

Clear Few Cases From The Docket In Superior Court

**Court Will Take Recess To-
morrow for Thanksgiving
Holidays**

Seven divorces were granted and one or two other cases were cleared from the calendar in the first day of a special two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court Monday. Starting promptly, the court with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn on the bench, ran six divorces through the separation mill without delay. A settlement was reached by agreement in another case, and today the court is completing the trial of still another started yesterday.

Proceedings:
The following divorce cases, all based on two-year-separation grounds, were handled:

Edna Hudgins from James Hudgins, Helen Gurganus from Clifton Gurganus, Gladys Weaver from R. H. Weaver, Eloise Brown from Randolph Brown, Smith Edward Dolberry from Euse Dolberry, S. L. Blount from Vivian Blount, Sarah Brown Edmonds from Robert Louis Brown.

In the case of Cudahay Packing Company against the Roberson Packing Company, an agreement was reached. The plaintiff is to recover \$8,687.36 with interest at six percent from January 1, 1951, and judgment is not to issue before November 15, 1952, if \$3,687.36, plus \$521.24 interest, is paid by January 15, 1952.

The court started hearing the case of Fred Greer against D. M. Roberson et al yesterday afternoon and expects to complete the trial sometime today.

Judge Burgwyn announced that the court would observe Thanksgiving and a recess is on the schedule for tomorrow. The trial of cases is to be resumed next Monday.

The following jurors were excused for the term on account of illness: Arnold Roberson, B. A. (Continued from page one)

Potato Markets Closed In Area

Reporting the smallest deliveries in a number of years, sweet potato markets in this section suspended operations last weekend. No official reports could be had, but it is estimated the market here handled in excess of 25,000 bushels of potatoes direct from the farm at harvest time.

The short crop is expected to make a good market for cured potatoes when they start moving later in the season. However, most farmers in this section marketed their potatoes immediately.

A report on sweet potato production as released by the Departments of Agriculture, follows: Sweet potato prospects as of November 1 showed some improvement from indications a month earlier. The current estimate of 3,800,000 bushels is 44 percent less than the 1950 crop production of 6,785,000 bushels and about 47 percent below the 1940-49 average production.

The estimated yield per acre of 95 bushels is 20 bushels per acre less than the 1950 yield of 115 bushels per acre and 12 bushels less than the 1940-49 average yield.

Starting Time For The First Community Concert

The starting time for the first in the series of community concerts is 8:00 o'clock. Last year, the starting time was 8:30. The first in the three concert series is scheduled this evening at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

LATE EDITION

The next edition of The Enterprise will not appear until Friday, or a day later than the regular publication schedule. The office along with all other business establishments, offices and factories will close all day Thursday for Thanksgiving.

There'll be no city or rural mail deliveries Thursday.

Santa To Make Visit Here Wednesday, November 28

Santa Claus has just about completed arrangements for making his annual visit to Williamston. It was announced today. Upon the invitation of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., the merry old gentleman will make his appearance here promptly at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, November 28, the event to officially mark the opening of the Christmas season. Al Sweatt, managing director of the Boosters, explained.

The town is making ready for Santa, and all the little tots for miles around are asked to get busy with their letter writing to Santa. Time is short, for he'll be here a week from tomorrow.

Holiday lights, planned on a different and more elaborate pattern, are going up this week under the direction of the street department and joint sponsorship of the town and the Boosters. Evergreen roping, delayed last year, has already been received for the decorations this year, and the lights are to be turned on during Santa's visit on Wednesday afternoon of next week. More stars are to be added to the decoration scheme, and the strands of lights will be doubled across the streets, it was explained.

Mr. Sweatt is advising the little folks to list their return addresses on their letters to Santa with the assurance that each letter will be answered. Letters delivered to Santa in person need no stamps, but they must carry postage if placed in the mails.

CALL FOR TOYS

As a part of their program to extend cheer into the less fortunate home in this community, the Jaycees are asking all local people to drag out their used toys that are still serviceable and place them on their porches Sunday afternoon. In past years, the response to the call for used toys has been encouraging, and the Jaycees sincerely hope the people of the town will cooperate in the same manner and spirit this year.

The collection will be made next Sunday afternoon between the hours of 12:00 o'clock, noon, and 5:00 o'clock.

