

Twenty-two Cases In County Court Monday Morning

Next Session of the Court Will Be Held Wednesday, September 14th

In a three and one-half hour session last Monday morning, Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson cleared twenty-two cases from the docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court and assessed fines in the sum of \$495. Several defendants, including an alleged chicken thief, were sentenced to the roads, one because he failed to abide by a judgment requiring him to support his family.

The case charging Henry Clark with bastardy, was not pressed and is subject to be reopened. The case has been on the docket for nearly nine months, a report stating that the defendant is in Japan.

William Jasper Page, tried last April for non-support, was sentenced to the roads when it was proved to the court that he had not complied with the judgment requiring him to support his family. He is to serve six months.

Charged with larceny, Frank Williams was found not guilty.

Amos Latham, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty, and the case charging Allen Roberts with being drunk and disorderly, was not pressed.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Cull Brown with assaulting a female.

Emmett Saunders was found not guilty of drunken driving.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Philip Smithson was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with the larceny of a pistol, George McCarraway was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Lonnie Parker was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Charged with the larceny of five chickens, Ausdon (Rod) Rogers was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Clarence Downing, Jr., was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Carl L. Cook, Marine stationed at Cherry Point, was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs for drunken driving. He had his license revoked for one year.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a chauffeur's license, David Butler was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Stanley Stevenson White was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Jimmy Wynne was fined \$40 and taxed with the costs.

Carl Vause was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs in the case charging him with speeding. Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, George Lee was fined \$25, plus costs.

In the case charging him with speeding, William Paxton Price was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Operating his car on an old driver's license, Cheevers Moran Barry, Jr., Green's spokesman, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Rodric G. Whitted was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Adjudged guilty of the possession of three quarts of illicit liquor, Floyd Lanier was fined \$50, plus costs. Henry C. Lanier, adjudged guilty of transporting the liquor, was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs. John Thomas Perry, who told officers when he was arrested that the liquor belonged to him, did not appear in court and papers were issued for his arrest.

Nathan Gray Roberson was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, L. W. Ange was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

The court will not sit next Monday, but will hold its next session on Wednesday, September 14.

Highest Tobacco Sale Of The Season Here Tuesday

While holding above the general average for the belt, Williamston's tobacco market forged ahead last Tuesday with the most successful sale of the season. The price was three-quarters of a cent per pound higher than any average for the season and the average for the day was right at \$49.00 per hundred pounds. The market sold 365,494 pounds for \$179,021.96, an average price per pound just a fraction under 49 cents.

Possibly the quality of the tobacco offered for sale accounted for the jump in the price average, the record showing that it was five cents higher than the one recorded for last Friday. However, some farmers said the price trend appeared stronger. Other farmers

pointed out that quite a few individuals averaged right at 65 cents a pound and entire rows averaged between 55 and 60 cents.

Through yesterday, the local market had sold 4,049,168 pounds for \$1,808,366, a resulting average of \$44.66 per 100 pounds. In the first thirteen selling days last season, the market sold 3,337,122 pounds for \$1,540,270, an average of \$46.15 per hundred pounds. The average price this year is trailing that of last season by only \$1.49 per hundred pounds.

Incidentally, the thirteenth sale last year averaged only \$43.78.

Tobacco is rapidly disappearing from the farms in this area, some farmers estimating that fifty percent of the crop has already been marketed.

RADIO LICENSE

A license to construct and maintain a 1,000-watt radio station in Williamston was recently granted to S. S. Adcock of Lillington by the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C., according to unofficial information received here this week. It was also unofficially learned that the applicant had advertised for operators.

Few details about the station could be learned, and no official information has been released.

Officer Files Monthly Report

In his monthly report filed with the Martin County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck stated that five illicit distilleries were destroyed in the county last month. The report clearly indicates a decrease in the illicit business, a condition that is difficult to understand since the drop came right in the face of the tobacco market opening when money circulates more freely. The officer is satisfied, however, that there was a decrease in the business, adding that he and his assistants possibly worked harder during the period than in any other month so far this year.

