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# THE ENTERPRISE

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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Thursday, April 12, 1951

### Hear Twenty-nine School Committees Asking Bids For County's Eighth Annual Stock Thirty-One Civil **Cases In County** This Week Of County Roads Show Under Way Here Today Recorder's Court Elected Alleged Bootleggers And **Howard Gaylord Mileage Largest For This**

**Other Defendants Pay** Fines Totaling \$515

Alleged bootleggers met in what is likely to be the first in a series of conventions in Judge R. T. Johnson's county court last Monday, the crowd of defendants, witnesses and friends overflowing one section of the court room. It was a sad day for more than one alleged violator, several of them grabbing at appeal straws to stay road sentences for a while at least. There was right much pocket digging, too, the clerk reporting fines levied in the amount of \$515.

The court was in session until late afternoon hearing the twenty-nine cases. **Proceedings:** 

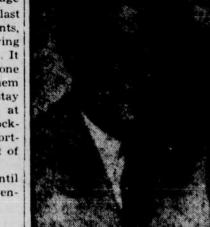
The case in which Kelly Carr was charged with assaulting a female was nol prossed or dismissed.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Lonnie Everett was fined \$25, plus costs.

Sentenced to serve twelve months on the roads for assaulting a female, Walter Barnes appealed to the higher court, and was required to furnish bond in against him, Barnes was found ed and bond in the sum of \$300 was required in that case.

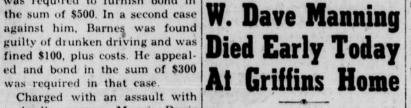
Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Maggie Davis Funeral Friday Afternoon months, the court suspending the road term for two years upon the payment of the costs, a \$25° fine and the prosecuting witness's \$15 doctor's bill.

Charged on two counts with Griffins Township, died at his larceny and receiving, Pate Allen home there this morning at 3:45 Purvis entered a plea of nolo con- o'clock. He had been in declintendre and was sentenced to the ing health for about five years, roads for six months in each case, the court suspending the road the victim of arthritis. His will to probation for two years. The many serious relapses, but years



SPEAKER

a nationally known figure and representative of the State's fourth congressional district, will address the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Willlamston High School auditorium, Friday evening of this week at 5:00 o'clock.



For Well-Known Farmer And Citizen

farmer and prominent citizen of

spending most of that time in bed, terms and placing the defendant live had pulled him through the Farm Life committee.



was present for his first meeting, succeeding F. C. Holliday. Mr.

**Meets with Board** 

Congressman Harold Cooley,



William Dave Manning, retired mittee member list.

Two new members, C. A. Asjoining Elmer Modlin on Jamesville committee.

Bids for the construction of As New Member 22.2 miles of black-top roads in Martin County have been called for, and are to be opened by the State Highway and Public Works Expecting Large Crowds Commission in Raleigh on April For Stock Sale and Bar-The projects embrace the largest mileage on record at any one

County on Record; Open

**Bids On April 24** 

letting in this county. The largest project, taking slightly more than one-third the total mileages, is the surfacing of elected J. C. Manning superinten- the road from Highway 17 at terms. Howard Gaylord, recently Bear Grass to a point near Eveappointed a member of the board, retts. The original project emto Everetts and from Everetts to Gavlord and Messrs Ernest Ed- | Spring Green ,and then from

mondson and Geo. C. Griffin were Gold Point to Hassell, to Oak recently appointed by the legis- City, and from a point on Highlature, Gaylord and Edmondson | way 125 at Conoho Church to the for four-year terms and Griffin River Road or the route from ant farm agent of Beaufort Counfor a two year term. The other Hamilton to Palmyra. Work is ty. They will also judge the hogs, two members of the board, nearing completion on the pro-Messrs. J. D. Woolard, chairman, ject between Everetts and the and Cecil Powell, have two more River Road. The J. S. Hill Conyears to serve before their terms struction Company is slated to expire. All members were pre- complete the grading and drainage work on the other end of the Prices for steers in other shows The superintendent's re-elec- route in time for the pavers.

ion was by unanimous vote, fol- The second project in the proposed letting is 2.4 miles of road hogs ranging about one cent above lowing the nomination by Member Griffin and a second by Mem- from Robersonville to a point the market. west of the town and generally Quite a few changes were made known as the Claude Green Road. in the local committee personnel.

Some of the old committeemen project is the Loop or Poplar ty Farm Bureau will open its resigned, while others were ap- Point Road, leaving Highway 125 program at the high school at 4:30 parently replaced by men who at Nicholson's station and continhad children in school. Only one uing on around and back to High- by Congressman Harold Cooley woman is included in the com- way 125 at the Sherrod Farm near and the annual barbecue. More Hamilton.

