

Sixteen Cases On Calendar For Trial In Superior Court

First Civil Case Is Slated To Be Called Next Wednesday

Sixteen civil cases have been scheduled for trial in the mixed term of Martin County Superior Court convening next week, the size of the calendar being unusually long for a one-week term of court in which both criminal and civil cases are heard. Most of the cases, however, are hardly anything more than applications for judgments, and they are expected to occupy very little of the court's time.

Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, will preside over the term, the first two days of which will be given if necessary to the trial of criminal actions.

Only one sizeable suit is before the court. John Gurganus, Williamston police office, is suing Barber for \$3,000 damages alleged to have followed when he attempted to arrest the defendant in a Williamston hotel on the night of March 3, this year. The officer, suffering one or more broken ribs, is asking \$1,000 actual and \$2,000 punitive damages.

The next biggest suit outside the cases brought by the Standard Fertilizer Company, is an action instituted by Goidie Hyman against Dora Williams. The plaintiff is suing for possession of about eight acres of land and alleges damage in the sum of \$225 has resulted from the cutting of timber and wood from the property in question.

Two divorce suits are pending trial, the plaintiffs in each case asking freedom on the grounds of two years' separation. Malrose Williams is suing Willie Buck Williams, white of Griffins Township. Clarence Lloyd, Williamston colored man, is suing Dora Lloyd for absolute divorce.

The calendar carries the following cases:

Wednesday, June 22: Gurganus v. Barbour; Standard Fertilizer Co. vs. Aycock; Hyman against Williams; Harrison Oil Co. v. Roberson.

Thursday, June 23: Standard Fertilizer Co. vs. Theresa Anderson; Standard Fertilizer Co. v. J. A. Briley; Standard Fertilizer Co. versus L. R. Gladstone; Standard Fertilizer Co. against J. C. Cox et al; Standard Fertilizer Co. v. Rufus Gallaway; Standard Fertilizer Co. vs. Doc. Baker et al; Standard Fertilizer Co. v. J. R. Gladson; Standard Fertilizer Co. vs. C. L. Morris.

Motions: Williams vs. Williams; Standard Fertilizer Co. v. C. P. Aycock et als; Lloyd vs. Lloyd.

J. E. Boykin Again To Head American Legion

Joe Boykin, Williamston man, was again chosen to head the John Walton Hassell post of the American Legion by the membership in regular meeting here last evening. Other officers elected are:

Mack Wynne, first vice commander; P. M. Holliday, second vice commander; J. H. Ayers, third vice commander; W. E. Dunn, adjutant and finance officer; Bob Taylor, service officer, assisted by all attorney members of the Post; H. U. Peel, guardianship officer; W. H. Gray, sergeant-at-arms; J. B. Taylor, child welfare and athletic officer; J. R. Winslow, Americanism; J. S. Getzinger, graves registration officer; W. E. Dudley, employment officer; J. R. Leggett, publicity; J. A. Ward, sons of Legion; J. D. Woolard, trustee for three-year term.

In addition to the annual election various committee heads, the Post of officers and the naming of the chose W. H. Gray, John Ward, Mack Wynn and J. R. Winslow as delegates to the State convention, the meeting ruling that all other members who desire to attend be recognized as alternates.

Child Suffers Broken Arm At Playground Sunday

Jeannette Andrews, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Andrews fell and broke her right arm while playing on the school ground at the grammar grade building here last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Treated by Drs. Winn, Eason and McAllister, the patient is now getting along very well and is able to be up.

Playing on a slide, the child fell when she reached the bottom and caught her right arm on her body, breaking both bones between the wrist and elbow.

It was the first accident reported since the playground was opened several weeks ago and came when supervisors were off duty.

Open Books Next Week for Bond Election Registration

Registration for a special bond election will get underway here next week, the town commissioners in special meeting last night ordering the books be opened next Monday in the office of Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell on Main street. The registration will continue through Saturday, July 9, leaving Saturday, July 16, for a challenge of any names on the list prior to the voting on Tuesday, July 19.

