

Large Number Civil Cases On Calendar For Trial In Court

Confusion Surrounds a Number of Boundary Lines In This County

Scheduled to preside over his first term of Martin County Superior Court beginning next Monday, Judge Richard D. Dixon will find a fairly long calendar but one that carries no sensational cases. Created by a special act of the legislature some years ago, the court will try only civil cases, a few of which while not of a sensational nature are almost certain to attract much attention.

It would appear that the boundary lines between tracts of timber are getting all tangled up in this county. There are eight such cases, the plaintiffs in some instances asking damages alleged to have resulted when the woodsmen "overcut" the lines. The following cases involve boundary line disputes: Charlie Killebrew against E. C. House, W. W. Griffin against N. B. Marriner, D. G. Matthews against D. W. Downs, W. W. Griffin against W. F. Barber, Haislip against Etheridge, E. F. Glover against J. B. Whiffled, D. L. Howell against E. P. Leathers, Jas. H. Everett against D. W. Downs. Surveys are understood to have been made in some of the cases and are ready for friendly settlement.

Started back in 1937 the old case of Goldie Hyman against Dora Williams is back on the calendar. The plaintiff is suing for possession of certain land and alleged damages in the sum of \$225.

The case of N. C. Green against J. F. Daniel is up for a motion. Harrison Brothers and Company are suing W. H. Hopkins for an account.

Alleging that a mule he bought was not sound, W. A. Vanderford is suing L. A. Hodges for \$300.

The Northside Lumber Company is suing H. H. Cowen for a disputed account.

Shapleigh Hardware Company is suing C. C. Rawls, Sr., for an alleged account.

The unusual case in which R. W. McCulloch, administrator, is suing Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne for \$1,600 is back on the docket. Back in 1925, D. W. Downs gave a certain deed to the late A. J. McCulloch, of Albion, Mich. Another litigation arose during the meantime, and the present clerk and two clerks before him have waited for instructions from the court as to whom to pay the money.

Susie A. Bunting is suing P. L. Salsbury for approximately \$700 allegedly due her after certain claims against insurance policies are met. The defendant's claim is denied in part, the plaintiff claiming that she is entitled to the remainder after premiums paid by the defendant are deducted from the insurance carried on her husband, Mark L. Bunting, who died in March, 1941.

Joe A. Hardison is suing Nathaniel Coltrain and J. E. King for \$1,000 damaged alleged to have resulted when a fire started by the defendants spread to his land and burned several hundred acres of timber.

S. R. Biggs is suing C. H. Briley for \$250 damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant's car crashed into his ambulance at a Bethel street intersection in June of this year.

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Fire Of Incendiary Origin Burns Small Tenant House Here

No Arrests Reported in Case By Local Police Early This Morning

Alleged to have been of incendiary origin, fire destroyed the five-room tenant house belonging to Mrs. E. P. Cunningham and occupied by Kanzetta Anderson and her daughter, Beatrice Jackson, on North Sycamore Street just off Main at 3 o'clock yesterday morning. When the alarm was turned in the fire had gained much headway and by the time the fire apparatus was carried there the roof of the house was falling in. Some of the frame work was left standing, and the front porch was not damaged.

Valued at about \$1,200, the house was insured, but as far as it could be learned no insurance was carried on the contents which were valued at about \$200. Very few articles were saved from the burning home, the occupants barely escaping themselves. The tenant, Kanzetta Anderson, is a victim of paralysis and one report stated that she had to be carried from the building.

Police, a bit baffled, had no official statement to make this morning in connection with the origin of the fire, but it is fairly certain the home was fired. A can with a kerosene scent was found in the backyard, and rumors have it that there was some trouble between the daughter and her estranged husband earlier in the night, causing some to believe that the house was fired.

Firemen, pouring approximately 12,000 gallons of water on the fire, were almost 45 minutes bringing it under control.

Library Dedication Attended By Small Crowd Friday Night

Williamston's public library was dedicated last Friday evening to the common cause of public education in this section. A busy people in a fast-moving world with the exception of a very few did not find time to attend the program and the informal reception, public officials, educators and community leaders being marked by their absence.

The program, handled by Chairman John L. Goff, Mayor John L. Hassell and Rev. Z. T. Piephoff was quite appropriate for the event. Library officials, including Miss Elizabeth House of the Beaufort-Martin-Hyde Regional Library Association, and Miss Ella Mae Gaylord, of the WPA Library Service, were present along with several representatives from the Junior Woman's Club, the Parent-Teacher Association and a

few others interested in good books and good literature. Refreshments were served in the mayor's office following the dedication exercises to a fairly large number.

