

County Court Has Twenty-Four Cases For Trial Monday

Session Was First Held in The County Since April 3rd

Holding its first session since April 3, the Martin County Recorder's court found last Monday a large number of cases had accumulated during the period the superior court was in session for the trial of civil cases only. In one-third or eight of the twenty-four cases, the defendants were charged with drunken driving, the number breaking all records for the alleged violation.

Judge H. O. Peel and Solicitor D. E. Johnson settled down early that morning for a full day's work, and by the middle of the afternoon they had virtually cleared the docket and made ready for the adjournment of the tribunal.

Very few of the cases were continued, but prayer for judgment figured prominently in the proceedings.

In the case charging A. Dawson Griffin with an assault, the following judgment was ordered entered on the records: "Defendant being in court under a capias for violation of a suspended judgment, the court did not invoke the suspended sentence, but warned the defendant to abide by same."

Jasper Williams, charged with larceny and receiving, was found not guilty.

When the prosecuting witness, Bert N. Jackson showed she was unwilling to testify for the State, the court taxed her with the cost in the case charging Ernest Bonner with an assault.

Prayer for judgment was continued until June 5 in the case charging James S. Marriner with drunken driving. The defendant pleaded guilty in the case.

William Ward pleaded guilty and the case charging him with drunken driving was continued under prayer for judgment until May 15.

After pleading not guilty, Joseph Bynum was adjudged guilty of drunken driving by the court and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and has his license revoked for a year. He appealed to the superior court and bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Virgil Jackson, Jr., was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his operator's license suspended for 12 months.

The case charging Ivey Bryant with drunken driving was continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday, the defendant having pleaded guilty in the case.

Junior Spruill pleaded guilty of drunken driving and drew a \$50 fine. His license was revoked for one year and he was taxed with the case cost.

W. T. Williams was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his operator's license revoked for one year in the case charging him with drunken driving.

At the end of the State's evidence a motion for judgment as of not guilty was made and granted in the case charging Joe Hollis with hit and run driving.

Charged with operating an automobile without license, Jasper Williams pleaded guilty and the court fined him \$25 and taxed him with the cost.

The case charging Gus Knight with violation of the liquor laws, was continued under prayer for judgment until May 8, the defendant having entered a plea of guilty.

Fined \$25 and taxed with the cost for peddling, J. H. Godfrey appealed to the superior court. Bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Oscar Hagan, the man who has been a thorn in the side of those

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Building And Loan Re-Elects Officers

Meeting in annual session in the courthouse here last Tuesday, stockholders of the Martin County Building and Loan association gave the officers and directors a unanimous vote of endorsement when the group was re-elected in its entirety.

C. A. Harrison was elected to head the association as president, C. D. Carstarphen was named vice-president, Mrs. Vella Andrews Wynne, treasurer, and Wheeler Martin, attorney and secretary.

The names of the re-elected directors are: C. A. Harrison, C. D. Carstarphen, Wheeler Martin, Jesse Whitley, J. E. King, N. C. Green, W. C. Manning, K. B. Crawford, C. B. Clark, Sr., F. J. Margolis and Don Matthews.

Daily Vacation Bible School To Get Underway Next Week

The fourth annual Daily Vacation Bible school will get underway next Monday morning in the Christian church at 9 o'clock. There will be an assembly of all the children from the beginners through the intermediates.

With the cooperation of the playground leaders there is being planned some fine recreation for the boys, while suitable recreation is also planned for the girls. The junior and intermediate girls will have handicraft projects as in former years.

This school, sponsored by the ministerial association is one of the outstanding cooperative enterprises of our community. Now that school is out and it is a bit early for the scattering of our children and the growing importance of the school bids fair to make this two weeks the best yet had in daily vacation Bible school work. The pastors and superintendents of the several church

schools are urging the parents to plan for their children to be in attendance at the beginning and encourage them to remain through the commencement program.

