

BRIEF CHARGE IS MADE TO JURY BY JUDGE MOORE

Declares There Is Greater Public Sentiment For Law Enforcement

Irrespective of what one thinks about the merits of the statutes, he must submerge his personal opinion and devote attention to the enforcement of the laws as they are, Judge Clayton Moore, presiding over the Martin Superior Court said in his charge to the grand jury Monday. The charge was one of the shortest heard in the county courthouse in several years, the jurist explaining that farming activities are demanding attention and that he did not want to delay the jurors and others any more than was necessary.

Judge Moore pointed out that there was a greater public sentiment for the more rigid enforcement of the law now than in some time, that probably the large number of fatalities on the highways was one of the direct causes for the change. While all laws are not model ones, and some should be modified and others strengthened in his opinion, the judge reiterated that one's personal or private opinion should not be allowed to interfere with their enforcement, that it was the duty of grand jurors and others to handle the enforcement problems to the best of their ability and have the satisfaction of knowing they have done their duty.

The jury was instructed to pass on all bills of indictment, the judge explaining briefly the procedure and directing the members to examine the county offices and the county home. While there had been some talk about an investigation of the operation of and condition of school buses in this county, no mention was made on that subject by the jurist.

W. A. James was sworn in as officer of the grand jury. Names of the members are: L. A. Clark, foreman; F. J. Margolis, H. H. Williams, Jasper Everett, B. E. Anderson, O. P. Smith, James H. Revels, H. L. Everett, W. E. Grimes, D. G. Matthews, W. D. Price, W. L. Edwards, C. R. Garrett, J. H. Highsmith, Church Mobley, G. A. Burroughs, N. L. Hyman and Arnold Roberson. The grand jury completed its work shortly before noon today, and its report recommended that certain mechanical defects in several school buses be remedied at once. The jurors were complimented by Judge Moore for their splendid work and report.

Miss Doris Moye Dies in Oak City

Miss Doris Moye, promising young woman of Oak City, died suddenly at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Moye, last Sunday night about 10:30 o'clock. Miss Moye, 21 years old, enjoyed very good health, until a few days, when she suffered an attack of influenza. Heart trouble resulted and that with a stroke of apoplexy caused her death, it is believed.

The influenza attack was considered not very severe, and Miss Moye was able to be up most of the time. Late Sunday she was taken worse, but her condition was not considered serious until a little over an hour before she died.

Miss Moye had lived in Oak City nearly all her life, moving there from the Robersonville community in early childhood. She attended the Oak City schools and was very popular in her community.

Besides her parents she is survived by two sisters, Misses Florine and Elizabeth Moye, both of Oak City.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the Oak City Christian church by Rev. J. M. Perry. Interment was in the Oak City cemetery.

Three Arrested for Affray On Street Here Saturday

Durant Beech, white, and James Brown, colored, were fined \$2.50 each, and Tobe Thompson, colored, was bound over to the county recorder's court for trial for an alleged affray on Washington Street here last Saturday evening. Beech was cut on the arm but not badly by Thompson, it was said. Bond in the sum of \$50 was required of Thompson.

Extensive Anti-Cholera Drive Reported in Bertie

A vigorous hog vaccination campaign has been conducted in Bertie County to overcome outbreaks of hog cholera.

Two Cars of Poultry Shipped Last Week Set New Record

Martin County farmers shipped cooperatively more than 15 tons of live poultry to northern markets last week, the shipment, filling two cars, being about the largest ever made at one time in this section.

Jamesville and Williamston loaded 14,120 pounds, the farmers receiving \$2,466.38 cash. Robersonville and Oak City sold 16,509 pounds for \$2,938.54, making a total of 30,629 pounds and \$5,405.42 cash.

At Oak City the offerings included an unusually large number of roosters, County Agent Tom Brandon calculating that there weren't enough of those fowls left to wake up the people the following morning.

Another, and probably the last, shipment of the season will be made from the county in about three weeks, Agent Brandon said yesterday.

County Candidates for Legislature Announce

FOR SENATOR



Attorney Robert L. Coburn, who announced his candidacy this week to succeed himself as State Senator from this, the second senatorial district.

