

## Library Bookmobile Will Make Regular Schedule Next Week

### New Books Have Been Added To List For Distribution In The County

From Sub Rosa to Second Carrot from the End is a "far piece" in the reading world. But along the way are many interesting literary by-paths. Sub Rosa written by two young parachutists of the Office of Strategic Service reveals the thrilling adventures of General "Wild Bill" Donovan's men and their undercover war behind enemy lines.

If you are not in the mood for laughter, do not read Second Carrot from the End. This is the story of the Farmers' Market in Hollywood—where the "stars" meet. Advertising expert Fred Beck tells of this venture with an appreciative humor that turns it into a three-ring circus. Erna Barschak describes her sojourn in this county with the same wisdom, friendliness and sense of humor she brought from Europe.

Ethel Vance's most recent novel, Winter Meeting, unlike her last two, is the story of a few days in the lives of a submarine hero and a remarkably lovely woman, a writer whose life has been marred by a tragic childhood. The understanding and sympathetic approach to this story makes it one sure to move many readers.

Before the Sun Goes Down by Elizabeth Howard is the Doubleday prize novel for '45. Reaching back to the 1880's, the author has centered her story around Dr. Dan Field and the Pennsylvania town where he lived—a town with its "best families" on one side, its worst on the other and Dr. Dan passing between them recognizing no barrier except that which kept Pris Albright beyond his reach.

A new novel by Anya Seton is The Turquoise, a story of a beautiful, gifted woman who leaves the magic mountains of her native New Mexico for New York of the seventies—only to end her search for happiness back in the high, thin air of Santa Fe.

Glady Schmitt has used a new approach to Bible sources in presenting the story of David the shepherd boy who became King of Israel. David the King is considered one of the most fascinating books of its type in many years.

The bookmobile schedule follows: Monday, March 18: Williamston Elementary School, 9; Edward's Service Station, 11; Hamilton School, 11:30; Hamilton, in front of Bank, 12:45; Gold Point, Johnson's Service Station, 1:35; and Robersonville Public Library, 2:30.

Tuesday, March 19: Hassell Post Office, 9:30; Hassell School, 10; Edmondson Service Station, 10:40; Oak City School, 11:15; Oak City, Barrett's Drug Store, 1:30; Smith's Store on Palmyra Road, 2:15.

Wednesday, March 20: Williamston High School, 9; Everett's, School, 10; Everetts, Avers Store, 11:30; Robersonville High School, 12:30; Robersonville Elementary School, 1:30; Parmelee Post Office, 3; Cross Roads Church, 3:30.

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## Mayor Resumes His Court Duties Here

Forced into temporary retirement by illness, Mayor John L. Hassell quickly resumed his court duties here during the past few days. Several cases have been handled by him since his return a little over a week ago.

Lester Jones, drunk on the highways, was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Spencer Hyman was fined \$2.50 and required to pay \$9.50 costs.

Irving Bembridge, Joe Frank Mabry and John Law Smailwood, charged with disorderly conduct, were each taxed with \$9.50 costs.

Costs in the sum of \$6.50 were taxed against Marvin Williams who was charged with disorderly conduct.

Drunk and down, John Henry White was required to pay \$9.50 costs.

## Sports Card Attracts Big Crowd At Oak City

A record-size crowd attended an unusual sports event in the Oak City gym last Tuesday night when the mothers and daughters, fathers and sons, and a special town team turned back Speed on the basketball court.

The daughters won by a 14-to-7 score. The Oak City boys, going through the regular season without a win, missed a victory over their dads by a lone point, the game ending with the fathers leading 20 to 19. Speed's team was turned back by a big score.

## Property Values Decrease In Williamston District in 1946

Personal property values for the current year took a decided tumble in this township, according to a preliminary report made on the tax listings this week by List-taker O. S. Anderson. Two accounts were \$267,000 less than they were a year ago, and although the number increased the value of automobiles was \$28,624 less than it was on the first day of January, 1945, the list-taker pointed out. The combined losses in the three instances amounted to \$295,624, the list-taker pointing out that a few minor losses were also incurred in individual cases where property was destroyed by fire or timber was cut and removed from the lands.

