

## NINETEEN CASES ON DOCKET FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Convenes Monday, With Judge Moore Presiding; Lasts Two Weeks

The March term of the Martin County Superior Court convenes next Monday for the trial of criminal and civil cases during two weeks. Judge Clayton Moore is scheduled to preside the first week, and Judge W. C. Harris will occupy the bench the following week.

While the criminal docket carries a comparatively small number of cases—about 19—several of them are considered of more than ordinary importance and it is believed more than two days will be required to handle those cases.

The old Ollie Page manslaughter case, shamefully neglected by the courts for more than a year, continues on the docket in big letters, relatives of Marshall Andrews and John Leavister, the two boys killed in the wreck, patiently waiting for justice to take its course. Negligence on the part of Page was proven in a civil suit brought against Lloyd Corey, owner of the truck which Page, a colored man, was driving when the accident costing two lives occurred near Robersonville on the evening of September 6, 1934. The verdict, declared ridiculous in the civil action, was set aside by Judge Clayton Moore, and the civil case is scheduled for trial during the term, there being some doubt as to whether the criminal case will be tried next week.

Joe Lawson, Bethel white man, convicted in the last June court when Judge Parker occupied the bench, goes on trial in the case charging him with manslaughter. Johnnie Williams, joint defendant in the case growing out of the sudden death of little Peggy Hardison last November a year ago, was sentenced to the roads for not less than 18 months nor more than three years. He did not appeal, but was paroled after serving a few months in prison. Lawson, sentenced to prison for not less than two nor more than four years, appealed to the supreme court and was granted a new trial, and the case is scheduled for next week.

Ben Scott, Williamston colored man, was bound over at a hearing Wednesday morning for trial next week in connection with the murder of Henry Lanier on February 17. Willie J. Melton, young colored boy, was also ordered held for trial in connection with the case.

Other cases on the docket are as follows: Norman Jones, charged with violating the liquor laws, is absent from the state, and his case will hardly be cleared from the docket in the immediate future.

Isaac Ampey is up again and will face trial next week for alleged housebreaking and larceny.

Tom Rogers faces a housebreaking and larceny charge.

H. A. Johnson, Jr., is charged with false pretense.

Lorenzo White, young white boy, is charged with larceny and receiving.

Marion Hodges, Beaufort man, is charged with an assault with intent to kill Heber Cox at the Old Mill Inn last December.

Kincher Rawls faces a seduction charge.

Annie Mack Teel, charged with stealing \$100 from J. W. Bailey, Robersonville merchant, is slated for trial.

John Moore is charged with breaking and entering and larceny.

Wiley Phelps, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, appealed from the recorder's court judgment and faces trial next week.

Bill Gray and Jim S. Godard are charged with the theft of a hog.

John H. Ellison, charged with selling liquor to a man named Page, who burned himself to death near Jamesville last November, faces trial, he having appealed from a judgment in county court.

William Hill is charged with storebreaking and larceny.

C. H. Gardner is charged with the removal of certain property from a rented farm without permission.

Delemar Harris faces trial for alleged drunken automobile driving, the case going to the high court on appeal from judgment of the county court.

Prominent Episcopalian To Hold Services Here

Dr. W. H. Milton, rector of St. James Episcopal church, Wilmington, will arrive in Williamston Sunday afternoon to lead a week of Lenten services at the local Episcopal church. He will preach at the 7:30 hour Sunday and each night through Friday. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

## LIST-TAKERS MEET

County tax-listers will receive final instructions for handling the tax work this year at a meeting to be held in the office of the register of deeds here next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Tax Supervisor and Commissioner Joshua L. Coltrain will meet with the 10 list takers and consider uniform methods of determining personal property values and offer other instructions for the men to follow in handling the work this year.

No revaluation of real property will be in order this year except in cases where there have been losses or improvements made. All property will be listed as of April 1.

## No Developments in Matter of Installing State Police Radio

Head of Patrol Believes Installation Would Pay Big Dividends

"There have been no recent developments toward the installation of a state-wide radio patrol system," Captain Charles D. Farmer, of the Highway Patrol, said yesterday. The captain explained that action rested with the governor.

