

Clear Number Of Cases On Monday In Superior Court

James Richard Wilson Gets Three-To-Five Years For Hit-and-Run

Opening a one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court Monday, Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford and Solicitor George Fountain of Tarboro cleared quite a few cases from the criminal docket the first day. Judgments were delayed in several cases at the close of the day, but in those where final action was taken the jurist went the limit with his sentences.

At the close of the first day's work at 5:30 o'clock, the court was hearing evidence in the robbery case against Ide Walter Harry Davis, Charlie Lester Lyons and James Miles. Pleading guilty of breaking into Lindsley's store in Williamston on the night of November 23 and carrying away guns and other equipment valued at about \$800, Lyons was called as a witness for the State against Davis and Miles who pleaded not guilty. Lyons told all about the robbery, declaring that he and Davis planned it, and that Miles helped dispose of the stolen guns, one to a construction worker near Jamesville for \$15 and five in Norfolk for prices ranging from \$15 to \$35. Two of the other guns were found locally. After hearing his evidence the court recessed for the day and resumed its work on the case this morning.

Proceedings: Charged with assaulting Edward Ayers with a shot gun last August 26, Woodrow Ippock entered at plea of guilty, and Solicitor Fountain, after talking with the defendant who pleaded that merly be shown the defendant, recommended a six-month sentence suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and a two-year pledge of good behavior. The judgment was entered accordingly.

James Richard Wilson, pleading guilty of hit-and-run driving resulting in serious bodily injury, was sentenced to the roads for not less than three and not more than five years, the maximum. After hearing the evidence in the case, Judge Williams told the defendant that he was lucky he was not being tried for murder. Wilson was driving a borrowed car when it bore down on Morris Roberson and his family near Sweet Water Creek last October 4 and almost snuffed out their lives. It was brought out in the evidence that Wilson was driving about 65 miles an hour when the car went out of control and swerved side-to-side into the front of the Roberson car which had been brought almost to a stop on the far right side of the road.

Pleading not guilty of entering the W. W. Griffin home and stealing about \$300 in cash last September 19, Irvin Franklin Bembridge, young white lad, was adjudged guilty, but the court did not pronounce sentence immediately. The State built a strong case against the lad, leaving little doubt in the minds of the jurymen. The money found on the boy's person by Sheriff M. W. Holloman the day after the

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Dies Suddenly In Wilmington

Alice L. Ormond, 46, died suddenly in her office at the Peabody School at Wilmington yesterday, the apparent victim of a cerebral hemorrhage. Complaining with a headache, she died about thirty minutes later.

The daughter of the late Rev. W. V. and Alice Mayo Ormond, she was born and reared in Williamston, going to Wilmington about 25 years ago to hold a responsible position in the schools there. She was supervisor of the New Hanover County elementary schools for a number of years.

Surviving are two brothers, W. V. Ormond, Jr., of Williamston and Preston Ormond of Seaboard. Funeral services will be conducted in the Williams Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church on Rhodes Street here Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Urgent Plea Is Made For More Blood Donors Here

With hardly half enough volunteers signed up, Mrs. A. L. Jameson this morning issued an urgent plea for more donors for the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Unless there is an immediate response and a sizable one, the Martin County chapter will be unable to meet its quota of 120 pints when the bloodmobile comes here on Thursday of this week, Mrs. Jameson frankly explained.

While the response has been splendid in some quarters, it has been disappointing in others. Yet, it is an acknowledged fact that more people right in this immediate area are calling for blood to meet emergencies, not to mention the need in Korea and the new program being advanced in the

fight against poliomyelitis.

"We need an absolute minimum of fifty more pledges immediately," Mrs. Jameson, the recruiting chairman, said this morning, and to make certain of the quota we should have even more ready to support the Thursday visit. Appeals have been made through civic clubs, churches and other agencies, but the response has fallen far below expectations. Those who can possibly support the program, are earnestly requested to contact the Red Cross office in the town hall at once.

The bloodmobile unit will set up its equipment in the American Legion Hut on Watts Street, and remain open from 10 a. m. until 4:00 o'clock p. m.

REPLENISHED

The supply of Martin County grand jurors, slightly diminished from peak strength when Jurymen Henry A. Roberson moved out of the State and William Beacham was unavoidably detained, was replenished by special act in superior court Monday.

Little Miss Beverly Daniels was pressed into service and she drew the name of J. E. Copeland, Jr., who, succeeding Roberson, will serve the remainder of the term.

Native Of County Died In Hospital Friday Afternoon

Funeral Held In Washington Church Sunday For Mrs. Roberson

Mrs. Reba Manning Roberson died in a Washington hospital last Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. She had been in declining health for several years, receiving special treatment and undergoing operations in various hospitals during that time. However, she was critically ill only one day.

