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SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS TERM HERE THURSDAY

Johnson Suit for \$25,000 Is Postponed Until Next September Term

The one-week term of Martin County Superior court came to a sudden close yesterday afternoon when the Edgar Johnson \$25,000 damage suit was postponed for the defense. It was claimed that one of the defense attorneys was unable to continue in the case that day on account of the illness of his wife in Goldsboro. There was some doubt expressed as to the validity of the excuse, but the court granted the request.

Completing the criminal docket Wednesday morning, the court heard a case of the American Agricultural Chemical Company against A. A. Tetterton and Mary Berry, granting the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$272.50.

The biggest case on the civil docket heard by the court was that of P. L. Salisbury against Baugh and Sons Company, fertilizer dealers. Approximately \$2,100 was involved, the suit developing when there was some doubt expressed as to just when a deed of trust and a judgment were entered upon the county record books. A judgment was held by Baugh and Sons against R. W. Salisbury. About the time the judgment was forwarded to the courthouse for recording, Mr. P. L. Salisbury presented a deed of trust covering, it is understood the property upon which the judgment is said to have rested, for filing. The jury found the judgment was prior and superior to the deed of trust and rendered its verdict accordingly.

Evidence was heard in the case during much of Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, the jury agreeing yesterday afternoon after arguing the issues for about three hours.

A judgment in the sum of \$396.81 was granted Harrison Brothers and Company against J. H. Rogers and others.

MRS. OSBORNE DIED TUESDAY AT SON'S HOME

Funeral Services Held At Macedonia Church Wednesday

Mrs. J. H. Osborne, sr., daughter of the late Thomas and Sarah Holliday, died at the home of her son, Jasper Osborne, near Macedonia, last Tuesday night at 11 o'clock following a long illness. Mrs. Osborne had suffered some time with pellagra, but not until a short while before she died was her condition considered critical.

Mrs. Osborne, 56 years old, was born at Macedonia where she spent her early life. Later she moved her home to Robersonville Township, and after living there for about 20 years, she moved back to Bear Grass Township five years ago where she made her home. She was visiting her son when she was taken critically ill and died.

A members of the Christian church at Macedonia since her youth, Mrs. Osborne was highly regarded as a friend and neighbor for her unselfish and useful life.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday in the Macedonia church where she had served her Maker well throughout all her life. Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian minister of Robersonville, conducted the last rites. Interment followed in the Osborne cemetery near Robersonville.

One daughter, Mrs. Andrew Whitchard, of Pitt County, and one son, Jasper Osborne, of the Macedonia section, survive. She also leaves three brothers, Messrs. Joe H. and Lewis T. Holliday, of Williamston, and Will H. Holliday, of Everetts.

"Tarzan, the Ape Man" on at Watts Here Next Week

"Tarzan, the Ape Man," an unusual picture, and one that has attracted favorable comment in cities throughout the States, has been booked for showing at the Watts here next Monday and Tuesday. The picture is based on the famous stories of jungle adventure by Edgar Rice Burroughs, and presents an unusual love.

Johnny Weissmuller, world's champion swimmer and considered to have one of the finest physiques of any man living, plays the title role of the strange white man who lives in the jungle like the apes. Prominent roles are also played by Neil Hamilton, Maureen O'Sullivan, C. Aubrey Smith, Doris Lloyd, Forrester Harvey, and Ivory Williams. The picture was directed by W. S. Van Dyke who achieved such sensational results with "Trader Horn."

DEMOCRATS MEET

The Democrats will open their national convention in Chicago next Monday, and everything but harmony. They haven't even agreed on who to nominate for the country's highest office, not even mentioning the various issues that will be forced to the front and which will, no doubt, create much disturbance.

Roosevelt is favored by many, but there is a strong opposition developing and a deadlock in the selection of a party leader is expected.

From all parts of the nation, delegates are rushing to the Windy City for what promises to be a windy convention.

SUGGESTIONS AS MADE BY GRAND JURY THIS WEEK

Recommend That Fines Be Imposed by Justices of the Peace in County

The grand jury, in its regularly required report, this week registered surprise when it investigated the accounts of justices of the peace and learned that many cases were cleared from the dockets of trial justices when costs were paid and no fines imposed in many cases. The jury went so far as to recommend that in all cases where the violations are of a bad nature that fines be imposed.

Justice of the peace courts, as well as the county and superior courts, have met with much difficulty in collecting fines in recent months, and when the costs are collected, it is to be reckoned that something has been accomplished in these hard times. Even this week several defendants went to the roads when they were unable to pay fines imposed upon them.

