

## Nine Cases Called In The Recorder's Court Last Monday

### Court Suspends Operations Until First Monday in Next Month

After remaining inactive for two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session, the county recorder's court sandwiched a session of its own last Monday before the Easter holiday and a two-weeks special session of the "big" court. Nine cases were called during the comparatively short session last Monday, and the proceedings attracted very little attention. Considering the time the court had been idle, the number of cases was unusually small. Judge Peel meted out several road sentences, but the court, adding nothing to the school fund, was considered as a poor one. April will be one month in which the schools will not receive a single penny in the way of fines and forfeitures.

#### Proceedings of the court:

Having failed to abide by a former judgment, Jasper Williams was called into court and sentenced to the roads for 60 days in the case charging him with an assault. Williams, also charged with larceny and receiving, will be tried on that count the first Monday in May.

The case charging F. S. Harrell with disposing of mortgaged property was continued by agreement until the first Monday in December, 1939.

Annie Bell Lewis and Mary L. Savage, the latter a WPA worker, pleaded not guilty in the case charging them with an assault with a deadly weapon. The first defendant was adjudged guilty of a simple assault, the court suspending judgment in her case. The Savage woman was found guilty as charged and drew a 60-day sentence in the common jail.

In the case charging him with reckless driving, Herbert Godard pleaded guilty, the court suspending judgment upon the payment of the costs and \$19.75 to the prosecuting witness, Clifton Moore, for repairs to a damaged car.

Leon Purvis was sentenced to the roads for sixty days in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Dayton Hardison, charged with simple assault, pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment until May 1.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Ralph Dugger was sentenced to the roads for three months. Dugger appealed to the superior court and Judge Peel required bond in the sum of \$100.

Will Bryant, charged with stealing a shirt from an Oak City merchant, was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months.

## New Crop of J. P.'s For Martin County

Martin County got a good crop of justices of the peace out of the recent legislature, the appointment of seventeen county citizens having been certified to Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne by Secretary of State Thad Eure yesterday. The entire group was appointed for four-year terms. The new crop added to the old gives Martin County nineteen justices. Mr. C. L. Nelson having gotten an appointment direct from the governor last January. Mr. J. S. Ayers, the other J. P., has two more years to serve before his term expires.

The new terms of the seventeen men appointed last week will not become effective until they appear before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne. If they wait more than ninety days after April 1, they will not be eligible to serve.

A list of those receiving appointment recently follows:

A. B. Ayers, Bear Grass township.  
C. B. Riddick, Cross Roads Township.

R. R. Rawls and E. V. Smith, Goose Nest Township.

Plenty Peel and J. C. Gurkin, Griffins Township. Mr. Peel recently resigned, and it isn't likely he will want to qualify.

J. A. Davenport, M. D. Beach and George H. Leggett, Hamilton Township.

A. Corey and E. A. Ange, Jamesville Township. The Mr. Ange referred to is possibly Mr. E. H. Ange.

W. S. White and LeRoy Taylor, Poplar Point Township.

C. M. Hurst and John T. Ross, Robersonville Township.

L. J. Hardison, Williams Township.

J. L. Hassell, Williamston Township.

## Success Marks Dental Clinics In Schools of Martin County

Started in this county by Drs. Underwood and Evans under the direction of the State Department of Health and in cooperation with the Martin County Health Department, the series of dental clinics is meeting with marked success in the several schools. Rushed for time, the doctors have already worked in seven schools and they are planning to complete the circuit by the end of this month.

In the four weeks ending last Saturday, the dentists had examined the teeth of 1,209 children, administering 988 treatments and referring 608 to private dentists. More than 200 teeth were pulled, and 535 teeth were filled. Nearly 500 children had their teeth cleaned, many for the first time.

Out of the group of more than 1,200 less than ten per cent needed nothing done to their teeth. An interesting feature of the combined reports is the number of repeaters having defective teeth. Nearly 200 of the little folks were grade repeaters, clearly indicating that a small physical handicap and one that could be easily remedied had a part in retarding them in their school work.

Not a single child has been unmanageable, and the school folks as well as the pupils are cooperating in the valuable undertaking. The only objectionable feature to the program is that it cannot be advanced on a more extensive scale. Dr. E. A. Branch, head of the Oral Hygiene unit, was here yesterday and expressed himself as being well pleased with the work now in progress over the county.

