

Trial Of Criminal Cases Is Completed Here On Wednesday

Court Starts Work on Big Civil Calendar At Once

Completing the criminal docket Wednesday afternoon early, the Martin County Superior Court in the first week of a two-weeks' mixed term immediately started work on a crowded civil calendar, reports from the hall of justice this morning stating that the machinery of the tribunal continues to turn slowly but steadily.

Interest in the criminal docket centered around the trial of John Small, colored man charged with burglary in the second degree and assault with intent to kill on Mrs. Lyda Jenkins, aged Martin County woman. However, the court auditorium was not taxed to capacity during the one day spent in hearing the case, and the proceedings during the remainder of the first day and half of the court term were not largely attended.

Proceedings in the court not previously reported are as follows:

Charlie Clark and Lin Best, charged with breaking and entering and larceny, were found guilty. Clark was sentenced to prison for from two to three years and Best for from three to five years.

The case charging Jesse Mobley with false pretense was nolprossed. No true bill was found, and Lee Roy Jones was released in the case charging him with an assault upon a female.

William Penn Smith, charged with hit and run driving, was first sentenced to the roads for twelve months the court later suspending sentence upon condition that the defendant pay \$5 a month to Edison Moore, prosecuting witness, and \$5 a month to the hospital where Moore received treatment for injuries received when he was run down on the highway near Gardner's Creek by Smith on the night of April 10. The payments are to continue for a five-year period. It was brought out in the evidence that Smith had worked Moore's crop this year, that the defendant had a good reputation in Plymouth, his home. Moore, young white farmer of Williams Township, was critically ill for several months, and now gets around with some difficulty.

Grandson Mitchell and Henry C. Heath, riding with Smith when Moore was struck, were released when the court nolprossed the case charging them with aiding and abetting hit and run driving.

With several divorce cases on the docket, the court has already granted two permanent separations, both on the grounds of two years' separation. Eula Scott won in her suit against Jim Henry Scott. Joe Beach was given an absolute divorce in his case against Anna Louise Beach.

In his suit against R. H. Barber, J. S. Gurganus recovered nothing, the court taxing the plaintiff with the cost. The plaintiff was asking damages alleged to have resulted when he was attacked while trying to arrest the defendant in a local hotel several months ago.

Is Slightly Injured In Auto Wreck Near Here

Mrs. Arthur Levine, riding with her husband, was badly bruised but not seriously hurt in an automobile wreck near here on the Washington road early this week. She was knocked unconscious, but recovered rapidly after receiving first-aid treatment.

Rounding a curve, Mr. Levine applied the brakes as the car struck the painted stripe and caused the machine to skid and turn over. The car was damaged considerably.

Prominent Speakers To Be on Farmers' Day Fair Program

Three prominent speakers who are in close touch with the federal and state agricultural activities will appear on the program for Farmers' Day at the Williamston Fair next Wednesday noon, it was announced today by J. P. Woodard, assistant county agent. Congressman John Kerr, a man who has championed recognition for farmers; R. C. Holland, president of the North Carolina Stabilization Cooperative, and E. F. Arnold, secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, will speak.

The addresses of these men will be timely and should be of interest to every farmer in this section of North Carolina. Local Farm Bureau officials are looking forward to a big day at the fair Wednesday, the program to get underway promptly at 12 o'clock, noon.

Group Is Asked To Consider An Added Month for Schools

Addressing the first regular meeting of the parent-teacher association in the high school auditorium here last Wednesday evening, Principal David N. Hix urged the organization to consider a resolution passed by the local district committee several months ago endorsing the adoption of a nine-months term for the Williamston school. No action was taken at the meeting, a report stating that the membership will discuss the proposal and express its opinion at a later session.

The school head also outlined the objectives of the organization for the coming year, and proposed additional library facilities that the elementary school standard may be raised to meet State requirements.

Largely attended, the meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. A. J. Osteen. Rev. John Hardy led the devotional program, and Miss Mary Benson, secretary, read the by-laws of the parent-teacher association. After a brief business session, the members attended a tea in the new high school lunch room.

Reports coming out of the meeting indicate that the organization is entering what promises to be one of its most eventful and successful years.

Plans For Road In Griffins Uncertain

While firmly established as a project in the State Highway Commission's road improvement program, the Old Mill Inn-Farm Life road will likely remain untouched for several months, unofficial reports from Raleigh stating that a definite plan for handling the improvement project had not been determined.