One Case Against Dr. Clay Begins in Court Wednesday

Reports State Defense Has Ninety-one Witnesses Summoned in Case

The case charging Dr. George R. Clay, Washington osteopath and head of the Pamlico Osteopathic Sanitarium, with practicing medicine without license is scheduled for trial in the Beaufort County Superior court tomorrow. The case charging him with murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Kathleen Lilley last January 13 will hardly be called for trial before October or November, as the grand jury does not meet until that time. Unofficial reports indicate the State is ready to prosecute the defendant. It was also learned unofficially that two of the main defense attorneys, Ward and Rodman, had withdrawn from the case.

Miss Lillian Jackson, a nurse in the sanitarium at the time of Mrs. Lilley's death, but who is now employed in the George Reynolds hotel here, is understood to have sworn to certain testimony that will be used by the State and private prosecution. It is understood that the defense has summoned a total of 91 witnesses.

Parent-Teacher Meet Thursday

The local parent-teacher association will hold its first meeting of the new year in the grammar school auditorium Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Association meetings, scheduled for January and February, were not held on account of sickness and bad weather.

The program for Thursday's meet includes musical numbers and discussions of the following topics: "The Home and the School," by Miss Ethelyn Eason; "Parent-Child Relationship," by Mrs. J. W. Watts; "Training for Future Home Making," Mrs. John F. Thigpen. All patrons and friends of the school are urged to be present for this meeting.

Farmers Rotate Crops And Get Larger Yields

Ten farmers conducting crop rotations in lower Halifax County secured an average of 73 bushels of peanuts, 393 pounds of lint cotton, and 1,117 pounds of tobacco an acre last season.

Coburn for Senate, Horton for House; No Contests So Far

Senator Carl L. Bailey Has Not Announced His Candidacy So Far

With the primary just a little over two months away, political activities are beginning to attract more attention in conversational topics and to bring out the candidates. So far, not a single contest has been booked in the county or in this district, but opposition is expected in many quarters at a later date, while unusual interest is already attached to several contests, especially the one in which five candidates are out for governor.

Following the announced candidacy of T. B. Attmore, Washington man, for the State Senate, Attorney R. L. Coburn, of Williamston, made public his plans to reenter the field to succeed himself as State Senator. Attorney Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, has not made public his plans at this time, but his friends are of the opinion that he will be a candidate to succeed himself as a member of the State Senate. Names of other possible candidates have been unofficially mentioned, but no definite contest has been formed as yet in the campaign for places in the Senate.

In announcing his candidacy this week, Attorney Coburn stated that his platform would be very little different from the one he advocated last term. While he is against the sales tax, he believed that the tax will have to be retained, but in a different form. He would lift the tax on certain necessities. The senator is encouraged in his efforts made last term to have the highway commission refund certain money to the several counties cooperating in the road-building program a number of years ago.

Attorney H. G. Horton is also out to succeed himself as a member of North Carolina's General Assembly from this county, his announcement coming along with that of Senator Coburn's this week. Mr. Horton's platform will be altered little, the candidate explaining he was for the "one-gallused" man.

Just now there is no opposition in sight to the Williamston man's bid to return to the house of representatives. The records established by the two men in the legislature last term are expected to prove a decided asset to their candidacies this season.

Respected Woman Passes Near Here

Mrs. Ludie Roberson, highly esteemed woman of Williams Township, died at her home there yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, following an illness of several months. She suffered a stroke of paralysis about 11 weeks ago, her condition gradually growing worse.

Mrs. Roberson was born in this county, the daughter of the late Frank Griffin and wife. In early womanhood she married Thade Roberson, who died about eight years ago. Five children survive, Hubert and Ade Roberson, both of Williams Township; Mrs. Gladys Hudson, of Godwin; Mrs. Bob Gums of Roanoke Rapids; and Mrs. Halsey Hardison, of Williams Township. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. James Hopkins, of Williams Township; and Mrs. Mamie Williams, of Roanoke Rapids.

Mrs. Roberson was a faithful member of the Methodist church at Holy Springs, and had many friends throughout the section in which she lived. Rev. R. R. Grant, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, is conducting the funeral services this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, and interment will follow in the family plot on the home farm.

