

Hear Twenty-nine Cases In County Recorder's Court

Alleged Bootleggers And Other Defendants Pay Fines Totalling \$815

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 \$815.

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 not proessed 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 the sum of \$500. In a second case against him, Barnes was found guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus costs. He appealed and bond in the sum of \$300 was required in that case.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Maggie Davis was sentenced to jail for four 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 larceny and receiving, Pate Allen Purvis entered a plea of nolo contendere and was sentenced to the roads for six months in each case, the court suspending the road terms and placing the defendant on probation for two years. The 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, was found not guilty of drunken driving.

Manning Harrington, pleading guilty of drunken driving, was fined \$100, plus costs and lost his driver's license for a year.

James H. Kennedy, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Buck Godfrey and Henry Dawson Lilley, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, were each fined \$15, plus costs.

Clarence Swimpson was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Claude Roberson, colored, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for violating the liquor laws.

Pleading guilty of non-support, James Perry was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$5 a week for the support of his wife.

Pleading guilty, Dave Melton was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with public drunkenness, Geo. Ward was ordered placed 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.

Pleading not guilty, Ocie Morgan 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 G-ass 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 inches one way and more than eight inches the other way.

School Committees Elected This Week

SPEAKER



Congressman Harold Cooley, 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 Williams County High School auditorium, Friday evening of this week at 5:00 o'clock.

W. Dave Manning Died Early Today At Griffins Home

Funeral Friday Afternoon For Well-Known Farmer And Citizen

William Dave Manning, retired farmer and prominent citizen of Griffins Township, died at his home there this morning at 3:45 o'clock. He had been in declining health for about five years, spending most of that time in bed, the victim of arthritis. His will to live had pulled him through many serious relapses, but years of suffering had sapped his vitality and he never rallied from a relapse suffered about a week ago.

The son of the late Jim and Della Daniel Manning, he was born in Griffins Township 63 years ago on January 31, 1888, living and farming there all his life. A good neighbor and thoughtful friend, he was a leader in his community down through the years, holding membership in the Piney Grove Baptist Church and lending a helping hand to all worthy causes.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Mary Tice who died in 1912. One son, Julius Manning, of Griffins Township survives that union. His second marriage was to Miss Arabelle Jones in 1914. Surviving are, Mrs. Manning, eight sons, Leslie Manning of Plymouth, Bobby Manning, Army Air Corps, stationed in Washington, D. C.; Dalmar Gray, Ervin, Thurman, Darrell, Buck and Jay Manning, all of Griffins Township; four daughters, Mrs. Delmus Holloman of Raleigh, Mrs. John Truett of Sanford, Mrs. Mary Lilley of Griffins, and Miss Ectie Idell Manning of the home; two brothers, Ben R. and Stephen, of Griffins, and eight grandchildren.

A son, William James Manning, was killed in action in Germany on April 11, 1945.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Piney Grove church Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. The body will be carried to the church one hour before the service. Interment will be in the Tice Community Cemetery in Griffins Township.

Plan Physicals For Guardsmen

Members of the Martin County National Guard will be given physical examinations here Sunday, according to unofficial information released here today. Army doctors will come here to give the tests, it was reported.

Several members of the local unit, going on active duty last week, have already passed their physicals, it was pointed out.

Howard Gaylord Meets with Board As New Member

J. C. Manning Re-elected Superintendent For Two-Year Term

Meeting in special session this week, the Martin County Board of Education named the various local school committees, and re-elected J. C. Manning superintendent of schools, all for two-year terms. Howard Gaylord, recently appointed a member of the board, was present for his first meeting, succeeding F. C. Holliday. Mr. Gaylord and Messrs Ernest Edmondson and Geo. C. Griffin were recently appointed by the legislature, Gaylord and Edmondson for four-year terms and Griffin for a two year term. The other two members of the board, Messrs. J. D. Woolard, chairman, and Cecil Powell, have two more years to serve before their terms expire. All members were present for the meeting.

