

Bookmobile Plans Six-Day Schedule In Martin County

Patrons Asked To Contact Committee Chairmen In Raleigh

Do you enjoy the books you borrow from the Bookmobile? Do you look forward eagerly to the coming of this traveling library which brings information and recreation in the shape of books to your very door-step? If you would like to have this service continued and improved won't you, (whether you are man, woman, or child) sit down tonight and write a letter or a post card to either Senator Wade Barber, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, or to Hon. Arch Allen, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, and ask them to increase the legislative appropriation for State Aid to Public Libraries. The library program in this section as in all sections of this state is dependent on increased State Aid.

The Bookmobile will be in Martin County six days beginning today. See schedule below.

Among the new books on this trip will be found:

Lydia Bailey by Kenneth Roberts, an engrossing new historical novel by the author of *Northwest Passage*.

Mountain Time by Bernard DeVoto, the story of a brilliant young surgeon.

In the Hands of the Senecas by Walter Edmonds, a thrilling story of frontier life.

The Walls of Jericho by Paul Wellman. Action and excitement in the story of a charming but malicious woman.

Dunklerley's by Howard Spring. If you liked this author's *Hard Facts* you will be interested in this sequel in which Dan is now Sir Daniel Dunklerley.

The Thresher by Herbert Krause. Powerful and well written story laid in the farming regions of Minnesota.

The Hands of Veronica by Fannie Hurst. The girl in this story was forced to choose between the love of one man and the love of mankind.

Friday, Feb. 21
Williamston High School, 9:00; Williamston Elementary School, 12:00; and Griffin's Service Station, 3:00.

Monday, Feb. 24
Edward's Service Station, 9:30; Hamilton School, 12:15; Gold Point, Johnson's Service Station, 1:35; Robersonville Public Library, 2:30.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Hassell School, 9:30; 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, Feb. 26
Everett's School, 9:30; Everetts, Ayers Store, 11:00; Robersonville School, 12:15; Robersonville Elementary School, 1:30; Parmele Post Office, 3:00; Cross Roads Church, 3:30.

Thursday, Feb. 27
Farm Life School, 9:30; Corey's Cross Roads, 11:30; Bear Grass, School, 12:30; Bear Grass, Terry Bros. Store, 2:30; Wynn's Service Station, 3:30.

Friday, Feb. 28
Jamesville School, 9:00; Jordan's Store, Dardens, 10:30; Browning's Store, 11:30; Angeltown, 12:00; Poplar Chapel Church, 1:00; Jamesville, 3:30.

Band Director To Report Next Week

His work interrupted for several years by the war, Professor Jack Butler is returning as a member of the local high school faculty next Monday. Principal B. G. Stewart announced this week.

Since his retirement from the armed services, Professor Butler has been enjoying a brief vacation in New York State, but during that time he searched diligently and found a number of instruments for use in rebuilding the local high school band.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Butler and they will be at home with Mrs. L. T. Fowden on Church Street.

Federal Funds For School Room Lunches Nearly Gone

School lunch room projects in this county as well as those in nearly every other school in the nation are likely to be suspended, curtailed or altered some time next month, school officials explaining that federal aid is about exhausted. Congress has made no provision for continuing the aid program after about the middle of March, and the program cannot be maintained in its present form.

Asked what could be done, officials said this week they did not know how the projects could be continued. It is fairly certain that if the projects are continued, prices for the lunches will have to be increased from 15 to 20 cents and possibly they will go up to 25 cents. There is no provision for supplementing the projects with county or local funds.

It was pointed out that very few free lunches are being served in the several schools in this county at the present time, but even with no "dead weight" the projects could not be maintained without outside aid or a substantial increase in prices.

Last year, the federal government paid \$15,601 as a supplement in support of the lunch room projects, and the amount has been increased somewhat this year.

Reports from those schools where lunch rooms are not provided state that only a small percentage of the children carry prepared lunches. It was explained that they compromise by purchasing a soda pop and a package of peanut buttered crackers. Unless something is done, peanut butter sandwiches and sodas are likely to be the common noon-day diet for more hundreds of school tots.

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LIMITED HOLIDAY

Washington's birthday on Saturday of this week will be observed by only a limited number of business houses, according to a preliminary survey made yesterday.

In addition to the two local banks, the post office will close for the day. There will be no deliveries in either the rural areas or the town and there will be no window service. The offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company close on Saturdays anyway. Other business houses and offices, including the employment office, will remain open as usual.

Firemen Guests Of Robersonville

Acting to show their appreciation to Williamston, its firemen and officials, for the loan of the town's old fire truck, Robersonville firemen and officials gave a barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner in the firemen's hall there last Tuesday evening. The local truck, in a bad state of repair, was lent to the neighbors while their truck was being rebuilt some weeks ago. Fortunately the truck was not pressed into actual service during that time.