Completing their stay in Jamesville this week, the dentists will start work in the local school possibly next Tuesday.

## Approve Road Project In Griffins Township

### UP AGAINST IT

Anxious to get married tomorrow, a young Martin County couple is really up against it. There are the recently enacted laws governing the issuance of marriage licenses to be observed, but there is more to it than that. The young man has already submitted to a blood test, but the old folks won't even let him go to the girl's home to explain that she will have to submit to a test too.

Unable to go out of the State, the young man told Register Sam Getsinger that he would just wait a week.

## Surgeon Addresses The Woman's Club

Dr. Randolph Jones, Jr., Duke hospital surgeon and an authority on cancer, gave an illustrated lecture on cancer control before a fairly large group of interested persons in the Woman's club hall here yesterday afternoon. The speaker's address was well received by the small but interested group. Coming here without cost to the club, Dr. Jones illustrated with slides approved methods of cancer control. His lecture, a part of a nation-wide movement for cancer control, was considered of much value.

Dr. Jones was introduced by Mrs. W. O. Stinemates, vice commander of the Women's Field Army. She came here from Elizabeth City and has been very active in sponsoring the work carried on by this organization.

The Women's Field Army was founded December, 1936, although 13 years before there had been suggested some such organization. The field army works directly under the cancer committee of the medical association. Its goal is the establishment of clinics in all parts of the county.

The cancer control campaign will begin on Tuesday, April 11, and continue until the 17th in Williamston and Robersonville, and in all home demonstration clubs of the county through April 21.

## Young People Will Hold Meet Sunday

A meeting of the Interdenominational Young People's league which was organized at the Bear Grass Presbyterian church in January will hold its second meeting in the Sweet Home Christian church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Rev. John Goff, pastor of the Williamston Christian church, will give an inspirational address for the service and a very good program has been planned which will include special music by Miss Callie Mae Cherry and Mrs. Jesse Peele.

The young people and pastors of the various churches throughout the county are especially invited to attend this Easter service. Plans are underway to make this one of the greatest youth movements but the cooperation from each church of the county is needed before this accomplishment can be made.

Let's forget denominations, creeds and doctrines this Easter and center our minds upon the Risen Christ.

Following the enactment the early part of this week of a law designed to improve society generally, the Martin County marriage license bureau virtually suspended operations, and today there was no activity along the marital front in the county other than inquiries by prospective husbands about the rules and regulations governing the issuance of marriage certificates.

Applying for a license last Tuesday before Register J. Sam Getsinger was officially notified of the ratification of the new law. Miss Mattie Louise Gurganus and Carl Robert Wynne applied for and got their license to wed before the bars were raised. The couple are getting married this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents.

It is now estimated that a couple will have to enter a training period of about seven days before they can successfully meet the requirements necessary to the legal issuance of a marriage license.

Before an applicant can receive a marriage license, he must show himself free of any social disease, prove that there is no evidence of active tuberculosis infection, any epilepsy and that he is not an idiot, an imbecile or a mental defective of unsound mind.

The following certificate favorably passed by a health examiner and accompanied by a favorable laboratory report, will entitle the applicant to a marriage license:

To the register of deeds of Martin County, N. C., greeting:

This is to certify that I, (any doctor), a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina, have this day examined (applicant), of Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, who is a candidate for a marriage license, and, by the usual methods of examination, have found the said applicant to have no evidence of: (a) any venereal disease in the infectious or communicable stage (the original laboratory report of this serological examination from a laboratory approved by the N. C. State Board of Health is attached hereto); (b) any tuberculosis in the infectious or communicable stage; (c) any epilepsy; and not to be an idiot, an imbecile, a mental defective or of unsound mind.

There are certain exceptions, but cases coming under them are likely to be few in number. When medical history or examination of either applicant shows syphilis to be present and provided both applicants are so informed, license to marry may be granted in following instances:

When applicant has been under continuous weekly treatment for one year and signs agreement to continue such treatment until cured;

When applicant is pregnant and she agrees to take adequate treatment;

When female applicant is past child-bearing stage and agrees to take adequate treatment.

Residents of North Carolina marrying outside the State are required under the terms of the law to file within 60 days following their return a certificate with the register of deeds in the county in which they live showing they have conformed to the requirements of examination.