A fourth project is centered in for the program at the high kew and Mrs. Wendell Griffin are the town of Hassell. About one- school. the half mile long, the road forms a loop, intersecting the road from B. F. Lilley and Lester Griffin, Gold Point at one place and the mittee, will be accompanied here old members, are welcoming Os- Hassell-Butler Bridge Road at by Congressman Herbert Bonner, Bragg. The group included one car Roberson as a new member of one point.

Another paving project is on Cooley's address will be "Tragic twelve draftees. the road leaving Highway 125, Mistakes and Wise Decisions." In-

becue Tomorrow

morning.

Animals, including fourteen

## Cooley To Speak Test Regional Blood Bank To Farm Bureau In Recent Emergency Here **Friday Afternoon**

The Tidewater Regional Blood after the call was made, and the placed on the calendar for trial Bank, maintained by the Ameri- patient was able to walk out of during the two-week special term can Red Cross, is credited with the hospital a few days later. triumphing over death in an Approximately forty pints of emergency here a few days ago. blood have been used locally includes several sizable damage Entering a local hospital, a pa- since arrangements were made for

tient was wheeled directely to this chapter to participate in the prize steers and more than two the operating room for emergency Red Cross blood bank program. Bern, returning to the county for hundred top hogs, started moving surgery. Two pints of blood held The emergency last week was the early this morning for the open- in readiness were given the pa- first big test and the program ing of Martin County's eighth an- tient immediately and an emer- met it without a hitch.

nual Fat Stock Show here in the gency call was made to the cen- Learning about the emergency dent of schools, all for two-year Corey's Cross Roads through Roanoke Dixie warehouse. All ter in Norfolk. It was too late for and how successfully it was met, the steers were in place by 10.00 a plane to make the trip before V. J. Spivey, one of the recruiters o'clock and the last of the hogs dark, and Virginia's highway pa- for the program, said that it was Cross Roads through Bear Grass are to be on exhibit by 6:00 trol picked up the life-saving worth all the trouble, time and o'clock this evening. The steers blood and delivered it to a mem- expense to know that possibly are being judged this afternoon at ber of the North Carolina patrol some one's life had been saved 1.:30 o'clock by E. R. Barrick, at the border. The additional by it and that the service is avail-State College animal nutritionist, blood was being given the patient able to every person in the Martin assisted by J. R. Franck, assist- in less than an hour and a half County Red Cross Chapter.

### **Fourteen Men Leave** beginning at 8:30 tomorrow Many buyers have been invited For Final Induction injuries. In a counter-suit, the defendant is asking \$271 damages alleged to have resulted to his to attend the sale, beginning at

Seventy-Five Men The third and second longest 1:00 o'clock, and the Martin Coun- Monday, April 23 o'clock, climaxed by an address Only Five Men Being Called

**For Final Induction** On May 22nd

White

Colored

than two thousand are expected Fourteen Martin County men, nine colored and five white, left Congressman Cooley, chairman yesterday morning for final inof the House Agriculture Comduction into the army at Fort The subject of Congressman volunteer, one delinquent and

The original call

**Cases on Calendar In Superior Court** 

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OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTS

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ESTABLISHED 1899

Several Sizable Damage Suits To Be Tried During The Two-Week Term

Thirty-one cases, including eight divorce actions, have been of Martin County Superior Court opening next Monday. The list suits and claims.

Judge Henry A. Grady of New the first time in about twelve years, is to preside over the first week of the term, and Judge W. I. Halstead is to preside the second week No criminal cases will be considered during the term.

Cases on the calendar include the following:

James Cherry is suing Floyd A. Whitfield for \$3,733 damages alleged to have resulted in a mule and cart-automobile accident on Highway 125 between Williamston and Hamilton last August 19. The plaintiff is asking \$25 cart and \$100 mule damages, \$108 medical bill and \$3,500 for personal

Melvin Godard, in his suit against Leslie Godard, is asking \$995.98 alleged due him for goods and services rendered in April and May, 1948.

C. E. Moore is asking \$295.18 alleged due on account in his suit against J. B. Andrews

Claiming he bought a mule supposed to have been free of mortgage and that he fater lost the animal to the owner of the mortgage, Charlie Duggar is suing Joe H. Mizelle to recover \$200.

