

Twenty-One Cases On Criminal List In Superior Court

Judge Q. K. Nimocks Slated To Preside Over the Two-Week Term

Twenty-one cases have been placed on the criminal docket for trial in the Martin County Superior Court during the two-week term opening here next Monday morning at 10:00 o'clock. None of the cases is of any great public interest, and the court is not expected to attract very much attention. Quite a few cases, including several in which the defendants are charged with drunken driving, were appealed from judge's decisions imposed in the recorder's court.

Theft and robbery cases are more numerous this term than at any other time in recent years.

Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville is to preside over the two-week term, making his first appearance here in about five years.

All of the criminal cases have been docketed for trial during the first three days of the term. If the criminal docket is cleared in the allotted time, the court is expected to recess until the following Monday when divorce and civil cases will be called.

Several of the cases were continued from previous terms. The docket lists the following cases:

The case charging O. K. Harrison with abandoning a crop, has been pending in the courts since last June.

Appealed from the county court, the case charging Harold Homer Chauncey with drunken driving was continued since the last September term along with another case in which Irving Riddick is charged with the same offense.

James Willis Lloyd and N. S. Nichols are charged with the robbery of \$12 from the person of John Clay in Williamston last October 7.

Charged with drunken driving, J. Haywood Crisp appealed from the county court and the case was continued last December.

Robert Jasper Rogers, charged with non-support, appealed from the county court and his case was continued last December when time ran out.

Charged with issuing a worthless check, John E. Walker appealed from the county court and his case was continued last December.

Jake David Spruill, charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, appealed from a county court judgment.

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Dr. Erwin Speaks At Robersonville

Principal B. G. Stewart of the Williamston schools announced this morning that the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association had been invited to be the guests of the Robersonville P. T. A. next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Robersonville grammar school when Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will make an address.

Dr. Erwin is a forceful speaker and it is expected that he will bring a message dealing with the complex problems facing teachers and parents in the schools today.

While all members of the local organization are urged to attend the meeting at Robersonville, it was noted that this does not take the place of the March meeting here which is scheduled for Monday night, March 27th.

POTATO SEED

Assistant County Agent J. W. Sumner announced yesterday that he had available a limited quantity of certified potato seed, and asks farmers interested in procuring the No. 1 seed to contact him at once or not later than 10 o'clock Saturday morning of this week.

The seed, meeting all requirements, sell for \$4.50 per bushel, f. o. b., Morehead City.

Purchase Biggs Land Here For County Health Center

Meeting in special session here yesterday morning, the Martin County Board of Commissioners purchased for \$1,000 an acre of the Biggs land on Beech and Harrell Streets for a new Martin County health center.

J. W. Griffith, Greenville architect, was employed subject to approval of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, to prepare the building plans and supervise the construction of the center.

No other business was handled at the meeting, but the commissioners will return next Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock to meet

as a Board of Equalization and Review. Since no real properties were revalued for 1950, it isn't likely that there'll be many appeals from the new listings. However, the commissioners will sit as an equalization board to hear any complaints about assessed values for taxation.

An application for funds to finance the health center is being prepared, and work on the project is expected to get under way shortly. The cost of the building has been reduced from approximately \$50,000 to \$36,000, the county paying \$9,860 in addition to the \$1,000 paid for the site.

CANDIDATE



Howard Gaylord of Jamesville, former school teacher, president of the Martin County Baseball League and personnel director for the North Carolina Pulp Company, this week announced his candidacy for a place on the Martin County Board of Education.

Red Cross First Aid Course Here

W. H. Carstarphen, chairman of the Martin County Red Cross Chapter announces that there will be a First Aid Instructor's Course held in the courthouse in Williamston beginning April 3 and running through April 14. These classes will meet from 7:30 at night until 10:30 five nights a week, Monday through Friday.

Mr. Ellis Fysal, Safety Service Field Representative of the American National Red Cross, will be the instructor for this course. Anyone 20 years of age or older who is interested in taking the instructor's course should contact Mrs. Edna Bondurant, executive secretary of the local Red Cross chapter. This course is free of charge. There has already been approximately 20 people to sign up for the course and it is hoped there will be others. Former first aid instructors in Martin County whose instructor's certificate has expired, are urged to be present on April 3 at the first class meeting to discuss getting their instructor's certificate renewed. They will be able to do this by attending classes one week during this course.

Special Driving Tests In County

Students in the Bear Grass and Robersonville High Schools will have an opportunity next Wednesday to see for themselves how the false impression and sense of security that a driver of a modern automobile gets, can and does, often lead into the danger zone and trouble when the participant in a series of driving tests and witness a special movie entitled "Driving to Kill".

The Farm Bureau insurance companies are bringing to Bear Grass that morning at 10 o'clock and to Robersonville that afternoon at 1:30 special equipment for conducting the tests, it was announced.

