

Bookmobile Makes Regular Schedule Beginning Friday

Several Late Books Added To List For Free Distribution

The Bookmobile will arrive in Williamston on Friday, January 24, and will start out immediately on its monthly run. The Williamston public schools will be serviced as usual on Friday morning and during the five days of the following week the county will be prettily thoroughly covered by this traveling library. Do the readers of Martin County appreciate this service?

The service is made possible through a legislative grant of State Aid to Public Libraries supplemented by a county appropriation. This year the legislature has been asked for an appropriation of \$350,000 to continue and improve this service. The Advisory Budget Commission has recommended less than one third of the amount needed. If you appreciate the books which the BHM Bookmobile provides for your pleasure and information and if you realize what this rural library service is doing to promote enlightened citizenship and to enrich personal life write to your representatives and ask their support in securing the amount requested by the State Library Commission.

Among the outstanding new books which the Bookmobile will bring to Martin County readers on this trip will be:

Barabbas: A novel of the time of Jesus by Emery Bekessy and Andreas Hemberger. This is a reverent and inspiring novel of the time of Christ focussed upon Barabbas, who stood beside Jesus when the people chose their victim.

Frontier on the Potomac by Jonathan Daniels, a book on the Nation's capital and its inhabitants produced by an astute observer of the Washington scene.

The Roosevelt I Knew by Frances Perkins. A warm and affectionate memoir written by an intimate family friend and close political associate.

Keller's Continental Revue by Winifred Bambrick. A novel about the carefree, improvident performers in Europe's most lavish revue, and particularly of Peter, who falls in love with Kathie.

New Orleans Woman by Harriet Kane, a novel based on one of the most sensational episodes in the history of American courts.

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Officers Destroy Three Distilleries

Raiding in two townships this week, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputies Roy Peel and Murray Holloman wrecked three illicit liquor plants.

The first of the plants, equipped with an oil drum, large keg a cap, doubler and cooler, six mementos and 250 gallons of beer, was found and wrecked in the Brown's Springs section of Williamston Township Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday, the officers raided in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township and wrecked two plants. Each of the plants was equipped with doublers and coolers. At the first plant the officers poured out 150 gallons of beer and 300 gallons at the second.

CERTIFICATION

World War II veterans are again reminded that two representatives of the Veterans Division, War Assets Administration, will be in the employment office, town hall, Williamston, next Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock to confer with and arrange certification of those who are eligible to purchase surplus government property.

The representatives will explain certain requirements, rules and regulations governing the purchase of surplus property. Any veteran interested in making such purchases and who is eligible is directed to meet the representatives Monday morning.

EVERYBODY'S HAPPY AS MARSHALL TAKES OVER



RETIRING SECRETARY OF STATE James F. Byrnes (right) beams happily as he gives a hearty greeting to his successor, Gen. George C. Marshall, shortly after the latter had taken the oath of office. President Truman, in whose office the ceremony was staged, also is in high good humor. Byrnes and Marshall later went into conference to consider matters of major importance facing State Department. (International Soundphoto).

Kiwanians Allot Additional \$2,000 To Boy Scout Hut

Other Progressive Moves Taken By The Club At Recent Meeting

The Kiwanis Club of Williamston held its regular meeting Thursday night, January 16, in the Woman's Club building. The club welcomed into its membership Mr. Tom Parker, recently moved to Williamston and associated as a partner in the Moore Grocery Co.

In the business session which followed the evening meal, the club voted to appropriate an additional two thousand dollars of its funds to the Boy Scout Hut project. This project was begun about a year ago and is a joint effort of the Kiwanis and Lion's Club. The membership also voted to earmark one hundred seventy-five dollars for the 1947 Fat Stock Show and to begin a project among the rural young boys which will consist of the club giving to some Four-H youth a pig with the understanding that one pig from its litter will be returned to the club and in turn that one given to some youth.

The committee on Support of Churches in their Spiritual Aims recommended that the Kiwanis club underwrite the initial cost of music for the recently formed Community Choir which is directed by Kiwanian Russell T. Roebuck. This recommendation was accepted.

This year marks the celebration of Kiwanis' 32nd birthday anniversary. (Continued on page six)

Aged Resident Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Emma Griffin Jones died suddenly at her home here on Simmons Avenue last Wednesday morning at 11:50 o'clock. She had been in declining health for several years, spending about the last two as a semi-invalid. She was able to sit up in bed and have her breakfast that morning and was thought to be getting along as well as usual. Suffering the attack she died a few minutes later before medical aid could reach her.

The daughter of the late Humphrey Griffin and wife, she was born in Williams Township 85 years ago last September and spent most of her early life there. She was married to William Jones who died in 1914. One child born to the union died in infancy, and following her husband's death she went to make her home with the A. J. Mannings, living as a member of the family.

