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Forty-Nine Cases In The Superior Court

Two Murder Cases Placed On Docket For Trial Monday

District Solicitor Elbert S. Peel To Prosecute
The Large Docket

Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville will find a large docket awaiting his attention when he returns to the county next Monday to preside over a one-week mixed term of the Martin County Superior Court. Elbert S. Peel, local attorney who was recently appointed solicitor for this district, is to prosecute his first docket in the superior court in this county.

Forty-nine criminal cases, including two murder charges, have already been placed on the docket, and it is quite likely that the court will be in session all the week. More than half the cases were continued from previous terms.

Interest is centered in two murder cases, but a plea is certain in one and possibly in the other, meaning that the court will not be long in disposing of them when they are called the first day the court is in session.

Ernest Everett Staton has admitted the brutal murder of John Robert Hassell, aged colored man, a lumber mill in Robersonville the 19th of last month. He has made a statement, adding that he wanted the gas chamber. In the event he submits a plea, and it is likely that he will, then capital punishment is not likely.

Attorneys Hugh M. Martin and Clarence W. Griffin have been appointed by the court to represent Staton.

Hilda Dolberry, young colored girl, is charged with the fatal shooting of Ulysses Harrell at the Dolberry home near Oak City last September 26. She is at Liberty under a \$500 bond.

Walter Freeman is again booked for trial on two counts, one for assaulting Ina Mae Bazemore with intent to kill last February 15, and the other for breaking and entering and assaulting Emma Minns with a scout dagger last April 19. Freeman failed to answer when called.

His case having been continued since last March, Dempsey Roberson is booked for trial for allegedly disposing of mortgaged property.

J. T. Briley is charged with an assault with intent to commit rape on Larine Raynor, a minor, in Hamilton last March 21. The case has been pending trial during the past two terms.

Charged with bastardy and his case continued at the June and September terms, Leon Williams is scheduled for trial next week.

Donnie Harold Long is booked for seduction under the promise of marriage. Cottie Bryant is the prosecuting witness in the case which had its origin last January.

Charged with robbery of the person, Edward Harrison is alleged to have taken \$3.50 in cash from John Henry Lynch last July 31.

Failing to appear last term, William Quintley Carraway is again booked for trial for the alleged larceny of \$160 worth of clothing from the Wilson Hotel in Robersonville last May 20.

Henry Price is booked for the

P. T. A. Fund Campaign Under Way In District

Having originally planned to close their fund campaign this week, members of the Parents-Teachers Association finance committee said last night that the response had not been as generous as they had hoped and the quota will not be reached unless late receipts are heavier than earlier contributions.

While the total goal has been set at \$1500, the committee had set its sights on \$600 for this particular round. A piano and other supplies are badly needed and all persons who have not been contacted to date are urged to send in their contribution to Mrs. Selma Rawls, chairman of the finance committee or to any member of the committee.

EXTRA HOURS

The local post office, to better serve its patrons, will suspend its half holidays during the next two Saturdays, it was announced today by Postmaster W. E. Dunn.

The office will remain open until 6:00 o'clock P. M. both Saturdays.

During the meantime, patrons are advised not to delay their Christmas mailing until the last minute. It has been pointed out that holiday greetings have a far better chance of delivery when mailed first class than when entered as second class matter.

Achievement Day In County Clubs

The Martin County 4-H Achievement Day was held Monday night, December 7, in the Williamston Elementary School at 7:30 P. M. with 12 Clubs represented. The meeting was opened with the group singing America, Pledge Allegiance to the Flag and said the 4-H Club Pledge. Polly Bunting read the Devotional which was followed by the Lord's Prayer sung by Jan Brady.

The roll was called with about 85 girls and boys and several parents attending. Joan Carol Coltrain gave a very interesting talk on her experience at Club Congress in Chicago.

We then had entertainment by Buzzie and David Worsley which was enjoyed by all. The awards were given by Mrs. Harrison and Mr. Hodges. Those receiving awards Girls: Achievement, Joan Carol Coltrain, Williamston Club; Clothing, Joan Carol Coltrain; Dress Revue, Joan Carol Coltrain; Food Preparation, Joan Carol Coltrain; Frozen Foods, Joan Carol Coltrain; Dairy Foods Demonstration, Catherine Rogerson; Bear Grass Club; Farm and Home Electric, Catherine Rogerson; Recreation—Rural Arts, Joyce Revels, Williamston Club; Public Speaking, Jean Stevenson, Jamesville Club.

Jimmie Hopkins won the Cup given by the Lions Club as the most outstanding Club member for the year. Joan Carol Coltrain won the cup for the girls.

