Trial Of Criminal Cases Nears End

Breaking and Entering Cases Crowd Docket; Recess **Expected Tomorrow**

After four days of long, drawnout and tedious trials, the Martin County Superior Court, opening a one-week term last Monday, was reported today to be nearing the end of its crimnal docket with adjournment almost certain tomor-

Most of the cases have been hard fought and jury deliberations have been a bit lengthy in several instances. A six-day term was in prospect at one time this week before several cases were continued and others were dismissed because of uncertain or insufficient evidence to warrant trials.

A breaking and entering charge, one of the many cases of that type crowding the docket, was dismissed when the court ruled that certain evidence could not be accepted. The evidence centered around facts established by and for that reason the evidence and 7 years old. could not be accepted.

pleading guilty of breaking into many. the home of William Taylor near er the jury found him guilty of months ago to come to America. breaking and entering and larcthe FBI shortly, showed they had been in trouble previously. Both defendants agreed, and then the jurist said he wanted to think it over a while longer before pronouncing judgment.

Benjamin Moore, the little 16year-old lad who seems to have encountered more than his share of trouble, pleaded guilty of breaking and entering, and was sentenced to State's Prison for a term of two years. Judge Carr suspended the sentence on condition that he enter the East Carolina Training School at Rocky Mount and remain of good behavior and not try to run away. If he violates the terms, the lad is to go to prison. He is to enter school on December 28.

The case in which Cornelius Jones was charged with breaking and entering was nol prossed.

After considerable time was spent Tuesday and Wednesday on the trial of the drunken driving case against Bernice Douglas Adams, the jury deliberated at length before finding him not guilty.

The case charging John E. Walcheck, was continued until the

March term. The case in which George Mob-

ley was charged with embezzlement, was not prossed. Sam Gorham, colored man who

entered the home of Louisa Biggs on Wilson Street in Williamston several weeks ago and allegedly made improper advances and choked the 80-year-old woman, pleaded guilty of non-burglarious breaking and entering. The aged

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LIGHT VOTE

A very small vote was in prospect early today for the the cotton referendum and community committee elections. During the first two hours, less than half a dozen had voted in two townships, and other reports pointed to a small vote.

Some doubt about the referendum carrying in the nation bas been expressed.

Army Reserve Unit Few Cases Before Justice Of Peace | Western Powers Offer 12 - Point | Grand Jury Calls For Seeking Better Fire Protection In Superior Court Going Forward Here

SCHOOL PLAN

Martin County's proposed school expansion plan is expected to take more or less definite shape when school officials go before a panel meeting of the State Board of Education in Raleigh next Monday.

A survey by the State authorities has been made, and the expansion program is expected to adhere to the survey findings, it was learned. The county board of education is expected to meet a day or two after the Raleigh hearing to make plans for launching the program.

"It Is Better To Give Than To ...

In Nashville, Tenn., two of the country's most enthusiastic pack- ly to the spirit of the group. The bloodhounds, the court ruling that ers of Junior Red Cross gift boxes Esprit de Corps was also greatly the hounds were not full-blooded are Moses and Malka Penner, 9 boosted, especially at Christmas

bit difficult in determining the which were sent overseas last timely arrival.

The jurist talked at length when A year ago the Penner young- third of its authorized strength a 15-year-old Indiana lad, Donald sters and their parents were Po- and at the present rate of increase, Eugene Gaddis, was carried before lish refugees, living at a Displaced it expects to reach its full quota the court for judgment after Persons camp in Bremen, Ger- shortly after the New Year. With

It was at the DP camp that Mos-Williamston and stealing a shot es and Malka received their first gram in full swing with their gun. Gaddis' partner, James B. Junior Red Cross gift boxes. Hillard, 35, of Memphis, Tenn., They were given another set them. With a little time for trainalso was questioned at length aft- when they boarded ship seven ing and rounding into shape, they

When Malka's teacher at Mureny. Judge Carr, apparently not phy School in Nashville brought an active part in the civic activicertain if they were telling the in the JRC gift cartons, it was ties of the county in whatever cawhole truth, asked if they would only natural that the dimple- pacity that a military unit can agree to have their sentences cheeked blonde should jump ex- serve. doubled if records, expected from citedly from her seat and yell, "I got one, I got one!"