The head of the highway patrol, who has made quite a name for himself in that position and who is recognized as an efficient and conservative officer, is certain that the proposed radio system will save to car owners a great deal more than the amount it will cost, not to mention the increased efficiency of the patrol in apprehending hit-and-run drivers and violators of other highway laws. Between 3,000 and 4,000 cars are stolen in this state every year, Captain Farmer explained, and added that the radio system would make it possible for the patrolmen to recover far more of the cars or more than enough to offset the cost of the system.

## Many Farmers At Program Tuesday By Local Concern

The John Deere program, sponsored here last Tuesday by the Lindsley Ice Company, dealers, attracted large numbers of farmers, considering the rainy weather. Events included in the program was a free moving picture at the Watts that morning and the awarding of prizes at the plant in the afternoon. The main feature and the one attracting the most attention was a slippery pole, about 40 feet high, with two \$1 bills tied to the top and 50 pennies in a bag fastened to the pole about 25 feet from the ground.

Pole climbers, numbering well over 50, worked for the prizes, but the task was not as easy as it appeared and one after another failed. Finally a small colored boy pulled the pennies down, but the dollar bills continued to wave in the wind and it looked as if they were safe. Tom Rose, lineman for the V. E. & P. C., using wire around his feet and with a wire made into a loop for a handhold, scaled the pole. The young man, daring as he was, started to turn around just a few feet from the top, but his audience cheered and jeered him on. With the money in his pocket, he started down, but he found the downward trip even more difficult than the going up, as the wires attached to his feet would not slip very well, and the pole was too slippery for him to cut his wire loops loose. When about 10 feet from the top, and after hanging to the pole almost an hour, he called for help, and the telephone people reached him with a ladder.

Wearing apparel manufactured by hand in the WPA sewing rooms in this county attracted much attention at a meeting of WPA officials in Elizabeth City this week. Miss Helen Rhinehart, assistant supervisor of women's work in the State, was so well pleased with the quality of the work that she forwarded samples to national headquarters in Washington for inspection by authorities there.

Within the near future, Miss Ella Mae Gaylord, who has charge of the sewing projects in this county, plans to arrange a public exhibition of the wearing apparel made by the WPA workers in this county.

Work of Street Widening Will Begin Immediately

Work on widening Williamston's main street at both ends is expected to get under way at once, or just as soon as weather conditions permit, according to an official report coming from one of the project engineers here yesterday. According to information gained yesterday work on the project would have been under way now had weather conditions been favorable.

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## PATROLMEN WILL START CHECKING DRIVER LICENSES

Concerted Drive To Begin Monday, Captain Farmer Says at Meeting

While hundreds of motorists have been questioned about their drivers' licenses during the past several weeks, a concerted drive will be made beginning next Monday in checking the mechanical fitness of cars and examining operating permits of drivers, according to Captain Charlie Farmer, who attended a meeting of Highway Patrol Troop A here yesterday. Instructions for enforcing the new state drivers' license law and handling car inspections were discussed by Captain Farmer with several of his officers here yesterday, it is understood.

The drive has been postponed to allow state highway safety division officers to clear permits for which applications have been received, and Arthur P. Fulk, director, said this work would be completed by today or tomorrow.

Farmer ordered sergeants to organize inspection groups in their divisions and designate different places on the highways for testing stations to check cars as to their mechanical fitness to operate over the highways.

Beginning March 16, any person applying for operator's or chauffeur's license for the first time will be required to demonstrate his ability to operate a vehicle as well as a knowledge of the rules of the road.

The highway safety division reported this week that licenses of 1,847 persons had been revoked, while 376 applications have been denied due to incompetency of the applicants to operate vehicles.

## Poultry Car Being Loaded This Week

A second cooperative poultry shipment is being loaded in the county this week, reports from two loading stations indicating a larger poundage than that handled several weeks ago.

Starting at Jamesville Wednesday the car received around 2,600 pounds and at Williamston yesterday the car handled around 12,000 pounds of chickens. Loadings are being made at Robersonville today, and the last stop is scheduled in Oak City tomorrow.

