

Superior Court In Final Session Of Term On Tuesday

Quite A Few Cases Were Continued For Trial At November Term

With a hectic week of criminal proceedings behind it, the two-week term of Martin County Superior Court was brought to a hurried close at 6:40 o'clock Tuesday evening after only a few cases had been cleared from the calendar and many had been continued. Most of the continued cases were scheduled for trial during the two-week term to convene the third Monday in November.

Proceedings not previously reported:

In the case of Robt. Wilson against C. L. Nelson in which a farm contract is involved, Clarence Griffin was named referee to hear the facts and report his findings to the court.

Estelle C. Frazier was granted a divorce from John Frazier. The divorce, the eighth granted during the week, was based on two-year separation grounds.

The Critcher Lumber Company was given a judgment in the sum of \$376.29 in its case against Cunningham Machinery Company.

W. R. Everett, in his case against Wm. Everett, was allowed \$250 damages resulting when the defendant started a woods fire allegedly in a careless manner.

The case of the Williamston Lumber Company against Raymond Williams was settled by agreement, the plaintiff to be allowed to cut timber to line set out in complaint.

The case of Susie White Nelson against Robert B. Nelson was scheduled to be heard in Wilson next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

H. G. Horton was appointed referee in the case of Griffin and others against Perry and others.

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Cases Accumulate In County Court

Idle while the superior tribunal was in session during two weeks, the Martin County Recorder's Court will face a crowded docket at its regular session next Monday.

Clerk L. B. Wynne said yesterday afternoon that fifty-one cases are already on the docket and that possibly others will be added by the week-end.

There are nine drunken driving cases, most of them bouncing back from the superior court last week. Fourteen defendants are charged with speeding, five for assaults, five for operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, four for liquor law violations, and two each for resisting arrest, and careless-reckless driving, and one each for hit-and-run driving, temporary larceny, drunkenness, trespassing, receiving stolen goods, non-support, driving while license was revoked, and allowing unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle.

Lester Whitfield Funeral Today

Funeral services are being conducted at the home near Robersonville this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Lester L. Whitfield, Martin County farmer, who died suddenly of a heart attack suffered in a Durham hospital last Tuesday morning. The Rev. J. M. Perry will conduct the service and burial will follow in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements, delayed at first, were completed late yesterday when it was learned that a son, Seaman Bobby Whitfield, could not return home immediately from his station in Korea. The young man is expected home within the next few days, however.

Mr. Whitfield had been in the hospital only a short time, and few realized his condition was so serious until he suffered the fatal attack.

School Bus Damaged In Main Street Accident Here



After thirteen children were injured, seven of them badly and one critically, in an accident on West Main Street here last Thursday afternoon, the old 1941 school bus ended its last run at the highway underpass. All of the youthful victims injured when the bus sideswiped a

concrete pillar supporting the railroad bridge, have been discharged from the hospital except one and he is reported to be recovering. The bus is being sold and is being replaced by a newer one.

Note Upward Trend In Legal Liquor Sales

MEETINGS

Little new business is on their schedule, and the Martin County Commissioners are anticipating a quiet peaceful meeting next Monday. They are to draw jurors for the special term of superior court convening in November, but that'll take only a short time. Williamston's town commissioners have very little on their calendar, but a session lasting two hours or longer nearly always can be expected.

Seven And A Half Million Pounds Of Tobacco Sold Here

Market Is Gradually Working Its Way Out Of Record Block

Including today's sales, the Williamston tobacco market during the 27 selling days of the current season has sold right at seven and one-half million pounds, according to an unofficial report gained today. The price average for the season today stands at \$51.25.

Prices, ranging fifty cents or more per hundred pound since the early part of the month, continued to hold to a high figure this week, the market reporting its third highest sale of the year yesterday when 293,640 pounds were sold for \$163,065, an average of \$55.53.

An individual record was reported yesterday when a farmer sold an entire row of tobacco with the price ranging from seventy to ninety cents for all of it. Observers said it was the best sale of the season.

Quality is said to be figuring prominently in the price average, individual farmers being a bit hesitant to say that prices have advanced very much, grade for grade considered.