The superintendent's re-election was by unanimous vote, following the nomination by Member Griffin and a second by Member Gaylord.

Quite a few changes were made in the local committee personnel. Some of the old committees resigned, while others were apparently replaced by men who had children in school. Only one woman is included in the committee member list.

Two new members, C. A. Askew and Mrs. Wendell Griffin are joining Elmer Modlin in the Jamesville committee.

B. F. Lilley and Lester Griffin, old members, are welcoming Oscar Roberson as a new member of the Farm Life committee.

Bear Grass retains it's old committee in its entirety, Kneezey and E. C. Harrison and Chesley Jones.

The Williamston committee remains 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 Roberson 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.

Funeral Thursday For Mrs. Roebuck

Mrs. Andrew Roebuck, 68, died Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock at her home in Robersonville after several weeks of critical illness. She was the daughter of the late Nancy Holliday and J. A. Britton.

Funeral services will be held from the Robersonville Christian Church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian minister, assisted by the Rev. R. E. Ferguson, Methodist minister. Burial will be in the Robersonville cemetery.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Brodric Roebuck of Statesville, N. C., and Roger Roebuck of Norfolk, Va.; two brothers, Frank Britton of Dawdens and Luther Britton of Williamston; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Rawls of Raleigh and Mrs. S. W. Manning of Williamston; and two grandchildren.

Asking Bids For Twenty-two Miles Of County Roads

Mileage Largest For This County on Record: Open Bids On April 24

Bids for the construction of 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 Commission in Raleigh on April 24.

The projects embrace the largest mileage on record at any one letting in this county.

The largest project, taking slightly more than one-third the total mileage, is the surfacing of the road from Highway 17 at Corey's Cross Roads through Bear Grass to a point near Everetts. The original project embraced the route from Corey's Cross Roads through Bear Grass to Everetts and from Everetts to Spring Green, and then from Gold Point to Hassell, to Oak City, and from a point on Highway 125 at Conoho Church to the River Road or the route from Hamilton to Palmyra. Work is nearing completion on the project between Everetts and the River Road. The J. S. Hill Construction Company is slated to complete the grading and drainage work on the other end of the route in time for the pavers.

The second project in the proposed letting is 2.4 miles of road from Robersonville to a point west of the town and generally known as the Claude Green Road.

The third and second longest project is the Loop or Poplar Point Road, leaving Highway 125 at Nicholson's station and continuing on around and back to Highway 125 at the Sherrad Farm near Hamilton.

A fourth project is centered in the town of Hassell. About one-half mile long, the road forms a loop, intersecting the road from Gold Point at one place and the Hassell-Butler Bridge Road at one point.

Another paving project is on the road leaving Highway 125, near the J. S. Ayers farm, and running about two miles toward Hassell to connect with the Gold Point-Oak City Road.

The small gap in the Hassell-Butler's Bridge Road, connecting Highway 125, is to be paved. The unpaved portion there is about one-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 term for the trial of civil cases only. Judge Henry A. Grady, emergency judge, is slated to preside over the first week of the term, and Judge W. J. Halstead of South Mills is to preside over the second week.

In her case against Charles Curtis, Hazel Dorman Curtis says they were married September 9, 1943, and separated July 31, 1949, 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 states they were married in Norfolk in 1945 and separated in March, 1946, that a son born of the union is in her care and receives no support from the defendant. She is asking permanent 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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County's Eighth Annual Stock Show Under Way Here Today

Coolley To Speak To Farm Bureau Friday Afternoon

Expecting Large Crowds For Stock Sale and Barbecue Tomorrow

Animals, including fourteen prize steers and more than two hundred top hogs, started moving early this morning for the opening of Martin County's eighth annual Fat Stock Show here in the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse. All the steers were in place by 10:00 o'clock and the last of the hogs are to be on exhibit by 6:00 o'clock this evening. The steers are being judged this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by E. R. Borrick, State College animal nutritionist, assisted by J. R. Franck, assistant farm agent of Beaufort County. They will also judge the hogs, beginning at 3:30 tomorrow morning.