The jury did not recommend that jail sentences be meted out when fines are not paid, but that is what will happen in many of the cases originating in these days.

According to interpretations of the law, justices of the peace are not entitled to costs when a man is charged with a law violation and he appeals from the sentence of that court and is found not guilty by the higher tribunal.

The report of the jury suggested a few minor improvements and spoke very highly of the management of the county home. The report, signed by Foreman S. T. Everett, follows:

"We have checked all magistrate's reports before us, and find them all right, except we note in practically every case that we have before us was disposed of upon payment of cost.

"We recommend that in all cases where the violations are of a bad nature that fines also be imposed.

"A committee has looked over the county jail, also inspected the offices of the courthouse and find them well kept, except as noted: Sheriff's office needs two window shades; county demonstrator's office needs a window glass and a window cord, and also mending on floor to keep rats out.

"A committee looked over the county home and finds it unusually well kept, inmates well cared for, and we congratulate the keeper of the home for its most sanitary condition. We suggest that a flue be put in the wash room to take the place of a stove pipe which runs all the way across the room and we find it almost impossible for any one to wash therein due to excessive heat. This should be given immediate attention."

SENATE PASSES BIG RELIEF BILL

Bill Designed To Provide Food and Work for the Jobless Thousands

Washington, June 23.—A gigantic \$2,300,000,000 unemployment relief bill, designed to provide food and work for the jobless and give new impetus to industry, was passed today by the senate.

The Democratic relief program was approved and sent to conference with the house by a chorus of ayes without even the formality of a record vote, despite strong indications that it faces a veto from President Hoover.

It carries with it to conference the \$2,300,000,000 bill sponsored by Speaker Garner which the house passed several weeks ago.

The final form of the bill will depend entirely upon the nature of the compromise worked out between the house and senate.

The bill which goes to the White House is certain, however, to contain the bond issue feature to which President Hoover has indicated unyielding opposition, as both measures contain it in one form or another.

COMPETITION IN MAIL DELIVERY IS NOT LAWFUL

Delivery of Statements By Contract Is Against the Postal Regulations

Those business firms and individuals, too, who are contemplating delivering statements or other matter of close kind under contract or on a piece-work basis are subject to be stopped, according to information received here this week pointing out that the delivery of bills or certain kinds of other postal matter by special contract messenger is against the postal regulations. The government is said to have a monopoly on the business of delivering letters, and according to that ruling, all bills and other matter that could be delivered probably at a saving by special contract messenger will have to go through the regular mail channels. However, it is understood that an individual can deliver his own statements or other matter without violating the postal laws.

Anyway, the law does not go into effect until the sixth of next month and then we'll know how the bills will come. Just how they will be paid will probably still remain a mystery to many of us.

"As the private express statutes give to the Federal Government the monopoly of the business of carrying letters, the proposed method of handling these bills, etc., is in violation of the law," a statement by Assistant Postmaster General W. Irving Glover, says. The statement further says that all postmasters and other employees of the department are directed to promptly report any cases of this nature coming to their attention.

TODAY LONGEST DAY OF YEAR

Summer Officially Ushered In—Last Tuesday Morn—at 10:30 O'clock

Summer arrived on scheduled time last Tuesday morning when the mercury climbed to high marks on the thermometer to substantiate the calendar-makers' claim that the hot season began at 10:30 that day. And to aggravate the situation, we are having one of the longest days of the year today, the run rising at 4:47, according to Mr. Turner's Almanac and setting at 7:18. The days will not be so long next week and thereafter until next June.

Yesterday the mercury went to 89 in the shade and 110 in the sun, and this is just the beginning of summer.

Scientists are very encouraging this year, for they predict one of the warmest, or pain out-and-out hottest, summers in years. And the way the mercury is acting just now, it looks as if we will be obliged to agree with those fellows.

MARTIN MAN DIES IN GREENSBORO

Hardy T. Gregory Funeral Rites Held There This Morning at 10 O'clock

Hardy T. Gregory, 64, for nearly 40 years a postal employee and for most of that time a postoffice inspector, died at his home in Greensboro Wednesday of pneumonia from which he had been ill a week. Funeral services were held there this morning at 10 o'clock, interment following in the Green Hill cemetery, the Rev. H. Grady Hardin and Rev. Robert E. Roe conducting the last rites.

