

## Few Cases Placed On Calendar For Trial Next Week

### Court Opens Term in County Next Monday for Trial of Civil Cases Only

Opening a two-week term of Martin County Superior Court next Monday for the trial of civil cases only, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn will find only eighteen actions other than divorces on the calendar. The civil calendar carries the smallest number of cases carried by any calendar in recent years. Very little importance is attached to any of the cases, and the court is expected to attract very little attention. No big damage suits are slated for trial.

The court term is set for two weeks, but to avoid a conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday, no cases were scheduled after Tuesday of next week, and the court plans to function only three days in the second week, if that long.

C. M. Barber is suing J. C. Vaughan and W. S. Cowan, Jr., for \$400 alleged due him under a landlord-tenant agreement.

The boundary lines dispute between Elizabeth Pierce and Ben Biggs is back on the docket.

In his case against Wm. R. Moran, Edward L. Early is seeking to recover possession of certain beer parlor equipment.

R. S. Critcher is advancing a claim to certain property in his case against Robt. Rodgers.

The Dixie Motor Company in its case against James Rogers is suing to recover title to a 1941 Plymouth car.

J. S. Whitley is suing W. S. Hunt for \$400 rent allegedly due on fair grounds held by the defendant for ten days in September, 1946.

In the case of W. V. Ormond against D. G. Matthews, the plaintiff is asking a settlement of account. It is alleged in the complaint that the plaintiff borrowed a certain sum of money from the defendant, that the plaintiff owned two houses and that the defendant was to collect the rent weekly and apply it on the debt. The defendant, answering the complaint, maintains that the plaintiff deeded him the property, that nothing is due.

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

The case of Thurston Davenport against Dorothy Taylor is back on the calendar. Thinking the title was clear, the defendant improved the property, and while the title is no longer contested the defendant is asking consideration for the improvements. The case was heard before Judge Burgwyn last April. At that time the jury valued the improvements at \$7,500. After making a personal inspection of the property, the jurist set the verdict aside, declaring

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## End Successful Service Series

Rev. Albert E. Simms, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Newport News, and brother of Rev. Stewart B. Simms, concluded a successful series of religious services in the Memorial Baptist Church here last Sunday evening. Unusually large crowds, filling the church to capacity several evenings, attended the services during the week and seven were received into the church, six by baptism and one by letter.

Several churches suspended their Sunday evening schedules to join the Baptists in the service series climax at that time.

The visiting minister made many friends during his short stay here, and formed a perfect team with his brother leading the song service during the meeting.

## Red Cross Chapter To Meet Here Tomorrow

The annual meeting of the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held Wednesday, November 17 at 1:00 at the Woman's Club. Everyone interested in the activities of the Red Cross is urged to attend.

## Parade Of Babies Features Peanut Festival



Attracting more than three thousand persons, the baby parade was one of the big features in the recent Peanut Festival here. Much was added to the parade and the festival itself when more than thirty small colored children formed a close line and moved by the judges' stand. Much larger than was anticipated, the event was hampered by some confusion, but it was all right. When the division moved up the street, the time was late and the picture was hampered by poor light and shadows. Pictured at the left is the crack Marine Corps Band from Cherry Point. A rope was necessary to hold back the crowd at the right. (Royal Photo Center).

## Marked Decrease In Road Accidents In This County

After breaking all records and reaching alarming proportions, motor vehicle accidents almost disappeared from the highways and streets of Martin County last week, according to a joint report coming from Cpl. T. Fearing and Patrolmen E. P. Simmons, B. W. Parker, J. T. Rowe, R. P. Naron and M. F. Powers.

Week before last there were nine accidents in the county, and the big truck accident on the Roanoke River fill is not included in the total. Eight persons were hurt during that week, and the property damage amounted to \$1,560.

Through last week there had been 127 motor vehicle accidents this year on the highways and streets in which two persons were killed and 71 injured, some main-

ed for life. The property loss for the 46 weeks amounted to more than \$30,000.

Compared with the frightful wrecking business in the first 45 weeks of the year there were only two minor accidents reported in the county last week.

