

SELECT JURORS MARCH COURT

Two-Weeks Term of Superior Court Begins March 16th

Jurors to serve during the two weeks term of Martin County Superior court convening here March 16th were selected this week by the Martin County Board of Commissioners, as follows:

First Week
Jamesville township—J. W. Martin, J. E. Hedrick, Julian Fagan, and H. G. Griffin.

Williams township—L. D. Hardison, Griffins township—Jno. A. Lilley, Jas. L. Peel, H. L. Hardison, C. C. Coltrain.

Bear Grass township—S. Mobley, Kneezor Harrison.

Williamston township—O. S. Anderson, W. H. Carstarphen, W. E. Dunn, J. N. Biggs, Z. H. Rose, W. O. Griffin, K. B. Crawford, and W. L. Taylor.

Robersonville township—G. H. Cox, J. R. Morris, Jasper Perkins, Roy Gurganus, E. G. Anderson, Silas House, D. R. Chandler, and L. B. Fleming.

Hamilton township—L. B. Brown, Robt. A. Edmondson, Harry Waldo, and Z. H. Cox.

Goose Nest—J. C. H. Johnson, E. V. Smith, and T. H. Johnson.

Second Week
O. S. Coltrain, Vance L. Peel, S. Oscar Peel, A. C. Coltrain, J. L. Holliday, Willie Roberson, G. L. Keel, G. H. Forbes, A. P. Barnhill, Chas. T. Peel, G. W. Keel, J. L. Croom, H. L. Hopkins, R. W. Salsbury, J. L. Pritchard, E. H. Harrell, J. W. Bellflower and J. H. Ayers.

W. H. MUSE DIES IN SOUTH AMERICA

Left New York January 12 for Visit to His Son in Bogota, Colombia

Mr. William H. Muse, 71 years old, father of Mr. Joel Muse, of Williamston, died at the home of his son, Benjamin Muse, in Bogota, Colombia, South America, early yesterday morning his death coming as a great shock to relatives and his many friends back home. A cable gram received yesterday stated that he died suddenly.

Mr. Muse, 71 years old, was born in New Bern, moving from that town to Wilmington where his father was connected with the Wilmington Star for many years. He later moved to Durham where he lived until fifteen years ago when he went to make his home in Petersburg. During the tobacco seasons for the past several years he visited his son here, and made many friends among Williamston people.

Making his second visit to his son in Columbia, Mr. Muse sailed from New York January 12, going through the Panama Canal. He reached there two days before he died. It will require several weeks to bring the body to the home in Petersburg, and the funeral will probably not be held before March 1.

Mr. Muse is survived by seven children, three daughters, Mrs. A. B. Bradsher and Mrs. C. F. Scott, of Petersburg, and Miss Amy Muse, of Langhorne, Pa., and four sons, W. H. Muse, of Erwin, N. C., F. A. Muse, New York City, Benjamin Muse, Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States, to Columbia, and Joel Muse, of Williamston.

Highly Respected Colored Man Dies at Home Here

Tom Bagley, one of the town's most highly respected negroes, died at his home here Wednesday following a week's illness. He had been in feeble health for some time, suffering from a disease of the arteries.

One of the "before-the-war darlings," "Uncle" Tom, as he was often called, belonged to the Bagleys, one of the leading families of the town at that time. And throughout the years, Tom proved to be one of the leaders of his race. He was a devout church member, being a member in the local Methodist church.

He was buried yesterday in the local cemetery.

Value Store Makes Final Preparations To Leave

The Value Store which has operating here for the last two or three years under the chain of stores owned and managed by Mr. C. J. Robinson, of Elizabeth City, is now conducting a big sale here preparatory to leaving Williamston.

Mr. Tom Robbins, a former manager of the local store, but now with the Value Store in Elizabeth City, is conducting the closing out sale. The sale has been very successful according to a statement from Mr. Robbins, and if the sale continues at the present rate the store will be vacated within a few days.