Learning that J. E. Pope would not be able to serve as registrar, the board last night named Mr. C. B. Hassell to open the registration books. Messrs. S. S. Brown and H. M. Burras were named judges of election.

Resolutions, calling for the special bond election, were passed on their second reading by the authorities last evening. Commissioner Lu-

ther Peel making the motion that the election be called. Commissioner V. D. Godwin seconded the motion which received unanimous approval of the board members present.

The town is proposing to issue \$73,000 improvement bonds to advance the construction of an \$8,000 recreational center, \$35,000 in streets and sidewalks, an addition to the water system at \$15,000 and a \$15,000 addition to the sewer system.

According to unofficial information, construction work on the recreation project is to get underway the latter part of next week, present plans calling for the temporary financing of the work through the floating of notes which the authorities plan to take up by the subsequent sale of bonds.

Seek Earlier Opening Date for Leaf Markets

RE-ELECTED



Joe E. Boykin, Williamston man, was re-elected commander of the John Walton Hassell post of the American Legion last evening.

Work Sheets Must Be Filed by June 18

All farm work sheets showing information as a basis for participation in the conservation phase of the 1938 Triple-A farm program in the East Central Region should be completed and submitted to the local county office not later than June 18, W. G. Finn, director of the East Central Division, announced.

Farmers who expect to take part in this phase of the 1938 program, who have not submitted information for their farms, should submit work sheets by this date in order that the records of the county office may be completed and the checking of performance started as soon as possible after June 18.

Mr. Finn pointed out that the filing of a work sheet in no way obligates the owner or operator of the farm. It merely supplies information about the farm which serves as a basis for participation in the conservation program. However, the filing of a work sheet for each separate tract of land owned or operated by a producer is a necessary prerequisite to the filing of an application for payment.

Mr. Finn also explained that all requests for changes in the land to be regarded as a farm in accordance with the definition of a farm under the 1938 program must be filed by June 18. "Only those tracts of land operated as a unit may be included under a single application for payment," he said, "and in order for a tract of land to be considered a unit information must be filed by the above date showing that it is being operated as a unit."

In reviewing performance under previous Agricultural Conservation Programs in the East Central Region, Mr. Finn said: "In 1936, 383,000 applications for payment were received, representing approximately 628,000 farmers. In 1937, more than 400,000 applications were filed. Approximately three-fourths of the 1937 payments have been made to date, and it is expected that the remaining payments will be made at an early date."

Masons Schedule Work In Second Degree Tonight

A regular meeting of Skewarkey Lodge Masons will be held here this evening at 8 o'clock, work in the second degree having been scheduled, it was announced.

A Date Not Later Than August 23rd Wanted By Marts

Jimmie Taylor, Local Man, Director Warehouse Association

Meeting in Kinston last week, the Eastern Carolina Tobacco Warehouse Association passed a resolution recommending the opening of eastern Carolina tobacco markets earlier than last year. The organization asks that the opening in this section be set not later than two weeks following the opening on the Border, provided the opening here will not be later than August 23. The 1938 season opening dates will be determined by the United States Tobacco Association in its annual meeting to be held in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, June 30-July 2.

Last year this and other markets in Eastern Carolina opened on Thursday, August 26. While the United States Tobacco Association may not fully recognize the petition of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse group, it is very likely that opening will fall some time during the last week in August.

It is possible that farmers in this belt will be further advanced with their harvesting activities the middle of August than they were a year ago, that they will be ready to start marketing from one week to two weeks ahead of the time the markets were opened last season.

Tobacco curing got underway on a small scale in this section of the State this week a year ago. Martin County farmers, experiencing much difficulty in getting plants, started curing activities later, most of them making their first cures the first week in July. Current reports indicate that a few farmers plan to start harvesting some time next week, that the work will likely get underway on a large scale about week after next and the week following in this county.

The meeting of the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association was well attended last week. Jimmie Taylor, co-proprietor of the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse here, was named a director in the organization for the coming year.

