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Draw More Men To Relieve The Jury Shortage

One Of Extra Men Drawn Found Serving On The Jury At The Time

Finding the jury pool inadequate to carry on its work, the Martin County Superior Court this week called for more men. The action duplicated a call issued at the direction of Judge Leo Carr in the court last week when eighteen extra men were drawn and directed to report for jury duty without delay.

After excusing several of the regular jurors, including one woman, early Monday morning, Judge W. I. Halstead, presiding over the second of the two-week term, found that he had only an even dozen jurors available. He directed that eighteen additional citizens be called into service.

A new list of names, taken from the 1949 tax lists, had been placed in the jury box since the current jury was drawn, and the name of one of the jurors drawn in August for regular duty this term was drawn again. Harry E. Daniel of Oak City simply had little chance to escape jury duty. It was also pointed out that H. A. Sexton of Jamesville, one of the extra jurors drawn, was a member of the grand jury. Judge Halstead ordered him excused along with J. L. Knowles of Jamesville and Geo. W. Hodges of Griffins Township.

The names of those drawn and directed to report for duty are: Jamesville, D. R. Holliday, Williams, Paul Harrington, Griffins, John A. Lilley, B. F. Lilley, Jr., and Clifton Ward.

Bear Grass, Jasper Rogerson, Worth Mobley and D. A. Lee. Williamston, Mack W. Bowen, Hamilton, James Lee and Louis Chapman.

Goose Nest, R. C. Brown and Virgil Scott.

When the jury shortage became acute yesterday, Judge Halstead ordered four takersmen rounded up. When the court called for a jury a few hours later, two more jurors were needed and another call was issued. All told forty-two persons have been called for jury duty during the current term in addition to the regular jurors. Those summoned on the streets here yesterday were, Willie G. Lee, a man who served as a jurymen only last June; Noah Roberson, Virgil Wobblenton, Edward Earl Lilley, William D. Jones and Luther Hardison.

**Band's Half Time
Show Is Praised**

John Keys Hoyt, manager of the J. K. Hoyt department store in Washington has written The Enterprise a letter highly complimenting the Williamston Green Wave Football Band on its half-time show at the recent Washington-Williamston football game.

"Mr. Hoyt says: 'Since attending the Williams-Washington football game in Williamston last Friday night, I have intended writing you each day. I would like to compliment, through your paper, the Williams-High School Band, for the fine performance that they exhibited during the half.'

"I truly feel that it expressed the close and warm feeling that has always existed between the good people of Williamston and Martin County and Washington. I have heard many similar expressions and I just want to express my personal feelings."

EARLY OR LATE?

Mrs. B. S. Courtney pulled a pretty blossom from a dogwood tree on her lawn just off School Drive yesterday, and the question now, is the bloom late or early. Ordinarily the dogwood bursts into bloom in April. One blossom was fully developed while another was about to open, the phenomenon coming while the leaves were still green and two red berries had fully developed.

Rushing Preparations For Marketing Sweet Potatoes

Preparations are being rushed for opening a recognized sweet potato market in the county. Organizing some time ago the Martin County Yam Growers' Association, leading farmers with the support of the Martin County Farm Bureau are constructing a 36 by 75-foot receiving house on Washington Street just across from the Williamston Lumber Company. Construction is well advanced and the project is to be completed in about ten days or two weeks, weather permitting.

A machine, one of the latest manufactured, for washing, waxing, grading and packing sweet potatoes is being shipped and the market will be ready for operation within a short time.

Arrangements are being made to start buying green potatoes on or before October 10 between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. at the storage house. Those interested in selling may contact the purchasing committee, W. Mayo Hardison, chairman.

TAG DAY

Facing a serious space shortage, the local public library will appeal directly to the people on Saturday of this week for aid in relieving the condition. Tag day will be observed, and an earnest plea is being directed to everyone for a liberal support. Leaders of the project explain that the library cannot continue to function properly under present conditions, that there isn't ample room to care for additional new volumes, that unless something is done without delay, the library will fall.

Youngsters in the scout age group, both boys and girls, are being asked to assist in the Tag Day drive. They are to meet at the drive center—Attorney H. G. Horton's office—Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock, and the people are urged to recognize the little folks as they spearhead the urgent appeal.