While the 1946 list shows a decline in total values in the township, it does not necessarily mean that general values are decreasing. The \$295,624 decrease in the three instances was almost two-thirds offset by increases in other properties

### DIES IN JAPAN



Cpl. Thaddeus Newsome, III, of near Williamston, died in Japan on Tuesday of last week, his parents were notified last week-end. No details of the death of the young Army man have been received.

## Basketball Tourney Financial Statement

Submitting a public financial report on the Martin County basketball tournament held in Williamston last week, Sam D. Bundy, chairman of the athletic committee, stated that the event grossed \$744.00. The first night receipts were \$230. The second night drew a \$223 crowd, followed by a record number contributing \$291 to the fund on the third night.

Federal taxes subtracted \$148.80 from the gross, and \$65 was paid to the referees. Expenses, including lights, postage, telegrams, amounted to \$10.95, and \$27.25 was paid for medals, making a total of \$252. The remaining \$492.00 was divided equally among the schools entering teams in the tournament, Oak City, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Jamesville, Robersonville and Williamston each receiving \$82.

## Dr. E. T. Walker Going To Atlanta

Dr. E. Thayer Walker has accepted an appointment in the Radiology Departments at Grady Memorial Hospital and Emory University School of Medicine at Atlanta, Ga. He and Mrs. Walker will leave Williamston March 27th and his new work will start April 1st. After three years work at these hospitals the fellowship will enable Dr. Walker to become a Diplomat of the American Board of Radiology. For the past six and one-half years he has been in general practice in Williamston.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS

A year ago motorists on Martin County highways traveled through the tenth week without incident. This year they figured in four highway accidents, resulting in injuries to four and a property damage estimated at \$1,820.

Figuring the bang, bang accident on the Jamesville road last week as one, there were four wrecks during the period under comparison.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Tenth Week			
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge	1946	1945	\$
4	4	0	1,820
0	0	0	0
Comparisons To Date			
1946	31	20	8,220
1945	12	5	2,380

## Enforcement Group Reports Continued Activities In County

### Twenty-Two Distilleries Are Wrecked And Two Persons Arrested In Two Weeks

Reviewing activities on the county's liquor law enforcement front during recent weeks, ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck said this week that twenty-two illicit liquor distilleries were wrecked during the short month of February, that two persons were arrested in the drive and that the raiding crews poured out more than 2,000 gallons of beer.

Fifteen of the twenty-two liquor plants were fully equipped, but the officer stated that most of them were of the cheap type and that the beer supply at nearly every one of the stills was limited. The officers equalled their still "catch" reported in January when twenty-two plants were wrecked, but the beer supply was more than 1,000 gallons short of the 3,350 poured out by the officers during the first month of the year.

Most of the beer was made from molasses, but a few of the manufacturers used syrup. According to a review of the bureau's activities, no operators were able to find sugar in carrying on their illicit operations.

In winding up their work in February, the raiders tore up plants in the Poplar Point section of Hamilton Township, one in the Free Union area of Jamesville Township and one in Goose Nest, and poured out about 300 gallons of molasses beer.

On Tuesday of last week, the officers wrecked a fifty-gallon capacity oil drum kettle on Gus Lane in Cross Roads, blew up eight 50-gallon capacity fermenters and poured out 350 gallons of molasses beer.

The following day, the officers found a 30-gallon capacity oil drum still in Griffiths Township. The operators had only 30 gallons of beer brewing, or hardly enough to raise a stinker. Later that same day, the officers centered their work in Williamston Township and captured a 100-gallon capacity tin still and two fifty-gallon capacity fermenters.

They poured out 150 gallons of molasses beer, and found six gallons of white liquor in a stump hole not far from the scene of manufacture. Last Saturday night the raiders, accompanied by the high sheriff found a quart of illegal liquor in John Wiggins' possession at Hamilton. Wiggins had emptied several jugs, it was explained, before the officers made the search. Nearly one gallon of illegal liquor was found in Joe Hollis' log cabin on the Williamston-Hamilton road Sunday morning.

