

Complete Trial Of Civil Cases Today In Superior Court

Jury Allows J. B. Cherry \$750 for Proposed Street

The Martin County Superior court completed a full two weeks term here today after clearing a large number of cases from the criminal and civil dockets. Yesterday, Judge Walter Bone discharged the jury for the term, and only a few motions occupied the attention of the court before adjournment.

With possibly a few exceptions, the civil proceedings have attracted about as little attention as any term held here in some time, the courtroom having less than a half dozen spectators at times during the past day or two.

Final court action was taken in the case in which the town of Williamston asked for a right-of-way over the J. B. Cherry property for the extension of Smithwick street. The defendant was allowed \$750, a sum described by town authorities as "mighty high." Mr. Cherry stated that he did not want to sell the property or any part of it for less than \$5,000, and it is understood that the town is not anxious to pay the amount assessed by the jury, making it appear that there will be considerable delay in extending the street.

R. L. Coburn and others were awarded a \$400 judgment against Mayo's Nu-Way Heating and Curing System, Inc., the plaintiffs alleging that they had been damaged when a product of the defense failed to perform as guaranteed.

Commissioners were named to sell certain lands to satisfy a claim of \$1,248 established by the plaintiff in the case of J. D. Biggs against Mary Eliza Huff and others.

George Boston was allowed \$80 in rents against C. L. Hinson and others, the defense attorney giving notice of appeal.

The case of J. L. Corey against Thomas O. Leavister in which the plaintiff was asking \$150 damages alleged to have resulted when a truck belonging to Mr. Corey and a car belonging to the defendant crashed on a highway near Robersonville in November, 1934, was settled out of court. Leavister, filing a cross action and claiming \$1,071 damages, was awarded \$287.50, the plaintiff Corey receiving nothing.

Divorces were granted on the grounds of two-year separation to Odessa Bell against William Bell and to Mrs. R. W. Higdon against R. W. Higdon. Eight applications for divorce were filed, the court granting seven of them.

The court finally cleared its calendar of the name of Leavister yesterday when it granted a \$449 judgment to the Universal Credit company against Thomas O. Leavister. It was the second case tried this term in which Mr. Leavister was a party to the action. The Leavister-Corey cases have been before the courts since March, four years ago. Actions were started at that time following a truck-auto wreck the

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Health Show Scores Hit In This County

Completing a week's schedule in this county today, the little puppet show, stressing the rules of mouth health, scored a big hit in every one of the larger schools and even started the old and staid members of Williamston's Kiwanis and Lions clubs thinking at a joint session of the two civic organizations last evening.

Crowded auditoriums greeted Miss McMullan and Mr. Reece and their little characters over the county, the educational entertainment supplementing a dental program now underway in the Martin schools.

The Division of Oral Hygiene in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the Martin County Health department is effecting a splendid work among the school children, and the entertainment program in the county this week, according to observers, equalled in value long hours of instruction in the school room.

The method of entertainment employed by the Carolina Playmakers, the producing organization, is quite unique and advances a lesson that will follow most of the children all their lives. The little play teaches the importance of having good teeth by caring for them properly.

It is believed that the puppet show was seen by more persons than any other production, regardless of type, ever shown in this county.

Committee Organizes Forces To Push Recreational Plans

Realizing the great need for a playground here and assured participation by the Works Progress Administration in the promotion of a recreational program, a number of leading citizens today are organizing representatives of the various civic, religious and other local groups into an executive board to establish a permanent project for the children of Williamston.

The recreational executive board will be composed of representatives from the Lions, Kiwanis and Women's clubs, parent-teacher association, American Legion, ministerial association and Skewarkey lodge. Names of the executive board will be announced the early part of next week.

No definite program for advancing a recreational project of a permanent nature has been formulated at this time, but the board being created today is expected to give the task its immediate attention. Those interested in the welfare of

local youth are planning to appeal to the town authorities next Monday evening for aid in helping to convert the grounds adjoining the Legion hut on Watts street into a permanent recreational center. The board will be asked to tile the ditch running through the grounds, and assist in any other way it can toward advancing the worthwhile undertaking.

Plans have been made to establish a temporary playground at grammar grade school, and the WPA has already offered to participate in the program. It is pointed out, however, that now is the time to work for a permanent program, that it is possible to get governmental aid to supplement an extensive program.

Leaders in the movement are anxious for a strong public support, and everyone is urged to participate in the program that holds such great promise for the youth of this town and community.

RETURNS



Rev. W. R. Burrell, former local pastor, returns here next Monday from Baltimore to conduct a series of pre-Easter services in the Baptist church, the services to continue through Friday of the following week.

Local School To Receive Visitors

In connection with Clean-Up Week which the local schools will observe next week, Wednesday, April 6 has been designated as visitors day. Patrons and friends of the school are invited to visit the classrooms, of the three buildings any time during that school day.