Several plans for giving Griffins Township an outlet over the Farm Life-Old Mill Inn route have been duly considered, but it will be possibly some time next spring before a definite one is agreed upon, it was learned here this week.

It is very likely that the State Commission will not undertake to handle the construction work on the nine-mile project. The authorities are expected to consider letting a contract for widening and grading the road after the winter is spent and letting a contract for the surfacing at a later date. However, if federal road money is available, it may be possible to let a contract for the complete project sometime in the early spring.

Engineers have been assigned to the project, but it isn't known when they will start their survey.

County Insurance Exchange Meets Here Last Tuesday

At a special meeting, the Martin County Insurance Exchange met here Tuesday night in the office of Harrison & Carstarphen, local insurance men. A general discussion of insurance laws and policies was discussed with Mr. W. H. Carstarphen, president, conducting the meeting. Mr. Asa Crawford, another local man, is vice-president of this organization. The out of town people attending were Mrs. Lyda Taylor and Mr. H. C. Norman, of Robersonville, Mr. N. W. Johnson, of Hassell.

Youth Follows In The Footsteps Of Brother

Declaring to the court he had to steal to keep from getting hungry, James Melton, 16-year-old colored boy, was bound over to the county recorder's court by Justice J. L. Hassell at a hearing held here last Tuesday evening. Melton with Louis A. Brown, 14 years old, was arrested for the theft of five chickens from Mack Clark, colored man, living near here. Brown was placed in the custody of his father until the case can be handled in the juvenile court by Judge L. B. Wynne.

Melton is following in the footsteps of his older brother, William, who was sentenced to prison this week in superior court for two years in a case charging him with the theft of a cow.

Block Collections New Farm Act Now In Federal Court;

Warehousemen Ordered to Refrain From Collecting Tax

The life of the new farm program is now at stake with government forces rushing to Valdosta, Ga., today to defend the constitutionality of the act against attacks by Georgia growers who seek to eliminate the quota and penalty tax provisions exacted for tobacco marketing. The case is before a three-man court, attorneys taking part in the case for the government explaining that should the three judges rule against them the case will be immediately appealed to the Supreme Court.

Constitutionality of the act has been raised in a so-called test case which involves tobacco growers who charge that the broad control features of the program place powers of unwarranted discrimination in the hands of the government.

The anti-crop control movement is spreading throughout the tobacco belt, and as the government lines up to defend the program warehousemen in Williamston and those in other tobacco marketing centers are being asked under court order why they should not be restrained from collecting the penalty tax this year. Papers, asking why they should not be restrained in collecting the penalty tax, were served on all of Williamston's warehousemen this week. Papers have been served on nearly 350 other warehousemen in the State as a result of an action brought against the farm program by the Anti-Crop Control association in Wake County.

The action created by the anti-crop control group is returnable in Raleigh next Tuesday before Judge W. C. Harris who signed the temporary injunction. J. B. Hutson, chief of the tobacco section of the Agricultural administration, has stated that the AAA attorneys will appear at the hearing for the government.

The process servers, calling upon the aid of county sheriffs, plan to complete the work by tomorrow or early Monday. At the hearing next Tuesday the court is expected to rule as to whether the restraining order should be made permanent or be dissolved.

Changes Announced In Employment Personnel

John D. Enright, who for the past nine months, has been claims interviewer in the Williamston office of the State Employment Service, recently was promoted to junior deputy, for duty in the Goldsboro office, and he left few days ago for his new position there. He is succeeded in the local employment office by Earl Dean, of Fayetteville.

Mr. Enright, by his efficient work here, received promotion and has been in his new work in Goldsboro since September 17th.

Aged Colored Man Dies At His Home Wednesday

Frank Everett, a worthy local colored citizen, died at his home here Tuesday morning at 11:45 o'clock following a brief illness of pneumonia. He was 75 years old.

War Talk

War talk crowded out the prices of tobacco and other topics in the conversations on the streets here this afternoon, as people awaited late reports from Europe.

SHOW ARRIVAL

There'll be no special attraction Sunday afternoon for the old regulars who, for years past, waited the arrival of the show train to watch the wagons move off the flat cars and on to the fair grounds. Playing in Rutherfordton, a greater part of the way across the State, the Art Lewis shows will not be able to reach here Sunday afternoon.

