

County Board In Favor Of A Lien And Recovery Act

Problem Is Discussed In Correspondence From New Hanover Board

With welfare costs in this county exceeding \$200,000 annually and the demand for relief increasing fairly rapidly, Martin County's Board of Commissioners in their regular March meeting went on record as favoring the passage in the North Carolina General Assembly a Lien and Recovery Law.

While Martin County is paying out approximately \$60,000 annually for relief, the federal and State governments are adding approximately \$148,000 to the amount. Looking over the February report submitted by the welfare department, \$17,158.92 was spent in this county for relief during the period, including \$1,325.63 for administrative expenses, plus \$46.05 for office expense, \$309.66 for general assistance, \$40.71 for drugs, \$1,222.87 for hospitalization, \$8,577.00 for the 363 old age cases, \$4,877 for the approximately 322 dependent children, and \$760 to the 23 blind persons.

The action was taken in support of the proposed Lien-Recovery Law after considering correspondence received from Addison Hewlett, chairman of the New Hanover Board of County Commissioners, Wilmington. Addressed to Chairman J. H. Edwards of the Martin County Board, the letter reads, in part: "The Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County have for some time been concerned about the ever increasing number of applicants for Old Age Assistance, and the increasing costs of providing assistance for those approved as eligible by the Board of Public Welfare.

"We have also been much concerned about the increased cost of living that is causing grants that were reasonably adequate two years ago to be totally inadequate now. We feel that it is impossible to continue raising the tax rate to provide additional assistance in the face of the increase in Federal taxes made necessary by the defense program.

"We feel that we have reached the point where it is unwise and unfair to add further burdens to the taxpayer, who also is being faced with increased Federal taxes, and is heavily burdened already with the general increase of the cost of living.

"Having reached the saturation point in our taxing problem, what can we, as Commissioners, do in order to continue the necessary functions of Government and, at the same time, provide for the aged, the blind, the disabled and the dependent children, who must look to us to provide them with the necessities of life? Obviously, the answer is not to reduce assistance payments, because they are already too small, so the solution must come from

Alleged Robbers Under \$2000 Bond

Charged with breaking into his grandfather's home and robbing the small iron safe of \$900.00, Leon Rogers was placed under \$2,000 bond at a hearing held before Justice Chas. R. Moberly this week. Randolph Lee, charged with aiding and abetting the crime, was also placed under bond in the sum of \$2,000. Lee, 16 years old, arranged bond.

It was brought out at the hearing that Lee helped push the 17-year-old Rogers boy into the window of Henry Roger's home several miles from here last Sunday night. Realizing that Rogers had fouled the robbery Lee ran away.

Rogers allegedly gave James Earl Rogers \$20 to return him to Williamston where he was arrested within two hours by local officers. Rogers dropped \$600 before breaking away from his grandmother in the Rogers home. Officers recovered \$230 hid under a warehouse here, and the \$20 was recovered from James Earl Rogers, leaving \$50 unaccounted for.

Religious Census Released By Director Here Recently

Announced 95 percent complete, the recent religious census for Williamston and the two communities at West and North End shows there are 1,190 persons affiliated with the several churches in the area.

The membership was divided among the denominations as follows: Williamston Memorial Baptist, 24.5; Christian, 24 percent; Methodist, 19 percent; Episcopal, 12 percent; Holiness, 8 percent; Presbyterian, 7 percent; West End Baptist, 4 percent, and Roman Catholic, one-half of one percent.

Of the 1,434 persons not affiliated with any church in the communities, almost forty percent are under thirteen years of age. Releasing the report, Miss Emilyn Wagner, director of education for the Memorial Baptist

Church and general chairman of the census committee, said that 66.5 percent of the children are attending Sunday School. It was also pointed out that almost 36 percent of the group are members of churches in other areas and in locating here did not move their memberships.

Approximately 400 persons living in the area belong to no church and approximately 86 to 21 percent of that group have neither any denominational nor church preference.

