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## 2 MURDER CASES ON DOCKET FOR SUPERIOR COURT

### Only 11 Cases On Docket For Trial In Criminal Court Next Week

With only 11 cases scheduled for trial, the criminal docket of the Martin County Superior Court for the two-week term beginning next Monday is the smallest in several years. Two days, Monday and Tuesday, have been allotted to the trial of the 11 cases. Judge W. A. Devin, of Oxford, will preside.

More than half the cases have to do with alleged robbery and larceny, interest, however, centering around two murder cases. Phoebe Moore, colored woman, and Joe Wheeler James, colored, are facing first-degree murder charges.

The Moore woman shot and fatally wounded Sam Simmons, colored electrician helper, on Church Street here the morning of July 3. Jealousy is said to have prompted the shooting. The woman left her work that morning about 9 o'clock with a big army pistol wrapped in a newspaper. She found Simmons talking to a friend on Church Street and, without warning, fire a shot through his body. He fell mortally wounded in a near-by yard where he sought safety. He died a few minutes later at his home.

Joe Wheeler James shot and fatally injured Will Worley, colored, near here on the night of July 17. The man died in a Washington hospital several hours later. The trouble started when James and Henry Rogers, both colored, were ordered from the home of a woman named Biggs. Rogers, charged with being an accessory before the fact of murder, is said to have gotten the gun for James to kill Worley. The three defendants have been held in jail since or immediately after the killings.

Nine of the eleven cases were bound over to the high court by justices of the peace, the other two having been appealed from judgments in the county recorder's court.

Other cases appearing on the docket and not previously mentioned are as follows:

Charlie Wiggins, larceny and receiving.

Booker T. Hill, secret and felonious assault.

Daniel Ryan, larceny and receiving.

Buster Spruill, larceny. This case originated when Spruill stole a watermelon valued at 10 cents. He was tried in the county court and appealed to the higher tribunal when he was taxed with the costs, or, in the event he failed to pay the cost, go to the roads for 30 days.

Floyd Jones, storebreaking and larceny and receiving.

Frank and Lee Speller, larceny and receiving.

Ollie Page, manslaughter. Page was the driver of the truck that figured in the wreck near Robersonville last week, costing two young men their lives. Page is represented by Attorney J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, and the prosecution will be aided by Raleigh attorneys, it is understood.

Leek Page, larceny and reckless driving.

In the event the criminal docket is completed Tuesday, the court is scheduled to start proceedings in the Smithwick Creek Primitive Baptist church case Wednesday morning. This case is expected to attract more attention than the combined criminal docket.

## Series of Services at the Holy Trinity Mission

Beginning Sunday afternoon, there will be a week of special services at the Holy Trinity Mission near Bear Grass. On Sunday the service will be at 3:30 p. m., but from Monday thru Friday the hour is 7:30. Rev. E. F. Moseley will preach at four of the services. On Tuesday evening Rev. Z. T. Piephoff will be the guest preacher, and on Wednesday evening Rev. Leon Malone will preach. The friends of the mission are cordially invited to attend these services and help make them of real value to the community.

## Colored Schools of County To Start Term Monday

The colored schools of the county open the new term next Monday, the authorities anticipating an enrollment of close to 3,000 pupils.

With more than 3,000 white children already on the school path and with about 3,000 colored seekers of learning starting out next Monday, more than one-fourth of the county's population will be going to and coming from school next week.

## To Start Revival Service at Sweet Home Sunday

Rev. S. L. Jones, of Snow Hill, will begin a series of revival services in the Sweet Home church beginning on Sunday night, it was announced yesterday. The public is invited to hear him.

## Market Well on Toward Three Million Mark With Sale Today

With approximately 250,000 pounds of tobacco on the floors here today, the local tobacco market has passed the two and three-quarter million mark with the season average ranging around \$26.25. Yesterday the market sold 193,354 pounds, bringing the total poundage up to 2,515,774, which sold for \$659,473.29, a resulting average of \$26.21.

