

Twenty-Six Cases On Criminal List In Superior Court

Judge Joseph W. Parker Of Windsor To Open Term Monday Morning

Twenty-six cases, including one charging murder and the other charging incest, have been placed on the criminal docket for trial during the one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court opening here next Monday morning with Judge Joseph W. Parker of Windsor presiding.

About one-third of the docket is made up of drunken driving cases, appealed from the county court. Eleven of the twenty-six cases were continued at previous sessions of the court.

Possibly the most serious case in the group is the one in which Frank Edwards, 45-year-old white man, who stands charged with attacking his 14-year-old daughter on several occasions. The incest case was aired in the inferior courts about a month ago, following the latest alleged attack on May 9. Unable to arrange the \$5,000 bond required by Justice Chas. R. Mobley, the defendant continues in jail.

Clyde Tyner, aged colored man, stands charged with the murder of Rufus Taylor, colored man, in the Tyner home near Williamston on the night of March 22. The fatal attack climaxed a series of disturbances created by both white and colored visitors to the Tyner home, officers said. The shooting restored peace there for a short while, but officers have been called to the home since that time, it was learned.

The case in which James Perkins, "professional" wife beater, is charged with burning an automobile on March 2, 1952, is again on the docket. The case was continued several times while the defendant was serving time for brutally beating his wife.

Pending trial since last September, the bigamy case against Leroy Robert Reid is again on the docket. Thurston Davenport, the prosecuting witness, alleged that Reid contracted to marry Thelma H. Rodgers while still married to Annie Julia Melvin.

The notorious peanut theft case in Williamston is on the docket, too, after it was continued for a bill of indictment at the March term. Julius Hubert Williams is charged with aiding and abetting, and Oscar Burnett and William Henry Brown are charged with breaking into the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here and carrying away peanuts valued at \$825 on the morning of January 25, 1953.

Walter Freeman, a fairly frequent visitor to the court, is booked on two counts. He is charged with having assaulted Ina Mae Bazemore with a deadly weapon with intent to kill last February 15. The case was continued for some reason at the March term. On April 19 he is alleged to have broken into the home of Emma Mims in Williamston and assaulted her with a scout dagger.

Charged with disposing of mortgaged property, the removal of crops from the Don Johnson farm, Dempsey Roberson had his case booked in the "big" court when he appealed from a judgment in (Continued From Page Six)

Critically Hurt In Car Accident

Ed Saunders Roberson, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roberson of Williams Township, was critically injured in an automobile accident near Pantego between Tuesday midnight and 6:00 o'clock yesterday morning.

Suffering a broken back and internal injuries, the youth, a ninth grade student in the Jamesville school, was removed from a Belhaven hospital late yesterday to Duke where he was given only one chance out of 400 to recover.

Few details of the accident could be learned here immediately. Working as a kitchen helper with a highway maintenance crew during the vacation months, the lad was riding with a friend when the car went out of control and turned over. It is believed the victims were trapped in the wreckage several hours before they were found yesterday morning. The name of the driver of the car could not be learned here.

Map Posted For Proposed Truck Route Around Town

A map, prepared by the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission engineers and showing the proposed route of the new highway by-pass or truck route will follow around the town, was posted on the bulletin board at the courthouse door here this week. The map is to remain posted thirty days, giving property owners and any others to file objections to the proposed routing of the road.

Calling for a right-of-way 75 feet from the center on each side, the proposed route crosses the lands of W. G. Peele, W. O. and R. T. Griffin, S. C. Griffin, H. L. Swain, the National Guard, A. T. Perry, Henry E. Griffin, Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Mrs. Eason Lilley, Skewarkey Church grounds, Wheeler Martin and Chas. H. Godwin.

The by-pass shortens U. S. Route 17 by about 1,200 feet, but is about 1,400 feet longer from the river bridge to the present intersection of U. S. 64 in West End.

The proposed route from the river bridge to the West End intersection is about 15,000 feet as compared with 13,600 feet over the route going through Main Street at present. It is about 10,800 feet from the bridge over present 17 to the point where the proposed intersection will be at Skewarkey. The proposed route between those two points measures about 9,600 feet.

It could not be learned when work will be started on the project, but possibly not before the late summer or early fall.

BUS STATION

Bus company representatives were here this week inspecting sites for locating a new station. The bus operators are expected to vacate the station they now occupy on West Main next to the Tar Heel building.

One of the sites said to have been inspected is located on North Smithwick Street just back of the George Reynolds Hotel. It was unofficially learned that if the station is located there the buses would travel in to Smithwick Street from Main and go off Smithwick into Church Street or vice versa.