Asks Support For Annual Seal Sale

By John W. Williams, M. D.
Martin County Health Officer

This is the time of year when the different organizations ask the public for donations to carry on their work. Everyone of them deserves our wholehearted support, but as health officer for the county I believe there is one that deserves our special attention, namely, the Tuberculosis Seal Sale. This organization took upon itself to guarantee the expenses of a county wide survey which was held in 1948 when the county was covered with snow and handicapped the work tremendously. But never the less we learned from this survey that tuberculosis is a big health menace and problem for Martin County.

The "Tuberculosis" Committee made it possible for us to X-ray all these cases as well as the food handlers and the school teachers. In this way we have been able to catch the early cases and outline treatments. In other words there is nothing that can justify a generous donation to services for the whole welfare of this county than our liberal purchases of seal sales.

A second and most important county-wide mass chest x-ray survey will begin the latter part of January and the first of February and we want a chest picture of every person in this county over the age of fifteen years. It will be worth it to the county and especially worth it to every citizen in it.

Sneak Thief In Baptist Church

During the worship service Sunday evening, a common thief sneaked into the cloak room of the Baptist church here and stole several dollars from pocketbooks belonging to members of the choir.

A member, seeing the man's shadow through a glass door, investigated and the thief told him that he was looking for a book left in the church the previous Sunday. That was about 8:00 o'clock and the member thought nothing of the stranger's visit who listed his name as Edward Graham. When the service was concluded, the choir members missed their money and the theft was reported to police.

The intruder was a white man in his thirties and was about five feet and ten inches in height. No trace of the man could be found.

Fernander Scott Died Friday In Tarboro Hospital

Funeral Service Held Near
Oak City Saturday
Afternoon

Fernander Steve Scott, well-known farmer of the Oak City community, died in a Tarboro hospital last Friday morning at 10:20 o'clock. He had been in declining health for more than six months, suffering with high blood pressure, a heart condition and complications. He was in a Durham hospital for six weeks last summer and entered the Tarboro hospital about three weeks ago.

A son of the late John Henry and Emily Elizabeth Scott, he was born 59 years ago on November 12, 1892, in Gold Point community, where he lived and farmed until he moved some years ago to the Oak City section.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Lucy Scott, and was a member of the Christian church in Hassell for a number of years.

Surviving are his widow; four sons, Jesse, Virgil, J. D. and Sylvester Scott, all of the Oak City area; four daughters, Mrs. Irene Strickland of Greenville, Misses Ethel, Magalene and Barbara Ann Scott of the home; two grandchildren; one brother, Burt Scott of Dardens; and a sister, Mrs. Emma Page, of Plymouth.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of his son, Jesse, near Oak City last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. A. E. Purvis. Interment was in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Bridge Group To Meet In Columbia

Created to work for the construction of highway bridges across the Alligator River and Croatan Sound on U. S. Route 64, the Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association will hold its first annual meeting in Columbia next Wednesday, it was announced by W. S. White, president, of Mann's Harbor.

Governor Kerr Scott will address the meeting at 11:15 that morning in the Columbia Theater, following a business session.

E. G. Anderson, Martin County representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, and John H. Edwards, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, have parts on the program. Both men are directors of the association. Representative Anderson will introduce the governor. This county is asked to send a delegation along with Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Dare and Beaufort.

ROUND-UP

Ten persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail over the week-end, the number of arrests running considerably ahead of the average reported in recent weeks.

Six were booked for public drunkenness and one each for assault, drunken driving, breaking and entering and non-support. Five of the ten were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 77 years.

"Care-For-Korea" Drive Gets Great Response In Area

Hundreds of Dollars Already Contributed; Drive To Last Through 24th

The people of Williamston and Martin County are responding in the same way that they usually do when they are called on to donate to people as much in need as the unfortunate people in Korea. All those who have been contacted have responded liberally and willingly. In case the canvassers do not see any who would like to share with these pitiful people during this Thanksgiving holiday, they can send their donation to Mrs. Martin P. Moore, President of the local Woman's Club. The Central Federation of clubs is sponsoring the drive and the drive in this section is being conducted by the local club, the home demonstration clubs and friends interested in these starving and freezing people.

