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## Many Civil Cases Are Cleared From Court Docket Here

### Judge Walter Bone Holds Second Week of Court In This County

Completing the trial of the criminal docket last Friday morning in the Martin County Superior court, Judge Walter J. Bone immediately started calling civil actions. More than a dozen cases were cleared from the docket during that day and yesterday, reports coming from the courthouse at noon today indicating that the congested condition surrounding civil calendar will be greatly relieved before the court adjourns the two weeks term about Thursday or Friday.

Quite a number of cases have been compromised, and the court is making progress in removing other actions from the docket by the trial route.

The case of W. L. Griffin against S. A. Perry was settled out of court.

The court directed the defendant to pay the cost and the plaintiff take nothing in the case of Mrs. Mary C. and W. E. Roberson against the Town of Robersonville.

A sale under deed of trust was confirmed and debt settlements were ordered in the case of Cecil Brown by his next friend, J. C. Gurkin, against Mrs. A. W. Griffin and others.

R. H. Warner and E. E. Merritt were awarded a \$40 judgment against R. S. Edmondson.

A \$200 payment was ordered made to the plaintiff in the case of Frank Shields against W. J. Johnson and Co.

In the friendly suit of Milton James against the insurance company, a settlement was effected out of court, the defendant receiving \$200.

In the case of J. B. Greer against Vernon Whitehurst, the plaintiff received nothing and was directed to pay the case cost.

A judgment in the sum of \$185.19 was awarded the Standard Fertilizer Company against J. C. Spruill.

In the case of Mrs. Effie B. Cheson against L. T. Cheson it was shown to the court that a motion for allowance of alimony had been settled, and the court established certain property rights for the plaintiff and defendant.

Bertha Clemmons was given a \$650 judgment against P. H. Coffield, the defendant to have claim to insurance carried on a house burned in Robersonville. The plaintiff was directed to pay the cost.

A divorce was granted Mary H. Coltrain against C. B. Coltrain.

## Number Of Paper's Readers Increasing

The size of The Enterprise's family of readers continues to increase, the circulation man pointing out that the paper is now going into more than 1,600 homes mostly in Martin County. The names of recent subscribers are:

H. F. Williams, of Williamston, Earley Whitehurst and Allen Griffin of Jamesville, Miss Ruby Johnson, Norfolk; Ben Manning, Durham; J. D. Wynne, Robersonville; E. P. Cunningham, Williamston; S. R. Coburn, Jamesville; Darrell Griffin, Washington; C. C. Whitaker, Williamston; Sidney Mallory, Oak City; Mrs. C. D. Browning, Raleigh; Mrs. J. G. Hege, Suffolk; Ben Riddick, Everetts; Judge W. J. Bone, Nashville; T. M. Whitaker, Jamesville; J. C. Bryant, Oak City; G. E. Hyman, Everetts; Mrs. Clara Everitt, Hamilton; Irving Coltrain, Williamston; C. C. Walters, Colrain; Staston Gurganus, Williamston; Mollie Ore, Stokes.

## Senate Experts Open The Study Of Relief Agencies

Washington — Committee experts began gathering data today for an extensive Senate investigation of the worth of the emergency agencies engaged in administering Federal relief.

Alan Johnstone, counsel for the special Senate Committee to Investigate Unemployment and Relief, asked the agencies to supply him with comprehensive information on their activities.

These agencies include the Works Progress Administration, the Public Works Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps, and the Resettlement Administration, the latter now defunct.

Mr. Johnstone said the data would be used to prepare an agenda which he would recommend to the committee when it convened here, probably early in October. Public hearings, he added, might start in November.

## Two Lose Lives in Car Accident Near Here

### DESTITUTE

An urgent appeal for the donation of old chairs, beds, tables, and clothing was issued today by the Martin County Board of Welfare for a destitute family in this county. The case was described as pathetic and worthy of attention.

There are seven members in the family. Two of the children are tuberculosis victims, and the group is facing slow starvation. Welfare authorities are trying to keep the bodies and souls together, but it will be impossible for them to supply needed furniture and bed clothing, it was pointed out. Any one who can spare an old chair or any other article is directed to call the welfare authorities and they will effect collections.