The daughter of Mrs. Mittie Brown Manning of Jamesville and the late N. R. Manning, she was born in Griffins Township 44 years ago and spent most of her life in this county.

She was married to George R. Roberson of this county and located in Washington sixteen years ago. She was an active member of the Christian church and made many friends during her residence in Washington.

Speeder Arrested In New York City

Ralph Edgar Boston, wanted in this county for speeding 80 and 90 miles an hour and for other law violations, was arrested last week in New York City, but he could not be returned to the county in time to go on trial during the current term of superior court. He is to be returned here the latter part of next week.

When Boston did not answer for trial Monday, Judge Clawson Williams, presiding over the current term of court, noticed that the defendant was absent during the September term. He ordered the \$500 bond forfeited, but later withdrew the order. It appeared at one time as if Sanford Cordon, bondsman, would lose his \$500.

Critically Hurt In Car Accident Friday Morning

Mrs. Rosa Peel Continues In Serious Condition At Rocky Mount

Mrs. Heber Peel of Griffins Township was critically injured and her son, Russell, 20, and Clayton Revels were painfully but believed not badly hurt in an automobile-truck accident at the intersection of Highways 64 and 301 in Rocky Mount early last Friday morning. Suffering internal injuries and a broken pelvis, Mrs. Peel, the former Miss Rosa Griffin, underwent a major operation in a Rocky Mount hospital later that day. Late reports stated that her condition continued serious, but that she was able to talk with relatives at spaced intervals.

Mr. Revels, suffering bruises about the side, was able to return home during the week-end. Mr. Griffin, able to be up, continues in the hospital with his mother. Accompanied by his mother and Mr. Revels, Griffin was on his way to a Durham hospital for an eye operation early that morning. He was driving the car and he could not see the signal lights at the intersection on account of a heavy fog. Just as the car entered the intersection, it was struck by a truck.

Eli Thos. Hodges Dies In Hospital Following Stroke

Well-Known Griffins Township Farmer Was Ill Only Few Hours

Eli Thomas Hodges, well-known Martin County farmer of Griffins Township, died in a Washington hospital last Thursday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock following an illness of only about two hours. Apparently in his usual health, he left home shortly before noon, driving a horse-drawn vehicle to his mother's old homestead about a mile away. He attended to a few duties there and was making ready to leave when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and fell unconscious in the highway. He was picked up by Mr. Hugh B. Ward about 1:00 o'clock and removed to the hospital. Shortly before the stroke he talked with friends and waved at others as they passed him.

Mr. Hodges was born in Griffins Township 72 years ago on July 18, 1880, the son of the late John A. and Allibert Riddick Hodges. Living in Griffins all his life, he farmed and engaged in the timber business all his life. Despite his age, he continued at his work until the end.

Thoughtful of others and possessed of a kind heart, Mr. Hodges radiated a sincere friendship in his humble but upright walk through life. He always wore a smile, and lived the life of the true Southern gentleman. For more than fifty years he was a member of the church at Macedonia, and never married.

Surviving are two brothers, George W. and Marion F. Hodges, and three sisters, Mrs. T. L. Lilley, Mrs. W. H. Hardison and Miss Hattie Hodges, all of Griffins Township.

Funeral services were conducted in Washington.

Freedom Crusade Drive In County

Joining with other communities throughout the United States, Martin County, under the leadership of Carlyle Cox, is opening its drive this week in support of the Crusade for Freedom.

Commenting on the plans for the drive in this county, Chairman Cox, principal of the Farm Life School, said that several township chairmen had already been named to help raise funds to support the Crusade. The committee named to date are, C. A. Askew and Arthur Wallace Lilley, Jamesville; Hugh B. Griffin, Griffins; Hilton Carson, Robersonville; Hamilton, Mrs. LeRoy Everett; Mr. Cox is heading the drive in Williamston.

Maintaining direct communications with the millions of people behind the Iron Curtain, presenting facts to offset the propaganda released by Russia and the communists and to promote the peace of the world. Last year more than three million dollars were raised for the undertaking, and goal this year is four million dollars.

Martin County people are urged to support the movement with the almost certain assurance that money raised for the Crusade will enhance the chances for young men to remain at home.

Need More Blood To Advance Fight On Poliomyelitis

Red Cross Asked To Furnish Blood for Protection Against Polio

"The Red Cross has been called upon to undertake an immediate and dramatic expansion of its defense blood program to supply all the gamma globulin possible for the prevention of paralysis from poliomyelitis," E. Roland Harriman, president of the Red Cross, said today.

"Experiments conducted over the past two years in Provo, Utah; Houston, Texas; and Sioux City, Iowa, under the auspices of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and as a part of their total research program have demonstrated the effectiveness of this treatment.

