

County Churches Bequeathed Cash By Mrs. Leggett

Will Probated In County Clerk's Office Here This Week

In her last will and testament probated in the Martin County Superior Court clerk's office this week, Mrs. Ethel Everett Leggett, late of this county, bequeathed \$100 to Hamilton's St. Martin's Episcopal Church and \$25 to Williams Methodist Church, near Palmyra, each year for four years. It was the first time in recent years that a religious institution had been remembered in a will filed in this county.

Mrs. Leggett, in her will apparently prepared during her last illness and while a patient in a Tarboro hospital, also made provision for the education of Malcolm Leggett at State College, and designated certain amounts for improving the Martin County cemetery and the upkeep of her plot in the Hobgood Cemetery for ten years.

Her estate, unofficially valued at \$15,000, was divided for the most part among her sisters, nieces and nephews, Mrs. Leggett explaining that although no bequests were made to all members of her family, she loved them equally as well.

Mrs. Leggett's stock in the Everett Estate, one of the fine old plantations in the county, was left to a sister, Mrs. Blanche E. Harrison. Her stock in General Motors was left to another sister, Miss Hattie Margaret Everett, "to buy a new car". Insurance was left to her niece and namesake, Miss Ethel Everett Harrison.

For improving the Martin County cemetery, \$500 was left, and \$250 was designated to be spent on the family plot in the Hobgood Cemetery, and \$25 was set aside for its upkeep each year for ten years.

Mrs. Leggett also set aside \$125 for the painting of a portrait of her late husband, Dr. Virgil Wilson Leggett, the portrait to be given to L. W. Leggett, Jr. A note in the will read, "Dr. (Leggett) was too good a person to let his memory pass away and this is one way of keeping it alive among his family, friends and admirers."

Mrs. Leggett expressed the desire that her mother's portrait remain in the old home as long as it is occupied by her family, and then it is to go to Elizabeth Whit-

Woman's Club In Regular Meeting

Holding a regular business meeting last Tuesday evening with the president, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., presiding, the local Woman's Club heard reports from the various departmental chairmen, including, Mrs. A. J. Manning, Jr., American Homes and Gardens; Miss Lissie Pearce, Fine Arts; Mrs. Ray Goodman, Literature, and Mrs. S. Harcum Grimes, International Relations. Aims and purposes for the new club year were outlined by the chairman, and much interest was expressed in the proposed projects.

The president announced that a district meeting would be held in Greenville Friday of next week and members planning to attend were asked to contact Mrs. P. B. Cone. The president urged all members to subscribe to the club magazine, "The North Carolina Clubwoman," explaining that subscriptions would be handled either by her or the club secretary.

MEETING

Dr. R. L. Oppelt, professor of education and director of teacher placement bureau, East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, will address the regular meeting of the local parent-teacher association in the Grammar School auditorium next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock. His subject will be, "Education Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

President Hildreth Mobley is asking all members to attend and the public is invited.

Board Proposes Extensive Extension Of Town Limits

Meeting with the engineers this week, a committee of the local town board of commissioners proposed an extensive extension of the incorporated limits. Exact metes and bounds are to be determined by actual survey, but judging from a map of the newly proposed city the extended corporate limits will, it is estimated, embrace about three times more territory than is found in the present boundaries.

While definite courses and bounds cannot be announced until surveys are made, the proposed lines will run roughly, as follows:

Beginning at a point on Roanoke River about 1,800 feet above the starting point for the present boundary, the line will run a straight course in a westerly direction, crossing the Hamilton

Highway 2,400 feet beyond the State Highway property located on Whitley's canal. Making an almost right angle turn there, the line, as proposed of course, will run to a point in or near the prison camp or old Greenville road at the intersection of U. S. Highway 64. From about that point, the line runs a fairly straight course southeasterly to U. S. Highway 17 at the old Garrett Road or at the Southerner and on to a point approximately 1,500 feet below the Standard Fertilizer Company plant or near the firemen's boat.

No action on the proposed extension of the town limits is expected until the actual measurements are made and the proposal is properly placed before the people. An instrument survey is expected shortly.

Gives Word Picture Of Buggs Island Dam

STILL MISSING

Andrew Roberson, 40-year-old colored farmer, missing from his home in Cross Roads Township since Tuesday, October 7, still has not been heard from, according to reports coming from the sheriff's office here at noon Thursday.

Parties, made up of both white and colored men, are continuing the search for the missing man. Searchers are believed to have heard the man deep in the swamps last Sunday morning, and others declared they saw him near his home during the electrical storm last Sunday night, that he ran back into the woods before they could reach him.

Purse Snatcher Has Long Record

Stephen McCaden, 38-year-old colored man charged with rape and more recently with snatching a pocketbook from Farmer Will Roberson at Hamilton, has a long criminal record, according to a report coming from the Federal Bureau of Investigation this week.