The following teachers and workers will constitute the faculty for the present two weeks of training:

Principal, Miss Ruth Manning; superintendent of beginners, Mrs. S. J. Maxwell, and Mrs. Bob Carver and Miss Catherine Manning, assistants; superintendent of primaries, Miss Josephine Harrison, and Miss Marjorie Dunn, Mrs. John Hardy, and Mrs. C. B. Leggett, assistants; superintendent of juniors, Mrs. Betty Eason, and Mrs. Cecil Weeks, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Miss Thelma Griffin and Mrs. Urbin Rogers, assistants; intermediate, Mrs. E. M. Trahey, Mrs. Lloyd Arcsott and Miss Doris Moore; entertainment, Mrs. J. E. King, and handicraft, Miss Irene Mizella.

PRESIDENT



Clifton Everett, young son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Everett, of near Robersonville, was recently elected president of the Wake Forest Law School. Everett, succeeding Charles Manning, of Williamston, is the second Martin County man to occupy the enviable position.

Report For April Shows Busy Time In Sheriff's Office

Jail Turnkey Sets a New High Record During The Period

Handling 97 prisoners, caring for a recorder's court session and a two weeks' term of superior court and executing the regular duties of the office, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and his helpers worked themselves almost to a frazzle during the month of April. The jail turnkey, representing the number of persons placed in jail, reached an all-time high during the period. However, about forty of those placed in the jail last month were federal prisoners, but while here they had to have the attention of the sheriff and jailer, Roy Peel. The number of other arrests was slightly above the average for the particular month, however.

One of the most striking features in the officer's monthly report to the commissioners on the first Monday was the amount of taxes collected during April. Ordinarily, collections in April hardly exceed a thousand dollars, but last month the office collected \$2,500.86, most of that amount having been paid by small property owners who received their soil conservation checks. It will be recalled that the tax collections were swelled by the soil conservation checks received during the month of March.

During last month the office served half dozen warrants, fifty-one subpoenas, twenty-six civil papers, five claim and delivery papers, one ejectment and one execution.

The office was in charge of the court off and during two weeks. Three cars were operated a total of 4,377 miles by the sheriff and his deputies running down criminals, serving papers and raiding stills.

In addition to the regular work coming under the office, the sheriff and his men were active in the enforcement of the liquor laws.

During the past few days there has been a marked decline in the duties of the office, and it is expected the officers will have a quiet time until they start a campaign in early June to kill all dogs in the county that have not been vaccinated in accordance with State law.

Larry's Laundry To Open For Business Here Next Monday

Modern Plant Equipped To Offer Efficient and Quick Service

Larry's Laundry, modernly equipped to render an efficient and quick service to the people of this section, will open for business in its new plant on West Warren Street here next Monday.

Completing the installation of a dozen or more machines this week, the operators reported successful tests yesterday morning, and plans were then rushed to completion for opening the plant next Monday. Field work was started yesterday by the manager, Larry Wade, while Hurshel Miller, plant manager, made ready to start operations on a regular schedule early next Monday morning.

Wade, a member of the Martins' pitching staff, is at home in the laundry business. For six years he was closely connected with the operation of a large plant in Alabama, and he, with Mr. Miller, who has twelve years experience in the business, are well fitted for the new enterprise here. They have a complete plant with new and modern equipment to handle a large business. In the list of machinery are three presses for shirts, four presses for linen, two presses for wool and silks, special presses for collars and sleeves and a big four-roller flat-iron worker in addition to numerous folding and finishing boards.

Mrs. Mary Coltrain will have charge of the office, and the plant as a whole will employ sixteen or more workers, several of whom have had extensive experience in the business.

Wade will solicit the trade in Williamston, and Mrs. Thomas, of Hamilton, will solicit work for the plant in the towns of Hamilton, Oak City, Gold Point, Robersonville, Everetts and several other neighboring towns later on.

Regular calls will be established according to schedule, but special collections will be effected upon the receipt of instructions to the plant. Clothes picked up on Monday will be returned on Wednesday and so on throughout the week with special attention assured for rush orders.

In connection with the laundry business, the management will maintain and operate a modern dry cleaning and pressing business.

Locating the laundry here, the management has gone to great expense to make available a reliable and efficient service to people in this section, and the operators earnestly and cordially solicit the support of everyone.

