

Thirty Cases Are Handled By Judge Robert L. Coburn

Fines Amount To \$425; Road Sentence Imposed In Larceny Case

Working until after 5:00 o'clock, Judge Robert L. Coburn and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson just about cleared the docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Thirty cases were handled during the morning and afternoon sessions which were attended by fairly large crowds. Fines collected amounted to \$425, the court imposing one in the sum of \$200. In another case a 12-months road sentence was meted out.

While the docket scheduled for the day was virtually cleared, quite a few cases already have been scheduled for the 29th of this month. No session of the county court will be held next Monday, Clerk L. B. Wynne stating that next week has been set aside for the trial of civil cases in the superior tribunal.

Judge Coburn continues to pinch-hit for Judge J. C. Smith in the county court. Late reports state that Judge Smith is improving and hopes to return to the bench in early May.

Proceedings in the court last Monday:

Pleading not guilty, Jas. F. Council was adjudged guilty and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year. After paying the fine and costs, the defendant called for his money back and appealed to the superior court. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

Charged with an assault, Clabon and Ella Mae Northern were found not guilty.

The case charging Ivory Clark with an assault with a deadly weapon was not prosed.

Ernest Lee, charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages, was found not guilty.

The cases charging Ollie and Joe Henry Gainer and Linwood Howell with assaults were not prosed.

Henry Crawford was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with the larceny of a guitar, James E. Brooks was adjudged not guilty.

The case charging Robert Gee with bastardy was not prosed.

George Thos. Edwards, charged to pay \$7 a month for the support of his wife, and report for further judgment on the first Monday in September.

Solomon Keyes, the man who plowed an automobile into the porch of the Rooks' home in Jameville recently, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for speeding. The defendant was also ordered to repair damages to the porch.

Alec Jones, colored of Oak City, was fined \$25 and required to pay the court costs in the case charging him with speeding.

William J. Sanderlin, charged with reckless driving, was found not guilty.

Fishing on Roanoke River and getting a late start for his home in Bethel, John Robert Roberson was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle with improper lights.

Herbert Reeves was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle with improper lights.