Sales were brisk today, Sales Supervisor R. W. McFarland stating that the floors would be cleared this afternoon. Prices are better than they were yesterday for certain types of tobacco, and the leaf that is in good condition is still commanding good prices.

Activities in the three warehouses this morning were under way and in full swing with the

farmers unloading their offerings at windows, doors, and in the streets. Sales were started promptly at nine o'clock and all tobacco was placed on the floors in ample time.

Tips were offered in comparatively large quantities, but good averages were reported generally throughout the market by the growers.

Williamston's warehousemen continue a strong bid for tobacco in force, and indications point to large sales next week.

Something has been said about the orderly marketing of the crop, but if farmers wish to wind up their marketing activities in a hurry, they will find the local market one of the best places in the belt to sell their tobacco.

## 759 ENROLLED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS ON OPENING DAY

### First Grade Breaks Records With 111 Children Enrolled

Williamston's white schools, were opened for the 1934-35 term Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock with 759 pupils enrolled, establishing an all-time first-day attendance record. Although experiencing trouble in the transportation on account of a shortage of trucks, the schools here were off to a good start this week, giving bright promise for a successful year in the community's educational program. With the number of teachers two below the standard established by the State School Commission, the principal and teachers were quick to effect a balanced organization, and activities were smoothly under way this morning, Principal Hix said.

The opening exercises in the high school building were conducted by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Following the brief devotional service, the Presbyterian minister made a short talk, basing his theme upon the story of the three talents. Announcements were made, the several hundred pupils and a dozen or more visitors bringing the informal exercises to a close with a song.

Interest in the opening activities centered in the first-grade enrollment. Only 111 little tots knocked at the door of opportunity, the enrollment of beginners exceeding the last year figures by 34. Three friendly teachers greeted the little folks, a few of whom hesitated in starting their educational adventures. All were said to be feeling more "at home" today, reports today indicating that the youngsters were fast becoming acclimated to their new surroundings. The young tots from the rural sections, many of whom made their first visit to town in their lives, are said to have readily fallen in line and seemed to more than enjoy the new life opened to them.

Attendance was increased in all the elementary grades, the teacher load reaching a climax in the third grade B section, where 52 children are crowded into one room. The sixth and seventh grades, with 156 pupils enrolled, are a bit crowded, too.

The decrease of 21 students in the high school will be partly overcome within the next few days, when necessary tasks are completed outside by a number of young men, Principal Hix said. There were 160 enrolled in the high school Wednesday.

Attendance figures for Wednesday by grades are as follows: First (three sections) 111; second, section A, 44; second grade, section B, 35; third, section A, 46; third, section B, 52; fourth, section A, 36; fourth, section B, 38; fifth, section A, 42; fifth, section B, 39; sixth and seventh grades, 156; eighth grade, sections 1 and 2, 59; ninth grade 42; tenth grade 37; and eleventh 22, a total of 759—599 in the elementary department and 160 in the high school.

## Martin County Boy Resigns As Member of State Patrol

New Bern.—Wiley T. Crawford, of Martin County, who has been here for the past three years as a member of the state highway patrol, has resigned his position, effective next Saturday, and is taking this week on leave, spending the time with his family at a Morehead City cottage. His successor has not yet been named.

## Rev. Gilbert Davis Will Preach At Fairview Church

Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Plymouth, will preach in the Fairview Christian Church Sunday night and each night thereafter during the coming week. The public is cordially invited to attend and participate in the services.

## NUMBER CASES IN COUNTY COURT SHOWS INCREASE

### Ten Cases Were Disposed of; Several Sentences and Fines Meted Out

There was a slight increase in the last Tuesday session of the county recorder's court, Judge Peel calling 10 cases for consideration. None was of any great importance, but one or two fines were imposed and several road sentences were meted out.

Probable cause appearing, the case charging Hoyt Smith with housebreaking was bound over to the superior court for trial.

A nol proes resulted in the case charging J. S. Whitman with an assault.

