

Thirty - Six Cases In The Superior Court

Judge Harris To Open Short Term Of Court Monday

Docket Includes Murder Charge and Several Rape Cases

Thirty-six cases have been placed on the docket for trial and if there's any time left possibly a few civil matters will be heard during the one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court beginning next Monday. Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh is scheduled to return to the county and preside over the term.

Included in the list of cases are ones charging murder in the first degree and rape. One of the defendants in the rape case has married one of the prosecuting witnesses and the status of the cases is not certain.

Liquor law violations, most of them appealed from the county court, and drunken driving charges are fairly numerous.

James Evans is charged with the murder of William Henry Everett, young colored man, in Williamston last May 7. The attack climaxed a poker game in the home of Dave Melton, and the load of gun shot, according to Evans, was intended for Melton.

Percy Peel is booked for assaulting Roosevelt Green with a deadly weapon on April 19.

James W. Barnes is booked for assaulting his wife and drunken driving.

The following are charged with violating the liquor laws: Anna Woolard, Roland Thompson, Matthew Gurganus, John Bonds, Novella Bonds, Robert Glenn Scott, and James E. Whitaker. Whitaker is alleged to have a 200-gallon tank still and 900 gallons of mash in his possession.

Robert Savage is charged with the larceny of a hat, knife and other articles from Alexander Dolberry while Dolberry slept in his car on April 28. Savage is also charged with assaulting Dolberry.

Dallas Johnson faces the court on a non-support charge.

The following are charged with drunken driving: Wm. R. Williams, Jas. W. McQueen, J. Elmore Baker, W. R. Moran, F. B. Whitley, L. L. Whitfield, R. S. Gaither, Clyde R. Edwards, Luther Tyson, Thos. S. Griffin, Roland Savage and M. H. Hollis. Most of the defendants in the drunken driving cases appealed from judgments handed down in the county court, but several called for jury trials, the action automatically placing their cases on the docket in the superior tribunal.

Eugene Straughter alias Eugene Staton is booked for breaking into and allegedly stealing \$17 from the Crystal Grill in Williamston on the night of May 25.

Luther W. Respass stands charged with the larceny of Timmon Coltrain's truck and trailer and a load of lumber in Williamston last February.

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Electrical Storm Hits This Section

An electrical storm, lasting for quite a while, struck this section late last night and early this morning, but as far as it could be learned no damage resulted in the immediate area.

Power service was interrupted for an hour and twenty minutes when trouble developed on the main lines of the Carolina Power and Light Company which were feeding this area at the time. Service was restored just as soon as a switch back was made to the VEP system through Roanoke Rapids, it was learned. Boat traffic was detained on Roanoke River for a short while.

An inch of rain fell at this point, and first reports indicated the rain was fairly general, several farmers declaring they had their first real "season" since starting their crops.

BLACK SHANK

Hesitating to quit the old favorite types, a few Martin County farmers are plowing up black shank tobacco and putting Dixie 101 in its place.

The action was seen on a few farms Tuesday afternoon following the week-end rains. Comparatively few farmers are still planting the old types, and possibly some of them will get by without the disease striking their crops.

Following the recent rains, crops are looking fine in this county.

Funeral on Friday For Wreck Victims

Double funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. (Nan) Manning near Bethel for James Garland Manning, 24, and his brother-in-law, Paul Helwer, 31, who lost their lives in an automobile truck wreck near Robersonville Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. N. W. Grant, Methodist minister, will conduct the service and interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery.

Manning, reared in the Chocowinity section, moved to this county with his family in 1937, his father serving as section master for the Coast Line Railroad at Parmele. Six months ago they located near Bethel.

