

Non-Support Cases Appear On Docket In Great Numbers

Court Imposes Fines In Sum of \$485 In All-Day Session Monday

Accumulated for the most part during the two weeks the superior tribunal was in session and carried over from Monday of last week, forty cases were heard in the Martin County Recorder's Court this week. Fines were imposed in the sum of \$485 and several road sentences were meted out in the all-day session Monday.

Despite the reputedly "good times", more non-support cases are appearing on the court's docket than in any recent period during the past several years. Judge Chas. H. Manning, trying to follow that line of action offering some hope to the deserted families, resorted to different tactics this week when he abandoned suspended sentences and sentenced a non-support defendant to the roads for two years.

A fairly sizable docket is in prospect in the court for next Monday, Clerk L. B. Wynne stating that ten or twelve cases were continued Monday and that several others have been placed on the docket since that time.

Proceedings:
The case charging Elbert Whitehurst with drunkenness and pending in the court since April 3, was not prosed.

Charged with drunken driving back in June, Nazareth Lee was found not guilty.

Charged with non-support, William Ruffin was given a suspended sentence. The case had been pending in the court since July 17.

Foy Rogerson was taxed with the costs for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Pleading not guilty of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, Morris Mobley was adjudged guilty and drew the \$200 mandatory fine, plus costs.

Warren Griffin, adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant is to be of good behavior in the future.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Ernest Saunders with assaulting a female.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Nathaniel Riddick was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs, and the defendant is to remain sober for two years.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost and doctor's bill for the prosecuting witness in the assault with a deadly weapon case against Sylvester Spruill.

Charged with an affray, Jack Bridges, Olivia Perkins and Eugene Bell were found not guilty.

Joe Everett, colored, charged with larceny, was found not guilty.

Henry Ridley pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, and was fined \$50, plus costs.

Maintaining his innocence, Booker T. Mizelle, charged with non-support, was found guilty and sentenced to the roads for six months. The judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$10 a week for the support of his wife and two children during the next two years.

Jack Bridges was found not guilty of assaulting a female with a deadly weapon.

Adjudged guilty over his plea (Continued from page five)

Baptist Association Holds Session Here

MODERATOR



Rev. Stewart B. Simms, pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, was unanimously elected moderator of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association in session at Roanoke Rapids on Tuesday of this week.

Rev. S. B. Simms Named Moderator For Association

Wake Forest President Addresses Five Hundred Delegates

Repairing here following an all-day session in Roanoke Rapids Tuesday, the Roanoke Baptist Association concluded its forty-third annual meeting in the Memorial Baptist Church here yesterday. The event, attended by more than five hundred delegates, attracted prominent leaders from over the State, and was listed among the best in the organization's history.

One of the largest in North Carolina, the Association represents approximately 24,000 Baptists in this section of the State.

Elected by unanimous vote, Rev. Stewart B. Simms, pastor of the host church is the new moderator. He succeeds Rev. John T. Coley who has faithfully served the Association for 21 years. Resolutions of appreciation were read before the meeting, and Rev. Simms presented the retiring moderator a gift on behalf of the association.

Following the opening at 10:00 o'clock, Rev. J. Jeter Johnson read the Scripture and offered the morning prayer. Evangelistic opportunities were briefly discussed in the home by Rev. Wistar Hamilton, in reading by Rev. S. H. Roberts, in prayer meeting by Rev. G. L. Price, in music by Rev. J. F. Arnold, and in church publicity by Rev. C. B. Peacock.

The executive committee submitted its recommendations and announcements were made, followed by a solo, "Today, I Walked with Jesus," by Mr. J. F. Arnold of Enfield.

Rev. Arthur H. Stainback, pastor of the Stony Creek Church, delivered the principal morning address, "Tomorrow We Reap." Using as a basis for his talk, the Scripture, "Going forth in compassion, sowing precious seed," he emphasized compassion and tears, faithfulness, the love of God, and the going forth in instruction as vital attributes for the soul winner.

Following a bountiful picnic lunch served on the grounds at the church annex, Rev. W. D. Williamson opened the afternoon session with Scripture reading and prayer. Half-minute reports were submitted by the churches and special music was rendered by the host church choir.