Patrolman R. P. Naron stated that a 1941 Chevrolet car driven by an Oak City High School student turned over on a curve near Taylor's service station in Hamilton about 9:30 o'clock Friday night. No one was hurt and the car was turned back and driven away.

Robt. L. Sheppard ripped the rear bumper off his 1938 Plymouth last Thursday afternoon while trying to pass a school bus in Parmele. Damage was slight and no one was hurt.

## FARM BUREAU

Chas. L. Daniel, Martin County Farm Bureau president, stated today that the annual membership drive for the organization is to be reported to the State office on Friday of this week, and he addressed an appeal to the canvassers to devote an entire day this week to the task of carrying the county over the top. At noon yesterday, 1,590 members had been signed and reported to the county office, leaving the drive 400 short of the goal.

The canvassers are slated to meet in the courthouse Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock and the officers are anxious to report the drive complete at that time.

## Opens Hog Killing Season In County

Farmer Calvin Ayers opened the new hog-killing season on his farm in Bear Grass Township last week when he killed three sizable hogs. Most of the meat was made into lard and sausage.

The number of animals wasn't very large, but the prunds ran into fairly high figures. A two-year-old weighed 842 pounds dressed, and a seven-month old hog weighed 272 pounds.

Farmer Ayers is of the opinion that the county will kill an ample supply of meat during the 1948-49 season to meet home needs with some to spare.

## Peanut Pickers Operating Again

Idle for several days on account of weather conditions, peanut pickers were placed back in operation in the county yesterday, but buyers said that in most cases the peanuts were too wet to be picked.

Inspecting crops on several farms yesterday afternoon, one company representative said that he found only one crop dry enough to be picked and moved to market. It was plainly stated that wet peanuts would not be accepted, and at least two loads were turned back at the warehouse because the gobbers were not dry.

Where the peanuts were properly stacked, picking is in order, but in those cases where the vines are resting heavily on the ground picking is not in order, one buyer explained. Several of the crops examined yesterday were found to have stacks wet from twelve to eighteen inches from the ground.

## Receiving Treatment In A Washington Hospital

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck entered a Washington hospital last Friday for treatment. His condition is improving and he is expected to return home tomorrow.

## Install Tol-Pak Fountain In Viccar Theater Here

Complying with numerous requests, the Viccar Theater here is installing a Tol-Pak fountain in the lobby. Soft drinks will be served the patrons while attending the shows, it was announced.

## FUTURE CITIZENS



Reading from left to right are Sandra, four, and Marcia, five, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Speller of Route 3 Williamston.

## Ottis O. Ange Dies In County

Ottis O. Ange, 38, died in a Washington hospital last Friday night after a four-day illness.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ange of near Jamesville, he spent his early life on the home farm, moving when a young man to Pitt County. He returned from Grimesland about a year ago to make his home. He was a member of the Winterville Baptist Church and Rev. P. B. Nickens, Baptist minister of Plymouth, conducted the last rites at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was in the Ange Cemetery near the home.

Besides his parents he is survived by his widow, the former Miss Annie Mae Smith; a daughter, Mary Jane; a son, Ottis Ray Ange, all of Grimesland; four brothers, LeRoy, Clifford, Russell of Plymouth and S. C. Ange of Jamesville; and a sister, Mrs. Clyde Waters of Plymouth.

## Farmers Placing Orders for Lime

Orders for more than 1,400 tons of lime have been placed with the farm agent's office in this county for distribution possibly the early part of 1949, according to a report just released by T. B. Slade. The cost to the farmer is \$2.70 per ton delivered and spread in the fields.

Additional orders are being placed from day to day, and Mr. Slade expressed the belief that orders received within the next few days will be filled before planting time next spring.

Ordinarily Martin County farmers buy between four and five thousand tons of lime a year, including potash lime. The cost runs around \$19 on the open market, it was pointed out.

## Report Flare-Up On Liquor Front In Martin County

### Five Illicit Liquor Plants Wrecked By Officers Last Week

Virtually idle for several weeks, the illicit liquor front went into action in this county last week, according to a report released this week by ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck. Enforcement operations, while continued without let-up, had met with little success until last Tuesday. One plant was wrecked that day and the business reached a climax Thursday when three plants were destroyed. Despite the flare-up, Officer Roebuck expressed the opinion that the illicit liquor manufacturing business continues at a low point in this county.

