

## Eight Cases Are Called In County Court On Monday

### Session Was First Held in More Than Two Weeks

Holding its first session since April 11, the Martin County Recorder's court called a comparatively small number of cases last Monday, the accumulation of cases hardly constituting a regular docket.

The case charging Frank Brown with hit-and-run driving was not pressed.

A continuance was granted until June 6 in the case charging Perlie Lilley with disorderly conduct. A jury trial was to have been held on Monday before Judge Peel continued the action.

Judgment was suspended for two years in the case charging Annie Bellamy with violating the liquor laws.

Charged with an assault, Will Beacham was found not guilty.

C. W. Williams, charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a period of 60 days. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year.

Charged with reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, G. W. Hyman was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. Judgment was suspended for a period of two years in the case charging Geneva Moore with violating the liquor laws.

Booker T. Teel, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. His license was revoked for a period of one year.

A continuance was granted until May 16 in the case charging Joe Hopkins with violating the liquor laws. As far as it could be learned here, nothing has been heard from the young man since he disappeared more than a week ago.

## District Auxiliary Meets In Hamilton

On Tuesday, May 2nd, the Eighth District of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of East Carolina met in Hamilton with St. Martin's auxiliary as hostesses.

At 10:30 a. m. the Rev. John W. Hardy, rector, opened the meeting with a litany and prayers, remembering in the prayers the consecration of the Rev. Dr. William Brown as Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, taking place in Portsmouth, Va., on the same day. After this service, Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor, district chairman, took the chair, and introduced Miss Effie Waldo, of the hostess auxiliary whose delightful welcome was responded to by Mrs. E. S. Askew in a most inspiring address.

Helpful addresses were presented by several diocesan officers present at the meeting. Mrs. Harry G. Walker, of Creswell, president of the convocation of Edenton, urged a consecrated effort in all the summer work of the auxiliary, and stressed the importance of attending the conferences during the summer at the church camps, Lake Kanuga, and our own East Carolina Camp Leach. Mrs. Louis J. Poisson, of Wilmington, president of the diocese, gave a most educational report of the world conferences on Faith and Order at Edinburgh and Life and Work at Oxford, and helped us to see more clearly what is the meaning and the possible outcome of these two visionary meetings. Mrs. Sidney Ward, Plymouth, church periodical club secretary for the diocese, asked us to remember and observe the anniversary of the birth of the club this year. Mrs. Donald MacRae, Wilmington, diocesan educational chairman, gave us the books for study this summer, and urged us in her very enthusiastic manner to enjoy the summer study courses. She also urged attendance

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## New Auto Supply Firm Opens Store Tomorrow

W. J. Miller, formerly of Clinton, is opening a Western Auto Associate Store in the Culpepper building, next to the Virginia Electric and Power Company, here tomorrow. Final arrangements for the opening are being made today, the manager stating, however, that a formal opening would be held on Saturday of next week.

The store, recently remodeled, is being stocked with a large assortment of automobile accessories and allied items.

Mr. Miller plans to move his family here about the middle of this month. They will be at home in the Godwin house on West Main street.

## Books Open Tomorrow for the Registration of New Electors

Delivered to the registrars in the 12 voting precincts yesterday and today by Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, the registration books will be opened tomorrow for new electors. Those who have participated in a previous general election will not have to register again. Those who have become 21 years of age and those who have established residence in this county since the last general election will have to register on one of the three successive Saturdays beginning tomorrow to be eligible to participate in the June 4 primary.

Unless otherwise designated, registrations will be effected at the respective polling places on May 7, 14, and 21 between the hours of 9

a. m. and 6 p. m. It is perfectly legal to register on other days before 6 p. m., Saturday, May 21, if arrangements to do so can be conveniently effected by the registrar. O. S. Anderson, appointed to succeed J. D. Lilley, resigned, will register new electors in this precinct at the agricultural building next door to the county courthouse.

No registrations will be in order after 6 p. m. Saturday, May 21, Mr. Peel pointing out that the books will be opened on May 28 for the challenge of any name alleged to have been improperly registered.

The elections chairman stated today that the books would not be purged or any names transcribed to new books this year, that a complete new registration would likely be asked before the 1940 elections.

## Daily Vacation Bible School Starts Monday

FOR JUDGE



Henry D. Hardison is out for the county recorder's court judgeship in opposition to H. O. Peel, incumbent.