She was a life-long member of the church at Fairview near her old home.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Modlin of Jamesville and Mrs. Susan Lilley of Raleigh. Funeral services were conducted at the Biggs Funeral Home Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

THREE-FOURTHS

Property listing for 1947 taxation continues to advance rapidly in nearly every one of the ten townships, Martin County Tax Supervisor M. Luther Peel announced yesterday. With possibly one or two exceptions, the work is at least three-fourths complete in several townships and in others it is nearing completion.

Even though the listing work is progressing rapidly, no definite trend on values has yet been advanced. However, listings are expected to exceed those for 1946, it was pointed out.

AMVETS Met In County Monday

(By Ernest Capps)

Meeting in the county courthouse last Monday night, the Martin County AMVETS Post No. 26 completed their organization and launched what promises to be a successful "recruiting" program. Stating the need for veterans of World War II to become better organized, Commander George Corey pointed out that veterans as individuals can hope to accomplish little.

Brought before the group by Thurman Matthews, the question of assisting the American Legion Post here in its drive to build a memorial was discussed at length and it was decided that AMVETS would support the project.

In an open discussion, it was decided that in order to make the veterans aware of the functions of AMVETS, the next series of meetings would be held in different parts of the county. Since it is a county-wide organization, it is hoped that veterans from all sections will take part in the programs in the future.

A call to the public to send in names of any persons killed in World War II is being made. Anyone knowing names of such persons is requested to forward this information to W. T. Owens, Williamston. These names are to be included in "General Marshall's Victory Report" which is being sponsored by the local organization.

The next AMVETS meeting will be held in Robersonville within the next two weeks. The programs are being planned to appeal to the War II veterans and it is believed that they will be found interesting as well as beneficial.

Slightly Hurt In Skating Accident

Fletcher Thomas, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Thomas, was slightly hurt in a skating-automobile accident on Williams Street here last Tuesday afternoon. Skating into the street, the lad is believed to have brushed against the car driven by Lee Thomas, lost his balance and fell to the concrete.

He suffered a minor head injury and was discharged after receiving medical treatment.

Victims Of Auto Wrecks Improving In Hospital Here

Two of Patients Regained Consciousness Only This Week

Encouraging reports were released by the local hospital on Thursday of this week on the condition of five patients confined there for treatment of serious injuries received in automobile accidents last Saturday evening. A sixth wreck victim, Mr. J. B. Sullivan, was also said to be recovering rapidly at his home here on West Main Street. Mr. Sullivan suffered 30-stitch cuts in his face when his auto struck a truck parked on the Bethel-Greenville Highway last Saturday evening. Suffering a severe concussion and terrible shock, Mrs. Sullivan was reported greatly improved Thursday, she having regained consciousness the day before.

His skull fractured when a truck driven by Frank Green struck the car in which he was riding at the intersection of U. S. Highway 17 and the Bear Grass Road last Saturday night, Master Vernon Lee Harrison was reported much improved Thursday, the little fellow, still weak and with a faint smile, stating that he did not hurt.

Mr. Johnnie Wynne, a second victim in the intersection accident which cost James Garland Bailey his life, is still seeing the world out of one eye, forty-seven stitches and bandages over the remainder of his face and head blocking his vision. He was sitting up in bed Thursday noon and plans to return to his home in Bear Grass soon.

Suffering chest injuries, Mr. Roland Harrison was also much improved Thursday. It could not be learned when he would be able to return home.

Mrs. W. A. Bailey, driver of the car struck by the truck and who suffered painful back injuries, is able to be up during brief periods.

Open Bank In Oak City In Few Days

Granted a charter early last fall, the Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company of Tarboro will open a branch in Oak City within the next few days, possibly the early part of next week, according to information received here yesterday.

Alterations are being made to the old Bank of Oak City building, but there was some delay in completing the work on account of cold weather.

No cashier has been named for the new branch, but the home institution will, no doubt, send a representative to handle the work.

Continues To Improve In Rocky Mount Hospital

Late reports state that Mr. Wheeler Martin is recovering rapidly from a heart attack suffered in a Rocky Mount hospital last Friday. The popular local citizen was said to be unusually bright and most cheerful.

Judge J. C. Smith Handles Only Six Cases This Week

Fines Collected Amount To Only \$100 At Recent Session

After establishing all-time records in number of cases handled and in fines imposed, the Martin County Recorder's Court unexpectedly ran into a regular summer slump right in January last Monday. No definite explanation could be offered for the drop in business, but it is possible that crime activities were rained out in the county during recent days. Reports from county officers, state patrol and local police state that few persons were arrested in recent days, that the crime front was unusually quiet with one or two exceptions where drunks with knives and steering wheels in their hands set out to commit murder and succeeded in one case.

Only one case was continued at the session this week, and few or no cases were pending consideration in Judge Smith's court.