During the first week, the management is offering special prices for a 12 pound balanced bundle. The management solicits inquiries and invites inspection of the plant which is constructed in accordance with the most modern sanitary laws. All employees hold health certificates, and will be carefully trained to offer a reliable service to the firm's patrons.

Atlantic Christian Glee Club To Be Here Sunday

The spring visit of the glee club from Atlantic Christian College will be made at the Williamston Christian church on Sunday morning at 11 a. m. Dr. Howard S. Hilley, president of the college, will accompany the glee club and will speak at the close of the program. The public is invited to attend.

N. J. Corey Dies At Home In Bear Grass Yesterday

Funeral For Well-Known Citizen Held This Afternoon

Noah James Corey, highly respected Martin County citizen, died at his home in Bear Grass Township on the Washington Road yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock following a comparatively short period of illness. Seventy-four years old on last April 4, Mr. Corey had been in declining health for some time, but he was able to be and attend to some duties about his home and store until just a few weeks ago. He suffered a complication of ailments, and his recovery was not expected after his condition became gradually worse within the past several weeks.

The son of the late Henry and Heppie Elizabeth Roberson Corey, he was born in Griffins Township, the youngest of a large number of children. In young manhood he was married to Miss Millie Frances Griffin who died nearly a quarter of a century ago. Two sons, Messrs. R. Sherrod and Arthur Corey, prominent farmers of Griffins Township, survive the union. He later married Miss Mamie Coltrain who survives.

When a comparatively young man Mr. Corey opened a small country store at the old home in Griffins Township. Later he moved his business to the Washington Road in Bear Grass Township. The spot was named after him. Later he moved a short distance away and continued the business. Observing the golden rule in business, Mr. Corey met with success in his business and farming ventures. He was a member of the old school, valuing honesty and recognizing the sanctity of an obligation. He confined his activities to within his own family and circle of friends, but he looked upon everyone as a friend. He was a quiet and unassuming husband and father, one who instilled in the hearts and souls of his children righteousness and fairness toward all men.

Mr. Corey was long a member of the church at Macedonia, and the last rites are being conducted there this afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. D. B. Davis and Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in the Tice Cemetery, at Hayes' Swamp, in Griffins Township, nor far from the old home.

Making Plans To Check Compliance With Soil Program

Training Schools Will Be Held Here During The Next Few Days

Preliminary plans for checking compliance by farmers working in cooperation with the soil conservation program are being well advanced in this section, T. B. Slade, special assistant in the county agent's office here stating today that a training school will be held for county supervisors here next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and that a school for local or community supervisors would be held within the near future.

Supervisors from this and a number of northeastern counties will attend the three-day school opening here next Monday in the agricultural building. A special representative from the State Department in Raleigh will come here to take charge of the school in accordance with arrangements made this week by Messrs. Patton and Murphy Barnes of the State and Federal offices.

Application blanks are now available to anyone in the county wishing to help handle the soil compliance check. The blanks can be procured in the office of the county agent. Those applying for the job of supervisor must list his schooling, positions held, farm experience, and answer several other allied questions. Their applications will be made subject to a check of actual work by them in the field, Mr. Slade explaining that the district supervisor will check their work and make recommendations to the State office where final approval is necessary before definite assignments can be made.

Missionary Society Will Meet Monday Afternoon

Circle number one of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet in the home of Mrs. S. C. Peel, Monday, May 8th, at 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Peel and Mrs. K. E. Harrison will act as joint hostesses to the circle.

Numerous Sales In County Are Subject To Mortgages

Cash sales may be slack with Martin County merchants these days, but there is a world of sales being made subject to mortgages in one form or another, according to a hurried review of the records in Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger's office this week.

During last month the office handled nearly 600 papers covering a varied list of articles. Crop liens and chattel mortgages led the list in number, but there were quite a few sales contracts or agreements entered into the records covering the purchase of cars, talking machines, cash registers, and numerous other articles. Numbers of mule notes have been filed and a few deeds have been placed on the record

books. Handling the large assortment of papers, the office collected for the county nearly \$500 last month, the average fee ranging from forty cents to \$1.75.