No where in the world is there a need so great. All their home land has been a battle field for over a year and most of their homes are gone. Little children who have been made orphans by the war roam around, hide in piles of rubbish and bushes until they freeze to death. This money will be used for food and drugs and refugee camps where they can be cared for. It will be a great satisfaction to anyone to help relieve such suffering as they are undergoing. Those who have sons or husbands fighting in Korea know how awful these conditions are because the soldiers have written their families. Our own army has done all it could and the British soldiers say they have to stop up their ears as they cannot stand to hear the sad cries of the children.

The drive has been extended until Saturday, the 24th, and the club will appreciate it if any who are interested will see others who may not have been solicited and report to Mrs. Moore or any member of the Woman's or home demonstration clubs.

The Woman's Club here spearheaded the drive with a \$70 cash donation. Only two other reports had been received up until early today, and approximately \$300 have been contributed. There's no goal, but every penny is needed if the life-and-death struggle is to be alleviated for those helpless ones in South Korea.

Book Local Man For Non-Support

Matthew E. Taylor, local colored man, was taken into custody here yesterday for alleged non-support at the request of Jefferson County, Ohio, officers.

Extradition papers had not reached here today, and it could not be learned if Taylor would fight his return to Ohio. During the meantime, habeas corpus proceedings were instituted before Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn yesterday a hearing is scheduled before him in superior court here this afternoon.

Taylor, according to unofficial reports, was under judgment in New York to pay \$7 a week for the support of his child. He came to North Carolina and his wife and child went to Ohio, the defendant in the action claiming that his wife said she wanted nothing more to do with him.

Young Farmer Loses Hand In Corn Picker Saturday

Eli Hoyt Manning, Jr., young Griffiths Township farmer, lost his left hand in a corn picker last Saturday morning. Harvesting the crop on the Harry Peel farm in Griffiths Township, the young man was alone operating the machine which was pulled and powered by a tractor when the elevator clogged. He stopped the tractor, but the power take-off was left in gear. He was pulling the stalks from the picker when the machine caught his hand and just about crushed it off, pulling the tendons loose possibly several

Club Federation Has Annual Meet At Holly Springs

Miss Ruth Current, State Home Agent, Addressed Large Group

The annual meeting of the Martin County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs was held Friday afternoon at the Holly Springs Methodist Church.

The guests were registered upon arrival by Mrs. Clyde Roberson, Mrs. Lee Hardison and Mrs. J. C. Rawls, Jr. Mrs. Walter Wynne, the presiding president of the Federation called the meeting to order and following the club collect the opening song was "America, The Beautiful."

Mrs. C. A. Roberson of Robersonville gave a very inspiring devotional with her theme of thought from the Sermon on the Mount, after which she offered prayer. Mrs. Lucian Hardison, of Holly Springs, extended greetings, followed by the roll call of clubs and minutes. Everetts Club won the gavel for having the highest percentage of its members present, which was followed by group singing of "God Bless Our Homes." Mrs. Chesley Jones gave a report of Home Demonstration Club work in the county for the year.

Mrs. T. L. House, of Robersonville, introduced the honored guest, Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, who emphasized in her address our need to strive for a bigger, better and more progressive organization to fulfill the needs of the women of the world today. "The United Nations Hymn" was sung, followed by the fashion show with Mrs. John Gurkin, Federation vice president in charge.

Mrs. William Peel of the Macedonia Club won 1st prize in cotton dresses, with Mrs. Lucian Hardison of Holly Springs 2nd prize winner. Mrs. Jasper Woolard of Macedonia Club won 1st prize in the street dress division with 2nd honor going to Mrs. William Fagan of Dardens. Miss Sue Peel won 1st place in childrens dresses. Mrs. Jasper Woolard received highest recognition over all contestants for her model. The Dress Revue was judged by Miss Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Lester Whitfield and Mrs. S. A. Tuten, Jr.

Miss Copeland, from the regional library, Washington, N. C. awarded 13 reading certificates and Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harrison, the Martin County Home Agent, presented 27 perfect attendance certificates. Mrs. Alton Keel, chairman of the courtesy committee, very graciously expressed appreciation for every effort made in assuring a successful meeting.