Boys: Ross Knowles—Dairy Achievement; Jimmie Hopkins—Field Crops; Leadership—Jimmie Hopkins; Meat Animal—Bob Perry; Tractor Maintenance—Jimmie Hopkins; Forestry—Lavanor Bullock; Achievement—Jimmie Hopkins—Reported

Injured In Auto Wreck In County

Julian Allen White, young Windsor-Norfolk white man, suffered a three-stitch cut in his face when the car turned over on the Williamston Poplar Point road last Monday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock.

Traveling toward Beddard's store, White lost control of his 1952 Ford in a curve, and the machine went down an embankment and turned over, resulting in a \$500 estimated property loss.

A companion with White was not injured. Treated in a local hospital, White was able to continue on his way a short time later.

Hold Funeral For Native Of County

Funeral services were held in Roanoke Rapids yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for James C. Leggett, native of this county, who died suddenly there Monday of a heart attack. Interment was in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery.

He was born near Williamston 45 years ago, the son of James A. Leggett and the late Mary Wobblen Leggett. He moved with his parents to Roanoke Rapids where he spent most of his life.

Surviving are his widow, Annie Leggett, a daughter, his father and several brothers and sisters.

Outlook Dim For The Bloodmobile Visit On Tuesday

Calls For Blood Increasing; More Pledges Urgently Requested

The prospects for a successful visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile in this chapter next Tuesday, the 15th, are frankly dim, according to a late report coming from the Red Cross office.

Even while the appeal was being made for additional pledges, calls for blood for emergencies were received late yesterday afternoon. The calls were answered, and members of the highway patrol had the blood rolling toward the hospital in a matter of minutes from the distribution center in Windsor.

According to unofficial but reliable reports reaching here, the blood program is just about to be suspended in some chapters in this area because the number of donors has dwindled to a low point. The program has paid off in this chapter, and lives have been saved. However, the program cannot be maintained unless the list of donors is increased. In the light of the bare facts, leaders of the program in this county are again appealing for blood donors. Call the Red Cross office, 2661, today and sign up for the visit next Tuesday.

Ninety-eight willing persons pledged to give additional blood after patronizing the bloodmobile last June and September. Few pledges have been received since that time, but a report from the local National Guard Battery indicated that the boys were planning to turn out in fairly large numbers next Tuesday. During the meantime, at least 75 additional pledges are needed if the quota of 150 pints is to be met next Tuesday between 10 hours of 10:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.

The following are among those who have pledged to give blood next Tuesday:

W. M. Tetterton, Clyde Manning, Delmus Bazemore, Mrs. Ruth Bondurant, Maurice Belott, Clyde B. Bailey, T. M. Britton, Aubrey D. Ange, W. J. Ayers, J. C. Coltrain, A. L. Jameson, Mrs. A. L. Jameson, Miss Daisy Manning, Joseph Manning, Emmitt Mims, James L. Moore, Dr. J. S. Rhodes Jr., Walter Perkins, J. D. Page, Windell Peele, Henry Bullock, Lester Bryant, W. J. Bridgen, Norman Bailey, John Miller Jr., Gladys Manning, R. C. Malone, William Lilly, Simon Lilly, Jr., Raymond Blair, Eugene Bell, James Bullock, Johnny Beacham, M. K. Bennett, Mrs. Benita Straw- Bob Newell, Chester Nicholson, Donnie M. Nicholson, John C. McKenry, J. H. McBrayer Jr., Dr. Sidney Christian, Marvin Coltrain, Cecil Brown, Mrs. Pete fin, Biggs, Erwin Griffin, Pete Fowden, E. R. Fronberger, Richard Edwards, Norman Everett, William Decato, Ernest Griffin, Kelly Gay, Clyde Griffin, Benjie Godwin, N. D. Griffin, Mrs. Martha Gurganus, Henry Griffin, C. R. Whitaker, Park Harrison, J. W. Snead, Clabon Sumnerlin, Bruce Holloman, Fodrow Holliday, Rev. T. L. Hastings, W. L. Howell, Cecil Lilly, Willie Gray Lee, Carleton Lamm, James Paul Lilly, K. P. Lindsley.

Mrs. Lela Johnson, Wilbur Jackson, Paul Griffin, Hezekiah Bell, William Frank Bailey, William H. Griffin, Lazarus Williams, William Smallwood, Buck Holloman, J. K. Herrington, Bruce Whitley, Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Caddie Robertson, J. Reg Simpson, Jack Sullivan, Miss Emily Wagner, G. Riley Tew, Ernest Roughton, Arthur Simpson, John Earl Robertson, Exum Ward, Miss Bernice Ward, Sam Zeaman, Ronald White, Calvin Warren, R. L. Bailey, Miss Maud Thomas.

Searching Cemetery For Graves Of Relatives

Relatives of the late J. S. Williams and Sue Williams are trying to locate the cemetery where the two were buried. Mr. Williams died in 1878 or 1879 and is believed to have been buried in a family cemetery between Williamston and Hamilton near the Poplar Point road, but no definite location has been determined.

