

DUTIES OF GRAND JURY OUTLINED IN ABLE CHARGE

Orders Investigation of 38 Guardians' Accounts In Martin County

Upon you and the way you work depend peace, prosperity, order and morality," Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, said to the grand jury in his charge opening the one-week term of Martin County Superior Court there yesterday morning. "And if you fail to perform your sworn duties, you bring disrepute to yourselves and to your county," the jurist declared.

Referring to the grand jury as the head of the administration of criminal law, Judge Parker classified wrongs and explained how violators are put to answer for criminal acts. There are only three ways that one can be put to answer and they are by presentment, indictment, and impeachment, and unless a true bill of presentment is returned against him, no man can be tried in the court of Martin County.

The jurist outlined the duties of the body, stating that bills of indictment should be passed on, that it was not the duty of the grand-juryman to pass upon the innocence or guilt of the defendant. That task is for the petit jury in open court. He told the jurymen that it was their duty to hear witnesses of the State to the extent that 12 of their number are agreed that there is probable cause of guilt. When 12 or more are agreed that there is probable cause of guilt, the examination of additional witnesses is unnecessary. All witnesses must be examined before the body can return "not a true bill." Only those witnesses whose names appear on the back of the bill and placed there by the prosecuting attorney for the State can be examined. Others may be questioned after conferring with the solicitor.

"No man is too rich or too poor or too big or too humble to escape prosecution when he has violated the law," the judge said, in pointing out to the jurymen that they should make presentment of any other crimes known to them and not in the hands of the prosecuting attorney for the State.

"I direct you to give as much attention to the orphan children of Martin County as you would want your children given by another grand jury were you dead and gone," Judge Parker said in ordering an investigation of the guardianships in the county. "There are 38 guardians who had not complied with the law according to the March grand jury report," Judge Parker pointed out in ordering the investigation. "Where guardians can not account for every cent, you are directed to indict them for larceny," he told the jury.

"A guardian must have a good bond with two sureties; he must renew that bond every three years; he must file an annual return of receipts and disbursements; he must set forth, in detail, how each investment is made," were requirements to be complied with by guardians, he said. Investments should be secured by first mortgages on real estate or be made in United States or North Carolina bonds.

The investigation of the 38 guardians' accounts was declared the most important duty of the jurymen, and the judge made it plain that he expected it to be done.

"Visit the county home in a body and make a patient and sympathetic examination of conditions there," he instructed the jury. He also advised them to report where the county's money was deposited and what it was secured by.

An investigation of the sinking fund was ordered, the judge instructing the men to see if interest payments had been made. The jury was directed to report any irregularities to the court. Judge Parker did not define crime other than in returning bills in certain cases in open court. He said the jury knew right from wrong, and after advising them to use common sense in their deliberations, he dismissed the body.

School Man Making Study Of Districts In This County

Mr. T. B. Attmore, member of the North Carolina School Commission, is expected here this week, when he plans to make a study of the several school districts, and go into details as they affect the operation of the schools in this county. That the school man will recommend reorganization of the districts is not certain at this time. However, the state commission is making many changes in district lines and consolidating small schools and high schools where economies can be effected.

Over 5,000 Persons to Take Typhoid and Diphtheria Treatment, Reports Indicate

Reports from the first day activities in Martin County's drive against typhoid fever and diphtheria were very encouraging, Dr. J. H. Saunders, county health officer, said this morning. The physician offered no estimate of the total that would take advantage of the free treatment during this and the next three weeks, but judging from the number taking the treatment yesterday at Sandy Ridge and Farm Life, approximately 5,000, or nearly one-fourth of the county population, will have

been immunized against the fever and diphtheria. More than 340 doses were administered at Sandy Ridge yesterday morning and 357 doses were given at Farm Life later in the day. The subjects at Sandy Ridge were so numerous that the physician was delayed in reaching his next appointment. He was hardly more than one-half hour behind schedule, however. No definite reports were received from other centers yesterday, but it was learned here this morning that between 250 and 300 re-

ceived the treatment in Hamilton yesterday. Doctors are working at Lilley's Hall, Smithwick's Creek, Macedonia, Parmele, Hassell, and Dardens today. Tomorrow they will go to Bear Grass. Thursday they will be at Everetts, Cross Roads, and Gold Point. The treatment will be given here Friday morning at 8:30 at the white grammar school building, and at Robersonville at the same hour. Colored children will be received at the two places at 10:30 a. m. at the colored schoolhouse.

