

Eight Criminal Cases Heard In Superior Court

First Civil Actions Slated For Trial Wednesday In Superior Court

After handling the opening formalities yesterday morning, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, exchanging places with Judge Walter Bone, cleared eight cases from the criminal docket before taking a recess for the day shortly before 5:00 o'clock until this morning.

The court is attracting no record-size crowds. It was thought this morning that the criminal docket could be completed by late today, but others were of the opinion that the trials would last into tomorrow. When the court quit for the day, it had completed the evidence in the case charging Bill Winbush with assaulting Johnny Bryant with a shot gun.

Judge Burgwyn dug deep into the time bag and gave Willie James Dickens the maximum for assaulting Officer Edmond Early in Oak City last July 31. Dickens was sentenced to two years for carrying a concealed weapon, two years for resisting arrest, and two years for attacking the officer, the sentences to run consecutively. Taking the stand, the officer said he was called to a store where Dickens was allegedly carrying a butcher knife. The officer said he went there and asked Dickens for the knife, that when Dickens said he had no butcher knife a search revealed a bowie knife on his person. Placing the man under arrest, the officer stated he called the man to accompany him to the town jail, that Dickens pulled back. The officer said he pulled Dickens along and shot between the man's legs, one of the bullets burning the man's skin. They moved a short distance and Dickens, according to the officer, said he was not going to jail that he (the officer) would have to kill him first. The officer then said he brought his black jack into play and the man then pushed him down, breaking his hip. Dickens jumped on the officer and was pulled off by others, one report stating that the prisoner had the officer's black jack in his hand at the time.

William Howard Cherry, charged with drunken driving, was sentenced to the roads for 90 days. Admitting it was his second offense, Cherry pleaded guilty, the judge declaring that it was the second time in his court that a defendant had pleaded guilty of drunken driving.

Goodman Spruill, charged with (Continued on page eight)

Two Lose Lives At Whichard's Beach

Mrs. Ioline Whitaker Chase, a native of Bear Grass Township, and Mack Andrews, 44-year-old Bethel man, were drowned at Whichard's Beach in the Pamlico River near Washington Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Andrews' body was recovered that night about 10:30 o'clock, and Mrs. Chase's body was found at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Few particulars of the tragedy could be learned here immediately, but one report stated that the two stepped into a hole.

The couple were in swimming with her aunt, Miss Idell Whitaker, of near Williamston, and James W. Brown of Scotland Neck.

Mrs. Chase was born in Bear Grass Township 22 years ago and spent most of her life in this county, leaving last spring to make her home with her father in Bethel. She was a daughter of Lester Whitaker and the late Lillie Mae Hardison Whitaker of this county.

She was married during the war to Glenn Chase who farmed in this county a short time before he got into trouble about two years ago. One daughter, Jean, her husband, father, a half-sister and three half-brothers survive.

Double funeral services are being conducted at the home of Mrs. S. A. Andrews in Bethel this afternoon at 5:00 o'clock by Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., and interment will be in the cemetery there.

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow". So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done. The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Top row, left to right, Janice, ten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Holliday, Williamston; Earnest, thirteen, son of Mrs. Jennie Godard, Williamston; Rebecca, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Perry, Williamston; Bottom row, Freddie, five, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coltrain, Williamston; Barbara, five, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Perry, Williamston; and Neil, eight, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mallory, Oak City.

Party Loyalty And Civil Rights Issue Discussed By Judge

JOB OPENINGS 12 blk

Job openings, while not quite so plentiful as they were at one time, are still unfilled in construction work and highway building. Manager Kelly Gay of the Williamston Employment Office announced yesterday.

Made Foreman Of County Grand Jury

Jessup Harrison, Williamston young man was made foreman of the Martin County Grand Jury in superior Court Monday. Succeeding Jim Peel who retired as foreman after serving for a year, the new jury foreman is slated to serve one year.

Eight other members scheduled to serve during the next twelve months include: Thurman Rogerson, Claude Keel, G. E. Coburn, Ernest C. Jones, Leonard C. Bennett, J. H. Forbes, S. D. Roberson and C. A. James.

Mr. Oscar Daniel of Everetts was appointed officer of the grand jury.