Making the principal address at the closing session, Dr. Harold W. Tribble, president of Wake Forest College, declared, "We are in a new day of Christian Education." He stated that now the government has taken a big hand in education under Federal support programs, the church related colleges are facing sharp competition. Under the support program more young people will have a chance to receive at least two years of higher education. He urged all Baptists to increase their support of their church colleges.

Speaking of the greater Wake Forest College to be built at Winston-Salem, President Tribble said that the building program is in readiness and that he was convinced that there should be no further delay. Construction on the college is expected to begin by next fall and students and faculty are expected to be able to occupy the school by 1953. Referring to Duke University and (Continued on page five)

Home Damaged by Fire Wednesday

Fire, believed to have started in the kitchen, badly damaged the James Brown home on West Church Street here yesterday afternoon. The fire, one of the most stubborn handled by local volunteer firemen in many months, was brought under control only after most of the roof had burned away and part of the house wrecked.

No official estimate could be had immediately, but the damage will run possibly between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Insurance was carried on the building. Most of the contents were saved, but some furniture, including a new electric refrigerator, was badly damaged. The property was insured.

Fighting the fire the greater part of an hour, firemen said they were handicapped by the type of construction. The burning asphalt shingles, covering the wooden ones, poured out choking smoke, and firemen, entering the building, had to drop to their knees and crawl out. The attic was celled just above the gable windows, and the fire between the ceiling just above the gable windows, and the fire between the ceiling and roof could hardly be reached until openings were cut in the roof.

Seeing the large volume of smoke and failing to hear the first alarm, residents across town phoned in a second alarm, but the mistake was corrected quickly.

When the first alarm sounded, police were busy with a vehicle accident, but they reached the fire in time to pass out tickets to several who parked too near the fire trucks. Another motorist drove over the hose lines and got away before he could be tagged.

Minor Accidents On Streets Here

Farmer Walter Gurganus suffered minor abrasions but no one else was hurt in a series of three minor accidents on local streets this week.

Damage, estimated at \$100, resulted when two vehicles, one driven by Crawford Lane and the other by Joseph Godard of Jamesville, crashed on Washington Street early in the week, local police reported yesterday.

Yesterday shortly before noon, Farmer Gurganus was skinned about the forehead slightly when his pick-up truck and a G. and H. Builders Supply Company truck crashed at the Jamesville and Washington Street intersection. No damage estimate could be had immediately.

Minor damage was done in a third accident yesterday afternoon when a Williamston Office Supply Company car was struck by a Florida car on West Main Street. No one was hurt.

After a hectic period last week, motorists on highways have had no wrecks so far this week.

Sweet Potatoes Are Moving To The Market Here

Fair Crop Reported In This Section; Price Averages About \$1.30 Bushel

The first of the current sweet potato crop started moving to the market this week. Up until this morning approximately 500 bushels had been delivered with the price averaging about \$1.30 per bushel for the green packs.

With a reported increase of five million bushels in the crop this year, opening market prices are proving a bit disappointing. However, it is believed that the market will show more strength later in the season, and that possibly the growers will profit by storing and curing their own potatoes.

Digging is getting under way on a comparatively small scale, but work is expected to approach a climax tomorrow and the early part of next week in this county.

Completing his harvest this week, one county farmer said he produced more than 200 bushels of No. 1 potatoes per acre. It is expected that the crop, despite adverse weather conditions and other unfavorable factors, will average close to 150 to 160 bushels per acre in this section.

Completing a 15,000 bushel storage house just recently, the Martin County Yam Growers Association this week received potatoes from three counties.

Mr. Mayo Hardison, an officer in the association, said that the early deliveries were better packed by the growers than they were a year ago, that the quality appeared to be better.

The new storage house here is equipped with an automatic hot air heating system and is equipped with conveyors.

Registration For General Election

Books will be open on Saturday of this week for the registration of new voters. Elections Board C. D. Carstarphen announced this week. Those persons whose names are already on the county registration books will not find it necessary to register again. Those persons who will have attained their 21st birthday on or before November 7 and those who have moved into the county or moved from one precinct to another will find it necessary to register if they are to qualify themselves for participating in the November 7 general election.