WILL EXPLAIN PLAN OF AIDING COTTON FARMER

Agricultural Workers Will Carry Campaign Into All Cotton Areas

The long promised attack on the surplus of existing cotton was announced from Washington last Sunday when Dean I. O. Schaub of State College was authorized to use the whole of the Agricultural Extension Service of State College in preparing for a campaign during the week of June 26th.

Mr. Schaub has arranged preliminary meetings and says all cotton growers should meet at the call of their county farm agents in county and community meetings during next week. It is hoped to have enough contracts on hand by that time so that the sign-up may proceed at these meetings. Following the meetings a farm to farm canvass will be made by committees of farmers selected at the meetings.

It should be kept clearly in mind, Schaub says, that there is nothing compulsory in the movement. If a farmer wants to sign-up to remove one-third or more of his cotton acreage he may do so and he will be paid a rental benefit covering his expenses with the crop so far. In addition, he will be allowed an option on government cotton covering the amount removed. Other crops may then be planted on the land removed from the cultivation of cotton.

Mr. Schaub says he hopes the cotton growers of the State will cooperate to the fullest in these plans. Heretofore, those patriotic men who have reduced their acreage for the benefit of the State as a whole have been penalized for so doing. Under the Farm Adjustment Act, however, the man who cooperates not only gets paid for doing so but he will likely be rewarded with a better price for his remaining staple this fall.

The movement will be pushed in this and other counties producing as much as 1,000 bales. Where such counties have no farm agent, emergency agents will be selected and appointed for temporary duty. County Agent T. B. Brandon will go to Rocky Mount this week where preliminary plans will be outlined. It is expected that meetings will be held in this county some time next week or the week following.

Seek Address of Pension Check Owner in County

Unable to learn the address, Clerk of Court R. J. Peel is now holding for delivery a Confederate pension check for Mrs. Martha C. Walker, widow of B. F. Walker. Mrs. Walker is believed to have moved to this county from Nash, but so far her address has not been learned by those distributing the checks in this county. Any one knowing the address will do Mrs. Walker a favor by making it known to Mr. Peel at the courthouse.

Mrs. Jno. L. Rodgerson and daughter, Miss Mary, of Lumberton, and Mrs. Clinton House, of Robersonville, visited here a short while yesterday.

RESULTS

Friday, June 16
Williamston 7; Edenton 4.
Ahoskie 7; Windsor 4.
Colerain 6; Elizabeth City 1.
Saturday, June 17
Colerain 4; Williamston 1.

CLUB STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Williamston	6	2	.750
Colerain	6	2	.750
Edenton	5	3	.625
Ahoskie	4	4	.500
Windsor	2	6	.250
Elizabeth	1	7	.125

WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 20
Ahoskie at Williamston.
Windsor at Elizabeth City.
Colerain at Edenton.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21
Williamston at Ahoskie.
Elizabeth City at Windsor.
Edenton at Colerain.
THURSDAY, JUNE 22
Windsor at Williamston.
Elizabeth City at Edenton.
Colerain at Ahoskie.
FRIDAY, JUNE 23
Williamston at Windsor.
Edenton at Elizabeth City.
Ahoskie at Colerain.

PENSION CHECKS ARE DELIVERED

Approximately \$1,400 Paid To Widows and Veterans In County Recently

Pension money totaling \$1,437.50, has recently been delivered to 21 widows of Confederate veterans and to the county's lone surviving veteran, Mr. D. F. Roberson, of Robersonville.

Checks were delivered by Clerk of Court R. J. Peel to the following: Mrs. Arcene Andrews, widow of William W. Andrews; Mrs. Cresy L. Barnhill, widow of Abram P. Barnhill; relatives of Mrs. Mary Ann Brown, who recently died; Mrs. Mary A. Everett, widow of Henry Everett; Mrs. Mahala J. Gurganus, widow of Daniel Gurganus; Mrs. Susan Hamilton, widow of Wiley Hamilton; Mrs. Sarah A. Hoard, widow of W. J. Hoard; Mrs. Elizabeth Keel, widow of Ashley Keel; relatives of Mrs. Nancy J. Manning, who died recently; Mrs. Winnie Mizelle, widow of Jesse Mizelle; Mrs. Martha J. Peel, widow of Jesse B. Peel; Mrs. Mary G. Perry, widow of Simon S. Perry; Mrs. Martha A. Philpot, widow of John L. Philpot; Mrs. Allie Riddick, widow of John E. Riddick; Mrs. Mosella Roberson, widow of Harmon J. Roberson; Mrs. Caroline Rogerson, widow of Thomas Rogerson; Mrs. Irene A. Smith, widow of A. H. Smith; Mrs. Martha A. White, widow of M. G. White; Mrs. Virginia Perry, widow of W. M. Perry; and Mrs. Mary Thompson, widow of Thomas P. Thompson. The last two received class A pensions of \$150, the others receiving \$50 pensions. Mr. Roberson received a \$187.50 pension.