W. W. Griffin is suing Lindsley Ice Company for \$400 alleged due under a sales contract.

Harrison Oil Company, in its suit against J. D. Harrison, Jr., is asking \$551.95 alleged due on account. W. R. Everett is asking \$2.000

damages alleged to have resulted

when the defendant, William Ev-

erett, started a fire that spread

Claiming that she was entitled

to \$1,000 for caring for Johnnie

Jones during fourteen months

prior to August, 1950, Lucy Bry-

ant is suing the administrator, F.

Dixie Peanut Company is ask-

ing \$365.63 of W. H. Meeks for

damages alleged to have resulted

to the plaintiff's peanuts while be-

ing transported by the defendant.

Jones for \$86.24 alleged due on

Jack Daniels is suing Harry

Simon D. Moore is asking \$301

alleged due under contract. The

defendant, A. T. Whitley, Sr., de-

nies the claim, and in a counter-

suit asks \$80 house rent of the

In the case of J. T. Heath

against Arthur Simpson, the

plaintiff is asking \$252.91 alleged

due under a farm contract. The

In the case of W. L. Hollis

to the plaintiff's timber.

B. Harrell.

account.

plaintiff.



defendant is to pay the costs and \$37.40 for stolen goods. John A. Bennett, a second defendant in the case, was found not guilty. Robert Lee Manning, colored, born in Griffins Township 63 was found not guilty of drunken years ago on January 31, 1888, driving.

Manning Harrington, pleading, life. A good neighbor and thoughtliving and farming there all his guilty of drunken driving, was ful friend, he was a leader in his fined \$100, plus costs and lost his community down through the driver's license for a year. years, holding membership in the

James H. Kennedy, pleading Piney Grove Baptist Church and guilty of operating a motor ve- lending a helping hand to all hicle without a driver's license, worthy causes. was fined \$25 and taxed with the In early manhood he was mar-

costs. ried to Miss Mary Tice who died Buck Godfrey and Henry Dawin 1912. One son, Julius Manning, son Lilley, pleading guilty of vio- of Griffins Township survives lating the liquor laws, were each that union. His second marriage fined \$15, plus costs. was to Miss Arbelle Jones in 1914.

Clarence Swimpson was fined Surviving are, Mrs. Manning, \$25 and taxed with the costs for eight sons, Leslie Manning of Plyoperating a motor vehicle with- mouth, Bobby Manning, Army out a driver's license. Air Corps, stationed in Washing-

Claude Roberson, colored, was ton, D. C.; Dalmar Gray, Ervin, fined \$25 and taxed with the costs Thurman, Darrell, Buck and Jacy for violating the liquor laws. Manning, all of Griffins. Town-Pleading guilty of non-support, ship; four daughters, Mrs. Del-

James Perry was sentenced to the mus Holloman of Raleigh, Mrs. roads for six months, the court John Truett of Sanford, Mrs. suspending the road term upon Mary Lilley of Griffins, and Miss the payment of the costs and \$5 Bettie Idell Manning of the home; a week for the support of his wife. two brothers, Ben. R., and Ste-Pleading guilty, Dave Melton phen, of Griffins, and eight grand-

was fined \$25, plus costs, for op- children. A son, William James Manning, erating a motor vehicle without

was killed in action in Germany a driver's license. on April 11, 1945. Charged with public drunken.

Funeral services will be conness, Geo. Ward was ordered placducted in the Piney Grove church ed in a hospital for treatment. Drunk and disorderly, Alice Spencer was sentenced to serve thirty days in jail.

James E. Felton, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, was fined \$50, plus costs.

Griffins Township. Pleading not guilty, Ocie Mor gan was found guilty of violating

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Hens Lay 'Em Big On Farmer Bennett's Farm

Hens on Farmer Leonard Bennett's farm out in Bear Grass Township don't mess around when it comes to laying eggs. The farmer displayed a whopper here this week. The choice hen fruit, weighing one-quarter of a pound, measured more than six

eight inches the other way.

Bear Grass retains it's old com of suffering had sapped his vitalmittee in its entirety, Kneezer ity and he never rallied from a relapse suffered about a week ago. Jones. The son of the late Jim and The Williamston committee re-Della Daniel Manning, he was

mains unchanged with R. L. Coburn, R. H. Goodmon, C. B. Clark, Sr., Marvin Britton and W. I. Skinner as its members. The Robersonville committee

has three new members, Charlie G. Forbes, Eugene Roterson and Oscar Ayers. Old members are, S. L. Roberson and Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick. Four new members, N. W

Worsley, Henry Early, Sidney Mallory and Clayton House are on the Oak City committee. Elmer R. Edmondson is the old

member of the group. Sub-Committee

Oscar Ayers is the new member with Garland Forbes and Alton Keel on the Everetts committee Hamilton's sub-committee includes, Roy Beach, a new member, and Henry S. Johnson, Jr., and Clayton House.