Only two or three white spectators were in the court room and very few colored citizens were present. Judge J. C. Smith handled only six cases and completed work for the day in a little more than one hour. The number of cases scheduled for trial was the smallest since last summer. Despite the few cases handled during the day, the court imposed fines amounting to \$100. Several road sentences were meted out, the court suspending them on certain conditions.

Proceedings: Charged with assaulting a female, Ed Burrington pleaded guilty. He was fined \$25 and ordered to pay the court costs.

Facing a non-support charge, Horace Latham tendered no plea. Adjudged guilty he was sentenced. (Continued on page six)

Bishop Wright To Visit In County

The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will make his annual visitation to the parishes of Martin County on Sunday, January 26, it was announced this week by Rev. John W. Hardy, local rector.

Bishop Wright will preach and administer the rite of confirmation at the Church of the Advent here at 11 o'clock that morning and at 7:30 that evening in St. Martin's, Hamilton.

Bishop Wright was elected in May, 1945, to succeed the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, retired. He was consecrated in October of that year in James Church, Wilmington, his home parish where he was baptized, confirmed and ordained. When he was elected bishop he was rector at San Antonio, Texas.

The people of the two communities are invited to hear and meet Bishop Wright during his stay in the county. (Continued on page six)

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

If the present trend is maintained, 1947, will be the bloodiest in Martin County history in the history of modern transportation. Another person was killed last week and four were hurt, one of them critically. The public, while declaring that something must be done about it, has taken no definite action. Safety leaders are looking to the State Legislature to outlaw rattletaps from the highways, invoke stringent drivers' examinations, add to the number of patrolmen and demand greater punishment of traffic violations.

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.

Year	Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1947 1	4	1	\$ 250	
1946 2	1	0	475	
1947 8	8	2	1,675	
1946 5	3	1	875	

Building And Loan Has Successful Year

Stockholders Own More Than 7,000 Shares Of Stock

Board Of Directors And Officers Re-elected At Meeting This Week

Holding their annual meeting in the courthouse here last Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, stockholders of the Martin County Building and Loan Association re-elected the old board of directors and added an eleventh one and praised the annual report filed by the officers for the past year. Immediately following the stockholders' meeting, the board of directors re-elected the organization's officers for another year and named a special appraisal or inspection committee.

The board of directors, including the newly elected member, Mrs. Vella Andrews Wynne, is composed of C. D. Carstarphen, C. B. Clark, K. B. Crawford, N. C. Green, J. E. King, W. C. Manning, F. J. Margolis, Wheeler Martin, Herbert Whitley and Jesse Whitley. No salaries are paid the directors, but they are allowed \$1 for each meeting. The officers succeeding themselves are, C. D. Carstarphen, president; N. C. Green, vice president; Wheeler Martin, secretary-attorney, and Mrs. Vella A. Wynne, treasurer. The salaries of the secretary and treasurer were unchanged at \$1,200 and \$1,800 respectively.

It was pointed out that the association had one of its most successful years in 1946 when 1,375 shares of stock were issued. Sixty-seven loans were advanced, including 42 for new construction in the amount of \$125,000, and 43 loans for additions, improvements and the purchase of homes in the amount of \$100,000.

At the close of business last December 31, the association reported 7,266 shares of stock in force, and reported net earnings for the period in the sum of \$22,774.70. Undivided profits were listed at \$35,190.46, about \$5,000 having been added to the amount during 1946.

The association has 150 first mortgage loans totaling \$364,388.73. There are 545 stockholders, including 128 colored investors. Of the 1,375 shares of stock issued last year, 905 were of the installment type.

In recognition of his interest and work in the association last year, Mr. Wheeler Martin, the secretary and attorney, was extended by resolution unanimously passed expressions of appreciation. The resolution reads, in part:

"Whereas, our Secretary, Wheeler Martin, has been sick for several weeks and is now in the Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount;

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Father Of Local Resident Passes

Mr. Dorus William Knight, father of Mrs. C. G. Crockett, Jr., of Williamston, died last Monday afternoon at his home in Rocky Mount following a long period of declining health. Mr. Knight, 67 years of age, was superintendent of the Rocky Mount Mills for a long number of years and was prominent in manufacturing circles in the South.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon by Rev. J. K. Bostick, Methodist minister, and interment was in the Pineview Cemetery, Rocky Mount.

Besides his daughter here he is survived by Mrs. Knight; two sons, T. H. Knight of Miami, and Braxton E. Knight of Atlanta; six daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Jessie Knight of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Paul C. Dillon of Greensboro, Mrs. R. F. Taft and Mrs. W. L. Biggs of Miami, Mrs. F. M. Harper of Rocky Mount; two brothers, P. E. Knight of Rocky Mount and R. H. Knight of Durham, and a sister, Mrs. William Honeycutt of Clinton.