John Smith was found not guilty in the case charging him

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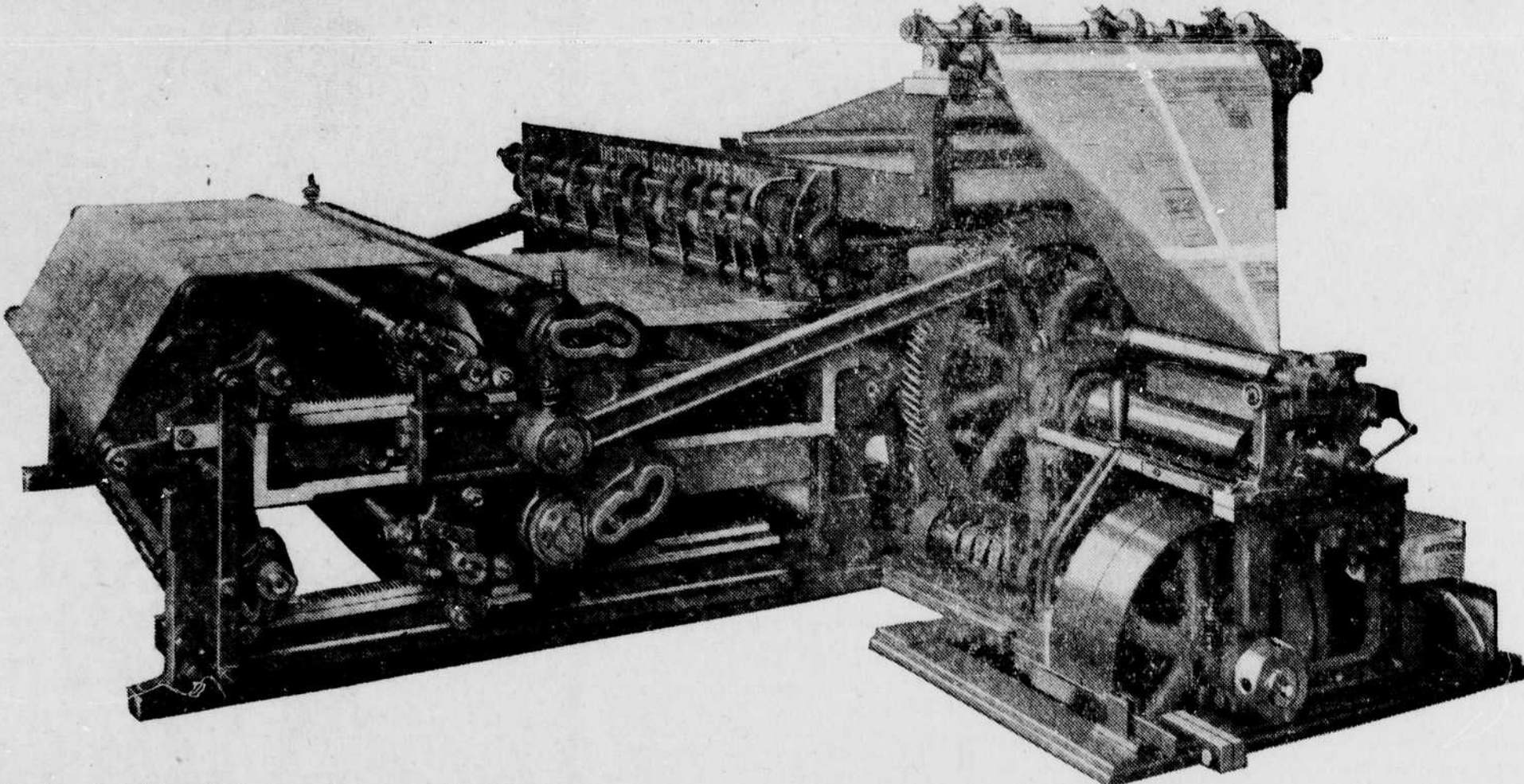
Federation Clubs Meet Next Week

A meeting of the 15th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in Plymouth next Thursday, beginning with a registration at 10 o'clock. The morning session will hear reports from the various clubs, the several presidents reviewing the records and achievements for the past year. Dr. J. E. McKimmon will address the federation that afternoon.

Mrs. J. Eason Lilley is chairman of the federation, and Mrs. Noah R. Rogerson, also of this county, is secretary for the district.

A special invitation is being extended all Martin club members to attend the meeting.

Enterprise Papers Install New Cox-O-Type Press



Purchased and installed at a cost of nearly \$10,000, the Goss Cox-O-Type press, pictured above, is turning out an edition of the Enterprise newspapers for the first time today. Jimmy Gallatly, erector from the company's factory has been too busy with his job to explain all the details,

but he says the machine will print and fold as many as eight pages at a time and that it has a normal production of about 3,000 per hour. All the operations are mechanical. The papers are delivered in quarter or half fold, ready for the mailer and carrier boys.

More Men Are Called For Military Service

OVER THE TOP

Assigned a quota of \$25, the small community of Hassell raised in a short time \$130.28 for the Cancer Fund, Chairman J. W. Eubanks announced this week. Collections, received in small coin collectors, were reported as follows: Eubanks' store, \$20.71; W. D. Bell store, \$2.06; P. C. Edmondson store, \$1.10; M. H. Ayers store, \$3.24; Manson Council's store, \$2.71; and T. E. Goodrich's store, 46 cents. The community maintains its good record of meeting every quota assigned in the name of others.

The Cancer Fund Drive continues to make progress in the county, the chairman, R. L. Coburn, again urging all Martin citizens to help put the drive across without further delay.

Willie A. Hodges Died Tuesday At Home In Griffins

Funeral Wednesday Afternoon For Respected Citizen-Farmer

Willie A. Hodges, highly respected Martin County citizen and farmer, died at his home in Griffins Township at 6:15 o'clock last Tuesday morning following several years of declining health. His condition had been critical for about two weeks.