Serving ably as master of ceremonies, Chief Wiley Burroughs Rogerson instigated an impromptu program which was highlighted by a few keen jokes.

Mayor Henry S. Everett, returning thanks for the delicious meal and welcoming the special guests, declared that it was a good omen when two communities could maintain a keen rivalry and yet willingly come to the rescue of the other in an emergency. G. P. Hall, Williamston fire chief, responded and told the hosts that he and his firemen were only too glad to help others in need, that they found much pleasure in doing just that.

Robersonville's officials, including Commissioner Chas. Gray and Commissioners - Firemen Mayo Little and Vance Roberson and others made timely impromptu talks. The meal and the fellowship were greatly enjoyed.

Most of the members of the local department attended the dinner, just a few remaining to "keep house" in an emergency.

Divorce Actions Pending In Court

Four divorce actions, all based on two years' separation, were started in the Martin County Superior Court during the past few days. Clerk L. E. Wynne said yesterday. They are tentatively scheduled for trial at the regular term of the court convening the 17th of next month.

Divorce claims were filed as follows:

Robert H. Taylor against Margaret Taylor.

Goldie Cherry against Bryant Cherry.

Mary Brown Gray against Felton Gray.

Ruth E. Barrow against Sherrick Barrow.

Allen Brown, Jr. Held In \$1,000.00 Bond By Justice

Hearing Held In County's Court Room Tuesday Afternoon

Finding probable cause in the case charging them with assaulting James L. Bond and W. H. Harrell with deadly weapon with intent to kill, Justice Henry S. Everett at a hearing held in the Martin County court room Tuesday afternoon placed Allen Brown, Jr., under bond in the sum of \$1,000, Russell Ampey, \$500, and Lester Saunders, \$250. Bond was not arranged immediately by any of the defendants, Allen admitting that no arrangements could be made to raise his bond.

The three young colored men are scheduled to face trial in the superior court on the 17th of next month.

Bond, a young Bertie County white man and a former resident of Williamston, was reported to be improving satisfactorily Wednesday in a Durham hospital where he was carried soon after the attack for an operation. His heart was pierced by a knife, presumably in the hands of Brown.

The main witnesses in the case were not questioned at the hearing Tuesday afternoon, but statements made by the three defendants were quoted by Chief William Smith after all three had pleaded not guilty. Saunders and Ampey were both quoted by Chief Smith as saying that they saw Brown strike Bonds, Ampey adding that Brown told him he had cut a man. Brown was quoted as saying that he was walking by a truck, that a white man pushed him and that he, in turn, pushed the white man.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, a second state witness, stated Brown is saying that he (Brown) saw Ampey and Saunders use a board or

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County's highway accident figures continued to climb during the seventh week, boosting the total to an all-time record since last January 1. Wrecks last week involving three cars, a truck and a rule, the latter being a victim of a hit-and-run driver, pushed the total so far this year to 22 accidents, 16 injured, two killed and a property damage of \$4,825. But even the seventh week this year wasn't as costly as was the corresponding period, a year ago.

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.

Seventh Week	Inj'd	Killed	Damage
1947 3	2	0	\$ 750
1946 3	5	1	1,250
Comparisons To Date			
1947 22	16	2	4,825
1946 19	13	2	4,800

"Hot" Issues Are On Legislature's Docket This Week

Controversies Include Departmental, Divorce, Labor and Taxes

Just before entering the home stretch, North Carolina's State Legislature picked up several "hot" issues and the fur is almost certain to fly from now on out, possibly until the early part of April. All of the "hot" issues have not been dumped into the lap of the Assembly so far, and there is little chance for interest to subside in the activities. Hearings on a bill, calling for a statewide liquor referendum, are scheduled to be held on March 4 and 5.

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Stewart J. Ange Died In Hospital Wednesday Night

Funeral Saturday Afternoon In Jamesville For Prominent Man

Stewart Jefferson Oavis Ange, well known and highly respected Jamesville citizen, died in the local hospital Wednesday night at 9:00 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Although he had been feeble for possibly twelve or fifteen years, he continued fairly active up until a short time ago. A victim of heart trouble and complications, he was taken ill about three weeks ago and entered the hospital a few days later. His condition was much improved and he returned to his home last Saturday, but reentered the hospital after suffering another attack.