Programs of special interest will be presented in the auditoriums at the grammar school and the high school. At the grammar school group singing will be offered at 10 and 11 o'clock, grades two and three singing at 10 and grades four, five, and six at 11.

At the high school the three home economics classes will display apparel and articles made during the year under the direction of Miss Grant, teacher. Visitors are urged to visit the exhibit in the home economics rooms between the hours of three and five. Fine work has been done by the home economics students this year and the exhibition will prove interesting. Tea will be served between the hours of three and five.

It is hoped that a large number of parents will take time to examine work done by their children in both the elementary and high schools.

To Address Club

Judge Walter Bone will address the Robersonville Rotary Club this evening at 7:00 o'clock.

Welfare Office Flooded with Applications for C. C. C. Jobs

Announcing openings for eight young men in the Civilian Conservation Corps a short time ago, the Martin County welfare office is now flooded with applications for those positions, Miss Mary Taylor, superintendent of the county agency, explaining that 48 youths had applied, that every one of them was anxious to get into the service.

The applicants will be notified to report between now and the 20th of this month, Miss Taylor explaining that no definite date had been determined by the authorities.

The large number applying for positions in the service was explained by the location of the last group of Martin County boys in the camps. Leaving the early part of January, four youngsters were

Horse Runs Away Here; Stopped in Adjoining County

Tears Down Sidewalk by Police Station and Strikes Car

Time for the older generation here was turned back twenty years last Tuesday afternoon when a young dapper horse, pulling a small wagon, broke loose from his owner on Railroad street and tore down the town's main thoroughfare and ran itself down in a four-mile chase that finally came to a stop in another county. The incident, crammed with danger, proved very exciting, the older boys describing the break as the most unusual one they had seen in twenty years. Patrolman H. W. Rothrock, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Grant Jefferson took an exciting lesson in horse-catching, but as horse-catchers they proved themselves not so hot.

Bennie Rives, owner of the horse, and he is a fine horse too, had removed the bridle and tied the reins to the haymes while the horse, still hitched to the new wagon, ate his oats at the Rives home. Becoming frightened, the horse started his wild run. Turning into Main street, the animal started into a filling station but apparently decided against service, and continued across the sidewalk in front of the police station, striking and damaging one side of Mrs. Roger Critcher's new car. The horse increased his speed and went over the brink of the river hill.

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Many Plan To Hear Dr. Wm. R. Burrell

Williamston people and others throughout the community in large numbers are planning to hear Dr. W. R. Burrell, former local minister, when he returns next week to conduct a series of pre-Easter services in the local Baptist church.

As head of the local church for a long number of years, Mr. Burrell made many friends in this section who are glad to welcome him here for the special preaching mission which will continue through Friday, April 15. The minister is now pastor of the strong Biltmore church near Asheville.

Since leaving here he served the church at Murfreesboro and was president of Chowan College for several terms.

William T. Hunter, Prominent Citizen, Dies at Home Here

Funeral Service Conducted Wednesday Afternoon at 3 o'clock

William Timothy Hunter, one of this section's most highly respected citizens, died at the home of his step-daughter, Mrs. Joseph Godard, here last Wednesday evening at 6:15 o'clock. Death came after a long period of declining health and patient suffering. Mr. Hunter, 79 years old, had been in feeble health for several years, but was able to be up until a few months ago.

The son of the late John and Christian Hunter, he was born in Gates County where he spent his early life and received exacting training at the direction of his father in the mechanical construction of large mills. When a young man his services were much in demand throughout the United States and in parts of foreign countries, and he traveled extensively finally locating here about sixteen or eighteen years ago. It was after completing a big mill project in South America that he came to Williamston and retired some few years ago.

Few men possessed greater traits of a true Christian gentleman than did Mr. Hunter. His life was marked by its gentleness and understanding. He found pleasure in his work, and peace and contentment was his in abundance through a never-ceasing and willing worship of his Creator. Mr. Hunter appreciated the simple and finer things of life, and his activities were patterned in close relationship with a supreme law. He was a loyal and faithful member of the Baptist church, serving here as a deacon for many years, and in the church or on the street his presence radiated friendliness, kindness and sympathetic understanding. Mr. Hunter was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and he enjoyed a large friendship here and in foreign states.

Surviving him are his widow, who was before her marriage, Mrs. Della Peebles Gay, of Greenville; a son, Jack W. Hunter, of Greensboro, and his step-daughter, Mrs. Godard.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in New Town yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. James H. Smith, pastor of the local Baptist church, assisted by Rev. John L. Goff, local Christian minister. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Man Jailed For Larceny Of Car

Roosevelt Fagan, county colored man, was arrested near here last Wednesday afternoon by Deputy J. H. Roebuck and members of the Highway Patrol for the alleged theft of an automobile from E. A. Daniels, solicitor of the Beaufort County Recorder's court, in Washington last Saturday night.

