

Few Cases Added To The Calendar In Superior Court

Judges Godwin and Frizzelle Scheduled To Preside Over The Term

Continued during the regular March term on account of the illness of Judge Paul Frizzelle, the civil calendar carries about the same case line-up with a few added ones for trial when the Martin County Superior Court opens a special two-week term next Tuesday. A few civil cases were removed from the calendar when the litigants compromised the issues and consent judgments were entered in the records.

Two new divorce cases have been placed on the calendar, boosting the count to twenty-three for consideration when the court opens the term next Tuesday. No session of the court will be held Easter Monday, it has been announced.

The two new divorce cases to reach the calendar since the March term are those of Matt Jones against Katie Jones, and James F. Finch against Marie Little Finch. In the Jones case, the plaintiff says they were married in Fayetteville in 1926 and separated in October, 1947, that no children were born of the union.

In the Finch action, the plaintiff charges adultery. He says they were married April 15, 1946 and were separated June 4, 1950. He alleged that on or about June 1, 1950, the defendant committed adultery with one Richard Mobley and various other persons unknown to him. The plaintiff further alleged that the defendant on or about March 10, committed adultery with the said Richard Mobley, and that on December 15, 1951, she gave birth to a female child in Washington, Beaufort County. It is claimed by the plaintiff that the birth was recorded in the office of the Beaufort County register of deeds, and that the birth certificate gave no name of the father of the child, and that the defendant listed herself as being unmarried, giving her name as Marie Little. There is also a 2-year-old child, of which the defendant is the mother.

In the list of civil cases that have been added since the March term are the following:

In the suit of Harrison Oil Company against Vernon L. Moses Gurganus, the plaintiff is asking \$284.26 alleged due on account, plus interest from August 16, 1948.

On the calendar several times since it was instituted in March, 1949, the case of U. S. Hoffman Machinery Corporation against Leander Bowen is back on the docket to recover on machinery sold the defendant.

Another old case is that of the Ohmlac Paint and Refining Company against W. T. Hurst in which the plaintiff is suing to recover \$778.50 alleged due on account.

Harrison Oil Company is suing J. D. Harrison, Jr., asking \$551.95, alleged due on account.

William E. Bowen is suing T. A. Loving and Company for \$25,000 for damages sustained in a fall on May 1, 1951. The plaintiff says he was working on the Johnston County Hospital at Smithfield, N. C., on that date and fell about forty feet down an elevator shaft, breaking his back, crushing his

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No Trace Found Of Missing Man

No trace of any kind has been found of Arthur Glasgow, young Nash County man, who is believed to have drowned in Gardner's Creek between here and Jamesville in the early hours of last Saturday morning.

Dragging operations were continued for several days but were finally abandoned when the task appeared hopeless. The area has been searched repeatedly by individuals in boats, on foot and in private plane. About a dozen dynamite charges were planted in the creek in the hope that the body, if there, would be paroled loose and surface.

A watch is still being maintained, but old river men, admitting that one can never tell, are of the opinion that the body will not surface before the week-end.

Will Add Another Mile To The Town's Sewage System

Meeting in special session yesterday morning, the local town commissioners entered into a contract with the Clark Construction Company of Greenville, calling for an addition of approximately one mile to the town's sewer lines.

The addition will be centered approximately 800 feet in West End, 1,200 feet on Warren and Elm Streets and Griffin Avenue, 1,500 feet on Roberson and Hamilton Streets, and about 1,600 feet on East Main Street.

The contract is based on old figures, calling for a cost of \$1.37 per foot for eight-inch pipe laid from zero to four feet.

The contractor is planning to

move his equipment here within the next day or two or just as soon as work on a project is completed in Robersonville. Construction on the new lines is to get under way just as soon as pipe can be delivered, possibly the early part of next week.

It was pointed out that the extensions are being financed out of the special sewer rental fund, money set aside solely for extending the system facilities. At the present time, \$10,363 is in the fund, and costs on the new project will be limited to that amount, the commissioners ruled.

While in session, the commissioners ordered parking be limited to one side of Liberty Street.