A review of the papers shows a marked upward trend in the number of business transactions handled through the office of the register of deeds. Agreements are recorded in the office for such items as plows and minor other articles that were seldom sold under a recorded agreement a few years ago. It is apparent that the practice of mortgaging is fast becoming a strangling habit and that it will be in order with the passing of a few more years to place a mortgage on the new-born babe.

Cold Weather Delays Transplanting of Leaf

Georgia Reports Big Crop; Border Crop Transplanted

Martin Farmers Are Certain To Get Their Planned Acreage

A marked drop in the mercury accompanied by sleet, snow and a cold rain has delayed the transplanting of the tobacco crop in this section, farmers who had planned to finish the task this week stating that it would be at least another week before their plants would be large enough for transplanting. The cold spell, bringing almost freezing temperatures, delayed the growth of the plants and held the transplanting work at a standstill, as a whole. Some few farmers are completing the task this week in the county, and possibly a few have their crops growing, but late reports indicate that transplanting activities will hardly get underway on any appreciable scale before the early part of middle of next week.

The blue mold has spent itself apparently in this county, and farmers are waiting for higher temperatures that will renew plant growth.

A few farmers who have about completed transplanting their crops state that the cut worms are causing some damage to the young plants, but no wide-spread damage by the pest has been reported in the county so far.

Although some farmers are certain to experience difficulty in procuring plants, there are enough, as a whole, to take care of a normal crop and an increase possibly as great as 25 per cent. In one or two communities where plants are scarce in this county farmers are going in to other sections and engaging plants. Bargaining for a large quantity of plants in the Kinston area a Martin farmer went there on Tuesday to find that the hail the day before had wiped out the beds in their entirety. Quite a few plants will be moved into this county from the Lumberton area, reports state.

Late information from Georgia maintains that the cold weather there is retarding the crop, but despite that unfavorable condition farmers there are anticipating their largest crop in history. A reliable communication received here today stated that the farmers are expressing fear that they have overplanted and that they are not as encouraged over price prospects next summer.

Transplanting on the border is virtually complete, reports from that area state, and the farmers got their acreage and a sizeable increase.

"I'm not planning to increase my crop very much," a Martin County farmer said early this week. Later it was learned indirectly that he planned to jump his crop from fifteen to thirty-five acres.

Swainsland Revival Will Start Monday Evening

A revival starts Monday night at Swainsland Chapel (Batts Cross Roads) with Rev. J. M. Perry preaching Monday night, Rev. Wilbur Bennett Tuesday night, Rev. Garland Bland Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Saturday night there will be special services at Sweet Home when the Lord's supper will be observed.

The Macedonia Christian Endeavor will attend the Swainsland service Monday night in a body. A special section will be reserved for them.

CAUGHT

Enforcing a strict observance of the speed laws enacted by the recent legislature, members of the highway patrol are bringing the speeders to justice.

Starting last Monday, Patrolman Hunt has carried twelve violators into justice of the peace courts. The first driver to fall victim in this county was Ray B. Paul who was alleged to have driven a truck with semi-trailer at the rate of 50 miles an hour from Robersonville to Williamston. He was fined \$5 and taxed with the cost by Justice Hassell.

Speed limits are now in effect as follows: cars, 60 miles an hour; trucks with semi-trailers, 35 miles an hour, and trucks with four-wheel trailers, 30 miles an hour. Drivers operating their cars with improper lights are also being carried into the courts.

Few Participate In Biennial Election Here Last Tuesday

G. H. Harrison Leads the Ticket For Town Commissioner

Williamston's biennial election went by virtually unnoticed last Tuesday when a mere handful of voters visited the polls in the town hall to re-elect its board of commissioners and mayor for another two-year term.

That local citizens take their politics more or less for granted was evidenced in the small but virtually unanimous vote given the old ticket. It was a quiet time as Registrar John E. Pope and Judges of Election Roy T. Griffin and Jesse T. Price patiently waited for thirty-eight to visit the polling place and cast their votes. Cat naps were taken by some of the election officials as they waited between visits, and others busied themselves with their newspaper reading and so on during a greater part of the day. It was a little job for the officials to tabulate the vote and declare the winners.