Mr. Hodges, son of the late John A. and Allie Riddick Hodges, was born in this county on March 17, 1882, and lived and farmed all his life in the community of his birth. He was a Christian gentleman, neighborly and lived at peace with his fellowman. Mr. Hodges was a member of the church at Macedonia, and was held in high esteem as a citizen and friend.

He married Mrs. Mary Bet Whitaker Peel and she survives with an adopted daughter, Mrs. Carlyle Stallings; four brothers, Thomas, Fate, George and Marion Hodges; and three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hardison, Mrs. Thomas Lilley and Miss Hattie Hodges, all of the home community.

Funeral services were conducted at his late home near the Beaufort County boundary Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Dennis W. Davis, assisted by Rev. M. Luther Ambrose, pastor at Maple Grove, and Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister. Burial was in the Tice Cemetery in Griffins Township.

Hundreds attended the last rites, attesting the esteem in which Mr. Hodges was held by his fellowman.

Could Not Answer April Draft Call In Its Entirety

Most of the Twelve Men Had Been Passed For Limited Service

Much has been said in and out of congress about compulsory military service, but more men are steadily being called from this county for military service. Reports state that twenty-four Martin County white youths were called for this week, but that the reserve pool was not large enough to accommodate the call in its entirety. Twelve men, five of them coming from the farm, were instructed to report for final induction examinations at Fort Bragg Wednesday.

All of the men had previously reported to the induction center and most of them had been passed for limited military service. It is understood that they will be given another physical examination, that those who pass the test will enter the service immediately without the privilege of at least a 21-day induction stay.

Various proposals are pending in Congress at the present time, but it is fairly apparent that the draft will be maintained as it now is until definite action is taken by the law makers. One of the proposals as advanced by the House would exempt all essential farm workers, fathers and teen-age youths. It is also proposed to call a draft holiday, and to reinstate it after five months only if voluntary enlistments do not offer sufficient personnel to maintain the armed forces at an arbitrary strength.

There are a few white men in the draft pool in this county at the present time, but they were not put there in time to be included in the group leaving on Wednesday of this week.

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Easter Music Program In The Baptist Church

The public is cordially invited to attend a program of music to be presented in the Memorial Baptist Church at 5:00 o'clock on Easter Sunday afternoon. The combined adult and youth choirs, consisting of fifty voices, will sing traditional and modern church music appropriate for the Easter season.

The youth choir which was organized in January of this year, will make its first appearance in new choir robes. The program is under the supervision of Ben E. Manning, organist and choir director, who will play additional organ numbers during the service.

PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS

Beginning next Tuesday and continuing through May 7, the Martin County Health Department will conduct a series of pre-school clinics, it was announced by the office of the superintendent of schools, as follows:

Jameville, April 23; Farm Life, April 24; Bear Grass, April 25; Everetts, April 26; Robersonville, April 30; Oak City, May 1; Hamilton and Hassell, May 2; Williamston, May 6 and 7.

All the clinics will be held from 9:00 a. m. except the one at Hassell and that will be held at 1:00 o'clock p. m.

Children becoming six years of age on or before next October 1 are asked to attend the clinics.

Enterprise Force Looks Forward to Press Operations

Owners Go In Debt Again But Hope Mechanical Problem Relieved

After dragging along with badly worn and obsolete equipment for years the Enterprise Newspapers are placing in operation today a new Cox-O-Type web press made by the Goss Company, Chicago. The owners, going in debt a little deeper, know very little about the new machine other than that it will print as many as eight pages at a time and turn out as many as 3,500 papers an hour. The paper is fed from a roll, going in "there" and coming out "there" ready for the mailing department and the carrier boys.

Costing right at \$10,000 installed, the new press is designed to relieve a bottleneck that has frayed the nerves of the entire Enterprise gang for some years, especially during the past five when help was scarce and one shifted from first one job and then to another, working long hours night and day and occasionally on Sunday to keep the shop open. Hoping the new press will solve a perplexing problem, the entire force today is anxiously looking forward to the switch from the old to the new press. The members of the force look forward to the change possibly with more eagerness and keen anticipation than the five-year-old tool looks forward to a visit from Santa Claus. They are not so greatly impressed with the newness of the package, but they are impressed with the proffered relief from long hours of press feeding and paper folding by hand.