County Agent Tom Brandon said this morning that he did not know whether another car would be run in the county this season, but possibly the third loading would be considered within the next three or four weeks.

## No Fishing From April 1 To May 10

It shall be unlawful to fish or take game fish by any means whatsoever in "inland fishing waters" of North Carolina from April 1 to May 10 of each year, provided that shad and herring may be taken with skim or gill net on Friday and Saturday of each week from January 1 to May 1 of each year in "inland fishing waters."

This is a ruling of the board met of January 22 and is the instructions received here by Game Warden Bill Abbott.

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## SEINE FISHING

Seine fishing on the Roanoke at Jamesville will hardly get underway this season before the middle or latter part of next week, according to information coming from that town yesterday. High water was given as the immediate cause for the delay.

Last year the seines started operating on March 14. Operators of drift nets are reporting increased catches almost daily around Jamesville, some fishermen taking as many as 25 herring each trip. No shad have been taken from the stream so far, it was said.

Fishermen at this point are taking a few herring from the stream, but the catches are made mostly with machines.

## COUNTY COURT PAST TUESDAY IN FIVE CASES TRIED

Until Last Tuesday in Is Last Session To Be Held This Month

Five cases were disposed of in County Recorder's Court Tuesday, Judge H. O. Peel announcing that the next session would not be held until the last Tuesday in this month. The regular two-weeks term of the superior court will hold forth during the next two weeks, beginning next Monday morning.

Prayer for judgment was continued until March 31 in the case charging Thomas Goodrich with operating a car without proper lights. It was pointed out that the defendant was steering a car that was being pushed by another, there arising some doubt as to whether Goodrich was operating the car.

Leggett Roebuck, charged with drunken automobile driving, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year.

The payment of cost in the case charging Columbus Baker with operating a car without proper lights. A. R. Watson, facing a second drunken driving charge, was fined \$100 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year from date.

Judgment was suspended upon operating a car without a driver's license.

Warren Ange was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for alleged drunken driving. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year.

## FEED AND SEED LOANS WILL BE MADE SHORTLY

Machinery Now Being Set Up To Handle Needs In This County

Crop seed-feed loans will be available to farmers in this county within the next few days, according to Mr. J. D. Wordsworth, field representative with headquarters in Williamston, said following his return this week from Columbia, S. C., where he attended a meeting for instructions in advancing the loans this year. Plans for handling the loans locally have not been completed at this time, but arrangements are fast taking shape, and applications will be in order very shortly, it was stated.

The United States treasury, according to Governor W. I. Myers of the farm credit administration, has advanced \$7,000,000 from relief funds already, and President Roosevelt has said that \$30,000,000 will be made available in all for advancing loans to dependent farmers.

Myers said regulations governing the loans closely followed those of former years and would be made available to farmers in the same way.

Loans will not exceed \$200 to one farmer. No loans may be made for purchasing livestock or machinery or for payment of rents, debts or taxes.

Regulations limit 1936 loans to the production, planting, cultivating and harvesting of crops, to summer following to supplies where they are necessary for production of 1936 crops, or to production of necessary feed for livestock.

The F. C. A. said a survey indicated the \$30,000,000 fund would cover 1936 requirements.

Executives of the regional crop and seed loan administration office with headquarters in Columbia, S. C., have said the office is ready to begin making loans in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida upon word from Washington that an appropriation for the purpose had been approved.

## ATTMORE TO BE CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR

Washington Man Is First To Announce; Others Expected Soon

Announcing his candidacy this week for the state senate from this, the second senatorial district, Mr. T. B. Attmore, Washington man, opened the political season in this section. No other candidacies have been announced for the position, but several are in the offing, it is understood. Attorney Robert L. Coburn is planning to run again, and Attorney Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, is understood to be considering entering the race to succeed himself, but neither of them has officially made public their intentions so far.

The names of several other men have been mentioned in connection with the senatorial race in this district, but no announcements have been released. Reliable reports indicate that Tyrrell County might offer a candidate, but the information could not be verified.

On the county's political front quietness reigns supreme, the general impression being that all the present officers plan to announce their candidacies for reelection, with possibly one or two exceptions. As far as it could be learned this week, no new candidates have publicly planned to run for office. It is quite likely that activities in the field will get underway before time for filing closes.

