

Nineteen Cases In County Court Monday Morning

Fines Collected In The Sum Of \$355 During Short Session

Judge R. T. Johnson handled nineteen cases during a short session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday morning. Fines were imposed in the sum of \$255.

Proceedings:

The case in which Willie Benny Garris was charged with drunken and hit-and-run driving, was not pressed, subject to be re-opened at a later date.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the cases charging William Gray and Frances Lucille Futch with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses.

Pleading not guilty, Annie M. Goss Johnson was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and was fined \$15, plus costs.

Ida Mae Bazemore was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

In the case in which Lennie Bell Chance and Lizzie Perkins were charged with an assault, Lizzie Perkins was found not guilty and the other defendant was adjudged guilty of a simple assault and fined \$10, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Eldner Smith was fined \$100, plus costs. He loses his license to operate a motor vehicle for a year.

Adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws, Wesley Ormond was fined \$10, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of passing a school bus while passengers were being discharged, James Willis Rodgers was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Noah Gardner was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to violate no liquor law during the next two years.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Geo. Cowan was charged with violating the liquor laws.

Ben Edwards, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Richard Hill was sentenced to (Continued on Page Six)

Eleven Awards Presented During Final Exercises

New Trophy and New Cash Scholarship Added To List This Year

Eleven special awards were presented to five members of the 1952 graduating class, one junior, a rising freshman and a school organization as recognition of outstanding work, during the graduating exercises at Williamston High School Tuesday evening.

Two new awards were included in the group.

Attorney Clarence Griffin presented the first award—the W. C. Manning Valedictorian Cup. This is awarded each year to the graduate having the highest scholarship average for the four years of high school work. It went to Ernest Taylor whose average was 97.025. In presenting the cup Attorney Griffin took occasion to praise the fine character and spirit of the late Mr. Manning which prompted the giving of the award.

Miss Margaret McDaniel, head of the home economics department of the school, presented the Sarah M. Manning Home Economics Cup to Joyce Ward, a junior, as the outstanding student in her department during the year.

Miss Irene Tetterton, acting president of the Williamston Woman's Club, awarded the club's Civic Cup to the High School Glee Club as the organization making "the greatest contribution to the life of the school."

Patricia Taylor accepted the cup as president of the Glee Club.

The R. B. Goodmon Athletic Trophy was presented by Mr. Goodmon himself to Russell Rogers as the boy in the senior class selected as the outstanding athlete.

Described by one of the teachers as "a true athlete," Rogers was named as the outstanding athlete. (Continued on Page Six)

Send Grapes To Leukemia Victim

Reading in the Sunday News and Observer about a young leukemia victim wanting some white grapes, Farmer Vance E. Bennett of this county got busy and forwarded a box to the little girl, Elizabeth Finch, in Charlotte Tuesday.

He took the grapes from a freezer locker and packed them in dry ice. Explaining the mission, Mr. Bennett was assured that they would reach their destination without delay. The bus driver, pulling out of Williamston early that morning, turned them over to a Charlotte bus driver who said he would take his own car when he reached Charlotte and deliver them in person to the little victim without delay.

Pleads Cause Of Farm Life School

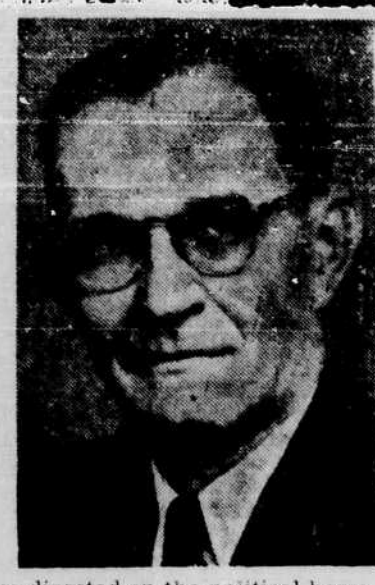
The Farm Life School Committee are pleading the cause of the Farm Life High School department in a conference with Mr. J. A. Pritchett, a member of the North Carolina State Board of Education in Windsor this afternoon. Members of the committee are being accompanied by Principal Carlyle Cox.