Licenses may be granted to idiots, imbeciles, the mentally weak and those subject to epileptic attacks only after eugenic sterilization.

The law is not applicable to non-State residents who come into North Carolina to marry.

Violation of the law carries a maximum fine of \$50 and 30 days in jail or both.

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## Work Is Started On Rural Electric Line

Preliminary work on the construction of a 225-mile rural electrification line in Martin and Halifax Counties was started this week by B. W. Jackson, successful bidder, of Richmond. Let for \$141,844.02, the contract calls for the completion of the line within 120 days.

Approximately 15 of the 225 miles will be constructed in this county to serve 51 customers. Construction work will be centered on the line running into this county first, and it will be energized within a short time, according to Mr. E. V. Smith, a member of the corporation.

The corporation will buy its power from Scotland Neck for 1.23 cents per kilowatt.

T. B. Slade, Jr., a Martin County young man, is manager of the corporation which will maintain its offices in Enfield.

## Marriage License Bureau Now Idle In Martin County

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## TOBACCO

Eastern North Carolina farmers, it is reliably estimated, will plant 328,000 acres of tobacco this year, or about 40,000 acres more than were planted to the crop last year and about 3,100 acres more than the average for the ten-year period beginning in 1929.

While the belt, as a whole, is anticipating a 14 per cent increase in its tobacco plantings, Martin County farmers are said to be seriously considering stepping up their acreage by nearly 25 per cent.

Nowhere, according to a government report just released, are farmers considering a curtailed crop except in the fire-cured belt where prices were low last season.

## Special Services To Feature Religious Program Sunday

Climaxing a period of intense activity during the past few days and weeks, the churches of the town and community are anticipating a large attendance upon their service programs Sunday. Special programs will feature the services in all the churches, followed by the rites of baptism in some. Attention is called to the individual announcements appearing on page three of this paper.

The presentation of John Stainer's "Crucifixion" by the Williamston Choral club in the Methodist church this evening at 8 o'clock is an added feature to the pre-Easter program of religious activities in the town. The large number of singers have spent much time in practices for the presentation of the cantata, and a large audience is assured them.

A glimpse at the religious programs for Sunday shows that the several ministers have chosen with care sermon themes that are strikingly appropriate for the religious period. Programs have been planned in each of the six local churches, and crowds even larger than the record ones of last year when more than 600 persons entered the edifices for the worship services.

An invitation is extended everyone to attend church somewhere on Sunday. A welcome awaits everyone in every church where ministers will tell again the story of life, death and resurrection of the Master who changed the cross from one of death and disgrace to one of life, honor and glory.

## County's Tax Listing Underway This Week

### Supervisor Warns There Will Be No Extension Granted

#### Schedule of Values Is Fixed At Meeting Held Here Last Wednesday

Meeting with the ten township property list-takers here Wednesday morning, County Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes issued general rules and regulations for handling the work, and the group tentatively set up a schedule of values in an effort to effect an equalization in the county's tax burden for all taxpayers. The schedule of values is applicable only to personal properties as real estate values will remain on the books unchanged except in those cases where repairs have been made or where buildings have been damaged or destroyed or where new buildings have been constructed.

In a special release today, Supervisor Grimes stated emphatically that no extension of times for listing properties would be granted by him, that those who fail to comply with the regulations governing tax listing will be subject to prosecution as provided by law. "There is nothing to be gained by waiting to list property for taxation; in fact, those who list early can avoid the rush that accompanies the work at the last minute," Supervisor Grimes said.

List-takers were instructed to call the attention of property owners to the statement that they are required to subscribe to under oath in "giving in" their property for taxation.

The importance of listing property by the individual owner was stressed, the tax supervisor explaining that where the lists are transferred and the values are out of line, the owner could expect very little consideration should he appeal from the assessments.

The schedule of values determined by the list-takers and supervisor, representatives of the county board of commissioners concurring, is virtually the same as it was last year.

Automobiles will be listed in accordance with values set up in the National Used Car Market Blue book. Inventories and stocks are to be listed at 60 per cent of the inventory value. The following schedule of values is applicable to farm property.