The candidate announcing for the senate this week is a member of the State School commission and is actively connected with an automobile agency in Washington. He was formerly head of the Pamlico County schools before moving to Washington five or six years ago.

## School Attendance Record Very Low

Complete reports were not available this morning, but as far as it could be learned all of Martin County's schools are continuing to operate despite heavy rains and bad road conditions. Attendance records were low in all the schools, but, considering the several handicaps, more children reported for work than were expected in several cases. Williamston had 85 per cent of its pupils present yesterday, with probably the lowest records at Farm Life and Jamesville, where the road conditions are described as the worst in the county.

Continued operations through this week indicate no more holidays will be considered this term.

## Pete Fowden Gets Rid of Brown Derby

Possessing one of the brown derbies so popular in the old Al Smith days, Postmaster Pete Fowden decided to surrender ownership following Smith's part in the Fliberty League program a short time ago, but found it difficult to find a receiver.

Mr. Fowden finally found a shiftless colored man who knew nothing of Smith, and who accepted the hat for its value alone. The old man is pleased with the hat, and Pete's conscience is slightly eased.

John W. Hines, the Oak City man who sent his old derby to Al Smith in New York, never learned whether or not the hat reached its destination, but he, too, is satisfied since it is out of his sight.

## Barnhill Brothers Extend Sale Through Next Week

Unable to get workmen to handle repair and painting work before the 23rd of this month, Barnhill Brothers announced today they would continue their fire smoke sale through next week. During the remainder of the sale, additional reductions in prices on all articles will be made, it was stated.

## Six Cases of Contagious Disease During February

Six cases of contagious diseases were reported in this county last month, but only one out of the six proved fatal. There were two chickenpox cases, one each in Jamesville and Williams Townships. One of the cases was described as the worst ever seen in this section. The four diphtheria cases were divided two each in Williams and Jamesville Townships, one in Jamesville proving fatal to the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Perlie Barber only a few days ago.

## Patrolmen in District Meet Here Thursday

B. & L. SALE

Approximately 200 shares of stock have already been subscribed and additional shares will be bought before the Martin County Building and Loan Association closes its 38th series. Mr. Wheeler Martin, officer in the organization, said yesterday. The series opened last Saturday and has met with much success. Mr. Martin pointing out that it was not too late to participate in the series.

## Mr. W. M. Kittrell, Of Robersonville, Passes Suddenly

Was Manager of W. M. Scales Tobacco Company Redrying Plant

Wilbur Marvin Kittrell, prominent Robersonville man, died in a Rocky Mount hospital at 4 o'clock this morning, following an illness of only 22 hours. Mr. Kittrell, the cause of his death not yet determined, died within a few hours after entering the hospital.

Mr. Kittrell was manager of the W. M. Scales Tobacco Company redrying plant and principal owner of the Martin County Transfer Company, with headquarters in Robersonville. He moved to this county from Greenville in 1922, his family joining him two years later. During his stay in Robersonville he made hundreds of friends and was recognized as a very useful and leading citizen. He was 38 years old.

Besides his wife, he leaves two daughters, Misses Robin and Ann Kittrell. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. L. L. Kittrell, of Greenville, and two sisters, Mrs. R. T. Cox, of Greenville; and Mrs. L. Cannon, of Ayden; and four brothers, Messrs. J. B. and K. Kittrell, of Greenville; L. L. Kittrell, of Mount Airy; and Linwood Kittrell, of New Jersey.

Funeral services will be conducted at the late home in Robersonville Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. E. C. Shoe. Interment will follow in Ayden.

## Colored Schools To Have Tourney Here

Colored high schools in ten counties are planning to send teams to a district basketball tournament to be held here March 20 and 21, according to an announcement made by E. J. Hayes, principal of the local school, this week.

Last year a tournament held here created a greater interest in various sports and resulted in the formation of a northeastern athletic association. Members of the association include schools in 10 counties as follows: Washington, Beaufort County Training School; Greenville, Columbia, Plymouth, Windsor, Bertie County Training School, Rocky Mt., Bethel, Elizabeth City, Hertford, Rich Square, Tarboro, Gold Point, Everetts, Jamesville, Oak City, Hamilton, Roper, and Winfall.