Charged with reckless driving, Robert Leggett was found not guilty.

William Coppedge pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly in the case charging him with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. He was fined \$25, taxed with the cost, and given a suspended 90-day road sentence.

Simon Jenkins was sentenced to the roads for 60 days for violating the liquor laws.

Leek Page, charged with larceny and reckless driving, was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Clifton Davis with an assault.

The case charging J. M. Sparks with operating an automobile while intoxicated, was continued until the first Tuesday in October.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging J. H. Beacham with operating a car with improper lights.

A continuance was granted in the case charging James Boston with operating a car while drunk. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required for his release.

## DERAILED TRAIN TEARS UP TRACK

### Passenger and Mail Service Delayed Several Hours Here Yesterday

The Atlantic Coast Line passenger train scheduled to arrive here at 10:30 a. m. was delayed several hours yesterday, when the tender, or coal car, was derailed two miles below here. The railway mail clerk was bounced around some, but no one was hurt very badly.

One set of wheels jumped the track on a curve, and tore up or damaged about 400 cross-ties before the train could be stopped. The delay was prolonged when the brakes are said to have locked, and workmen were unable to release them. After the freight train failed to pull the train back on the track, equipment for clearing wrecks was ordered out of Rocky Mount.

Passengers were transferred to automobiles and carried to their destinations, it was said. Mail was also transferred, reaching here about three hours late.

## Free-for-all Fight Staged Near Warehouses Here

A free-for-all fight, patterned after those of days gone by, was reported in the warehouse district yesterday afternoon with a crowd of colored people, estimated to number from 15 to 25, taking part. Fighting with fist, skull, and feet the group of men, women and children pulled hair, scratched and bit one another after a mad fashion, the thick of the fight reaching three tier deep at times.

When the smoke of battle cleared, broken tobacco sticks were left as relics of the brawl. Not much blood was spilled, but scratches and bruises were reported in great numbers giving clear evidence to a hot fight.

## KIWANIANS HERE HOSTS AT DINNER TO TOBACCO MEN

### Future for Local Market Is Declared Bright By R. W. McFarland

The local Kiwanis Club was host to the tobaccoists of the town in the Woman's Club hall last Wednesday evening, when about 60 members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner sandwiched with music and short talks. The visitors were heartily welcomed by Mayor John L. Hassell, following which Mr. J. E. King briefly reviewed the activities of the market and the growth of the town during the past half-dozen years. Mr. King gave much credit for the fine spirit and great success of the Williamston Tobacco market this year to Jimmie Taylor.

Mr. Taylor was next with an impromptu speech in which he pointed out that he had done his best in the past and proposes to do even more in the future for the success of the market and the farmers of this and adjoining counties. At the close of his remarks, Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. R. W. McFarland, the market's able supervisor of sale, and he reviewed the essential elements in making a successful tobacco market. All of these elements and more are found right here, he declared. In relating his opinion of the town and county, he was very generous in his praise of the farmers, merchants, professional and business men and others he had met. He predicted with the continuance of the splendid spirit of cooperation now existing among the people throughout this section that the Williamston Tobacco market is in line for a substantial growth.

Following Mr. McFarland's address, Carroll Wilson, of Roanoke Rapids, lieutenant governor of this Kiwanis district, was introduced by Ray H. Goodson, club president. He made a few remarks on Kiwanis and told that the local club had enjoyed the largest percentage of growth of any club in this district this year. He then introduced three young men, Messrs. Buxton, Britton and Cullum, who entertained the assembly with a musical program. The three men rendered performances with their banjos that the slaves never thought of, even at 'possum and 'tate suppers at the before-war festivals. Their program was greatly enjoyed and received much applause.

A letter was read from 'Uncle Buck' Meadows, the grand old man of the market for so many years, announcing his deep regret for not being able to attend the dinner on account of infirmities. Mr. Meadows offered a brief sketch of the market from its opening 32 years ago to the present. He stated that, so far as he knew, he, J. G. Staton, Coy and James Monk are the only persons now living who were connected with the market at that time.