## Price Adjustment Payment Will Not Be Made Until '38

### Proof of Compliance with '38 Program Could Not Be Given Before Spring

I. W. Duggan, acting director of the Southern Division, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, said today that under provisions of the law setting up the cotton price-adjustment plan, no payments could be made before 1938.

Dr. Duggan said a large number of letters and telegrams had been received urging the AAA to make payments available immediately to cotton growers who cooperated with the 1937 program.

"Under the act, Congress appropriated \$130,000,000 for price-adjustment payments on cotton grown in 1937," Mr. Duggan stated. "Payments at the rate established by this act may be made to growers on proof of their compliance with the 1938 agricultural adjustment program, legislation for which will be the first business of the next session of Congress. Proof of compliance with the 1938 program could not be given, of course, before late next spring."

"Participation in the 1937 program of the AAA is not required of those applying for price-adjustment payments." Payments will be made to growers on that part of their 1937 crop not exceeding 65 per cent of the cotton production base which was, or could have been, established for each farm under the 1937 AAA program. Growers must support their applications for payments with original sales receipts or certificates on all their 1937 cotton sold before July 1, 1938.

The rate of payment will be the difference between 12 cents per pound and the average price of 7-8 inch middling cotton on the ten designated spot markets on the date of sale, the amount not to exceed 3 cents per pound in any case.

Mr. Duggan said that communications also had been received asking that payments be made on the full 1937 crop rather than 65 per cent of the grower's cotton base.

"Payments were limited to 65 per cent of the base production to bring the total estimated amount of the payments within the fixed appropriation of \$130,000,000," Mr. Duggan said. "However, payments will be made on an additional amount of cotton, above 65 per cent of the base, if sufficient funds remain available from the appropriation following payments on cotton sold up to the 65 per cent limit."

## Predict Small Peanut Yield In The County This Season

First reports from peanut fields where digging activities are now underway on a large scale indicate there will be a small crop yield in the county this season. However, the early reports maintain that the quality is considerably above the average, some claiming the best crop they have ever raised.

The general report points out that there are thick tops and few peanuts. Possibly there is an acreage increase in some sections, but as a whole, the acreage increase, if any, will be offset by a decreased yield.

"I have examined the crop from one of the best peanut farms in this county, and the yield is far below normal," Farmer Dick Perry of Jamesville Township, said this week.

Reports from over the county state that the crop is spotted, that some farmers have fair yields and few vines, but the general opinion is that the county will produce a bumper hay crop and actually few peanuts.

Digging was started in the county last week, and is now fully underway. With favorable weather prevailing the task should be completed within the next week or ten days. Picking operations will be started within a few weeks, the time depending largely upon weather conditions.

Advanced market information on the crop is lacking, some believing the crop will command a poor price while others believe a fair return can be expected.

## Tax Collections Increase As Date For Sales Nears

### Property Owners Have Not Paid Taxes As Well This Year As Last

Warned that the delinquent tax list will be advertised next week Martin County property owners this week are paying thousands of dollars into the county treasury, the collector stating that more money had been collected these past few days than in any other period since the books were turned over to him about a year ago.

"Most of the accounts were quite a few large ones still unpaid," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said.

A review of the collections show that Martin property owners have not paid their taxes as well this year as they did a year ago. Starting out with a total levy of \$183,029.02 about 12 months ago, the sheriff collector reported early Monday that only \$137,273.09 had been collected, leaving a balance due at that time of \$45,755.93.

A year ago when the delinquent list was advertised, the unpaid accounts, numbering around 700, totaled about \$25,000. If the list is to be smaller this year than it was last, the tax collector's office will have to handle approximately \$20,000 in these last few remaining days.

Property owners in several of the townships have just about paid all their accounts, but in others the owners are just not taxpayers—so far.

The sheriff's office is now preparing the delinquent list for publication next week preparatory to the sheriff's sale the first Monday in the following month. Repeated warnings have been issued to the property owners urging them to settle their accounts and save added costs.

## Quiet Now Marks Jamesville Politics

### Rumors heard here a few days ago and stating that plans were being considered to overthrow Jamesville's town government have just about been proved unfounded.

The alleged plan to oust the officials never received serious consideration, a citizen from Jamesville said today.