Under the old system one man was assigned to the press eight hours to produce an eight-page paper. Four hours were spent on the folder. Two more hours were spent at the insertion table, and still two more hours were spent

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Saturday Is Last Day To Register For School Vote

Tomorrow, Saturday, April 20, is the last day to register for the special school election to be held in the Williamston district on May 4. So far there has been very little interest shown in the proposal to enhance the value of education in the district, reports from the two precinct registrars stating that less than one hundred persons had registered since the books were opened on the sixth of this month.

It is generally believed that no strong opposition will offer itself, but at the same time, proponents are showing little interest in the move, leaders have pointed out. "It is a question that everyone should be interested in and one every citizen in the district should have a part in answering," a school leader was quoted this week as saying.

The vote is limited to the Williamston School District which

Bootlegger Faces Old Liquor Count In County's Court

Officers Take Unique Li- quor Still Made From A Cook Stove Reservoir

Running away after he was trapped in the illicit liquor round-up conducted in this county about a year ago by State ABC agents, James Bennett, young colored man of Hassell, was carried into court this week on that and a new count. He pleaded guilty in both cases and was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$200 fine and the court costs.

Working in the county about a year ago, the special agents bought a quart of illicit liquor from Bennett. Just about the time the agents and county officers started closing the net about the alleged liquor law violators, Bennett moved out ahead of the law. He did not reveal his travels, but in due time he returned to the county and resumed his illicit liquor operations where he left off. Going into the Bennett home last Saturday, County ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck found a quart of white liquor in the man's possession. He was immediately charged with the possession of illegal liquor for the purpose of sale.

While traveling with the officers for a preliminary hearing, Bennett was reminded of the old charge and he admitted it. With a two-year suspended sentence hanging over his head, Bennett paid the \$200 fine and costs in cash and left the courthouse apparently discouraged with the liquor business.

Last Sunday morning, Officers Roebuck and Roy Peel raided in

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Court Has Eighteen Divorces On Docket

SUNRISE SERVICE

The Union Easter Sunrise Service will be held in Woodlawn Cemetery at 5:24 Sunday morning. With the Church Call being blown at this precise moment of the sun's rising by Mr. Horace Ray, the service will begin. Those attending are asked to come in from the back of the grounds where they will be given the order of service, and are asked to move toward the pine trees facing the east. In the event of inclement weather the service will be held in the Baptist Church and the order of service will be followed as arranged, it was announced.

Eighteen Cases On Docket For Trial In Superior Court

Attention Centers On \$10- 000 Damage Suit Against Lumber Company

Other than divorces, eighteen cases have been placed on the civil calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court during the one week-term opening here next Monday. Ordinarily, two weeks of court are held in April, but there were not enough cases to hold the tribunal in session that long and the first week was called off. Judge Luther Hamilton of Morehead City is scheduled to preside over the term.

For the most part, cases on the calendar are likely to attract very little attention from the general public. Possibly the greatest interest centers around the \$10,000 damage suit brought by Miss Elizabeth Holliday by her next friend, W. E. Holliday, against the Williamston Lumber Company. Critically injured when she was run down by Kader Brown, driving the company's log truck, on May 31, 1945, the young girl was a patient in hospitals for weeks, and it is reported that she has not fully recovered from her injuries.

In addition to the \$10,000 personal damages, the plaintiff is asking \$875 for medical and hospital bills. A compromise settlement was pending in the case at one time, according to unofficial reports, but little would have gone to the victim after expenses were paid. Hugh G. Horton is representing the plaintiff, and Norman and Rodman of Plymouth are representing the insurance company in the case which is to be called next Tuesday.

The old alley way case brought by the town against E. P. Cunningham is again on the calendar. Centering around an alley leading off Smithwick Street, the case has been pending in the court for years.