Meeting this week, members of the County Board of Elections made preparations for the November 7 voting. After having faithfully served for many years, Mr. Slade White resigned a short time ago as registrar for Popular Point Precinct on account of his health. Farmer Mayo Hardison was named to succeed him. That was the only change in the registrars, but Republican judges of election will be added to the election personnel, one to each precinct.

The registration books will remain open through the 28th of this month. On November 4 the books will be opened for the challenge of registrations.

Little interest is being shown in the forthcoming battle of the ballots, and it is likely that few names will be added to the registration books.

Special Program Planned In Martin County Schools

The Martin County Ministerial Association, working with the principals of the county, has arranged a schedule for each of the high schools on an alcohol program. The film, "It's the Brain That Counts," will be shown, and Mr. S. K. Procter, Executive Director of the Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program of Raleigh, will be the speaker and he will conduct an open forum following his address. Literature will be given the students. The rules for a contest on the subject will be given at the first meeting. The BHM Regional Library Association will put three books in each high

Justices Of Peace Call Seven Cases In Past Few Days

One Case Sent To The County Recorder's Court For Trial Next Week

Their business gradually breaking out of a late summer and early fall slump, Justice of the Peace Chas. R. Mobley and R. T. Johnson handled seven cases in their courts here during the past few days. Only one of the seven cases was sent to the county court for trial next week. Another case was dismissed when no probable cause of guilt was found.

Justice Mobley handled the following cases:

Drunk and disorderly, Early M. Boston was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Drunk and down, Joe Frank Mabry was taxed with the court costs.

Charged with parking on the highway without lights, Robert L. Pierce was fined \$10, plus costs.

John Price was required to pay the costs in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly.

The following cases were handled by Justice Johnson:

Finding no probable cause of guilt in the case in which Laverne Godard was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon was dismissed.

The case in which Robert Latham was charged with assaulting a female with a deadly weapon, was sent to the county court for trial.

Publicly drunk, Mims Brown was fined \$5 and required to pay the costs.

In addition to the above cases, Justice J. S. Ayers heard a few in which the defendants were charged with violating traffic laws.

Will Open Bids On Projects Tuesday

In a special meeting here next Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock, Williamston's town commissioners and engineers will open bids on a 300,000-gallon water tank and several miles of sewer lines.

It was reported this morning that quite a few contractors were interested in the sewer line project and that at least two bids were expected on the water tank.

Local citizens recently approved a \$200,000 bond issue to finance the projects.

FINED

Three motorists, charged with violating traffic regulations, were fined in Justice J. S. Ayers' court last evening. Each was required to pay \$5, plus court costs.

Elijah Sheppard, Percy Peel and Fenner Respass were charged with parking their cars within a block or too near the fire-fighting equipment when firemen were fighting the fire in James Brown's home on West Church Street yesterday afternoon.

Drivers have been warned against parking their cars too near or following the fire trucks too closely during a fire. Violators can expect citations to the courts.

Expect Thousands Here Next Tuesday And Wednesday For Third Annual Harvest Festival

Radio Studios Ready Here; Date for Opening Pending

WIAM Radio Station studios are ready, but a date for general broadcasts is being delayed pending the delivery of steel for the transmitter tower, Manager Marshall Pack said this morning. "The steel for the tower has been shipped and we are looking for it momentarily," Mr. Pack said, explaining that delivery, while guaranteed, had been delayed.

During the meantime everything is being put in readiness for the construction of the tower immediately upon arrival of the steel. A building for the transmitter equipment is being constructed on the Wilson farm near the river where the tower is to be located.

Manager Pack said that Engineers Steve Hart, Allen and Tom

Breazale, representing the Mason-Dixon Engineering firm of Washington, D. C., had completed the installation of all the broadcasting equipment in the studios, that the station will be ready to go on the air the minute the tower is completed near the river. However, it will be next to impossible to erect the tower and put the station in operation in time for the town's third harvest festival next week.

Mr. S. S. Adcock, licensee of Lillington, was here this week inspecting the properties with Chief Engineer R. L. Easley of the Mason-Dixon firm. He was reported to have been well pleased with the general set-up for the station and anticipates successful operations here.