Fagan's trail was picked up early Wednesday morning when he tried to cash a forged check at L. C. Nurney's store on the Jamestown road. The negro, arrested in this county several months ago when he attempted to forge Will Hardison's name to a \$40 check, ordered eight gallons of gasoline placed in the new Dodge car, and offered to pay with the forged check. The merchant refused to give Fagan any change until he could investigate. Officers were called and during the meantime Fagan drove off leaving the worthless check with Mr. Nurney. Sheriff Roebuck recognized the handwriting, and issued a call over the radio for Fagan's arrest.

Patrolmen from Plymouth, Williamston and Washington joined Deputy Roebuck and they trailed Fagan through several county townships and into Beaufort and back into Martin, finally picking him up at the Old Mill Inn that afternoon about 5 o'clock. The car had been driven about 1,500 miles by Fagan since last Saturday.

Fagan will be tried in this county for attempted larceny and then face a larceny charge in the Beaufort court at a hearing there today. He was placed under a \$1,500 bond.

Little Work Is Scheduled For County Commissioners

With not a single item of special business on their calendar, the Martin County commissioners are anticipating a short and uneventful session here next Monday. Routine duties will hold the officials in session several hours, but adjournment in the early afternoon is possible if no important business presents itself between now and then.

Push Drive For Two Gymnasiums In Martin County

Plans Are Likely to Receive Attention of Board Next Monday

Plans for the proposed construction of two gymnasiums, one at Jamesville and one at Oak City, are likely to come up for discussion and consideration at a meeting of the Martin County Board of Education here next Monday, it was learned today. Just what action the county board will take in supporting the two newly proposed buildings could not be learned. Reports from an unofficial source indicate, however, that the county school board is willing to participate in the program costs, that it is possible \$1,000 will be made available by the authorities toward the construction of the two buildings.

Other unofficial reports state that the Works Progress Administration is in position and ready to participate in the proposed program to the extent of about 70 per cent of the costs. The next action to be taken will be to get the county board of education to sponsor the projects, and representatives are expected here from the two towns to urge that this be done at the meeting on next Monday.

No definite construction costs have been advanced, but it is certain that it will not be necessary for the county school board or citizens in either of the two communities to underwrite a bond issue to finance their part of the program.

The proposed buildings will be similar to the one in Williamston, but not probably as large.

Other than the plans for the gymnasium, there is little business scheduled for consideration by the board next Monday. The sale of several abandoned school sites is subject to approval or rejection. One of the sites, located on Rhodes street here and hardly more than an acre in size was sold, subject to approval of the board, to L. B. Harrison for \$180. An old site of about one-half an acre in Jamesville was sold under similar conditions to Mrs. J. E. Smithwick for \$75. A small piece of land of about one twenty-fifth of an acre and adjoining the grammar grade school property here was sold to B. S. Courtney for \$30.

Report Few Fish In Roanoke River

Fishery operators on the Roanoke are reporting unusually small catches this week at their plants in Jamesville and the lower part of the county. The big seines are picking up no more than a peck bucket full of fish at a time, Mr. C. C. Fleming, operator of the fishery at Jamesville, said yesterday afternoon.

Reports from the sound fishing grounds substantiate reports released by the Roanoke fishermen. However, Williamston fishermen state that there are about as many fish in the streams at this point as are ever found at this season of the year. Other fishermen point out that the spring season is several weeks advanced, that ordinarily when the dog wood blossoms fish are taken from the stream by the tens of thousands. Probably the fish are running by the calendar and not by an advanced spring.

Operations are not at all encouraging at this time, but the fishery owners are looking for normal catches within the next few days. Large crowds are expected to visit the fishery later in the season.

Local Tobacco Market Made Big Stride During Past Year

Selling right at nine million pounds of tobacco, the Williamston market last season made one of the largest percentage gains of any market in the entire country. Sales were doubled last year by more than 300,000 pounds over those in 1936, and the price average was advanced by slightly more than 5 cents a pound.

A report, recently released by the State Department of Agriculture, shows that the Williamston market sold 8,969,938 pounds of tobacco for an average of \$25.48 per hundred pounds. Several thousand pounds of scrap were sold after the report was filed with the State department, and the local records show that the total sales were slightly in excess of nine million pounds. The average price paid on the Williamston market ranked right at the top and led

Allot Martin Farmers 18,200 Acres Peanuts

POULTRY CAR

A fourth and possibly the last poultry car this season will be operated in the county next week, T. B. Brandon, County Agent, announced today. The first loadings will be received at Jamesville next Wednesday, stopping the following day in Williamston. Loadings are scheduled in Robersonville on Friday, April 8 and in Oak City on Saturday, April 9. All-day loadings in each town have been arranged.