Up until September 27, last year, the market here had sold 6,593,566 pounds of the 1950 crop for \$3,772,469. The pounds this year, not including those today, are greater by 616,206 pounds, but money received this year for the greater poundage is about \$82,658 less than the amount received for the 6,593,566 pounds sold up to September 27.

The market is gradually pulling out of a record block that has gripped it since the latter part of 1950, and the second quarter sales

Total Of \$5,861,826 Spent For Whiskey Since July 1, 1951

Second Quarter Sales \$10,000 Greater Than Those Listed A Year Ago

Legal liquor sales after hitting an eight-year low during the second quarter of last year, have started bouncing up again in this county, according to an official audit just recently released by the Martin County ABC Board. The sales in the three months ended last June 30 were approximately \$10,000 greater than those for the corresponding period in 1950, but were about \$67,000.00 less than the record high of \$157,394.76 recorded for the second quarter in 1947.

During the second quarter of this year, the four legal stores in this county reported gross sales in the amount of \$91,023.90 as compared with \$81,448.30 reported for the corresponding period in 1950. Profits last quarter amounted to \$18,363.13, a sum slightly more than \$3,000 greater than the total for the corresponding quarter in 1950.

The audit shows that the ABC Board had a gross profit of \$24,112.27 on its \$91,023.90 sales in last April, May and June. Operating expenses amounted to \$5,775.86, including \$3,850.85 direct expenses and \$1,925.01 administrative and general expenses.

At the end of June, the board had assets in the amount of \$61,665.40, including \$8,938.32 in cash, \$50,795.93 in inventories, \$2,065.85 in fixed and \$765.30 in other assets.

Liabilities listed included, \$15,662.52 in accounts payable, \$18,800.95 due county and towns, \$15,201.93 for law enforcement, and \$12,000 surplus.

The profits pie was cut as follows: State of North Carolina, \$7,730.75; Martin County, \$7,176.85; reserve law enforcement, \$1,063.24; town of Williamston, \$1,393.41; town of Robersonville, \$394.76; town of Oak City, \$143.80; town of Jamesville, \$148.63; town of Hamilton, \$123.08; town of Parmele, \$97.34; town of Everetts, \$58.61; and town of Hassell, \$32.65.

The first quarter sales this year were about \$10,000 greater than those for the first quarter in 1950, and the second quarter sales

Lonnie Williams Died Yesterday In Virginia Hospital

Underwent Major Operation There Two Weeks Ago Last Tuesday

Lonnie W. Williams, retired farmer, died in a Richmond hospital at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after a two-week illness. Taken ill suddenly on September 6, he was moved from his home near Jamesville that day to a local hospital and was immediately transferred to Richmond where he underwent an operation the night of September 7. His condition was considered very satisfactory until last Saturday when he suffered a relapse and little hope for his recovery was entertained since that time.

The son of the late Phillip and Martha Coltrain Williams, he was born in Griffins Township 65 years ago on April 11, 1886, and spent his early life there. Following his marriage in 1914 to Miss Ada Gardner, he made his home in Williams Township, living

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County School Enrollment

Despite an anticipated over-all increase, school enrollment at the beginning of the current term tumbled quite a bit from the figure established a year ago, according to a report just released by the office of the superintendent of schools.

The nine white schools, although several reported an increase in high school enrollment figures and one showed an increase in elementary counts, lost 98 pupils. The seventeen colored schools had 3,918 pupils or 243 less than the 1950 figure.

In 1948-49 there were in the white schools, 3,283 pupils enrolled, 2,559 elementary and 724 high school. In 1949-50, there were 3,459 in the white schools, 2,692 in elementary and 767 in high school. This year, the elementary grades lost 115 pupils while the high schools gained 17 pupils.

It is believed that many pupils were held at home to help handle farm chores, that the final figures will gradually climb above those of last year.

The following figures show the enrollment in the white and colored schools—elementary and high—for last year and this year.