The survey is being followed up by personal contacts, but no recent report on the work has been released.

Representatives of the Mormon Church, stationed here during recent weeks, apparently have gained no converts, and apparently other denominations are without members in the area.

DEFINITE

Monday, March 19, was definitely fixed this week as the date for opening the Martin County Broadcasting Company's radio station, WIAM, in Williamston.

"We are rapidly completing arrangements for the event which will be marked by a program in the school auditorium that day," one of the owners announced.

Detailed plans for the event will be released next week. During the meantime, the personnel list had been about completed and other details handled.

Outlines Rules For Registrants

Selective Service registrants of this county should observe a few simple rules in presenting their cases to the Draft Board. Mr. Eugene Rice, Chairman of the Martin County Draft Board, stated that registrants and interested persons could help the Draft Board and themselves if they will observe the following three suggestions: (1) Present in writing a statement of all facts which they believe will entitle the registrant to deferment. This should be presented at the time the questionnaire is returned. Any subsequent change in status that might warrant reclassification should be reported in writing. (2) File within ten days after the Notice of Classification is mailed, a request for personal appearance before the Board, if desired. Such a request will be granted if filed within ten days, but only one appearance will be granted if filed within ten days after the date of mailing of the Notice of Classification. This applies to the notice mailed after either the original classification or the notice issued after personal appearance before the Board.

Mr. Rice pointed out that observance of these simple rules would give everyone assurance that the local board was fully informed of the facts which might have a bearing upon the registrant's classification. He added that persons who wish to discuss a case with the Board should request an appearance at the proper time and not attempt to discuss it with individual Board Members outside of the Local Board Office. He pointed out that such practice would save time and that the interested parties could then be sure that all of the Board Members had complete knowledge of the facts which they wished to present. He stated that the Members of the Board are doing their best to determine the proper classification of each registrant and that they earnestly request the cooperation of the public.

Hopkins Infant Funeral Held Here Yesterday

Funeral services were conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home here at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon for George Franklin Hopkins, infant son, of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hopkins of Griffiths Township, who died in a local hospital at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Rev. W. B. Harrington conducted the service and burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Funeral Today In Griffiths For Mrs. Geo. P. Roberson

Well-Known Citizen Died In Local Hospital Early Yesterday

Mrs. Jenny L. Perry Roberson, well-known citizen of Griffiths Township, died in a local hospital Wednesday morning at 12:15 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Her condition had been serious for several months, the last two of which she spent in the hospital.

The daughter of Simon and Mary Woolard Perry, she was born in Bear Grass Township 77 years ago on March 5, 1874. Following her marriage to George P. Roberson on November 13, 1899, she had made her home in Griffiths Township. Mr. Roberson died on May 15, 1925.

A devoted mother and a thoughtful neighbor and friend, Mrs. Roberson attended church at Smithwick Creek down through the years. Elder P. E. Getsinger and Rev. W. B. Harrington are conducting the funeral at the home this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the family cemetery, near the home.

Surviving are twelve children: six sons, Slade Roberson of Hopeville, Va., Dewey Roberson of Richmond, Bert Lee Roberson of Jamesville, and Pugh, Irving and Albert Roberson, all of Williamston; six daughters, Mrs. Will Griffin, Mrs. John Lilley, Mrs. Henry Williams, Mrs. Raleigh Lilley and Mrs. Jos. Griffin, all of Williamston, and Mrs. Willie Bryant of Hobgood; three brothers, W. A. and B. F. Perry of Williamston, and Dr. S. B. Perry of Hopewell, Va., a sister, Mrs. Alice H. Garrett of Lenox, Ga.; thirty-seven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Man Jailed For Attacking Wife

Charged with shooting his wife, George Lee Jones, colored man of near Oak City, was ordered held in jail in default of \$300 bond fixed by Justice Chas. R. Moberly at a hearing here last evening. Jones was already under suspended sentence for allegedly attacking his wife last October.

