

JURY LIST DRAWN FOR NOVEMBER SUPERIOR COURT

No Colored Citizens Drawn; Term Begins Third Monday

No colored citizens were drawn by the commissioners this week for jury service at the November term of the Martin County Superior court, convening the third Monday of that month. As far as it could be learned, no judge has been assigned to preside over the term, but it is believed Judge Clayton Moore will occupy the bench during the two weeks term when only civil cases will be handled.

The names of those drawn for service during the term are as follows:

First Week
Jamesville Township: W. J. Holliday, jr., and H. L. Davis.

Williams Township: G. C. James. Griffins Township: John R. Coltrain and Howard Coltrain.

Bear Grass Township: A. B. Rogerson, Sidney Beacham and H. S. Harris.

Williamston Township: J. A. Suggs, H. E. Ray, O. S. Cowin, and J. C. Downing.

Cross Roads Township: G. W. Taylor, jr., H. L. Roebuck, J. A. Ausbon. Robersonville Township: H. B. Roberson, W. L. Baker, and L. S. Curtis.

Second Week
Jamesville Township: G. H. Mizelle and Arthur Modlin.

Griffins Township: Lewis H. Roberson, J. Leonard Coltrain, Geo. C. Griffin and John A. Hardison.

Bear Grass Township: W. A. Brown, Haywood Rogers and Seth Bailey.

Cross Roads Township: Raymond Stalls and D. A. Ausbon.

Robersonville Township: E. M. Coburn, Mayo Bryant, Leo Everett, Karl Oakley and J. C. Martin.

Poplar Point Township: W. O. Willoughby.

Goose Nest Township: Z. D. Cox.

Draw Salary Checks for County Teachers

Salary checks, amounting to \$15,428.80, are being drawn today for distribution among the 185 teachers in the county within the next few days. It was learned from the office of the county superintendent this afternoon. Checks will be distributed just as soon as the principals get their reports in for the first month ending today.

The combined salaries show an increase of \$2,928.80 over the schedule in effect last term.

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Mr. Parker, a mechanical engineer, married Miss Eva Hodges Wolfe, of Williamston, and she with three children survives.

Funeral services will be conducted in Suffolk Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery there.

Christian Church Program Announced by Rev. Perry

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Our superintendent, Mr. W. C. Manning, has returned from the Holy Land and will be at his post.

The pastor, after a fruitful season of revival meetings, will fill his place both morning at 11 and at night at 7:30 p. m. Theme of the morning sermon will be: "Spiritual Examination Time" and at the evening service: "Watch-Dogs of Zion." All members of Bible School and church are urged to be in their places Sunday for the beginning of the autumn program. The public is cordially invited.

Riding Circus End Week Engagement Tomorrow

Operating under the auspices of the Williamston Athletic Association, R. C. Lee's riding circus will complete a week's engagement next to the Planters Warehouse here this week. Many kiddies and some old folks, too, have enjoyed the rides, and Ray Goodman, president of the local athletic association, is stressing the importance of patronizing the riding circus as a means of offsetting the baseball operating deficit.

ABC Board Favors 5 Per Cent Profits for Law Enforcement

Martin County's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in called session here last Wednesday evening for a discussion of routine business matters and the handling of a few matters of minor importance. Current bills were approved, and orders were planned for stoves to be used in the four stores.

Recommendations were offered that 5 per cent of the net profits be expended for enforcement of the liquor laws, and the remainder of the profits be placed in the county's general fund. Distribution of profits in the end rests with the county, but it is generally understood that the recommendations advanced by the control board will be considered favorably by the commissioners. The county board continues its interest in law enforcement, and it is certain that 5 per cent of the liquor sale profits will be used for that purpose, and considerably more than the specified 5 per cent will be advanced in an effort to curb liquor law violations.

Offer Little Chance for Sale of Scrap Tobacco

Patrolman W. S. Hunt pointed out this morning that some automobile drivers are duplicating their applications for driver's licenses, and explained that only one application is necessary. Since filing their applications, some auto owners are receiving forms through the mails, and are preparing the second request for driver's license. Those drivers who have filed their applications are instructed to ignore the application forms they are subject to receive directly from the motor vehicle bureau.

Case From County Is Decided by Supreme Court This Week

The North Carolina Supreme Court this week upheld the decision of the Martin Superior court in denying Bill Henry Modlin, Jamesville township man, disability under the terms of a policy carried in the Sovereign Camp of the Woodmen of the World. The higher court handed down its decision this week in the Modlin case, no action having been announced in the several other cases now pending before the tribunal.

Bill Henry Modlin Loses Appeal in Case Against Sovereign Camp

The Modlin case, while no doubt settled correctly from the standpoint of law, has its peculiarities that are considered favorable to the plaintiff. Modlin, after paying the Sovereign Camp the annual premiums for a number of years, experienced failing health. He entered his claim for disability, but the camp, armed with by-laws that apparently were more favorable to the company than to the insured, countered the claim on the grounds that it had not been entered within a specified time, and that the insured was entitled to nothing. The claim for disability benefits, it is understood, was entered just shortly after the expiration period set up by the company.