Definite arrangements have not been completed, but the committee plans to carry its cause before a full meeting of the State Board in Raleigh the latter part of next week. It is not certain whether the committee will be accompanied at that time by a delegation from the community.

Leading Governorial Race



Hubert Olive, one of the leading candidates for governor, has all but been lost in the closing days of the race.



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Two are Painfully Injured In Auto-Tractor Accident

Property Damage Estimated At \$2,300 In Tuesday Afternoon Wreck

Two persons were painfully but believed not seriously injured in an auto-tractor accident about six miles south of here on U. S. Highway 17 at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday.

Farmer Wiley M. Woolard suffered a 10-stitch cut on his knee and injuries to his arm and neck. Mrs. Vincent Gubitosi suffered a knee injury and a small cut on her forehead in addition to body bruises and shock. The driver of the car, Mr. Gubitosi, was not injured. The victims were discharged from a local hospital later in the day after receiving medical attention.

Starting to drive his 1949 Model Fordson tractor across the highway at the Green farm a short distance the other side of Old Mill Inn, Farmer Woolard is believed to have misjudged the speed of the 1951 Mercury which was traveling south. Gubitosi was quoted as saying that he did not see the tractor in the highway until he was almost on it. The car, striking the tractor on the right front, snapped the steel axle in two and ripped away a wheel and cracked the tractor housing wide open. The farmer was knocked into the air several feet and he fell under the tractor. An official damage estimate was not available immediately, but the car, with its engine driven back under the floor dash board, its front end smashed and the rear housing knocked several inches out of line, is just about a total loss. One report said the car damage will approximate \$1,500 or more. Damage to the tractor was estimated at \$450.

A third vehicle, J. R. Taylor's Henry J., was involved in the accident and damage to that will approximate \$300, according to a preliminary report. The Henry J., parked beside the road while its owner was talking with Mr. Woolard's son in the field, had one side smashed in when the Mercury plowed into it after tearing down the tractor.

Married last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Gubitosi, of 3429 Boston Road, Bronx, N. Y., were traveling south on their wedding trip.

Bear Grass Over The Top In The Cancer Campaign

Mrs. LeRoy Harrison Reports More Than \$15 Over the \$100 Quota

Assisted by co-workers Mrs. Sampson Hodges, Mrs. Henry White, Jr., Mrs. Pete Mendenhall, Mrs. W. L. Mobley, Mrs. Irving Terry and Misses Mavis Brown and Joyce Mendenhall, Mrs. LeRoy Harrison, chairman, recently reported Bear Grass over the top in the current cancer fund drive.

Asked to raise \$100 in the district, the workers exceeded the quota by \$15.57.

It was the fifth district in the county to reach and pass the assigned quotas, and makes the current drive more encouraging.

Complete reports are expected from the remainder of the districts within the next few days.

Contributions in the Bear Grass district include the following:

Mrs. Mary Woolard, 25¢; Mrs. (Continued on page eight)

J. B. Cherry Will Filed This Week

The last will and testament of Joseph B. Cherry was filed in the courthouse here this week.

Limited to a few words, the document named Mrs. Lena C. Gordon executrix. Except for \$2,200 listing on personal property valuation, there was no mention of the value of the estate.

In one section, he willed an "antique washstand in his bedroom on the J. B. Cherry home place farm to Lena C. Gordon."

"All the rest and residue of the estate was willed to Lena C. Gordon and Willie Lassiter "in equal shares as tenants in common, absolutely and in fee simple."

The paper was prepared on November 16 of last year and witnessed by J. S. Rhodes, Jr., M. D., and Bennie Lilley.

Suffers Heart Attack Here Yesterday Morning

Mr. W. Alexander Manning, well-known Griffins Township farmer, was reported to be getting along very well this morning in Brown's Community Hospital following a heart attack suffered early yesterday morning.

He was making a wholesale milk delivery to Taylor's Dairy plant on South Houghton Street when he was stricken.

