

Superior Court To Open Term Monday

Twenty-One Cases Are On Criminal Docket For Trial

Judge Leo Carr To Preside Over Term Slated To Run Two Weeks

Twenty-one cases have been placed on the criminal docket for trial in the Martin County Superior Court during the two week term opening next Monday, Judge Leo Carr of Burlington is to preside and Solicitor Geo. Fountain of Tarboro will prosecute the docket.

Nine new members are to be added to the grand jury, including a new foreman to succeed Jessup Harrison who is completing a year of service as head of the body.

For the first time criminal cases are being set for trial, the solicitor and court clerk placing nine cases on the docket for trial next Monday, eleven for trial the following day and one on Wednesday. It is possible that a few divorce cases can be sandwiched into the proceedings the second day.

The docket carries no cases approaching the sensational, and the court is not expected to attract very much attention from the general public.

Several of the cases on the docket have been continued from previous terms, one dating back to last December, and quite a few others were appealed from judgments handed down in the county court during recent months.

The following cases are listed for trial: Last December the grand jury returned a true bill in the case in which James Wesley Ormond is charged with carnal knowledge, but the case was continued three times.

Charged with drunken driving, Raymond L. Phelps appealed from the county court judgment.

The case charging O. K. Harrison with abandoning a crop, was continued from the June term.

Lester R. Meeks, charged with drunken driving, appealed from the county court.

A continuance was granted last June until the current term in the case charging Geo. Mobley with embezzlement.

Bernice Douglas Adams, charged with drunken driving, appealed from the county court.

LeRoy Coffield is charged with breaking into the home of Joseph Slade in Williamston and taking a watch, bracelet, locket and flashlight, valued at \$40.

Charged with drunken driving, Harold Homer Chauncey and Irving Riddick appealed from judgments handed down in the county court.

Ernest Little and James Rollins are charged with assaulting Novella Askew with intent to commit rape last June 5.

Although criminal intent has been ruled out by a coroner's jury, the case charging Daniel Lilley with involuntary manslaughter, is booked for trial. Ben S. Rogers was fatally injured the 18th of August.

PLAN NEW CLUB

Meeting here next Wednesday afternoon, district officials of Rotary International will discuss with interested parties the organization of a Rotary club here, according to information reaching here indirectly from the office of District Governor Zeb Brinson in Tarboro. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting which is tentatively scheduled to be held in Attorney Edgar Gurganus' office at 1:00 o'clock that afternoon.

It has been pointed out that Williamston is the largest town in the State without a Rotary club. However, it does have several very active civic organizations, including Lions, Kiwanis and Jaycees.

FARM BUREAU

After pointing out that favorable farm legislation was not certain, that there was much a strong Farm Bureau could do in the interest of agriculture, Chas. L. Daniel, president of the Martin County Farm Bureau, said last night that the organization had already signed 417 members in its current membership drive, that the membership in at least one township was larger than it was a year ago.

The organization is working for a minimum of 2,000 members and hopes to reach its goal in the course of the next few weeks. The membership canvassers are to meet again on Thursday evening, September 29, in the courthouse at 8:00 o'clock.

Price Average At Highest Peak Of Season Yesterday

Through Wednesday, Market Had Sold 5,374,148 Pounds for \$46.22

Tobacco price averages reached the highest peak of the season on the Williamston market yesterday when 239,634 pounds were sold for \$126,343.57, an average for the day of \$52.72. The price figure was better than \$1.25 per hundred than the average for the previous day when records were broken for the season.

While there was some common quality tobacco on the floors and prices ranged as low as a few cents per pound, the high range was found Tuesday. Farmer Sidney Beacham sold three piles, one for 70, another for 74 and still another for 76 cents to set a top figure to date. The sales were legitimate in that they were made to one of the regular buying companies and not to a warehouse for advertising purposes or to an independent buyer for speculation.

Up until this morning, the local market had sold 5,374,148 pounds for \$248,416.66, an average of \$46.22 for the first eighteen selling days. Last year in the first eighteen selling days, the market sold 4,655,494 pounds for \$2,133,129, an average of \$45.68. This year the market is leading by nearly three-quarters of a million pounds and the price average is higher by 54 cents a hundred than it was a year ago.

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Peanut Field Day Tomorrow

On Friday of this week at 1:00 p. m., there will be a Field Day Meeting held at the Coastal Plain Station, located on the peanut production. All farmers attending the meeting will be able to get the latest information on peanut digging, handling, grading, stacking and curing.

The meeting will give the latest information which will enable farmers to do a much better job of digging and handling their peanuts the correct way, which will mean higher market prices for the farmer.—R. McK. Edwards, Negro county agent.