NEW LOW

After holding to shirt-sleeve levels earlier in the week, the mercury fell all over itself to reach a new low point here yesterday. Unofficial reading placed the mercury at 19 degrees yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock, and the feat was duplicated by the weatherman at the same hour this morning.

Fair weather prevails with a promise of warmer weather tomorrow. During the meantime, the peanut harvest is going full blast under cold but otherwise ideal conditions.

Man Critically Hurt In Highway Accident

Eleven Accidents On Town Streets And County Roads

Four Persons Injured; Property Damage Estimated At About \$1,700

Motorists on streets and highways in this county went on a big rampage last week-end, a preliminary survey released by police and members of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, listing: eleven accidents, four injured, one critically, and a property damage conservatively estimated at \$1,730.

Patrolmen were kept running from one part of the county to the other during most of the period and were hardly able to keep up with the wreck calls, not to mention their other duties. Victims were delayed unnecessarily just because the patrol personnel is not large enough in this county to render an acceptable and efficient service.

C. Chester Clark, 70, of Roanoke Rapids suffered a broken neck, shock and possibly other injuries. Mrs. Clark suffered a broken right arm, a hip injury and shock, and Mrs. David C. Clark was bruised about the head when their car, a 1948 Chrysler, went out of control and turned over near Weston's lumber mill on Highway 64 between Williamston and Jamesville about 3:15 o'clock Sunday afternoon. David Chester Clark, driver of the car, was not badly hurt. The elder Mr. Clark, given first aid treatment in Brown's Community Hospital, was removed to Duke Hospital that evening in a Biggs Ambulance. His wife was reported to be getting along as well as could be expected in Brown's hospital.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker and Carl Gilchrist said that the Clarks were on their way from Roanoke Rapids to Jamesville to see their son and brother, Luther Clark, that the Chrysler started to pass an old model car when the driver of the old car pulled to its left of the center line. The big car was forced off the narrow pavement and went out of control when it struck the rugged shoulder. The machine skidded and turned over on the right side of the road, with the front end facing toward Williamston and the rear end in the ditch. The driver of the old model car drove nonchalantly on down toward Jamesville.

The first in the eleven-count series was reported last Thursday morning at 5:45 o'clock when T. J. Heckstall, Windsor man and cafe operator in Greenville, lost

No Developments In Murder Case

Although four persons, three teen-agers and a 24-year-old adult, have been questioned, there are no new developments in the brutal murders of Mrs. Mamie Smithwick and Walter E. Barr, Williamston man, in Norfolk in early October, according to reports released yesterday by Virginia police.

The four suspects were arrested on a tip which proved to be without foundation. More officers have been assigned to the case, and the investigation is being advanced in every possible way, police said.

POPULATION

The Census Bureau estimates the population of the United States at 155,107,000 on October 1.

The figure, which includes members of the armed forces overseas, is 254,000 greater than the estimate for Sept. 1. It also represents an increase of 3,975,000 over the 1950 official count of those in the United States and an estimate of overseas armed forces.

Funeral For Mrs. B. W. J. Roberson Tomorrow at 2:00

Well Known County Citizen Died At Daughter's Home Monday

Funeral services will be conducted in the Fairview Church in Williams Township Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Mrs. Barbara Waters Jones Roberson who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Major T. Garner, Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister, the Rev. Fernando Lilley, a former pastor of the church, of Washington, and Elder W. E. Grimes, Primitive Baptist minister, will conduct the rites and interment will be in the family cemetery near the old family home in Griffiths Township.

Mrs. Roberson had been in declining health for several years, receiving hospital treatment at intervals before going to her daughter's home a few months ago. Her condition had been critical for several weeks.

The daughter of the late Taylor and Bettie Simmons Waters, she was born in Griffiths Township 84 years ago on April 17, 1867, and spent all her life in that community and Williams Township.

In early womanhood she was married to W. W. Jones who died in 1907. Her second marriage was to W. R. Roberson who died about twenty years ago.

She was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years, holding membership at Hayes Swamp. She was devoted to her family and friends, and humbly went about her neighbors doing good, and lending a helping hand to all in need.