Minor Accident On Local Street

No one was hurt but damage estimated at \$150 resulted when a large transport truck plowed into the side of a 1948 Oldsmobile at the Lindsley Ice Company alley on Washington Street yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Lyman Morris of Middleton, Ohio, was driving out of the alley and struck the car driven by Aaron Windley Boyd of Hamilton, Chief W. E. Saunders reported.

Start White Cane Sale Here Next Thursday

Plans are complete for conducting the White Cane sale here during the week of September 23-30, it was announced today by Wheeler Manning, president of the local Lions Club, the sponsoring organization.

Asked to help raise the State goal of \$25,000, the local club will keep open booths here Friday and Saturday. The white canes sell for 10 cents and up. In addition to the cane sale, the Lions will enroll members in the State Association for the Blind at \$1 each. One-third of the amount raised will be retained at home for work among blind persons in this county.

Native Of County Dies In Hospital In West Virginia

Funeral Services Wednesday For The Former Miss Edith Taylor

Mrs. W. O. McCluskey, III, the former Miss Edith Taylor of Williamston, died in a Wheeling, West Virginia, hospital Sunday morning at 11:30 o'clock following a short illness. Suffering with asthma, Mrs. McCluskey entered the hospital a week ago. Pneumonia developed and when her condition showed no improvement she underwent an operation late last Saturday and never regained consciousness.

The daughter of the late Henry D. and Laura Peel Taylor, she was born near Williamston 34 years ago on March 16, 1914, and located with the family here when quite young. Graduated with honors from the local high schools, she attended Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and accepted a position in the Guilford City. During the early part of the war she was married to Mr. McCluskey and while he was in service they made their home in California for several years, locating in his home town of Wheeling at the close of the war.

Surviving besides her husband are two children, Taylor and Judy McCluskey; three sisters, Mrs. A. R. Smith of Atlanta, and Mrs. Herman Gardner and Miss Virginia Taylor, both of Greensboro; and three brothers, Harry C. Taylor of Great Bridge, Virginia, H. D. Taylor of Williamston and Dr. Cecil G. Taylor of Baton Rouge, La.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home in Wheeling Wednesday afternoon and interment will follow in the McCluskey family plot there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Taylor and their daughters, Miss Lib Taylor, and Mrs. Daisy Purvis left over the week-end to attend the last rites.

Robersonville Man Sworn In At Bar

Z. Hardy Rose, Jr., Robersonville young man, was sworn in as a member of the Martin County Bar Association in open court Monday before Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn.

Presenting him to the bar, Attorney B. A. Cletcher said the young barrister was a Martin County boy and that he lead his class at Wake Forest. "We are proud of him and we are certain he'll add honor to the bar in this county," Cletcher said.

"It's an honor to swear you in, and had I known before hand it was to be done, I would have called on you to address the jury," Judge Burgwyn said, recalling the time he passed the bar examination. "I wired a friend that morning that I had passed the State Bar. Later that day I received a message, congratulating me, the friend adding that it was the first time he had ever heard of me passing a bar." Several hours later, the jurist stopped by the local ABC store on his way up town.

The jurist declared that the legal profession had less jealousy than any other, and that he was convinced the Martin County Bar gets along better than any other one in the State. "I believe you'll enjoy being a member of it," he told the young lawyer.

Parent-Teacher Group Meeting

The Martin County Parent-Teachers Association Council met Friday morning at 10 o'clock in Mrs. Lissie Pierce's workshop for the purpose of instructing members in their work for the year.

Mrs. W. H. Bryan of Ahoskie, director of the 9th district of which Martin County is a member, conducted a school of instruction for local unit presidents and officers. The Council was well attended with every school in the county except one represented.

Cases Of Little Consequence On Court's Docket

Man Gets Six Years For Attacking Officer Early In Oak City

Cases of little consequence, for the most part, have been placed on the civil calendar during the current term of the Martin County Superior Court. The first of the civil actions are scheduled for trial on Wednesday of this week. No cases are scheduled for Friday of this week, but next Monday most of the day is likely to be taken up with divorce hearings. Seventeen marriages are under attack and it is certain that most of if not all the "freedom appeals" will be recognized.

A brief review of the civil cases follows:

Mrs. L. H. Chapman is suing Robt. C. Peel for possession of a tenant house on the Hadly farm.

In the case of Elizabeth Pierce against Ben Biggs, a boundary line is in dispute, the plaintiff claiming \$550 damages.

The Hardison-Williams cow case is scheduled again, the plaintiff seeking to recover \$50 which has already been tendered by the defendant.

