for a "closed shop" agreement, the action forcing steel furnaces to suspend operations.

PEANUT MARKET

Hardly slowing up for the Thanksgiving Day holiday, the local peanut market is reporting another large delivery of the goobers today. However, the peak of the season apparently has been reached, some of the observers declaring that virtually all of the crop in this area will have moved to market by the latter part of next week.

Prices continue to hold firm at five cents a pound, a few farmers reporting small premiums for fancy stock. Their plants overflowing, some of the cleaners are said to be storing fairly large quantities of the goobers here and in various parts of the county.

Inspects Libraries In Three Counties

Mrs. Dorcas W. Reid, new field worker with the North Carolina Library Commission, made several visits in the region while on her trip in this part of the State last week. Mrs. Reid came to this State from the West Coast where she had much experience in the public library field.

She commended the work in the local libraries visited and also the progress made in the B-H-M Regional Library Service. She recognized the greatest need of the service as more books. With her assistance, it is hoped that more books may be secured from the N. C. Library Commission to be used until sufficient books may be purchased for regional use.