

## Declares Fate Of Bridge Over The Chowan Uncertain

### Final Action Pending The Outcome Of Complete Bridge Inspection

"The fate of the bridge over Chowan River between Windsor and Edenton is still uncertain," representatives said upon their return from conferences held in Raleigh yesterday. The bridge, already closed to heavy traffic, will possibly accommodate light vehicles, but should complete inspections reveal that it is dangerous, about all that can be done is to hope, one of the delegates to the conference declared.

The structure, in a bad state of repair for several years, was discovered about three weeks ago to be in much worse condition than many believed it to be in. The bridge weakened at one spot under a heavy load, causing much concern in highway engineering circles. A late report from the findings reported by a diver who has been examining the concrete piles says that the condition of the bridge will possibly permit traffic for some time, but it could not be learned whether it would be reopened to heavy vehicles. The inspections are to be completed in about two more weeks.

Delegates, named at a meeting of interested citizens held in Edenton last Monday, called on the governor yesterday and while he greeted them cordially it was pointed out that his hands were tied, that his road program was being "blocked" by the State Senate, including at least one in this district.

Governor Scott said that the surplus if any in the highway fund could not be determined until after the legislature completed its program, that he knew of no emergency of such moment as the one surrounding the Chowan bridge.

Calling on legislators sent to Raleigh to represent this section, the delegates said that a legislative appropriation is definitely out of the question, that some of them were strongly opposed to the road program but sympathetic toward the bridge problem.

In other words, if the bridge is found to be in fair condition traffic will continue to move over it. But if it is found to be dangerous, it is subject to be closed with little prospect just now of any money coming from anywhere for repairs or a new bridge.

Messrs. Robt. H. Cowen and Bill Abbott represented Martin County at the conferences yesterday.

## Choir To Present Easter Cantata

On Friday night, April 15, at 8 o'clock, the choir of the Memorial Baptist Church will present the Easter Cantata: "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Dubois.

The performance will be under the direction of Miss Ida Privette, choir director. Mrs. J. M. Ward and Mrs. Wheeler Martin will accompany on the organ, and the piano respectively.

Soprano: Miss Ida Privette; soprano; Mrs. George Wynne, soprano; Mr. Joe Davenport, tenor; Mr. Hilton Forbes, tenor; Mr. Stewart B. Simms, baritone.

The people of the town and community are cordially invited to attend this service.

## Wrangling Over Minor Legislation

Rounding out more than three months, North Carolina's legislature continues to wrangle over minor legislation, members of the body declaring this week that the assembly had done little or nothing.

Going down the line for the liquor interests week after week, the lawmakers this week got mixed up when they ruled against liquor voting in one town and approved it for another.

The road program, hooked up in the senate with the proposed one-cent gas tax, is considered by some to be a "dead duck".

## Can Extend Sewer System To Proposed Hospital Site

According to a preliminary survey completed this week by Engineer Henry Rivers it is possible to extend the present sewer system to embrace that property where Drs. Harris, Llewellyn and Rhodes plan to build a hospital facing Liberty Street and between Lee and Vance Streets just off North Houghton.

It is fairly apparent, however, that the facilities resulting from such an extension of the system will be, more or less, limited to that immediate section. Engineer Rivers explained that he could not give a definite answer until an over-all survey was incorporated with the immediate project but he was fairly certain very little other territory could be served by the

proposed line. The plan now under immediate consideration would serve most of the Rhodes property, Halifax, North Biggs and Henderson Streets, leaving out the North Houghton Street area and other property to the west and thence southwardly across West Main.

The line as proposed would start just off lower North Smithwick, connect Liberty and move down or parallel with Liberty just back of the ball park and on around Dinah's Hill into Henderson to connect with the present system on East Main Street. It is approximately one mile, and will cost about \$4 per foot or about \$25,000, according to preliminary estimates.

### HOLIDAY

A general holiday like unto the observance of Sunday with the exception of some heavy industry and a few others is on the schedule here for April 18, Easter Monday. All stores are to close along with various professional offices, but the post office will maintain its regular schedule of activities and the Enterprise will remain open.

All county offices will be closed, but no holiday is included for federal offices.

The half-holiday schedule for Wednesday will go into effect week after next on the 27th.

## Schedule Eleven Divorce Actions In Superior Court

### All Divorces Are Based On Grounds Of Two-Year Separation

Eleven divorce cases have been scheduled for trial in the Martin County Superior Court next week, a review of the calendar recently prepared by the bar association showing that all of the cases are based on grounds of two years of separation.