They elected J. J. Gibbons, of Wilson as president of the association for the next year, to succeed E. V. Webb, of Kinston. Gibbons was vice president of the organization last year. H. P. Foxhall, of Rocky Mount, was named vice president.

The association also elected its first full-time secretary since its organization in 1919—George L. Wainwright, supervisor of sales of the Wilson market.

A resolution providing an average selling rate for baskets of tobacco on the warehouse floor not to exceed 330 baskets per hour, or 2,660 baskets for the regulation sales day of seven hours, was adopted.

Object To Discontinuance Of Passenger Trains Here

Local people, signing a petition yesterday and today, are joining others in nearby towns in voicing a strong objection to the proposed discontinuance of the passenger trains now operating between Tarboro and Plymouth.

Headliners Feature Entertainment Bill At Lions Big Event

Merchants Exposition and Indoor Circus Opens Next Week

A sizeable group of artists, headliners behind the stage lights in two continents, will feature the entertainment program at the Lions Exposition and indoor circus opening in the Planters warehouse here next Monday.

The entertainment program of the Exposition which has been completed after long deliberation, will be one of the greatest arrays of talent ever to be assembled for the entertainment of Williamston's show going public. Amid a setting of splendor and beauty there will be offered in the program that outstanding troupe of acrobats and teeter board artists, the Cress troupe, who have just completed an engagement in New York's leading theatre, the Radio City Music Hall. This troupe of six people will perform their acrobatic antics each and every night. There will also be the Flying Howards, who have been featured on the largest traveling caravans in this country, and will keep you in state of laughter with their hilarious comedy on the bounding trampoline. The great Lippincott will hold you spellbound when he delivers before your very eyes, hundreds of living objects from nowhere. Those three favorites of the air, the Sparklers, will entertain you throughout the evening with their syncopated harmony. These are only a few of the features which will be presented each evening at the Lions Exposition in the Planters warehouse commencing on Monday, June 20.

The Williamston Lions Club general committees on the exposition held their regular meeting in the Planters warehouse last Thursday evening with an attendance of practically 100 per cent. The honorable J. L. Hassell, mayor of Williamston, Mr. J. D. Wollard, president of the Kiwanis club, and J. E. Boykin, the commander of the American Legion, were present for the delicious supper that was served. The mayor made a very inspiring talk on the value of cooperation which indeed blended very well in consideration of the untiring support which has been afforded the Lions club in their endeavor, inasmuch as the various civic and patriotic organizations have given every possible help in making this exposition a huge success. But not to be forgotten are the many merchants who have come forward in their help by taking the various display spaces which were offered. So all in all, it is indeed gratifying to all concerned to know that the entire community is behind the project of progress in the exposition and there is no doubt that there will be one of the finest displays of advertising ever to be seen in this locality.

Young People Meet At Local Methodist Church

There will be an important meeting of all the young people of the local Methodist church and the Holy Springs Methodist church to be held at the Williamston Methodist church on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, June 15th.

Rev. R. E. Walston, who is head of the Young People's work of the Elizabeth City district will be present to speak and delegates to the Louisburg and Chowan assemblies will be elected. The work of the Young People Division will be discussed. All the workers with the young people are requested to be present.

All other young people and workers with young people are invited to be present. The public is invited.

Music for this meeting will be furnished by the junior choir of the Williamston Methodist church under the direction of Mrs. J. M. Ward.

50 PER CENT

Additional rains over the week-end aggravated the crop situation in this community, and today observers estimated that a damage of approximately 50 per cent had resulted to the tobacco crop. A never fading hope was expressed, however, as follows: "The crops may come out if the season is favorable from now on."

A wind and hail storm struck a small section of the county Sunday evening, doing some damage to crops in the Williamston and Bear Grass area. The hail loss was estimated to run as high as 20 per cent in some cases.

North Carolina Pulp Company Property Is Valued at \$500,000 By Equalization Board Monday

Enforcement Officers Report Record Activity During May

Enforcement officers working under the Alcoholic Beverages Control Board reported record activities in this county during the past month. A review of the reports shows that the officers, headed by J. H. Roebuck, wrecked eleven liquor stills, and poured out 10,850 gallons of beer and 264 and one-half gallons of liquor.