OFFICE COUNTY AGENT GETS 158 COTTONCHECKS

Approximately 500 Peanut Checks Looked For At Early Date

After a delay of nearly three months caused by the death of the three A's, farm benefit payments are beginning to move again, Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control in this county, announcing today that 158 cotton parity and second rental checks, totaling \$2,338.10, have been received in this county for immediate distribution. The check owners are being notified direct to call for the money. In no case should farmers call at the office of the county agent for a check until they are notified direct that their checks have been received.

A "snooping" investigation made this morning showed that the several hundred peanut benefit checks due farmers in this county have not been received. The peanut benefit checks amount to approximately \$40,000, and they are being anxiously awaited by farmers. Now that the few and about the last of the cotton parity checks have reached the county, it is hoped the peanut payments will come in soon.

The cotton parity checks are the first to reach the county since the AAA was invalidated by the high court last January.

DRAW JURY LIST FOR APRIL TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Is Special Session for Trial Of Civil Cases Only; Lasts 2 Weeks

Jurors for the special term of Martin County Superior Court convening the third Monday in April were drawn by the county commissioners in regular session last Monday. The court, created for the trial of civil cases only, will last for two weeks. Judge Clayton Moore will likely preside over the term.

Names of the jurors are:

- First Week**
- Jamesville Township: Joe John Modlin.
- Bear Grass Township: G. A. Peel, Jesse Rogers and Hoyt Cowen.
- Williamston Township: K. G. Strawbridge, J. Carl Griffin and W. J. Hodges.
- Cross Roads Township: J. R. Keel and G. D. Ross.
- Robersonville Township: George Dewey Gray, G. H. Cox, L. R. Andrews, A. Pitt Roberson, and W. P. Harris.
- Hamilton Township: L. A. Weaver and B. B. Taylor.
- Goose Nest Township: Ira Manning and Clay Thompson.
- Second Week**
- Jamesville Township: Joe Gray Modlin.
- Williams Township: N. S. Cherry and L. D. Hardison.
- Griffins Township: Sylvester Peel, John A. Lilley, McD. Hardison.
- Bear Grass Township: Garland Williams, Dennis L. Peel, Rosell Rogers and L. R. White.
- Williamston Township: John W. Gurkin, H. H. Cowen, jr., W. H. Wynn.
- Cross Roads: W. A. Mobley and H. E. Baker.
- Robersonville Township: Alton E. Grimes and J. C. Keel.
- Hamilton Township: W. E. Everett.

Two Men Charged with Chicken Stealing Sunday

James Bullock and James Slade, both colored, were arrested Sunday morning for the alleged theft a few hours before of six chickens from Jim Ed Pate, farmer living near Sweet Water Creek.

Bullock, admitting the theft, directed the officers to purchasers of the chickens, and five were recovered. All but one were recovered, the officers taking three right off stoves while cooking.

Local Youth Seriously Hurt While In Camp

Emmett Whitley, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Whitley, of this place, suffered a fracture of the skull when accidentally struck by a dinner dish in a civilian conservation corps camp near Newton yesterday. He is receiving hospital treatment.

According to reports, two other boys were fighting and one threw a dish at the other. The aim was faulty and young Whitley caught the blow on his head. Just how badly he was hurt could not be learned here.

Start Receiving Applications For Seed Loans This Week

Applications for seed and feed loans will be received in this and adjoining counties at once, Field Representative J. D. Wordsworth said today. W. B. Watts will handle the applications for this county at the courthouse, it was announced.

Miss Martha Hornthal will receive applications in Washington County and Miss Annie Pitt Davenport will handle the applications in Tyrrell, Mr. Wordsworth announced. In seeking seed and feed loans, applicants must get certificates from the Washington Production Credit

Association and from Resettlement Administration representatives that show they were not eligible to procure credit from those sources. In short, the seed and feed loan fund was created for those farmers who are not eligible to get credit elsewhere and who have earnestly tried to meet their past obligations. The loans will be limited to \$200 this year.

Last season over 200 farmers in this county participated in the fund borrowing approximately \$26,000. It is believed that equally that number will apply for loans this year in this county.