## Schedule of Services at the Baptist Church Sunday

This church welcomes all school teachers into the community and every person who has recently come to Williamston to live, either permanently or temporarily.

The schedule of services is as follows: Sunday school each Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock; morning preaching service at 11 o'clock; followed by the Sunday evening church service at 7:30 o'clock.

For a few weeks the Sunday night hour will be taken up in expository Bible study, the passage under consideration Sunday night being the second chapter in the first epistle of John.

To any or to all of these religious services the people are invited. This church will miss from its services and from the community the many young people who have recently gone away to school. It remembers its sick and aged. It welcomes with peculiar pleasure any newcomers to the community.

## Schedule of Services At Church of the Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector. Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30.

## Georgia Allotment Cards To Be Sold Farmers at 5c Pound

Arrangements are being completed today for those Martin County farmers who have used up their allotments for marketing tobacco to finish selling their crop on Georgia cards, T. B. Brandon, County Agent, said. The cards will be sold for around 5 cents a pound, the amount to be paid when the card is delivered. Farmers who have sold the amount allotted them and still have

## Over 3,300 White Children Enrolled in County Schools

### Comparison of Enrollment

With nine of the eleven white schools reporting an increase in enrollment figures, a record-breaking opening was experienced for the schools in this county last Wednesday morning when 3,315 children reported for work. The enrollment this year exceeded that of last year by 136 pupils, the elementary department showing a gain of 138 pupils and the high school division a loss of two. The figures below give an enrollment comparison in the elementary and high school departments for the opening this year and the one last term.

	1934-35			1933-34		
	H.S.	Ele.	Total	H.S.	Ele.	Total
Dardens	34	34	40	40	40	40
Jamesville	106	289	395	113	300	413
Farm Life	60	166	226	70	122	192
*Lilley's Hall						
Bear Grass	51	255	306	54	222	276
Williamston	160	599	759	181	555	736
Everetts		273	273		233	233
Robersonville	227	374	601	210	350	560
**Parrale					55	55
Hassell		90	90		50	50
Gold Point		65	65		48	48
Oak City	137	251	388	115	265	380
Hamilton		178	178		165	165
Totals	741	2,574	3,315	743	2,436	3,179

\*Consolidated this year with Farm Life.  
\*\*Consolidated with Robersonville in its entirety this term.

## DR. D. T. TAYLOR CAR IS STOLEN DIED IN HOSPITAL AND WRECKED; AT 1 A. M. TODAY TWO ARE HURT

### Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Tomorrow at 2 O'Clock P. M.

Dr. Dave T. Tayloe, prominent surgeon greatly beloved by the people of this section and particularly by those of Martin County for his humane activities among rich and poor as a member of the medical profession during the past number of years, died in his hospital at Washington this morning about 1 o'clock from a complication of diseases. He had suffered with Bright's disease for many years, and during the past few months he experienced a rapid decline in health.

The son of the late Dr. Dave Tayloe and wife, the young doctor had enriched his life by a faithful and untiring service to the people of Martin County and other sections through out eastern Carolina. Although he was only 40 years of age, he probably operated on more people from this county than any other man during his connection with the Tayloe hospital. News after his condition during the past several weeks had been eagerly awaited by the people of this county, and the announcement of his death came as a sorrowing shock to hundreds today.

Mrs. Tayloe with two children, survives. He also leaves two brothers, Drs. Josh and John C. Tayloe, prominent members of the medical profession in this and other states.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Episcopal church in Washington Saturday afternoon at about 2 o'clock by Rev. Stephen Gardner. Burial will be in the cemetery there.

## Presbyterian Women In Meeting Here Yesterday

Leaders of Presbyterian auxiliaries throughout this section held a meeting in the local church yesterday when courses of study were outlined. Ahoskie, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Washington, Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, and Roberson's Chapel were among the churches represented.

