



MANY CASES ARE TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

Court Collects \$185 in Fines and Imposes Several Road Sentences

After a forced holiday of two weeks while the superior court was in session, the county recorder's court resumed its activities here last Tuesday. With 18 cases on the docket, the court was in session a greater part of the day, and found it necessary to continue several actions until next Tuesday, when another crowded docket is expected.

The court made up for lost time, collecting several sizeable fines and forwarding a few defendants to the roads.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging M. D. Taylor with reckless driving.

W. V. Venters, charged with reckless driving, failed to answer when called.

L. S. Crawford was fine \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly.

The case charging T. V. Davis with forcible trespass was heard and continued.

The case charging John A. Griffin and C. B. Roberson with violating the liquor laws was continued under prayer for judgment.

Harmon Manning was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for operating a car while intoxicated. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of six months.

Thurston Taylor, violating the liquor laws, was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

A \$50 fine was imposed upon L. B. Peel for operating a car while under the influence of liquor. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of six months.

Wesley Baker was sentenced to the roads for a period of three months when he was adjudged guilty of operating an automobile while drunk.

Murray Ballenger, charged with the theft of a pistol from David Keel, was found not guilty.

Charged with abandonment and non support, R. N. Farmer was directed to pay to Annie Beth Farmer and 11 children the sum of \$15 each month for six months. An appeal was noted, the court requiring bond in the sum of \$100.

Robert Jones, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging James Washington Smith with abandonment and non support.

The receipts for the session, not including costs, amounted to \$185. The series of cases originating over the past week-end will be scheduled for trial next Tuesday, it is understood, the court having made a ruling that cases originating after Friday preceding court on Tuesday will be called on Tuesday of the week following.

Aged Negro Dubious About Signing Papers

Applying for relief at the county welfare office here recently, an aged colored man hesitated in signing the request slip. Apparently in need of succor, the old man went ahead and signed, but after leaving the office he started studying the matter over and became frightened. He rushed back to the office and wanted to know if he had "signed away his chillun" when he wrote his name on the dotted line. Assured that he had not done anything like that, he went out happy in the thought that he could keep his children and that relief was on the way.

Make Extensive Plans for Loading Poultry in County

Starting operations several weeks ago, Anderson and Russell, Virginia poultry concern, are now maintaining an extensive loading schedule in this county.

Next Monday, the trucks will make stops at Robersonville, Parmele, Stokes, Bear Grass, Roberson's Store in Griffins Township, and at Jamesville. Next Wednesday the truck will make stops at Hobgood, Oak City, Hamilton and Williamston. The concern is carrying its schedule in two advertisements in this paper, and is paying as high as 18 cents a pound for fowl.

Regular Services Sunday at the Christian Church

Bible school at 9:45 and morning worship at 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30. The pastor will preach on, "A Voice from the Buried Past" at 11 o'clock and on, "The Truth Shall Make You Free" at the 7:30 o'clock service. The public is cordially invited.

Loans for \$150 or Less Now Made By Emergency Group

More than 100 applications for emergency loans have been received by the local office since operations were started last week, it was learned yesterday. Most of the loans were for amounts under \$50, and several checks have been forwarded here for distribution to the borrowers.

According to a ruling announced here this morning, a new regulation was obtained from the Farm Credit Administration permitting applicants for loans not to exceed

\$150 to obtain them from the emergency fund without having to first apply to the new farm loan agencies set up throughout the country which require stock subscriptions in the amount of 5 per cent of the loan.

Many complaints have been made by small borrowers, causing the authorities to make it possible for those farmers desiring to borrow \$150 or less to borrow from the emergency fund without applying for a loan from the crop production agency.

Several Candidates File During Week

Fair Sized Tax Collections Reported in County So Far

While tax collections were considered fair in this county last month, the income during the period was considerably less than it was the month before, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said yesterday. The decrease was traceable to small accounts rather than to the number of payers. In fact, the sheriff said, the number paying their accounts during last month was about as large as the number paying the month before.

L. B. ANGE DIES AT DARDENS

Funeral Service Conducted at Home There Last Wednesday

Levie Blount Ange, highly respected farmer, died at his home in the Ange section near Dardens Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis suffered two days before. Pneumonia quickly set in following the stroke, and that was given as the main cause of his death. Mr. Ange had been in unusually good health prior to the illness, and was very active on his farm.

Sixty-three years old, Mr. Ange was born in the Angetown section, and spent his entire life there as a tiller of the soil. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church. In early life he was married to Miss Millie Berry, who survives with two daughters and two sons. The names of the children are: Mrs. Geneva Oliver and Miss Clara Dell Ange, Elton and Thurman Ange, all of this county. He also leaves four brothers, the Messrs. Levin, James R., Charles and Lawrence Ange, all of the Angetown section of the county, and three grand children.