T. S. Cletcher is suing C. D. Pittman for \$218.91 damages alleged to have resulted in an automobile accident.

A boundary line is involved in the case of D. G. Matthews against Veneer Products Co., the plaintiff asking damages in the sum of \$1,404.90.

The A. C. L. Railroad Company in its case against R. S. Cletcher is seeking to recover possession of a lot or lots along Railroad Street in Williamston.

In his case against J. S. Peel, K. B. Crawford is asking possession of certain kitchen equipment.

A claim and delivery is involved in the case of Standard Fertilizer Company against Jos. C. Lamm.

Clinton Industries is suing Roberson Slaughter House to recover \$438.56 damages alleged to have resulted in a highway accident near Williamston.

Edward Hollis is suing James H. Everett for possession of a house in Poplar Point.

A claim and delivery is involved in each of the cases of Eli Bowen against Ephraim Woolard and J. D. Laggett against Vernon Gurganus.

N. W. Worsley is suing James J. Peterson to recover \$325 damages alleged to have resulted in an auto-truck accident between Hamilton and Oak City last February.

James A. Mendenhall in his case against James E. Taylor is asking a judgment in the sum of \$463.62 and interest thereon for merchandise sold the defendant.

The case of the Martin County Board of Education against Mattie Elizabeth Sterling is on the calendar, the plaintiff seeking to have certain property condemned in Robersonville for school purposes.

The case of W. V. Ormond against D. G. Matthews involving a contract, is on the calendar for reference.

Milton James is suing Willie Boston to recover possession of two steers valued at \$500.

A landlord-tenant controversy is involved in the case of Roosevelt Green against Roscoe B. Hunt.

J. S. Ayers is suing to recover \$218 on account in his case against John Coltrain.

In the land-lord-tenant dispute of Jos. E. Smallwood against Geo. (Continued on page five)

Prices On Market Yesterday Second Highest Of The Year

Continue Plans for Peanut Festival Here Next Month

The Steering Committee for the Booster Festival and the chairman for the various festival activities met with Mr. Lynn Taylor Friday afternoon in the Court House to complete plans for the three day event scheduled to be held here on October 14, 15 and 16.

The major issue under discussion was the choice of bands to be featured in the parade on October 15. Washington and Elizabeth City High School Bands have been asked to participate and have accepted. Tentative plans were made to ask a military band here. The two most favored are the Fort Bragg band and Cherry Point military band and it is very likely

Over Six Million Pounds Sold Here So Far This Year

Market Sold 326,842 Lbs. Yesterday For Average Of \$51.59

Growing out of a slump that saw prices drag along in the low forties two weeks ago, the Williamston Tobacco Market forged ahead yesterday to officially report its second best sale of the season. Prices climbed to an average of \$51.59 for the 326,842 pounds sold during the day, topping last Friday's average by more than five cents a pound and approaching within a cent and one-half of the record set on opening day, August 19.

Farmer Roy Taylor of Poplar Point, averaging well up in the sixties, said that prices are higher and went on to explain that the quality of the tobacco was better.

Farmer John Hardison of Farm Life, averaging right at 66 cents a pound, said prices were possibly the best of the season. Mr. Hardison went on to explain that had weather conditions been favorable he would have made more on his crop this year than he did last in the face of the 28 percent general reduction.

Other farmers said prices were higher today than they had been any time this season.

At the close of the marketing day yesterday, the local market had sold 5,997,360 pounds in the 22 marketing days for an average of \$46.04. The six million-pound mark was reached and passed early this morning, reports from the market at that time stating that prices were holding firm and that a fair-size "break" was on the floors.

Farmers are now busy digging peanuts and from 70 to 75 percent of the crop in this section has been marketed, warehousemen stating that with a few possible exceptions the large sales are now a thing of the past for this season.

On the local market yesterday price tops moved right up to 70 cents with 68- and 69-cent piles bobbing up fairly frequently.

On the Border Belt prices continued (Continued on page three)

Wayward Youths Get Road Terms In Court Monday

Miserable Record of Father Offered In Court As A Defense For Sons

Three brothers, their ages ranging from a scant 16 to 23 years, and a 20-year-old companion were sentenced to the roads in the Martin County Superior Court Monday by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn for breaking into and robbing the store of Tom Clay, colored merchant of Parmele.