Scattered Rains Fall In Section

The intense dry spell, prevailing generally in this section for almost three weeks, was partially relieved in some parts of the county, broken in others and hardly affected in still others this week.

Right in Williamston, 40 of an inch of rain fell between 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock Tuesday morning. A thousand yards or so to the west, little or no rain was reported and very little fell in parts of Poplar Point Town ship on toward Hamilton Tuesday morning, but some rain fell there Sunday and Monday. The Everetts community had very little rain Tuesday, but over in the Cross Roads area much rain fell. The upper part of the county was reported too wet for plowing Tuesday in most areas, and parts of Jamesville Township had several inches of rain. Griffins was said to have had its first rain of any volume Tuesday morning since about the middle of May.

Juvenile Leaves School In Hurry

Clifton Earl Brown, 14-year-old colored boy who has been in trouble more than he has been out, was soon gone after entering Hoffman school near Southern Pines.

Delivered to the school last Friday by Sheriff M. W. Holloman, the lad was missing the following morning. He was arrested in Bethel Tuesday and county authorities placed him in the custody of his parents until juvenile court authorities can take action. The boy was sent to the school after he had allegedly stolen from several stores and shops in the county.

Lightning Fires Jamesville House

Started by a bolt of lightning, fire destroyed the kitchen at the Lewellyn Barber home in Jamesville Township yesterday morning about 2:00 o'clock. The kitchen was not connected to the main part of the house and the fire was confined to the small structure.

Reports reaching here stated that all the contents, including a deep freeze unit filled with food, were burned. Mr. Barber, rushing to the burning kitchen, slightly blistered his bare feet trying to save some of the contents. No insurance was carried on the property.

Vernon J. Spivey Worthy Patron Of O. E. S. In State

Installed At Annual Session Held In Durham Auditorium Wednesday

The forty-eight annual session of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, order of the Eastern Star, which convened in Durham June 7, elected the following state leaders for 1953-54: Mrs. Bernice D. Bjonnerud, Wilmington, as Worthy Grand Matron; Mr. Vernon J. Spivey, Williamston, as Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Bjonnerud is a member of Wilmington's Goldenrod Chapter No. 142, O. E. S., and for 24 years has been connected with the New Honover High School faculty as a teacher, head of the commercial department and diversified occupations coordinator of office practice. Mr. Spivey is a member of Williamston's Chapter No. 266 and has a 25 year service record with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation of Richmond, as an area and sales supervisor.

Mrs. Bjonnerud and Mr. Spivey were installed as the state's top officers last evening in the Durham High School gymnasium-auditorium, along with 16 other grand officers as co-workers, in a colorful ceremony and program, which was witnessed by many Eastern Stars of the State and out-of-state distinguished guests. The setting for their installation featured a sky blue backdrop showered with glittering silver stars. This backdrop was flanked with evergreens and the year's theme of service was spotlighted in the foreground. A floor tableaux presented by thirteen couples from the Fourth and Second Districts, the home districts of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron, stressed the content of the Bjonnerud-Spivey installation message. The tableaux revealed their five-point program to be started in the current year; support the masonic and Eastern Star Home; sponsor two of the most Worthy Grand Patron's projects—education and the International Temple; continue the building of the Rainbow Camp; promotion of the O. E. S. Library of N. C.; and welfare for others. The tableaux, also, portrayed a Temple of Service to which each of the state's Grand Officers were presented a bronze key with a charge of preservation of the wealth of the Temple. It displayed precious jewels symbolic of the order of the Eastern Star. The tableaux was concluded when 42 District Deputy Grand Matrons and District Deputy Grand Patrons were commissioned by Mrs. Bjonnerud and Mr. Spivey and encircled the Temple of Service representing ideals they are to foster during the year.

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AIR PLANE DUSTERS

Four planes with special dusting machinery and equipment arrived in Robersonville Wednesday, June 10th, where they will make headquarters during the dusting season. The airport is located near the Robersonville city limits East on highway 64. Tobacco and cotton farmers are asked to contact Jab Roberson who is serving as manager and contract agent for the four planes.

Set Ten Divorce Cases For Trial In Superior Court

Few Other Civil Actions Are Scheduled During Short Court Term Here

Ten divorce cases and a few special hearings are scheduled for consideration during the one-week term of the Martin County Superior Court beginning next Monday. The civil cases are tentatively set for hearing next Wednesday, but there is some doubt if the criminal docket can be cleared by that time, meaning that the trials will be delayed.