Many buyers have been invited to attend the sale, beginning at 1:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Prices for steers in other shows have been averaging around forty cents a pound, with the prices for hogs ranging about one cent above the market.

Tomorrow is the big day. All animals will be sold beginning at 1:00 o'clock, and the Martin County Farm Bureau will open its program at the high school at 4:30 o'clock, climaxed by an address by Congressman Harold Cooley and the annual barbecue. More than two thousand are expected for the program at the high school.

Congressman Cooley, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, will be accompanied here by Congressman Herbert Bonner.

The subject of Congressman Cooley's address will be "Tragic Mistakes and Wise Decisions." Introductory to the main theme of his address, Mr. Cooley will discuss briefly the Farm Program in relation to the national emergency, and will substantiate by facts and figures his contention that farm prices are not responsible for high food costs, a fact which he has been determinedly proving of late through press releases and magazine and farm journal articles. In this connection Mr. Cooley will explain, in Layman terms, the principal of farm parity prices, and through the medium of official statistics from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, will demonstrate that, with a few minor exceptions, the great majority of agricultural

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Armstrong Is New Manager of WIAM

Mr. Rufus Armstrong, known to thousands of radio listeners as "Uncle Rufus", has been appointed manager of the Martin County Broadcasting Company's station, WIAM, here it was announced this morning by the owners, Messrs. J. E. Gray, Chas. Gray and Henry A. Johnson.

He is succeeding Robt. L. Easley who is being recalled by his 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 Washington firm. He handled all the engineering for the station here and managed it since its opening last month.

Mr. Armstrong, a native of New Bern, was with Radio Station WRRF, Washington, for more than five years, and comes to his new post after nearly three years with Station WHED in Washington. He is a showman of note, handling a number of productions after being on the stage. For the present he will commute, but he plans to bring Mrs. Armstrong and their seven-month-old son here later.

Car-Truck Crash Near Jamesville

No one was hurt and property damage, estimated at \$150 resulted, when a car and truck crashed about two miles from Jamesville on Highway 171 Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

R. L. Stallings, started to make a left turn into his driveway about the time Harry McMullan, Jr., Washington attorney, started to pass. The car struck the Chevrolet truck in the side, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation. Damage to McMullan's Dodge convertible coupe was estimated at \$125.

Test Regional Blood Bank In Recent Emergency Here

The Tidewater Regional Blood Bank, maintained by the American Red Cross, is credited with triumphing over death in an emergency here a few days ago.

Entering a local hospital, a patient was wheeled directly to the operating room for emergency surgery. Two pints of blood held in readiness were given the patient immediately and an emergency call was made to the center in Norfolk. It was too late for a plane to make the trip before dark, and Virginia's highway patrol picked up the life-saving blood and delivered it to a member of the North Carolina patrol at the border. The additional blood was being given the patient in less than an hour and a half

after the call was made, and the patient was able to walk out of the hospital a few days later. Approximately forty pints of blood have been used locally since arrangements were made for this chapter to participate in the Red Cross blood bank program. The emergency last week was the first big test and the program met it without a hitch.

Learning about the emergency and how successfully it was met, V. J. Spivey, one of the recruiters for the program, said that it was worth all the trouble, time and expense to know that possibly some one's life had been saved by it and that the service is available to every person in the Martin County Red Cross Chapter.

Fourteen Men Leave For Final Induction

Seventy-Five Men To Go For Exams Monday, April 23

Only Five Men Being Called For Final Induction On May 22nd

Fourteen Martin County men, nine colored and five white, left yesterday morning for final induction into the army at Fort Bragg. The group included one volunteer, one delinquent and twelve draftees.