Funeral services were conducted from his late home Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the Rev. Duff Tolar, Free Will Baptist minister, conducting the last rites. Interment was in the Waters family cemetery in Jamesville Township.

Local Parents-Teacher Group To Meet April 11

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its monthly meeting in the grammar school auditorium on Wednesday, April 11, at 3:30. The meeting has been changed to the above date in order to permit an address by Dr. William D. Riley, of the State Board of Health. Dr. Riley is scheduled to spend a part of next Wednesday afternoon talking with the high school boys on the topic of "Morals and Health," and has consented to address the association on the topic of "Ignorance, Innocence and Disease."

The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Dr. P. B. Cone Undergoes Operation In Richmond

Undergoing an operation in a Richmond hospital last Wednesday, Dr. P. B. Cone is getting along as well as could be expected, according to reports received here at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the hospital. He was resting well at that time, and spent a comfortable night. His condition is considered very serious, however.

J. T. Barnhills Plan To Move Here from Everett

Selling their Haughton Street home to Mr. and Mrs. Jule T. Barnhill, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hassell have moved to an apartment in the late Eli Gurganus home on Main Street. After making a few alterations, the Barnhills plan to move to the Haughton Street home from Everett.

MARTHA DELLA MANNING DIED LAST TUESDAY

Last Rites Held at Home in Griffins Township at 2:30 Yesterday

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 for Mrs. Martha Della Manning, beloved woman of Griffins Township, at the home of her son, Stephen Manning, Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minister, assisted by P. E. Getsinger, of the Primitive Baptist church, conducted the last rites. Interment was in the plot of her forebears in the Daniel community of Griffins Township.

Mrs. Manning, 68 years old the early part of this year, had enjoyed very good health up to about six months ago, when she started failing. However, her condition did not become serious until about three weeks ago, when she was forced to her bed. During the last few days of her life, her condition was considered critical and the end was expected. Death was caused by some artery trouble, but with which she never complained, the end coming peacefully at 6:15 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Manning, the daughter of the late David R. and Mary Daniel, was born in Griffins Township. Nearly 50 years ago she was married to Harmon James Manning, who died in October, 1916. Five of the children born to the union survive. Their names are Mrs. Jordan Peel, Mrs. George Griffin, and Messrs. William Dave, Ben R., and Stephen Manning, all of the same community in Griffins Township. She also leaves one stepdaughter, Mrs. James A. Roberson, also of Griffins Township.

About 45 years ago, Mrs. Manning joined the Primitive Baptist church at Smithwick's Creek, adhering closely to Christian principles in her walk of life. She was a good woman, quiet and unassuming. She was faithful to her duties as a wife and mother and was neighborly to all. She was the last of the David Daniel family, a family of prominence in that section.

UNIQUE SERVICE AT CHURCH HERE

Will Feature Presence All Members Joining Church During Eight Years

Featuring the presence of all the persons who have united with the Baptist church, in any way, during the eight years in which the present pastor has been here, will be the idea underlying the service Sunday evening, when the hour of meeting changes from 7:30 to 8 o'clock.

During these gracious years, a considerable number of people have come into this church, many of them this year. The pastor is asking that, as much as is humanly possible, all these men, women, and children be present Sunday night, at which time the service will be held in their honor.

Following the Sunday school sessions Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock, Holy communion will be observed in the church at the 11 o'clock hour, and all members should be present, especially those recently baptized; and at the conclusion of the service the doors of the church will be opened again for the reception of any one who is contemplating uniting with the church.

There will be another baptismal service at the conclusion of the Sunday night service, thus giving any one who may so desire an opportunity of uniting with the church Sunday morning and being baptized with the others at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

Sunday Services at the Local Episcopal Church

E. F. Mosley, Rector
First Sunday after Easter.
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon, 11.
Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30.
On Easter the attendance was excellent. Let us continue this good record. The attendance contest includes the second and third Sundays of this month.

Fire Company Called to Municipal Water Plant

After a several weeks period of inactivity, the local fire company was called out last Wednesday noon, when fire starting from burning tar threatened the toolhouse at the municipal water-plant on Sycamore Street. Employees at the plant rolled the tar barrel and cooker to a safe distance and had the fire under control when the apparatus reached the scene. There was only a slight damage.

Start Construction Work On C. A. Harrison Home

Construction work on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harrison and family was started this morning by Wilkins and Wilkins, Wilson contractors. Mr. R. S. Wilkins was here yesterday completing the building arrangements for the two-story brick structure. The home will be located on Academy Street next to that of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woolard.

To Discuss Baseball at Public Meeting Tonight

Preliminary plans for organizing a baseball team here this year will be discussed at a public meeting to be held in the Dennis Simmons building this evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

A manager and directors will be selected to investigate the possibilities of entering a league in this section during the coming season, it was stated.