No session of the court will be held Monday since a general holiday has been scheduled that day. Jurors and witnesses and litigants, first notified to report that day, are being advised that no session will be held on the 18th, that the court will open the first sessions of the two-week term on Tuesday.

The divorce cases are, as follows:

In the case of Julia Goff Purvis against Marshall Purvis, the plaintiff says they were married March 14, 1945, and separated April 15, 1945.

Robert Tucker, in his case against Grace Tucker, says they were married in March, 1946, and that they separated in February, 1947.

In the case of Floyd Butler of Bertie County against Mary E. Butler of Franklin, Va., the plaintiff says they were married in February, 1943, and separated in November, 1945.

Sarah Janier, in her case against John Janier, says they were married in April, 1943, and separated in January, 1947.

Married July 10, 1922, and separated April 15, 1944, Roy Harrell is suing Irman Allen Harrell for a divorce. It is stated in the complaint that all children born to the union are grown and are self-supporting.

W. C. Chance, Jr., in his case against Louise Chance says in his complaint that they were married on December 25, 1941, and were separated in May, 1946.

In his case against Fannie Harrell, the plaintiff, Floyd Harrell, says they were married in May, 1937, that she left and went to New Jersey in October, 1937, and that he had not seen her since. A child born to the union, is with the mother.

Basing his action on grounds of two-year separation and alleged adultery, William Manson in his case against Jeraldine Manson,

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## Fifteen Cases In Justices' Courts In Past Few Days

### Several Defendants Bound Over To The County Court For Trial

Following an early spring slump, business picked up in a fairly big way in local justices of the peace courts during the past few days. Justice R. T. Johnson handled nine cases in his court, and Justice John L. Hassell heard six cases in his court during the period.

Justice Johnson handled the following cases:

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Opheus Revels with being drunk and disorderly. In another case, the defendant was bound over to the county court for allegedly assaulting a female.

The case in which Wm. V. Roebuck was charged with speeding was sent to the county court for trial.

Nathaniel Peel was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly.

Charged with fishing without licenses, Albert P. Townsend and Joseph M. Rowland were each fined \$5 and required to pay \$5.85 costs.

Hugh Lacey, charged with disorderly conduct, was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the jail term upon the payment of \$5.85 costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Cloven James was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.

Charged with disorderly conduct and refusing to pay taxi cab fare, William Henry Stokes was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Justice Hassell heard the following cases:

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$9 costs in the case charging George Williams with disorderly conduct.

The case charging Theodore Watson with assaulting a female was sent to the county court for trial.

Drunk and disorderly, Robert Kennedy was fined \$9 and taxed with \$9.50 costs.

Charged with being drunk and down, John Henry White was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the jail sentence upon the payment of the costs and guaranteed good behavior for one year.

Lee Wade Cobb, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Publicly drunk, Ronald R. Boshier was taxed with \$7.50 costs.

## Announce Revival In Everetts Church

A series of revival services will be conducted in the Everetts Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart, and the Rev. W. B. Harrington. The first in the series will be conducted tonight at 7:30 o'clock by the pastor who will also occupy the pulpit tomorrow and Saturday nights. The Rev. Mr. Harrington will deliver the sermons beginning next Monday and continuing through the following Sunday, it was announced.

## Chairman Makes Final Report On Red Cross Drive

### Quota Assigned Martin County Chapter Exceeded by \$257.04

Submitting his final report late yesterday, Chairman Garland G. Woolard announced that the annual Red Cross Fund Drive in the Martin County Chapter exceeded the assigned quota by \$257.04, that a total of \$2,961.04 was raised during the campaign launched the early part of last month.

All but two of the districts handled by white canvassers met or surpassed their quotas, while only four out of twelve districts canvassed by colored citizens did not measure up to expectations. In the white group, Williamston exceeded its quota by some \$430 and little Williams went over the top with \$24 extra.

In the colored group, Dardens, handling a proportionately large quota, met its obligation with 15 cents to spare. Jamesville, Williams, Poplar Point, Bear Grass, Biggs, Smithwick's and Cross Roads met or passed their goals. Poplar Point almost doubled its quota and Bear Grass more than doubled its quota.

Chairman Woolard, declaring he was glad the drive was ended successfully, expressed his appreciation to all the district chairmen, their co-workers and the canvassers. "We have met our obligation and should any emergency arise where the Red Cross operates, we can feel free to call upon the organization for aid," Mr. Woolard said.