> told her classmates how much two-hour evening session they atthe gifts of soap, wash cloths, tend. We understand the lowest toothpaste, toothbrush, pencils, rank, which is a recruît, receives Still" by Charles Gounod. crayons and other useful items \$60.00 a year in four pay periods had meant to her and Moses when getting paid each three months. A they were refugees.

their efforts mean to needy drills during the year. A M/Sgt. youngsters around the world, receives approximately \$165 per Moses and Malka now are always year. The unit has also received

Wins Case Before **State Commission**

Edmond Early, former Oak City sation before the full State Industrial Commission in Raleigh this week for injuries received when he afrested an alleged law violat-

The recovery amounts to about \$1,500, including all medical bills and \$8 per week during disability.

ommission was which he officer had a right to make an arrest without a warrant. The There were 956 tuberculosis commission ruled that he did have deaths in the State during the the authority.

The case has been pending for some time.

Suffering a fractured hip when he was thrown to the ground by the prisoner, Mr. Early has spent considerable time in hospital, and returned only a few days ago from Duke where he underwent a second operation. Last reports stated he was getting along very well.

Continues Ill In A Richmond Hospital

Entering a Richmond hospital about ten days ago for treatment, Mr. Van G. Taylor, prominent Martin County citizen, was responding to treatment until Tuesday of this week when he was reported to have suffered a relapse. A report from the hospital this morning stated that his pulse was some stronger, but that he continued in an oxygen tent. Mrs. Taylor, his daughter, Mrs. Chas. I. Harris, Jr., and Dr. Harris are

First Checks Are Delivered To The

Unit Is Now Up To About One-Third of Authorized Strength

By Major Thos. W. Crockett

of the City Hall in Williamston on Monday nights, it isn't that we have gone to war with Russia or you haven't turned back the clock to several years ago. It is the country's new Army Reserve Unit, the 3474th Induction Station going into full swing as part of the vast Reserve Army in the United States' new Unified Defense Plan.

Recent orders of the day call for uniforms to be worn at all meetings and this naturally adds greattime, by the arrival of the first There is good reason for their pay roll consisting of checks from Judge Leo Carr, presiding over enthusiasm. Moses and Malka are The War Department mailed dithe term, has been baffled by the newcomers to America. Once they rectly to the early members of the appearance of teen-agers in the were on the receiving end of unit. Recipients naturally excourt and apparently found it a these same gift boxes, 496,000 of pressed great pleasure over their

The unit is now up to about onethe coming of the New Year they expect to start their training promembership drive mainly behind Baptist Church expect to become an integral part of the community and try to take

The pay is remarkably good, the reservists receiving the equiva-Then, with shining eyes, Malka lent of a full day's pay for every sergeant receives \$117.60 a year With full realization of what for attending the 24 two-hour ganist, and Mrs. W. C. Manning, tion at the highest rank they held

Invitations are extended to all attend the next meeting held on police officer, recovered compen- the second floor of the City Hall in Williamston to get the details

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or in Oak City in July of last year. Fourteen Tuberculosis Deaths in the County

Fourteen persons, two white According to information reach- and twelve colored, died of tubering here the question before the sulosis in Martin County last year, according to the Health Bulletin Totale Woard or Mealth publication.

COSTLY SNEEZING

(Robersonville Herald) A double sneeze almost

proved disastrous to Linwood Andrews and his practically new Chevrolet last Friday afternoon when his car went out of control on the curve at the Brantly Chesson farm near here.

Mr. Andrews said he underwent two terrific sneezes, one following the other immediately. He lost control and the car ran into a ditch and hit several stumps before he was able to stop the vehicle. Damage to the car was estimated at \$75.00. Mr. Andrews, who was uninjured, said the car was insured with the usual \$50.00 deductible which must always be paid by the owner of the car.

ulently Receiving Unemployment Payments

A few cases were heard in Wil-Reserve Members Three defendants, appearing being unemployment compensation. marized, are as follows: Ivey James was found not guilty If you see men back in Army and John P. Jones, adjudged guiluniform on the streets or in front tly, were sentenced to jail for thirty days, Justice Mobley suspending the jail term upon the payment of court costs and reimbursing the Employment Security try or fomenting civil strife. Commission about \$25 each.