He served in the United States Navy and Coast Guard during World War II. He had been employed by the State Highway Commission for a number of years and at this time was working at Long Supply Co. in Tarboro. He was a member of Modern Woodmen Camp of Bethel. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Cowen Manning, of Williamston; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. (Nan) Manning of Bethel; a brother, J. F. Manning, Jr., of near Stokes; three sisters, Mrs. Nanny Edwards of Newport News, Va., and Mrs. Curtis Whitehurst of near Stokes; two half-brothers, Joe Eddie Manning of Tarboro, and Ernest T. Manning of California; and a half sister, Mrs. Richard Hill of Chocowinity. Mr. Helwer, a native of Russell, Kansas, had lived in California. He had served in the U. S. Army and U. S. Navy for the past 10 years. He had recently been in the Korean area on the USS Saipan, which returned to Norfolk, Va., last Friday. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Irene Manning Helwer; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Helwer of California; three sisters and a brother, all of California.

Mrs. Jim Roberson of Poplar Point was advised late Tuesday of the deaths by drowning of her two aces, Paula Jean 6, and Nancy, 8, in Lake Waccamaw near Whiteville earlier in the afternoon. They were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Williams of Roper and were visiting at the lake with their mother who almost lost her life trying to save the two girls.

Funeral services for the two victims are being held in Plymouth this afternoon.

Two Local Boys Pass NROTC Test

Bobby Clayton and Gloyd Stewart, 1951 Williamston High School graduates, have been admitted into the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps and are tentatively lined up for four years of schooling, according to reports reaching here this week.

The two local boys entered the freshmen class at Duke University a few days ago and passed the NROTC tests.

Divorce Cases To Be Tried June 21 In Superior Court

Two Minor Civil Actions Are Also On Calendar For Trial Next Week

Although many criminal cases are on the docket, seven divorce actions are being scheduled for trial during the one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court opening here next Monday. Two minor civil cases have also been scheduled for trial on Thursday, June 21, but it is possible that the court will not complete the criminal trials by that time.

Wilhelmina Andrews Banks is suing Jobie Banks, Jr., for divorce. In her complaint she states they were married June 15, 1946, and separated January 3, 1948, and that no children were born of the union.

In his divorce case against Lillie Mae Bennett, Jesse Bennett says they were married December 25, 1938, and separated March 1, 1947. No children were born of the union.

In the divorce case of Mary Barnett Richardson against Thomas G. Richardson, of Norfolk, the plaintiff says they were married January 20, 1939, and separated February 1, 1949. A child, now five years of age, is in the care and custody of the plaintiff, the complaint explains.

Suing Ernestine Reddick for a divorce, Robert J. Reddick says in his complaint that they were married in March, 1943, and separated in March, 1946. One child born of the union is in the care and custody of the plaintiff.

Edna Hudgins is suing James Hudgins for divorce, the plaintiff saying they were married in January, 1947, and separated in May of the same year, and that no children were born of the union.

Eloise Wiggins is suing Benjamin Wiggins for a divorce. She says they were married September 28, 1943, and separated in February, 1948, that the two children born of the union are living with her.

Suing Florence Inez Coffield for a divorce, Alfred Eugene Coffield points out they were married in Tarboro in 1935 and separated March 23, 1949. The older of two children born of the union is in the sole custody of the defendant, and the plaintiff is asking custody of the younger child.

In the case of Mamie G. Griffin and others against Lydia Perry and others, the plaintiff is asking \$100 damages alleged to have resulted when timber was cut from their lands in Griffins Township.

D. M. Roberson and others are suing H. D. Bateman, trustee, to clear up a title to certain property.

Coach Maynard Makes Statement

Before leaving Williamston for Guilford College where he will coach this fall, Stuart Maynard, speaking for his family, said they were going to the new location because it seems like a somewhat better opportunity. "However, we leave all of you with much regret," the former local coach said.

"Words cannot express our appreciation for the support and kindnesses shown us during our stay in Williamston." Speaking to the young people, Coach Maynard extended them best wishes for the future and urged them to cooperate with the advisors and be clean sports. Concluding, he said, "We expect to return for visits and hope some of you will consider attending Guilford College with us." The coach and his family are spending several weeks in Chapel Hill where he is going to school.