## Native Of County Dies In Hospital

Benjamin Roebuck, a native of this county and highly respected business man of Washington, died in a hospital in the Beaufort county Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock following months of declining health.

The son of the late James Albert and Mary Wynne Roebuck he was born in Cross Roads Township in July, 1888. After spending his early life on the farm he traveled for a Washington wholesale firm and later entered business for himself. In early manhood he was married to Miss Marcia Jones of Beaufort County and she survives with two sons, Benjamin, Jr., recently discharged from the Marine Corps, and Haywood Roebuck. Also surviving are: five brothers, Geo. T. Roebuck of Cross Roads, R. Connor Roebuck of Pitt County, Albert Q. Roebuck of Greenville, S. A. Roebuck of Farmville, Roy G. Roebuck of Fairfield, Bruce Roebuck and James Roebuck, both of Robersonville, five sisters, Mrs. Opie Bass of Nashville, Mrs. J. E. Bullock of Raleigh, Mrs. Marjorie Disinger of Robersonville, Mrs. Alton Whitley of Vanceboro, and Mrs. Hilton Everett of Robersonville.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Washington Methodist Church of which he was a member. His pastor officiated. Interment was in Oakdale Cemetery, Washington.

Painfully Bruised In Fall From Automobile

Little Miss Gail Martin, three-year-old daughter of Patrolman and Mrs. Titus Martin, returned to her home in Washington last Monday after undergoing treatment in the hospital here for painful bruises received when she fell from an automobile between here and Washington last Sunday morning.

Few details of the accident could be learned here, but reports stated that she was getting along all right.

To Name Chairman Board Of Elections For County

Meeting in Raleigh tomorrow the State Board of Elections will name a chairman for the Martin County Board of Elections. It is likely that Mr. Sylvester Peel will be reappointed. He has conscientiously served in the position for a long number of years.

Firemen Called To Grass Fire Just Off Elm Street

Local volunteer firemen were called out last Tuesday morning when a grass fire threatened several outbuildings just off South Elm Street. No damage was done.

## Big Criminal Docket For Court Next Week

### Thirty Cases Cover Nearly Every Type Of Crime In Books

#### One-Third Of Cases Continued Last December When "Flue" Struck Court

Bringing over about nine or ten cases from the last December session and with about twenty new ones originating since then, the Martin County Superior Court convening here next Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock for a two-week term will have the largest docket it has had in many months. Nearly every type of crime in the books is listed with the exception of capital offenses. The list includes assaults of varying degrees, manslaughter, larceny, reckless and hit-and-run driving, false pretense, drunkenness, breaking and entering, drunken driving, kidnapping, hold-ups, attempt to defraud, forgery, possession of stolen property.

The first two days of the term have been set aside for the trial of criminal cases, but it isn't likely that the docket can be cleared in that short period.

Judge Walter Bone of Nashville is scheduled to preside over the sessions.

A brief review of the case docket follows: N. S. Godard is charged with assault and battery resulting in serious injury to Manuel M. Schwartz here on February 14 of last year. The victim of the attack died a few days later, but the defendant is not charged with manslaughter.

Henry Paul, his case pending since last June following the accidental killing of Jeremiah Brown near Everetts last March 14, is charged with manslaughter. A true bill was returned in the case last June.

William E. James who ran over and killed Jeff T. Matthews at Oak City last September 2, is charged with manslaughter and hit-and-run driving. The case was continued last December, pending the settlement of a civil action against the defendant.

Kader Brown is charged with reckless and hit-and-run driving as a result of an accident which nearly cost Miss Elizabeth Holliday her life near Dardens last May 31.

Facing a false pretense charge, John E. Williams is claimed by the prosecuting witness, R. S. Critcher, to have given a mortgage on property he did not possess.

Ben Long Stevenson, charged with drunkenness, resisting arrest and an assault with a deadly weapon, appealed from a judgment handed down in the county court.

Roger Howard is charged with obtaining \$229 from Luke Biggs "by means of false tokens." The case was continued last December.