George Smallwood, drunk and down, was sentenced to jail by Justice John L. Hassell for thirty days. The jail term was suspended upon the payment of \$10.50 tasks assigned to them. costs and \$2.20 doctor's bill. While hands of a person unknown to

Justice R. T. Johnson handled the following cases in his court: Chas. Mason and Gene Andrews, charged with violating the in the county court.

Pleading guilty of exceeding the bag limit, J. F. and J. H. Coltrain, L. R. Anderson and Burke Parker were taxetl with \$5.85 court costs

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$5.85 costs in the conventional armaments. case charging Willie Brown with disorderly conduct.

Program Sunday weapons.

The choir of Memorial Baptist church will present its annual straint in using the veto. Christmas program Sunday after- The Western plan was in reply on the List'ning Ear of Night" by ern countries, and urged an im-E. H. Sears, and "Adore and Be mediate ban on atomic weapons.

Miss Ida Privette is directing the choir, Mrs. J. M. Ward is or- Library Service Jr., is guest pianist. The personnel of the choir includes Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mrs. George Cone, Miss Jean Mobley, and Miss children of Beaufort, Hyde and needs repairing. Trulah Bailey, sopranos; Mrs. R. Martin counties. Simms, basses.

Rone Hix Dies In

died in a Durham hospital yester-

spent most of his life in Durham.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon in the Hall-Wynne Funeral Chapel in Durham at 2:30 o'clock, and inter- tages, they should write Miss ment will be in Durham's Maple- Elizabeth Copeland, Regional Liwood Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Aileen Puckett of Durham; two daughters, Betty Rone and Ann Hix; his mother, two sisters, Mary Hix of Roanoke Rapids, and Mrs. C. S. Ausbon of Durham; two brothers, David of Oxford and Edwin J. Hix of Durham.

Reported Improving

Washington hospital last Tuesday. letters from his friends.

Three Charged With Fraud- Urge Big Powers To Broaden Cooperation In The **Security Council**

The United States and Great liamston's three justice of peace Britain recently presented to the courts during the past few days. United Nations, meeting at Lake Success, New York, a twelve point fore Justice Chas. R. Mobley, were plan for permanent peace for the Foreman Marion Cobb and charged with fraudulently receiv- world. Details of the plan, as sum-

(1) All nations are called upon of the charge. Frances G. Rogers to refrain from threatening or using force contrary to the United Nations charter

(2) Refrain from any threats or pendence or integrity of any coun-

(3) Carry out in good faith all international agreements.

(4) Afford all United Nation bodies full co-operation and free access in the performance of

(5) Promote full freedom of intoxicated, Smallwood was alleg- political and religious expression edly nipped with a knife in the and full respect for all other fundamental rights. (6) Promote nationally and

through international co-operation efforts to achieve higher standards of living for all peoples. (7) Remove barriers which deliquor laws, were booked for trial ny peoples the free exchange of information.

> (8) Participate fully in the work of the United Nations. (9) Settle international disputes

by peaceful means. (10) Co-operate in attaining effective international regulation of

(11) Agree to exercise national sovereignty jointly with other nations to the extent necessary to attain international control of atomic energy which would make possible the prohibition of atomic

(12) Urge the five big powers to broaden their co-operation in the Security Council and exercise re-

noon at five o'clock. Among the to a peace proposal put forth by numbers to be presented will be Russia. The Soviet plan called for a pact among the five big powlen Jane Lorenz, "The Christmas ers, condemned what the Russians Song" by Adolphe Adam, "Calm call war preparations in the West-

Has Story Hour

The B H M Regional Library

Jr., Miss Angela McLawhorn, Miss over Washington radio station front door needed, basin needs Betty Lou Jones, Miss Betty Lou WRRF, a fifteen minute story filling. veterans and to all young men Betty Lou Jones, Miss Betty Lou hour is presented on a program Robersonville Lower School Dudley, Miss Ethel Taylor, and Miss Betty Rhodes Taylor, altos; entitled "Once Upon a Time . . . " needs hole filled East door. Messrs. Bruce Wynne, Hilton The series was begun December Everetts White School needs Forbes, and H. L. Michael, tenors; 10th and will be a regular weekly ventilators installed. and Messrs. Jack Edwards, Jack feature. The stories are told by . Spring Green School needs hole Welch, and Rev. Stewart B. the Bookmobile Story Lady and filled in front of steps. will be of interest to children of Jamesville Colored School

Bookmobile. This traveling lib-school we and that some

N .Hix formerly of Williamston, Hyde and Martin counties. It is in water facilities and in condition on the road every week day tak- of school grounds until other plans day morning following a brief ill- ing books to people of all ages in are formulated for general imevery community of this area. The provement, A son of the late Rev. M. D. Hix Region owns 19,106 books which and Mrs. Imegene Murdock Hix, are processed and sent out from he was a Durham tobacconist, and the headquarters' office in the Brown Library in Washington.