Similar tests have been conducted in more than 3,000 high schools throughout the nation in the interest of greater safety on the highways.

NOT A CANDIDATE



After serving more than five years without missing a single session, Paul D. Roberson announced this week that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as solicitor of the Martin County Recorder's Court. The Robersonville attorney said he is retiring at the end of the current term to devote more time to his law practice.

Funeral Service For Mrs. Mercer

Friends from her native and adopted communities and from other towns in the State and Virginia filled the Memorial Baptist Church here yesterday for the funeral of Mrs. W. C. Mercer. The service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Stewart B. Simms, and Rev. Oscar Creech, a former pastor of Ahsokie, and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery here. The high esteem in which Mrs. Mercer was held was manifested in the extensive floral offering.

Among those from out of town paying tribute to her memory at the service were: Mr. and Mrs. Story Cutchins and Mr. and Mrs. William Holland of Franklin, Va., Mrs. Thornton Northcutt of Winton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hughes, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Creech, Mrs. Ruth Curtis, Mrs. May P. Greene, Mrs. Hallie Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin T. Eley, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts Jernigan, Sr., Miss Margie Evans and Mrs. J. P. Nowell of Ahsokie, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sessions, Mrs. T. R. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Montague, Mrs. Duke Spruill, and Mrs. Richard Askew of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beasley, Mrs. Cecil Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Harland White, Mrs. C. E. Wade, Mrs. M. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Smith, Mrs. W. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Callis, and Mrs. Wayland Barnes of Colerain, Mrs. M. S. Crisp of Asheville, Miss Edith Bradley of Greensboro, Mr. C. B. Taylor of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Hassell of Jamesville, Mrs. A. P. Barnhill of Everetts, Mrs. J. K. Coggin of Cary, Mr. Ernest Etheridge of Plymouth, Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick, Miss Peggy Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Carson of Robersonville, Miss Mary Payne, Miss Frances Freeman, Miss Martha Rogers, Mrs. Walter Curry, Miss Dawson Millikin, Mrs. James Rollins, Mrs. J. T. Worthington, Mrs. Walter Hudnell and Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Beasley of Kingston, Mrs. W. H. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mercer, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Mercer, Jr., Mrs. E. B. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Beasley, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fountain, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Mrs. Hugh Eagles, Mrs. Wyley E. Yelverton, Mrs. E. E. Trevathan, Mrs. David Harris and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gay of Fountain, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker of Macesfield, and Mrs. Martin Walston of Pinetops.

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Slightly Injured In Car Accident

Mrs. C. B. Clark, Jr., and little daughter, Katherine, were slightly injured when their car, a Buick sedan, went out of control on slippery pavement between Leggets and Rocky Mount last Monday afternoon. Both were badly bruised and the daughter lost one of her front teeth.

Mrs. Clark, accompanied by her daughter, was driving toward Rocky Mount when the car struck a slippery place on the highway and went out of control. The car did not turn over, but both front wheels were damaged when the car struck an embankment.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

No one was hurt on the highways and streets in this county during the tenth week of the current year, and property damage was held to less than \$400. Yet, the 1950 record is way ahead of the 1949 figures.

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.

| 19th Week | | | |
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| Accidents | Inj'd | Killed | Dam'ge |
| 1950 | 2 | 0 | \$ 375 |
| 1949 | 2 | 2 | 1,520 |
| Comparisons To Date | | | |
| 1950 | 28 | 15 | \$ 6,215 |
| 1949 | 23 | 11 | 0 |
| 1948 | 23 | 11 | 0 |

Firemen Called Out Here On Tuesday Afternoon

No material damage resulted about 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when an oil heater went out of control in the Andrew Roberson home on North Elm Street. Firemen answered a call there and stood by while the surplus oil burned out and the stove cooled.

Thirty-Six Cases Heard In County Court This Week

Collect \$890 In Fines At Regular Session Last Monday Morning

Holding their last session until April 3, Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson handled thirty-six cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday morning and collected fines in the sum of \$890. The county court will remain idle during the next two weeks while the superior tribunal is in session.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of speeding, Thurman Riddick Harrell was required to pay the costs.

The case charging John Ray Gordon with violating the rules of the road was remanded to the justice of peace courts for judgment.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Joe B. Peel was charged with assaulting a female.

Entering no plea, Roy Lee Hyman, charged with an assault, was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, Arthur Lee Taylor was sentenced to the roads for four months.

Charged with violating the school attendance law, Wake Council pleaded not guilty. He was found guilty and drew 30 days on the roads, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of the costs and on condition that he send his children to school.

Pleading guilty of bastardy, Walter Lee Hines was sentenced to the roads for six months, but will not serve the sentence if he pays the court costs and \$3 a week for the support of his child.