The original call was for twenty-five men, but was reduced about two weeks ago. Next month, five men from the county are to report for final induction on Monday, April 23, 75 county men are to report for their pre-induction tests. No instructions have been received as to the number of men likely to report for the pre-induction tests in May.

The names of those leaving yesterday for final induction:

White
Carl Bradford Gardner, RFD 1, Williamston.
Robert Joseph Perry, RFD, Williamston.

Winslow Morton Critcher, Williamston.
Harry Otto Jarman, Jr., Williamston.
Whitfield Evans Mallory, Everetts.

Colored
William Frank Bell, Williamston.
Clarence Bogie Gainer, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Monroe Wilson Spruill, RFD 3, Williamston.
Zeb Rollins, Jr., RFD 2, Robersonville.

Columbus Roberson, RFD 1, Jamesville.
James Felton Brown, RFD 2, Williamston.
Sylvester James, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Arthur Lee Taylor, RFD 1, Oak City.
William Robert Little, RFD 1, Robersonville.

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 county courthouse here last night. Although admittedly confused, several of the business men declared that the system isn't really as complicated as it appeared to be. It was agreed that the system will take considerable time, but that if the job is earnestly tackled there'll be little for most merchants to worry about in the future.

Mrs. Shaw explained that price charts, showing prices as of February 24, 1951, should be in the state office at Raleigh not later than April 30. She also explained that a merchant may elect to stay under the general ceiling price regulation. It was pointed out, however, that to stay under the general ceiling price regulation, the merchant will not be allowed to advance his sale prices even if the prices of new goods are increased. In other words, if a merchant elects to stay under the general ceiling price regulation and he is selling a pair of socks for a quarter, he will have to hold to that price even if the wholesale cost goes to 24 cents a pair.

The OPS representative explained that the original regulation had been amended to include musical instruments and supplies, chinaware, jewelry and allied items. They are to be listed as of March 31.

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Thirty-One Civil Cases on Calendar In Superior Court

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

Thirty-one cases, including eight divorce actions, have been placed on the calendar for trial during the two-week special term of Martin County Superior Court opening next Monday. The list includes several sizable damage suits and claims.

Judge Henry A. Grady of New Bern, returning to the county for 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 injuries. In a counter-suit, the defendant is asking \$271 damages alleged to have resulted to his car.

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 later 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.

R. E. Everett is asking \$2,000 damages alleged to have resulted when the defendant, William Everett, started a fire that spread to the plaintiff's timber.

Claiming that she was entitled to \$1,000 for caring for Johnnie Jones during fourteen months prior to August, 1950, Lucy Bryant is suing the administrator, F. B. Harrell.

Dixie Peanut Company is asking \$365.63 of W. H. Meeks for damages alleged to have resulted to the plaintiff's peanuts while being transported by the defendant. Jack Daniels is suing Harry Jones for \$86.24 alleged due on account.

Simon D. Moore is asking \$301 alleged due under contract. The defendant, A. T. Whitley, Sr., denies the claim, and in a counter-suit asks \$800 rent of the plaintiff.

In the case of J. T. Heath against Arthur Simpson, the plaintiff is asking \$252.91 alleged due under a farm contract. The defendant, in a counter-suit, asks \$500 for alleged bodily injuries.

In the case of W. L. Hollis against Dorothy Taylor, the plaintiff claims \$517.66 under a farm contract.

D. G. Matthews is asking \$100 for property allegedly held by Grant Spruill illegally.

The case of Mamie C. Campbell against W. A. Campbell and executors of the estate of Henry D. Peel is again on the calendar after having been scheduled for trial several times previously. In her complaint, the plaintiff says they were married May 20, 1933, and allegedly abandoned by the defendant March 23, 1936. The parties, it is pointed out, entered into a contract whereby the defendant was to give plaintiff custody of

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ILL IN NEW YORK

Julie Purvis, native of this county and former local resident, continues critically ill in New York's Roosevelt Hospital. Visiting in the city, Mr. Purvis suffered a heart attack while attending a show in Radio City Monday evening.