Those interested in baseball are cordially invited to be present.

Wife Killed, Baby Wounded By Aged Man Late Tuesday

TOWN BOARD HOLDS MEET

Discuss Problem Centering Around Sanitary Law Affecting Town

The monthly meeting of the local town commissioners held Wednesday evening was marked for its inactivity, there being very little business of any kind scheduled for discussion.

An interesting point in the sanitary law requiring connections with the sewer and water lines where the property is located within 200 feet of the lines was brought up at the meeting when Harry Jones asked the privilege to build an outhouse on his property facing Warren Street in New Town. No definite action was taken in the matter. If there is such a law requiring connections within 200 feet of pipe lines, then many property owners, with the aid of the now deceased CWA, have violated the law by spotting the little houses on the landscape here and there throughout the community. Probably the most direct case is the one in the business district on Washington Street. In the meantime Jones is without.

The withdrawal of restrictions on meat markets was discussed, but the question was tabled.

Privilege licenses for plumbing and electrical contractors were established, the board fixing a charge of \$10 each annually.

OPEN STATION HERE TUESDAY

J. A. Manning To Manage Modern Sinclair Service Station at City Hall

Leasing the newly erected and modern filling station of the Sinclair Oil Refining Company on the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets, John A. Manning plans to formally start operations there next Monday, it was learned today.

The station, costing approximately \$5,000, is strictly modern. It is equipped with automatic car lifters, enclosed washing pits, and conveniences for motorists. Located next to the City Hall, the station occupies the lot where Carstarphen's store stood for nearly a century.

The station proprietor will offer a service in keeping with the up-to-date station, he said in announcing the formal opening for next Monday.

DISTRICT MEET OF CLUB WOMEN AT JAMESVILLE

Managing Editor Raleigh Paper To Speak at Meet In Washington

Home demonstration club members in the county are looking forward to their annual district meeting which will be held in Washington April 11, with real pleasure. All should plan to attend and help make this the best meeting ever held. The program will be as follows in the Turnage theatre, 10:00 a. m.—Invocation by all club women; address of welcome, Miss Belva Bennett; Response, Mrs. J. S. Ayers of Martin County; Announcements, Mrs. J. M. Tankard; Solo, Rev. Stephen Gardner; Introduction of speaker, Miss Pauline Smith; Address, Mr. Frank Smethurst, of Raleigh; Special music, music club of Washington; Reports; Group singing; Greetings, John H. Small; Introduction of speaker, Mrs. J. Brooks Tucker; "Wild Flowers in North Carolina," by Dr. B. W. Wells of Raleigh.

12:30—Luncheon in the Episcopal parish house.

Report of courtesy committee; Election of delegate to the meeting of North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs, May 2, 3, and 4. Adult study hour, Miss Dora E. Coats. 3:00 p. m.—Adjournment.

Magician To Appear at School Here Tuesday

Wallace, the magician, will present an entertainment in the local high school auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Wallace has a reputation for delighting his audiences with numerous tricks of magic, illusions and stunts. Although he is primarily a magician, he is also an expert with the chalked crayon and is a good ventriloquist. He carries a number of ducks, rabbits and pigeons for use in his illusions.

The junior class of the local school is sponsoring the entertainment.

FAIR DATES

Martin County's greater, Roanoke Fair will be held here the week beginning October 29, it was officially announced this week by N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, which organization is sponsoring the event.

"We are going to have a real clean, wholesome amusement company," Bartlett said, adding that special emphasis will be put on the agricultural and livestock exhibits.

"A complete program of free acts will be booked with all the accessories that go to make a fair a real fair," Secretary Bartlett continued.

JOS. GREGORY DIED THURSDAY

Hold Funeral at Old Home Place in Bertie County Near Williamston

Joseph Gregory, a citizen of Williamston for more than 15 years, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Yates, in Elizabeth City yesterday afternoon shortly before 6 o'clock. He had been in declining health for several years, retiring from active work more than one year ago. Brights and a complication of other diseases, resulted in death.

A native of Bertie County, Mr. Gregory was born on a farm just across Conine Swamp 57 years ago. Coming to this county about 16 years ago, he worked with the Daniel and Stator mill for a while and later went with the C. O. Moore grocery. During his 11 years of service there, he made many friends throughout this section. His health failing, he left the grocery business and managed a service station for quite a while before retiring. He was a member of the local Baptist church, adhering closely to the teachings and principles of his Maker. Humble and quiet in his manner, Mr. Gregory was highly respected by all who knew him.

With the exception of his sister in Elizabeth City, he has no immediate relatives.