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## Enforcement Unit Busy Last Month

Officers, heading up the county's liquor enforcement drive, had another busy period last month. Led by Special Enforcement Officer Joe H. Roebuck, the raiders wrecked 17 liquor plants, poured out 8,750 gallons of beer and 77 gallons of liquor. The officers traveled 349 miles and made five arrests.

"Red" Taylor, charged with the illegal possession of about 70 gallons of illegal liquor was carried before Judge I. M. Meekins in federal court at Washington this week. Sentenced to prison for a year and a day, the defendant was later released and placed on probation.

No true bill was found in the case charging Paul Whitchard and Jasper Taylor with violating the liquor laws. The trials of Ernest Boston and Harry James, the other two of the five arrested in the county last month, are pending in the county courts.

## Federal Prisoners Leave Local Jail For Virginia Camp

### Sad Times As the Young Wives Bid Husbands Goodbye

Convicted in the federal court at Washington earlier this week, twenty-nine men were removed from the county jail here this morning and herded into a special bus with a federal prison or camp in Petersburg as their destination. Sentenced to prison for terms of varying lengths, the twenty-nine men held in the jail here since the early part of the week constitute about half the number facing Judge I. M. Meekins for alleged violation of the liquor laws.

Sadness crept into the jail yesterday and the day before as several of the prisoners' young wives visited there to tell them goodbye. One young wife, heart-broken and accompanied by her three-year-old child, wept bitterly as she told her husband goodbye. Tears flowed freely, the prisoners, their ages ranging into the low twenties, apparently realizing for the first time that crime does not pay. It was a tragic experience for one young woman who saw for the first time the inside of a jail. "I have never been in a courthouse before," she explained as she looked around at the bare brick walls and gazed through the bars of cold steel.

As the wheels of justice turned, and their wives came to visit them the young husbands were apparently awakened to the cold realization of their wrongs. It was an event packed with tragic experience, an experience that many have to gain for themselves before they can fully realize the costly meaning of their erring ways.

Some of the group were from good families, reports stating that the wife of one of the young men was a school teacher, that his father was a public official. But race, color or standing did not enter into the scheme of justice and eleven white and eighteen colored persons were herded into a big bus for Petersburg to repay their debt to society.

Several others were booked for free trips to Atlanta, and still others were slated for an institution in Ohio. The names of the group leaving here this morning are: Raymond F. Gibbs, 43; Jack Tetterton, 19; Arthur Lassiter, 44; G. V. Lassiter, 49; Dempsey Williams, 30; Hubert Perry, 27; Charles Ward, 25; W. B. Peel, 27; Bingham Daughtrie, 23; Johnnie Davenport, 25; and Charles Holland, 24, all white; and Jesse Moore, 23; Sam Brown, 37; Pete Revels, 38; Cary Batts, 44; Emmanuel Hopkins, 38; Israel Adams, 33; Sam Tucker, 34; Simon Smallwood, 35; David Moore, 35; Nat Whitley, 50; James Payton, 46; Zack Hardy, 57; Arthur Council, 20; Hoshiah Williams, 35; Clarence Barnes, 26; Lorrie Norman, 40; Wallace Stokes, 34; and Ren Council, 58, all colored.

## Special Program At Club Meet Monday

An unusual program, marked by a number of interesting, entertaining and instructive numbers, will be rendered at a special meeting of the Woman's club here next Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the club hall. Invitations have been extended and the program is certain to attract a capacity house.

The program, announced today by Mrs. Louie P. Martin, follows:

Carolina, Carolina—Everybody.

Choral selection by Robersonville Federated Music club group.

Early history of Williamston and Martin County by Mayor Hassell.

Instrumental duet, by Thelma Griffin and Marjorie Gray Dunn.

Choral selection by Robersonville Federated Music club group.

Explanation of the Penny Art fund, by Mrs. C. J. Sawyer.

Choral selection by Williamston choral club.

Sketch of North Carolina Musicians, by Mrs. C. J. Sawyer.

Vocal solo, by representative of Windsor choral club.

Choral selection by Williamston choral club.

## Murderess Paroled By Governor This Week

Phoebe Moore, young colored woman who was sentenced to prison for twenty years for the murder of Sam Simmons, colored man, here on July 3, 1934, was granted a parole this week by Governor C. R. Hoey. In making his investigation of the case, Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill pointed out some time ago that in the event the woman was given her freedom she would not return to Williamston. Reports state that she has gone to Winston-Salem.