Last Sunday morning, Jones seated himself in the kitchen where his wife was preparing breakfast. She had made a cake and placed it on the table. Jones said he decided to shoot the cake, that his wife got in the line of fire.

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Short Session Of Recorder's Court Held Last Monday

Fines and Forfeitures Total \$200; Few Persons In Court That Day

Thirteen cases were handled in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. The session, lasting hardly an hour, was the shortest held in months. Fines and forfeitures at the session amounted to only \$200, the lowest income the court has reported in a long time. Few persons were in attendance upon the session, and little interest was shown in the proceedings.

The case charging L. M. Nicholson with drunken driving was not pressed.

Chas. Dewey Henderson, Jr., of Raleigh, was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Robert Ivory Purvis with assaulting a female.

Charged with larceny, James E. Mizelle was found not guilty.

The case in which Levy Jones and Ray Moore were charged with violating the liquor laws was dismissed.

Marion David Savin, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was taxed with the court costs.

Pleading guilty of non-support, George Green was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and on further condition that he pay \$12 a week for the support of his three children.

Willie Briley of Robersonville pleaded guilty of speeding and was required to pay the court costs.

LeRoy Robert Reed, pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$100, plus costs. He appealed to the higher court and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Frank Wilson McKearin of Salem, New York, was taxed with the costs for exceeding the speed limit.

\$50 bond, posted by John E. Bussdieker in the case in which he was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was forfeited.

Carlton Wymbs of New Rochelle, New York, was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Lonnie Harrell, pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$50, plus costs.

The Dennis Taylor, in court last week for allegedly violating the liquor laws, was not of near Williamston. The defendant is a Goose Nest man, Mr. Taylor of near Williamston explained. Some had mistaken the identity of the defendant, it was reported.

Williamston Girls On College Dean's List

Grensboro, March 1. — The Dean's List, naming 335 students who made superior academic records during the past semester, has been released by the registrar's office of Woman's College of U. N. C.

Included in the list are the following: Louise Griffin Hill, Irene Taylor, all of Williamston.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

It's time to slow down! Already this year there have been twice as many accidents on Martin County highways and streets than there were in the corresponding period in 1950. To be sure, no one has been killed as yet, but the number of injured is greater and the property loss is really jumping.

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.

9th Week			
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Damage
1951	2	0	\$ 200
1950	0	0	00
Comparisons To Date			
1951	50	12	\$10,115
1950	21	9	2,980

Whit Moore Dies At His Sister's Home In Everetts

Funeral For Retired Farmer And Builder In Everetts Friday Afternoon

Whit Moore, retired farmer and builder, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Neil James, in Everetts at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning after eighteen months of declining health. His condition had been serious following an operation in a Durham hospital last October. While he was able to be up during short intervals, he was virtually an invalid for about five months, and was confined to his home during the past six weeks.

The son of the late Whit and Nancy Cherry Moore, he was born near Williamston 64 years ago on August 11, 1886 and spent all his life in the county. While he lived most of the time near Everetts, he lived for a few years at Jamesville and later at Oak City. During the past several months he had made his home with his sisters, Mrs. Jesse Ward in Robersonville, and Mrs. James in Everetts.

Mr. Moore was first married to Miss Freddie Jordan of Jamesville, one son, Dallas Moore of Wellsville, New York, surviving that union. His second marriage was to Miss Momy Perry of Williamston who died about sixteen years ago. One son, Jesse Moore, of Norfolk, survives that union. A second son born of that union, Pfc. Roland Moore, lost his life in service during World War II. Also surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Neil James of Everetts, Mrs. L. D. Phelps of Washington, Mrs. W. O. Donald of Everetts and Mrs. Jesse Ward of Robersonville; three brothers, Van Moore of New York City, R. L. Moore of Ayden and Cecil Moore of Kinston, and three grandsons.