Young Democrats of District in Meeting Here This Evening

Form County Organization In Meeting Here Tuesday

Young Democrats of the First Congressional district, will perfect an organization among their ranks at a meeting to be held in the county courthouse here today at 5:30 o'clock, reports stating that between 100 and 150 young party men and women from the fourteen counties in the district were planning to attend and participate in the organization proceedings.

The only group in the State whose ranks have not been organized, the First District Young Democrats will hear Secretary of State Thad Eure and several other active leaders in the organization. Several others prominent in the party activities and leadership will also address the meeting. Carter Studdert, chairman of arrangements, announced this morning.

Arch Allen, prominent in the state organization, was taken ill this week and will be unable to attend.

Following the organization meeting in the courthouse, the group will repair to the Sunny Side Inn where a barbecue dinner will be served. Tickets, selling for \$1 each, have been engaged by more than 25 people in this county, and the organizers are predicting an interesting and entertaining rally.

Preparatory to the district organization meeting, a small group of young men and women met in the courthouse Tuesday evening and perfected a county organization with H. G. Horton as president. Judge Walter Bone, candidate to succeed himself on the bench in this district, "dropped" in on the meeting and briefly addressed the group. The judge, explaining that Democracy was a potent factor in the world today, that it was functioning not only in name but in reality, was well received by the small group. The jurist is expected to be present for the district meeting this afternoon and evening.

Officers of the county organization other than President Horton, are: first vice president, Miss Elsie Andrews, of Williamston; second vice president, Sherwood L. Roberson, of Robersonville; third vice president, Russell Martin, of Jamesville; fourth vice president, G. W. Barrett, of Oak City, and secretary-treasurer, Carter Studdert, of Williamston.

Secretary Studdert, addressing the organization briefly, stated that he hoped young Democrats in this county would participate in the district organization meeting here today and assist in entertaining the visitors.

Planning Release Of Tobacco Quotas Early Next Week

Cotton Quotas Held Up Pending Action in Congress

Martin County has been allotted 18,200 acres of peanuts under the new agricultural program, the office of the county agent was advised yesterday, according to Mr. T. B. Slade. Just as soon as the tobacco and cotton allotments can be determined, the office force will start mailing out the peanut allotments to individual farmers.

No control legislation for peanuts will be effective this year, the house agriculture committee yesterday defeating a proposed amendment to include peanuts in the program. However, it will be necessary for farmers who will benefit from the cotton and tobacco program to adhere to allotments for peanuts.

Mr. Slade stated yesterday that work on the tobacco allotments was progressing rapidly, that they hoped to mail out the quotas to individual farmers the early part of next week, possibly on Monday.

Any grower who wishes to enter a complaint about his allotment is directed under the law to notify the chairman of the county agricultural committee, Mr. Jesse Crisp, in writing.

No official information is available just now, but it is understood that no drastic reductions have been made on any one farmer, that every effort has been made to distribute the reductions equally on all farmers in all parts of the county.

The task of assigning individual tobacco allotments has just about been completed in the county, and final approval is now being sought from the State office. Just as soon as the changes can be reviewed, the allotments will be released to the individuals.

Cotton allotments cannot be assigned until final action is taken on amendments now pending in the National Congress. They should be available within a short time, however.

The county's claim for a peanut acreage allotment was well maintained, it is understood, but county agricultural officials are withholding any comments just now.

Over in Wilson County where drastic reductions were ordered, the farmers, after investigating their allotments, are said to be better satisfied. They learned the reductions were fairly uniform, that all fared alike, reports reaching here stated.

Local Debaters Are Eliminated

Debaters, representing the local high school, were eliminated in the State-wide debating contest this morning when Scotland Neck's negative team scored a unanimous victory over Williamston's affirmative here and a two-to-one decision over Williamston's negative team in the Halifax city. Winning both decisions, Scotland Neck will participate in the contest at Chapel Hill soon.

Williamston's affirmative team was made up of Gordon Manning and Miss Helen Mishoe, Miss Grace Barnhill and George Sumara representing the negative for the Williamston school at Scotland Neck. Miss Martha Cherry and Phillip Pittman debated here for Scotland Neck.

The debates centered around the theory that the several states should adopt a unicameral system of legislation.

One of the judges here stated that all the debates were very good.

Waits Quarter Century To Announce Marriage

W. E. Saunders, Bertie County man, died at his home between here and Windsor a few days ago, news of his death having been accompanied by an announcement of his marriage a quarter of a century before. His wife explained that her husband just did not want the marriage announced, and during all those years it remained a secret.

Saunders frequented Williamston often and had many friends here.

Transferred

W. D. Mishoe, manager of the local telephone office, has been transferred to Washington. His family is to join him at the end of school.