Supported almost entirely outside the official tax budgets, the library under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Cooke and the library committee has made a splendid record in serving the people of this community since it was organized a few years ago. The book collection has been expanded rapidly considering the financial obstacles, and today the library is in a position to render a valuable service.

The library committee is starting a drive for funds to expand the library service, and the people of the community are earnestly urged to support the project.

PRESIDENT



James C. Manning, superintendent of the Martin County schools, was highly honored last Friday evening when he was elected president of the North-eastern District Teachers Association by the organization in session at Greenville.

Oliver F. Gilbert Dies at Home Here Friday Afternoon

Funeral Service for Respected Citizen Held Saturday In Elizabeth City

Oliver Fearing Gilbert, member of a prominent eastern North Carolina family and a highly respected citizen, died at his Main Street apartment here last Friday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock following a lingering illness. In virtual retirement for some months on account of failing health, Mr. Gilbert apparently was much improved during the greater part of last week, and had planned a short trip Friday with his family. He was taken ill after breakfast Friday morning and returned to his bed, his condition growing worse rapidly.

The son of the late Oliver F. and Elizabeth Simpson Gilbert, he was born in Edenton 65 years ago. When a mere youth he located in Elizabeth City and entered business with his brother-in-law, R. F. Mitchell, the firm handling a business valued at more than a quarter million dollars annually for nearly a quarter of a century. He later entered business for himself, and after many years of confinement, he retired from the mercantile field and engaged in the insurance business.

About four years ago, Mr. Gilbert moved to Williamston and after helping with the Works Progress Administration effect its new office set-up he continued his work as head of his insurance agency here. Possessing the qualities of a Christian gentleman, Mr. Gilbert readily made friends in Williamston and was held in high respect. As a young business man in Elizabeth City, he was closely associated with the civic betterment of his community. He was a charter member of one of the town's oldest civic organizations, headed the chamber of commerce as president, and was instrumental in the material development of that section.

His work in the insurance field was that of an executive, and he made lasting friendships here by solving insurance problems for others.

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POSTPONED

The dedication of the American Legion hut and the presentation of John Walton Hassell's portrait to the post bearing his name scheduled for tonight have been postponed indefinitely, it was announced following a meeting of the committee last evening.

The delay was ordered when it was learned that light fixtures could not be had and a conflict in the main speaker's schedule presented itself. Plans for the dedication will be announced later.

REMEMBRANCES

By CHAS. SMALLWOOD
Williamston, N. C.
DURING 1870's and '80's

The sickness I had was Peritonitis. I grew worse and worse till I could take no nourishment but an occasional tablespoonful of a 50-50 mixture of lime-water and milk. At my worst, which lasted how many days I know not, I would lie half conscious and dream of being back in the fields and woods around Washington, tramping the old haunts with other boys, and drinking gallons, and gallons of cool sparkling water from the wells and springs of my knowledge. Had I "gone" then, I am sure, the transformation would have taken place while I dreamed of sipping the nectar my parched human structure constantly craved, but was not allowed to have.

Dr. Hassell came and went, times and times a day, and nights and nights as well. He would doctor me and cheer, and thoughts of leaving him and the others and the dear old drug store never crossed my mind, but I afterwards learned it did theirs. One day at my worst, my grandmother (Nannie) as all "her children" called her, walked in at the door, and the sight of her caused me to feel that the old world had opened up once more.

She did not come immediately to me, but stood with her back to the door-light, and began untying the throat-straps of her poke-bonnet; the only kind of head-gear I ever knew her to wear. But her eyes were on me from the first, as she untied and talked. She said—Well, I heard this boy was a little sick, and I wanted to make a visit anyway, so I flagged that old wood-burner early this morning where it crosses the road near the house, and it finally got me to Jamesville, after running off the track a few times, and I persuaded the mail-man, as he waited for his mail sacks, to bring me on his buggy to Williamston, and take it all together, I made pretty good time in getting here by the shank of the evening. Then she crossed over, leaned and placed a hand on my head, brow and neck, looking me closely in the eyes meanwhile, finally saying—Sho, somebody said he was sick, and here I find him almost well, but I am going to stay a few days anyway, and enjoy myself with a visit.

There has never been a moment of my life since, but that I have known I was better the moment Nannie put herself in that door-way.