James Henry Williams was found not guilty of abandonment and non-support.

Entering a plea of not guilty, King J. Bremmond was found guilty of allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading guilty, Elijah Dixon was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for reckless and careless driving.

Ellis Ray Stokes, pleading not guilty of reckless and careless driving, was sentenced to the roads for four months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$75 fine and costs.

Sam Williams was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of being publicly drunk, Jasper Stokes was taxed with the costs.

Samuel Roosevelt Hardison was required to pay the costs for exceeding the speed limit.

The case charging Frank Brown with violating the liquor laws, was dismissed. Louise Brown, a second defendant in the case, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to Woman's Prison for six months. The prison term was suspended upon the payment of a \$75 fine and costs. The defendant is not to violate any liquor law during the next five years.

George Ellis was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs for being publicly drunk.

The case charging Frank Johnson with violating the liquor laws was continued until April 3, after

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Complete Courses At East Carolina

Three Martin County young people recently completed their courses of study at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, and will be graduated there on May 15. It was announced this week by Dr. J. K. Long, registrar.

Miss Madeline Davenport of Oak City completed her master of arts degree in elementary administration. Miss Louise Hines of Williamston is to receive the bachelor of science and Javan H. Rogers of Bear Grass has earned the bachelor of arts degree.

Of the fifty students completing their work on degrees at the end of the winter quarter there, thirty seven were young men.

Third Political Race Created In Martin County This Week

School Band And Glee Club Enter Greenville Event

Singers Appear Friday and Band Plays at 9:00 On Saturday Morning

The Williamston High School Green Wave Band will appear in the district music contest at Greenville Saturday morning at 9 o'clock while the Glee Club of the school will appear Friday at 2:30 p. m. A brass sextet from the school band will appear at 5:52 Saturday afternoon and at 5:04 will be the twirling contest in which Mary Lou Lee is entered.

Only the senior mixed group of Glee Club is being entered by Mrs. Beecher Patterson, public music instructor of the school, with 32 scheduled to take the trip. They will go over in the morning to hear the solo groups in the contest and will travel in local cars.

The school band will leave at 7:30 Saturday morning on a bus and private cars and all those going on the trip are being asked to carry their own lunches. Arrangements were being made today for a patrol escort for the group, Professor Jack Butler, the band director stated.

Sickness has cut into the plans of both Mrs. Patterson and Director Butler but they expect to present good programs in spite of the handicaps.

The Glee Club will sing two numbers: "Fog" by Christie-Goodell, and "Sing This Blessed Morn," a French carol of the 13th century as arranged by Scholin. There will be no entries from Williamston in the solo groups. Playing Grade 2 music the high

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Shed Apartments Burn Last Night

A fairly large lumber shed, housing two apartments, on the Williamston Lumber Company mill yard was destroyed by fire early last evening along with just about all the earthly possessions of two tenant families. Twelve or more persons were left homeless, the group claiming the clothes they were wearing as just about all their earthly belongings.

Starting from an oil stove in the Fred Smith apartment, the fire was soon out of control and the one-story frame building was about to cave in by the time an alarm was sounded. Firemen, answering the call, could only keep the fire from spreading to a large saw dust pile and one or two nearby buildings.

Navin Howard, occupying with his wife the second apartment in the building, tried to put out the fire and while making the futile attempt he lost the chance to remove his furnishings from the burning building. There are about ten in the Smith family.

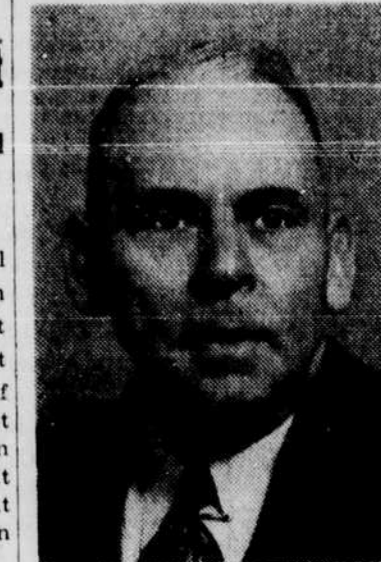
No insurance was carried on either the building which was valued at about \$2,000, or the contents.

UNION

The Albemarle Union Missionary Union, N. C. Churches of Christ (Disciples of Christ) will convene in the Robersonville Christian Church on Wednesday, April 5th. The meeting has been called for 10:30 with the following speakers participating: Dr. D. L. Lindley, President of Atlantic Christian College; Dr. John A. Tate, President International Disciples of Christ and State Secretary of the Virginia Christian Missionary Society.

Fifty-nine churches in eastern Carolina are affiliated with the Union and all the churches are expected to have delegates present at the meeting.