The son of the late Geo. H. Gregory and wife, Mr. Gregory was born in Goose Nest Township, between Hamilton and Oak City. When he was two years he moved with the family to Greensboro. His father was a practicing attorney in this county for a number of years.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Catherine Coles Gregory, formerly of Chatham County; a son, Isaac Gregory, Greensboro; three daughters, Mrs. Edward F. Richards, of South America, and Misses Garnet and Susan Gregory, of Greensboro; a brother, George Gregory, of Greensboro, and four sisters, Mrs. Walter Thompson, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Kate G. Green, of Sanford; Miss Mary Gregory, of Sanford, and Miss Susan Gregory, of Greensboro.

Federal Tax on Bank Checks Is a Big Item

According to the best estimates available, the United States Government will realize around \$200 a month from the 2-cent tax on checks drawn on banks in this county. The amount will be considerably increased in the late summer and early fall when crops are being marketed, it is believed.

WHERE THEY PLAY

FRIDAY, JUNE 24th
Edenton at Elizabeth City
Williamston at Colerain

TUESDAY, JUNE 28th
Elizabeth City at Colerain
Williamston at Edenton

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29th
Colerain at Elizabeth City
Edenton at Williamston

THURSDAY, JUNE 30th
Elizabeth City at Edenton
Williamston at Windsor

FRIDAY, JULY 1st
Edenton at Elizabeth City
Colerain at Williamston

LOCALS WIN TWO, TIE ONE AND NOW LEADING LEAGUE

Elizabeth City In Second Place as a Result of Loss To Edenton

Williamston captured first place in the Albemarle Baseball League this week when the locals defeated and tied Elizabeth City, defeated Colerain, and when Edenton turned back the Jaybirds yesterday afternoon by a 7 to 6 score.

Keen competition for the top rung in the league standing was evident this week when Elizabeth City and the locals played two hard-fought games. Kugler pitched a shut-out game against the Jaybirds here last Tuesday, the locals winning, 2 to 0. Wednesday afternoon, Herring worked for the Martins during a hectic 12-inning battle, the game being called off on account of darkness with the score tied at 7-all. The play-off had not been scheduled this morning.

Yesterday afternoon, "Slim" Gardner took the mound for the Martins and was credited with a 11 to 8 win over Colerain. Gardner held the visitors well until the fourth inning, when they got next to him for five runs. The Martins came back strong and tied the score, registering several more tallies as the game progressed to record a win.

This afternoon, the Martins go to Colerain and next Tuesday they are scheduled to play Edenton at Edenton. The next home game will be played Wednesday, June 29, when Edenton comes here.

KIWANIANS HEAR BOY SCOUT TALK

Mack Simpson Is Named Assistant to Mr. Wheeler Martin, Scoutmaster

The local Kiwanis club was favored at its last Wednesday meeting by a visit from Mr. O. Jack Cordray, district Boy Scout executive for this area. He made a talk on the importance of scouting and the good influence it is having on the boys of the country.

Mr. Cordray says he finds one of the hardest things to do is to find men who are willing to invest some of their time and give some thought to the welfare of the youth in their various communities.

Mack Simpson was chosen as assistant scoutmaster here to serve in the absence of Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin who has to be out of town much of the time attending to his regular official duties.

Mrs. Marshall Will Speak at Baptist Church Sunday

Miss Mary Anne Crockett will sing at the Baptist church Sunday night at the eight o'clock service. And at this time Mrs. Josephine Marshall, well known here, will speak in an illustrated lecture on her missionary experience in Japan during the past two years.

The pastor will preach at the morning service. The attendance at this church has held up well this summer, and the pastor asks the membership and congregation to maintain, throughout the summer, a high average of church participation.

Sunday Services at the Local Christian Church

Bible school at 9:45 and preaching at 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m. and Evening service at 8 o'clock. The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "In His Affliction He Found God," and at the evening service he will preach on "A Return to the Old Faith." Public cordially invited.

STANDING OF CLUBS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Williamston	5	1	.833
Elizabeth City	4	2	.667
Edenton	3	4	.429
Colerain	1	6	.143

FINISH CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Thirteen Defendants Go to the Roads and Three Go To State's Prison

The Martin County Superior Court, in session here this week for the trial of criminal and civil cases, cleared the criminal docket Wednesday after Judge Paul Frizzell had sentenced sixteen defendants to the roads and to the State prison in Raleigh. Three defendants were sentenced to the State prison for a total term of 15 years, and the 13 others were sentenced to the roads for a total of 15 years also. All the prisoners have been removed to the various camps and prisons to start their sentences.