	1950-51			1951-52		
	Ele	HS	Total	Ele	HS	Total
White Schools						
Jamesville	354	133	487	344	109	453
Farm Life	126	66	192	114	58	172
Bear Grass	254	96	350	240	100	340
Williamston	837	233	1070	806	252	1058
Robersonville	477	211	688	447	234	681
Oak City	217	126	343	205	129	334
Hamilton	172	172	344	163	163	326
Hassel	56	56	112	46	46	92
Everetts	182	182	364	195	195	390
	2675	865	3540	2560	882	3442
Negro Schools						
Williamston	826	221	1047	745	232	977
Parmele	238	265	503	262	234	496
Biggs	132	132	264	135	135	270
Rogers	134	134	268	135	135	270
Williams	107	107	214	118	118	236
Burroughs	71	71	142	78	78	156
Robersonville	433	433	866	419	419	838
Everetts	252	252	504	222	222	444
Gold Point	138	138	276	126	126	252
Oak City	315	315	630	294	294	588
Hamilton	227	227	454	227	227	454
Salsbury	183	183	366	182	182	364
Whitfield	139	139	278	135	135	270
White Oak	89	89	178	86	86	172
Jamesville	152	152	304	143	143	286
Dardens	128	128	256	113	113	226
Smithwick	62	62	124	52	52	104
Total	3675	486	4161	3452	466	3918
Grand Total	6325	1351	7676	6012	1348	7360

Thirteen Report To Army Center For First Tests

October Draft Calls Have Been Increased, Board Reported Today

Thirteen Martin County young men reported to the army center at Fort Bragg Tuesday for pre-induction examinations. No report on the tests has been received, but the group has returned. Those making the trip were:

White
Joseph Malick Manning, RFD 1, Williamston.
Jack Smith, Jr., Oak City.
William Gilbert Long, RFD 1, Williamston.
Raymond Stanley Fleming, RFD 1, Robersonville.
George Marvin Roebuck, RFD 1, Oak City.
Albert Weathersbee, Jr., RFD 1, Robersonville.
Benjamin Franklin Moore, RFD 3, Williamston.
John Andres Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston.
George Tilmon Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston.

Colored
Benjamin Franklin Purvis, Williamston.
James Norman Davis, RFD 1, Oak City.
James Earl Bryant, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Edmond Horace Whitley, RFD 1, Williamston.
Connor Praise Lee, white of RFD 1, Hobgood, was transferred to Silver Springs, Maryland.

The call was the first to be answered for pre-induction tests by Martin County men since April 23.

October draft calls, materially increased in size over previous ones, have been received by the local board. Ten men are to report for final induction on the eighth, and twenty-five men are to report on the 29th for pre-induction tests.

Luther Davenport Died At Oak City Early Wednesday

Funeral Service Is Being Conducted There This Afternoon

Luther Davenport, well-known Oak City man, died at his home there early Wednesday morning following a long period of declining health. He had received hospital treatment at intervals during the past year or more, and his condition was critical for several months.

The son of the late Frank and Mary Carolina Leary Davenport he was born in Washington County 70 years ago and spent his early life there. Locating in Oak City more than thirty years ago, he engaged in the timber and lumber business and carried on farming operation for a long number of years, retiring on account of declining health.

Possessed of a jovial character and a helpful friend, Mr. Davenport figured prominently in the affairs of his adopted community for many years, serving on the local school committee for a number of terms and handling other civic duties from time to time.

Surviving are three sons, Norman Earl Davenport of Oak City, William Luther Davenport of Raleigh, and Otis Linwood Davenport of Cleveland, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. W. T. Brown, Mrs. Fred Barrett and Miss Madeline Davenport, all of Oak City; a step-son, Rudolph Whitley, of Clinton and a brother, Tom Davenport, of Tarboro.

Funeral services are being conducted at 3:30 p.m. today.

Several Stores To Have Holiday Here Next Week

Several stores, including those of Margolis Brothers, Zemon's Ready-To-Wear and Leder Brothers, will be closed here next Monday in observance of the Jewish religious event, Leder Brothers will also observe next Tuesday as a holiday, it was announced.

Plans Being Altered On Highway Project

WHITE CANES

Beginning next Monday, Williamston Lions will advance the organization's annual White Cane sale as a part of a nation-wide program to aid the blind. The club here has maintained a valuable and active service in behalf of the blind, and the success of the program depends to a fairly large extent on the response the White Cane sale receives next week. The drive is to continue through Saturday of next week, and it is hoped that the people here and throughout the county will lend a liberal and willing support.

Recommend Few Changes In Farm Program For 1952

Farmers Express Themselves At Series of Meetings Held In County

For the most part, the nation's farm program was given almost unanimous endorsement by farmers and business men in this county at a series of mobilization meetings held recently in every one of the several communities. After the meetings were held, the individual reports were tabulated and the mobilization committee recorded the results.