McCaden, in addition to the record compiled by the federal bureau, admits other minor infractions of the law. He was first arrested for drunkenness in Reidsville back in 1941. He was next booked for drunkenness in Danville, Virginia. Going back to Reidsville he was charged with disorderly conduct. He ran afoul of the law next in Washington, D. C. Some months after that he was picked up in Buffalo, New York for alleged violation of the Selective Service Training Act. Wandering into New York city he was booked for disorderly conduct. Moving southward he was detained in Newark, New Jersey, for vagrancy and a short time later he was up for being drunk and disorderly. He jumped from New Jersey to Edenton where he was taken into custody last July 26 for investigation. Coming into Martin a short time later, he was charged with raping a colored woman, and more recently he was booked for snatching the farmer's purse, containing over \$200. McCaden is now in the Martin County jail, after finally stumbling into big-time crime.

Army Deserter On His Way Back To Arizona

Absent without leave from the Army Air Forces, William Osteen, 24, was turned over to military police Wednesday afternoon and started the long ride back to Williams Field, Arizona.

Osteen, detained here last week on a reckless driving charge, was transferred to the military police by local officers and highway patrolmen between here and Tarboro. The military police were starting their return trip an hour and thirty-five minutes after reaching Rocky Mount.

Deputy Chief Of Engineers Speaks At Site Recently

Anticipates Completion Of Project In About Five More Years

Addressing members of the Roanoke River Flood Control Committee and nearly 300 special guests at a meeting held on the Buggs Island dam site near Boynton, Virginia recently, Brig. Gen. R. C. Crawford, Deputy Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army, painted a comprehensive word picture of the big Roanoke River project.

Explaining that the nation-wide program for the better utilization of the water resources of the country had its inception in 1925 when Congress approved the Rivers and Harbors Act, March 3, of that year, Gen. Crawford said that cost estimates and surveys and investigations were started. The general then continued:

In April 1926 Dwight F. Davis, the Secretary of War, submitted a report which showed all the navigable streams upon which power development appeared to be feasible and presented an estimate of cost to make the required investigations. In January 1927, Congress directed that the Corps of Engineers make the required investigations and develop the necessary plans. The studies carried out under the provisions of that Act, modernized from time to time, have been the basis of essentially all of the country's stream development program ever since.

Shortly thereafter the Corps of Engineers began its investigation of the Roanoke River watershed. The engineers of the Corps investigated all the potential reservoir sites that could be utilized for ironing out the widely fluctuating flows of the Roanoke River and its tributaries. In June 1935, the Chief of Engineers forwarded his report to Congress. This report, usually referred to as the "308 report," indicated that 17 dams could be constructed in the Roanoke River Basin which would be economical for the development of water power, and which also could be utilized for increasing the low water flows downstream for navigation and decreasing the high water flows for flood control. No appropriation of funds was made by Congress at that time to carry out the findings of the report.

Shortly after the disastrous flood of August 1940 in the Roanoke River Basin, which caused about five million dollars damage, Congress requested that the Corps of Engineers review the "308 report," and bring it up to date. In accordance with this directive the Corps prepared a review report recommending adoption of a comprehensive plan for the ultimate construction of a system of reservoirs to develop the water resources of the Roanoke River Basin. The recommended plan combined the 17 reservoirs of the

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Auto Demolished In Bad Accident Wednesday Night

New Dodge Knocked About 150 Feet By Truck On Hamilton Highway

No one was badly hurt but considerable property damage resulted when a lumber truck sideswiped one car and plowed into Bill Harrison's new Dodge in front of Jenkins's filling station-store on the Hamilton Highway, near here, early Wednesday night. Knocked down the highway about 150 feet the new Dodge with only 666 miles on its speedometer was jammed into a ditch bank and demolished. A few parts can be salvaged, but the car was said to have been damaged beyond repair.

Parking his car on the left side of the highway in front of the filling station and several feet off the hardsurface, Harrison was sitting under the wheel facing toward Williamston when George Mobley, driving a 1939 Ford in the direction of Williamston, started to make a left turn into the station of Chimney Corner drive. Charlie Lee Haddock, following the Mobley car, apparently started to pass just as Mobley made ready to turn to the left. Pulling the truck heavily loaded with lumber, to the left, Craddock sideswiped the Mobley car, damaging its side, before plowing into the rear of the Harrison Dodge. Its left fender and part of the radiator buried in the right rear of the Dodge, the truck carried the new car down across the highway 150 feet and crowded it into the bank, making an accordion out of it almost. Mr. Harrison, passenger on the wild ride, suffered severe shock and a cracked vertebrae. However, he was able to leave the hospital for his home here a short time later. He plans to leave for Raleigh Friday for special treatment.