Furniture Dealers Plan Essay Contest

The local furniture dealers have made tentative plans to tie in an essay competition along with the special promotion for the observance of Home Fashion Week next week.

The essay contest will be open to high school students only. It is proposed to award a desk to the entrant submitting the best essay on the subject, "What My Home Means To Me."

Meanwhile the four participating furniture stores, B. S. Courtney and Son, McLawhorn Furniture Company, Woolard Furniture Company and Heilig-Meyers Company, are preparing special window displays, featuring the latest and best furniture fashions and arranging for special sales next week.

The highlight of the promotion will be a contest drawing Saturday afternoon, October 8, at 5:00 o'clock in the Enterprise office. Valuable prizes will be awarded the winners.

Safety Examiner Reports for Duty

Succeeding James Boyce, resigned, J. B. Parvin, district examiner for the North Carolina State Highway Safety Division, yesterday gave his first motor vehicle drivers' tests in this county. He will be stationed in Williamston each Wednesday and Thursday from 9 to 5 o'clock and will maintain headquarters in Plymouth.

A native of Washington, Mr. Parvin has been with the Safety Division for seven years and was recently transferred to this area from Wilson.

Mr. Boyce resigned to accept private employment after serving the State for nine years.

During the meantime the fall harvest is coming in for immediate attention. A demonstration of the use of a newly improved rotary digger has been scheduled on the farm of Clyde Revels, a short distance off Highway 17 in Bear Grass Township for next Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Hundreds of interested farmers are expected to attend the demonstration.

Martin County farmers, working in close cooperation with the promoters of a recognized local market, have materially increased their sweet potato acreage this year, and the county is rapidly paving the way for adding another important crop to its diversified program.

While a goodly number of farmers have shown an interest in and worked for the market and increased production, among the leaders are Messrs. H. U. Peel, M. M. Levin, W. Mayo Hardison, Joe Winslow, Van G. Taylor and J. S. Holliday.

Painfully Hurt In Wreck Last Night

Earl D. Sefrit, 23-year-old Norfolk man, was painfully but believed not seriously hurt when the car in which he was riding crashed into the rear end of a truck on the river fill about two miles from the bridge early last evening. Removed to the local hospital by Bennie Weaver, the victim was treated for a deep laceration over the right eye and another under the eye and for shoulder injuries. He remained in the hospital overnight, but his release is expected temporarily.

Sefrit was riding on the right side of the rear seat of the 1946 Chevrolet car owned and driven by John Anderson, 8500 Delano Street, Norfolk. Anderson said the bright lights of an approaching car blinded him, that he did not see the parked truck until he was right at it. He swerved to his left and threw the right side of the car into the rear of the truck, a 1941 two-ton Dodge driven by John Henry Lilley of 910 N. Houghton Street, Williamston.

Anderson and two of his three passengers, Robt. Summerville and Mrs. Faye Spencer, were not hurt.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman E. P. Simmons said that the truck, loaded with wood, ran out of gas, that the driver placed it as far off the road as he could and that an attendant, Charles Shelton, was trying to wave down the Anderson car. The patrolman also said the lights on the truck were burning at the time of the accident. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200 and that to the truck at \$5.

Continues Very Ill In
Rocky Mount Hospital

Moses Wheeler, local young man, continues seriously ill in a Rocky Mount hospital where he has been receiving treatment for a week for virus pneumonia. Last reports state that he has not regained consciousness.

Miss Crawford Continues
Ill In Hospital Here

Miss Estelle Crawford, a patient in the local hospital for months, was quite sick yesterday and last night, but was reported somewhat better this morning.

Payday Soon For County Teachers

Approximately \$60,000 representing salaries for the first month of the current term, will be paid the 109 colored teachers on Friday of this week and the 130 white teachers next Monday along with salaries for janitors, bus drivers and a few others. The amount is exclusive of salaries going to those in the administrative service.

Some higher than they were last year, the salaries average \$264.10 for the 83 white elementary and \$272.08 for the 94 colored elementary teachers.

The salary distribution follows: 83 white elementary teachers, \$21,921.00; white high school teachers, \$6,251.00; one white elementary principal, \$374.00; six white high school principals, \$2,467.00; 94 colored elementary school teachers, \$25,575.00; two colored elementary school principals, \$692.00; two colored high school principals, \$884.00.