Sunrise Service In Cemetery Here

A special sunrise service will be held in Woodlawn Cemetery here Sunday at 5:27 o'clock with all the town's ministers participating in the program. Hundreds have attended the special Easter morning service here for a number of years, and with favorable weather an even larger congregation is anticipated this coming Sunday. If the weather is unfavorable, the service will be held in the Memorial Baptist Church.

Similar services are being held in various parts of the county, including one at the Tice Community Cemetery in Griffins Township, another at the Rose of Sharon Cemetery in Bear Grass Township, and still another in the Robersonville Cemetery, and still another at the Fairview Church in Williams Township, according to announcements made this week.

A special program has been planned for the service here including a number by the high school club with Miss Ann Ryster directing, a solo by Mrs. Ruth Brown, Miss Jean Mobley is the pianist.

County Artists To Appear In Shows

Martin County's own artists—tops in the profession—are to appear in a series of variety shows on several stages during the next few days.

Performances have been scheduled in the Everetts School Auditorium Friday evening of this week, at Williamston next Monday night and at Bear Grass next Wednesday night. The Ruritans are sponsoring the shows in Everetts and Bear Grass, and the Jaycees are sponsoring the performance here with A. B. Ayers, Jr., as master of ceremonies.

The special feature of the show centers around "The Laryngitis Five", Pete Rogers, Bill Peele, Evan Griffin, "Blue" Manning and Theron Gurganus. "Blue" Manning will add to the program with his magic powers. An extra feature at Bear Grass will be a special program by the Bear Grass Trio.

Yes, the boys have been on the radio and even TV.

Firemen Called Out Yesterday Morning

Firemen were called to Griffin Street just off Jamesville Road here yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock when fire threatened the home of Sim Smith. The fire started in the kitchen and burned part of the wall paper and card board, but did very little damage, firemen said.

IN EIGHTH DAY

The Western Union Telegraph Company strike went into its eighth day this morning with the office here still closed tight. Service has been restored in a few cities, throughout the country, but it could not be learned when the local and other offices would be reopened.

The telephone companies in some sections of the county are turning service operations here continue about normal.

EASTER HOLIDAY

With the exception of the post office, other federal offices, and a few other business firms, all stores and offices in Williamston will observe Easter Monday as a holiday, according to an announcement released by the office of the Williamston Boosters released by the office of the Williamston Boosters this week.

All schools in the county will be closed for the day. The Wednesday half-holiday schedule for local stores does not go into effect until the 23rd.

Open Fat Stock Show Here Today

Martin County's annual fat stock show was opened in the Planters Warehouse here this morning. All prize-winning steers were in place by 10:00 o'clock, and the youthful owners immediately got busy brushing and combing them for the judging at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Jack Kelly and A. V. Allen of the animal husbandry department of the State Extension Service are judging the entries.

Only a few hogs had been penned early this afternoon, but a sizable show is expected when the entries close at 6:00 o'clock today. The hogs will be judged tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Plans are complete for the big Farm Bureau barbecue, held each year in connection with the stock show. More than 2,000 members are expected for the meeting which will be held at the high school, beginning at 4:30 o'clock or soon after the fat stock show sale. Thirty pigs are being cooked for the Farm Bureau event and Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine will address the meeting.

Organize Amvets In This County

With a \$200 million State bonus apparently as their goal, Martin County veterans of World War II in a meeting in the courthouse last evening organized an Amvet unit with Bernard Harrison as post commander. Other officers include, Edward Lee Martin, first vice commander; Jack Curtis, 2nd vice commander; Hubert Bland, 3rd vice commander; Wm. Leggett, adjuter; Joe Hollis, finance officer; L. H. Hardison, Judge advocate; C. E. Mangum, service officer; Thurman Matthews, public relations officer; Edward Modlin, provost marshal; Roland Cherry, chaplain; Wilbur Gardner, surgeon general; and John Henry Cooper, Historian.

The Negro veterans were to have organized a post of their own, but no report on their efforts could be had immediately. They were all over the courthouse preparing membership applications following a meeting attended by more than 300 veterans.

One report stated that 94 members were signed up, but it could not be learned immediately if they were paid-up members or applicants for membership.

The next meeting of the Amvet post is to be held next Tuesday at 8 o'clock in the courthouse, Thurman Matthews reported.