Disgruntled over first one thing or another, one or two citizens there were said to be considering addressing a petition to the court for a special town election. It was pointed out that there was some doubt as to the proper handling of the last election. One of the officials explained, however, that the board properly ordered the machinery set up for the election, that if no one attended the conventions or failed to vote in the election they could not help it. Under the law, it is understood that a town governing board continues in office until successors are named and they qualify themselves.

It was pointed out by one or two persons that the board was criticized for allowing school buses to be parked on certain streets, that others did not favor the business-like methods of forcing tax collections. Those on the sidelines state that Jamesville's town government if functioning properly, that the town's finances are in the best shape than at any time in recent years.

## Road Repair Work Is Delayed By Weather

The resurfacing work on Highway 17 to the Beaufort line was delayed by weather conditions today, highway forces stating that it could not be determined when the project could be completed.

It was planned to finish the work late today, but rains interrupted the activities. With favorable weather prevailing tomorrow it will be possible to complete the work and open the entire road to traffic within 36 hours, it was explained. Much of the road is already open to traffic.

## Father Of Mrs. Barnes Dies At Clayton Home

R. W. Allen, father of Mrs. Francis Barnes, of Williamston, died suddenly from a heart attack at his home in Clayton early Sunday morning. He was 63 years old. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at the Creedmoor Baptist church in Granville County, the old family home.

Besides his daughter, Mr. Allen is survived by his widow, one son, and a brother and sister.

Mrs. J. D. Woolard returned this afternoon from a Washington hospital where she underwent an operation week before last.

## Prospects Bright For Largest Agricultural Fair Here Next Week Than in Numbr of Years

### Prices Continue to Advance On Williamston Mart Today

Tobacco prices on the Williamston market continue to climb, reports stating that they went to a new high peak here yesterday and were holding strong today. Indications are that they will hold up well and possibly advance as the season progresses.

Williamston's growing market is experiencing its most successful season, farmers comparing prices with those of past war days, and the sales breaking all previous records. Big loads of tobacco are averaging right at 50 cents a pound, and prices that apparently reached a top at 39 cents a week or ten days ago are going right on up to 49, 50 and higher. Farmers are more than pleased with their sales, and Williamston's tobacco buyers are literally holding each

other's feet to the fire in showing keen competition for all the medium and better grades.

Farmers are agreed that there is no better place to sell than on the Williamston market, and the long list of satisfied customers is growing longer day by day, growers coming here every day from as far away as 100 miles.

Yesterday the market experienced block sales, but had returned to a normal schedule in about an hour this morning, Supervisor Henry Johnson estimating that there were around 100,000 pounds on the floors for sale today.

General reports indicate that about one-half the crop has been sold. Heavy sales are expected to continue on the market here for some time, however.

## ABC Store Patrons Not Sure Of Names

### That quite a few customers of the Martin County ABC stores are not familiar with the brand names was evidenced a few days ago when the Williamston store received three unusual calls.

Asking for a 75-cent brand, a colored man was directed to the price list after the clerk had called over several names and failed to offer a suitable brand. Getting the price list mixed up with the store's holiday schedule, the customer studied and studied the schedule and then asked for a "pint of that Labor Day."

A colored woman explained to the clerk that she wanted a pint of "Friendly Five." Explaining that the store did not stock any of that particular brand, the clerk gave her a bottle of Five Crown, allowing that that would have its "friendly" effects.

## Williamston High Battles Kinston To 6-6 Tie In Opener

The 1937 edition of Williamston High School's grid team turned in a 6-6 tie in the opening game with Kinston. The team showed up remarkably well in their first game under Coach Sam Edwards. Although slightly outweighed, and in foreign territory, the youthful gridsters furnished stout opposition to the more experienced Kinston eleven. Some of them were playing their first game.

Williamston won the toss and elected to kick-off. William Wier booted the ball to Kinston's 35 yard line, Evans returning five yards. Carlyle Hall brought him down, thus earning the distinction of getting the first tackle of the year.

The Red Devils took the lead with a touchdown early in the second period. With the ball in mid-field, one of the home boys went off tackle on a 45 yard jaunt. On the next play an off-side penalty put the ball on Williamston's one yard line from where it was taken over for a six-pointed for Kinston. Pete Egan broke through to smear the try for extra point. Kinston put on another drive, but an intercepted pass by Joe Hardison stopped it. The clubs battled on even during the remainder of the half.