Charles Fuller, a kleptomaniac, is charged with breaking and entering and larceny and receiving. He is alleged to have broken into the local laundry and stolen clothes valued at \$50. The case was continued last December when his attorney was sick, and since that time he was charged and convicted of the theft of more clothes. He is now serving a term on the roads.

The case charging Henry L. Harvey with drunken driving was placed on the docket when he called for a jury trial.

William Revels, charged with drunken driving, appealed from the county court.

Ernest Whitehurst, also charged with drunken driving, called for a jury trial when his case was called in the county court last January. Similar action was taken in the case charging Lester Bailey with drunken driving.

Charged with assaulting Lesmon James last December 24, Early May Boston appealed from a judgment handed down in the county court.

Willie James Dickens is charged with secretly assaulting Charlie Thigpen on last January 26.

John Sam Moore, the colored man (Continued on page four)

## Rodman Announces For Seat In Senate

Following unconfirmed reports that he would be a candidate, John C. Rodman, Washington attorney and World War II veteran, this week formally announced his candidacy for the State Senate from this second senatorial district, comprising the seven counties of Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort and Martin.

Nominated in the 1942 democratic primary for the post he is now seeking, Mr. Rodman resigned before the election to enter the U. S. Navy.

The Washington attorney is the third man in the district to formally announce his candidacy for one of the two available seats in the senate. Roy Hampton, of Plymouth, and Hugh G. Horton, Williamston attorney, having announced their candidacies some weeks ago.

## Thirty-Five Cases On Civil Calendar In Superior Court

### Judge Walter J. Bone Slated To Open Court In County Monday Morning

Opening the regular two weeks' term of the Martin County Superior Court next Monday morning, Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville will find thirty-five cases on the civil calendar in addition to twenty-six divorce actions and a comparatively small number of criminal causes on the docket for trial.

The civil cases, ranging from a suit to recover a \$30 hound dog to a \$10,000 personal damage action, are mostly the run-of-the-mill type and are not expected to attract very much attention from the general public. Several of the cases on the civil calendar have already been settled and are there for final judgment. Clerk L. B. Wynne said this week.

A brief review of the cases on the calendar other than the twenty-six divorce actions, follows:

Elizabeth Holliday, by her next friend, W. E. Holliday, is suing the Williamston Lumber Company and Kader Brown, agent, for \$10,000 damages alleged to have resulted when the defendants' truck ran the plaintiff down and critically injured her at her home near Dardens on the afternoon of last May 31. The young girl, in a critical condition for weeks following the accident, is also asking for \$875 for medical and hospital bills.

Newsome Bolton is suing Joseph Jefferson to recover a red hound dog, valued at \$30. One other damage suit of fair size is the one brought by Joe Boyd against Mack Reddick. Asking \$5,000 damages, Boyd alleges that the young son of the defendant ran over and badly injured his foot while he (the plaintiff) was working on a car at the Gulf filling station in Williamston on last August 28.

Joseph Wiggins, Jr., is suing A. S. Roberson for possession of certain lands in Williamston Township. Centering around a boundary line dispute, Noah Roberson is seeking \$50 damages resulting from the alleged wrongful cutting of timber.

The Deady Chemical Company is suing the Farmville Woodward Company for \$239.68, an amount alleged due them on an account. The defense answers by alleging that the product purchased from the plaintiff did not measure up to the guarantee.

Several ejection proceedings, reflecting the serious housing shortage in this section, are scheduled for trial, but the defendants in at least one case have found other quarters and moved. Proceedings are being instituted by R. S. Critcher against J. K. Rogerson, John Wier against C. B. Siceloff, and Joe Leggett against H. L. Swain.

The dispute over the alleyway lead off Williamston's Smithwick Street is again on the calendar. The town, in its case against E. P. Cunningham, is seeking to have the alley opened across the back of the lot just to the rear of the George Reynolds Hotel.

Joseph Jefferson is pushing a claim and delivery against W. R. Boston to recover one-half of the crops raised on certain land and to remunerate himself for labor.

Deward Smith is suing Henry Corey for the possession of a car.

Universal Credit Company, in its case against Steve G. Clary, is suing for possession of a 1941 Chrysler car.