In addition to the raids in nearly every one of the ten townships in the county, officers gathered evidence to convict three defendants in the county court, the court fines for the period amounting to \$150 and the road sentences aggregating 21 months. The officers traveled 891 miles in carrying on their work, much of which was centered on investigations.

During the first few months, the special enforcement service was created by the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, the

officers captured a still every two days on an average. While the catch last month was slightly below that average, the report shows that the amount of beer poured out and the quantity of liquor confiscated established new records.

The officers will hardly approach the May record, but already this month they are reporting considerable progress in the apparently never-ending drive against the illicit liquor trade. Since last Thursday, Officers Roebuck and Bill Haislip have wrecked three liquor plants, one each in Bear Grass, Robersonville and Williamston Townships, and poured out 2,700 gallons of beer. The plant in Robersonville was the first captured in that district in about two years.

Yesterday, the officers captured a 100-gallon capacity liquor still and poured out 1,000 gallons of beer in Bear Grass Township.

Equalization Board Is In Session All Day Hearing Complaints

Addition of Pulp Plant to Lists Sends Values Over \$10,000,000

Meeting as a board of equalization and review, the Martin County commissioners yesterday heard a few complaints directed by individual owners against tax assessments but spent a greater part of the day setting up an assessed value of the North Carolina Pulp Company properties in the lower part of the county.

The commissioners, meeting in accordance with law, limited their activities to tax matters, those property owners failing to go before the board yesterday forfeiting their right to appeal from assessed valuations in the future. Changes made in individual listings were negligible and were more in the form of corrections in the lists, it was pointed out.

Anxious to determine a fair valuation for the pulp mill properties, the commissioners made a thorough study of the matter, finally ordering \$78,000.00 increase in the company's listings. Submitting a list showing an assessed valuation of \$379,000, the pulp company authorities are said to have accepted the \$78,000 increase, the added figure placing the total taxable value of the property on the books at approximately \$457,000.

It was pointed out that the land owned by the company is listed at the normal schedule existing in the county, that the personal property was listed at the rate of 40 cents on the dollar, and that the machines were given a tax value of ten per cent of the actual cost. These figures, it was pointed out, are not definite and are not official, the authorities of the company and county to determine the accurate amounts from a basic study of the values carried on the company books. Very little variation is expected, however, in the final values as compared with those mentioned in the minutes of the board meeting yesterday.

The addition of the pulp mill properties to the county tax books increases the total property valuation in the county outside of those values certified by a state commission to an amount in excess of ten million dollars. This represents a gain of approximately one-half million dollars, which comes after approximately \$400,000 listed last year in the form of solvent credits was removed from the county books to the State.

Individual accounts called to the attention of the board were, as follows:

The value of \$10,300 charged against Harry Waldo on 490 acres of Martin and Mitchell land was reduced to \$9,800.

An investigation was ordered in the value of \$750 charged against a house and lot owned by Mrs. Leslie Barnhill in Everetts.

A reduction of \$200 was ordered in the \$1,200 values listed against the Latham Thrower home in Williamston.

The \$350 assessment on the automobile of J. T. Price was unchanged.

The \$6,000 value placed on the stock of the Standard Oil Company was reduced to \$4,451.

Youth Suffers Injury By Stepping On An Axe

Stepping on an axe while playing near his home in Williams Township last Sunday afternoon, David Perry, twelve years old, cut a considerable portion of meat from the bone in his right foot. The youth was brought here by his father, Mr. Simon Perry, for treatment and is getting along very well.

Unusual Furniture Sale Underway At VanDyke's

Some real bargains in furniture are being offered each evening from 7 to 10 p. m. at the unusual auction sales in the VanDyke Furniture Store here. Started last week, the sales have attracted sizeable crowds and furniture has been bought at the customer's own price. The unusual selling events are to last only a few days longer.