## Sponsored By Local Pastors' Association; Faculty Is Selected

### Children of All Religious Denominations Will Be Welcomed in School

The annual union daily vacation Bible school for all children of the community gets underway here next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, the leaders announcing today that final plans for the special training will be formulated at a meeting of the faculty to be held in the Christian church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The school this year will be conducted after the plans followed last year. It will be divided into four departments with Miss Ruth Manning as superintendent, the schedule of activities including directed recreational program as well as courses of study.

Beginners, under the direction of Mrs. J. Paul Simpson, will meet in the Episcopal church. The primary department will hold its classes in the Methodist church, the director of that department to be announced. Juniors are to meet in the Baptist church, and the intermediate department under the direction of Mrs. William Harrison, will meet in the Christian church.

A capable staff will assist the superintendent and the department heads, and the leaders are anxious for the children of the community to attend in large numbers.

Special activities, including handicraft work and play periods, will be directed by Miss Josephine Grant, Mrs. Coy Roberson and Miss Jane Parker.

The school, to run for two weeks, opens each morning at 9 o'clock, and the leaders are anxious that children enroll promptly at that time and make every effort to be present every day during the term.

Every effort is being made to make the school enjoyable as well as beneficial, and it is hoped that an even larger and more successful school than last year can be held this season.

## Potato Growers Will Vote On Control Soon

Martin County Irish potato growers will participate in a referendum next week possibly on Friday and Saturday, according to J. P. Woodward, assistant county agent. The growers are holding a meeting in the agricultural building here this afternoon for an explanation of the proposed control program.

Complete details for the referendum and the nature of the proposed agreement will be announced shortly.

There are about 65 or 70 commercial growers in this county, and the referendum is not expected to attract a great deal of attention.

## O. S. Anderson Is Named Precinct Registrar Here

O. S. Anderson was appointed yesterday to fill the position of registrar of Williamston precinct made vacant week before last by the resignation of John D. Lilley. Receiving the books yesterday, the new registrar will register new voters in the agricultural building beginning tomorrow.

Mr. Lilley's resignation is the only one received by the board following its appointments made some time ago.

## Building And Loan Association Holds Stockholders Meet

### Officers and Directors Are Re-elected; Activities Are Reviewed

Holding their annual meeting in the courthouse here last Tuesday, the Martin County Building and Loan Association stockholders re-elected all the officers and directors, and heard a review of the organization's activities for the past year.

C. A. Harrison was again chosen president of the association; C. D. Carstarphen, vice president; Mrs. Vella Andrews Wynne, treasurer; and Wheeler Martin, secretary and attorney. Names of the directors are: C. A. Harrison, C. D. Carstarphen, N. C. Green, C. B. Clark, J. E. King, W. C. Manning, F. J. Margolis, D. G. Matthews, Wheeler Martin, K. B. Crawford and Jesse Whitley, Mr. Whitley being a new member of the directorial group.

Now in its 24th year, the Martin County Building and Loan Association has been a determining factor in the steady and rapid growth of this community. A study of the 24-year program in detail is now underway. Secretary Martin announcing yesterday that it will be completed within the next week or two.

At the present time the association has 383 stockholders, 325 white and 58 colored, with 6,500 shares in force. At least three States are represented by the shareholders.

Through the assistance of the organization, a \$288,000 building program has been completed or is underway here at the present time, and the business of the association is continually expanding. The officials point out that these loans are well secured, that the association is participating in the material advancement of the town and community than ever before.

During the 42nd series recently closed, the association sold 900 shares of stock, the sale being the second largest in the history of the organization. About ten years ago, approximately 1,100 shares were sold in a single series.

## Nineteen Licenses To Marry Issued In County Last Month

### Identical Number Licenses Issued in First Four Months, 1937-38

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger in this county last month nine to white and ten to colored couples. A review of the issuances shows that the same number of licenses were sold by the bureau during the four months of this year as were issued in the same period a year ago. Employing the marriage license bureau activity as a barometer, this county, it will be recognized, is holding its own against recession or depression. But then there is the old saying that love will find a way.

Licenses were issued to the following last month:

#### White

Dalma Lee Modlin, of Jamesville, and Mildred Retha Phelps, of Roper.

Melvin Linwood Bunting and Mary K. Roberson, both of this county.

John David Perry, of Beaufort County, and Mary Beel Corey, of Martin County.

Robert W. Carter, of Robersonville, and Nellie Marie Wynn, of Oak City.

Elmer W. Robinson, of Roper, and Elma Frances Bateman, of Plymouth.

Howell L. House and Bettie Keel Perkins, both of Martin County.

Clyde H. Modlin, of Jamesville, and Annette Jones, of Williamston.