ANNOUNCES



Senator Sam M. Campen, Pamlico County farmer and business man, this week announced his candidacy to succeed himself as State Senator from this, the Second district.

James S. Cowan Dies In Bertie

James S. Cowan, father of Mr. Rupert E. Cowan of Williamston and a representative of the Williamston Peanut Company, died suddenly at his home in Powellsville early yesterday afternoon of a heart attack. He was 56 years old.

Mr. Cowan, a business man and farmer, was well known here where he was closely associated with the peanut market and other interests, including membership in the Skewarkey Masonic Lodge.

Surviving besides his son here are his widow, the former Miss Myrtle Myers; three sons, R. L. and J. A. Cowan of Powellsville, and L. K. Cowan, student at Wingate Junior College; a daughter, Mrs. O. R. Cockrell of Wilson; three brothers, W. S. Cowan of Windsor, A. E. and D. E. Cowan of Ahsokie; five sisters, Mrs. J. M. Stallings of Zebulon, Mrs. George Mizelle of Windsor, Miss Nona Cowan of Raleigh, Mrs. Rose McCarthy of Norfolk and Mrs. Rachel Winborne of Durham.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Powellsville Baptist Church this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Williams, assisted by Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Christian church here. Interment will be in the Ahsokie cemetery.

Howard Gaylord In The Race For Education Board

Sam Campen Announces To Create Contest In Senatorial District

Politics continue to rapidly shape up with the certain possibility that a formidable slate of candidates will be placed before the voters in this county and district in the democratic primary on May 27.

A third contest was developed within the county this week when Howard Gaylord of Jamesville announced his candidacy for a place on the Martin County Board of Education. Gaylord, a former school teacher, president of the Martin County and Albemarle Baseball Leagues, Jamesville P. T. A. president, is personnel director for the North Carolina Pulp Company. Announcing his candidacy this week, Mr. Gaylord said that he would release a statement later.

Education board members are chosen on a county-wide basis, that is, members are not apportioned to districts as is the case with the county commissioners.

Three places will be open at the expiration of the current terms of Board Members Ferd Holliday of Jamesville, Cecil Powell of Robersonville and Ernest Edmondson of Hassell. All three of the incumbents have announced their candidacies to succeed themselves. While their office is not filled by popular vote, it has been customary for the candidates to go before the voters in the primary where the winners are recognized by state legislative authorities.

With a race already assured for county representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, there's still something brewing in connection with an enlarged contest for the position. The incumbent, A. Corey, announced his candidacy a short time ago and Mr. Luther Hardison entered the race last week. No final decision as to their intentions in connection with entering the race for the house has been made either by Robert Cowen, Williamston's mayor, and Jimmy Wallace, Robersonville school man. It is still predicted that one of the two, and possibly both will toss their hats into the ring.

The third race, that for the office of high sheriff in the county, got off to an early start and continues to gain momentum under

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To Draw Members For Grand Jury

With nine members retiring after serving a year, replacements will be drawn for Martin County's "permanent" grand jury next Monday.

The following men are retiring, including Foreman Marion Cobb: W. R. Banks, J. W. Hollowell, Jr., Wm. Hadley, Frank Holliday, D. O. Weaver, Andrew Mobley, N. J. Ellis and Warren Bailey.

The following members, drawn last September, are to serve six more months: Lester Bryant, Lawrence G. Lindsley, J. B. Bailey, Ernest Capps, Ophus Bailey, H. A. Sexton, A. C. Harrison, W. Dewey Hardison and John Leggett.

To Address Farm Life Ruritan Club

District Highway Commissioner Henry G. Shelton and Division Engineer W. L. Spruill of Ahsokie are slated to address the regular monthly meeting of the Farm Life Ruritan Club next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. The highway officials are expected to review the Scott Road Program to date, and outline plans for the future.

The meeting will be held in the Farm Life school lunchroom and the secretary is calling upon all members to be present.

OPENING

A \$2,500-a-year job, plus regular National Guard pay, is open to a young man, inside or outside the local organization, who can maintain equipment for the Guard. The work will be similar to that of a motor sergeant in the army, and requires a certain amount of mechanical training, and is based on a 5-day week, eight hours a day.

Anyone interested in the opening is asked to contact Eibert S. Peel, Jr., or Thad Harrison at the guard headquarters in the old municipal water plant here.

Many Planning To Enter Washington Talent Show

Quite a few Martin County amateurs have signed up for the Washington Kiwanis amateur talent show to be held in the John Small High School, Washington, on March 24 and 25. Others may enter the competition, but they are advised to mail their entries not later than next Monday, advising what features they will offer and which night they prefer to participate in the program. Cash prizes are being offered to the winners each night, it was announced.