R. H. Weaver is suing H. C. Norman for the possession of certain lands.

In his case against Chas. H. Jenken (Continued on page four)

## Held For Larceny Of Funeral Money

Charlie B. Hardison, colored serviceman, was arrested here last week-end and charged with the theft of \$30. He was also booked for the alleged theft of a watch, bracelet and clothes from his brother and sister-in-law last July. When arrested he was absent without leave from the Army for more than sixteen days.

After the alleged theft last July, Hardison ran away and joined the Army a short time later. While home on a furlough he went to a home in Robersonville to sit up with a body. The daughter of the dead woman had begged \$30 to help finance the mother's burial, and Hardison walked away with it Friday night, according to reports coming from the office of the sheriff here this week.

## Slightly Injured In Car Accident: Sunday Morning

Kelly Bunting, Oak City young man and war veteran, was slightly hurt about the head early last Sunday morning when his car turned over near Conoh Creek between Oak City and Hamilton. Falling asleep, Bunting ran off the road and the car scumersaulted when it ran into a hole and came to a stop with the "heels in the air."

Damage to the car was estimated at \$376, according to reports reaching here.

### COMMISSIONERS

The Martin County courthouse is almost certain to be as crowded next Monday as a beehive in the middle of the honey season. The grand jury is meeting. Court will be in session, and the county commissioners will meet as a board of equalization and review. Where all of them will meet is not certain, but the jail is about the only place in the building that isn't crowded at the moment.

## Arrested This Week Man Admits Forging Check Endorsement

### Walter C. Walker Said To Have Had Post Office Keys In His Possession

Walter C. Walker, colored man who is said to have quit school six months before he was to receive a degree in medicine, this week admitted forging endorsements to two checks, but denied he stole them from a box in the local post office. Walker, said to be an expert in the art of forgery, declared that he bought the checks from two small boys for a nickel each.

The FBI is said to have identified Walker's writing on the checks, but it was declared that the average person could hardly distinguish the forged signature from the genuine. The forgery was so exact that the checks were cashed without serious question, one at a business house and the other at a local bank.

Chief of Police Chas. Mobley said yesterday that additional evidence is being uncovered in the case against Walker, but it is not yet known whether he will be turned over to the federal authorities.

A large bunch of keys, holding several to post office boxes, were said to have been in Walker's possession at one time. One of the keys found on the ring belonged to a box rented to Dr. L. Hayman at one time, and another one was to the hotel post office box. After mail was missed from a box rented to Mrs. Eloise Bennett, the local postmaster assigned her another one and it so happened that it was right next to the Hayman box. One could run his hand through the Hayman box and recover mail from any one of several adjoining boxes, including the one newly assigned to Mrs. Bennett who missed several insurance checks.

The hotel's box was in close proximity to one rented to the telephone company and it has been learned that at least one check was missed from the company's box. The check, written by Mrs. J. H. Saunders, was endorsed with a typewriter and officers said they had located the machine, but other details were withheld.

While no formal charge has been brought against Walker for the check thefts from the post office, it is fairly apparent that someone had a far-reaching arm and a fairly good system for cashing them.

Walker was sentenced to the roads for forgery in a court at Elizabeth City. He was later sentenced to the roads in this county for thirty days on a vagrancy count following the disappearance of about \$150 from the office of Dr. Edward Early here.

Walker was employed by the local hotel at one time, and got the post office keys in ways not yet explained.

### RED CROSS

A total of \$1,273.13 has been collected and reported up until noon yesterday in the Martin County Chapter's current fund drive for the Red Cross, Chairman V. J. Spivey announced.

After getting off to a rapid start, the drive apparently is slowing down, and Chairman Spivey is again appealing to the canvassers to rush it along. He also appealed again to the general public, the schools and others urging them to cooperate with the drive and guarantee its success.

Expecting to go over the first week, Bear Grass is still a little short of its quota, Mrs. Mendenhall, chairman, states. Farm Life is making progress on its drive, and Williamston is about 65 percent complete with a potential support that will carry it over.

Very few reports have been received since last Monday, but an encouraging picture is expected when additional information comes in over the week-end.