The first in the series of plants wrecked last week was found along the Martin-Beaufort boundary. The plant was crudely equipped with a 50-gallon capacity wood still and a 100-gallon fermenter. No beer was found and the officers stated that the plant apparently had not been operated in several weeks.

Thursday, the officer, accompanied by Deputy Roy Peel, went into Hamilton Township and wrecked three plants just off Highway No. 11, not far from Hassell. The first plant was equipped with a 50-gallon oil drum still, doubler and cooler. The officers poured out 200 gallons of sugar beer.

A 30-gallon oil drum still was wrecked and the officers poured out 100 gallons of beer at the second plant. Apparently anticipating a raid, the owners of the third plant had moved much of the equipment from the third plant, but the officers wrecked two 50-gallon capacity fermenters.

Returning to the same area last Friday, the two officers found and wrecked a 50-gallon capacity oil drum used for a kettle and poured out 100 gallons of sugar beer.

## G. H. Harrison Enters Hospital for Treatment

Suffering with a severe cold, Mr. G. H. Harrison entered the local hospital for treatment last week-end. His condition was reported improved this morning. His son, George, Jr., returned to his home during the week-end after receiving treatment in the hospital.

## Bring Children's Crusade To An End In The County

The crusade launched as a part of a 54-nation drive in behalf of over 200 million underfed and ragged little children in the war-torn countries, has been brought to a close in Martin County, Mrs. N. C. Green, treasurer, announced this week.

Five-dollar contributions by the Williamston Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Williamston's Woman's Club last week-end boosted the total collected to \$1,165.72. The drive, coming along with other appeals, fell short of its goal in the county by \$1,334.28.

While the crusade, sponsored by the United Nations, has ended, there are still several ways in which Martin County people can lend a helping hand to the less fortunate overseas. Direct ap-

peals have been and are being received by individuals, urging them to send food and clothing especially old shoes of any kind and size.

One of the most convenient and possibly the most effective plans advanced is the one handled by "CARE" (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.). Any one wishing to send a package to a friend or particular person anywhere in Europe may send \$10 to "CARE," 50 Broadway Street, New York 4, N. Y., and the most acceptable articles will be packed and forwarded to any person the contributor wishes it sent to. Just give the name of the person and address and forward \$10 in check or money order to "CARE" and the package will be shipped without delay. The gift will be acknowledged.

## DRAFT CALL

Two Martin County young men are being called to report for final induction into the armed forces on or about November 29, according to unofficial information received here this week.

Out of the eleven men reporting from this county for pre-induction examinations, only two passed and they are now in line for service.

Eighteen men are slated to report for pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg on Thursday of this week, but their names have not been made public.

## Mrs. Carl Broome Addresses Legion Auxiliary Session

### More Than One Hundred And Fifty Delegates Present Here Yesterday

Mrs. Carl Broome, of Hickory, N. C. Department president, spoke to one hundred and fifty delegates representing thirty units of the American Legion Auxiliary at a First Area conference held in the Presbyterian Church here yesterday morning.

Mrs. Broome outlined the requisites for a well rounded organization, touching briefly on membership and the necessity of each member taking an active part in all auxiliary activities. She stated that five new units had been organized in the Department this year and more auxiliaries were expected to be organized.

Mrs. Broome placed particular emphasis on the Gift Shop program and Rehabilitation. Each member contributes annually one or more gifts to the unit which are sent to the Veterans' Hospital at Swannanoa. Through this service each veteran is assured a gift for his family. He may visit the gift shop which is opened three weeks prior to Christmas and select gifts for his family. Members of the auxiliary wrap their selections in Christmas paper and mail the gifts. Last year, she stated, 1,768 boys were remembered by the gift shop program and at a cost to the Department amounting to approximately \$30,000.

The business meeting prior to Mrs. Broome's address, was presided over by Department Vice President Mr. Sam R. Motzno of Woodland. Mrs. Raleigh Harrington, president of the local chapter, welcomed the delegates and Mrs. N. S. Harper responded. Following the roll call of the units, Mrs. Motzno recognized the district committee women and chairman.