Plans Announced Complete For Opening Williamston's Annual Fair on Tuesday of Next Week

Official Fair Program

The following program for the first two days of the fair is as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 27—Children's Day
12:00 Noon—Gates open, exhibit hall and departmental buildings open to public. Art Lewis shows on midway.
1:30 P. M.—Street parade, led by Robersonville High School Band with Higgins' Famous Band, Hoaglan's Combination, Torelli's Circus, Continental Revue cast, ponies and bicycles and clowns forming the unit.
2:00 P. M.—Big children's day program.
3:00 P. M.—Grandstand attractions booked by the management, including truck auto racers, Hoaglan's Combination, push ball, auto polo, Torelli's circus and high pole act. Daylight fireworks.
7:30 P. M.—Grandstand attractions, featuring the Continental Revue and repeat attractions. A brilliant fireworks program starts about 9 o'clock.

Second Truck For Colored Students

Placing in operation its second bus for the transportation of colored high school pupils, Martin County today has the largest colored high school enrollment in its history, authorities explaining that some difficulty was being experienced in adjusting the schedule to care for the increased number of students who are entering the Williamston school for the first time.

Starting two and one-half miles out of Dardens yesterday, the new bus handled 35 children. Today, the bus hauled almost fifty and more are expected next Monday. Pupils are being brought to the plant here from several schools in Jamesville and Williams Township.

Checks

Entering their applications several weeks ago, 207 Martin farmers are receiving this week, \$5,710.91 representing the first cotton price adjustment payments due in this county. The 107 checks represent 88 applications.

More than 700 applications have been filed with the county agent, and additional checks are expected within a few days. Approximately 350 cotton farmers in the county have not filed applications for the payments.

Bear Grass Host To Church Group

The annual meeting of Group one of the Woman's Auxiliary of Albemarle Presbytery was held at the Bear Grass church yesterday with large representations present from nearly every church in the section embracing the territory from Elizabeth City and Tarboro.

John Small Will Not Have To Go To War

John Small, sentenced to life imprisonment for second-degree burglary, is not as crazy as some would believe, according to stories coming back home following his last trip.

Mrs. Thessie Barnhill Buys City Beauty Shop

Mrs. Thessie Barnhill has recently purchased City Beauty Shop, formerly owned by Miss Dolores Long. Mrs. Barnhill is retaining the same operators, who have so efficiently pleased their many customers in the past and a cordial invitation is extended to the ladies of Williamston and the surrounding territory to visit the beauty shop.

Fairview Revival Meet Has Been Postponed

The revival meeting scheduled to be held at Fairview church beginning September 19th, has been postponed until October 17th, officials of the church announced yesterday.

Record Number of School Children Expected Tuesday

Strong Competition For Prizes in Several Departments

Plans were announced complete for holding Williamston's annual fair beginning next Tuesday, Resident Manager Harvey Walker stating today that a splendid program for a well-balanced exhibition had been formulated in detail.

World Nearer Brink of War Today Than Since Year 1914

Unofficial dispatches reaching here at noon today from areas of unrest in Europe indicated that the world is now nearer the brink of war than at anytime since the year 1914. Germany's Hitler, conceded Sudeten territory, was reported to have increased his demands, and a conference scheduled between the Nazi leader and England's Prime Minister Chamberlain was called off. Peace seemed far removed as members of world power nations resigned their places in cabinets and thousands of common people—people who know they will have to carry guns if war is declared, clamored for the resignation of those who have bowed to Hitler's demands.

This afternoon the world is awaiting developments, but what those developments will be no one seems to know. Something may be done to stave off another world conflagration, but just now the war clouds are darkening the horizon of Europe. Disorders, reported along the Czechoslovakia-Germany border, continue, but they do not enter into the picture so much as the outcome of conferences among the world powers. If Great Britain and France deny Hitler's demands, it will mean they are ready to fight, and in that case the only solution will be for Hitler to withdraw his demands.

The war spirit is gaining even in this country. Mr. Average Citizen declares France and England are yellow, but Mr. Average Citizen here adds that he does not want to see war.

Yes, the civil war continues in Spain, and Japan continues its march on the helpless Chinese. The events in those countries have been crowded off by happenings closer to home.

Emma Jane Peyton Dies At Home Here

Emma Jane Peyton, respected colored woman, died at her home here last Tuesday morning at nine o'clock following a long period of declining health. She was 75 years of age.

Revival Meeting Begins At Cedar Grove October 2

Beginning Sunday, October 2, Rev. Marshall Joyner, of Farmville, will conduct a series of revival services in the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church. The evening services during the period will be held at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.