Teachers Salaries Might Be Delayed In County

Rumors that the Martin County Board of Commissioners in regular session here this week had considered a proposal for reductions in school teachers' salaries were declared unfounded by a member of the board yesterday afternoon. A possible delay in paying teachers for their work during the last month or two of the term was considered, however, but proposal to ask the teachers to accept a reduction in their salaries during the remainder of the current term was not mentioned, it was officially learned.

"Not knowing how collections will hold up during the remainder of the school term, and realizing the difficulty existing in borrowing money on anticipation notes, the commissioners thought it advisable to warn the teachers of a possible delay in salary settlements after this month," Commissioner J. E. Pope stated yesterday.

ANOTHER DROP IN MARRIAGES

Ten Licenses Issued in the County By Register Last Month

Dan Cupid was off to a slow start in this county last month when only ten marriage licenses were issued from the office of J. Sam Getsinger, register of deeds. The number was three below the January mark of a year ago, and trailed the December sales by a five margin. In January, 1929, there were 33 licenses sold, unfavorable economic conditions apparently playing havoc with the marrying business in this county.

The licenses, five to white and five to colored couples, issued last month, follow:

White
Chas. Grover Rodgerson-Maude Lee Holliday, of Martin county.
Ashton Prince Purdy, of Plymouth, and Marie Suzanne Hedrick, of Jamesville.

Simon E. Corey and Sadie Williams, both of Martin County.
Samuel Suggs and Pearlle Worthington, both of Greenville.

Colored
James Evans-Beatrice Roberson; William Pierce-Sarah Daniel; Theo. Roosevelt Jenking-Jennette Holliday; Charlie Francis Gray-Magnolia Green; Elijah Brown-Elizabeth Hassell.

Episcopal Women Hold Auxiliary Meet Monday

The first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church in this county was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Barnes on Monday afternoon. A representative number of the members answered to roll call. Rector Marshall led the devotional exercises and the regular business session was held. Minutes of last meeting and treasurer's report, and a statement of the assessment for the year were read and approved. Mrs. Rome Biggs, president asked if a change of the day of meeting would be approved. A resolution was adopted to meet on the Monday after the second and fourth Sunday of each month. It was decided to give a silver tea on the 9th at the Woman's Club, and the president to appoint the several committees for the arrangement of the same. The rector desired the wish of the women as to time for the Lenten services, and Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week was decided upon, these days not conflicting with the services in the other parishes which are served by Mr. Marshall.

Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Clayton Moore, Mrs. Stator and the rector gave interesting reports of the Convention just held in Greenville. One of the most important features of the convention was the vote to hold separate meetings of the Auxiliary whatever time and place decided upon.—Reported.

Acknowledges Donations To Club's Welfare Work

As Treasurer of the Woman's Club it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge with thanks the contributions which were made for our welfare work.

Receipts—R. A. Pope, \$3.00; Gift, 1.00; School Children, 4.61; Robert F. Heydenreich, 10.00; Baptist Philathea Class, 5.00; Drug Stores Boxes, by Rev. C. H. Dickey, 11.07; Drug Store Boxes, by Rev. C. H. Dickey, 6.62; Robert F. Heydenreich, 5.00; Enterprise Publishing, 3.00; Mrs. James Grist Station, 10.00.—Total \$59.30.
Disbursements—Mrs. Warren Biggs, \$3.00; Mrs. W. C. Manning, senior, \$3.34; Washington Hospital, for Gardner boy, 10.00.—Total \$76.34.
MRS. J. G. STATOR,
Treasurer.

GURGANUS CHILD DIES FROM BURNS

Dies at Home of Parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Gurganus Here Today

Frightfully burned about the body and face when she walked too near an open fire Wednesday afternoon, Frances Gwendolyn Gurganus, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Gurganus of this place, died early this morning. The child was playing in the yard of the Gurganus home, on the Washington road, and when its mother went into the house for a minute or two the child went to the wash pot and peeped in, the fire underneath catching her dress. Mrs. Gurganus heard the screams of the child and rushed to it, but before she could check the flames, practically all of the clothing had burned. The mother's hands were badly burned when she fought the flames.