LAST CALL

E. Y. Floyd, of State College, has announced that June 18 will be the last day North Carolina farmers can submit work sheets for participation in the conservation phase of the 1938 farm program.

Floyd pointed out that filing a work sheet with the county office obligates a farmer in no way. It merely supplies information about the farm which serves as a basis for participation in the program.

Twenty-five Enroll In W. P. A. Classes

The WPA Adult Education Program of Martin County started classes June 1 in the adult education office over Darden's Department store, with Mrs. Alice P. Edwards as teacher.

Prior to the organization of classes Mrs. Edwards contacted over a hundred persons who might be interested in acquiring new skills or improving their old skills. At present there are twenty-five enrolled with an average daily attendance of ten.

Courses are being offered in all fields of academic work through seventh grade level. The policy of the school is to give persons those courses which they desire. There is no formalized curriculum. To anyone enrolling in the classes instructions in homemaking, parent education, health, arts and crafts and general adult education are available, free of cost.

Mr. J. C. Manning, superintendent of Martin County Schools, has been cooperative in furnishing instructional material and equipment.

The highway patrol is also cooperating with the program by furnishing transportation one day a week so that the teacher may go out into rural sections and teach those persons who hold driver's licenses something of highway safety and any other subjects in which they are interested.

Mrs. Edwards will be glad to talk with anyone about enrolling in the classes and arrange hours satisfactory to the person. She will be very grateful for the assistance of all civic organizations and interested persons. The matter of transportation for students and teachers presents a problem. Many persons would like to enroll who live too far from the center to walk and too far for Mrs. Edwards to contact them.

The classes are open from six p. m. until ten p. m. every week night except Saturdays.

Action Pending In Assault Case Upon Local Lawyer

Action is pending in the courts of this county against Woodrow W. Bland as a result of a brutal attack upon H. L. Swain, Williamston attorney, here last Saturday afternoon. Using a check writing machine, Bland is said to have struck the attorney over the head and inflicted a wound that required the attention of a doctor.

A misunderstanding over the price to be paid Bland for screening the attorney's home was said to have prompted the attack.

Compensation for The Unemployed Meets Great Need

System Is Proving Valuable In Handling Needs By Agencies

Distribution of Unemployment Compensation checks over the five county area served by the Williams County employment office in the past few weeks, amounts to "manna in the wilderness" for many of the claimants who are out of work, according to their own statements. This money, received by workers who have been laid off and unemployed for several weeks or more, is mainly used for urgent necessities of life. Welfare workers report that it is proving of great benefit to many families, the unemployed worker usually being the head of the family or the chief breadwinner.

The simple condition of being unemployed is in itself no qualification for being eligible to receive unemployment compensation, explained the workers of the local employment staff here today. A person must have worked with a "covered" employer who worked eight or more people on his payroll regularly during the past year, and he must have complied with the terms of the act covering his employees under the Social Security plan. The worker must have his Social Security number and meet certain other conditions, such as being able and available for work when it is found for him, report regularly to the Employment office once a week, etc.

One ex-factory worker in Beaufort County walked and caught rides fifteen miles from his home each week to serve his waiting period, and when his checks began coming each week, he said he was "as happy as a jay-bird in a can of worms." It had been so long since he had seen a dollar of his own. One colored woman in Washington, getting her first weekly check, said it was surely "sent from the Lord for salvation."

The workers themselves do not pay the tax for this compensation. The employer pays a special payroll tax into the fund, which later is distributed to unemployed workers at such times as they are laid off or lose their jobs.

Any person will be supplied with information concerning the act, or their own eligibility, upon application at the local employment office.

Name Teacher For Local Home Economics Dept.

Miss Irene Mizelle, of Snow Hill, was named this week to fill the position made vacant in the local home economics department by the resignation of Miss Josephine Grant who has headed the department for the past three years. Miss Mizelle, a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, has had several years experience in home economics work and recently completed a successful year at Scotland Neck.

Miss Grant, who has ably headed the department here, plans to continue teaching, but she has not definitely decided which one of several offers extended here she will accept.