The thirteen janitors are receiving \$1,540. The bus drivers are getting \$980, and \$647.00 will go to the two instructional supervisors. Vocational teachers are receiving \$5,500.00.

Few Cases Cleared From The Docket In Superior Court

Tribunal Will Fold Its Tent And Quit Some Time Tomorrow

With only a few cases cleared from its calendar so far, the current term of the Martin County Superior Court is almost certain to leave a goodly number of actions on the calendar at adjournment time this week-end.

Other than divorces and consent judgments, cases have been removed only by a painfully slow process. Considerable time has been devoted to evidence, and the attorneys have argued to the jury for hours in nearly every case up until today with Judge W. I. Halstead following with detailed charges. Up until noon today, the court had not got around to fixing a time for adjournment, but it is likely that all will be ready to throw up and quit sometime tomorrow.

Proceedings not previously reported:

Willie C. Howell got an absolute divorce from Lucinda Hassell on the grounds of two years' separation. It was the eleventh divorce granted this week.

In the boundary line case of D. L. Howell against Leander Smith, the court appointed J. C. Cates to survey the disputed line and submit a map at a later term.

After pending in the courts for seven or eight years, the case of Minnie Hardee and husband, Zeno Hardee, Mary (Polly) Worthington, Lillian Lockamy and husband, Richard Lockamy, Geraldine Taylor and husband, Frank Taylor, Dolly Rae Onello and husband, Frank Onello, Russell Worthington, by her next friend, Mary Worthington, and Bernice Worthington against Melva Johnson, finally found its way to the judgment book. According to the record, the judgment shows that Louis H. Worthington, father of L. Herman Worthington, Minnie Hardee, Perlle Sugg and Melva Johnson, pooled his several tracts of land and that Herman, Minnie and Perlle received his or her share. It also shows that Melva Johnson was ruled the sole owner of 73.5 acres of land in dispute on the Robersonville-Bear Grass Road.

The case of W. H. Harrison against Consolidated Industries was called for trial early Tuesday morning and at 5:12 o'clock yesterday afternoon the jury returned its verdict, allowing the plaintiff \$1,000 damages. The plaintiff was asking \$1,210 damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant's log truck went out of control and tore into the Harrison car on the Hamilton Road near Williamston in 1947. Evidence in the case was completed fairly early yesterday morning, and the attorneys argued until 3:00 o'clock, taking time out to catch their breath and snatch a bite to eat at lunch time. Judge Halstead addressed the jury for an hour and twenty-five minutes, and the jury deliberated about 45 minutes. The defense, while admitting that its truck crashed into the Harrison car, insisted that it was not responsible for the accident, explaining that it was due to the negligence and carelessness of a co-defendant, George Mobley who allegedly turned to the left just as the truck started to pass.

Harrison, holding an insurance policy with the fifty dollar deductible clause, had been paid by his company for all the damage except \$50. His company was suing to recover from Consolidated Industries. The plaintiffs, it was learned, had insurance on their truck, but lost it when they removed the body and added a fifth wheel to haul logs and lumber.

While the jury was deliberating the issues in the Harrison-Industries case, the court called another jury and heard the pleading in the case of Jodie Haislip and Nina Haislip against John A. Griffin. The plaintiffs allege that they were injured as a result of an automobile accident three miles east of Robersonville last February 21. Jodie Haislip is asking \$400 property damages.

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Few Cases Heard In Justice Courts In Past Few Days

Five Cases Are Placed On County Court Docket For Trial Monday

Even though one of the largest crowds ever to appear here was on hand last week-end, few law violations were reported, and only nine cases bobbed up in the justice of the peace courts for trial or preliminary hearing. None of the cases was serious, but five of them were booked for trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court next Monday.

Justice R. T. Johnson handled the following cases during the past few days:

Charged with failing to stop at a road intersection, J. C. Chauncey was taxed with \$5.85 costs.

William Hopkins, charged with disorderly conduct, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The court suspended the jail term for twelve months upon the payment of \$7.85 costs.