"The Red Cross provided the gamma globulin used in these experiments without cost. The acceptance by the Red Cross of the request of the Office of Defense Mobilization to undertake this program places a vast new responsibility upon the organization and upon the American people.

"It takes approximately one pint of blood to make an average dose of gamma globulin as used for poliomyelitis. One injection protects a child for from one to five weeks following exposure.

"Past experience with polio indicates that it will strike in epidemic proportions in at least 150 counties next summer and that at

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Kiwanians Elect Officers Thursday

Vernon Bunting was elected president of the Williamston Kiwanis club at the meeting of the club last Thursday night at the Woman's Club. Mr. Bunting succeeds Reg Simpson as head of the organization.

John Hatton Gurganus was named vice-president and Tom Brandon, Jr., was named secretary. J. B. Bell was re-elected treasurer.

Named to the board of directors were George Mahler, Reg Simpson, Dick Bender, Ben Hopkins, Hugh Wyatt, Bynum Smith, and Billy Biggs.

A nominating committee composed of Wheeler Martin, chairman, Bruce Wynne and Bob Newell presented the slate to the club. Speaker for the evening was Calvin Ross, field representative of the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children with headquarters in Chapel Hill. He outlined the purposes of the society and asked the Kiwanians to sponsor the sale of Easter seals in Martin County to raise funds for its support. He pointed out that fifty-five per cent of the funds raised remained in the county and were administered by the sponsoring agency. The remaining forty-five per cent goes to headquarters for state-wide work.

After hearing Mr. Ross explain the society, the club voted to sponsor the Easter Seal sale in Martin County.

Pat Kory, who recently joined the staff at radio station WIAM, was inducted as a new member by the Rev. John Goff who stressed the "We Build" motto of Kiwanis. Special guests were Bill Arnold, introduced by Ben Hopkins, and Kermit Lamm and John Stallings, of Wilson.

Harrell Everett, Jr., was inducted as the young Kiwanian of the month by Dave Davis.

Appoint List-Takers In County For 1953

No Revaluation Of Property Will Be Made In New Year

County tax list-takers were named this week by Tax Supervisor M. Luther Peel for the 1953 tax year, the supervisor pointing out that no changes are contemplated in the tax personnel.

The following are to handle the listings, according to Supervisor Peel's announcement: Jamesville Township, O. W. Hamilton; Williams Township, Chas. L. Daniel; Griffins Township, Lester Griffin; Bear Grass Township, Wheeler Rogerson; Williamston Township, Oscar S. Anderson; Cross Roads Township, G. G. Bailey; Robersonville Township, H. S. Everett; Poplar Point Township, L. G. Taylor; Hamilton Township, L. R. Everett; Goose Nest Township, J. F. Crisp.

While all of the list-takers named for 1953 have served one or more years, several of them have handled the listings for years. The list-takers are to meet in the county courthouse Friday morning, December 19, at 10:00 o'clock to study the new 1953 tax schedules, looking toward a uniform valuation for all personal properties.

Mr. Peel pointed out that no provision has been made for a re-valuation of real property holdings, meaning that such holdings will be placed on the 1953 books at the old listings. Of course, there'll be variations in the listings where additions have been made and where property has been destroyed or damaged by fire, it was explained.

The tax supervisor made no comment but it is expected that the automobile blue or red books will be used in assessing motor vehicles for taxation.

Mr. Peel is of the opinion that the 1953 listings will remain little changed from the present ones, that while the total valuation is likely to show an increase, the gain will, in all probability, be small. Substantial gains have been recorded annually in the listings for each of the past several years, but that strong upward trend is likely to taper off a bit in the new year, Mr. Peel believes.

Tax listings is slated to get underway during the first week of the new year.

Laundry Planning One Week Holiday

In order to give his employees an extended vacation, Hershel Miller of the Home Laundry and Cleaners announced yesterday that the laundry would be closed tight during the week of December 22 through the 27th.

Mr. Miller also stated that the closing of the laundry for a week was essential because many renovations and improvements to both the building and machinery would be made during the period.

Gardner Infant Died Saturday

Rickie Edward Gardner, one month old, was accidentally smothered to death while sleeping with his parents at their home on Pine Street here early last Saturday morning. The infant was found dead about 5:30 o'clock.

He was the son of Edward and Gladys O'Mary Gardner, and an only child.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the Rev. J. W. Berry, pastor of the local Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Forty-Five Cases In County's Court Saturday Morning

Judge R. T. Johnson Imposes \$285 In Fines Last Saturday Morning

Forty-five cases were handled in the Martin County Recorder's court last Saturday. Judge R. T. Johnson held the tribunal in session until almost 1:00 o'clock before clearing the docket. Total fines were \$480, including \$285 assessed against speeders. One defendant, unable to pay a fine of \$200, was sentenced to the roads for six months for operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked. Another defendant drew a road term for stealing hogs, the sentence to begin at the expiration of another suspended last July when he was convicted of larceny.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Andrew Thomas was fined \$25, plus costs.