Judge Jos. W. Parker of Windsor, recently appointed to the bench to succeed Judge R. Hunt Parker who moved on up to the State Supreme Court, is scheduled to preside over the term.

Nine of the ten divorce cases on the docket are based on grounds of two years of separation. In the case of William Earl Holly against Wilda Yvonne Hollis, the plaintiff charges adultery. The plaintiff says they were married August 16, 1952, and separated October 15, 1952, alleging the defendant committed adultery with various unknown to him. No children were born of the union.

Suing Wallace E. Rawls for an absolute divorce, Idell H. Rawls says they were married in August, 1927, and separated September 7, 1947, that one son born of the union, is now in the armed forces.

Naomi Bennett, suing M. K. Bennett for divorce, says they were married April 10, 1934 and separated in October, 1945. An eighteen-year-old daughter, born of the union, lives with and is supported by the plaintiff.

In the case of Eleanor B. Ballou against George Ballou, the plaintiff states they were married August 25, 1945, and separated March 12, 1951. A daughter, 4 years old, is living with and supported by the plaintiff.

James Albert Smith in his case against Ellen S. Smith says they were married in Washington January 15, 1948, and separated November 15 of that year. No children were born of the union. Answering the complaint, the defendant admits the allegations and prays that the court grant such relief as plaintiff is entitled to, and that she be allowed to resume her maiden name, Ellen Virginia Sanford.

Separated from his wife on February 5, 1951, or less than a month after he was married, Burtis C. Nelson is suing Mildred Frances Nelson for a divorce. He says in the complaint that they were married in Pitt County on January 18, 1951, and separated February 5, 1951, that no children were born of the union.

The case of Auradis Woolard against Ervin Woolard is back on the calendar. They were married, according to the complaint, in April, 1938, and separated in August, 1949. No children were born of the union. A judgment for an absolute divorce was signed by Judge W. I. Halstead last September, but apparently was not entered in the records.

Edgar Simmons, suing Bertha Simmons for a divorce, says they were married May 26, 1948, and separated in July, 1949, and adds that no children were born of the union.

In the case of James E. Godard against Barbara Godard, the plaintiff says they were married December 24, 1948, and separated August 3, 1949, that no children were born of the union.

In the action brought by Lyma J. Taylor against Grover Cleveland Taylor, the plaintiff says they were married April 28, 1912, and separated July 23, 1950, that there are no living children. Answering the complaint, the defendant denies the separation allegation.

J. W. Rhodes and wife are suing Sophie Rhodes and others for the partition of 22 acres of the W. E. Rhodes land in Jamesville Township. It is found in the case records that the land was offered for sale, that the high bidder at the sale posted about \$393 guaranty, and the clerk ruled it had been forfeited. In the case of H. M. Peel and others against Nedar Hilliard, the defendant appealed to the superior court when a justice of the peace awarded the plaintiffs a judgment for \$124.76, alleged due of account. The court will be petitioned to (Continued on Page Eight)

Memorial Fund Established By Mrs. Carrie B. Morrison

Farm Bureau Will Discuss Insurance Plan Here Tonight

Some Martin Members Are A Bit Skeptical Of The Proposed Plan

Martin County Farm Bureau members will discuss a proposal to put the North Carolina Farm Bureau in the insurance business at a meeting to be held in the county courthouse here tonight. The movement is gaining momentum in various parts of the State, especially in the western and central areas, but some members in this and other counties are a bit skeptical about the plan. Whether the proposal will meet opposition at the meeting tonight remains to be seen.

Already the organizers are encountering opposition from the Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company of Ohio, which organization is not to be confused with the company now being proposed. The Ohio company with extensive operations in this state, has disputed the right of the North Carolina Farm Bureau to form a company under the Farm Bureau name. Hearings have been held before the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner but no ruling has been announced, and the issue is almost certain to go into the courts.

State Farm Bureau President C. Gordon Maddrey will discuss the proposal at the meeting here tonight.

The plan which was authorized by the county voting delegates at the last State Farm Bureau Convention directs the organization to set up a casualty insurance company which is to be owned and controlled by the membership.

The purpose of the company will be to provide full coverage policies on automobiles, farm trucks and personal liabilities of Farm Bureau members only. For the purpose of control of the company the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation will organize under state laws a corporation to be known as the North Carolina Farm Bureau Service Company. The service company will purchase in behalf of the Farm Bureau organization and its members all the shares of guaranty capital of the proposed North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company.

Studies of other state Farm Bureau insurance plans reveal that no company has ever failed. North Carolina is one of the last Farm Bureau states to organize its own insurance company.