Officials described the election as the most listless held here in many years.

No independent ticket was offered, and comparatively little scratching was done when the main ballot was placed to the test by the individual voters. George H. Harrison, for twenty years a member of the board of commissioners, received a unanimous vote to lead the ticket. N. C. Green, ten years on the board was next high with 37 votes. Luther M. Peel, on the board eight years and V. D. Godwin, a commissioner for seven years, each received 36 votes. L. P. Lindsley, who is completing his twelfth year as a member of the board, received 34 votes to trail the ticket. Mayor J. L. Hassell, who starts his fourth term next month, received 36 votes.

Holding their last meeting a members of the old board, the officials will meet as a new board on the first Monday evening in June, their terms to run for two years.

Rev. Johnson Will Preach In Jamesville Sunday

Rev. Wade Johnson will preach Sunday morning at 10 a. m. at the Jamesville Methodist church, and in Ware's Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Marriage Licenses Decline In County During Past Month

Number Marriages Smallest Since the Depression Year of 1932

The new 1939 marriage law combined with a possible economic recession in this part of the State virtually closed down the marriage license business at the Martin County bureau during the greater part of last month, J. Sam Getsinger, register of deeds, stating that only five licenses were sold, four to white and one to colored couples in the entire month of April. The records show that only once in recent years has the number dropped to such a low point for the month in question. Back in April, 1932, when the economic shoe was pinching everybody's foot, the license bureau only sold five licenses, two to white and three to colored couples.

Complete reports are not available, but it is generally understood that few couples have left this county to marry in foreign States. As far as it could be learned no couples have offered to comply with the law in the county if they went out of the State to marry.

Three of the five marriage licenses were issued before the law became operative in this county, one of the applicants procuring a license on the day the law went into effect. Since that time one license has been issued each to a white and colored couple.

The first license issued to a white couple went to Miss Verna Griffin and William Howard Tyre, both residents of this county. John Rogers and Mary Lee Beach, colored, were the other couple to get a license in this county under the new law.

Once the new law is fully understood, and the courting world learns that there isn't too much trouble to meet the rules and regulations, it is believed that the license bureau business will return to normal, especially since the law must be complied with by couples marrying outside the State as well as those in the State.

White

Alphonso W. Cox, of Martin County, and Melba Lee Whitehurst, of Tarboro.

William Carlyle Ayers, of Beaufort, and Ellen Sugg, of Kinston.

Carl Robert Wynne and Mattie Louise Gurganus, both of Williamston.

William Howard Tyre and Verna Griffin, both of this county.

Colored

John Rogers and Mary Lee Beach, both of this county.

Enforcement officers, working under the direction of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, had another busy period during April, according to the monthly report filed a few days ago with the control group.

Special Officer J. H. Roebuck and his main assistants, Deputies Bill Haislip, Roy Peel and Julian Roebuck, wrecked fifteen illicit stilleries in the county during the period. They poured out 8,650 gallons of beer and seventeen gallons of liquor. A lone arrest was made by the special enforcement group. Charlie Godard was caught on the old Everetts road with six pints of the spirits in the raw.

The raiding activities, falling two short of the records for February and March, were centered in Cross Roads, Jamesville and Bear Grass Townships. Nine plants were destroyed in the Bear Grass sector, three in Cross Roads Township, two in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township and a lone one in the western part of Robersonville Township.

During the first few days of this month, raids by the officers have netted poor results, reports indicating that the manufacturers have quit the business to center their attention to the transplanting of tobacco. No startling results are anticipated until the approach of fall and its accompanying business upturn.

Mule And Corn Are Stolen From Farmer

A young brown mare mule was stolen from the farm of Clarence Ayers, near Cross Roads Church, last Sunday night. In addition to the mule approximately three baskets of corn were found missing. Ayers stated he tracked the mule for some distance from the barn but the track was lost when the animal was loaded on some type of truck or trailer.