Mr. Moore spent most of his life on the farm, but he engaged in the building trades for a number of years, working at the North Carolina Pulp Company plant for about two years and more recently in the Oak City area. He was a good neighbor and friend, one who lived at peace with his fellowmen and who stood ready to help others along the way.

He was a member of the Everetts Christian Church for a number of years and the funeral service will be held there Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. Olin Fox of Hassell, assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry and Rev. W. R. Johnson, Methodist minister of Robersonville. Interment will be in the family cemetery at the old home place near Everetts.

Represent County At Wake Forest

Wake Forest—Seven students from Martin County are among the 1946 men and women enrolled at Wake Forest College this year. Two are from Williamston, two each from Jamesville and Robersonville and one from Oak City. The group consists of one freshman, one law student and one special student.

Representing Williamston are William C. Mercer, Jr., son of Dr. William C. Mercer; and Joseph E. Wynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wynn.

From Jamesville are Clifford C. Corey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Corey, and Hugh M. Martin, son of Mrs. R. O. Martin.

Robersonville students are Edwin Darrell Smith, son of Mrs. Oscar P. Smith, and E. Ferrell Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Smith.

Oak City has Russell Manning, son of Mrs. James A. Manning.

Wynn is planning a career in business; Corey in recreation work, Manning in the ministry; Martin in law; Edwin Smith in veterinary medicine. Mercer is taking special work at the college. Corey has been a reserve center on the basketball team for the past two seasons and has earned three varsity monograms.

Edwin Smith is a member of Sigma Pi, social fraternity. Wynn is affiliated with the Christian Service Group.

Jamesville Ruritans Have Solved Attendance Problem

Various civic organizations have their various plans and schemes, but the Jamesville Ruritan Club has a system that has virtually solved the attendance problem.

A little pig was purchased by the club, and when a member is not in attendance upon the meeting or can furnish no doctor's certificate, the pig is delivered to him for board and keep until the next meeting. Should there be no absences at the next monthly meeting, the member keeps right on keeping the pig.

The plan is working so well that an individual keeper cannot be had for the piggy. At the meeting this week, thirty-eight of the forty members of the club were in their seats. One sent a doctor's certificate to merit an excuse, and the other was speaking to another Ruritan club, gaining immunity. So far the animal is eating directly off the club, but individual keepers are expected ere long.

A special trailer is being built and the pig will be delivered to the meeting place each month. When the first member misses a meeting without an acceptable excuse, the pig will be delivered without delay to him for keeping. The club has ruled that there'll be no skimping on the feed, that the animal is to be treated as a special guest.

When the animal has reached maturity he is to be sold, and the income will be turned into the club treasury.

Other clubs in the county have discussed attendance plans, but Jamesville is the first to come forward with the piggy plan.

Brief Review Of Recent Doings In The Legislature

Bill Would Require Employees Of State To File As Lobbyists

Raleigh—A bill that would require State employees or board of commission members "seeking to influence public opinion and or legislation" to register as lobbyists was introduced in the House this week.

Rep. Harry Greene of Hoke, who sponsored the measure, said it was aimed at no one in particular and that no particular incident had caused him to introduce the bill.

"But if any state employee or commission or board member is going to lobby he ought to be required to register just as the paid lobbyists do," Greene said.

The general opinion around the legislative halls was, however, that opposition to the Powell bill by the State Highway Commission, plus literature sent out about division of funds under the bill had been in back of the bill's introduction.

Rep. Burl Hardison of Craven sent in another speed bill. This one called for every person caught speeding at 65 or more miles an hour to be required from then on to equip his car with a governor holding the maximum speed to 55 miles an hour.

The Senate passed a bill prohibiting sale of corn at night, then argued over concurring in house amendments to a bill prohibiting the practice of palmistry, fortune telling, clairvoyance or phrenology.

This bill was a statewide measure as passed by the Senate. The House, however, amended it so that it applied only to 34 counties. The measure had started out as a Halifax county bill only, introduced by Senator Julian Allsbrook.