Large Crop Of Pork Predicted In County

Judging from a report coming from Farmer John Stalls of near Oak City, Martin County is almost certain to have a bumper pork crop.

There was a litter of sixteen pigs last week and early this week there was another of eight-pen pigs.

Crop Measurements About Sixty Percent Completed

Crop measurements, handled under the Production-Marketing Administration, are about sixty percent completed in this county, according to unofficial but reliable reports received here this morning.

It was said that the work is progressing fairly rapidly with the exception of one or two districts where the reporters are limited in number. There are twenty-two reporters working in the county and the task should be completed within a short time.

No official figures have been released, but quite a few farmers are said to have planted tobacco and peanuts in excess of their allotments. Shortly, those planting in excess will be notified with instructions on how to meet the regulations.

Most of the farmers in the county are planting within their quotas, and it isn't likely that the county, as a whole, will show excess in either its peanut or tobacco acreages. No other crops are under control this year, and measurement checks are limited to peanuts and tobacco.

Minor Accident Saturday Night

Damage, estimated at \$50, resulted when a 1949 Chevrolet truck and a 1941 Chevrolet, crashed at the intersection of Highway 64 and the McCaskey Road in West End last Saturday night. No one was hurt.

Leamon Mayo Lee, driving in to Williamston, started to make a left turn into the McCaskey Road just as Albert Weathersbee, Jr., of RFD 1, Robersonville, was making ready to pass him. No damage was done to the truck, according to Patrolman M. F. Powers who made the investigation.

Young Man Hurt In Road Accident

King Leggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Leggett, was painfully but believed not hurt seriously about midnight last night in a road accident about two and one-half miles from Bear Grass on the Corey's Cross Roads route.

Removed to a local hospital, the young man said this morning he lost control of his pick-up truck in a curve and hardly knew what happened. One report said the truck turned over and was badly damaged. Leggett suffered a bump on his head and said this morning he did not feel well.

Carried into Justice Chas. R. Mobley's court this morning, the man said his name was John Baker and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for public drunkenness.

Vacation School In Hassell Church

The second annual Vacation Bible School by the Hassell Christian Church will begin next Monday afternoon, the 18th and will run through Friday, the 22nd. Beginning each afternoon at 2:30 and closing at 5:00.

There will be classes for all children from 4 to 16. Following are the officers and teachers:

Intermediates: Mrs. Joe Haislip and Mrs. Dennis Briery, Jr. Juniors: Mrs. Dewey Edmondson and Mrs. Alton McLawhorne. Primaries: Mrs. Doc Edmondson and Mrs. Hannibal Purvis. Beginners: Mrs. Bill Ramsey and Miss Janie Haislip. The Principle, Mrs. John House. The Pianist, Mrs. John W. Edwards. Music director, Mrs. Ernest Edmondson.

Warehouse Group Adopting New Operating Regulations

Meeting at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, a few days ago, the Bright Belt Tobacco Warehouse Association adopted new regulations designed to eliminate special concessions or allowances, according to Mr. E. G. Anderson a member of the organization and tobaccoist.

The regulation reads: Warehousemen throughout the Bright Belt shall not make or grant to any customer a rebate in charges, or money allowances, or concessions of any kind, or any discrimination in favor of or against any producer, in any manner whatsoever. No warehousemen shall 1. Pay or bear, directly or indi-

Acheson Was Not "Butchered" At Recent Hearing

Department of State Has Explanation For The "Formosa Paper"

Washington, June 12.—Well, they didn't "butcher" Acheson. In fact, the transcript of the recent hearings indicates the Secretary made monkeys of the gentlemen who for months have been telling reporters they were just "itching" to get at Acheson.

The opening fight was over the "Formosa Paper." During the preliminary outbursts one might imagine if it were made public it would blow the roof off. Acheson told the committee he didn't think it would be wise to make it public.