Name Of Local Boy On The Dean's List

James A. Leggett, Jr., local young man, was one of ninety students in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina to make the Dean's List during the second session of the summer term, it was announced this week by Dean William Wells.

To have his name appear on the list, the student must make a minimum of nine quarter hours of work and make grades of B (90-85) or better.

J. S. Peel Will Placed In Court Records Tuesday

Bulk of Estate Goes To Widow of Late Martin County Man

The last will and testament of Julius S. Peel, late of Williamston, and bearing date of February 25, 1949, was placed in the official public records in this county on Tuesday of this week after it had been filed in the Bertie County records. The document was probated in Bertie because one of the heirs is the wife of the clerk in this county.

No estimate as to the value of the estate was disclosed, but the worth of the property, including real and personal, will approximate from \$75,000 to more than \$100,000, according to unofficial reports.

Remembering several old friends, Mr. Peel went on to stipulate in his will that those sending flowers should be refunded and that those traveling from a distance to his funeral should be reimbursed their travel expenses.

The will, written in long hand, reads, as follows: "Being of sound mind and believing of the sureness of death, I hereby make this my last will and testament:

"I appoint Branch Banking and Trust Company, Wilson, N. C., and my wife, Mary Layman Peel, as executors.

"I desire to be buried in my plot at Woodlawn Cemetery, Williamston. The cost of the funeral is not to exceed six hundred dollars, and anyone sending flowers and traveling expenses to be refunded in full. I want a marker for about \$750 covering my wife and myself, \$200 for shrubbery, \$200 deposited with the Clerk of court to keep the plot in good shape and \$250 improvements at the Yarrall Cemetery, all this specifically to be used from \$2,000 life insurance I now have as to my estate:

"I give all my personal property such as automobile, household furniture, wearing apparel, etc., to my wife, saving and excepting one black onyx ring to J. H. Everett, Norfolk, Va., 1 suit of clothes and my watch to Wesley Peel, Williamston, N. C., and 1 suit of clothes to N. S. Godard, Williamston, N. C. All my diamonds are earmarked and have already been given away to be delivered at my death.

"I divide or put all my cash, stocks and bonds, notes, open accounts into a total of 100 share of value and the same to be sold and my debts paid, and,

"75 shares to my wife Mary Layman Peel, 17 shares to my devoted friends, C. H. and Mary Godwin, 5 shares to my life-long friend, Eloise Bennett; 2 shares to my very good friend, Anna Crawford; 1 share to Mrs. Katherine P. Everett, Norfolk, Va.

"My real estate all goes to my loving wife for her life time, she to get all rents and all insurance should there be a fire.

"The same to be kept fully insured and taxes paid by the parties below to whom I leave in fee simple at death of my wife to my cousin Pattie Harris Singleton, two-fifths share, my cousin, Sallie Harris Jones, two-fifths share; (Continued on page three)

BROOM SALE

Definite plans are being formulated for the sale of brooms here on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week by members of the local Lions Club, according to a statement by the Committee Chairman Chas. Brady here yesterday. The brooms are made exclusively by blind citizens of Greensboro in the Guilford Industries, a factory using nothing but blind labor.

The brooms are purchased outright by the local Lions Club and resold. The profit realized from the sale of the brooms will be used by the club here to assist them in the help they are rendering the blind citizens of this county.

Ask For Bids On Surfacing Of Highway 171 In County

The State Highway and Public Works Commission is calling for bids on the surfacing of approximately seven miles on Route 171 from the Beaufort-Martin line toward Jamesville. The proposed contract provides for a fill across the Hardison Mill Pond.

Detailed plans of the project have not been officially released, but the State highway forces are said to be planning to complete the surfacing of the route from a point, several miles out of Jamesville, to the intersection of the Holly Springs-Farm Life Road. That part of the project was tentatively scheduled before late fall.

The new project, as unofficially outlined, does not call for a direct

route across the mill pond and it will not be necessary to move any of the homes in the immediate area, according to information reaching here.

Bids on the project, along with those on about 260 miles of other roads in the State, will be opened on September 27 and canvassed by the full Highway commission on the 29th.

After the project in Griffins and Palmyra are cleared from the calendar, work is tentatively scheduled on the \$200 million rural road program.

The 268 miles now proposed for construction are estimated to cost about two and one-half million dollars.

STARTS MINISTRY



The Rev. Thomas L. Hastings will begin his ministry here as rector of the Church of the Advent Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock hour. The minister and his family come to Williamston from Louisville, Ky., where he has been rector of St. George's Episcopal Church for the past several years.