Thirty Cases In Recorder's Court Monday Morning

Next Session of the County Court Will Be Held On Monday, April 28

Thirty cases were handled in the Martin County Recorder's Court in a two-hour session last Monday morning. Just a week previously the court was in session all day long, carrying over quite a few cases for trial this week and on the 28th of this month and a few even longer until May 5.

The county's old hall of justice will be empty next Monday when the courts and officers will observe the day as a holiday. The superior court is to be in session on Monday, April 21, and the county tribunal will not convene again until April 28.

Proceedings in the court last Monday:

Charged with drunken driving, Martin L. Whitfield asked for a jury trial and his case was automatically booked for hearing in the superior court in June.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Johnnie McCray was fined \$25, plus costs.

Jack J. Weiss, pleading guilty of speeding, was taxed with the costs.

The case in which Mrs. Eula Cooper was charged with drunken driving was not pressed with leave.

Pleading guilty of driving a motor vehicle without an operator's license, Howard B. Purvis was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court staying execution of the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the court costs.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Robert Wm. Small was fined \$25, plus costs. He pleaded guilty.

Pleading guilty, William Henry Harrell was sentenced to the roads for six months for drunken driving. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. He loses his license to operate a motor vehicle for a year.

Charged with non-support, Booker T. Brown pleaded guilty and drew six months on the roads, suspended for two years upon the payment of the court costs. He is to provide adequate support for his family. A similar judgment was handed down in the non-support case against James Sprull who also pleaded guilty.

Pleading guilty of public drunkenness, George W. Arp was fined \$10, plus costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs in the case in which Ralph Lee Gatlin pleaded guilty of speeding.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, W. E. Wells and Rufus Edward Sullivan were found not guilty.

Claude Albert Joyner, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, was taxed with the court costs.

Robert B. Adrian, pleading guilty of speeding, was taxed with the court costs.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Dennis Hoell pleaded guilty and was taxed with the court costs. A nol pros was taken as to Bill Hoell and Charlie and Bennie Bullock, defendants in the

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Taxi Operators Losing Licenses

Faced with the loss of their licenses, local taxi drivers were said yesterday to be making efforts to retain the privileges granted by special town ordinances. The licenses were revoked for one year when John Riddick and Charlie Joyner were convicted in the courts for violating the liquor laws. One of the defendants is now proposing to appeal to the higher courts, and the other is holding conferences with his attorney.

It was reported that the license of John Little was being revoked. Little's driver, Robert Small, comes up in court later this month with the possibility that his license will evaporate at that time. For the record, only two licenses have been revoked, those of John Riddick and Charlie Joyner.

Little Interest Reported So Far On Political Front In County

Annual Red Cross Drive In Sight Of Its \$4,200.00 Quota

Chairman Reports \$3,800 Been Raised; To Hear From Six Areas

The Martin County Chapter is now in sight of its annual Red Cross Fund Drive goal, Chairman W. Iverson Skinner and Pete Austin announced yesterday. Right at \$3,800 or \$3,793.66, has been raised and reported. The chairman explained that six reports were still outstanding, that if the momentum can be maintained, the goal will be reached with possibly a little to spare.

Reviewing the work to date, the chairman listed the following group contributions:

Williamston special gifts, \$2,032.69; business house employees and residential sections in Williamston, \$671.24; Williams Township, \$100; Jamesville Township, \$301; Griffins, \$225; Bear Grass, \$192.37; Biggs School District, \$65; Dardens School district, \$57.50; Burroughs School District, \$33.35; Williams Lower School District, \$51.65; and Rodgers School District, \$45.69.

Reports are due in from three Williamston residential areas, and from the colored schools districts of Williamston, Smithwick and Jamesville and a few individuals. The reports from the colored schools have been very encouraging so far, and Chairman Skinner is counting on the outstanding reports to carry the drive over the top.

Griffins Township
Mrs. Jesse Griffin and Mrs. Hoyt Manning, canvassers:
Mrs. Heber Peele, \$1; Saunders Revels, \$1; Arthur Revels, \$1;
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Former Resident Dies In Virginia

J. H. Clark, a native of Enfield and a former resident of this county, died in Newport News last night at 10:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health for about two years.