Tax List Takers Hold Meeting Here Monday

Plans Are Virtually Complete To Start Listing Next Month

Change In Listing Likely To Cause Decrease In Personal Values

Preparations were virtually completed for listing 1936 property valuations at a meeting of Commissioner J. E. Pope and Tax Supervisor Joshua L. Coltraine with the list-takers Monday afternoon. While standards of values were advanced, the activities of the meeting narrowed down to the point where each list taker was to do the best he can in getting all property on the lists.

No schedule of values was given the list takers for listing automobiles, but the supervisor said he would attempt to get a list to them in time for use next month. It will be recalled that the code values placed on automobiles last year jumped the personal property listings considerably, but the general impression at the meeting Monday indicated that a decrease could be expected for that particular property classification this year.

Values were agreed upon for the following items: Meat and lard, 10c pound; hay, 20c bale; corn, \$2 barrel; soja beans, 50c bushel; cotton, \$40 bale; horses, \$150 down; mules, \$250 down; sheep, \$2 each; goats, \$1 each; Milk cows, \$50 each; other cattle and everything else, as much as the list taker can get.

In accordance with a recent law, livestock will be included in the list of items carrying a \$300 exemption, the supervisor and list takers agreeing that the change will considerably reduce personal property listings this year. Heretofore, all the earthly possessions in the homes of many small-scale farmers and numbers of others would not sell for \$300, and they just did not get the benefit of a \$300 exemption allowed. Their livestock was not exempted, and naturally it bore its part of the taxes. This year, livestock will come in for exemption, and a considerable reduction in the values will result. Whether the reductions made possible by the change will lower the total personal property values is a matter for speculation, some believing it will offset any and all gains in other values.

No upward scale of values for any property was advanced at the meeting; in fact, it was admitted that auto listings would probably show a decrease since the code followed under the fair practice act last year will not be considered for use this year.

All the list takers were present except the one from Poplar Point, and each of them was impressed with the importance of handling the farm census or survey in connection with the tax-listing work, but which does not affect one way or the other property values.

Kiwanians To Meet At 12:30 O'clock Thursday

A regular meeting of the local Kiwanis Club will be held in the Woman's Club building Thursday at 12:30 p. m., instead of 6:30 in the evening, it was announced today. Dr. W. H. Milton, Wilmington minister, will address the Kiwanians on an interesting subject at that hour, and a large attendance is expected.

Farmers Use Straw and Cloth To Control Beetle

Using a light covering of straw and laying the canvass flat over the tobacco plant bed seems to give adequate control of flea-beetles in Guilford County.

NUMBER ACTIONS DISPOSED OF IN SUPERIOR COURT

Joe Lawson, Bethel White Man, Found Guilty in Manslaughter Case

Convening yesterday for a two-weeks term for the trial of criminal and civil cases, the Martin County Superior Court, with Judge Clayton Moore on the bench, was nearing the end of its scheduled work on the criminal docket.

Monday the court called an even dozen cases, final disposition in one or two being delayed until today, while two or three others were continued. The case charging Ollie Page with manslaughter was continued, pending the trial of a civil case against Lloyd Corey, owner of the truck figuring in an accident that cost the lives of two young boys near Robersonville going on two years ago. Just when the case, a real eyesore on the docket, will be tried is not known.

The case charging Norman Jones with violating the liquor laws was continued.

Tom Rogers was sentenced to the roads for eight months on a breaking and entering charge.

Lorey White, the young white boy who was charged with stealing an automobile and robbing Baker's Filling Station a few weeks ago, was ordered returned to the Rocky Mount Training School.

Action against H. A. Johnson, jr., was dropped when the grand jury failed to find a true bill in the case charging him with false pretense.

Six-month sentences were suspended upon the payment of the cost and \$20.00 to the prosecuting witness, W. H. Wells, in the case charging Bill Gray and Jim S. Godard with larceny and receiving.

John Moore was sentenced to the roads for nine months in the case charging him with housebreaking and larceny.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Marion Hodges with an assault with a deadly weapon.

William Hill, pleading guilty of housebreaking and larceny, was sentenced to the roads for six months. Delmar Harris, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty.