The service schedule calls for church school at 9:45 a. m. and Holy Communion and sermon at 11:00 a. m.

Jamesville Making Arrangements For Community Event

"Live at Home" To Be Theme Of Fair On Friday, October 14

Extensive plans are well advanced for holding Jamesville's first community fair on Friday, October 14, a representative of the Ruritan Club, the sponsoring organization, announced today.

Governor Kerr Scott has been invited to take part in the one-day program, and his address will mark his first official appearance in this county since he became governor. The Elizabeth City and Williamston High School Bands have been out

to participate and enjoy the program, and other entertainment features are being arranged, the club representative said. The sponsors are planning a big fiddlers' "convention" or barn dance that evening, but plans for the evening program are only tentative, it was explained.

There'll be no carnival or gambling, the club has ruled, the representative adding, "But we are working to make it a big and representative live-at-home affair."

Approximately \$150 is being offered in prizes for the best exhibits, including all kinds of farm produce, home furnishings and supplies, poultry and livestock. Most of the exhibits will be housed in the gymnasium along with commercial displays while special pens will be built on the school yard for the livestock. A premium list has been prepared and is being distributed by the club and through the schools.

Reports reaching here declare that the people of the community (Continued on page three)

Killed In Road Accident Early Wednesday Night

Gus Bryant Loses Life When Car Hits Parked Truck in Hamilton

Gus Bryant, 44-year-old tenant farmer on the Keel farm near Oak City, was killed in an automobile-truck accident within the town limits of Hamilton on the Oak City Highway last evening a few minutes before 7:00 o'clock. Ernest Wilson Bunting, Jr., of Oak City, driver of the car in which Bryant was riding, suffered shock and was placed in the care of a doctor soon after the accident. R. S. Edmondson and Russell Sherrard, passengers in the Bunting car, suffered bruises and shock, it was stated by Patrolman R. P. Narron who investigated the accident.

Driving into Hamilton, Bunting apparently lost control of his 1949 Ford and ran off the highway, crashing into the rear end of a pick-up truck parked several feet off the hardsurface. Bryant, bumming a ride to Hamilton where he planned to attend the show, was riding in the rear seat to the right with Sherrard who was also bumming his way from Oak City to Hamilton. Most of the right side of the car was ripped away and Bryant was caught, the blow tearing open his head and breaking several of his limbs. He lived just a few minutes after the crash.

The pick-up truck, belonging to Ben Roberson of near Oak City, was unattended at the time. The light truck was turned around and knocked into a ditch in front of the Sam Short home.

Patrolman Narron said this morning that the investigation had not been completed. Something was said about a coroner's (Continued on page three)

Two Minor Road Wrecks Reported

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted in two minor road accidents reported in the county this week. James Carlton Jones, Jr., young Raleigh white man, lost control of his car on Highway 64 just west of Everetts early last Monday evening and plowed into a collar patch, causing about \$200 damage to his car, according to a report coming from Patrolman J. T. Rowe who made the investigation. Jones, driving east, ran off the concrete and when he steered the machine back it went into a spin, turned almost around and headed for the collar patch.

Yesterday afternoon about 1:00 o'clock, Walter Rogers was driving a truck loaded with logs across a small bridge about two miles south of Bear Grass when Elbert Rawls of Norfolk came around a curve and plowed into the truck with a 1930 Model A. No one was hurt. Patrolman M. F. Powers, charging Rawls with drunken driving, estimated the damage to the truck at \$50 and that to the car at about \$20.

In the first wreck, several individuals who had not been listed as possible donors came forward to give something to the band out of their pride in the work of the youngsters and a sincere desire to help them along. The band was very proud of these voluntary gifts and the spirit in which they were given.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Except for deaths and number injured, accident figures growing out of highway wrecks in this county are running a close race with those of last year. There have been four fewer highway accidents so far this year than there were in the first 36 weeks of last year, and the property loss this year is only about \$1,000 below the \$19,750 reported a year ago.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

36th Week		Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge	
1949	1	2	0 \$ 500
1948	2	0	500
Comparisons To Date			
1949	84	34	4 \$18,610
1948	88	47	19,750

Two-Day Session Of The County's Court

PAVING

The town's paving program is well advanced and probably will be completed in about two more weeks. Curb and gutter has already been laid on Smithwick and Liberty Streets, East Franklin and forms are being laid on School Drive and East Grace Streets, leaving West Franklin in the program to be handled last.

No official information can be had, but contractors are setting up an asphalt plant in Windsor and the streets will be surfaced from there. Just when the surfacing work, including the resurfacing of Main, part of Houghton and Washington Streets is to be handled, could not be learned.