If there are people in this area who are not now receiving this service but who desire its advanbrarian in Washington and she will arrange for them to be included.

Continues Ill In A Rocky Mount Hospital

Haywood Cherry, local young man who was attacked and badly injured while serving as a watchman at the basket factory about a Following Operation year ago, continues quite ill. He has been a patient in Park View Mr. Johnny Gardner, county Hospital, Rocky Mount, for seven farmer, was reported to be getting weeks, late reports stating that his along very well this morning fol- condition has not improved. Mr. lowing a major operation in a Cherry will appreciate notes or

In Past Few Days Plan For Peace School Betterments

Report Shows All School Busses To Be In Good Shape

His Group Make Inspection of County Units

Making a quarterly report in open court this week, the Martin County Grand Jury, headed by acts aimed at impairing the inde- Marion Cobb, foreman, called for improvements at several schools in the county, and pointed out that a detailed inspection of all public properties had been made. All school busses, recently checked by members of the highway patrol, were said to be in good con-

The report follows in detail: ed were passed on by us.

clerk of court and found it to be in high school auditorium by the excellent condition with no guar- Williamston High School Music chase of a modern truck, leaving dian reports or accounts not filed Department under the direction of its maintenance up to the Town of as required.

The sheriff's office and Tax Colgood condition.

office in very good condition.

all fines submitted as required. | grades. We found the County Jail clean

eight colored inmates. good condition. There were sev- time just before the birth of the truck in Robersonville, give en white inmates, three colored Christ, the Holy Night and the the rural citizens fairly good fire inmates, and one prisoner used as present time. Much of the story protection. a helper.

in very good condition. There are A silver offering will be taken to have already created special tax four white patients and nine col- help defray expenses of the per- districts and purchased several

ored patients. be in very good condition. There are sixty-nine prisoners now in camp and five now in the hospital in Raleigh.

The office of the Superintendent of County Schools was visited and found to be in very good condition.

We visited the schools of the county and found the following: Biggs School needs new desks. first to volunteer to pack JRC information that all former vet- Wynne, Mrs. H. P. Mobley, Mrs. bas begun a new service to the new desks, also a leak around flue

during their prior military ser- F. DeFord, Mrs. T. B. Brandon, At 9:30 each Saturday morning shades, lunchroom needs painting,

driveway needs sand and gravel. The Regional Library Service in Williams Lower School needs this area continues to grow. Dur- new water pump. Water is poor. ing the month of November, a to- Oak City Colored School. Due Durham Hospital tal of 18,879 books were lent to to plans under consideration not the people and the schools by the materializing for a change in this

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

No one was hurt in the lone highway accident in this county during the 49th week. A year ago there were five accidents, four injured and a property damage of \$1,450.

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. 49th Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1949 1 0 0 \$ 175 1948 5 4 0 1,450 Comparisons To Date

\$29,225

1949 133 60 7

WARNING

Receiving reports from several parts of the county this week, Sheriff M. W. Holloman issued a warning against the use or possession of fireworks. The reports are being investigated, and violators of the State law, making it illegal to have fireworks in one's possession, are subject to jail

terms and \$50 fines. Some fireworks have been shipped by express into the county, but there has been no general sale, it was learned.

Special Program In High School

"Come Ye To Bethlehem," All bills of indictment present- Christmas cantata-pageant, will by Robersonville citizens, firemen We examined the office of the December 18, at 8 o'clock in the uals were assessed so much for Mrs. Beecher Patterson

Over two hundred performers lector's office were visited and re- will be in the cast, including the ing equipment has been carried to cords examined and found in very Senior Glee Club of thirty five quite a few fires outside the town voices, the Junior Glee Club of limits, Fire Chief G. P. Hall points We found the Register of Deeds thirty voices and an intermediate out that the equipment is not built chorus of eighty voices from the for combatting fires where there The reports of the Justice of fourth through the seventh grades. isn't an adequate supply of water. Peace were checked and found fil- All speaking parts are by mem- The truck has a storage capacity ed with the Clerk of Court and bers of the sixth and seventh of only 150 gallons of water com-

and in good condition. There candlelight processional by the trucks. were three white inmates and choirs followed by an introductory song. The cantata-pageant We found the County Home in is in three parts, depicting the sibly in Williamston would, with is told in song by the choirs.