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## SENATE RACE

The names of three candidates for the two seats in the State Senate from this, the second district, have been certified to Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections. Mrs. J. J. Purdy, of Oriental, Pamlico County, has filed for the position. She is the first woman from this district to file for the senate. The two other candidates are: W. B. Rodman, Jr., of Washington, and J. B. Fearling, of Manteo.

The second senatorial district is comprised of: Pamlico, Beaufort, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare Counties.

## Crop Bill Amendments Effect Few Changes in Control Plan

Recent amendments to the 1938 farm bill are affecting the control program very little, and others now pending are almost certain to be too late to be applicable this year, according to unofficial information gained from reliable sources this week.

The proposed amendment effecting a shift in cotton allotments from one farm to another will iron out all inequalities, it is believed, but before the machinery can be set in motion to make the shift, it will be too late to be put in operation this year, it is believed. The amendment has merely been proposed, it should be remembered. Under the terms of the original bill, the small farmer was not to have his acreage reduced, throwing a heavy reduction on the big planter. Many Martin farmers received larger cotton allotments

than they wanted, but the original bill prohibited a transfer of the allotments unwanted by one farmer to another whose crop had been reduced around 50 per cent.

The tobacco amendments will hardly affect an increase in the crop in this county of hardly 20 acres. Another proposed amendment is hardly applicable in this county. As it is understood here, the farmer who has such poor land that he can produce no more than 500 or 600 pounds to the acre, he will be entitled to a large allotment, but even then he will forfeit his soil benefit payments if he exceeds his allotment.

Complaints filed against tobacco allotments have just about all been heard, but no official action by the county committee has been announced.

## Plan Formal Opening First Playground Here

### Final Arrangements Await Decisions By District WPA Office

#### Much Equipment Has Been Placed on Grammar School Ground

Sponsored by several of the town's civic organizations under the direction of the Williamston Recreational Executive Committee, a temporary playground will be formally opened to the youth of the community next Monday, the leaders explaining that there is a possibility of a delay in the event, pending a final decision by the district Works Progress Administration officials. Much of the equipment has been placed on the grounds and everything will be made ready for the opening for Monday, but as yet the WPA has not been able to assign directors to the project, it was learned today.

Aided by an \$82.50 cash donation, \$17.50 from the Kiwanians, \$50 from the Woman's Club and \$15 from the Junior Woman's Club and by liberal allowances by Saunders and Cox, Williamston Supply Company, Critcher Brothers and Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company, the recreational executive committee has outfitted a very complete playground for the children. Included in the list are a tennis court, volley ball court, horse shoe pits, swings, see-saws, sand piles, croquet court and a soft-ball diamond.

Already the children are flocking to the playgrounds, caring little about the formal opening scheduled for next Monday. The sponsors are not planning to formally open the playgrounds until supervisors of play have been assigned to the project.

The playground is recognized as a temporary venture, Mrs. D. N. Hix, chairman of the committee, stating that work is being continued on the plans for a proposed permanent program.

No official report giving cost estimates and definite plans for the permanent project has been released, but it is in the making.

Members on the executive committee are: Mrs. E. P. Cunningham of the Parent-Teacher association; Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Junior Woman's Club; Messdames R. H. Goodman, J. A. Ward and D. N. Hix, Woman's Club; Bill Spivey, Kiwanis; Irving Margolis, Lions Club; Z. T. Piephoff, Ministerial Association; H. G. Horton, American Legion, and J. C. Manning.

## Twenty-Five Colored High School Pupils Graduated

Twenty-five colored boys and girls are being graduated by the two high schools in this county this week, nine at Williamston and sixteen at Parme. Last year the colored school here graduated eighteen girls and boys.

## Todd Poynter Released; Gene Marshall, Catcher

Todd Poynter, first string catcher for the Martins, was released from the ball club at noon here today, Manager Shrader announcing that Gene Marshall, New Jersey young man, had been signed for the position.

## Big Canning Project In County Given Approval

A large canning project for Martin County estimated to cost \$3,000 has been approved by the WPA.

## Jurymen Are Drawn For Superior Court Convening June 13th

### Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, Will Preside

Thirty-six Martin County citizens were drawn for jury service by the Martin Board of Commissioners in regular session last Monday. The court, convening Monday, June 13, will hold only a one week term, and the proceedings will center around the criminal docket. Few cases have been booked for trial during the term and none of them is considered of general interest. The term isn't likely to be as short as the one held by Judge Clawson Williams in this county last December when the tribunal handled its work and adjourned three hours after convening.

Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, is scheduled to preside over the term. It has been quite a while since Judge Parker has presided over a term of court in this county.

Names of the citizens drawn for jury service next month are:

Jamesville Township: D. E. Davis, C. A. Askew, Jr., Seth Davis, J. C. Mobley, H. A. Hardison and E. N. Hardison.

Williams Township: Haywood Pate.

Griffins Township: Jesse D. Hardison, J. Dawson Lilley, Charles W. Gurkin, J. J. Roberson, William E. Manning, George C. Griffin, Lewis H. Roberson, A. D. Griffin, Sr.

Bear Grass Township: Fred W. McDaniel, Clayton LeRoy Revels, and Perlie Rogers.

Williamston Township: W. H. Harrison, John D. Lilley, Bill Gray, H. P. Mobley, Vernon Hopewell and Leslie Smith.

Cross Roads Township: Jesse Keel.

Robersonville Township: H. S. Everett, D. A. James, R. L. Smith, Ernest Coltrain, Claude Smith, G. H. Wilson, Leland L. Coburn and H. Adler.

Hamilton Township: L. R. Everett and F. L. Haislip.

Goose Nest Township: E. R. Turner.

FOR JUDGE



Herbert O. Peel, who is defending his candidacy again for judge of the county recorder's court.

## 300 Hear Orphans' Singing Class Here

Making its annual visit here last Tuesday evening, the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class was well received by approximately 300 people in the high school auditorium. Most of the patrons were children, and there were quite a few women, too, but the men were few.

The fourteen children, not long out of the orphanage on a tour that will take them to nearly every county in the state before the year is spent, presented one of the best programs seen here in several years. Mrs. Hutcheson was with the class for her seventh visit to Williamston.

The first marked evidence of a recession here was reflected in the size of the offering made to the motherless-fatherless group. A year ago local people and quite a few from nearby towns and communities raised \$128 for the class. Only \$80 was raised last Tuesday night, and nearly half that amount came from members of the Masonic lodge.

Entertained in private homes during their brief stay here, the little group of entertainers reported a pleasant visit just before leaving on Wednesday morning for Plymouth.

## Group Inspecting Site For Hospital

Colonel George E. Ijams, assistant administrator of veterans' affairs, and General George G. Woods, of Dayton, Ohio, are in the State this week inspecting sites for a new veterans' hospital unit to cost approximately one and one-half million dollars. Dr. Winifred Overholser, superintendent of a Washington City hospital and a member of the committee, is said to have pestered out in the first lap of the inspection tour and did not accompany the committee here.

Greeted by Mayor J. L. Hassell, Messrs. Ijams and Woods spent hardly ten minutes here, and did not bother to inspect two available sites for the proposed hospital. They were reported to be in a hurry to get to New Bern, and after paying their respects to Williamston the members of the "touring" party moved on, postponing or calling off altogether a visit to Windsor.

The party is scheduled to visit around 27 towns in the State.

## Fishing Season Fast Drawing To Close

Next Tuesday marks the end of one of the most unsuccessful fishing seasons in many years on the Roanoke River, Mr. C. C. Fleming, operator of plants at Jamesville and Camp Point, stating yesterday that the catches had been the smallest on record.

"We have caught more rock fish this season than ever," Mr. Fleming said, the catches averaging as high as 25 a "haul." "But herring have been limited to a few hundred thousand," he added. No large number of shad have been taken, but more of this type of fish was caught this season than last.

No explanation for the poor season has been advanced. An old colored man, according to Dr. W. T. Gibson, Jamesville physician, declares that every seventh year there is a marked decrease in the number of fish coming up the Roanoke, and reports maintain that the catches were small seven years ago, supporting in part, the old colored man's statement. It is not believed that the pulp mill is turning the fish back because there has been an increase in the number of shad and rock. Apparently it is one of those mysteries of the deep that no one can fully explain.

## Dental Clinic At Farm Life School Next Week

The last of a series of dental clinics in the Martin County schools will be held at Farm Life all next week. All school children including those who will enter the first grade next term are urged to attend the clinic for examination and necessary treatment.

Dr. A. J. Pringer, of the State Health Department, will conduct the clinic here. He is completing a series of examinations in the Gold Point school this week, after holding others in the Jamesville and Bear Grass schools.

## Local Banks To Observe Three Scheduled Holidays

Local banks will observe next Tuesday, Confederate Memorial Day, as a holiday. May 20, Mecklenburg Day, and May 30, National Memorial Day, will also be observed as holidays by the banking institutions here and throughout the State.