The son of the late Malchia and Harriett Davis Ange, he was born in the Angetown Community of Jamesville Township on September 2, 1862, and at an early age located in the Poplar Chapel section where he farmed and lived as a good neighbor and at peace with his fellowman for more than half a century. In addition to his farming operations, he managed the Jamesville fishery for fifty-seven years. He eagerly looked forward to each fishing season, and seemed to find enjoyment and peace working on the big nets and making preparations for the annual operations. Possessed of a quiet and humble nature, Mr. Ange did not talk much, but he was a keen observer of marine life and could answer most any question on the subject. Although too feeble to work, he continued to manage the fishery long after he retired from his farming operations, and he was planning to return to his old duties again in a few weeks when he entered his last illness.

Mr. Ange was married to Miss Miriam Elizabeth Ange about 58 years ago. A few years following her death on May 29, 1924, Mr. Ange went to live with his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Holliday, in Jamesville.

He was a member of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church near his old childhood home most of his life. Few men adhered more closely to its teachings or play a better role in life as an humble and helpful friend of mankind than he did.

Surviving are three children, a son, Herbert Ange, and two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Holliday and Mrs. Gladys Brewer, all of Jamesville; a brother, Guilford Ange of Plymouth; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a large number of nieces and nephews who are now living in various parts of the county.

Funeral services will be conducted at his late home in Jamesville Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by a former pastor, Rev. D. W. Alexander of Bethel. Interment will be in the Ange Cemetery. Rev. M. Perry of Robersonville will assist in the service.

Officers Destroy Two Distilleries

Martin County ABC enforcement officers destroyed several more illicit liquor plants in two townships during the past several days.

Officers Joe Roebuck and Roy Peel, raiding in Goose Nest Township, about three miles from Oak City, wrecked a crude plant last Monday afternoon and poured out one hundred and fifty gallons of beer. According to the officers, the owner-operator set up the plant just a short time ago and never used it. He possibly could have used it once ahead of the raiders, but the beer froze and it had to be reworked.

On Tuesday of this week, the officers invaded Robersonville Township, but found only two five-gallon glass jugs.

Last week in Hamilton Township the officers tore up a crude plant and poured out 250 gallons of beer.

Draw Fines For Passing Buses

Two persons, charged with driving by school busses while the busses were stopped to receive or discharge passengers, were carried before Justice J. B. Whitfield in Oak City a few days ago. It was the trial justice's second court in which alleged violators of the school bus law were called to answer during the past two weeks.

K. B. Chance and Jasper Davis each were fined \$25 and taxed with the costs when they were adjudged guilty by Justice Whitfield.

Truck Driver Accepts Damage In Wreck Here

G. P. Brayhill, operating a truck that crashed into Hoke Roberson's car at the intersection of Main and Watts Streets here last Monday morning, accepted the responsibility and agreed to pay the damages without going to court, Police Chief C. R. Mobley said yesterday.

Roberson was just before entering the main street when Brayhill, driving a telephone construction contractor's truck, made a turn into Watts Street and struck the car.

Two-Thirds Of Farmers In County Submit 1947 Plans

Farmer Borrowers Held Meeting In County Last Week

Approximately two-thirds of the farmers in this county have submitted their program plans for the current year, it was learned at the office of the county agent yesterday. Those who have not signed the new year plans are asked to report to the agent's office, discuss their plans, including soil-building practices, and qualify now for payments under the soil conservation program about a year from now. It was pointed out that unless a farmer makes the tentative plans and signs the "work sheet" he will not qualify for any payment under the 1947 program.

Quite a few of those signing the new work sheets in recent days declared they did not plan to participate in the soil conservation program this year, that they would not place into effect any soil-building practices. Others who have not signed are asked to notify the county agent's office. It was pointed out that when a farmer chooses not to have a part in the program his action makes it possible for others to share in it to a greater extent.

Farmers in this county participating in the 1946 program so far have received nearly \$12,000 in soil payments, the agent's office announced this week. Up until Wednesday, 363 applications had been handled, and more than five hundred farmers had received the special payments amounting to \$11,951.61. Other applications for the payments are pending, it was explained.

Tentative Plans For Red Cross Campaign

Local Chapter Is Asked To Donate \$2,500 This Year

Township Quotas Reduced By About One-Third From Last Year

Asked to maintain its services to World War veterans, including thousands of disabled men, and be ready to act in emergencies, the National Red Cross is appealing to the people in the Martin County Chapter this year for a total of \$2,500. The request, about one-fourth the war-time quota, is asked one-third less than the sum asked for last year and less than half the amount actually raised.

While the agency's work is no longer on a war time basis, it was pointed out that many of the 17,000 veteran amputees, hundreds of others blinded in the service and still others partially disabled continue to look to the Red Cross for one type of aid or another. The tremendous rehabilitation job is far from complete and the Red Cross is still rendering aid in emergencies.

The campaign chairman, Claude B. Clark, Jr., a World War II veteran, assisted by past chairman Bill Spivey and J. C. Manning last Tuesday night mapped tentative plans for making the 1947 fund drive in this chapter, including Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Williamston townships. Referring to old lists, the chairman studied the figures and decided on a horizontal reduction of one-third in the township quotas.