## Employment Office To Stop Activities Tomorrow

The national employment office maintained here during the past ten months and many other similar offices throughout the state will suspend operations tomorrow. Offices will be maintained only in the larger centers, it is understood.

Mr. J. W. Hines has headed the office in this county since it was established last November.

Information received from State authorities this morning indicated that the man was not Gains. The report stated that Gains, who escaped from the asylum last month, was believed to have been captured a day or two ago in Gainesville, Fla. Boyce was reported to have said just before he left in an ambulance at 11:30 today that his partner was named Bryan, that he had traveled all over the State. According to Boyce, the partner had been arrested a few weeks ago at Lumberton and released under bond. Several other stories were told but they all just added to the confusion, leaving officers with no definite idea who their patient is, where he come from or where he is going.

## NEW RECORD SET IN ENROLLMENT ON OPENING DAY

### Enrollment Figures Call for Six Additional Teachers In County's System

Vacation days ended for Martin County white children last Wednesday, when 3,310 of the little tots and young folks entered the 11 schools in the six districts, Superintendent J. C. Manning yesterday afternoon describing the opening as breaking all former enrollment records. Nine of the schools reported an increase in their opening-day enrollment, Gold Point with 42 more pupils enrolled this year than last, leading the county in number gained. County officials yesterday were inclined to believe there was some error in the report from the Gold Point plant, and a recheck is being made today. Robersonville was next with an increase of 41 pupils, the plant there showing a substantial gain in both its high school and grammar-grade pupils. Everetts had a substantial gain, reporting an increase of 40 pupils over last year's enrollment figures.

Jamesville reported a loss in both its high school and elementary departments, but Principal James Uzzle declared yesterday that the children will be there in considerably increased numbers within the next few days. Dardens lost six, as compared with its last-year enrollment.

Successful openings were reported in all the schools, the initial exercises being marked by informal programs and large numbers of visitors. Despite confusion resulting from a shortage of trucks and an insufficient number of teachers, prospects were described as encouraging throughout the county for the current term.

Enrollment figures are being considered with care in the county board of education office, the present indications pointing to the urgent need of six more teachers in the county system. Two or three of the teachers were earned last year, but for some reason or other were not allowed by the State School Commission. Using the opening-day enrollment figures as a basis, District 1 (Williamston) is due two additional teachers in its elementary school; District 2 (Robersonville) is due two teachers, one in the high school and one in the elementary department; District 3 (Oak City) is due an additional teacher in the high school; and District 5 (Farm Life) is due another teacher in the elementary division.

Under the law, requests for additional teachers will not be received by the school commission until two weeks of the term are spent and attendance figures for that period compiled for consideration. Last year there were 99 white teachers in the county. This year only 95 were allotted the six districts. Preliminary attendance figures indicate that the four teachers lost last term will be regained and two additional ones hired. Robersonville is due to regain one of its two teachers lost in the high school and get an additional one in the elementary department. Farm Life is due to regain an elementary teacher lost there last year.

While the increase in enrollment was reported in nearly every grade through out the county, large numbers entering the first grade swelled the totals in several schools, especially at Williamston, Everetts, Bear Grass and Farm Life, it was said.

Unbalanced grades were reported in several schools yesterday, and hundreds of other problems were being referred to the county board of education office, where officials are doing all in their power to effect any and all changes necessary to the most advantageous operation of every school. Parents living in remote sections were here yesterday seeking transportation for their children to and from school over roads that a horse or mule would have difficulty pulling a cart. That is only one of the many problems, but despite them the schools will be well organized and effectively operating by the early part of next week.

Additional pupils are expected to enter from day to day or as soon as they finish the task of preparing crops for market, and it is possible that even more than six additional teachers will be necessary to carry on the instructional work this term.

## AN OVERSIGHT

Mr. McFarland desires the Enterprise to say that in his impromptu "talk" before the Kiwanians Wednesday night, in the mention of the names of new warehousemen, he unintentionally omitted the name of Mr. Charlie H. Phaup; a gentleman who has done as much for the market this season as any man in Williamston.