Under the insurance laws of North Carolina a minimum of \$325,000 in guaranty capital and surplus is required to organize mutual automobile company that can write a nonassessable policy.

To raise capital and reserve requirements Farm Bureau members will have an opportunity to make investments in 6 per cent interest bearing certificates of indebtedness of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Service Company. Funds obtained from the sale of these certificates plus funds obtained from the sale of common stock in the Service Company will be used to purchase guaranty capital of the proposed insurance company.

Any Farm Bureau member may invest a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$10,000 in certificates of indebtedness of the service company.

Each county Farm Bureau will be allotted a proportionate share of the capital requirement (\$325,000).

Suffers Broken Shoulder In Fall Late Yesterday

Willie B. Watts, office manager of the Williamston Peanut Company, suffered a broken left shoulder blade in a fall at the plant late yesterday afternoon. His foot slipped and he fell on a trash can. Removed to a local hospital, he was reported to be getting along very well this morning.

JULY 6TH

Williamston merchants and other business firms this week voted to observe the Fourth of July holiday on July SIXTH. The decision was reached after a majority of the Williamston Boosters voted for the sixth.

Since the Fourth falls on a Saturday, and no holiday other than Christmas has ever been observed here on a Saturday, the majority vote followed the old custom and merely delayed the holiday observance.

There was much support for the observance on the regular day, but it was pointed out that the majority chose the sixth, and if the majority is to be recognized, then the town will close Monday instead of Saturday.

Dies Following Visit In County

Returning to his home in Springfield Gardens, Long Island, New York, following a visit with friends and relatives in Jamesville, Mr. Hugo Held, 78, suffered a heart attack and died suddenly in Wilmington, Delaware, last Sunday evening at 5:40 o'clock. Accompanying Mrs. Held and their daughter, Mrs. John Lawkins, and Mr. Lawkins, he left Jamesville at 6:30 o'clock that morning, and suffered the attack while the car was stopped for gas at a filling station. Mr. and Mrs. Held and their daughter had been in the county for about two weeks, and he apparently enjoyed the stay and was in his usual health.

He met and married Miss Mollie Askew of Jamesville when she visited relatives in New York in the early twenties. Surviving are Mrs. Held and daughter, Mrs. Lawkins, both of Springfield Gardens yesterday afternoon, and interment was in the cemetery there.

Mrs. C. A. Askew, Sr., of Jamesville, attended the service.

Two Barges Sink In The Roanoke

Two large barges, owned by the Atlas Plywood Corporation and used for moving logs on Roanoke River to its plants here and Plymouth, sank near Rainbow Banks early Tuesday night, according to information heard here yesterday.

One of the barges was loaded with 60,000 feet of gum timber which was dumped into the river when the barge turned over on its side. The other barge, used mainly for loading purposes, carried a large derrick which was also dumped into the stream. One of the barges was about 35 feet wide and 110 feet long, and the other measured about 40 by 100 feet.

No details could be learned immediately. One report said that the loading crew completed its work and left the barges afloat late that afternoon. A tug boat, scheduled to take the barges in tow, reached them just as one of them was about to go out of sight in the water.

Salvage operations are being planned, it was reported.

Rural Telephones Added To System

B. H. Strickland, manager of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, announced today completion of construction to serve additional telephone users in the rural area near Oak City. Strickland stated the new lines were constructed from the Hamilton exchange and would serve approximately 18 additional customers.

Strickland added that the company is continuing its rural program to provide more service to rural areas throughout the company territory.

Education Shares Large Place With Charity In Will

Income From Bulk Of The Estate To Daughter Her Lifetime

Higher education and the needy were given priority ratings when Mrs. Carrie Biggs Morrison, Williamston native, drafted her last will and testament on July 26, 1950, according to the contents of the document filed a short time ago in the office of the clerk for the Martin County Superior Court.

With a few exceptions, the income from the estate goes to Mrs. Morrison's daughter, Mrs. Frances Williams Herriott, for her lifetime. At the death of her daughter, Mrs. Morrison provided for the creation of the Carrie Biggs Morrison Memorial Fund, and the entire properties, including any unsecured or undistributed income, shall go into that fund.

Naming the Norfolk Bank of Commerce as executor or trustee, Mrs. Morrison directed the payment of all debts, funeral expenses and taxes. All household furniture, furnishings, jewelry, automobile and other tangible personal property except a silver soup tureen was left to Mrs. Herriott. The soup tureen was willed to her brother, Harry A. Biggs, who shares a \$1,000 legacy as a token of affection. A one-half undivided interest in the old family home on South Biggs Street was also left to Mrs. Herriott.