J. R. Whitehurst, 16, was sentenced to the roads for six months, the judge ordering the youth placed on probation for two years. A brother, W. C. Whitehurst, Jr., 17, was sentenced to the roads for six months. Another brother, Wilmer Whitehurst, 23, is to serve twelve months on the roads, and the companion, Bill Mazingo, 20, of near Robersonville, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

It was very evident that Judge Burgwyn was hard pressed to find a solution to the problem after defense attorney, Clifton Everett, explained that the three brothers' father had served most of the last twenty years in prison, first for murder and more recently for beating his wife and running his family away from home. "I remember the time when not more than one out of ten defendants was white. Look at it now," Judge Burgwyn said. "They have a bad background. Their mother did all she could, but that colored man, trying to make an honest living, must be protected," the jurist added just before pronouncing sentence.

The boys made poor witnesses for themselves. One could not answer immediately where he attended church and did not know the preacher's name. The 16-year-old lad, a bright youngster, did not attend school. He was working in a body repair shop for \$20 a week.

The Mazingo lad, moving to this county from Pitt about two years (Continued on page six)

REGISTRATION

One thousand, seven hundred and twenty young men registered for the draft in this county during the special registration period ending last Saturday, the count falling more than 300 short of expectations. The list included 573 veterans of the last year, 302 non-veterans, 666 single men, 148 18-year-olds and 31 transients. The registration was about even among the races, or 852 white and 868 colored.

Registrations are now being handled in the draft board office on the third floor of Williamston's town hall.

Slightly Hurt In Street Accident

Mrs. Harrell Everett was painfully bruised but not badly hurt when she and her infant son, Jimmy, were run down at the intersection of Main and Haughton Streets last Friday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock. Mrs. Everett, suffering bruises on both arms, was able to be out Sunday after remaining in bed over Saturday. Jimmy, thrown from his carriage, apparently was not hurt.

Driving west on Main Street, Vernon Hopewell started to make a right turn with his jeep and was going very slowly when he struck the victims. He explained that the sun partially blinded him, that he did not see Mrs. Everett and her son until he was right at them. The carriage was slightly damaged.

Officers On Raid Saturday Night

Raiding in the Farm Life section of Griffins Township late last Saturday night, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel interrupted an alleged gambling game and dried up the place in a hurry.

Going to the home of Bud Brown on the Roberson farm, the officers found a large party in progress. They got into the thick of the activities in time to see Chas. Moore, colored man, throw a jug of liquor out the window and to scoop up a small amount of money from a gambling table.

Brown and Moore are being cited to court.

Mailed Out Over Six Hundred Questionnaires

Six hundred and sixty-four draft questionnaires have been placed in the mails for delivery to registrants in this county, Miss Mildred Everett, draft board clerk, announced yesterday.

The registrants are returning the questionnaires very promptly with a very few exceptions, it was stated. The office of Harrison and Carstarphen and the Red Cross are among those assisting the registrants in preparing the questionnaires where help is needed.

ROUND-UP

An even dozen persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail for alleged violation of various laws. Four of them were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 48 years.

Three were booked for drunkenness, three for assault, one for drunken driving, two for disorderly conduct, one for breaking and entering, one for investigation, and one to appear as a witness.

Anti-Rat Drive Gets Under Way

An all-out rat extermination program, supported by a \$1,200 town appropriation, was launched here yesterday in cooperation with the county, state and federal health divisions.

Three representatives of the state department, Messrs. Jones, Brown and Barden, reported here yesterday and immediately mapped plans for the drive with Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord and Chas. R. Mobley who will carry on the work for a six-month period.

More than 100 traps were set late yesterday to take rats for certain types of test. Biologist Barden is examining the rats and testing their blood and the fleas found on them to determine if they are carriers of disease. A fairly large catch was reported in the traps planted at the fertilizer plant, the wholesale district, peanut plants and one or two stores.

Just as soon as a study of the rodents is completed, plans will be made to go after them with all kinds of traps and poisons, including some of the most powerful known. The drive will be extended outside the town limits.

Quite a few fleas were found on the first rats examined this morning, but the types had not been determined at that time.

Mr. Brown said that he had found conditions here more favorable for rat breeding than in any town he had seen so far. He is appealing to the people and the authorities, urging them to do something about the conditions, explaining that good sanitation is more effective than all the powerful poisons for controlling rats.