That whetted the appetites of the opposition. Taft-Republicans and Byrd-Democrats united in "demanding" that the paper be given to the world. Now we all know what is in it. Here is the story:

A few years ago Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was rushing pell mell out of China. Our State Department feared his army would disintegrate so rapidly that the Chinese "Reds" would capture Formosa before Uncle Sam could intervene.

This would be a slap in the face for our side. So our State Department sent a "directive" to our representatives in various parts of the world, saying in substance:

"If Chiang loses Formosa, take the position the island is not a part of our fundamental strategy and really does not amount to much." In other words, we were telling our spokesmen abroad to keep a stiff upper lip when talking with representatives of foreign nations.

Chiang got to Formosa, and before the Chinese "Reds" could pursue him, we succeeded in throwing a large part of the American fleet between the island and the mainland. That made it impossible for the Chinese "Reds" to continue the chase and of course, it made the "directive" of no importance—the situation the "directive" was intended to explain never developed!

In some way the Chinese Lobby got news of this "directive" and twisted it some so to make it appear that Acheson had solemnly declared we were not interested in the future of Formosa. They sold that story to most of the Republican and Dixiecrat members of the committee.

That's why, for months, you have been reading in your daily paper about the "Formosa Paper," which the State Department did not wish to reveal.

Naturally, the Department did not wish all the world to know that, when it finds itself in a corner, it sometimes resorts to the language of diplomacy and calmly minimizes what may be a serious situation.

How about the great army Chiang is supposed to have in Formosa? Acheson answered there was no evidence Chiang had enough troops to fight anywhere.

Acheson disposed of the talk that we have reached a "stalemate" in Korea. That's a good word because most people can't spell it and have never looked in the dictionary to get the exact meaning.

We haven't reached a "stalemate," Acheson explained. We went into this war because the Northern Koreans, encouraged by the Chinese "Reds" and the Russians, rushed south of the 38th Parallel and began murdering the Southern Koreans. We went in, determined to drive them back of the 38th parallel and to give them such a licking they would agree not to cause any more trouble.

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Injured In Logging Accident Yesterday

Bill Cullipher, Williamston man, suffered a leg injury in a logging accident in Poplar Point Township yesterday afternoon. A limb flew around and hit him, it was reported.

Treated in a local hospital, he plans to return to his home this afternoon.

Two Killed In Auto Accident In County

COMMENCEMENT

The commencement of the Vacation Bible School will be held Friday night at eight o'clock at the Grammar School auditorium. We will open the program with the opening we have used every day in Bible School. Each department will also present some of the things they have learned in Bible School. The departments are under the direction of the following: Beginner, Mrs. Buck Saunders; Primary, Miss Emily Wagner; Junior, Mr. Roddie Everett and Intermediate, Mrs. Don Skinner.—Reported

Garland Manning And Paul Welmer Accident Victims

Old Model Car Crashes Into Big Freight Truck On Highway 64

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According to Patrolman Parker, the Manning car, a 1941 Chevrolet, was apparently speeding eastward around a curve, and the driver could not get it back on his side of the road. Everett, explaining he was running about 45 miles an hour, said that to miss a head-on collision with the car he swerved his machine sharply to the left and that the Chevrolet plowed into the side. The rear wheel of the tractor-truck were torn loose. The engine of the car was thrown fifty feet or more from the chassis and the body was mangled into accordion shape.

Welmer, according to Coroner Biggs, was badly mangled. Manning was able to speak a few words after the crash, but died before aid could reach him.

Completing their investigation, members of the Highway Patrol and Coroner W. W. Biggs said no inquest was considered necessary. It was also learned that no charges against the operator of the truck were being considered.

The wreck was described as being among if not the worst in this county in recent years.

Traffic on the road was stopped for almost a mile while four patrolmen and Robersonville officers cleared away the wreckage.

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Cars Damaged In Saturday Wreck

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