Three of the plants were equipped with copper kettles, one having a capacity of 150 gallons. The officers poured out five and one-half gallons of raw liquor and 700 gallons of sugar mash. Three persons were arrested by the officer.

A slight increase in the business is believed to be in the offing. In the first few days of this month a large plant equipped with a 100-gallon copper kettle, two oil burners all bricked up, a 50-gallon doubler and two 50-gallon coolers, was wrecked in Bear Grass Township. The officers poured out 200 gallons of sugar beer and smashed seven fermenters. They stated that the plant had just been set up, that the equipment had just been tested.

Seek Applicants For Postal Job

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of substitute clerk-carrier for filling vacancies in the Post Office at Williamston. The usual entrance salary of this position is \$1.29 per hour.

Applications for this position will be accepted by the Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R", 3rd and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C., until the needs of the service have been met.

Competitors will be required to report for written examination, which will be held as soon as practicable after the date set for the close of receipt of applications. Full information and application blank may be obtained from Henry O. Handy, secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at the Williamston post office.

Thirteen Couples Get Licenses In County in August

Issuance Smallest for Any August In The Past Five Years

Marriage licenses were issued to thirteen couples by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county during August, the issuance being the smallest for any August in five years. It fell ten below the issuance recorded for August, 1946, and was the smallest for any month this year except January when an equal number of licenses were sold.

Licenses were issued, eight to white and five to colored couples, as follows:

White
Norville Charles Paschal and Zelma Beatrice Flood, both of Fort Pierce, Fla.

Berry Ward Parker and Ruth Muriel Taylor, both of Robersonville.

James Glenn Wagner and Irene A. Sawyer, both of Williamston. Gayle Edwin Everett and Betsy Clayton Smith, both of Robersonville.

Jay Lee Shook and Joyce O. Hoggard, both of Windsor.

William Earl Moore of Williamston and Leah Estelle Corey of RFD 3, Williamston.

Louis M. Miller of RFD 3, Windsor, and Wilma Corinne Farless of Merry Hill.

Lester S. White and Hattie Moore, both of Williamston.

Colored
Hallath Edsal Little and Minnie Pearl Council, both of Robersonville.

George Mack Spruill and Frances Viola Moore, both of Williamston.

Frank Pittman and Erlene Williams, both of Hamilton.

Octavius Brown and Sadie Mae Roberson, both of Williamston.

Louis T. Austin and Mary Lee Hyman, both of Robersonville.

County Income In August Is \$3,144

County income having its source other than general taxation and traceable to fees and costs, amounted to \$3,144.35, according to reports filed with the county commissioners a few days ago.

The register of deeds listed income at \$361.90, the amount coming from the issuance of marriage licenses, delayed birth certificates, and recording of deeds, mortgages.

Sheriff M. W. Holloman reported \$207.45, income derived from serving various types of papers.

The county court reported an income of \$2,575, fines amounting to \$1,615 and costs totaling \$960 for the period.

Firemen Called Out Here Tuesday Evening

Volunteer firemen were called out here Tuesday evening at 6:45 o'clock when a gas stove went out of control and fire threatened the Wier Coffee Shop at the Haughton and Washington Street intersection. The fire was brought under control with sand and the fire did little or no damage but the kitchen was smoked.

To Propose Road Organization At Meeting Saturday

Twelve or More Martin County Citizens Been Invited To Attend

Formation of an association to advertise U. S. 64 as History's Highway, connecting Manteo and Murphy under a continuous route number is the object of a meeting that has been called at Plymouth at 10:30 Saturday, September 10.

R. Mayne Albright of Raleigh will preside at this meeting which has been called at the instance of a number of public officials and businessmen of Washington, Martin and Tyrrell Counties.