We found the T. B. Sanitorium The public is cordially invited. formance.

Miniature Car In Friendship Train vance triet.

freight car for the symbolic CROP outside town, but they frankly ad-Friendship Train of North Caro- mit that there is little they can lina arrived this morning at the do with the type of equipment North Carolina state CROP office, now on hand unless there is an it was announced today by the adequate supply of water availstate director, the Rev. H. W. Bau- able. com, Durham.

Department of Agriculture, Ral- problem. The cost would be coneigh, tomorrow. The miniature siderably lower than the price for train, being increased weekly by the bigger and heavier trucks. baby boxcars from counties all over the state, is now 21 cars long. Not all cars represent full car- they will be studied. loads of commodities, though each is marked with the various gifts Everetts School

made by the people of its county. Martin County will join Pitt, Greene and ethers in the line of full carloads. The carload is valued at approximately \$1,500.

CROP CONTRACTOR Sect. W Mayo Hardison, Route 3, Wil- today. liamston, chairman, Mayo Little, Robersonville, co-chairman; Mrs. will meet next Tuesday evening Walter Wynne, Route 3, Williams- at 7:30 o'clock, followed by the anton, secretary-treasurer; and Jul- nual Christmas program at 8:00 ian Harrell, shipping chairman.

Memorial To Dead Of World War II

An electronic carillon of English chimes and Flemish bells is being placed in the amphitheater of Arlington Cemetery where America's war heroes are buried. The bells are being presented by Amvets to honor the dead of World War II. National Commander Harold Russell has announced that the \$25,000 carillon will be accepted by President Truman at dedicatory services December 21. The carillon will be played then for the first time. Thereafter the bells will sound daily at the hour of retreat. They can be played either manually or automatically with hand-cut plastic music

Fire Protection In Rural Areas

Interested Parties Expected **To Petition County** Commissioners

The need for better fire protection in the rural communities in North Carolina was discussed during a several-hour meeting of fire chiefs, county officials and insurance department representatives held in Raleigh last Tuesday afternoon. Fire Chief G. P. Hall and Commissioners C. Abram Roberson and John H. Edwards represented this county at the

meeting. No definite plans for advancing the fire protection service in the rural areas was advanced, but the need was recognized, and it will likely be up to the citizens in the country to prepare petitions and

go before the county authorities. A large portion of this county has the best fire protection possible, and the system, advanced be presented on Sunday evening, and officials, is unique. Individeach building to finance the pur-Robersonville

While Williamston's fire-fightpared with 500 or more gallons The program will open with a carried in the especially equipped

It has been suggested that the location of a special truck pos-

According to Fire Chief G. P. Hall several counties in the State trucks for fighting rural fires. It the program other than voluntary assessments similar to those advanced in the Robersonville dis-

It has been customary for Wil-Martin County's miniature liamston firemen to answer calls

Discussing the type of equip-Labelled with a sign reading ment needed, firemen are of the 'Martin County, North Carolina, opinion that a reasonably small 56,382 pounds of corn" the little truck, carrying 500 gallons of watboxcar will take its place in the er and equipped with high presminiature Friendship Train at the sure pumps could help solve the

> Several states have perfected rural fire protection systems and

Planning Program

The Everetts School is planning Leaders in the Martin County several pre-holiday events, Prin-

The Parent-Teacher Association o'clock that same evening.

Classes will be suspended at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, Deember 21, Principal McRorie an-

DECORATIONS

Interrupted by unfavorable weather for several days, work on Christmas decora- . tions is certain to get under way here over the week-end. The decorations, first scheduled to be judged this weekend, will be reviewed next Thursday night between 9 and 11:00 o'clock, Committee Chairman W. H. Carstarphen announced.

First prizes of \$15 each will be awarded for three types, rooftop or doorways, yard and most original decoration.