Cpl. T. Fearing and Patrolman B. W. Parker, patrolling the highway at the time, reached the scene of the accident before the dust settled. They rushed the Harrison to the hospital. Mobley was detained for alleged drunken driving and Craddock, 42-year-old white man of Chocowinity, was charged with speeding and reckless driving.

Patrolman W. E. Saunders lent a hand and with two wreckers, the officers cleared the highway in about an hour. No official damage estimates could be had, but the loss will run possibly between \$1,500 and \$2,000. The lumber truck operated by Craddock was owned by Consolidated Industries of Washington.

Jamesville Youth Has Prize Winner

Although battling keen competition, Thomas Gardner, Jamesville Future Farmers of America club member, exhibited a prize-winning Hereford bull at the State fair in Raleigh last week. Judged one of the best bulls in the club group, the animal won for his owner a \$100 cash award.

The young farmer, his father, Mr. Leo Gardner, and his adviser, Professor V. B. Hairr, were guests at a luncheon given by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation in the Sir Walter Hotel last Friday night. Young Gardner was given the bull by the Foundation last November.

Jamesville Team In Missouri City

Walking away with top honors in a state-wide contest held at Raleigh a few months ago, three Jamesville FFA members, William Perry, Perlie Modlin, Jr., and Billy Martin, attended the national livestock judging contest in Kansas City, Missouri, this week. They were accompanied by their adviser, Professor V. B. Hairr. Winning the state contest, the team was given a free trip to the American Royal Livestock Show, and were special guests of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce at a large banquet held in the municipal auditorium there Wednesday evening of this week.

Several Cases In Justices' Courts Here This Week

Financier, Offering Aid To Defendant, Faces Bad Check Charge

Several cases were heard during the past few days by Justices John L. Hassell and Robert Cowen in their courts here.

James Willis Lloyd, charged with public drunkenness, was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs. Unable to raise the amount or get anyone to guarantee its payment, Lloyd was assigned to the local street forces to settle the debt.

William Henry Pippen, publicly drunk, was fined \$5 and required to pay the costs.

Moses Staton, facing the court on two counts of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was fined \$10 in each case and required to pay \$13 costs. Staton, cited to court on the first count, failed to appear, and Justice Cowen upped the fines.

Appearing in Justice Hassell's court for allegedly allowing a female dog to run at large, Geo. T. Purvis was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of \$6.50 costs and on the further condition that he dispose of the dog.

Jasper Commons, charged with failing to stop at a street intersection, was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs.

Fined for operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment in Justice Hassell's court last week, a defendant appealed to a friend to finance the fine and court costs. A check was offered and accepted in good faith. This week the check bounced back and the court issued a warrant, charging the defendant's friend with issuing a worthless check. A date for the hearing in the case has not been set.

Bridge Opening Is Delayed Here

The opening of the new Roanoke River bridge draw span is being delayed by high water, according to reports coming from the construction project Thursday. Electricians have been unable to pull a power cable under the river and up through the bottom of the pivot pier on account of high water which is doggedly holding to flood stage.

Reports state that the water will have to fall possibly three feet or more before the task can be handled. After that work is completed it will require a week or ten days to make the proper connections. The river dropped about two inches last Monday, but has been on a stand since that time, holding to a point several inches above flood stage.

Plans to go ahead and open the draw and operate it with hand-power were abandoned when it was learned that about thirty minutes are required to open and close the span.

Representatives of the contractors have refrained from even mentioning a date for opening the bridge to traffic.

Work On Streets Is Delayed Here

Work, scheduled to have been started Thursday on local streets, was delayed when the contractor was unable to complete another project on time.

The contractors, having already graded some of the streets, is expected to start work either on Friday of this week or the early part of next week.

The street improvement project calls for the resurfacing of the following streets: Grace, Hassell, Warren and Ray Streets, a block on Smithwick Street, and all of Warren Street. New surfacing is called for on a small part of Church Street, one block on School Drive and about one block on Halifax Street and one block on Park Street.

Only a few days will be required to complete the improvement project once work is started.

Start Threshing Peanuts In County On Wednesday

Farmers in the Hamilton area started threshing the peanut crop Wednesday afternoon, preliminary reports reaching here stating that the yield is running between eighteen and twenty bags per acre. Quality was said to be good. No official price offer has been made for any of the crop as far as it could be learned, but ten and one-half cents per pound was mentioned, according to reports reaching here.

Farmers Henry Johnson, Dan Roebuck and Jesse Everett started threshing operations on their farms in the Hamilton area this week, and if favorable weather maintains, the work will get under way on a fairly large scale next week.

Peanut buyers this week appealed to the growers to make certain that the goobers are thoroughly dry before threshing.

