

26 Schools In County To Open Next Week

Negro Schools To Open Tuesday and White September 5

Approximately 8,000 Pupils Expected To Attend The Coming Term

Martin County's twenty-six schools—nine white and seventeen colored—are opening the 1951-52 term next week, the colored schools on Tuesday, September 4, and the white schools on September 5.

It is expected that right at 8,000 children—3,650 white and 4,200 colored—will attend the twenty-six schools during the coming term.

All teachers are under contract and plans for opening the term are just about complete.

Colored teachers are to report to their respective schools Tuesday morning, September 4, for conferences with the principals. The children are to report at 1:30 o'clock that afternoon when they will be registered and given instructions. The schools will open at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, September 5, and recess for the day at 1:00 o'clock. The colored teachers will hold a county-wide meeting in Williamston at the colored high school on Saturday, September 8, beginning at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

Preparatory to opening the white schools on Wednesday, September 5, at 1:30 o'clock, all white teachers in the county are being asked to attend an introductory meeting next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock in the Williamston High School.

Next Tuesday, the white teachers will hold a conference at 9:30 in the Williamston High School, followed by a luncheon in the grammar school lunchroom at 1:00 o'clock. Edmund Harding, noted humorist, will address the luncheon group.

The teachers will meet in their respective schools with the principals next Wednesday morning, September 5, at 9:00 o'clock. The white children are to report to school at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for registration, instructions and explanation of fees. Next Thursday, there'll be only a half-day session, beginning at 8:30 a. m. and ending at 1:00 o'clock p. m., followed by a full-day schedule on Friday, September 7. No lunches will be served the children until Friday, September 7.

Buses, serving the colored schools, will be delivered to the drivers Monday morning. That afternoon buses will be delivered to drivers serving the schools at Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass and Oak City. Buses for the Williamston, Robersonville, Hassell, Hamilton and Everetts schools will be delivered to the drivers next Tuesday.

Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, have been set aside for Thanksgiving holidays. The schools will close for Christmas at noon December 21 and reopen January 2. Easter Monday, April 14, 1952, will be observed as a holiday. All other week days, weather permitting, are to be devoted to hard work until closing time next May.

One colored school, Cross Roads, being consolidated, leaving only 17 colored schools in the county compared with thirty-four a few years ago.

Navy Recruiter Is Now Located In Washington

Chief, A. E. Cahoon, Navy Recruiting Officer for this area has announced that he will be at the Post Office in Washington, N. C., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week for the purpose of interviewing and enlisting qualified applicants in the U. S. Navy, this includes women also.

He further states that the 31st of August is the deadline for men who have passed their physical for the the Selective Service to be enlisted in the Navy, and he urges all men in this category who wish to enlist, contact him at the Post Office in Washington no later than today.

MEETINGS

The Martin County Board of Commissioners will meet as usual next Monday, Labor Day and first Monday, to handle routine business. No special matters are on the agenda for consideration at this time. Clerk to the Board J. Sam Getsinger said today. Williamston's town commissioners will not hold their regular meeting until next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock. Clerk Marion Cobb announced, adding that important business is to be discussed. The county court will sit as usual next Monday.

Rev. N. J. Ward Transferring To New Bern Church

Is Being Succeeded Locally By The Rev. E. W. Downing Of New Bern

Following a successful four-year pastorate here, the Rev. N. J. Ward of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, is being transferred to the New Bern Church, it was announced this week by the North Carolina Conference. He is being succeeded here by the Rev. E. W. Downing who has just completed five years as pastor of the New Bern church. The ministers will occupy their new pulpits Sunday and are to move next week.

During Mr. Ward's stay here, the church has enjoyed a marked and steady growth, and his work has been valuable both in the church and the community. The membership roll was more than doubled during the four years to 126, and a new \$30,000 physical plant stands as a monument to his untiring efforts and vision.

The minister has cooperated splendidly with the other ministers here and in the county, and worked for the best of the community and all its people. "It has been a great pleasure and indeed a privilege to have lived in Williamston these past four years," Mr. Ward said as he made ready to report to his new assignment. "You have the finest group of ministers in Williamston and the county I ever had the privilege of working with," the minister added. He is leaving the blessings of not only his people but also with those of in all other denominations and walks of life. He has lived by true example in addition to his teachings as a minister.

He and Mrs. Ward and two sons are moving next week, but it is possible that one of the boys, Royace, will try to remain and complete his high school education here.

The Rev. Mr. Downing, a native of Rocky Mount, has also been a builder, and he is turning over a new brick church to Mr. Ward. He has been in the ministry for nearly a quarter of a century and went to the New Bern church from Wilmington. He is a former railroad man but went into the ministry following an accident in which he lost several fingers from his right hand. He enters upon his new duties here highly recommended as a churchman and leader.