The case charging Annie Mack Teel with the theft of \$100 from the home of J. W. Bailey, Robersonville merchant, was not pressed in a hurry.

Joe Lawson, Bethel white man, charged with manslaughter as a result of the killing of little Peggy Hardison on the Jamesville road in November, 1934, was found guilty, the jury returning its verdict just before noon after deliberating the greater part of an hour. Sentence was delayed pending the arrival of certain Bethel citizens who will be heard by Judge Moore in the case. Lawson, who escaped a prison sentence last June through an appeal to the State Supreme court now faces a term in prison, the length of which rests with the trial judge.

The Ben Scott murder case was called just before noon, and will require a greater part if not all this afternoon for completion. The criminal docket will be cleared sometime tomorrow, and the court will start working on civil cases.

Jamesville Fishery To Start Operations

Operators of the Jamesville fishery plan to start operations there tomorrow, weather conditions and other factors permitting, according to unofficial reports heard here today. The plant will hardly go on a full-time operating schedule before the latter part of the week, unless the catches are of sufficient size to offset operating costs, it is understood.

Repairs have been made to the plant, and a successful season is expected. Last year, high waters interrupted the fishing activities during much of the season.

Only small catches were reported at Jamesville today by small-scale fishermen. At this point several hundred herring were dipped from the Roanoke yesterday.

Fisheries at Plymouth will hardly start operations before next week.

Man Tried for Trespassing And Vagrancy By Mayor

Oscar Biggs, colored, was found guilty of trespass and vagrancy by Mayor J. L. Hassell here last evening and sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending sentence upon condition that the defendant stay away from the home of Amanda Roberson, colored woman living near here.

FEW VIOLATORS

Starting a state-wide check Monday, patrolmen are said to have found very few automobile drivers without operating licenses. Patrolman Stewart, working on highway 64 between here and Robersonville, stopped nearly 100 cars, but in every case the drivers had their permits, he said. Two or three drivers explained they had received their licenses, but left them home. They were warned to have them ready for inspection in the future or face indictment and prosecution in the courts.

Death of Little 10-Year-Old Girl Saddens Everetts

Last Rites This Afternoon For Young Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ayers

Janie Margaret, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ayers, died at the home of her parents in Everetts yesterday morning at 3:20 o'clock, following an illness of about five weeks' duration. Suffering an attack of influenza about the middle of last month, the little girl developed heart trouble and other complications set in to cause death. Since her first illness she was given the best medical attention, receiving treatment in a Washington hospital a part of the time.

Death, while expected several days ago, came as a decided shock to all who knew her, and brought sadness to the entire section, where she was a favorite among old and young. She possessed a friendly and pleasing disposition and was unusually bright in her school work. Respectful and thoughtful to every one, the little girl enjoyed a large friendship circle and seemed to get a great deal out of life, and during her weeks of illness she never abandoned hope until two minutes before she died. During Saturday and Sunday she suffered severe heart attacks, but about 20 minutes before the end she called for and drank a grape juice. About 15 minutes later she told her nurse that it was growing dark and that she was dying, but she insisted that her mother and father not be told.

Janie Margaret would have been 10 years old the 23rd of next October. Prior to her illness last month she apparently enjoyed good health and was active in her child life.

Besides her parents she is survived by one sister, Mrs. Norwood Martin, of Cristobal, Panama; and two brothers, James Staton Ayers, of Everetts, and Horaco Murdock Ayers, also of Everetts, but who attends the local high school.

Funeral services are being conducted from the Everetts Baptist church, of which she was a member, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, by Rev. E. C. Shoe, pastor. Rev. James H. Smith, of Williamston, and Elder A. B. Ayers. Interment will be made in the family plot in the Everetts cemetery.

Deaf and Dumb Man Is Victim of Knife Attack

Lazarus Williams, deaf mute, was attacked and painfully cut on the neck by John Gorham, colored, in a fight down the river hill last Saturday night. The man was not seriously hurt, but the knife wound extended several inches on his neck. A warrant was drawn against Gorham, but officers were unable to serve it, as the man left for parts unannounced.