Since last Tuesday noon, the court called 10 criminal cases, as follows:

Ed Brown, charged with stealing a bag of fertilizer from the D. A. James warehouse in Robersonville, was sentenced to the roads for four months. Brown pleaded guilty to the charge. Harvey Williams, young white man of Robersonville, implicated in the same case, was found not guilty. A strong defense was offered by Attorneys Smith and Horton and the trial of the case took more time than any two others on the docket.

A nol proes resulted in the case charging Junior Wynn with an assault with a deadly weapon.

John Vance Bryant, charged with entering the home of Mr. Reuben Harris here several weeks ago, was released when the grand jury failed to find a "true bill" in his case.

Lawrence Biggs was found not guilty in the case charging him with house-breaking and larceny and receiving.

A nol proes resulted in the case in which Jasper Smith was charged with violating the liquor laws.

The case charging Hubert Clark with embezzlement was continued.

Willie James Manson was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months in the case charging him with house-breaking. Albert Wilson, charged in the same case, was given a six-months suspended sentence upon his paying one-half the costs.

The case charging Eland Roberson and John E. Wells with burning buildings at Ray's Camp, near Jamesville, was continued for bill.

The 30-day sentence given J. F. Flannagan for an assault was postponed until October 1.

Prisoners going to the roads: Trier James, 18 months; Roy Whitehurst, 6 months; Ira Matthews, 12 months; Norman Curry, 6 months; Alton Sawyer, 2 years; Edward Harrell, 12 months; Will Smith, 12 months; James Hines, 12 months; J. D. Wiggins, 2 years; John Henry Edwards, colored, three years; King David Carson, 18 months; Ed Brown, 4 months, and Willie James Mordecai, 10 years.

TOWN FINANCES OF PARMELE IN GOOD CONDITION

Pays Off 1932 Obligations And Is Ready To Meet Those Due in 1933

Parmele may not be as large as some of the towns in the county, but when it comes to sound finances, it takes a leading position, it was learned from Mayor F. S. Powell this week.

The county's railroad center has not only met its interest charges on time, but it has also discharged promptly its bond charges. The treasurer has already paid the municipality's 1932 bond installments, and is ready to retire 1933 obligations.

With a tax rate of 50 cents on the \$100 property valuation, the town has a delinquent list representing around \$800 and accumulating over a four-year period. It was pointed out that a majority of this amount was unpaid polls and personal property taxes listed by a "floating" population. The number of other tax delinquents is hardly more than a dozen, and the total real estate delinquent amount is only a few dollars, it was reported.

While the town owns its light and power distribution system, it buys its current from Greenville and retails it at 12 cents a kilowatt hour.

Hassell Citizens Ask For Change in No. 11 Routing

According to information received here, Hassell citizens are asking the Highway commission to route Highway No. 11 from Greenville to Oak City through their town. The matter was scheduled to have been called for consideration in Raleigh this week, but it was postponed. No time was mentioned when the proposed routing would be discussed by the highway officials.

The road in question misses Hassell by only a short distance.

Mail Distributing Point Here Urged

REVIEW VALUES

The Martin County Board of Commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review, last Monday heard complaints about property valuations determined or listed by list-takers in several of the 10 townships during the month of April. Only 17 complaints were made at the meeting, the equalization body correcting errors that lowered the total valuation by \$5,601. Adjustments asked by seven property owners were refused.

LITTLE INTEREST IN POLITICS AS PRIMARY NEARS

Believed July 2 Vote Will Trail That of June 4 by About 25 Percent

A marked quietness surrounds politics in this county, indicating that a comparatively small vote will be cast in the second primary at the various polling places Saturday, July 2. It is generally estimated that not more than 75 per cent of the June 4 primary vote will be cast at the polls in this county Saturday of next week. Of course, something might develop overnight and result in an increased vote, but that is not very likely.

According to information received here from many community centers, Fountain will not get as big a lead over Ehringhaus in this county as he got June 4, and Reynolds will get a much smaller vote. The commissioner of labor race, with Fletcher and Mitchell the participants, is seldom mentioned, but Mitchell is said to have the advantage over his opponent.

Much interest is noted in politics in many sections of the state, but apparently it is one the wane in these parts.

CLARK SUIT IS COMPROMISED

Andrew Clark Gets \$3,750 as a Result of Injuries Received in Wreck

The \$20,000 damage suit brought by Mr. Andrew Clark, of Everetts, against Mrs. Mary Moore and Mrs. Margaret Bonner, of Smithfield, was compromised yesterday when the plaintiff agreed to accept \$3,750 of the amount asked. Mr. Clark was badly injured when he was struck by an automobile driven by one of the women at Everetts several months ago. He was walking along the highway and was hit by the car when the driver started to pass a truck there.