He will move his wife and young son here next week with the expectation of possibly being joined later by two other sons who are no wren route to Korea.

Local Boy Transferred To Florida Air Base

Completing his basic at Goodfellow Air Base, San Angelo, Texas, Aviation Cadet Chas. B. Siceloff, local boy, was recently transferred to Bartow Air Base in Florida where he is entering pilot training.

The young man says he likes it all right there, but added the discipline is "rugged." He'll get used to that, he explained. His address is, A/C Chas. B. Siceloff, Jr., Student Detachment, Class 52-F, Bartow Air Base, Bartow, Fla.

Refuses Alleged Wife Killer Bond At Hearing Here

James Henry Williams Will Face Murder Charge In Court September 17

Finding probable cause of guilt at a preliminary hearing held before more than 150 persons in the courthouse last night, Justice Chas. R. Mobley bound James Henry Williams, alias "Slick" Williams, over to the superior court for trial in the case in which he is charged with the fatal stabbing of his wife, Hattie Mae Williams, early in the morning of August 26. Denied bond, Williams, the third man in the county jail now awaiting trial for first degree murder, will be tried during the week of September 17.

While there is some doubt if a first degree charge can be sustained, Williams, pleading not guilty, was last night definitely connected with the tragedy by a surprise witness, Marie Griffin, a neighbor occupying a house next to the Williams family. The witness said she heard the two fussing after they went into the house, that she cut off her radio and went to her children's room, raised the shade and saw the Williams woman in the second room from the kitchen. According to the witness, it looked as if the victim was walking toward the front of the house, and while she did not know just what happened she saw the husband reach after the victim who fell through the door and to the floor. The witness then said she saw the husband bending over his wife and working his arm. She said she heard him call his wife several times. The witness declared she had never seen the man when he was intoxicated, but did not know whether he had been drinking that night.

Officer Arthur Perry, answering a call to the home at 117 White Street between 12:15 and 12:30 o'clock last Sunday morning, said he was told over the telephone that there had been a cutting there. He went to the home and walked into the second room where he found the lifeless body of Hattie Mae Williams lying on the floor in a pool of blood. The husband, according to the officer, tried to push his way into the room but was turned back, offering no answer when asked who did it. The children were brought into the house to see their mother, the officer said, but he advised them to turn back. The husband's clothes were bloody all over the front and there was blood on his face and hands, the officer said.

Officer Willie Modlin, the next witness, said he accompanied Officers Perry and Wilson Wiggins to the home, that he saw Williams sitting on a studio couch in the living room in a relaxed position, his clothes all bloody. Williams made no statement. The room where the body was found had been disturbed very little, but there was blood on the floor in an adjoining room toward the kitchen. He said that Minnie Eubanks, a neighbor occupying the other side of the duplex, gave him the death weapon, a paring knife, explaining that Williams had given it to her.

Coroner W. W. Biggs testified that there was about a three-quarter-inch cut in the left side of the victim's neck, that she was dead when he reached there.

Minnie Eubanks, the third witness, said she and the victim were sitting on the Eubanks porch when Williams came up about 12:15 o'clock, that his wife called to him and he answered and then spoke to her. The wife followed the husband into the house and when they reached the kitchen she heard them start fussing all at once. The wife and children were hollering and she heard the victim say, "Don't cut me." The fussing continued until they reached the third room where the victim hollered a last time. The witness said the children continued to holler, and a short time later she heard Williams calling his wife's name. "When he received no answer, he called me," the witness said, adding that she went there and was asked to call a doctor. According to the witness, she asked Williams what he had done

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Tobacco Market Observing Labor Day as Holiday Here

Williamston's tobacco market is pushing on toward the two million-pound mark with the expectation that it will just about reach that figure by late tomorrow. There'll be a holiday for the tobacco markets throughout the belt on Labor Day, next Monday.

While prices continue to hold about the same, offerings of "unwanted" lugs in fairly large quantities are holding the general average down. But tips are in favor, observers declaring that they are selling higher this season than in many years.

"Last year the companies apparently wanted light tobacco," an observer declared yesterday. "There was not so much of that

type," he added. Then the observer explained that tips were not wanted and there were right many of those last season. "This year we have light tobacco in quantity and comparatively few heavy tips," he said, adding that the demand had shifted with the price trailing along.

Tuesday, the market here sold 141,542 pounds for an average right at \$50 per hundred. Yesterday, the sales climbed to 249,048 with the average just about holding its own. So far this season, the market here has sold 1,374,496 pounds for \$683,604 or an average of \$49.73.

Sales are much larger today, and still heavier sales are expected tomorrow and all next week.