District Ruritans Met Thursday In Jamesville School

A. Corey Elected Governor Of Albemarle District At Big Meeting

Holding one of their largest meetings in recent years, Albemarle District Ruritans of Ruritan National had a great time in Jamesville last Thursday afternoon and evening. More than 150 delegates and officials were present for the event which featured an address by Dr. Frank Jeter, editor for the North Carolina Extension Service.

Following the large registration early that afternoon, meetings of the nominating recommendation and registration committee were held and a school for new officers was conducted by Raleigh Carver, outgoing governor, H. M. Ainsley of Asheboro and M. L. Gay of Wakefield, Virginia.

A. Corey, leader in the State organization for several years, was elected governor to succeed Carver of Pasquotank County. Mr. Corey, State representative-elect from this county and a Jamesville man, served as governor of the district year before last.

During the afternoon business session which featured the election of the new governor, the delegates approved the recommendations of that committee that the board of directors of Ruritan National divide the Albemarle District, that each club invite the district governor and the lieutenant governor to meet with the governor in the annual district convention.

Addressing the large banquet in Jamesville last night, Corey said that the district was in a "golden age" and that the future was bright.

Hold Funeral For Native Of County

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Carlyle Funeral Home in Tarboro for Turrence LeRoy Heath who died in the Edgecombe County Sanatorium last Thursday morning at 12:03 o'clock. He had been in declining health for years and was critically ill for several weeks. Interment was in Tarboro's Greenwood Cemetery.

The son of the late Thomas and Bettie Hines Heath, he was born in Griffins Township, this county, 63 years ago and spent his early life there. Following his marriage to Miss Ruth Mendenhall, he moved to Beaufort where he continued to farm. After a year spent in Washington County, he located in Edgecombe near Tarboro about eighteen years ago, retiring from the farm in 1930.

Surviving besides Mrs. Heath are four daughters, Mrs. H. G. Caten, Mrs. J. D. Gurganus and Miss Fay Heath of Washington, N. C., and Mrs. Allen Harrell of Washington, D. C.; five sons, Roy Heath of Washington, D. C., Clyde Heath of California, Eric, Garland, and A. T. Heath, all of Tarboro; one sister, Mrs. Wesley Hines of Kingston, and a brother, Joe E. Heath of Goldsboro.

Local Dealer Almost Loses Beer License

Operator of Little Savoy Cafe Here Lost License At Hearing Before Malt Beverages Division of State ABC Board in Raleigh Yesterday

The operator of the Little Savoy Cafe here on Washington Street almost lost his license to sell beer at a hearing before the Malt Beverages Division of the State ABC Board in Raleigh yesterday, according to information reaching here.

A sixty-day license revocation was suspended, giving the operator time to clean up unsavory conditions allegedly existing there.

Round-Up

Respect for law and order was the theme of the round-up in this county for the second week-end in a row, the number of arrests running over a dozen during the two-day period. Five were booked for public drunkenness, three for drunk driving, two for larceny, one for an assault, one under a capias, and a thirteenth one was held as a material witness.

Eight of the thirteen were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 55 years. There were two women numbered among the thirteen week-end inmates.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, William Jasper Page was sentenced to the roads for six months, suspended upon the payment of a \$200 fine and costs. Unable to meet the terms, Page went off to the roads.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, William LeRoy Cotton, school bus driver, was taxed with the costs for passing another school bus.

Charged with an assault, LeRoy Roberson was found not guilty.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, James A. Rogers was taxed with the court cost.

The case in which Lucius Chance was charged with an assault, was not prosed.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Ernest Wooten was sentenced to the roads for six months. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$10 fine, cost of court, and the prosecuting witness's doctor's bill. He is to violate no criminal law during the next two years.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Marvin Porter was charged with issuing a worthless check. He is to make the check good, too.

Clarence W. McCotter was taxed with the court costs when he pleaded guilty of careless and reckless driving.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Willie Reese, Jr., was charged with reckless driving.

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Jas. Wynne Buys Plumbing Firm

Purchasing the business and good will of the Martin County Plumbing and Heating Company, Mr. James A. Wynne has taken over active management of the firm. For the present, at least, the new management will maintain its offices and show and supply rooms in the Blue Star Cleaners building on Washington Street.

Mr. Wynne has had several years of experience in the plumbing and heating business in addition to building construction work, and he and his force are in a position to render an able service.

Mr. George Hatton Gurganus who has operated the business for several years, will return to the Blue Star Cleaners in partnership with his brother, John Hatton Gurganus.