DEATH OF MRS. G. L. ROBERSON

Funeral This Afternoon at The Late Home Near Robersonville

Mrs. Sallie Roberson, widow of the late George L. Roberson, died at her home four miles from Robersonville early yesterday morning, following a stroke of paralysis suffered a few days before. She had been in feeble health for some time, and had been confined to her bed much of the time since last March.

The daughter of the late Abram and Melvina Baker, Mrs. Roberson was born in Pitt County, near Pactolus, nearly 72 years ago. Following her marriage, she moved with Mr. Roberson to this county, where she lived until her death.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the Robersonville Christian church, of which faith she was a follower. Burial will follow in the family plot near the home.

Three children, Mrs. Theodore Roberson, of this place; Messrs. Hugh and Abram Roberson, of Robersonville, survive. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Anderson, of Williamston; and Mrs. Lucy Ross, of Robersonville, and three brothers, Mr. Will Baker, of Robersonville; Dr. J. H. Baker, of Baltimore; and Mr. Joe Baker, of Pactolus.

MARTINS IN TIE WITH COLERAIN FOR TOP PLACE

Team Playing the Ahoskie Aggregation Here This Afternoon at 4

Williamston and Colerain entered the third week of play in the Albemarle baseball league sharing equally the honors going to holders of first place. After defeating Edenton to annex its sixth victory of the season last Friday, Williamston went to Colerain Saturday to play off a tie game and lost 4 to 1, leaving the two teams tied for first place.

Before one of the largest crowds so far to see a game in the league, Williamston won over Edenton here last Friday by a 7 to 4 score, with Kugler pitching. With Taylor, Gaylord, and Earp featuring at the bat with three hits each, the locals made four of their runs in the third inning. Williamston made 12 hits, while Edenton was close with 11 of its own. Hart, Edenton centerfielder, knocked a home run in the fourth. Latham and Uzzle, of the local aggregation, each made a three base hit.

Burthing their hits in the first inning, the Colerain nine scored two runs on a single and two doubles in the Saturday game. In the second, errors cost Williamston two more runs, but after that the Martins tightened up and Colerain scored no more. Herring allowed but 8 hits in the entire game, and after the second inning yielded only 3. Williamston scored its lone run in the sixth when Brake got a double with two out. Uzzle walked and James made a two-base hit to score Brake. The Martins made a total of nine hits, but Marshall kept them fairly well scattered. Colerain borrowed Edenton's catcher, Suttfield, and the game was played under protest.

Box score and summary of Saturday's game:

WILLIAMSTON	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Earp, ss	4	0	2	2	1	1
Gaylord, lf	4	0	2	2	0	0
Latham, c	4	0	0	3	0	1
Brake, 2b	4	1	1	1	1	1
Uzzle, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
James, rf	4	0	2	3	0	0
Taylor, 1b	4	0	2	8	2	0
Page, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cherry, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Herring, p	4	0	0	5	0	0
Totals	35	1	9	24	4	3

COLERAIN

Freeman, ss	4	2	3	1	0	0
Suttonfield, c	3	0	0	1	3	0
Brogdon, 3b	4	1	2	5	2	0
White, 2b	4	0	1	1	2	0
Joyner, 1b	4	0	0	2	3	0
Pratt, cf	4	0	0	15	1	0
Cofield, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Marshall, p	3	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	33	4	8	27	13	0

Score by innings:

W	Colerain	R
Williamston	000	001 000-4
Colerain	220	000 00x-4

Two-base hits: Gaylord, Brogdon, James, Brake; double play: Herring to Taylor; base on balls: off Marshall 1; off Herring 2; struck out: by Marshall 5; by Herring 3. Umpire: Early.

Jamesville Junior Team Defeats Dardens 12 to 2

Jamesville's junior baseball nine, behind the 4-hit pitching of V. Hassell, defeated Dardens last Saturday by a 12 to 2 score.