Law Cannot Bring Cordial Relations Among The Races

Relations In County Now At Par With Expectancy, Speaker Says

That the petition, signed by twenty-one Martin County Negroes and presented to the board of education demanding that segregation in the schools be abolished, is without support of recognized leaders, is further evidenced by an address over Radio Station WIAM last Sunday.

W. T. Alexander, retired school teacher, made the following talk at that time:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Radio Audience, it is my opinion that when measured by the common standard of other social groups, the race relationship in Martin County is favorably at par with normal expectancy. The story of organized society shows that minority groups are seldom satisfied at their plight. I am a member of the minority group in Martin County. As such, I am extended a few social courtesies that are not to be enjoyed by some of my less fortunate group members. Yet, I am not satisfied with my plight. My group, although enjoying a social set-up far superior to the hundreds of other minority groups we read about, yet we are not satisfied. Now, when individuals or groups become dissatisfied at the conditions of things in their social set-up, it is incumbent upon them to let it be known. And the most direct way to let it be known is to say it in words to the social unit. But it follows that manner and method of letting it be known is an important factor, and is in itself an art. To illustrate this statement I make a slight digression from my subject. Of three outstanding characters in American Negro world, one was a radical and an apostle of drastic demands. The policies he advocated, went down in ignominious defeat at Atlanta. On the other hand, the other two made not drastic demands upon society, but they got what they wanted. And it was the diplomacy of Washington at Tuskegee, the strategy and suavity of Shephard

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Terribly Burned Early This Week

Little Miss Ruth Lila Lamb, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Lamb, was terribly burned from her waist to her feet in a freakish accident at her home at West End late last Monday. Reports from a local hospital where she was carried for treatment stated today that she was getting along as well as could be expected.

Playing with Priscilla Daigle, she was wearing her sister's long dress in the back yard. The two built a small fire in a hole in the ground and the dress caught fire. She ran screaming to the house where her mother met her and tore most of the burning clothing away. Cpl. R. H. Chadwick, living nearby, rushed there and smothered the remainder of the fire with a blanket and carried her to the hospital where the burns ranged from first to the third degree.

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Twenty-One Cases In Martin County Recorder's Court

Court Will Be Held As Usual On Labor Day Next Monday

Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled twenty-one cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, but they had to work until 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon before clearing the docket set for the day. Fines were imposed in the sum of \$310, but payment of a \$100 fine was thwarted when the defendant appealed to the higher courts.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of reckless driving, Isaac G. Whitley was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The road sentence was suspended on the further condition that he voluntarily surrender his driver's license for six months.

Mrs. O. G. Bowen, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, the defendant was sentenced to jail for ninety days, suspended upon the payment of the cost and good behavior for two years.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which James M. Carr was charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a car.

Verline Alston was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Albert Williams was fined \$10, plus cost, for assaulting a female. The prosecuting witness failed to appear last week when the case was scheduled for trial and she was fined \$10 for contempt of court.

The case charging George Bryant with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was not pressed.

Robert Martin was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs for violating the liquor laws.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Andrew Spruill was adjudged guilty and Luke Thomas Knight pleaded guilty. Each was directed to pay one-half the costs.

Pleading not guilty of an assault, Edwin Davenport was adjudged guilty of simple assault and was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant is to remain of good behavior for twelve months.

Zeb Brown was fined \$20 and taxed with the costs for violating the liquor laws.

Adjudged guilty of forcible trespass, Ben Biggs was sentenced to the roads for six months. The court suspended the road term upon the condition that the defendant pay a \$100 fine and court costs and remain away from the premises of Virginia Hunter for two years. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Charged with bastardy, William Odum pleaded guilty and drew six months on the roads. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and \$5 a week for the support of his child.

Oliver L. Anderson was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Lenvert L. Little was fined \$10, plus costs, for speeding.

Andrew Harrison, pleading not guilty of violating the liquor laws, was adjudged guilty and was fined \$15, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, William Stokes was fined \$50, plus costs.

Charged with speeding, Comer Day Parker pleaded guilty and was taxed with the costs.

Kelly Myrick, charged with being drunk and disorderly and an assault, was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs. He is to violate no criminal law for two years.

The case in which Jas Oscar Wiggins was charged with non-support, was not pressed.

LeRoy Leggett was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Having failed to comply with a judgment handed down in the court in June of last year, Jesse

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Official Says Patrol Radio Remains Here

LIMITED HOLIDAY

While quite a few places of business, including the tobacco market, will close there'll be no general holiday here next Monday, Labor Day. Stores and offices will be open for business as usual and industry will continue operations, it is understood.

The post office, banks and federal and state offices will be closed along with a few other establishments.

Officers Recover Lifesavings For Two Aged People

George Evans, 50, Held For Theft of \$1,160 From Wiggins Family

James and Alice Wiggins, aged couple of near Hamilton, were last night openly rejoicing the recovery of their lifesavings stolen from them last Tuesday afternoon. And happiness was reflected in their smiles today when they came here to bank the savings.