The meeting will be followed by a dutch treat luncheon in the Country Club dining room. Letters have been mailed to a number of officials in Nash, Edgecombe, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell and Dare Counties—calling attention to the meeting, but others are urged to take part in the meeting, and arrangements may be made for the luncheon by notifying Roy Manning of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce before Saturday.

Rep. D. L. Hayman of Dare County said there would be more than a dozen people from his county, which is interested in the Manteo-Murphy route, and seeks to have it extended to Cape Hatteras.

Rep. E. O. Arnold of Washington County will head a large delegation from the east end of the County, and Representative C. W. Tatem of Tyrrell is rounding up delegates from Columbia and vicinity.

The immediate objective of the Association is to launch on a statewide basis whereby everyone of the 23 counties traversed by U. S. 64 will participate in the Association to advertise the many advantages on this highway. It traverses regions of the state noted for prominence in colonial as well as state history, and connects the most celebrated part of the Carolina seashore with the most interesting mountain scenery in the State.

U. S. 64 traverses the following counties: Burke, Chatham, Cherokee, Clay, Dare, Davidson, Davie, Edgecombe, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, McDowell, Macon, Martin, Nash, Pitt, Randolph, Rutherford, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Wake, Washington. It continues across to the Pacific slopes under the same route number. Eventually it will be an ocean-to-ocean tourist route.

Bishop of Alaska Visits by Airplane

Fairbanks, Alaska.—The Bishop of the Episcopal Missionary District of Alaska, the Rt. Rev. William J. Gordon, Jr., formerly of Williamston, will make his long-distance visitations by airplane in the future. The Bishop has acquired a small Piper Super Cruiser plane and has learned to fly it. He will be the only Bishop of this Church to fly his own plane on official visitations.

Bishop Gordon commented that "one is called upon to learn a good many things when serving the Church in Alaska." When he came to Alaska six years ago he had never seen a dogteam. Since then he has covered some 6,000 miles by dog sled, during five Arctic winters. He said, too, that he found that to visit river missions it was necessary to use a launch, so he learned to operate the boat, "Godspeed," covering 3400 miles on visitations last summer.

Plane travel will be a tremendous time-saver. One example is that to go from Fairbanks to Fort Yukon by boat, one travels 611 miles. By plane straight across the mountains one travels 150 miles.

CAR STOLEN

The 1948 Dodge sedan belonging to Mrs. W. C. Manning was stolen from in front of the Manning home on West Church Street sometime during last night, police were advised early this morning.

New Instruments Must Be Had For A Balanced Band

Tag Day Will Be Observed At Close Of Fund Drive Friday, Sept. 16

Busy with the task of lining up their school work and working on a program of music to be given at the "High School Night" softball doubleheader Friday night, the members of the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School are going to be putting in as much time as their studies will permit during the next several days in shaping up their plans for a trip downtown in Williamston Friday, September 16, when they will put on their annual tag day and hear the final reports on the drive to supply the new instruments which they need so badly and are confident the town's citizens and business men will supply.

Unlike some band organizations in nearby towns which have gone out for \$10,000 or so at the beginning, the Green Wave Band Parents Club asked merely for \$1500 the first time and got over \$2,000. They only wanted the money they could put to good use immediately. The second drive was mixed with another campaign by another group but still the band got a good response from the town. It is now vitally important that the instrumentation of the band be rounded out and a well-balanced budget for next year's operations has been made out with the bulk of it allotted to the supplying of some expensive but important instruments.

From a maintenance standpoint and from the standpoint of operations in general there is no organization anywhere that has a better record for handling its own minor problems than the Green Wave Band. Rental fees have been paying for the upkeep of band-owned instruments and providing for their eventual replacement, a transportation fund and small items of that nature as well as en-

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Accounts Filed By Department

Martin County's welfare department was operated at a cost of \$15,890.26 during the month of August, the county paying \$5,044.26 and the state and federal governments paying the rest, according to a report filed with the county commissioners by the department superintendent.