The following tabulations show the assigned quotas and amounts raised by districts:

District	Quota	Amt R's'd
Jamesville	\$ 225	\$ 156.39
Williams	40	64.00
Bear Grass	225	173.60
Griffins	225	225.00
Williamston	1,521	1,952.65
The colored citizens in the chapter raised \$389.40 as follows:		
Dardens	50	50.15
Jamesville	35	41.15
Williams	35	37.25
Corey's	12	10.00
Poplar Point	12	22.75
Bear Grass	12	27.00
Biggs	25	31.05
Rogers	40	26.55
Burroughs	20	.00
Smithwick's	15	20.00
Williamston	200	111.50
Cross Roads	12	12.00
	\$2,704	\$2,961.04

## Band Parades and Plays for Visitors

The Williamston High School Green Wave Band put on a parade and drill featuring the majorettes to close the morning session of the district meeting of home demonstration clubs here yesterday.

The drill numbers were very intricate maneuvers and the youngsters did a good job even if there were a few minor mistakes here and there. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors and the band.

The show was held at the Church Street to watch. A group of youngsters in the grammar school were marched down to the corner of Church and Smithwick to watch the parade.

The green and gray uniforms blended excellently with the green of the trees that lined the street.

## Rocky Mount Lions Sponsor Horse Show

The Rocky Mount Lions Club is sponsoring on April 29 and 30 and May 1, one of the largest horse shows in this section of the country, it was announced this week. Entries have been booked already by owners in Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina, and \$2,600 in prizes is being offered.

The show will be held at the Lakeview Farm Stables on April 29 at 7:00 o'clock, Saturday from 2 to 8 p. m. and at 2 p. m. on May 1.

The club will divert any profits to charity causes, it was announced.

## Call Twenty-Six Cases In County Court On Monday

### Fines Imposed During Long Session Amount To Over \$500.00

The county court was held in session just about all day Monday while Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson worked to clear twenty-six cases from the docket. Fines were imposed in the sum of \$545.

John Alfred Griffin, colored, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost when he was adjudged guilty of careless and reckless driving.

The feature case during the day was one in which Samuel Winfield Lankford, Jr., of Norfolk, was charged with drunken driving. When the case was first called for trial, it was found that the man was too drunk to be tried. A continuance was ordered and then the defendant called for a jury trial. Offering extensive testimony, the defendant was found not guilty by the jury. He was found guilty, however, of careless and reckless driving and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. His case was called right after a jury had found another defendant guilty of drunken driving. When Lankford's case was called, the defense counsel excused three members of the jury in quick order.

The case in which James Ridley stands charged with bastardy was continued again when the prosecuting witness, Ruby Melton, did not appear in court. Papers were issued for her arrest.

Charged with careless and reckless driving and damaging personal property, Jesse Lee Jones and Ernest Wooten were adjudged not guilty.

The case in which James Pierce was charged with non-support was not prosessed.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Chas. R. Southerner was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Dennis Ulysses Wiggins, pleading guilty of bastardy, was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$15 a month for the support of his child for the next two years.

Willie Parker, Jr., and Ernest Parker both pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon; to-wit, the same pistol. The case was continued as to Willie, and Ernest was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost.

In the case charging Benjamin F. Roberson with careless and reckless driving, the defendant was adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a muffler and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license, Willie Linwood Little was fined \$35 and taxed with the cost. It was pointed out that the defendant failed to stop when requested to do so by the patrolman.

Entering a plea of not guilty to non-support, William Stencil had his case continued until May 16.

Lonnie Lee was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost for operating a motor vehicle without driver's license.

The case charging Benjie Shelton with public drunkenness was continued until May 2.

Ernest Turner, Jr., charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, and Ernest Turner, Sr., aiding and abetting the act, were each fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with violating the health laws, Grlene Manning had her case continued.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Ulysses Moore was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his license to operate a motor vehicle for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging James Vick with assaulting a female.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Edwin Hassell was adjudged not guilty.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Benjamin Hurwitz of Miami was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Stanley B. Reich of Canton, Ohio, was fined \$15 and taxed

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## Plans Going Forward For Fat Stock Show

### Big Show Planned First Day And A Sale On The Next

### The Event, Largest of Its Kind in East, To Be Held On May 12 and 13

Plans are virtually complete for holding the annual Martin County Fat Stock Show and sale, Assistant Farm Agent J. W. Sumner announced this week. Planned on the most elaborate scale ever attempted, the show is almost certain to be the biggest of its kind in eastern North Carolina this year, Agent Sumner explaining that the show and sale will cover two days, Thursday, May 12, and Friday, May 13. The show will be held on Thursday, the sale following the next day. To climax the annual farm event, the Martin County Farm Bureau will hold its meeting and barbecue following the sale on Friday.