Denying themselves and even foregoing many of the necessities of life, the aged couple down through the years had put aside \$1,160 in cash, mostly bills of small denominations and a lone silver dollar. They had made a bag from an old apron, placed the money in it, sewed it up and into the mattress.

Some time ago they took in a boarder, George Evans, who worked at a saw mill. When the mill moved, Evans, originally from Halifax County, volunteered to help prepare tobacco for market Tuesday afternoon the trio was grading tobacco on the back porch, and Evans asked permission to turn on the radio in the couple's bedroom. While in the room he removed the money from the sack, hiding the cash in a crack over the door. He then went into a nearby cornfield. When the radio volume increased, the aged wife went to cut it down and saw the bed had been tampered with. She called her husband and they went for Bill Hollis. He with two colored men went to the home and found and held Evans.

Officer Wiley Craft of Oak City and Deputy Sheriff R. R. Rawls were called and part of the money bag was found on Evans' person. He was jailed that afternoon, but denied taking the money. At a hearing before Justice J. S. Ayers last night Evans broke down, admitted the theft and showed the officers where the money was hidden.

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"Spills" Fourteen Pints Of Blood

(Robersonville Weekly Herald) Ill from having too much blood, Mr. J. C. Martin, local builder and contractor, received a very favorable report from his physician, Dr. John G. Smith in Rocky Mount this week.

The letter from the physician to Mr. Martin is as follows: "Your blood counts show up better this time than ever before, by a far margin. Accordingly I am having you return Tuesday, September 11th, three weeks from your previous visit."

Fourteen pints of blood has been drawn from Mr. Martin since May 3rd.

Everetts Boy Graduated From Tank Leader School

Fort Knox, Ky. — Pvt. Whitfield E. Mallory, 21, son of Mrs. Bessie Mallory, Box 112, Everetts, N. C., is one of the recent graduates of the Tank Leader Course at the Armored School here.

The course includes both classroom and field instruction in control of the individual tank and of small tank units.

Pvt. Mallory entered the service in April of this year.

Two Garages Will Be Maintained In Patrol Division

Reports That Patrol Would Close Station Here Are Denied

Reports maintaining that the North Carolina State Highway Patrol planned to close its garage here and move it along with the radio station to Greenville were denied by Colonel L. C. Rosser, commissioner Department of Motor Vehicles, Highway Patrol, during a conference held in Governor Scott's office with local representatives last Tuesday morning. The patrol official declared the highway patrol radio station here and all its personnel would be retained intact, that only a repeater station would be maintained in Greenville.

Colonel Rosser did say that two garages would be maintained in this patrol division, one here and one in Greenville. The new garage in Greenville is to handle major jobs such as overhauling engines, while the garage here will handle minor repairs, it was explained.

"We have never planned to move the radio station from Williamston," the official said, "and you can be assured that the station will be maintained as one of the major units in the system," he added.

Some time ago money was appropriated for the construction of Troop Headquarters in several sections of the State, in cluding a proposed \$75,000 building in Greenville. According to reports coming from Greenville, the radio station here was to be transferred there with the exception of the radio transmitter. Broadcasts, so the reports maintained, would originate in Greenville and the station here was to be handled by remote control or by special leased wire, leaving only one maintenance man at this point.

When the rumors were first heard a year or more ago, local people were assured that no plans had been made or were being made to move the garage or the broadcasting station. Everything remained quiet for some time, and last June the rumors were heard and on the very day that a letter was received from a highway patrol official, assuring the people that the garage would not be moved, an investigation showed that everything had been moved to Greenville, even to the fixtures and the smallest wrenches. A few days later, one man was returned to the garage here.

Colonel Rosser, during the conference, told how long troop headquarters had been maintained in Greenville and how considerate the people there had been to the patrol. The colonel apparently overlooked the fact that officials in this county have been very considerate and cooperative with the patrol, leasing it all the land it needed and providing free office space. Because the headquarters had been located in Greenville all these years and even though it is not the center of the district, somebody proposed to spend \$75,000 more in Greenville while the properties here were allowed to deteriorate.

While the patrol proposes to spend \$75,000 on a new headquarters building in Greenville, it is believed that half that amount could be spent on renovating and enlarging the present plant here and give the patrol adequate headquarters.

A contract for the Greenville building is to be let early in September. Plans for the structure and some other details could not be learned immediately.

Expecting To Go To European Area Soon

Spending a few days in the county with relatives, Pvts. Henry Roberson, Carl Johnson, Jesse Gray Lilley and Russell Roberson of Camp Pickett, Va., are expecting to go to Germany in early October. They are returning to their stations tomorrow.