## Bertie Youth on Amateur Program

Windsor.—Shirley Todd, harmonica artist of the Northeast Carolinas, and winner of more than 30 first prizes for mastery of the mouth organ in past contests, is to broadcast at 8 o'clock Sunday night, March 15, in New York City, on the Major Bowes' amateur hour. Raleigh will be the honor city on the Sunday evening broadcast.

Todd is known as "the harmonica artist of East Carolina," and he stated this week that he hoped those who have already heard him perform, and others of Eastern Carolina, would remember that "votes count" and thus add to his bid to national fame as an artist on this popular American instrument.

## Regin Revival Sunday At Pentecostal Church

Rev. Mr. Ward, of Newport News, assisted by J. G. Crocker, of Pine Level, will conduct a series of revival services in the local Pentecostal Holiness church starting Sunday; it was announced today.

The public is cordially invited to attend any or all the services.

## Captain Farmer and 37 of "State's Finest" Present for Session

Number Local Men Make Short Addresses To Gathering

Thirty-eight of North Carolina's highway patrolmen, headed by Captain Charlie Farmer, of Raleigh, and Lieutenant Lester Jones, of Greenville, met here yesterday morning and were later entertained at a barbecue dinner at Sunny Side Inn.

Coming here from 33 eastern counties and as far away as Wilmington, the patrolmen, the State's best, were welcomed by Sheriff Charles B. Roebuck and Mayor John L. Hassell, following a short business meeting held by Captain Farmer and subordinate officers in the courthouse. Several talks were made by local people, including Judge Clayton Moore, Representative H. G. Horton, Senator R. L. Coburn and Editor W. C. Manning. In substance, all the talks expressed a keen appreciation of the efficient service rendered by the highway patrol and crediting the organization with creating greater safety on the highways.

All the speakers were of the opinion that the patrol was gaining in public favor by leaps and bounds and that the organization is receiving and will continue to receive greater cooperation on the part of the safety conscious and the people of the state, as a whole. Judge Moore said that the patrol was making progress and urged the members to use discretion and not listen to the rabble but conscientiously and impartially do their duty.

Attorney Horton said that he was glad he had a part in framing and passing the last legislation enlarging the patrol and creating new requirements of drivers. He added that he was well pleased with the work of the organization.

Senator Coburn stated that he was pleased with the work of the patrol so far, but that legislation having to do with drivers' licenses had hardly more than struck the surface and he predicted additional requirements of drivers by future legislatures.

The gathering of the patrolmen here yesterday, while made lively by the exchange of friendly greetings and discussions of various subjects, was the driest reported in this section in years and years; in fact, it was bone dry, to be sure.

## February Liquor Sales Are \$9,017.65

Martin County liquor store sales held up unusually well in February, considering the weather and road conditions and as compared with sales of regular business establishments during that month. The four stores reported sales amounting to \$9,017.65, divided as follows: Williamston, \$4,954.40; Robersonville, \$2,295.55; Oak City, \$830; Jamesville \$937.70.

Board Chairman Spivey said yesterday that within a month or two, the county will have paid for all its inventory and then be in a position to start turning over profits to the general fund. So far, the profits have been used to discount bills, it was explained. Mr. Spivey said that inventories now on hand were the smallest since the stores were opened last July.

## Sheriff Reports Record Rainfall

This section has had a right heavy precipitation so far this year, but the record rainfall of the year was reported by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck following a liquor still raid in Robersonville Township yesterday.

Accompanied by Deputy Joe Roebuck, the sheriff had hardly reached the still before rain started falling. In a hurried search, the officers found a bucket, hoe, copper still cap, worm, and destroyed a small quantity of beer. Hanging the bucket on the hoe handle and the hoe over his shoulder, the sheriff started walking out of the woods. When he reached their car, the bucket was full of water, according to the claim. The officer went on to explain that he could not get an accurate measurement on the rainfall, since some of the water "sloshed" out.