Martin Voters To Participate In Ten Contests On Saturday

New Registration Slightly Above Average In County

Contrary to repeated reports, age, for years, has held to a figure maintaining there is comparatively little interest in politics in this county, the recent registration comes along to indicate that there is right much interest in the ballot, after all. The new registration, including transfers, was placed at 501 by C. D. Carsthen, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections. The new registrants included the names of 102 colored citizens.

In 1950 there were approximately 1,000 new names added to the registration books, but that was unusually large. The average, for years, has held to a figure below 500 with few exceptions.

Despite the fairly large registration, the vote Saturday is hardly expected to go above 3,500, a figure slightly in excess of one-third of the total potential of 8,359 registered voters.

The following figures show the 1952 registration—white and colored—the total number of new names added to the books this year and the total of all names on the registration books, by precincts, and the primary votes in the 1948 and 1950:

	New Registration			Grand Primary Votes		
	White	Col.	Total	1948	1950	
Jamesville	22	16	38	758	309	440
Williams	14	3	17	360	192	222
Griffins	20	0	20	513	254	359
Bear Grass	21	2	23	548	249	343
Williamston 1	48	17	65	1104	371	713
Williamston 2	135	25	160	1413	521	380
Cross Roads	14	4	18	552	157	292
Robersonville	58	28	86	1338	486	778
Gold Point	6	0	6	253	125	180
Poplar Point	9	0	9	250	93	133
Hassell	3	2	5	243	93	108
Hamilton	26	3	29	376	160	225
Goose Nest	18	2	20	601	223	320
Grand Totals	399	102	501	8359	3149	5013

MEETING

The \$600,000 damage suit brought by a group of nineteen Negroes will be the main topic for discussion when the Martin County Board of Education meets in special session here next Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the superintendent's office.

Very little other business is scheduled for discussion at that time.

Suffers Fracture In Fall Tuesday

Miss Annie Glasgow, aged and well-known resident of the Jamesville community, suffered a fracture of her right hip in a fall at her home there late Tuesday afternoon. She was attending to a few chores in the yard when she fell. Removed to Brown's Community Hospital by Biggs Ambulance, she was reported this morning to be resting fairly comfortably.

In less than a week, four persons, including Miss Glasgow, have suffered limb fractures. Mrs. Studie Baker of Williamston and Mrs. S. J. Tetterton of Williams Township underwent operations in a hospital here yesterday morning.

Wayne Johnson, Robersonville young man, suffered a broken leg in an automobile accident there Monday.

VOTING HOURS

Martin County voters will have exactly twelve hours to get their ballots into the boxes in their respective precincts Saturday. The "battle of the ballots" gets underway that morning at 6:30 o'clock and closes at 6:30 o'clock that evening.

There's no absentee voting in the primary except by members of the armed forces, and the number of servicemen participating is limited to a very few.

Forty-three Finish High School Work Tuesday Evening

Valedictorian Pledges His Class To Fulfill Its Obligations to Country

Offered counsel and congratulations by their elders and pledged by their valedictorian to serve the best interests of their state and nation, forty-three young men and women closed out their careers at Williamston High School Tuesday evening as they marched across the stage to receive their diplomas.

Three seniors received double honors during the evening and one Junior broke into the charmed circle to take away a coveted award.

Although illness took two members of the cast out of action for the evening, the graduation exercises moved to a successful conclusion before a capacity audience of friends and relatives.

Dr. D. Ray Lindley, president of Atlantic Christian College, was unable to make the commencement address because his doctor had ordered him to bed for a rest and young Billy Blackberry, one of the class mascots, fell prey to the measles a day or two before.

Robert L. Coburn, chairman of the Williamston school board, substituted for Dr. Lindley on short notice. He cautioned the young graduates against yielding to the current vogue of being critical of everything and everybody. He challenged them to a life of service, reminding them that they had reaped the fruits of the labors of those who had gone ahead and should respect their obligation to contribute something of their own.

The speaker declared that the graduates who now are adults and must make their own decisions, can make of their lives about what they wish. "You will get out of life about what you put into it," he said. "If you would have friends you must be friendly, if you would be loved you must love others."