In addition to the showing of thirty-six steers by club members, there'll be approximately 200 fat hogs in the show. The hog division, Sumner explained, has now become a major part of the fat stock show. "Since Martin County is one of the leading hog raising counties in the State, it is only natural that hogs should figure prominently in the show," the agent said. It is the first time in several years that adult farmers will have had an opportunity to exhibit hogs in the show. While these exhibits will not be in competition with the entries made by the 4-H and FFA boys and girls, the judges will have a splendid opportunity to compare the work of the old boys with that of the youngsters and see who's really leading the way in stock raising.

The thirty-six steers will be exhibited by the following girls and boys this year:

Ward Perry, Williamston; Mary Jane Rogers, Williamston; Corrone Bryant, Williamston; Henry Rogers, Williamston; Melvin Price, Williamston; Pat Wynn, Williamston; Gloria Taylor, Williamston; Joseph Williams, Williamston; Billie VanNortwick, Williamston; Howard Gardner, Jamesville; Bobby Lilley, Jamesville; Jimmie Knowles, Jamesville; Ross Knowles, Jamesville; Fred Griffin, Jamesville; Billy Bailey, Everetts; Bettie Griffin, Jamesville; James Rogerson, Bear Grass; Jimmie Peaks, Bear Grass; Rannie Peaks, Bear Grass; Ruth

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## Drive Progresses For Cancer Fund

With one township, Poplar Point, nearing its quota and encouraging reports coming in from most of the districts, it is almost certain that the \$1,500 cancer fund drive will go over the top, according to Mrs. Helen Taylor Harris, county commander. The county has been well organized by Mrs. Taylor and Fund Chairman Thad F. Harrison, and complete reports are expected by the middle of next week.

The following canvassers are handling the drive in Williamston: Mrs. Neil Ripley, Mrs. Herbert Whitley, Mrs. Bill Abbott, Mrs. Ernest Etheridge, Mrs. N. C. Green, Mrs. W. C. Manning, Jr., Mrs. R. H. Clayton, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Parker, Jr., Miss Irene Tetterton, Mrs. Meyer Levin, Mrs. J. T. Llewellyn, Mrs. J. D. Page, Mrs. Harcum Grimes, Mrs. Connie B. Clark, Mrs. Marvin Coburn, Mrs. Irving Margolis, Mrs. J. B. Sullivan, Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mrs. Roy Ward, Miss Ruth Ward, Mrs. Horace Ray, Mrs. Grady Luffman, Mrs. David Keel, Mrs. Tom Phelps, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Miss Mary Rodgerson, Mrs. L. T. Fowden, Sr., Mrs. Dick Elliott, Mrs. Joe Gray Corey, Mrs. Russell Rogers, Mrs. G. P. Hall, Mrs. Robt. Coburn and Miss Mary Carstarphen.

A late report stated that Williams was over the top and the canvassers were still working.

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### SECRETARY

A. L. Sweatt, for two years assistant secretary of the Charlotte Merchants Association, was named secretary of the Williamston Boosters Association at a meeting of the organization's executive committee held in the employment office here yesterday morning. He is tentatively scheduled to enter upon his new duties on May 2.

Mr. Sweatt is a native of Concord and is highly recommended for his new assignment.

A meeting of all merchants and other business and professional men is to be held in the employment office here next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to discuss plans for the boosters.

## Mrs. Eva Gardner Died At Home In County Wednesday

### Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Friday In Siloam Church

Mrs. John A. Gardner died at her home in Jamesville Township yesterday at 12:30 o'clock. She had been in declining health for several years, but her condition was not regarded as serious until last Saturday when she suffered a stroke of paralysis. Little hope for her recovery had been held since that time.

The former Miss Eva Viola Barber, she was born in the Jamesville-Williams Township community 67 years ago and lived there all her life, marrying Mr. Gardner 43 years ago. She was an active member of the Siloam Methodist Church in Williams Township for many years, and was held in high esteem as a neighbor and friend.