School Attendance At Jamesville Is Continuing Climb

Starting the term with an increase of 20 in its enrollment figures, the Jamesville school this week reported additional pupils entering there and that the attendance is holding up unusually well. Conditions are very crowded there, and the school is entitled to another teacher under a reasonable teacher-load limit, but according to what Lloyd Griffin told representatives from this county this week the school will hardly get an additional teacher right away.

Pupils in several grades of the school there have been earnestly working this week preparing a school exhibit for the four-county fair at Plymouth next week.

Patrons and pupils there are anxiously awaiting action on the program calling for a new high school, building and a gymnasium. Some difficulty is expected in the selection of a lot, unofficial reports indicating that condemnation proceedings might be necessary.

People There are Anxiously Awaiting Action On Building Program

Patrons on the Williamston tobacco market, and there are hundreds today said tobacco was selling better than at any time this year. The very atmosphere surrounding the marketing activities was brightening, farmers were well satisfied and the market was holding steady with the price trend upward. Tobacco was here from an increased number of distant counties for the first time, the stability of the market attracting new patrons almost daily. Sales were lively, but it will be late afternoon before the floors are cleared.

Prices Continue Climb on Tobacco Market Here; Average for Week Is Nearly 24 Cents

ing its record of last year, conservative estimates pointing to total sales for the season of more than 8,000,000 pounds. Activities on the market here are more encouraging than at any time this year, and there is every reason to anticipate a very successful season.

Yesterday the market sold 119,224 pounds for a general average of \$24.96, bringing the sales for the fiscal week ending yesterday up to 521,225 pounds. The average for that period was just slightly under 24 cents or about \$2 a hundred higher than the average for the

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ANOTHER LONG SESSION HELD IN COUNTY COURT

Judge Peel Clears Fifteen Cases from Docket and Continues 11 Others

Judge H. O. Peel held another long and tiresome session in the county recorder's court last Tuesday, the tribunal continuing its activities well into the evening, handling fifteen cases and then 11 other cases were continued for consideration later. The docket was of the nondescript type, attracting little attention from the general public.

William Thompson, charged with abandonment and non-support, was taxed with the cost in the case.

J. R. Pierce was found not guilty in the case charging him with driving an automobile while intoxicated.

Adjudged guilty of driving an automobile while intoxicated, Kan Manning was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. He appealed to the higher courts, and bond was fixed in the sum of \$200.

Found guilty of violating the alcoholic beverage control laws, Frances Bryant was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. The case was appealed under \$100 bond, but the appeal had not been perfected yesterday, the clerk's minutes show.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Ira and Martin Whitaker with simple assault.

Four cases were on the docket charging defendants with operating motor vehicles with improper lights, J. D. Mason, Braxton Bell, K. W. Coperland, and J. L. Reynolds all pleaded guilty and the court suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs.

Joe Coffield, Grant Spruill, John Lee and Zeb Rawlings were before the court charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct. Coffield was fined \$10, the court suspending judgment as to the others.

A non-suit was granted in the case charging Guilford Brown with an assault.

Charged with gambling, Vernon Roberson, Doc Davis, Louis Bullock, Jonah Reed and Harry James were fined \$10 and taxed with one-fifth the costs. Thirty-day road sentences were suspended.

Lewis Sheppard, charged with violating the liquor laws, was found not guilty.

Claude Matthews, the colored man who was charged with shooting a colored woman in the back with a shotgun about two weeks ago, was found not guilty.

Cited for contempt of court, John Hudley was fined \$50.

Piney Grove Service Called Off On Account of Revival

The regular preaching service scheduled at the Piney Grove Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock has been called off since a revival service now underway at the Maple Grove Christian church will be in progress at that hour, the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, announced yesterday. Members of the Piney Grove church are cordially invited to worship at the Maple Grove service, it was announced.

Reports state that large crowds have been attending at Maple Grove since the meeting was opened there last Monday evening by Rev. Mr. Ambrose.

Episcopalians Announce Sunday Services Here

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

Victim of Cutting Affray Improving in Hospital

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Better Conditions Shown By Delinquent Tax List

County Farmer Raises Cane And Makes Good Money at It

Fully realizing the advantage of diversified farming, Mr. I. M. Brown, Jamesville Township farmer, found time in the spring to plant about one-half acre of cane, thinking that he would harvest about 90 or 100 gallons of molasses this fall for use on his own table and some for sale. He completed the harvest just a few days ago and made 165 gallons of molasses to establish a production record. In short, Mr. Brown just raised cane.