Funeral arrangements had not been definitely arranged this morning, but it is understood that burial will be made at St. Delights' church, near Mackeys, in Washington county, this afternoon.

"We hope no postponement in salary settlements will be necessary, but in case the county finds it impossible to prevent a delay, we don't want it to take the teachers by complete surprise," Commissioner Pope stated.

COLLECT 49 PER CENT OF TAXES

Collected Percentage This Year Greater Than At Same Time in 1930

The 1930 tax levy in Martin county is just about one-half completed, Sheriff Roebuck stated this week following a fifth turnover of money to the treasurer. While the sheriff has not collected as much money on the 1930 levy as he did on the 1929 levy in a similar period, the percentage of collections is greater. The 1929 levy amounted to \$303,498 and that of the 1930 levy is only \$295,451. At the end of January, 1930, the office reported \$149,616 collected and at the end of the past month, \$141,406, a decrease of about \$8,000.

A large portion of the \$141,406 was paid back in October and November when a one and one-half per cent discount were allowed. Payments in the past period were not so great until the last week in January when they bounced up into the several thousands of dollars.

Settlements continue daily, not so fast as the collector would desire, but as fast and much faster than one would expect under the existing conditions. Sheriff Roebuck is optimistic over the collections and he believes that they will compare very favorably with those in the past year.

PREPARING TO RAISE REVENUE

MacLean Named Ranking Member Sub-Committee On Finance

Authorizing last week the State to support the constitutional six months school term, the legislature yesterday turned its attention to selecting the machinery for raising the several millions. It was following a warm controversy that Representative A. D. MacLean, father of the school bill, and Senator John H. Folger, of Surry, were named as ranking members of the sub-committee of the joint committee on finance which will seek the necessary revenue, estimated at from \$11,500,000 to \$13,000,000 which will enable the State to take over the six months school term.

Now that the machinery necessary to handling the school bill is in operation, the State maintenance of county roads is coming up for consideration. No formal bill has been introduced, but the control of the roads is causing a stir.

R. W. Salsbury Moves Office To Hamilton

Mr. R. W. Salsbury, who has been operating an office in Williamston as a branch of his Hamilton office for the selling of fertilizer and the buying of farm products for the past two years is moving his branch back to Hamilton in the near future.

Mr. Salsbury says he is making this change due to the uncertain conditions and the necessity of curtailing of expenses at this office.

Mr. Bill Haislip, manager of the local branch will move back to Hamilton just as soon as this office is discontinued.

Rev. S. A. Fann Will Conduct Services Here

Services will be held at the county home Sunday February 8th, at 3 o'clock P. M. The services will be conducted by Rev. S. A. Fann, pastor of the local Pentecostal Holiness Church. Services will be held at the Williamston Pentecostal Holiness Church February 7th and 8th, and February 21 and 22.

Martin County Has 405 Miles Of Unimproved Public Roads

Local Boy Scouts to Observe Organization's 21st Birthday

Special Service In Baptist Church Sunday; Rev. Barclay to Preach

The twenty-first anniversary of the Boy Scout movement in America will be observed by the members of the local troop here Sunday evening when Rev. John Barclay, Scoutmaster and minister of Wilson, comes here to hold a special service in the Baptist church for the youths and their friends.

This evening the local Scouts are holding a court of honor, and those passing the tests will be awarded merit badges at the Sunday evening service, it was stated last night by Scout Billy Clark. The public is invited to witness the court of honor this evening and it is believed that large numbers will be present for the special service Sunday evening. The several churches are suspending their services for the evening, and all denominations are expected to be well represented.