No recommendations were offered for most of the farm agencies. The farmers were just about unanimous in calling for an increase in penalties on excess tobacco plantings. They pointed out that the present penalty is insufficient to prevent excess marketing and could result in a breakdown of the present tobacco program.

Consideration was given the small farm group, the individuals recommending that when an increase is needed in any crop special consideration should be given allotments held by small-scale farmers.

The farmers called for separate quotas for Virginia and oil-type peanuts. It was pointed out that demand for the Virginia type is greater than for the other varieties.

It was also recommended that when acreage increases are asked for in commercial vegetable production, there should be a support price set up. "The farmer should not be asked to increase production without some guarantee as the prices for the increase," the report pointed out.

While the meetings went on record as retaining all phases of the soil conservation program it is now constituted, the farmers recommended that more financial aid be extended to promote large drainage projects, especially in creeks used as outlets for canals. It was explained that farmers find it too much of a burden on land immediately involved to finance the improvements.

The groups favored some type of special loan to promote a livestock program. It was explained that at present there is no adequate source of funds available at reasonable interest rates and over a long enough period of time to finance stock purchases.

The groups also went on record as favoring an increase in the limit on farm-ownership loans, explaining that the present limit is not sufficient to carry out farm ownership in this county.

Farmer Painfully Hurt In Fall Last Tuesday

C. C. Coltrain, well-known farmer of the Farm Life community, was painfully hurt in a fall early Tuesday morning. He was milking a cow and fell when he got his foot caught in a box. He suffered a broken thumb and a fracture of one rib. After receiving medical attention, he returned to his home.

Three More Road Paving Projects Reported Pending

Unofficial Reports Indicate 64 Route Will Not Be Altered Greatly

Unofficial reports heard here this week indicate that the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission has considered or is considering altering its original plans for improving and relocating part of U. S. Highway 64 between here and the Washington County line.

It was announced some weeks ago that the commission was appropriating approximately one million dollars, including federal aid funds, for making the road into a standard route. Officials were quoted as saying that bridges across Sweet Water and Gardner's Creek would be replaced and that approximately five miles of the road would be located, that the present 16-foot concrete strip would be widened to twenty-two feet.

According to unofficial but reliable information reaching here this week, the commission is planning to add only four feet to the present road width, leave the two creek bridges untouched and possibly relocate considerably less of the route than was first considered.

Two surveys have been made on parts of the route, according to farmers whose lands are involved along the route. It is fairly certain that the "S" curves just beyond Sweet Water Creek will be eliminated, after a fashion at least. The next curve at the L. J. Hardison farm will be left untouched except for widening a bit.

No report could be had from the commission immediately, and it could not be learned if a movement is under way to cut back the appropriation for the 64 route so that more money could be switched to some other route.

During the meantime, three more short paving projects in the county road system are being considered for immediate attention. Just now the paving contractors are completing small projects in the Hamilton-Oak City area. Weather permitting and if there are no other obstacles, the pavers will start next week laying an eighteen-foot strip of blacktop on the McCaskey Road from a point near the Roberson Slaughter House to connect with Highway 125 not far from Abbott's mill. The road is to have a two-inch base with a second course of an inch thickness as a sealer. The route is 3.1 miles long.

A second project certain to get immediate attention is the paving of the Big Mill road from a point near Conway's tourist court to the Holly Springs-Farm Life road, a distance of 2.2 miles.

The third project is the road running from the J. Eason Lilley store, via the J. Dawson Lilley estate, to a point in the Holly Springs-Farm Life road, a distance of 2.2 miles.

These two roads are to be sixteen feet wide and are to be covered in a single operation, according to information gained this week.

Gas Theft Leads To Car Recovery

Driving away without offering to pay for \$3 worth of gasoline at the Central Service Station here about 3:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, Donald Jackson, 23, Clinton Moore, 16, and a 16-year-old friend, all of Portsmouth, were arrested a short time later in Washington where they were booked for the theft of a 1950 Chevrolet from a Portsmouth garage late Monday night.

Relatives of the youths came here and paid the gas bill, and the youths were turned over to federal officers and returned to Virginia.