Charged with the larceny of an automobile battery from Hollis' garage, Henry Bullock was bound over to the county court. Unable to arrange bond in the sum of \$200, he was returned to jail.

J. C. Baker was booked for trial in the county court for allegedly speeding and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants, using profane language, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer while in the performance of his duties, Eugene Rawls was bound over to the county court. Bond was furnished in the sum of \$300.

Kirby F. Wainwright, charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, posted a cash bond for his appearance in the county court for trial next Monday.

Publicly drunk, Elmer Whitehurst was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term for twelve months upon the payment of the costs.

Justice Chas. R. Mobley handled the following cases:

Jim Pierce, charge with assaulting a female, was bound over to the county court. Bond was required in the sum of \$300. The defendant is said to have threatened his wife's life with a shot gun.

Charged with fighting on the highway, Ella May Northington and her husband, "Peg" were sentenced to jail for thirty days, the trial justice suspending the jail term upon the payment of \$8.50 costs.

Important Peanut Meeting Friday

A very important meeting and one of vital interest to all the people in this county will be held in the Williamston High School building tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock when the 1949 peanut marketing procedure, grading and sales will be discussed, it was announced by the office of the Triple A in this county yesterday afternoon.

Possibly as a result of the variations found ingrading the 1948 crop, some rather radical changes are to be expected in the grading system this year. The meeting, it was announced, will discuss peanut marketing quota regulations, price support program, the grading of peanuts which will be offered for government price support, and reports and records to be submitted by buyers. All peanut buyers, shellers, growers and pickers should attend, it was explained.

It was also pointed out that all peanuts purchased by designated buyers of the Commodity Credit Corporation are to be graded by inspectors of the Federal-State Inspection Service prior to purchase.

Mr. Potter of the State office is to be in charge of the meeting.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

After a rather hectic period of recklessness, maiming, killing and damaging, motorists on Martin County highways slowed down a bit and supported only one minor entry in the accident record for the 38th week.

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.

38th Week		
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge		
1949	1	0 0 \$ 75
1948	3	2 0 325
Comparisons To Date		
1949	88	34 5 \$19,355
1948	93	50 2 20,100

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Will Hold Important Sweet Potato Meeting On Monday

Following a sweet potato digging demonstration on the Clyde Revels farm in Bear Grass Township next Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, an important meeting of Martin County sweet potato growers and others interested in the crop will be held in the county courthouse at 8:00 o'clock that evening, it was announced today by Assistant County Farm Agent Jesse W. Sumner.

Henry Covington, recognized specialist and an experienced hand in sweet potato production and marketing, will address the meeting, and farmers and other citizens interested in the future of agriculture in this county are urged to attend. Mr. Covington, representing the North Carolina

Agricultural Extension Service in Raleigh, is in a position to lead a practical discussion of the sweet potato as a cash crop in Martin County, and his knowledge of the problems and suggestions he can offer are certain to prove profitable.

In addition to Mr. Covington's part on the program, the inside story and future plans of operation of the Martin County Yam Growers' Association will be explained by an officer of the organization. All farmers, interested in supplementing their cash income during the slack seasons, are urged to attend and other citizens are invited to be present at the meeting which will last only a short time and be directed to the point.

Legal Whiskey Sales Continue Downward

Total of \$4,956,948 Spent For Liquors Since July In 1935

Sales Last Quarter Smallest For Any Period In Four Years

Legal liquor sales, while about five times greater than they were when the ABC stores were opened fourteen years ago, continue downward in this county. The gross income for the second quarter was \$102,906.10, the figure being the smallest one reported by the ABC Board for any quarter since June, 1945, when sales were only \$100 under the recent sales total. There has been a fairly steady downward trend in legal liquors sales in the county for several years, but even now the sales are running about twenty-percent ahead of those reported in 1944.

While sales were dropping from \$123,296.45 in the second quarter of last year to \$102,906.10 in April, May and June of this year, profits dropped from \$27,060.14 a profit to \$22,375.63 in the corresponding three months, this year.

Taking in \$102,906.10 during the period, the county system turned and paid out \$74,829.52, or nearly 73 percent of the total income, to the liquor manufacturers in other states. Operating expenses took \$5,776.12, or 5.60 percent of the total, leaving \$22,375.63, or 21.76 percent, net profit.