J. Hassell, Blount and Corey, with two hits each, led at bat for Jamesville, while Reason featured at the bat for Dardens.

Reason and Gurkin formed the losing battery. Hardison caught for Jamesville. Ange starred on the field for Jamesville.

Holly Springs Church Ladies To Serve Supper

The ladies of the Holly Springs Methodist church will serve an ice cream supper there Thursday night of this week at 8 o'clock in an effort to raise funds for the church. The public is invited.

FEW COMPLAINTS MADE TO COUNTY BOARD MONDAY

Property Listings for 1933 Are Generally Accepted By Owners in County

Comparatively few complaints were made to the board of equalization in session here yesterday in connection with 1933 property listings. And still fewer changes were made by the board, it was learned from a study of the minutes.

The board members, Messrs. Joshua L. Coltrain, V. G. Taylor, T. C. Griffin, chairman; H. S. Everett, and J. E. Pope, were in session a greater part of the day, but they were asked to consider less than a dozen appeals.

The 129 acres of Tarklin Neck lands listed to R. L. Coburn in Jamesville Township was changed and listed to R. L. Coburn, receiver. Two male dogs were listed to R. L. Coburn in Jamesville Township.

The value of James R. Harrison's store in Bear Grass township was reduced from \$1,050 to \$960.

A reduction from \$1,700 to \$500 was granted the Standard Oil Company on its old bulk plant in Hamilton Township.

The value of the Standard Oil Company service station on the corner of Main and Haughton Streets in Williamston was reduced from \$6,665 to \$6,500.

A reduction of \$500 was granted the North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank on property in Robersonville Township, the bank showing that timber of that value had been cut and removed. The value of the 98 acres of Coburn land is now \$2,500.

H. C. Norman is to be given a hearing on his property values in Robersonville Township on the first Monday in July.

The board recessed to meet again July 3.

NEGRESS BURNS SPOUSE TO DEATH

Former Martin Woman Is Now in Halifax Jail for Horrible Crime

Ernestine Brown, former Martin County negress, is being held in the Halifax County jail charged with pouring a gallon of kerosene on her husband and setting fire to it last week. The husband, Wiley Brown, railroad workman, died from the burns a day or two later.

According to reports received here Brown went home and retired in an intoxicated condition. He was awakened by his burning clothes, and before he could tear them from his body he was fatally burned. Neighbors are said to have seen the wife pour the oil on the man and set fire to it.

Brown, said to be a native of Bertie County, lived in Goose Nest Township for a number of years, moving to Hobgood about two years ago to continue his work with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Odum and sons are spending several days with relatives in Norfolk.

Martins Drop Two Games, But Boost Batting Average

The Martins continued their good work with the stick in the second week's play of the Albemarle League, cracking out 62 hits for 77 bases in the five games played, for a team average of .333. Although the locals dropped two games during the week, more hits were made and more runs scored per game, on an average, than the week before, when three were won and one tied. The team average for all nine games played so far is .315.

Uzzle continues to show the way for the regulars, although his average dropped from .563 to .432. Brake, second-sacker, just about held his own as runner up, with a percentage last week of .410 as compared with .412 the week before. Eli Marion (Sammy) Taylor showed the most improvement, getting 11 hits out of 20 trips for an average of .550, boosting his previous week's mark of .235 up to .406, and that is going some. Earp also climbed up, landing in fourth place with an average of .372. Gaylord is the fifth regular player to bat over .300, finishing the week with .308.

Gaylord forged ahead of Brake to lead in runs scored with 11. Uzzle, Brake, and Earp have each made a total of 16 hits, with Uzzle leading in total bases, 28. Brake, with 5 doubles, leads in that department; Latham has counted 3 three-baggers, and Uzzle has 2 home runs. Brake leads in sacrifices with 3.