Referring to the current tendency among the peoples of the world to be critical of everything, the attorney urged the young people to get the facts, all the facts, and then form their judgment. He pointed to the Bible's story about how God was willing to spare two cities if but ten men who were righteous could be located in them and remarked that too often people today reverse God's decree and destroy what place should be destroyed that contains ten unrighteous men. (Continued on Page Eight)

Thirty-two Names Appear On Three Primary Tickets

Martin County voters, between 3,500 and 4,000 strong, will choose county and State officers from a field of twenty-eight candidates in the primary on Saturday of this week, with the possibility that several of the contests, including one in this county, will be carried over into a second primary for final settlement.

Two tickets, one carrying the names of eleven candidates for offices in this county, and another carrying the names of fifteen candidates for State offices, will be placed before the Democratic voters in this county. In addition to those ballots there'll be one, carrying two names, for the Republicans to choose their nominee for lieutenant governor.

The county ticket includes the following:

- For House of Representatives (Vote for One)
- Elmer N. Modlin
 - E. G. Anderson
 - A. Corey
- For Judge Recorder's Court (Vote for One)
- J. A. Ayers
 - R. T. Johnson
- For County Commissioner (Griffins-Bear Grass District) (Vote for One)
- W. M. Harrison
 - J. C. Gurnison
- For Board of Education (Vote for Three)
- C. U. Rogers
 - Cecil B. Powell
 - LeRoy Harrison
 - Mrs. Frances R. Lawton
- The State Democratic ticket has nineteen names on it but four of them are repeated since there is a contest for both the short and long terms for associate justice of the State Supreme Court. There are five contests for the Democratic nominations, as follows:

- For Governor (Vote for One)
- Hubert E. Olive
 - J. C. H. Strad
 - Manley R. Dunaway
- For Lieutenant Governor (Vote for One)
- Marshall C. Kurfees
 - Roy Rowe
 - Luther H. Hodges
 - Ben J. McDonald
- For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One)
- Waldo C. Cheek
 - John N. Frederick
- For Associate Justice Of Supreme Court (Vote for One)
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Voters Of County Not Winners But Generally Right

County Voted For A Winning Governor Back In The 1924 Campaign

Much has been said about Martin County voting wrong in gubernatorial primaries. It is true that the county has not been on the winning side since 1932, or twenty years ago, but that does not mean the local voters were not right.

It is also noted that the vote margin has gradually narrowed down through the years to the point where only about 100 votes separated the winners from the losers.

The last time the county voted for a winner was on June 7, 1924, when Angus W. McLean carried the county over Jo.iah W. Bailey by a vote of 1,598 to 783. There was no election in 1920, a primary when O. Max Gardner got the nomination by default.

In 1932, the county voted 1,727 for R. T. Fountain, 634 for J. C. Ehringhaus and 365 for A. J. Maxwell. In the second primary of that year, Fountain got 1,829 votes, and Ehringhaus polled 719 votes in the county but went on to win the contest in the State.

The 1936 campaign was a hot one. Ralph McDonald polled 1,312 votes, Sandy Graham 970, Clyde Hoyer, 811, and John A. McRae got 14 in the county for governor. McDonald was elected by a narrow margin, 1,240 votes in the second primary that year.

By a fluke, Lee Gravelly carried (Continued on Page Six)

Raiders Get Two More Liquor Stills

Building up what appears to be a record for recent times, ABC officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock are continuing their work against the illicit liquor business in this county.

Last Tuesday, the officers wrecked two plants in the Stingy Point section of Robersonville Township, a short distance off Highway No. 11. Both plants were poorly equipped, the officers smashing 30-gallon oil drum stills and pouring out 100 gallons of mash at each site.

Start Construction On Store Building

Construction work is under way on a small store building unit next to the Jenkins barbershop on Harrison Street here. A rental agreement has been effected, but no public announcement has been made.