The funeral procession leaves Elizabeth City at noon today and will continue to the old home place two miles from the highway on the road to Cedar Landing, where the last rites will be conducted by Rev. E. C. Kolb, Baptist minister of Windsor.

HENRY STEVENS, A FORMER COMMANDER OF AMERICAN LEGION, TO SPEAK

The first event on the Jamesville school commencement program will be held at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening, May 4, when the musical recital, under the direction of Miss Annie Glasgow, will be held, it was announced this week by Professor A. L. Pollock.

On Sunday morning, May 6, Rev. C. H. Dickey, pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, will deliver the commencement sermon at 11 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The annual class day exercises will take place Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock, May 8.

On Thursday evening, May 10, at 8:00 o'clock, a high school play, "The Hobgoblin House," will be presented by the high school pupils.

The final event on the commencement program will take place Friday evening, May 11, when Hon. Henry L. Stevens, jr., former national commander of the American Legion and a prominent lawyer of Duplin County, will deliver the annual literary address. Immediately following the address, certificates of diplomas will be delivered, and awards for the year made.

High School Team Drops Game To Elizabeth City

The local high school baseball nine, opening the season with Elizabeth City there last Wednesday afternoon suffered an 11 to 3 licking. Matthews pitched a good game for the locals, it was said, but poor support accounted for the one-sided score. The locals, having practiced but little, made 10 errors. While the Pasquotank lads were credited with 12 hits, the locals made 8.

The second game of the season is scheduled with Greenville here this afternoon.

JOE DAVENPORT HELD IN COUNTY JAIL FOR CRIME

Attentions of Another Man To His Wife Given As Cause

Tragedy, horrible in its every detail, followed a period of degeneracy in the "Islands" section of Williams Township last Tuesday afternoon about dusk, when Joe Davenport, 73, shot and killed his wife and critically injured her 7-months-old baby. The crime, described as one of the most heinous in the annals of Martin County history, was the climax to a series of fights, quarrels, and base lewdness.

Davenport is in jail here, officers awaiting the outcome of the child's wounds before making arrangements for a preliminary hearing in the dastardly case. The child, a girl, continues to show improvement. The mother was buried in the Barber burial plot in Jamesville Township Wednesday afternoon, A. Cory conducting the last rites.

Several versions of the horrible killing have been advanced, all indicating that the trouble started when Davenport, said to be about 73 years of age, resented the treatment accorded him by his wife, 26 years old, and the attention given one Mack Knox by her. It is alleged that Davenport had tried to run Knox from his home, but the wife sheltered him, reports going so far as to say that the woman and her suitor carried on their illicit affairs right in the Davenport home. Other differences were reported from time to time, and at the time of the killing, each was under indictment for assaulting the other.

Mrs. Davenport was sentenced to jail for a period of 30 days by Judge Peel in recorder's court recently for shooting her husband in the foot. She appealed from the sentence, and the case was continued in the recent term of Martin Superior Court. There are five children, the oldest having been born before the marriage, and of the four others, old man Joe claims the parentage of only one.

These happenings led to the tragic climax last Tuesday afternoon when the woman returned home, claiming to have visited a neighbor and assisting in popping peanuts for planting. Davenport accused her of having been away with Knox, and the quarrel started.

Davenport got his pump gun and claims that she started after him with a rifle. Holding the baby in her left arm, she started to raise the rifle and fire on him, the old man said. He lifted his gun and fired, a number of shot striking the woman in the abdomen and 52 others entering or piercing the 7-months-old child in the legs and left hand. The child was dropped to the ground by her mother, Davenport claiming that his life was again threatened when his wife started to raise the rifle and that he fired the second time. The load tore into the woman's head, causing death almost instantly. Leaving the body in the yard, a short distance from the house, Davenport picked up the child, entered the house and laid the tot on a bed. Said to have first considered suicide, the old codger changed his mind and decided to await the arrival of the sheriff. It is believed by some that Davenport has not yet realized the seriousness of his act, and that the suicide idea never entered his head.

Surrounded by high waters, the island was almost isolated and it was nearly three hours after the shooting before word reached officers and they could reach the scene. Out in the darkness a short distance from the humble abode the woman's body was found slumped on the ground. After removing the body into the house, the officers found the little child asleep, her legs pouring forth blood at nearly every beat of the heart. The other children, one of unusually low mentality, were either in bed or sitting around the room with the murderer.

Stillness gripped the scene when the officers took the aged man into custody and an Enterprise reporter lifted the infant from her bed and started here, leaving four little children at home alone with their dead mother and three neighbors. Other neighbors were asked to go to the home and look after the children.

Riding in a wagon that was almost floated away by the high waters, the child never whimpered from the time she was removed from her bed until after she had been given medical attention and placed in the hands of welfare workers. This morning, de-

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