Salaries for the five employees were listed at \$985, plus \$177.71 travel, the county paying \$737.71 of the total. Office expense was listed at \$50.69. The county home expenses amounted to \$542.04, and expenses at the county TB sanatorium totaled \$769.11. General assistance, or outside poor, cost \$293.59, and drugs cost \$126.39. Hospitalization added another \$1,178.73 to the cost.

The 379 old-timers receiving an average monthly pension of \$22.11, got a total of \$8,381.00. The 72 families, getting aid to dependent children at the rate of \$38.80 per family each month, received \$2,794.00, and the 22 aid to the blind cases were paid \$592.00.

Tax Collections Set New Record

Complete figures could not be had immediately, but preliminary reports indicate that Martin County property owners are breaking all records in the matter of early tax payments. A few days ago, approximately \$125,000 in county taxes had been collected.

It is fairly evident that many property owners are settling their tax accounts before going into the market.

Reporting on collections for other years, Tax Collector M. L. Peel said that \$270,152.46 of the \$283,871.36 levied for the year 1948 had been sold. Only \$5,871.52 remains unpaid for the 1947 levy, and the unpaid balance for the year 1946 has been reduced to \$2,238.05.

Public Library Faces Space Shortage Here

Town Officials In Regular Monthly Meet Last Night

See All-Out Library Drive For Funds Only Solution To The Problem

The acute space shortage plaguing Williamston's Public Library was discussed by a special delegation before the regular meeting of the town officials last evening, and an all-out drive for funds to finance a building was suggested as just about the only solution to the problem.

Speaking for the delegation of about twelve men and women, Rev. John Goff stated that the library circulated 19,125 books last year and explained that the growth of the library had literally run away with the limited space in the City Hall room. He asked if it were possible to cut a door through a partition and extend the library room into the mayor's office. Mrs. J. C. Cooke, librarian, said that 5,000 books are in the library, that the crowded conditions have forced library workers to pile books on tables, on the floor and overload the shelves.

Discussing the problem later in the meeting, the board members suggested that possibly some storage space could be had, but that the proposed plan for enlarging the library quarters was hardly feasible. It is now proposed to carry the problem to the civic organizations and to the general public and work for the construction of a library building. It was pointed out that a site for such a structure would be donated. A representative said that one civic club had a \$9,000 fund on hand, that others had several thousand dollars, and suggested that possibly some plan could be advanced for supporting the project.

Jim Eubanks, president of the local parent-teacher organization, bargained with the board for about \$400 tile for a ditch back of the grammar school. The town approved the purchase of the tile with the understanding that Mr. Eubanks and his organization will take over at that point.

A plan for opening a new route from the territory lying along the northern section of the town to the schools was discussed, and a committee was named to investigate it and report to a special meeting within the next ten days or two weeks. It is proposed to extend either Smithwick or Lee Street to connect with Oak Street just outside the town limits. It was explained that about 150 children are walking North Haughton Street to and from school each day, that the present route offers many dangers and hazards.

A water line was ordered for the street running off Washington to Geo. Peel's market.

Bids were called for on a new garbage truck.

John Jones was appointed to the police department force at \$45 a week to succeed Raymond Rawls who resigned.

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DRAW ON FUND

The special fund, created by the assignment of a special tax on sewer line connections, was given a fairly sizable jolt by the local town commissioners at their meeting last evening when they ordered a 450-foot sewer line laid on Roberson Street between Main and Church Streets to connect with the town system on West Church Street.

Sanitarian W. B. Gaylord, Jr., explained that the line will accommodate twelve or more customers and relieve sanitary conditions there.

The call on the special fund set up for financing an expanded sewer system only, was the first that has been made since the special tax was assessed two months ago.