Twelve Cases In Justices' Courts In Past Few Days

Chas. R. Mobley, New Justice of Peace, Hears First Cases Here Recently

Chas. R. Mobley, recently appointed a justice of the peace by Governor Kerr Scott, handled his first cases a few days ago, but a report on the proceedings of his court could not be had immediately.

Justice John L. Hassell handled two cases in his court, as follows: Agnes Coffield, charged with disorderly conduct, and Leola Williams, charged with simple assault, were each required to pay \$5.50 costs.

Justice R. T. Johnson handled ten cases in his court, as follows: Walter Freeman, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Charged with shooting across the highway, John Rogers was fined \$10 and required to pay \$5.85 costs. James Perkins was bound over to the county court for trial when probable cause of guilt was found in the case charging him with assaulting a female.

Howard Lee, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Joseph David Anthony, allowing a minor to operate a motor vehicle and Wilton Eugene Bowen, speeding, were bound over to the county court for trial.

Publicly drunk, William Taylor was sentenced to jail for ten days to be worked in and around the county courthouse.

Robert Green, charged with disorderly conduct, was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the term for twelve months upon a promise of good behavior and the payment of a \$10 fine and \$6.85 costs.

James Stokes, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$10 and taxed with \$7.65 costs.

Jasper Perry was fined \$5, plus \$5.85 costs, for being (Continued on page three)

Facing Second Larceny Charge

(Robersonville Weekly Herald) Robert Linwood Hassell, alias Pete Hassell, was picked up Sunday morning by the local police after an attempt was made to enter the Big Apple Cafe Saturday night and after entering the old Park Building and stealing \$14.00 in cash. He is also charged with assault on a female.

The colored man has been placed under \$200.00 bond on the charges of breaking and attempting to enter the Big Apple and is being held in jail without bond on the charges of breaking and entering the old Park building, larceny of \$14.00 and assault on a female.

Hassell, at the time of his arrest, was under \$300.00 bond to appear in Recorder's court on the charges of breaking and entering Page Grocery Store in Robersonville several weeks ago.

Thirty Cases Are Cleared From the Docket First Day

Court Imposes Fines In Sum of \$1,060; Confiscates Machines

Postponed last Monday when several of the practicing attorneys were busy in the Pitt County Superior Court, the Martin County Recorder's Court bumped into an unexpectedly big docket yesterday and failing to clear the docket went into an extra session this morning. Last reports indicated the court was in a slow drag with much time being devoted to a trial by jury.

At the close of the first day, the court had handled about thirty cases. Fines, imposed and collected, amounted to more than \$1,000. The use of slot machines of the pin ball and one-armed bandit type was definitely ruled out when Judge Chas. H. Manning imposed substantial fines on the owners and those who had them in their possession. The machines were ordered confiscated and all money found in them is to be turned into the school fund.

Proceedings: Charged with issuing worthless checks, W. E. Davis and L. H. Hamm failed to answer when called and the cases were continued.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging William Stancill with non-support.

The case charging Columbus Davis with drunken driving and speeding was not pressed. It was reported that the man who led patrolmen on a wild chase in Popular Point-Gold Point area a few months ago, had been placed in an institution.

Charged with speeding, James R. Oliver was fined \$15, plus costs.

Going before a jury in the case charging him with drunken driving, C. C. Coltrain, young man, was found guilty and fined \$100, plus costs. Clarence Hardy, Russell Holliday, Francis Worsley, Paul Dixon, Howard Hardison and Floyd Ward sat on the jury, and returned its verdict after debating the issues about an hour.

Arthur Staton was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Donald Coaty Parker of Raleigh was fined \$15, plus costs, for speeding in a truck.

Charged with assaulting a female, James Perkins was fined \$10, plus costs.

Charged with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, Woodard Edmondson and John Riley Gray were each fined \$24 and taxed with the costs.

Publicly drunk, Lucy Capicola Bullock was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, S. W. Rogerson and C. A. Manning, (Continued on page three)

NO CHAIRMAN

Some difficulty is being encountered in perfecting an organization for handling the Christian Rural Overseas Program in this county, according to a report coming from a meeting held in the courthouse this week. Several persons, including ministers and others, have volunteered to assist the relief plan in behalf of the needy in troubled lands across the seas, but so far no one has volunteered to chair the drive in the county.

Last year this county sent a solid carload of food and feed overseas.

It is planned to complete the organization at a meeting to be held in the courthouse next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, and everyone interested in the humanitarian effort is invited to attend.