Anyone knowing where the Williams were buried are asked to contact A. E. Hammond, a relative, in Trenton, N. C.

Important Vote On Peanuts And Cotton December 15

Farmers will choose between 17-cent and 33-cent cotton and between 9-cent peanuts and 12-cent peanuts when they go to the polls to participate in the peanut-cotton referendums next Tuesday, December 15. The importance of casting a large and favorable vote is apparent, but despite that it is believed that only a small vote will be cast with the possibility that some areas will offer the program no strong support. It is believed that while Martin County farmers will not turn out in great numbers they will favor the programs.

Farm leaders, outside the political field in Washington, are urging the farmers to vote and favor the programs.

The polls will be open in this

Twenty-One Face Speeding Charges In County Court

Fines Imposed In Amount
Of \$200 By Judge Chas.
H. Manning Monday

Alleged speeders held extensive trial tests at a regular field day in the Martin County Recorder's Court Monday. Twenty-one were booked and fines in the sum of \$200 were imposed or approved by Judge Chas. H. Manning who was pinching for judge H. O. Peele who underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis that morning. The county court will yield its sitting place next week to the superior tribunal, and there is some doubt if Judge Peele will be able to return to the bench at the next regular session of the county court on the 21st.

The twenty-one speeding cases handled by the court last Monday include the following:

Pleading guilty of speeding 70 miles an hour, Anthony Dominic Ricci of Cerry Point was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with speeding 75 miles an hour and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Dave Purvis, Jr., of RFD 3, Greenville, was fined \$40, plus costs. Purvis maintained he was innocent, but his plea did not stand up in court.

Bobby Brady of Hamilton was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs for speeding 75 miles an hour.

Charged with speeding 30 miles an hour, James Shepherd of RFD 1, Robersonville, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Zolly Brinkley, also of RFD 1, Robersonville, pleaded guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Peter J. Intine of St. Astoris, N. Y., Roert Charles Long of Savannah, Ga., James Elbert Woolf of Boston, Chas. Martin Burkhardt, Jr., of Weeksville, Phillip Ballance Thach of Hertford and Milton Pushkin of Bronx, N. Y.

John Michael Power of Savannah, Ga., Robert E. Downen of Evansville, Indiana, and Stuart Edward Hazlett of Rockdale, N. Y., were each fined \$10, plus costs for speeding between 65 and 75 miles an hour.

John J. Clark, Jr., of Waterville, Conn., and Howard Corey, of RFD 3, Williamston, were each taxed with the costs for speeding 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone.

Pleading guilty of speeding 70 miles an hour, Alessandro A. Bowavittacola of Philadelphia, was fined \$25 and required to pay the court costs.

Charged with speeding 55 miles an hour in trucks, Carrie Lee Roberson of RFD 1, Stantonburg, William Bryant Hooker of Winston-Salem and Haywood Evans of RFD 1, Princeville pleaded guilty and were taxed with the court costs.

Lions Holding Their Last Meeting Of Year Tonight

The local Lions Club will hold its final meeting of the year in the Woman's Club building tonight. The school faculty will be special guests of the club for the evening and the Lions are planning a very entertaining program. The guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville. All members are urged to attend this special meeting.

Funeral Today In Methodist Church For Mrs. Gurganus

Former local Resident Died
In Kinston Hospital
Early Yesterday

Funeral services are being conducted in the Methodist church here this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Mrs. Rose Crowell Gurganus, former resident, who died in a Kinston hospital at 2:00 o'clock yesterday morning. The pastor, the Rev. R. E. Walston, will conduct the rites and interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Gurganus was taken suddenly ill early last Thursday evening. Pneumonia developed from a bronchial trouble, and her condition became critical last Saturday. Little hope for her recovery had been expected since that time.

The daughter of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Asbury Crowell Halberstadt of Williamston and the late John William Crowell, she was born in Williamston 56 years ago on May 25, 1897. Except for a short time spent in Lexington, N. C., where her father owned and operated a furniture factory, she spent all her life in Williamston until last May when she moved to Kinston to make her home.

She was a member of the Methodist church here for many years. Possessed of a sympathetic understanding, she played the role of a real friend to all. She was a thoughtful neighbor, and endeared herself to neighbors and others during the few months she spent in her adopted community of Kinston, where she enjoyed a large circle of friends and where she enjoyed good health until her sudden illness.

In 1914 she was married to LeRoy H. Gurganus of Williamston. He died on December 10 of last year.

Surviving besides her mother are two daughters, Miss Sarah Gurganus of Kinston where she holds a responsible position in the offices of a hospital, and Mrs. Bettie Gurganus Baker of Washington.