There was an individual of Williamston I have not previously mentioned but will never forget. His name was Buck Short. Buck was a boy about my own age, and lived just outside of town, about half way to Skewarkey Church, with his mother and sisters. Buck's folks generally had a pretty good garden and orchard, the products of which Buck peddled about town from a basket on his arm. A day or two after Nannie arrived, Buck came to the door with some really ripe peaches, and Nannie bought a few, and as she skinned the peel off one, and held it carefully in her fingers, Sister Sallie realized she had me in mind, and hurriedly cautioned her that Dr. Hassell would not want me to have it. Nannie said—Sho, a perfectly ripe peach is calculated to hurt nobody—and to me—Now you suck this juice, but spit out the pulp—hear me—spit out the pulp. Then—why the thing's so ripe, you couldn't hardly find no pulp, could you?

I have eaten peaches since that day, but none so good as it. And Buck Short brought it, and Nannie gave it to me, and the Good Lord let me handle it, and good Dr. Hassell did not grumble, and Sister Sallie saw and was glad, and with it, and many other good things done, the sick boy improved and got out, and Nannie went away after having her stay, and the drug store saw me again, and all seemed well and regular once more.

But before very long I had a relapse for a few days, which caused me great disappointment. John Roberson's circus was coming to town, and Dr. Hassell had bought me a ticket "for being such a good patient" and taking "his-old medicine" just as he had told me to, and would drive around and take me to and from the circus. But when circus day came I was flat on my back, terribly wrong.

As the parade passed through Main Street Sister Sallie held me up so I could see through the window.

SLOWING DOWN

Deliveries to the local peanut market were reported to be slowing down to some extent today, principally for two reasons: price and a shortage in the crop itself. Farmers are apparently holding their goobers off the market and waiting for a five-cent price. Today's quotations range from four and one-half to five cents with the four and three-quarter cent price predominating. It is conservatively estimated that more than 50 per cent of the crop has been sold in this immediate section and that in some other areas more than 75 per cent of the crop has been marketed.

The Call America Heeds



Facing the greatest task in all its history, the American Red Cross throughout the length and breadth of the land is appealing to a generous people to help finance that task. The Martin County Chapter is starting its annual roll call today. Be sure that your name is on the list before November 30th.

President Roosevelt Declares Freedom Is Worth Fighting For

Makes Armistice Day Address At Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Today

In an Armistice Day address at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery, President Roosevelt this morning at 11 o'clock declared liberty is for those who fight for it and for those who fight eternally to hold it.

Making no direct reference to the titanic world struggle now in progress as it relates to any battlefield, the President said that if the first World War had been lost we would know as France now knows why it was fought. "The Poles, the Danes, the Dutch, the Serbs, the Norwegians, the Greeks and others know today why the last war was fought," the President said. "We see danger of tyranny and slavery and realize that freedom and liberty are worth fighting for."

"Those who sacrificed their lives twenty-three years ago died to make the world safe. If safety has been again threatened it is our duty to see that the dead of the last war did not die in vain."

The President quoted World War Sergeant York in his address this morning in justifying the action of fighting to preserve liberty and freedom in the first World War, "and if those liberties and freedom were worth fighting for then, they are worth fighting for now," he concluded.

Armistice Day had little meaning in the war-torn world today. The fighting continued unabated on long fronts.

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Bookmobile Reports Increased Business

Making its second run in this county week before last, the tri-county bookmobile reported an increased volume of business among a larger patronage. Over 100 more books were circulated on the second trip and 32 new borrowers were added to the list of readers, Miss Elizabeth House, librarian at the Beaufort-Hyde-Martin Library Association, said last week-end. A circulation of 514 books was reported in the schools.

Many new books have been received and will be ready for distribution when the bookmobile makes its third trip in the county beginning Monday, November 24th, Miss House said.

The public is urged to make use of the new library service which is offered without cost to individual patrons. Reports from the other two counties state that the bookmobile is enjoying a large patronage.

This Week In Defense

The President, speaking by radio, said "The choice we have to make is this: Shall we make our full sacrifices now, produce to the limit, and deliver our products today and every day to the battlefronts of the entire world? Or shall we remain satisfied with our present rate of armament output, postponing the day of real sacrifice—as did the French—until it is too late?"

"The first," the President said, "is the choice of realism—realism in terms of three shifts a day; the fullest use of every vital machine every minute of every day and every night—staying on the job and getting things made, and entrusting industrial grievances to the established machinery of collective bargaining. The second choice is the approach of the blind—for them there is still 'plenty of time'—and their tombstones would bear the legend, 'Too late'."

In a statement issued regarding Civilian Defense Week November 11-16, the President said "Each and every citizen as a civilian must do his share for defense. We must halt the waste and unnecessary use of critical materials required for defense. We must work longer hours. And each of us must be trained in some task that is essential to our total defense."