The Standard Fertilizer Company is suing Freddie M. Carter to recover \$550.25 alleged due on an account.

Joseph Wiggins, Jr., is suing A. S. Roberson for possession of certain lands on the McCaskey Road, near Williamston.

The case of J. S. Shugar against L. W. Rhodes involves a claim and delivery.

In the suit of Deady Chemical Company against the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company, the defendant claims that the product sold by the plaintiff did not measure up to the guarantee, and that no amount is due the plaintiff.

Jesse Savage is suing Thurman Moore to recover \$200 allegedly due under a contract.

Mrs. Mattie Sanford is appealing to the courts to recover on a \$300 note in the case against Mrs. L. E. Johnson, administratrix.

The \$5,000 damage suit brought by Jos. Saunders Leggett against Mrs. Pearl Benton is on the calendar for trial, after two motions by the defense to have it moved to Mecklenburg County were denied. In April of last year, young Leggett was visiting his sister in the Benton rooming house in Charlotte. The plaintiff alleges that Mrs. Benton had trouble with some parties in the home, that he and his sister decided to leave the home. As they were leaving, he

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Adultery Alleged By Plaintiffs In Six Of The Cases

Claim Defendants Were Not Faithful While Husbands Were In Service

Eighteen divorce cases have been calendared for trial in the Martin County Superior Court next Monday, the complaints filed in the clerk's office showing that the plaintiffs are alleging adultery in six of the cases, adultery and two years of separation in two others, and two years of separation in eight instances. Two of the plaintiffs charge their wives with being unfaithful while they (the plaintiffs) were in foreign service with the armed forces. Several of the actions are being contested, but in another case, the defendant admits all the allegations and informs the plaintiff that the action will not be contested.

In his suit against Velma Briley, Willie Briley says they were married in November, 1937, and lived apart since March, 1939, and asks divorce on two years of separation. The defendant denies the allegations.

The divorce action of James Washington against Mary Washington is a bit complicated. He claims they were married in February, 1933, that they separated in February, 1944, that the defendant committed adultery with Gus Rascoe and others. The defendant admits the marriage, but suggests another date and declares that he was known at the time as Johnnie Monk. In denying the allegations, she points out that the defendant left here.

Married on January 17, 1942, Lee Manuel Rawlings says he and his wife, Lottie Lee Page Rawlings, separated in August, 1943, that she committed adultery on August 1, 1944, and that a child was born later. The divorce is not being contested and the allegations are admitted.

After living together from April 1941, until April, 1944, William Henry Dempsey alleges that his wife, Janie Dempsey, committed adultery. No answer has been filed in the case.

In his case against Leila Faye White, the plaintiff, Lester S. White, says they were married on June 11, 1943, that he last saw his wife on new year's night, 1944, that she gave birth to a child in February, 1945, while he was in the armed forces. She left for Ohio.

In the two-year separation case of George Washington Joyner against Dorothy Joyner, it was pointed out that the parties were married in Toledo in May, 1942, that they separated the following January.

Levester P. Taylor, suing Sarah Moore Taylor for divorce based on two years' separation, says they were married in April, 1932, and separated in October, 1943.

Suing Rachel H. Best for divorce on grounds of two years' separation, Calvin Best, Jr., says they were married in December, 1934, and separated in May, 1938.

Oscar Little says he was married in October, 1936, and that he and his wife, Irene Little, separated in October, 1943, and bases his divorce plea on two years' separation.

In his case against Mary Purvis Ormond, Charlie C. Ormond says

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4-H Group Plans Recreation Night

Under the direction of the home and farm agents, Misses Elizabeth Parker and Garnette Crocker and Claude Goodman, Martin County 4-H club members will hold their second recreation program tonight at 8:00 o'clock. The event will be in the Farm Life gymnasium, and all club members are invited to attend.

Miss Crocker asks the club members to wear clothes they will enjoy playing in, such as slacks and shirts.

A similar program held in the Williamston gym several weeks ago was greatly enjoyed. Other programs will be held in various parts of the county each month.