## Parent-Teacher Meeting Tomorrow In High School

The first regular meeting of the local parent-teacher association will be held in the high school building tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A reorganization of the association will be perfected at that time, and parents and patrons are urged to be present.

## No Meeting Of Masons Be Held Here Tonight

The regular meeting of the local Masonic lodge has been postponed, the master explaining that the session had been called off on account of the religious meeting now underway in the local Baptist church.

## Aged Colored Man Dies In Washington Hospital

Ben Jones, familiar colored figure here for nearly 70 years, died in a Washington hospital last Saturday. A well digger by profession, he was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here yesterday afternoon.

## Highway Patrol Goes on the Air Early Monday Afternoon

Its formal opening delayed until next Monday, the North Carolina Highway Patrol informally went on the air over its new five-station radio system yesterday afternoon. Today, the messages are going out thick and fast, directing the patrolmen here and there over North Carolina's vast highway system chasing drunken drivers and investigating wrecks.

Williamston's station, WANI, under the direction of C. D. Cavenaugh, chief operator, sent out its first call at 8 o'clock last evening when Assistant Operator Stuart Davis, young man from Louisburg, directed Patrolmen W. S. Hunt and H. W. Rothrock to pick up a drunk walking the Jamesville highway. A car was reported stolen a few minutes later, and owners of short-wave radio receiving sets today are getting a pretty good idea of just how much activity there is going on on the highway of the good ole North State daily.

The public is asked to cooperate in the operation of the radio system by reporting highway irregularities, wrecks, drunken drivers and so on in this section to Station WANI, Williamston. When a patrolman is needed, just call 250, WANI's telephone number and a patrolman will be directed to any location by radio. All reports are treated confidentially, and the leaders of the highway patrol are hopeful the public will cooperate in making the operation of the radio system successful and aid toward lessening accidents on the highways.

## Premiums Added To List For Students In Home Economics

### Nearly Every 4-H Club in the County Will Have Special Exhibits

Present indications point to one of the largest agricultural fairs here next week this section has seen in recent years, according to Manager Harvey Walker, who said that arrangements were being completed today and tomorrow for creating additional exhibit space.

"There is more interest in the exhibits than at any time during the three years I have been here," Mr. Walker said, "and it certainly looks as if the agricultural exhibits at the Williamston fair will rank right with the best east of Raleigh this season," he added.

More entries have been received to date than at any time during recent years, and the supply of entry forms has been almost depleted. The approximately \$3,000 in cash premiums has been placed in local banks for distribution to the exhibitors just as soon as judges furnished by the State departments can make their awards.

According to Manager Walker additional premiums have been created to care for exhibits that will be displayed by the several home economics departments in the schools of this section. The prizes run as high as \$25 in these departments, and it is understood that representative displays of the work now being accomplished in the schools will be seen at the fair. Individual school exhibits are also expected to feature the educational divisions at the fair.

Eight of the ten 4-H boys' clubs are planning exhibits. Assistant County Agent J. P. Woodard said this week. The youths are much interested in the corn exhibits, but they will compete for prizes in all the 4-H divisions, it is understood.

Larger entries are expected in the swine and poultry departments, Manager Walker explaining that the fair operators were more interested in limiting the prizes to farmers of this section rather than throwing the field wide open to commercial exhibitors. At least, the exhibits in these departments will be representative of the section, and it is possible that farmers in this and nearby counties will find it profitable to place some of their stock and birds on display.

## Fire Company Called Out Late Saturday Afternoon

### The local fire company received its first call of the fall season last Saturday at 5:10 o'clock when fire threatened the home of William Midgett on Elm Street. Starting from a box of paper and rags, the fire burned through the kitchen wall and into the ceiling, causing a damage estimated at about \$50.

The house belonged to Mr. R. S. Critcher.

## Record Number Arrests Made During September

The number of persons jailed in this county so far this month has established a new high record. To date 70 people have been placed in the county jail, the number not including those arrests made by police forces in several towns of the county. The number also does not include those persons arrested and released under bond without their entering the jail.

During the past week-end there were six arrests, four of the defendants facing charges of alleged violation of the liquor laws.