Little Change In Enrollment Count In County Schools

Williamston Reports Gain Of Forty-nine Pupils Over Last Year

Although the early reports indicated there would be a fairly sizable increase in opening-day enrollments in the county schools, officials this morning advanced the opinion that the total figure for the nine white schools is very likely to remain about the same as it was a year ago when 3,253 children enrolled, 2,588 in the elementary and 665 in the high schools.

Williamston's enrollment, going over 1,000 the first day, included 809 in the elementary and 195 in the high school and is 49 larger than the opening-day figure reported last year when 770 were enrolled in the elementary and 185 in the high school.

Farm Life reported a gain of five in the elementary and four in the high school. The school enrolled 140 in the elementary and 59 in the high school for a total of 199.

Complete reports could not be had from any of the other schools, possibly because there was so much coming and going the youngsters could not be counted. The superintendent's office announced this morning that a complete enrollment count would be available early next week. Preliminary reports from some of the schools indicated that the opening counts did not measure up to expectations.

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Two Injured In Wreck Last Night

Two persons were painfully but not badly injured in a car accident on the curve at the end of the Roanoke River bridge last night at 11:30 o'clock.

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Divorce Cases On Docket For Trial In Superior Court

All Twelve Actions Based On Two-Year Separation Grounds

Twelve divorce cases have been placed on the calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior Court on Wednesday, September 21, according to a report released by the county bar association this week. Judge Leo Carr of Burlington is scheduled to return to the county and preside over the two-week term which is to hear criminal as well as civil cases. Several civil suits are on the calendar for trial the same day.

All twelve of the divorce actions are based on two-year separation grounds, and only one is being contested.

C. B. Allen, stating he was married in December 1935 and separated from his wife since March 1947, is suing Vata Mildred Allen for divorce. No children were born to the union. In her answer, the defendant denies the allegations in the complaint, and in another suit is suing for support.

In the case of Margaret C. Ruff against Robert Lee Ruff, the plaintiff says they were married July 25, 1944, and separated on February 20, 1947, that the three children born to the union are now in the custody of and are being supported by her.

Married on November 31, 1926, and separated on August 31, 1944, Annie H. Ewell is suing Willie Ewell for divorce.

In her complaint, Addie Uzzell states she was married to Atlas Thomas Uzzell on June 6, 1906, and were separated in October, 1933.

Willie C. Hassell in his suit against Lucinda Hassell, says they were married on June 15, 1936 and separated March 30, 1947, that the one child born to the union is now in the custody of the defendant but is supported by him.

In her case against Linwood Powell, the plaintiff, Gertha Powell says the two children born to the union are now in her custody and are supported by her. The plaintiff says she was married to the defendant on April 11, 1944, and that they separated on May 15, 1947.

Orlander Rodgers is suing Beatrice Rodgers for a divorce, stating that they were married in November, 1942, and separated in May, 1946, that no children were born to the union and that the defendant now resides in New Jersey.

In her case for divorce, the plaintiff, Pauline Wynne Letchworth, says she was married to the defendant, James Lee Letchworth in 1934 and they were separated in April, 1947, that three of the children born to the union are now in an orphanage and that the defendant is a resident of Cumberland County.

Married on October 9, 1945, in Alameda County, California, Edward Lefate James is suing Bertha Irene James for a divorce. They were separated on February 22, 1947. The one child born to the union is in the custody of the plaintiff and the defendant is now a resident of the State of Kansas.

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

William Sharpe is suing Elizabeth Sharpe for a divorce, stating in his complaint that they were married on October 5, 1923, and separated on December 26, 1944. The one child born to the union is now nineteen years old.

In the case of Fannie McDaniel against Frank McDaniel, the plaintiff says they were married on October 16, 1943, and separated on July 2, 1947, that no children were born to the union.

Suing Leo Carr (not the judge who is to preside over the term of court), Lizzie Mae Carr says she and the defendant were married on December 16, 1944, and separated on June 27, 1947, that no children were born to the union.

In addition to the divorces, the calendar carries thirty-three civil cases, but most of them are considered to be of little importance and of not much public interest.