Mr. Clark, 74 years of age, spent most of his life in Halifax County, engaging in farming. He located in this county and supervised operations on the Sherrod farm near Hamilton for a number of years before moving to Newport News sixteen years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. H. B. York of Williamston, and Mrs. Robert Surry of Newport News; two sons, Willie and Henry Clark of Enfield; a sister, Mrs. D. W. Barnhill of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Branch Funeral Home in Enfield Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, and interment will be in the cemetery there.

Mr. Clark made many friends during his stay in this county.

Raise \$500 For Crippled Tots

Asked to contribute \$1,000 to the crippled children fund, the people of this county have advanced to approximately \$500 to date, according to a preliminary report released this week. It was explained that the drive is dragging just now, that the opportunity to help several cripples will be geared to the response to the appeal during the next few days.

Approximately 92 percent of the money raised is retained in this county and is directed to the aid of needy crippled children. It was learned that \$300 is past due, the money having been spent for crutches and treatment in an hospital of a strong support for the current Easter Seal sale. Considerably more than the \$1,000 asked could be used to great advantage, it was said.

SPEAKER



L. Y. Ballentine, North Carolina State Commissioner of Agriculture, will address the annual meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau in the Williamston High School auditorium Friday afternoon of this week at 4:30 o'clock.

Appeal Follows Multiple Births

Nation-wide publicity given the multiple births in a local hospital last week is bringing all kinds of appeals to town officials and others.

A syndicate in New York City wanted pictures of Viola Brown and her triplets, but the most unusual request came from a man down in Florida.

A bit humorous and certainly a bit pathetic, the appeal from Miami follows:

"I read in the paper about the lady who had all those children. When I was a small boy living in North Carolina, I heard of a spring where a few drinks would have a wondrous effect. We have not children but want them badly. Would you please tell me if the woman who had all those babies drank any particular kind of water there? Is the water she used from any kind of a mineral spring in your county? I would be willing to pay almost any price to obtain a supply of the water for my wife if it is possible to get some of it . . ."

The mother, 23 years old, left the hospital this week, and although the triplets were detained there they are doing fine. Fifteen children have been born to the mother since 1946.

It was reported that a milk company had pledged a year's supply of milk for the babies.

The multiple births have attracted attention throughout the nation. Persons as far away as Seattle, Washington, New York and Chicago have sent clippings of the story to relatives and their friends here during the past few days, and now the pictures are going to a syndicate.

Seine Fishing Running Behind

Blocked by high waters for more than three weeks, seine fishing is tentatively scheduled to get under way at Jamesville next Monday. The schedule is dependent upon water conditions, however, late reports stating that the river is falling very little there.

Other types of fishing are going forward, the catches varying with weather conditions.

No definite facts are to be, but the freshest in the river has been described as a starvation one. The water has been out of the banks for months and fishing and logging operations have been badly hampered. It is thought by some that the Buggs Island dam is turning loose enough water to keep the river over the banks in this area.

Since fishing operations at the fishery are uncertain no fish festival is planned at Jamesville next Monday. However, many visitors are almost certain to be returning the day, weather conditions being favorable.

Two Contests For Offices In County Developed So Far

Elections Board Will Meet April 12; Deadline For Filing Is April 19

While it is fairly certain that no office will go begging, few candidates have filed for political berths in this county, according to information released today by C. D. Carstarphen, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections.

Eight names have been officially entered in the primary, leaving at least ten other places wide open, including the offices of treasurer, judge and solicitor of the recorder's court, surveyor, three places on the board of education and at least three constableness.

Up until noon today A. Corey of Jamesville had filed for county representative in the North Carolina General Assembly, but two others, E. G. Anderson of Robersonville and Elmer Modlin of Jamesville, have announced, assuring a three-way contest. J. Sam Getsinger filed today to succeed himself as register of deeds, and all the old members of the county board of commissioners paid their filing fees, including J. H. Edwards, chairman, of Williamston, Frost Martin of Jamesville, Bill Harrison of Bear Grass, H. L. Roebuck, of Cross Roads and Henry S. Johnson of Hamilton. Jimmy C. Gurkin filed a few days ago, creating a contest for commissioner from the Griffins-Bear Grass district.