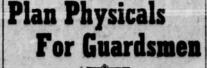
The Hassell committee has all new members: C. B. Burroughs, H. R. Purvis and Elmer R. Edmondson.

J. D. Woolard was re-elected chairman of the county board.



Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock Mrs. Andrew Roebuck, 68, died by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Har- Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock at rington. The body will be carried her home in Robersonville after to the church one hour before several weeks of critical illness. the service. Interment will be in She was the daughter of the late the Tice Community Cemetery in Nancy Holliday and J. A. Britton.

Funeral services will be held from the Robersonville Christian



minister. Burial will be in the Members of the Martin County Robersonville cemetery. National Guard will be given phy-Surviving besides her husband

sical examinations here Sunday, are two sons, Brodice Roebuck of according to unofficial informa- Statesville, N. C., and Roger Roetion released here today. Army buck of Norfolk, Va; two brodoctors will come here to give the thers, Frank Britton of Dardens

tests, it was reported. and Luther Britton of Williams-Several members of the local ton; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie unit, going on active duty last Rawls of Raleigh and Mrs. S. W inches one way and more than week, have already passed their Manning of Williamston; and two physicals, it was pointed out. grandchildren.

near the J. S. Ayers farm, and troductory to the main theme of ty-five men, but was reduced and E. C. Harrison and Chesley running about two miles toward Hassell to connect with the Gold Point-Oak City Road.

> The small gap in the Hassellone-half mile.

**Divorce Cases To Be Tried Monday In Superior Court** 

All Eight Actions Based On **Two-Year Separation** Grounds

Eight divorce cases, all based on two-year separation grounds, have been scheduled for trial next Monday when the Martin County Superior Court opens a two-week Manager of WIAM term for the trial of civil cases only. Judge Henry A. Grady, emergency judge, is slated to preside over the first week of the

second week. In her case against Charles

they were married September 9, 1943, and separated July 31, 1948, that one child was born of the union.

Mary Lou Edwards in her case against Johnnie Edwards says they were married April 22, 1946, and separated January 8, 1949, that one child was born of the union.

In the case of Martha Pye against Lester Pye, the plaintiff Washington firm. He handled all states they were married in Nor-Church Thursday afternoon at 3 folk in 1945 and separated in o'clock by the Rev. J. M. Perry, March, 1946, that a son born of Christian minister, assisted by the the union is in her care and re-Rev. R. E. Ferguson, Methodist ceives no support from the defendant. She is asking permanent WRRF, Washington, for more noon at 4:15 o'clock. custody of the child.

Louise Bowen Lee, suing Ernest Lee for divorce, says they were married July 1, 1936 and separated in April, 1946, that four children were born of the union. One of the children is living with the defendant's father and three are living with her and without

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his address, Mr. Cooley will dis- about two weeks ago. Next month, cuss briefly the Farm Program in five men from the county are to relation to the national emer- report for final induction. On gency, and will substantiate by Monday, April 23, 75 county men Butler's Bridge Road, connecting facts and figures his contention are to report for their pre-induc-Highway 125, is to be paved. The that farm prices are not responsiunpaved portion there is about ble for high food costs, a fact been received as to the number which he has been determinedly of men likely to report for the proving of late through press rel pre-induction tests in May. leases and magazine and farm terday for final induction: The names of those leaving yes

tion Mr. Cooley will explain, in Carl Bradford Gardner, RFD 1, Layman terms, the principal of Williamston. farm parity prices, and through

the medium of official statistics liamston. Robert Joseph Perry, RFD, Wilfrom the U.S. Department of Ag-Winslow Morton Critcher, Wilriculture, will demonstrate that, liamston with a few minor exceptions, the

Harry Otto Jarman, Jr., Wil great majority of agricultural liamston (Continued on page six) Whitfield Evans Mallory, Eve-

retts. **Armstrong Is New** William Frank Bell, Williamston

Clarence Bogie Gainer, RFD 1 Robersonville. Monroe Wilson Spruill, RFD 3 Mr. Rufus Armstrong, known to Williamston.

thousands of radio listeners as Uncle Rufus", has been appointterm, and Judge W. J. Haistead of ed manager of the Martin County South Mills is to preside over the Broadcasting Company's station, Jamesville.