Public liability insurance was carried by the owner of the car and the insurance company was responsible for the settlement of the suit, one of the largest scheduled for trial in a Martin County Superior Court in some time.

Small Child Dies at Home of Its Parents in Griffins

Oliver Daniel Coltrain, 10 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Coltrain, died at the home of his parents in Griffins Township early last Sunday morning following an illness lasting more than three months. The little fellow had whooping cough and that developed into pneumonia.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home by Rev. W. B. Harrington, and interment was in the Revels burial ground in Griffins Township.

Shakespeare Class Ends Course of Study Today

The Shakespeare story telling class, conducted here during the past several weeks by Misses Velma Harrison and Bessie Harrell, was brought to a close this morning when the several pupils appeared in a play prepared in connection with the course.

CORRECTION

In reporting the superior court proceedings, The Enterprise erred in stating that John R. Whichard was charged with larceny and receiving. The defendant was charged with operating a car while under the influence of whiskey, the court imposing a \$50 fine upon him when he pleaded guilty to the charge. The correction is gladly noted.

A half hour after a Willits (Calif.) grocery store hung out a sign reading: "Free milk with every 25-cent purchase," a competing store hung out a sign which announced: "Milk given away free to anybody and 1 cent for carrying it away."

BROUGHT ABOUT BY REMOVAL OF TWO MAIL TRAINS

Mail Trucks from Norfolk and Wilson Would Meet Here Each Morning

With the possibility that their mail service might be impaired by the removal of two Norfolk-Raleigh and Raleigh-Norfolk trains, citizens in several of the towns served by those trains are requesting that arrangements be made to continue the mail service. While no definite plans have been announced, it is understood that the proposed arrangement would make Williamston a distributing point for mail dispatched from Norfolk and Raleigh and Plymouth and other towns in between those points.

As it is understood here, the proposed method of handling the mails would create a star route from here to Norfolk and from here to Wilson. The Wilson bus would leave that town and service Farmville, Greenville, and Washington, reaching here at 5 o'clock in the morning. The Norfolk bus would service Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, and Windsor, meeting the other bus here. A third bus from Plymouth would connect with the other two here, and after exchanging mail retrace their routes.

Delegations have visited Raleigh in the interest of the mail service, and many letters have been forwarded to the postal authorities favoring the proposed method of handling the mails. Definite information relative to the developments will likely be known here tomorrow or early next week.

The trains will be discontinued on the Norfolk-Raleigh line next Friday, it is understood. Express will be handled in a regular car built for that purpose, but it will be attached to a freight train.

CONFEDERATES HOLD REUNION IN RICHMOND

Martin County Will Not Be Represented at Meet This Year

Returning to the location where they defended the cause of the South so valiantly and until all hope was lost, Confederate veterans in Richmond this week are answering the roll call at their annual reunion for the forty-second time. But Martin County is not represented; the line of Gray having dwindled until there is only one champion of the South's cause left here, and he, Mr. David F. Roberson, of Robersonville, was not physically able to make so long a trip this time.

It is the second reunion of late years that Martin was not represented; Mr. Roberson attending the meeting in Charlotte year before last, but the Montgomery reunion was too far away for him to attend. As far as it could be learned, there are very few from all of Eastern North Carolina attending the reunion opening in the Virginia city Tuesday and ending today.

Ever since the veterans were organized, Mr. Roberson attended nearly every reunion until recently, when he considered it advisable to remain at home on account of his health.

Richmond is providing an elaborate entertainment program for the veterans of Gray, but the number attending has been greatly decreased during the past year.

FEDERAL TAXES GO INTO EFFECT

Every Bank Check Carries Two-cent Tax with Very Few Exceptions

While few people yet realize it, they are paying 2 cents Federal tax on nearly every check they write these days, the law requiring the tax on checks and on various and sundry articles going into effect Tuesday, June 21. And from now until July, 1934, or probably longer, a 2-cent tax will be charged on each check except those drawn on a municipal, county, or state treasurer's account. A depositor can withdraw his money from a bank without paying the tax, provided he uses a special form and present the paper to the bank in person.

This new tax on checks is not the doing of bankers, for they will be even more inconvenienced than the depositors. However, banking institutions are doing all they can to make it as convenient to all concerned as is humanly possible.