Surviving besides her husband are three sons, J. Ernie Gardner of Jamesville and Rannel and James Gardner of the home; five daughters, Mrs. Dick Hardison of Jamesville, Mrs. Irving Goodman and Miss Eloise Goodman of Norfolk, and Misses Hilda and Dorothy Gardner of the home; one brother, W. B. Barber of Roper;

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## Everetts Reports Political Interest

Little noticed for some years, politics came into their own in Everetts recently when a large number of citizens there participated in a nominating convention and plans were completed for a new registration of electors preparatory to the general municipal election on Tuesday, May 3.

The new registration is now in progress and the books will be closed after the 23rd of this month.

At the recent convention eight candidates were placed in nomination for commissioners, the group nominating Jesse Keel, H. S. Hardy, J. E. Mobley, G. W. Taylor and H. M. Ayers. J. W. Peel was nominated for mayor by unanimous vote to succeed Ben Riddick who has held the honor post for years and who opened the recent convention. G. W. Taylor presided and H. G. Horton, town attorney, addressed the group.

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## Found Dead In A Field At Parmele

Elic Roberson, 64-year-old colored man, was found dead in a small field back of his home in Parmele yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, the apparent victim of a heart attack. He was found by his daughter, Lula Roberson.

Called to make an investigation, Coroner S. R. Biggs found no sign of foul play and ruled that an inquest was not necessary.

## Fifty-Three Civil Cases On Docket In Superior Court

### Fairly Sizable Sums Involved In Few Cases But Some Actions Are Trivial

Opening a two-week special term next Tuesday, the Martin County Superior Court will tackle fifty-three civil cases with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland on the bench. No session of the court will be held the 18th, Easter Monday.

There are a few cases in which fairly sizable sums are involved, but, for the most part, the calendar is crowded with cases of little consequence, it would appear.

Part of Tuesday will be given over to the trial of divorce cases. Other cases on the calendar, include the following in addition to a few suits to get judgments on small accounts:

Appealed from a decision favoring the plaintiff, the case of Hopkins against Johnson, in which the plaintiff is asking possession of certain property, is booked for trial Tuesday.

The old case of Elizabeth Pierce and others against Ben Biggs and others involving a boundary line and \$650 in alleged damages, is back on the calendar.

The suits of H. H. Cowen against W. H. Modlin and Dennis Modlin involve boundary lines and damages in the sum of \$600 each.

Dixie Motor Company is suing James Rogers to recover a 1941 Plymouth car.

Clinton Industries is suing Roberson Slaughter House to recover \$438.56 damages alleged in an accident between vehicles owned by the two firms near Williamston on March 10, 1947.

In the case of R. L. Coburn, trustee, against S. D. Parker, the plaintiff is suing to recover crops and personal property.

The Branch Bank is suing W. E. Davis to recover on a note.

Property, valued at \$5,000, is involved in the case of Walter Bailey and others against Mary E. Bailey and others. The plaintiffs, seeking to have a deed to certain property in Bear Grass Township set aside, declare that the defendant, widow of James G. Bailey by a second marriage, has deed purportedly sign by James G. Bailey with "His Mark", indicating that he could not read and write, "but in truth he could write legibly."

Frank Carstarphen is suing Frank Weaver for \$4,227.50 alleged damages suffered by the plaintiff when a herd of cows did not measure up to the defendant's guarantee.

F. A. Whitfield is suing Harper M. Peel to recover \$409.66 allegedly due him on account.

The big suit on the calendar is the one brought by Dallas Ray Green through his next friend, Clarence Griffin, against Roy Bowers. The plaintiff, asking for \$10,000 damages, says he was critically hurt in a street accident in Parmele on September 15, 1948. The complaint says the boy suffered broken pelvic bones, ruptured bladder and other injuries.

A tax suit is being brought by Town of Williamston against Ormond and Matthews.

In the case of W. H. Harrison against Consolidated Industries, Inc., and Charlie Lee Haddock, the plaintiff is asking \$1,210 damages alleged to have resulted when a truck driven by Haddock and owned by the Industries, ran into his parked car on the Williamston-Hamilton Highway on October 22, 1947.

The Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company is

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## PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

Mr. B. G. Stewart stated today that 92 children reported to the pre-school clinic conducted by the Health Department in the Grammar School building on Monday and Tuesday mornings of this week.

This is by far the largest number ever to attend the pre-school clinic. Last year, considered a record year, the clinic reported 68 children registered.