Good old home-made cane molasses is hard to beat, and besides being a delicacy on his table Mr. Brown is finding a ready market at 80 cents a gallon. There is considerable expense attached to the production and making of molasses, but according to Mr. Brown's yield figures, he will gross at the rate of about \$265 an acre for his cane. Tobacco hardly averages that much an acre, and the production cost is equally as great as that connected with the making of cane molasses.

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Arbitrary Change in Rules Relating To Teacher Load Made

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Hardware Store To Open Wednesday

Arrangements are fast nearing completion for the opening next Wednesday of the Williamston Hardware Company, Inc., store, the latest addition to the business life of the town and community. In the remodeled Flatiron or Station building on Washington Street, Messrs. J. C. Anderson, local man, and Wheelbee, of Aboskie, are placing one of the largest hardware stocks to be found in this section. During the past two weeks employees of the new firm have been unpacking and placing on the shelves a brand new and nationally recognized line of general hardware. In addition to a large stock of hardware, the company will handle building materials and other items associated with the particular business.

The firm will be under the personal management of Mr. Anderson who will be assisted by Mr. Wheelbee, of Windsor.

Cotton Ginnings Total 205 Bales

Martin County's cotton is now beginning to move fairly rapidly to the gins, recent reports indicate that the harvesting of the particular crop is somewhat advanced over that of last year. Up until the first of this month 205 bales of the 1935 crop had been ginned in this county, late reports maintaining that the ginning activities are increasing daily.

The size of the crop in this county is expected to fall under the 1934 production figure, some observers estimating that the poundage will hardly more than exceed the allotment this year.

Presbyterians Close Meet At Poplar Point Sunday

All regular services will be held this Sunday at all points, with the exception of the Church school at Poplar Point at 3:30 p. m. This will be held at night in connection with the evangelistic services now in progress. The Rev. S. W. Dubose is bringing the messages each night at 7:30 p. m. This meeting will close Sunday night.

The men of the church of Bear Grass will meet tonight (Friday) at 7 p. m.

721 Unpaid Accounts Representing \$12,000 In Taxes Advertised

All Real Estate Taxes In Poplar Point Paid To Set Unique Record

Martin County's delinquent tax list, making its first appearance today and representing unpaid accounts on real estate for the year 1934, reflects decidedly improved conditions in collections, and especially is this true when collection comparisons are made for the past three years. Reaching a deadline for publication last night, the tax list had dwindled from nearly 8,000 down to 721 unpaid accounts on real property, the number being the smallest in years. These accounts represent unpaid taxes on real estate in the sum of \$12,069.58. The 721 property holdings will be offered for sale by the sheriff the first Monday in next month unless the principal, interest and cost are paid prior to that time. Probably the number of unpaid accounts will be reduced by one-fourth or even one-third before November 4.

By way of comparison, the 1934 unpaid tax total is less than one-third of the uncollected amount for the year 1932, and just about \$6,000 under the delinquent amount for the year 1933. The number of delinquent accounts has not decreased in proportion, the 721 unpaid accounts being just 31 less than the total list last year and 462 smaller than the number for 1932 when the property of 1,183 owners was advertised. For the most part, the strictly farming communities show a continued decrease in the number of delinquent accounts, colored owners of small property holdings continuing with numerous unpaid accounts that are, as a rule, very small.

Five townships reported an increase in the number of delinquent accounts, but only two, Jamesville and Bear Grass, show an increase in the amount of unpaid taxes. Poplar Point, for the first time in the tax history of the county and the first township to make such a record, reported no delinquent accounts and no unpaid taxes on real property. Bear Grass, although showing an increase in unpaid taxes over last year, had only \$246.52 in arrears on real estate there. Goose Nest accounted for the largest decrease in the number of delinquents and unpaid taxes, that district reducing the number by 29 and the amount by nearly \$2,000, or about one-third of the total decrease for the county. Hamilton, Robersonville and Williamston each reported a decrease in excess of \$1,000.

Below are offered comparisons in collections and number delinquents for the tax years of 1934 and 1933:

Township	Amount Uncollected	
	1934	1933
*Jamesville	\$ 2,018.42	\$ 1,886.13
Williams	404.10	598.16
Griffins	366.68	689.95
*Bear Grass	246.52	188.66
Williamston	2,542.43	3,566.36
Cross Roads	495.26	1,082.58
Robersonville	2,169.45	2,604.06
Goose Nest	2,921.90	4,831.34
Hamilton	1,022.90	2,303.31
Poplar Point	0.00	317.24
Totals	\$12,069.58	\$18,067.81

Township	Number Advertised	
	1934	1933
*Jamesville	142	127
Williams	40	49
*Griffins	28	18
*Bear Grass	21	18
*Williamston	182	181
Cross Roads	31	35
*Robersonville	127	114
Goose Nest	107	136
Hamilton	43	69
Poplar Point	0	8
Totals	721	752

*Indicate 1934 gain over 1933.