Lend-Lease Aid

The President arranged a \$1,000,000,000 loan to Russia under the Lend-Lease Act. The loan carries no interest. Repayment—partly in materials—will start five years after the war ends and is to be completed in 10 years from that time. Observing the 24th anniversary of the Soviet revolution, the President telegraphed the Soviet Government "I am confident that the sacrifices and sufferings of those who have the courage to struggle against aggression will not have been in vain."

The Navy authorized construction of 50 escort vessels for transfer to Great Britain under the Lend-Lease Act.

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NO BIDDERS

Town real estate went begging for bidders at noon yesterday Mrs. L. U. James, town tax collector, offered a comparatively small number of homes and lots at auction for taxes due and unpaid. Not a single bid was made by an individual, the town bidding in the properties subject to foreclosure proceedings which will follow within the next eighteen months. A few persons, going about their business in and around the courthouse, paid little attention to the tax collector as she read out the names on the delinquent list.

Germans Are Still Struggling To Get Into Russian City

Japan Is Warned by America And Britain That Appeasement Days Are Over

Failing repeatedly in his effort to capture Leningrad and Moscow, the Germans today are throwing fresh troops into the fray in a renewed drive to accomplish his bloody plans. The Red Army, battered and outnumbered, continued to hold firm against the fresh troops which some believe were shifted from the Western Front in a desperate move to save Hitler's dreams in Russia. Accompanying the news telling of the renewed attack on Leningrad came reports describing counterattacks by the Russians in the rich Donets Basin and around Moscow, and a bitter dog fight continued at Sevastopol, important Soviet naval base on the Black Sea.

Thousands of Germans were reported attacking Leningrad from Finnish-held territory north of the city. Russian quarters interpreted the new drive as both a race against winter and an attempt to make huge strides before Finland replies to a United States suggestion that she make peace with the Soviet Union.

In contrast to Adolf Hitler's declaration Saturday that his troops were content to starve Leningrad into submission, the Russian newspaper Red Star reported last Friday that the Germans had thrown four or five fresh divisions against the long-besieged city.

Red Star said the Germans had lost 350,000 men on that front alone in an unsuccessful attempt to surround Russia's second largest city.

This delayed dispatch also said the Russians were counter-attacking on the entire Moscow front, inflicting heavy losses on the invaders and forcing them to slow their assaults on Tula, munitions city 100 miles south of the capital.

Available information indicated that there was no German intention to dig in on the Moscow front for the winter, that the Nazis were still moving up reinforcements, and the Russians still were throwing up more defense lines between the Germans and the capital.

Possessing what appears to be an inexhaustible supply of power, Hitler this morning was reported to be starting a new drive toward the Caucasus, but the report declared that the new onslaught was being held in check by the hard-pressed Russians. Russia was heartened by the stand announced by Britain's Winston Churchill yesterday, making it possible for Russian troops and forces to withdraw in part from Siberia and take part in the active war at hand.

A high spot in the late reports was one telling of the killing of three German generals on the Leningrad front, including the chief of staff.

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Fifteen Marriage Licenses Issued In County Last Month

Normal Trend in Issuance of Licenses Continues in This County

Fifteen marriage licenses were issued to couples in this county last month, the license bureau in the register of deeds office maintaining a fairly even and normal trend in its business.

The November issuance was the largest since last June, and was slightly higher than the average for the past three years, but slightly under the average for the three preceding years.

Licenses were issued to eight white and seven colored couples by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger as follows:

White

William Edgar Davis and Dare Stokes, both of Hamilton. Wheeler V. Daniel and Sudie Lucille Mallory, both of Oak City. John Reginald Simpson and Sara Freeman Cone, both of Williamston. Tom Henry Ward and Allie Everett, both of Robersonville. Charles Brantly Holliday, of Jamesville, and Kathleen Coltrain, of Williamston. Eddie Price, of Williamston, and Pauline White, of Williamston R.F. D. No. 3.

Colored

Fernando Newsom and Gladys Perkins, both of Robersonville. Spencer Cherry and Christine House, both of Robersonville. Frank Gay, Sr., of Hobgood, R. F. D. 1, and Almetr Williams, of Hobgood. James Henry Moore and Carrie Mae Spell, both of Robersonville. Joseph Henry Peel and Estelle Moore, both of Williamston, Route 3. George Henry Peel and Mary Magdalene Purvis, both of Williamston. Clarence Bowen and Addie Beatrice Rogers, both of Williamston.