Doctors - Dentists To Register Here

Doctors and dentists and those in allied categories affected by President Truman's proclamation of October 6 will be registered in the Selective Service Local Board Office located at City Hall, Williamston, N. C. it was announced today by Eugene Rice board chairman.

Required to register are those male persons who have received degrees in a medical, dental or veterinary course of study and who were (1) students in the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) or any similar program administered by the Navy or (2) who was deferred from service during World War II for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction leading to such degrees, and (3) who had less than 21 months of active duty with the armed forces subsequent to completion of such course of instruction.

Those who received such degrees on or before October 16, 1950, are required to register on that date. Those who complete their courses of study after October 16 are required to register within five days after receiving their degrees.

The presidential proclamation affects male persons with the following degrees: Bachelor of Medicine, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Medical Dentistry, Doctor of Veterinary Surgery and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Time Extended To Get Terminal Pay

North Carolina veterans of World War II who neglected to apply for their terminal leave pay before September, 1948 can now do so. The date for applying has been extended to June 30, 1951.

Those eligible are veterans who served under conditions other than dishonorable on or after September 8, 1939 and discharged before September 1, 1946.

Terminal Leave was granted members of the armed forces for unused accumulated furloughs of 2 1/2 days a month with a maximum eligibility of 120 days.

In the case of a deceased veteran, their survivors may apply. Eligible veterans or the survivors may secure the necessary forms and information from Mrs. Edna Bonduant, Executive Secretary, Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Chapter is located on the second floor of the city Hall building.

Concert Association To Meet Here Next Monday

An executive board meeting of the Martin County Concert Community Association will be held at 8 o'clock Monday night at the Womans Club building.

Street Dance And Contest Features For Opening Day

Clown Alley and Big Parade And Governor On Program for Wednesday

Will the weather be fair? Do you have enough convertibles for the Princesses and dignitaries to ride in, in the parade? Are the floats all ready? These and many, many more questions are just part of the myriad details that go into the making of a Festival. At least, that's the way things are running in the office of the Williamston Third Annual Harvest Festival which opens here next Tuesday, October 17 and continues through Wednesday, October 18, 1950.

Al Sweatt, the Managing Director of the Williamston Boosters, has been shaping, polishing and working out every minute detail of the Festival to make sure that the expected crowds will not go home disappointed. The annual affair is rapidly growing into one of the more important festivals held each year in the state. In previous years, Kenneth Royall and Senator Graham have spoken to the masses attending the event and this year, Governor Kert Scott will be in full attendance, along with Congressman Bonner, and others.

Activities will get underway Tuesday morning with a canning and baking contest for residents of Martin County. Tuesday evening there will be a free street dance, with both round and square dancing.

Wednesday at noon, there will be a luncheon given in honor of Gov. Scott with officials of Williamston and Martin County as guests. At 1:00 o'clock, "Clown Alley" will get underway on Main Street and will continue until 2:00 PM when the gigantic parade will start. At approximately 2:45 PM, Governor Scott will deliver his address. The entire proceedings of the parade and the Governor's talk will be carried over Radio Station WRRF, Washington, N. C. for the benefit of those who are unable to attend the Festival parade.

Featured in the parade will be twenty floats and exhibits, the local National Guard unit, Boy and Cub Scouts, Williamston Motorcycle Club, Princesses from surrounding towns, and eight bands including the high school bands of Edenton, Elizabeth City, J. J. Clemmons High School, Roper, Tarboro, Scotland Neck, Washington, Williamston White and Williamston Colored.

The parade will also have the (Continued from page five)

District P.-T. A. Meeting Planned

A meeting or conference of District Nine of the Parents-Teachers Association is to be held in the Perquimans High School in Hertford on Thursday of next week, October 19, and local P.-T. A. officials are urging all members of their association to attend the session if possible. State officers of the P.-T. A. will be in attendance as well as the chairmen of the various state committees.

The theme for the conference is to be, "The Citizen Child: His Destiny, A Free World." Awards are to be made for outstanding accomplishments by local associations as follows: Largest percentage of increase in membership, based on reports sent in; highest percentage of subscriptions to the National Parent-Teacher, based on reports; largest attendance at the conference based on miles traveled; county having the largest representation to this conference.

District Nine includes a dozen counties in this area.