Surviving are six children: five daughters, Mrs. M. T. Gardner with whom she made her home in Williams Township, Mrs. Lennie Manning of Williamston, Mrs. Lawrence Ellis of Jamesville, and Mrs. Alex Hardison of Rocky Mount; one son, Ira Jones, of the old home; forty-seven grandchildren, and forty-five great-grandchildren; one brother, Lamuel Waters of Kinston; three sisters, Mrs. Mollie Taylor of New Bern, Mrs. Will Baker of Williamston, and Mrs. Laura Summerlin of Cove City; and one half-sister, Mrs. Sallie Hardison, of Cove City.

Native Of Town Dies Suddenly

Allen W. Peed, Williamston native, died suddenly in Plymouth last Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the apparent victim of a heart attack. Employed as a welder in the Atlas Plywood Corporation plant, he was working when fatally stricken.

The son of the late Thomas and Mabel Thomas Peed, he was born in Williamston 47 years ago, and spent his early life here, locating in Plymouth about 23 years ago. He was married in Plymouth in 1928 to Ruby Askew, and was a member of the Baptist church.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Cpl. Thomas A. Peed, U. S. Air Force, and Jimmie Peed of the home; three daughters, Mrs. M. J. Fischer, Melba Fern and Mary Frances Peed, of the home; a brother, Burke Peed of Connecticut; and two sisters, Mrs. Albert Sparrow of Kinston and Mrs. L. H. Hamm of Goldsboro.

Funeral services were conducted in the Plymouth Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnett, pastor of the Christian church there. Interment was in the Askew Cemetery near Plymouth.

RECRUITER

Sgt. Mary Bland, WAC Recruiter of Rocky Mount, will be at the local Recruiting Office in the City Hall on Friday, November 23 and 30th, from 9:00 A. M. till Noon.

She will welcome any girls who have any questions or who would like to join the service.

THANKSGIVING

The union Thanksgiving Service will be held at 10:30 o'clock, Thursday morning in the Church of the Advent, Hassell and Church Streets.

The preacher will be the Rev. J. Don Skinner and the other local clergy will march in the procession and take part in the service.

The Ministerial Association requests that the loose offering go toward the completion of the supply of Bibles for our hospitals and the balance toward the purchase of a hospital rolling chair.

Peanut Committee To Hold Meeting Friday Afternoon

Market Procedure Will Be
Explained At Meeting
In Scotland Neck

R. Flake Shaw of Greensboro, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, announced this week that the Farm Bureau peanut committees of North Carolina and Virginia will meet with producers from the two states at the high school in Scotland Neck, November 23 at 2:30 p. m.

Shaw said "It is imperative for the peanut farmers to attend this meeting in order that they may get a full understanding of the marketing procedure." He pointed out that Farm Bureau organizations in the peanut-producing counties are urging warehouses to sign up for peanut storage, and added that plans are being made to obtain additional storage space, both on and off the farm if peanuts fail to bring the support price of \$226 per ton.

Shaw called attention to a recent joint resolution passed by the North Carolina and Virginia Farm Bureau Peanut Committees, which states: "no producer should sell his 1951 crop of peanuts at less than support price. If the peanut shellers and cleaners do not purchase the crop at support price or better, the government peanut price support program, working through the Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., is set up and ready to support the

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Brother Of Local Resident Passes

Moses T. Moye, brother of Mrs. J. C. Manning of Williamston, died at his home in Mt. Pleasant yesterday morning of a heart attack. A native of Pitt County, he was principal of Mt. Pleasant schools. He was 54 years old.

Surviving besides his sister here are his widow, the former Elizabeth Etheridge of Scotland Neck; a son, Elbert Moye of Farmville; two sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Williams of Farmville and Mrs. Mary Eagles of Saratoga; two brothers, Clifford and Joe Moye of Farmville.

Funeral services were conducted in Mt. Pleasant this morning and interment will be in Scotland Neck this afternoon about 4:00 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Manning left here late yesterday afternoon to attend the service in Mt. Pleasant.

Arrest Man For Alleged Robbery

Chas. Ben Daniels, 27-year-old colored man, was arrested by local police last week-end for the alleged robbery of Louis Daniel's store on West Main Street between 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock. The store was formerly operated by William Rogers.

Daniels allegedly forced an entrance through a window and made away with about \$2 in cash, officers said.