The ABC Board now has \$63,-

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High Averages Prevailing On Local Market

While the poundage dropped to the lowest daily figures of the season this week, high prices continued to hold firm on the local tobacco market. Daily averages for the 68,584 pounds Tuesday and the 88,716 pounds sold yesterday were right at \$55 per hundred, and individual averages went right on up into the seventies.

There'll be some more days when the market will be rushed, no doubt, but, folks, the tobacco is just about gone in this area. Some observers say that not many over nine million pounds will be sold before the season is spent, possibly sometime next month.

The market is holding its old customers almost to a man, and adding new customers just about every day.

Heavy deliveries to the border markets plus a little bit carried to Georgia, are making themselves felt on the markets in this section, but it is still believed that total sales for the season will exceed the 9,185,910 pounds sold last year when the average was \$48.44. So far this year, 7,604,698 pounds have been sold for an average of \$48.32.

Bennie A. Selby
Dies Wednesday

Bennie A. Selby, grandfather of Mrs. Lee Reynolds and grandfather of Talmadge and Ben Selby of Williamston, died at his home near Bayview last night at 10:45 o'clock following years of declining health and three years of serious illness. Mr. Selby, a native of Hyde County, had lived in Bath Township of Beaufort County since 1907. He would have been 83 years old next month.

Funeral services will be held from the late home tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. A. C. D. Noe and the Rev. Ralph Tyre, both of Bath, officiating. Interment will be in the Bayview Cemetery.

The blacksmith shop which was constructed by the veterans this year and sometimes termed by them (a memorial to veterans classes) will be in use this fall by the veterans classes, and high school boys.

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Company Settles Case For \$6,000.00

The widow and her seven children were reported yesterday to have received approximately \$6,000.00 in full payment for the life of their husband and father, Benjamin C. Rogers, who was fatally injured in a motorbike-truck accident just outside the town on N. C. Highway 125 August 18. Unofficial but reliable reports stated that the settlement was effected by a representative of an insurance company, but no record has been entered as yet.

The amount falls around \$4,000 short of the minimum insurance carried by the truck owners.

Veterans Review Summer Activities In Robersonville

Fifty-four Members of The Class Accomplished Farm Work

(Robersonville Weekly Herald)
The 54 Veterans enrolled in the Farmer Training Program accomplished much during the summer months, as well as attended several organized farm demonstrations and field trips.

The Veterans have a total of 271 acres of hybrid corn. This is an average of 5 acres per veteran. This being a favorable year for corn, the yield is expected to be very satisfactory, with a few reaching the 100 bushel goal.

During the past summer months the veterans have learned that being a diversified farmer pays off. We have a few veterans that did not enjoy a successful farm year (so far as their No. 1 crop tobacco was concerned) but will have other sources of income. We have two veterans who have 104 turkeys they will be ready to market by Thanksgiving. Some have supplemented their basic crops with potatoes and practically all with hogs—with one veteran having registered hogs for sale.

Hog production is expected to increase since 171 lbs. of lardino clover along with the necessary pasture mixture has been sown or will be in the next few weeks. This means approximately 85 acres of permanent pasture which is essential to a well balanced farm plan.

It is needless to say the veterans have learned that it pays to know tobacco diseases. We have veterans who this past year had as much as a 40 percent loss of their tobacco crop due to diseases (black shank or Granville wilt). To cope with this they have resorted to a resistant variety. They have approximately 61 acres planted to Oxford 1 this year.

During the summer they have attended several farm demonstrations and also the experiment station along with their Vo-Ag teacher and instructors. In June the veterans visited the Lower Coastal Plain Tobacco Experiment Station which was very timely and interesting. They saw the many different varieties being grown on the same plot having the same weather conditions. The purpose of this visit was to show the best disease resistant varieties and its productivity.

They have visited the individual trainee at his farm and have observed the farm situations and management which created a great deal of interest and exchanging ideas. Last week the entire class had first hand instruction on preparing seed bed, fertilization, liming and sowing a permanent pasture on the farm of Donnie Mobley near Everetts. The demonstration was carried out by the county agent and his assistants along with Mr. Dobson of the Extension Service of Raleigh.

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