Other bequests embodied in the will include: A \$20 monthly income to Mollie Falkner, maid of Norfolk; \$20 a month to John Watts, caretaker of Williamston; \$20 a month to Pearl Branson, servant of Princess Anne County, Virginia; \$20 a month to Martha James, servant of Williamston; and \$10 a month to Annie Elizabeth Cross, maid of Williamston.

Mrs. Morrison further stipulated that "if any beneficiary becomes disabled (legal or physical), the trustee may pay any income to which such beneficiary is entitled."

The will further provides: "After all the foregoing provisions are met, the entire net income (after death of all persons named) goes to Mrs. Morrison's daughter."

The executor is charged, at the death of the aforementioned beneficiaries, pay \$600 annual to the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church.

Under Item No. 2 it is stated that one-third of the remaining income shall be paid annually or more frequently, to the County Welfare Board of Martin County, North Carolina, or disbursement and use by said board for exclusively charitable purposes.

Under Item 3, it is set out that one-third of the remaining income shall be distributed from time to time, to or for the benefit of such worthy residents of Martin County, North Carolina, for the purpose of assisting them in obtaining a college education. Mrs. Morrison provided for the creation of the Distribution Committee of the Norfolk Foundation, to make the elections. She further instructed that the selections are to be made "exclusively on the basis of merit and without regard for their political or religious affiliations."

A similar amount was stipulated and offered under similar conditions for worthy residents of (Continued on Page Five)

PATIENCE

Sgt. Frank Berry, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Berry of Williamston patiently waited sixteen hours in line along with 50,000 others to witness the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in London a few days ago. It was a colorful event, the young man, stationed with Army at Wetherfield, England, told his parents in a letter received here this week. Mrs. Frances Williams Herriott, also of Williamston, witnessed the coronation.

Thirty Cases In Recorder's Court Monday Morning

Judge H. O. Peele Imposes Fines In The Amount Of \$380.00

Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin threw the machinery into high gear and by noon Monday, they had cleared thirty cases from the docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court. Fines were imposed in the sum of \$380. Several road terms were meted out, and one speeder lost his license to operate a motor vehicle for a year.

Proceedings: Judgment was suspended in each of three cases in which Robert Small was charged with issuing worthless checks.

Charged with speeding 55 miles an hour in trucks, James Howard Crawford, Archie Stephen Bunn and Joseph Oliver Davis, Sr., all of RFD 2, Kenly, were each fined \$25, plus costs. They pleaded not guilty.

Pleading innocent, Columbus Jones was adjudged guilty of non-support and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the condition that he pay \$15 a month for the support of his illegitimate child and report to the court at the end of one year for further orders.

The case in which Matthew Suggs was charged with careless and reckless driving was not pressed.

Adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Fannie Shelton has taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile speed zone, William Little of RFD 1, Stokes, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, Eugene James of RFD 2, Bethel, was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, O. K. Harrison, colored, was sentenced to the roads for two years. The defendant was under a suspended sentence, and the court invoked that sentence, the 2-year term to begin at the expiration of the first. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$500.

Pleading not guilty, Jesse Willard Harrison and Charlie Harrison, both of Shawboro, were adjudged guilty of speeding 55 miles and hour in a 35-mile zone and each was taxed with court costs.

George Outlaw, maintaining he was innocent, was adjudged guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus the court costs.

Eugene P. Sherlin, Jr., of Monticlan, N. J., was taxed with the costs for speeding. He pleaded guilty.

Pleading guilty of violating liquor laws, Lizzie Mae Webb was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the sentence to begin at any time during the next two years. The defendant was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charles E. Miller, Jr., of Philadelphia was fined \$35, plus costs, for speeding 75 miles an hour.

James E. Powell, pleading guilty or resisting arrest, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

Donnie Howard Long of Robersonville pleaded guilty of speeding ninety miles an hour was fined (Continued on Page Eight)

Few Report To Blood Center

Making its ninth visit here, the Red Cross Bloodmobile early today was receiving only a medium response. All for blood, a preliminary report from the center at the American Legion Hut said.

Only twelve persons were present for the opening of the center at 10:00 o'clock, and the total number of pledges was about eighty short of the quota, it was learned.

Unless volunteers drop in between now and 4:0 o'clock this afternoon, the bloodmobile will fall far short of its quota of 150 pints.

Even while the unit was setting up its equipment, calls were being made to the Red Cross for blood in the tornado stricken areas in several parts of the country. During the meantime, the Red Cross continues to furnish more blood to residents in this chapter than the chapter is contributing.