The new quotas announced are, as follows:

Jamesville, \$225; Williams, \$40; Griffins, \$225; Bear Grass, \$225; Williamston, \$1,335, and colored citizens in all five districts, \$450, a total of \$2,500. Colored citizens, meeting with the fund chairman and assistants, virtually agreed to raise the \$450 under the following quota plan for the various colored school districts: Dardens, \$50; Jamesville, \$30; Williams, \$27.50; Corey's \$12.50; Poplar Point, \$12.50; Bear Grass, \$12.50; Biggs, \$25; Woolards, \$40; Burday.

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Justice J. C. Smith Calls Nine Cases In County's Court

Fines Imposed In Amount Of \$160 At Session Last Monday Morning

Judge J. Calvin Smith called nine cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, and completed the scheduled work in less than two hours. A very small crowd was present and little interest was shown in the proceedings by the general public. The docket was the second smallest handled by the court this year.

Proceedings:

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Hackney High pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

In the case charging him with issuing a worthless check, H. J. Rowe pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and \$50 to the prosecuting witness, W. K. Parker, to make good the check.

Pleading guilty in the case charging her with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Carrie Little was fined \$20 and required to pay the court costs.

The case charging Lee Tyner with being drunk and disorderly was continued until next Monday.

Vernon Andrews pleaded not guilty in the case charging him with non-support, and the action was continued under prayer for judgment until the second Monday in next May.

Ronald Williams, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and required to pay the court costs.

Pleading guilty of allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, Tom Williams was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon, Marcellus Simmons pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the costs. The court ordered officers to confiscate and destroy the pistol, said to have been of an inferior make.

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Justices

Their appointments coming from the Governor on Wednesday of this week, R. T. Johnson, railroad telegrapher, and James Stator Ayers, electrical contractor, are making ready to handle their new duties as justices of the peace here.

No definite office location has been arranged by either of the newly appointed justices, but they are subject to call to the town hall.

No one has served as justice of the peace here since Justice J. L. Hassell was incapacitated the latter part of December by illness. The new justices will serve only until Mr. Hassell is able to resume his work.

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Old Farm Security Group To Provide Orchards In The Future

The Martin County Farm Ownership borrowers of the Farmers Home Administration held their annual meeting in the court room of the Martin County court house last week. The general theme of the meeting centered around two main farm projects: First, growing and conserving more food for home use, and, two, a County Summary as revealed from the 1946 farm family record books.

The morning meeting was devoted to the first phase of the discussion. It was agreed that farm families should raise more food crops and conserve more of this for winter use, especially now that food prices have advanced on what is to be purchased. In addition to strictly garden and truck crops the group decided that each farm family should have a small home orchard of fruits, nuts, and berries for home use. If this is done food purchases could be cut 50 percent.

The afternoon session was devoted entirely to farm family record book keeping. The 1946 record books were reviewed and a summary of the facts revealed by the actual records was studied, and the new 1947 record books were set up. It was brought out in this get-together that if big business can profit by record keeping a farmer can likewise profit by such, as farming is a big business.

Nine reasons were listed why a farmer family should keep a record book, namely:

1. It helps a farmer operate in a business-like manner.
2. It tells you exactly how much you make, both from land and labor.
3. It shows you the weak spots in your farming enterprises.
4. It is an itemized statement of investment, expenses, and receipts.
5. It provides a permanent record of all business transactions.
6. It helps to establish a sound basis for credit.
7. It is a tool to be used in annual farm and home planning.
8. It will assist in filling out an income tax return.
9. It is not guess work. A guess is sometimes wrong, but an accurately kept record book is always right.

The group voted unanimously to have another meeting next year.

Takes Advantage Of Free Lunches

A story of unscrupulous greed was uncovered by the county recently when it was found during an investigation that a parent had instructed his children to demand free meals at one of the school lunch counters in the county.

Planned at a nominal cost for those children able to pay, lunches are served free to those less fortunate tots. It is a bit surprising to learn how many free lunches have been served during the years of great prosperity, but those in charge were ever mindful that the poor are always to be considered. There was some doubt about the ability of several children to pay the negligible amount for their meals, and a quiet investigation was launched after the little folks had reported they were hungry shortly after their arrival at school. The investigation revealed that the father had cleared approximately \$3,000 on his farm last year. It was later learned that the contemptible fellow had instructed his children to demand the lunches free of cost because so and so were eating free. "If that fellow's children are to eat free, my children are going to eat free, too," the man was quoted as saying.

It is just another case where one finds it difficult to help those who can't help themselves without accepting an unnecessary burden imposed by the unscrupulous.