Allsbrook told the senators to hurry up and do something so that "we can get the gypsies out of Halifax."

The Senate then refused to concur in the House amendments, and named Allsbrook and Senator J. Hampton Price of Rockingham as sponsors.

Red Cross Drive Goes Forward in the Chapter

Preliminary reports received since Tuesday indicate the Red Cross Fund Drive is going forward in the residential areas here and throughout the other four townships. Chairman John H. Edwards said this morning.

INCOME TAX

Deputy Collector E. R. Froneberger will be in his office in the Martin County courthouse on Saturday of this week and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week to assist State income taxpayers prepare their returns.

He will be in his office from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m., and there'll be no charge for his services.

Juries Drawn For Special Term Of Court Next Month

No Judge Has Yet Been Assigned To Two-Week Term In April

Citizens were drawn for jury duty in April by the county commissioners in their regular session this month, the list including 53 persons, male and female, white and colored.

No judge has as yet been assigned to hold the court. Judge Sumner Burgwyn ordinarily is assigned to hold the special terms in this county, and it is likely that he'll be given the job.

Still rated as a special term, the court has been running twice each year for years. Scheduled to last for two weeks, the term opens on April 16. Only civil cases will be handled.

Names of the citizens drawn for jury duty follow, by townships:

For the week beginning Monday, April 16: Jamesville Township: Sherwood Davis and Joe Hooper.

Williams Township: Arthur Simpson.

Bear Grass Township: K. O. Rogers, W. L. Moberly, Delmus Rogers, John M. Leggett and Thurston Wynne.

Williamston Township: Johnnie Peel, Geo. T. Hyman, D. W. Brady, Ben Andrews, Mark Chesson, T. M. Parker, H. L. Daniel and Thurman Perry.

Robersonville Township: Edgar R. Ballard, Wiley Roberson, A. B. Wynne, James A. Roebuck, Rufus Gaynor, H. L. Roberson, and Garland E. Warren.

Goose Nest Township: W. E. Early, Sr., and Roland Sills.

Names of those drawn for duty during the week beginning April 23: Jamesville Township: H. H. Holliday, Ernest C. Hayes and L. W. Ange.

Griffiths Township: Verner H. Hardison and Nannie Margaret Roberson.

Bear Grass Township: Mayo Harrison.

Williamston Township: Charlie Joyner, D. R. Davis, S. A. Perry, J. W. Garris, Stator Griffin, Mrs. A. G. Harrington, Mrs. Frances Bowen Harrell.

Robersonville Township: Charles G. Forbes, H. V. Jenkins, H. L. Bunting, Gaston L. Andrews and L. R. Andrews.

Hamilton Township: W. Herman Everett, Miss Martha Council, Robert House, B. J. Davis.

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To Conduct Farm Tractor School

S. A. Tutin, Jr., Assistant County Agent

J. C. Ferguson, Extension Agricultural Engineering Specialist, will be in the county next Tuesday, March 13th, to conduct two Farm Tractor Maintenance Schools.

One school will be held at Jamesville at 9:00 to 12:00 A. M. Jamesville High School Auditorium. The second school will be held at Robersonville 1:30 to 4:30 P. M.

Mr. Ferguson will cover operator care and daily maintenance of the farm tractor. Some of the topics which will be discussed are: Tractor Fuels and Carburetor Adjustment; Lubricants and Lubrication; oil filters; cooling systems; timing ignition systems; tire care and tractor safety.

Two or three farmer-owned tractors of different makes will be on hand for demonstrating various maintenance operations.

Both tractor owners and operators are urged to attend.

Plans Going Forward For The Bloodmobile

Plans are going forward rapidly for the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here on Friday, March 30, Chairman V. J. Spivey and Wheeler Manning of the recruiting service, said this morning. Many have already volunteered to give a pint of blood, and the response to calls is encouraging in all sections of the chapter where various civic organizations and other leaders are aiding in recruiting volunteer.