The terms of R. H. Smith, treasurer; R. T. Johnson, judge, and Clarence Griffin, solicitor of the recorder's court; O. B. Roberson, surveyor; Geo. C. Griffin, J. D. Woolard and Cecil Powell, members of the Martin County Board of Education, are expiring this year along with the terms of several constables. According to unofficial reports, Mr. George C. Griffin, after serving almost twenty years as a member of the education board, is considering retiring, but he has made no official announcement.

The deadline for filing is 6:00 o'clock p. m., Saturday, April 19. Elections Board Chairman Carstarphen pointed out today.

So far, little interest has been

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Officers Wrecked Stills This Week

Raiding in the "Stingy Point" area of Robersonville Township early this week, ABC Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock wrecked a crude liquor distillery and poured out 100 gallons of mash. The plant was equipped with a 50-gallon capacity steel drum which was used for a still. There were three small fermenters, doubler and cooler.

Working with Bertie County ABC Officer J. W. Waters, the two officers wrecked two illicit plants in the Indian Woods section Tuesday. One of the plants was equipped with a 100-gallon copper kettle. Reports maintain that the output of both plants was finding its way mainly into this county.

WON'T BE LONG

It won't be long—possibly another week or ten days—before Martin County farmers start transplanting the 1952 tobacco crop. However, it will be the latter part of the month or early before transplanting gets under way on any sizable scale.

Tobacco plants have been growing rapidly despite cool weather, and reports indicate that the supply is sufficient. As far as it could be learned here, blue mold has not made its appearance in this county to date. However, farmers are spraying against the mold.

Vets Favor Bonus Referendum In North Carolina

Several Hundred Attended Meeting In Courthouse Here Last Night

Attending a mass meeting in the courthouse here last evening, several hundred Martin County veterans lined up unanimously for a two hundred million dollar State bonus and went on to take membership in the AMVETS and pledge their support of a petition, calling for a referendum on the issue in North Carolina. A detailed report could not be had immediately, but there was a big rush on at the end of the meeting to take membership even though, according to the report, the \$5 membership fee was not available in most cases.

Opening the meeting, Cindy Del Vescovo, a native of New Jersey but now a resident of Graham, N. C., and State director of the AMVETS, explained there was a determined drive on in this State to provide or literally force a referendum on the bonus issue, that 55 counties had already perfected organizations and that the outlook was bright for lining up every one of the 100 counties.

Without a single dissenting vote, the group, about fifty percent colored, favored the bonus issue which is based on \$15 month for that time a service man spent in domestic service with a minimum of \$500, and \$20 a month for foreign duty with a \$750 maximum.

Cindy Del Vescovo briefly reviewed the history of the drive to advance the bonus issue in North Carolina. A group of about ten veterans organized an Alamance association in 1949 and started work. They were advised that 150,000 signatures were needed to get the issue before the voters. Petitions were circulated with little effect and when they were recalled at the end of six or eight months, only 8,000 signatures had been attached.

In March of 1951, the petitions were sent to Raleigh and a hearing before the finance committee was asked. No immediate reply was to be had, and 500 veterans moved in on Raleigh from Alamance County. They called on the governor who advised that the least the committee could do was give them a hearing. A hearing was finally scheduled and the committee killed it, Vescovo explaining that the committee opposed it 100 percent.

A short time later, 4,500 veterans returned to Raleigh and another hearing was arranged with the same result. Meeting on the capitol grounds a short time later, the veterans agreed to go to every part of the State and work up from grass roots. In June of last year, the organization went on record as favoring the bonus referendum.

The State director explained that 38 States had paid a bonus, that there was sufficient strength among veterans to make North Carolina the 39th in the list. He said there are 605,000 voters in the State, that there are 351,000 World War II veterans, 80,000 World War I and about 30,000 veterans of the Korean war. Petitions, calling for a State-wide

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Road Forces Start Work on Highway

Delayed several weeks by unfavorable weather conditions, the Nello Teer firm started moving in its equipment this week to widen Highway 64 and relieve a little bit a few bad curves on the route between Williamston and the Washington County line at Ward's Bridge.

Work on a limited scale was started early in the week, but more and larger machines are being located on the project today, and work is progressing in the Gardner's Creek area.

The contractor has 240 ways to handle the project, which, after being whittled down to the size of a tiny red-headed stepchild by the powers that be, is costing hardly one-third what the originally-planned project would have cost.