Following is the table showing individual and team statistics and averages:

Player & Position	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SH	Pct.
Page, cf	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.500
Uzzle, 3b	9	37	7	16	2	2	2	28	0	.432
Brake, 2b	9	39	9	16	5	1	0	23	3	.410
Taylor, 1b	9	37	3	15	3	0	0	18	0	.406
Earp, ss	9	43	9	16	1	2	0	21	2	.372
Gaylord, lf	9	39	11	12	2	0	0	14	2	.308
James, rf	9	40	1	11	1	1	0	14	1	.275
Herring, p-cf	8	28	3	7	0	0	0	7	0	.250
Latham, c	9	35	10	7	1	3	0	14	2	.200
Cherry, p-cf	4	11	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	.182
Frank, cf	3	13	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	.154
Kugler, p-cf	4	13	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	.076
Team Totals	9	337	55	106	15	9	2	145	11	.315

Few Criminal Cases Left in Court Today

STORES CLOSE

Local merchants are all set for a half-day holiday tomorrow. The stores will be closed at 1 o'clock, and patrons are cordially urged to do their shopping early in the day.

The holiday schedule is planned for each Wednesday afternoon during June, July and part of August.

The people are asked to cooperate with the merchants and business houses in making the practice successful.

IS JAILED FOR STEALING CAR

Lawrence Cayton Awaits Trial with All Clothes Torn from His Body

Lawrence Cayton, young white man formerly of the Aurora section, but lately of Edenton, was placed in the county jail here last Saturday for the alleged theft of Mr. L. B. Harrison's Ford sedan the latter part of May. The man is said to have admitted the theft and also said that he held up a filling station proprietor near Aurora the same night. On June 7, Cayton cut a negro badly in Raleigh and started to leave and wrecked the car near Wendell. He was in a Raleigh hospital for a few days with a hip injury.

The filling station operator near Aurora took the number of the car license tags, and later learned from an acquaintance of Cayton the name of the driver. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck asked Chowan officers to effect the arrest should Cayton return there. Last Friday night the man went to the home of his brother, and Sheriff Boyce took him into custody a few hours later.

In jail here Sunday, Cayton went on a rampage, burning his bedding in the jail and tearing his clothes from his body. Officers placed him in the "crazy" cell, and he soon became quiet. Today he was retsing in his cell with nothing on except his socks and shoes. Officers are of the opinion he is crazy, and what to do with him is indeed a problem. Reports from Raleigh indicate the car was badly damaged, that it was hardly worth repairing.

Weldon Farmer To Grow Wheat for His Own Use

William Pearce, of Weldon, will grow a supply of flour for himself and the tenants on his plantation from a field of 72 acres in wheat. He has killed and cured enough meat to last through the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Odum and sons are spending several days with relatives in Norfolk.

NEGRO GIVEN 20 TO 25 YEARS ON MURDER CHARGE

Grand Jury Returned Six True Bills of Indictment During First Day

With one of the smallest criminal dockets scheduled for the superior court in years, Judge R. Hunt Parker yesterday morning called the first case and will, it is believed, complete the work some time today.

Although a murder case was heard yesterday, the first in several terms, comparatively small crowds are in attendance for the proceedings.

Three cases, one charging Josh Pritchett and Earl Mary with housebreaking and larceny, and the others charging Mary with larceny and receiving and carrying a concealed weapon, were remanded to the juvenile court, as the defendant was under 16 years of age.

John F. Flannagan, charged with forcible trespass, was found not guilty.

Upon the payment of \$10 to the court, John R. Whitchard, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, was given until September to pay the remainder of his fine.

John Simmons, colored, pleaded not guilty in the case charging him with the murder of his brother, Tom Simmons, in Goose Nest Township, last March. Solicitor Gilliam stated he would not ask for a first degree verdict, but would be satisfied with a second-degree charge. At the end of the evidence, the defendant pleaded guilty, and Judge Parker sentenced him to 10 years for not less than 20 nor more than 25 years. Several versions of the killing were told, and it is believed that Simmons escaped the electric chair when the evidence indicated that Tom, his brother, had chased him around with a knife. And then Simmons said he was drinking and hardly knew what he had done until later.

Lee Wimbush and Levi Williams were sentenced to the roads for six months when they were adjudged guilty of stealing the tools of Ben Glisson, inmate at the county home.

The court, after working for a short while on the case charging Jim Henry Nelson with assault with intent to kill, adjourned until this morning. Adjudged guilty today, the young boy was sentenced to the roads for a period of 18 months.

The following true bills were returned by the grand jury: John Simmons, murder.

Lee Wimbush and Levi Williams, housebreaking and larceny.

Henry Raynor, housebreaking and larceny.

Lawrence Cayton, larceny.

Jim Henry Nelson, assault with intent to kill.

M. E. Bunting, embezzlement.

The jury is investigating the guardians' accounts at the direction of the court, but up until noon today its findings had not been made public.