Digging one of their best crops in several years, farmers were fairly optimistic over the peanut outlook until rains started falling on October 6 and continued to fall daily, through Sunday night. Damage, caused by the rains, will run into fairly big figures, some farmers declaring they have lost a large portion of their crop, that just about all their hay has been damaged if not ruined.

Those farmers who did not complete the harvest before the rains set in, declared this week that they had abandoned their crops to the hogs. It is fairly certain that all peanuts not yet harvested on heavy soils are lost. Even in those cases where the goobers were plowed up and had not been separated from the dirt farmers declare they are beyond economical harvest.

Tobacco Sales Near Eleven Million Mark

Current Sales Are Far Ahead Of The Poundage for '46

Individual Sales This Week Reach Highest Peak Of Season So Far

Making possibly one of the strongest bids it has ever made for tobacco, the Williamston market this week is nearing the eleven million pound mark, reports declaring that if sales hold up through next Monday that figure will be reached and passed. At the same time the market will have sold by that time a few thousand pounds more than were sold during the 1946 season. At the close of the 42nd marketing day on Wednesday of this week, the market here had sold just about three-quarters of a million pounds more than were sold during the first 42 days of the 1946 season.

Closing for the season on November 13 last year, the local market sold 10,874,674 pounds, meaning that from October 22, 1946, until the close, it sold 1,124,582 pounds. If the market maintains its sales in the same proportion during the remainder of the season, it will approach and possibly pass the twelve million-pound mark. Guesses on poundage are highly problematical since no complete reports are to be had from the field. A majority of the farmers have completed the marketing of their crop in this section, and it is possible that a larger percentage of the crop has moved out of the hands of growers this year than was the case at the corresponding time, a year ago. However, it is an established fact that current sales will exceed those of last year, and that possibly the market will set a new high poundage record.

Sales through Thursday of this week stood right at ten and one-half million pounds, bringing right at \$42.00 per hundred.

Some of the highest individual sales of the season were reported on the market here this week when farmers like Sidney Beacham of Bear Grass sold some choice tobacco for \$68.00 per hundred pounds.

Current prices are equally as good as they have been at any time this season with many grades showing gains ranging from \$2 to \$7 per hundred. Averages fluctuate, however, from day to day according to the type of the offerings. On Wednesday of this week, the average was right at \$47.00 for the entire sale. However, the day before there was much damaged leaf on the floor and quite a few farmers offered their scrap and odds and ends, holding the average to around \$42.00 per hundred. While there was no marked price decrease, the market appeared a little shaky Thursday morning after it was learned that England was considering banning fur-

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Judge J. C. Smith Has Sixteen Cases In County's Court

Fines And Bond Forfeiture Amount To \$400 Last Monday Morning

Holding a comparatively short session of the county recorder's court last Monday, Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson called sixteen cases and cleared the calendar by noon. Fines and forfeitures, including a \$100 cash bond, amounted to \$400.

Proceedings: Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper lights, LeRoy Rogers was adjudged not guilty.

Charles Felton Keel, charged with reckless driving, was found guilty of failing to give proper hand signal while operating a motor vehicle. The court suspended judgment upon the payment of the trial costs.

Charlie Rhodes pleaded guilty of assaulting a female and prayer for judgment was continued until next Monday.

In the case in which R. B. Spruill was charged with larceny and receiving, the court after hearing the evidence directed a verdict of not guilty and ordered a watch returned to Noah Frazier.

The case charging Walter Lee Hall with larceny and receiving was not pressed with leave.

In a second case in which Hall was charged with adultery along with Leta Hall, the woman forfeited a \$100 cash bond posted by James Wynne. The case against Hall was not pressed with leave.

Charged with assaulting a female, Isaac Perkins pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for fifteen months, the sentence was suspended upon the immediate payment of \$50 and \$8 each week for the support of his two children.

Pleading not guilty of assaulting a female, Oliver Rogers was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25 plus the costs.

The case in which Oliver Rogers and Alvin ~~_____~~ were charged with fornication and adultery was continued until the first Monday in January.

George Hardison of Jamesville, charged with drunken driving, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$100 fine and the costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for two years. In the courts last April 14 for being drunk and disorderly and assault, Hardison was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and on the further condition that he was not to be intoxicated during a two-year suspension period or to operate a motor vehicle for six months. The old sentence was not invoked according to court records.

Adjudged guilty of speeding George Wilcox was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, L. C. Swain was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

John M. Leggett, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on the county's highways continued to pile 'em up last week, running the accident count to an all-time high. However, the motorists continue to show greater respect for life and limb than they did 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.

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| Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge | | | | |
| 1947 | 5 | 2 | 0 | \$ 1,000 |
| 1946 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 850 |
| Comparisons To Date | | | | |
| 1947 110 | 53 | 3 | 3 | \$23,690 |
| 1946 100 | 78 | 3 | 3 | 24,500 |