Miss Arelia Adams, Department secretary and treasurer, presented an outlined program of work for the year.

Miss Ida Privette, vocalist, rendered a program of special music. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Ward.

Reports from the radio, membership, education of orphans of veterans, finance, hospital, rehabilitation, child welfare and Am-

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## Driver of Truck Gets Prison Term

Milton Sturgis, driver of the truck that turned over on the Roanoke River fill near here the first of this month, fatally injuring James White, colored of Bell Glade, Fla., and injuring several other migratory workers badly, was convicted of manslaughter in the Bertie County Superior Court yesterday.

Judge R. Hunt Parker, hearing the case, sentenced Sturgis to State's prison for not less than seven and not more than ten years.

C. Hudson, owner of the truck, has not been here to check on the accident, and as far as it could be learned has done nothing about hospital and other bills. He advised the Red Cross that he would be here on November 5. The date was later changed, but he has not reported as yet, according to unofficial information.

## Nine Asking For Absolute Divorce In Superior Court

### Plaintiff In Each Case Base Action On Two Years Of Separation

Matrimonial bonds apparently are holding better in this county at the present time than in recent years, the civil calendar prepared for the next term of the Martin Superior Court listing only nine divorce cases compared with eighteen to thirty in terms past.

The nine divorce cases have been set for trial next Monday when Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn opens a two-week term of the court. All of the actions are based on two-year separation grounds and none of them is contested. About half of the marriages which the plaintiffs are seeking to invalidate in the court took place during the war years, but others date back to the period just after the first World War.

Some of the marriages lasted hardly a month while others held for more than a quarter century. Most of the litigants are colored, and few children were born to the unions which the plaintiffs are now seeking to have dissolved by legal action.

In his complaint against Savannah Cloman, Augustus Cloman says they were married in 1937 and explains they separated in September, 1945, adding that no children were born to the union.

Suing Louise Chance for a divorce, W. C. Chance, Jr., says they were married on December 25, 1941, were separated May 1, 1946, and that no children were born to the marriage.

In the case of Lourandia Howard against Charlie Howard, the plaintiff says they were married on April 20, 1924, that they separated May 1, 1945, and that there are now no children under 21 years of age.

In his case against Rose Lee Rhodes, the plaintiff, Charlie Rhodes states they were married in December, 1945, that they separated three months later in March, 1946.

Married in 1919, Mandy Eborn is now suing Julius Eborn for a divorce, stating that they separated June 1, 1940, that the two minor children are living with and are being supported by her.

Lala Vaughan Phelps is suing Claude J. Phelps, Jr., for a divorce, stating that they were married June 10, 1946, and that they separated August 24, 1946. No children were born to the union.

In the case of Mary Elizabeth Cherry against Elijah Cherry, Jr., the plaintiff points out that they were married on January 9, 1945, and that they separated on December 31, 1945. No children were

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## Office Robbed In Jamesville School

Believed to have slipped into the building while a group of veteran trainees and members of the committee were meeting, a robber or robbers tried to force the door of a small iron safe open in the principal's office in the Jamesville High School last Thursday night. The robber failed, leaving the safe virtually ruined but several hundred dollars and other contents intact.

The robber gained an entrance to the office by breaking a glass in the door.

County Officer Buck Holloman and Agent Cannady of the State Bureau of Investigation are working on the case. No progress report has been released, but it was learned that they were waiting the outcome of certain facts now being developed.

The school was robbed about this time last year.

## Recovering From Serious Injury In Hospital Here

Critically injured in a farm accident nearly two weeks ago, Farmer William Stanley Peel was reported to be improving in the local hospital today. He was able to sit up a short while yesterday afternoon, and his recovery is expected.

## ROUND-UP

There was right much activity on the crime front in this county last week-end when local, county and state officers arrested and temporarily detained thirteen persons in the county jail.

Eight of the number were booked for public drunkenness, two for larceny, one for aiding and abetting larceny, one for assault and one was detained for Beaufort County officers.

Five of the thirteen were white and the ages of the group ranged from 16 to 38 years.