CAM MORRISON "MOST RURAL" U. S. SENATOR

Has Make-up To Resist the Standardizing Effects of Present-day Life

New York, Feb. 6.—The new United States Senator from North Carolina, Cameron Morrison, is characterized as the "most rural" of all the national legislators, in an article which will appear in the forthcoming issue of Collier's Weekly. That is to say, according to the magazine biographer, "he has enough roughness and hardness in his make-up to resist the standardizing effects of present-day life, for he was, and is always will be a Tarheel."

Senator Morrison, it is noted, arrived in Washington at a moment which would have daunted any less hardy spirit than his. President Hoover had just appointed Frank McNinch to the Federal Power Commission. McNinch was a Hoovercrat and his appointment as a Democrat caused a storm among the North Carolina regulars.

Collier's explains: "If Cam supported McNinch he would anger all the heresy hunters. And if he did not he would do violence to old personal relations, for he was a friend of McNinch's. But Cam came straight to Washington and supported McNinch. 'I got to be for him,' he explained, 'he's my elder'—not in years, but in church!"

"Anyway, Cam stood by his elder and had him confirmed by the Senate, at some risk to himself when he comes up for election.

"Cam has a crown of striking white hair. He affects wide-brimmed hats and long-tailed coats of Southern gentleness. He sticks to the good old rural fashion of chewing tobacco. He's a roarer when he speaks.

"In spite of the fact that he married one of the great fortunes of North Carolina he remains one of the most rural personages left in this civilized nation with the highlands of Scotland and of the United States as a background.

"All of this sounds as if we had got another Southern demagogue in Cam. But that leaves out of the reckoning the hard practical Scottish element in his make-up. He has a lot of sense. North Carolina is the most modern of the really Southern states. And it owes most of its modernness to Cam's term as its governor from 1921 to 1924. It was he who initiated its good roads, improved its schools, built up the university of North Carolina and modernized its charities.

"Cam will probably make a pretty good senator. He has courage, energy and self-assertiveness. But he is a person. And it is so seldom that a person arrives in Washington that one has to record his arrival."

Methodists Announce Program of Services

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Regular service, 11 a. m.
There will be no evening service on account of Boy Scout service at Baptist church.

Epworth League meeting, Monday night, 7:30.
High League, Wednesday, 7 p. m.
Regular mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

Sunday Service Announced at the Church of Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector.
Mr. Maurice Moore, Sunday School Supt.
Mrs. Saunders, Organist.
Miss Jane Moore, Pres. Y. P. S. L. Church School at 10 a. m.
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Becoming of age next Sunday, the Boy Scout movement includes 836,400 boys in America alone. In their ranks a valuable work has been advanced, and although limited to small numbers, the work has been an important factor in the life of young boys living in towns no larger than Williamston.

"If you have a boy twelve years or more of age he should be a Boy Scout. It will instill in him those qualities of self-reliance and team play and leadership that make for the finest mental development. It will give him a knowledge of the outdoors and a love for nature that will build him physically. It will give him moral standards by which he will always live. It will start him on the road to good citizenship. It will make a better man of him.

"For twenty-one years—ever since Sir Baden-Powell first conceived this organization—the Boy Scout movement has been the greatest united effort for and by boys in the history of the world."

The local boys are anxious for the people of the community to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary Sunday evening.

BUSINESS FIRMS TO CHANGE SITES

Ambers Pressing Club To Locate in Old Post Office Building

Several changes in the business district of the town are being considered, and it is understood that the first will materialize the early part of next week when the Ambers Pressing Club moves its equipment and establishes itself in the old post office building on the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets.

The lease on the building now occupied by the pressing club and "Crow's Nest" has been transferred to Clark's Drug Store, Inc., and it is understood that that company will open a drug store there. Many alterations have been planned to the building, and the opening of the store will await that work.

The Value Store is closing out its stock here and will vacate one of the buildings in the Station block. It has been rumored that the Atlantic and Pacific grocery chain would open a store there. It was stated by Manager Robbins, of the Value Store, however, that the lease had not been transferred to any one at this time, that the store was open for rent.