WIAM, here it was announced this morning by the owners, Messrs. Williamston Curtis, Hazel Dorman Curtis says J. H. Gray, Chas. Gray and Henry A. Johnson. He is succeeding Robt. L. Easley who is being recalled by his City.

ening last month.

firm, Mason and Dixon Engineering Company, in Washington, D. C. The owners said they accepted

Mr. Easley's resignation effective today. Mr. Easley is telling his friends here goodbye today and plans to leave late this afternoon to resume his duties with the

ville

ersonville

the engineering for the station here and managed it since its op- damage, estimated at \$150 result-Mr. Armstrong, a native of New about two miles from Jamesville Bern, was with Radio Station on Highway 171 Tuesday after-

than five years, and comes to his R. L. Stallings, started to make new post after nearly three years a left turn into his driveway about with Station WHED in Washing- the time Harry McMullan, Jr., ton. He is a showman of note, Washington attorney, started to handling a number of produc- pass. The car struck the Chevrotions after being on the stage, let truck in the side, according For the present he will commute, to Patrolman M. F. Powers who but he plans to bring Mrs. Arm- made the investigation. Damage strong and their seven-month-old to McMullan's Dodge convertible son here later.

are: Mrs. Martha Ward, Le man Barnhill, K. D. Worrell, David Moore, W. O. Griffin and N. C. Green.

ELECTION

Ballots are being printed

and other arrangements have

been completed for holding

Williamston's third biennial

municipal election next Mon-

The polls will be opened

in the town hall at 6:30

o'clock that morning and re-

main open until 6:30 that eve-

ning. Candidate R. H. Cowen

has been declared the nomi-

neee for mayor, and the pri-

mary will nominate five out

of six candidates for places

on the board of town com-

missioners. The candidates

day.

Stabilization Of **Prices Explained At Meeting Here** 

**Price Charts Must Be Filed** With Raleigh Office By April 30

More than one hundred merchants, most of them hopelessly confused, heard Mrs. Nina Shaw of Raleigh discuss rules and regulations released by the federal Office of Price Stabilization in a meeting held in the couny courthouse here last night. Al-

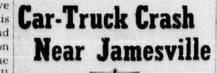
though admittedly confused, sev eral of the business men declared that the system isn't really as complicated at it appeared to be. It was agreed that the system Zeb Rollins, Jr., RFD 2, Robwill take considerable time, but that if the job is earnestly tackled

Columbus Roberson, RFD James Felton Brown, RFD 2, ture,

Sylvester James, RFD 1, James-

Arthur Lee Taylor, RFD 1, Oak

Robersonville.



No one was hurt and property ed, when a car and truck crashed

socks for a quarter, he will have ---to hold to that price even if the wholesale cost goes to 24 cents a

coupe was estimated at \$125.

tiff claims \$517.66 under a farm contract. charts, showing prices as of Feb- D. G. Matthews is asking \$100 ruary 24, 1951, should be in the for property allegedly held by state office at Raleigh not later Grant Spruill illegally. than April 30. She also explain- The case of Mamie C. Campbell William Robert Little, RFD 1, ed that a merchant may elect to against W. A. Campbell and exestay under the general ceiling cutors of the estate of Henry D. price regulation. It was pointed Peel is again on the calendar after

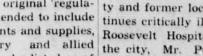
out however, that to stay under having been scheduled for trial the general ceiling price regula- several times previously. In her tion, the merchant will not be al- complaint, the plaintiff says they lowed to advance his sale prices were married May 20, 1933, and even if the prices of new goods allegedly abandoned by the deare increased. In other words, if fendant March 28, 1936. The para merchant elects to stay under ties, it is pointed out, entered into the general ceiling price regula- a contract whereby the defendant tion and he is selling a pair of was to give plaintiff custody of

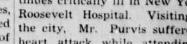
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#### ILL IN NEW YORK

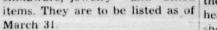
The OPS representative ex-Jule Purvis, native of this counplained that the original regula- ty and former local resident, contion had been amended to include tinues critically ill in New York's musical instruments and supplies, Roosevelt Hospital. Visiting in the city, Mr. Purvis suffered a heart attack while attending, a show in Radio City Monday eve-

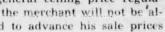
ning. (Continued from page seven)





chinaware, jewelry and allied





defendant, in a counter-claim, asks \$500 for alleged bodily in. juries

there'll be little for most merchants to worry about in the fu- against Dorothy Taylor, the plain-

Mrs. Shaw explained that price