County And Town Boards To Meet

Comparatively little business is scheduled at this time for consideration by the county and town boards of commissioners next Monday morning and evening, according to Clerk J. Sam Getzinger for the county board, and C. M. Col's for the town officials.

Budget estimates are not quite ready, and the county board is likely to return the latter part of June to work over the figures.

Paving projects are likely to be discussed by the town officials, but there is nothing more than routine matters on the agenda just now.

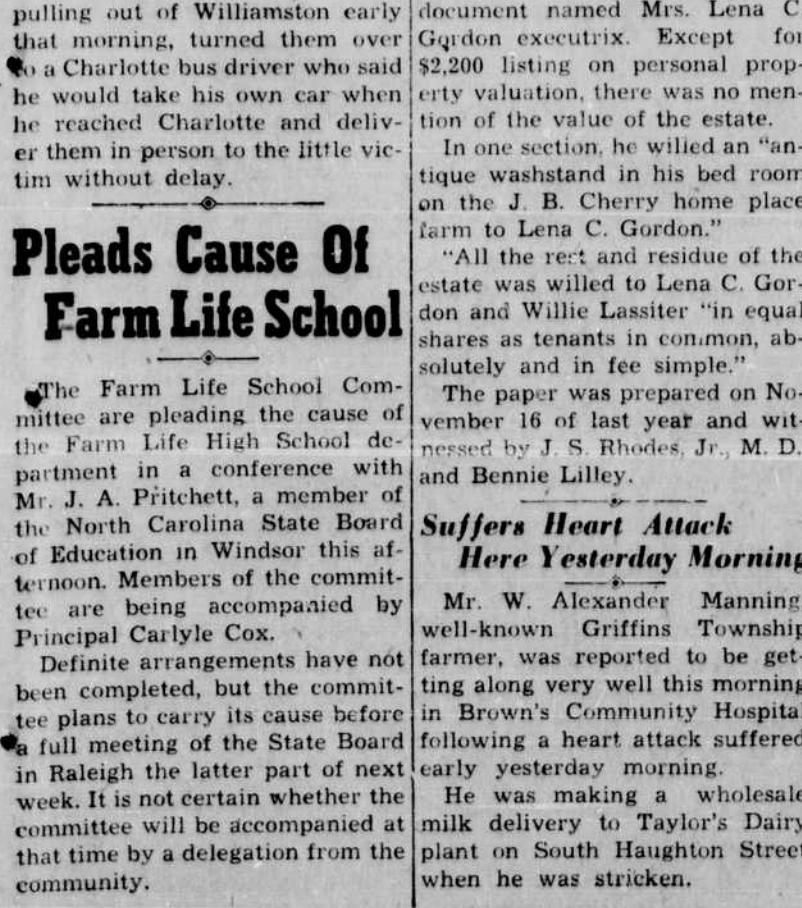
At their last regular meeting, the town officials had considered borrowing money in anticipation of the Powell street money release later in the year. Such a plan is out, according to the law, one report pointed out. The officials had considered launching a fairly extensive street paving program with the \$14,000 already on hand and with an expected \$14,000 or more coming in about next October.

Accused Spy To Speak In Church

Just returned from foreign soil, Missionary Ellis R. Back of the Tibetan Border, will speak at Oak Grove Christian Church at 8:30 o'clock on Wednesday, June 4, he will bring a thrilling account of harrowing experiences during his capture and escape from Communist aggression in Tibet. While on a long, perilous journey on foot over the Tibetan mountains, he was captured by the Communists, accused of being a spy, but finally reached safety in India.

Everyone is invited to hear Mr. Back's firsthand information of Communist-harrassed Tibet.

Representing Rotarians In Little League



Holding a 500 standing, the youngsters above are ably representing the Rotary Club in Williamston's Little League. They are: (left to right) Bottom row, Charles Meakin, Ronnie Reese, Billy Throwing, Jimmie Cooke, Lonnie Welch. Second row, Danny Manning, Billy Windlev, Sherwood Daniels, Griffin Ross, Kenneth Mobley. Third row, Mickey Hardison, Richard Hardison, Van Taylor Harris, Eddie Taylor, James Leggett.