COMING TO COUNTY



Rev. E. R. Stewart, prominent Baptist minister in the Bertie field, recently accepted a call from the Hamilton and Everetts Baptist Churches in this county, and will enter upon his new assignments the first of next month.

Minister Accepts Call To Churches In Martin County

Rev. E. R. Stewart Begins Pastorate At Hamilton And Everetts Soon

Rev. E. R. Stewart, concluding a five-year period of effective work as pastor of the Green's Cross and Capehart Baptist Churches in this county and plans to enter upon his duties in the new field the first of next month. Alterations are being made to the home formerly occupied by the Matthews on Main Street in Hamilton and the minister will move his family there just as soon as the parsonage is made ready.

The dual pastorate was arranged by the Hamilton and Everetts congregations when the Robersonville church adopted a full-time schedule for its pastor, a short time ago.

The minister, the first resident pastor for the Hamilton church since the Rev. Mr. West was there about twenty years ago, is delivering his last sermon in the Bertie field next Sunday.

In a story announcing his resignation, the Bertie Windsor-Ledger reviewed the minister's record, as follows:

... He has served the four churches, which have an aggregate membership of 1,320, for five years. (Continued on page six)

Fix \$3,000 Bond For Manslaughter

John Frank Green, colored man charged with drunken and reckless driving and manslaughter, was released under bond in the sum of \$3,000 at a preliminary hearing held before Justice of the Peace Henry S. Everett in Robersonville late Wednesday afternoon. Green is slated to face trial in the Martin Superior Court next March.

Operating a truck figuring in an accident that cost James Garland Bailey, young Bear Grass white man, his life early last Saturday evening, Green had been held in the county jail since that time.

Bond was denied Green for several days pending the outcome of eight-year-old Vernon Lee Harrison's condition. Suffering a fractured skull in the accident that cost Bailey's life, the Harrison lad is much improved in the local hospital and his recovery is now expected, provided no complications develop.

Action to release Green was taken after a representative of an insurance company came here and made a preliminary investigation. No report on the insurance man's findings could be had and as far as it could be learned no settlements were mentioned or effected.

Weekly Summary Of Activities In The Legislature

Early Indications For Brief Session Said To Be Fading Rapidly

Note: This is the first of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the 1947 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina, the first summary covering the first ten days of the session. These summaries, prepared and released by the Institute of Government Chapel Hill, are not intended as a report upon all legislation, but are confined to discussions of matters of general interest or of major importance.

The speed with which the 1947 session of the General Assembly apparently organized itself and got ready to do business gave rise to some faint hope that the objective of Senate Resolution 2 introduced on the first day of the session, "Providing for adjournment on Monday, March tenth, or thousand nine hundred and forty-seven" (which would mean a remarkably short session of 53 legislative days as against 67 legislative days in 1945), might be realized or at least approached. The faint hope received a slight boost when both House and Senate committees were named on the second day, as against the sixth and fifth days respectively in 1945, and when the major money bills—the biennial appropriation bill and the budget revenue bill—were introduced on the fifth day as against the seventh day in 1945. Also, the speed with which other measures were being presented lent some encouragement at the close of business on the ninth day, the Senate was exact even with the last Senate on the corresponding day of the last session with 34 bills in the hopper while the house had outstripped its predecessor's record by 50 bills on the 1945 House's 30.

The faint hope raised by the evidences of a business-like attitude was quickly dispelled by the happenings of the first few days. It soon became clear that the Assembly's organization was a technical rather than a smooth working one, and that, while the seriousness of purpose of the individual members could not be doubted, the purposes being pursued so seriously were by no means the same.

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No One Injured In Road Accident

No one was hurt but considerable property damage resulted about 7:00 o'clock Wednesday evening when a 1937 model coupe and a pickup truck sideswiped each other on the Bear Grass Road near the Sam Mobley farm. Driving toward Bear Grass Jack Williamson, 14, said he dimmed the lights on the pickup truck twice, that Earl Rogers, driver of the car, did not dim his and that he was partly blinded. The front tire was torn from the truck, causing the youthful driver to lose control of the machine which swerved to the left and plowed into a barn. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$7,000 and lost control of the car and it plunged into a ditch and turned over. Damage to the car was estimated at about \$2,000 by Cpl. W. T. Simpson who made the investigation.

The case is to be aired in the courts next Monday.

MARCH OF DIMES

The March of Dimes drive in this county was announced just about one-third complete on Thursday of this week by Chairman J. Bruce Wynne. It was pointed out that 126 of the 404 persons contacted by direct mail had responded to the appeal and contributed \$643.

No reports have been received from the schools where the drive is expected to receive a liberal support.

With all the theaters operating in the county, well offerings are being taken in them this week, and Chairman Wynne is confident the \$2,120 goal will be reached.