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STATE SUPPORT OF ALL ROADS BADLY NEEDED

Only 19.8 Miles of County Roads Are Graded or Improved Ones

Robersonville Township Has Most Mileage As Well As Most Miles Of Improved or Graded Roads

With one exception, a small section in Griffins township, Martin County has as many if not more roads per square mile than any other county in the State, it was learned following a hurried study of the roads in many counties mapped by the State Highway commission and released this week. The mileage is something to talk about all right, but the roads themselves are something else.

Exactly 405 of the 505.1 miles in the county are unimproved roads, and therein are included almost impassable paths. The State is now maintaining 80.30 miles, a large portion of that mileage being hardsurfaced. Of the 424.8 miles maintained by the county or by the various township road commissions, the small number of 19.8 is classified as graded or improved roads. Hamilton township has two miles of graded roads. Jamesville has 8.2 miles and Robersonville township has 9.6 miles of improved roads. These last figures are separate from those relative to hardsurfaced or State-maintained roads. The other districts are without graded or improved roads, the township commissions finding it almost impossible to maintain their roads as they do with the funds furnished them.

The map, prepared by Highway Engineer McKim, is the most complete one showing roads that has ever been made of the county. It includes every road or public path with the possible exception of one or two that have been dropped from the township maintenance list.

Having three classifications, A, B and C, the map gives the total mileage of each in the individual township. In Robersonville township, the district having the greatest mileage, has 9.6 miles in the first class, 27.7 in the second and 38.4, a total of 75.7 miles. The first classification, Mr. McKim explained yesterday, includes those roads second class indicates the main outlets for the various communities, and the C class includes those roads that are that connect towns and highways. The limited in use as outlets or to the public generally. These classifications are not final, however, Mr. McKim pointed out, but they give a fairly accurate picture of the road system in Martin county and its comparative importance.

While it has not materialized at this time, it is understood that a bill will be introduced in the legislature, authorizing the State to take over all the roads and maintain them. The map is being studied by the committee on roads, and it is believed that a favorable disposition of the all-important matter will result.

Next Sunday morning the pastor of the Baptist church will have for his text, "Where is the flock that was given thee—thy beautiful flock?"

At the evening hour, a community service will be held in this church in the interest of the Boy Scouts of Williamston.

In attendance will be the scouts themselves, sitting in a body in reserved seats; and just to the rear of them will be the members of the local Kiwanis Club, who are sponsoring the Boy Scout work in this community.

Those in charge have been very fortunate in securing for the speaker of the evening Rev. John Barclay, of Wilson, very favorably known in this section of the State.

It is thought that the house will be well filled for this service; and the people in general are invited, and can come, as there are no other services in the four other up-town churches at that hour—7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

Everetts Modern Woodmen To Meet Monday at 7:30

A regular meeting of the Everetts Camp Modern Woodmen of America will be held in Everetts at the school building, Monday night Feb. 9th at 7:30.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

MR. LEE POWELL DEAD

After a few days illness of pneumonia, Mr. Lee Powell, age 19 died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Powell of near Oak City Monday.

Deputy Sheriff Empowered To Lay Off Homesteads

Introduced by the Mecklenburg representative, a bill permitting deputy sheriffs to lay off homesteads in Martin and several other counties was passed by the House of Representatives in Raleigh yesterday. Heretofore, jurisdiction in laying off a homestead was limited to the sheriff and appraisers selected by him. The new bill, apparently sponsored by Representative Smith, of Robersonville, extends jurisdiction to the deputy sheriff.

If Groundhog Is Weather Prophet, Then Look Out

If the groundhog came out Monday at 12 o'clock, as he is supposed to do, and if there is anything to his prognostications, then we are certainly in for a spell of bad weather, because the sun was shining plenty bright enough to cast a shadow at that time. However, few folks are evidencing any concern over the prospects for any more disagreeable weather than they would have if the sun had not been shining at 12 o'clock Monday.

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