Department Will Aid Cheer Plans

"We stand ready once again to cooperate with the organizations and individuals who wish to have our help in providing Christmas cheer to the less fortunate citizens of our county," said Miss Mary W. Taylor, superintendent of the welfare department.

"In previous years many have asked us to help them channel their gifts to people in need and we have been able to be of service to suggest those in greatest need and to avoid duplication," Miss Taylor said.

"As a part of the responsibility which public welfare is asked to assume we come to know the needs of many who cannot provide the 'extras' which make Christmas. Some may be receiving assistance through public welfare but the grants are inadequate to provide the things that are associated with a good Christmas.

"As always, when we want to work with groups as they may need assistance in either planning or carrying out some project for the benefit of the people who can be cheered by some wisely planned giving at this season."

Miss Taylor stated that the department will also accept donations of food, clothing, toys, and fruit and will distribute these where they are most needed.

Many Attending Cancer Clinics

Goodly numbers of eastern North Carolina people are attending the cancer detection clinics held each first and third Wednesday in the municipal building at Rocky Mount, according to reports reaching here. Conducted by the local, State and national cancer societies in cooperation with Rocky Mount physicians, the clinics are held free to all persons over forty years of age.

Williamston and Oak City were represented in the last clinic. Citizens in other towns of the county are invited to attend. The clinic is open each first and third Wednesday's, beginning at 9:00 o'clock a. m.

Defendants Assessed \$1,190 Here Monday

CHAIRMAN

D. V. Clayton, cashier of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, was recently named chairman for this county to handle a big oratorical contest the North Carolina Bankers Association is sponsoring in the white high schools of the State.

Details are to be announced soon, Mr. Clayton said, adding that thousands of dollars in prizes will be awarded the county, district and state winners. Every high school student is eligible to participate in the contest.

Unloading Large Fertilizer Cargo

Officials of the Mathieson Chemical Corporation's Standard Fertilizer Division in Williamston were in Morehead City this week observing the unloading of a 11,000-ton fertilizer cargo. The local company has been one of the main shippers at the State Port. The following story was released today from Morehead City:

A full 11,000 ton cargo of a new type fertilizer material and nitrate of soda from Texas and Louisiana plants is being discharged at the N. C. State Docks here this week as a test run upon which future movements and operations will be based.

The complete pellet type fertilizer comes from the Pasadena plant of the Mathieson Chemical Corporation, on the Houston Ship Channel, with other tonnage of nitrate from Lake Charles, La. Both materials are in bulk, and the greater part of the cargo will be bagged with new equipment being installed in the dockside transit sheds of North Carolina State Ports Authority, officials said.

Mathieson Chemical is the shipper and charterer of the Bull Line steam-type vessel, S. S. Mae, which is serving the Port of Morehead City.

For the first time also, the State Ports Authority is undertaking the stevedoring of cargo. The SPA terminal recently purchased and leased bulk conveyors, hoppers and payloaders. Two mobile cranes are unloading the Mae which does not carry ships tackle.

SPA Executive Director G. W. Gillette and the agency's Morehead City terminal manager, J. D. Holt, describe the current fertilizer movement as highly significant in the port's program which seeks to establish the recently improved harbor as a major fertilizer distribution center. Using terminal equipment and local stevedore labor is expected to supply basic cost factors for discharge, handling and distribution.

The first cargoes of synthetic bulk fertilizer to move through Morehead City, where the State of North Carolina completed a \$3,000,000 marine terminal in 1952, were shipped from West German ports last Spring by Mathieson Chemical and General Fertilizer. A large part of the movement was transhipped via Atlantic and East Carolina Railroad to the Standard Fertilizer plant at Williamston.

Holt said this week that the new portable bagging equipment being installed will permit a wider direct distribution. The coastwise movement inaugurated by Mathieson and the bagging operation will bring distribution, by truck and inland waterway barge as well as rail shipments into the transport picture.

Te pellet type complete fertilizer releases its plant food over a longer period of time than powdered forms, and that the waste factor is decidedly less, its manufacturers claim. The extent of use of the new type material by farmers in the territory served by the port will determine the extent of future movements.

Suffers Broken Hip In Fall This Morning

Mrs. A. J. Manning, Sr., suffered a broken right hip in a fall at her home on Simmons Avenue shortly before 7:00 o'clock this morning. She was removed to a local hospital and was reported at noon to be getting along fairly well.

Sixty-Six Cases Heard In County Recorder's Court

Vice Recorder Held Court
In Session All Day To
Handle Big Docket

Appointed vice recorder by the Martin County Commissioners Monday morning when Judge H. O. Peele underwent an emergency operation, Attorney Chas. H. Manning immediately threw the wheels of justice into motion and before the day was spent he and Solicitor Clarence Griffin had cleared sixty-six cases from the docket in the recorder's court. The docket had accumulated a large number of cases while the superior court was in session two weeks handling civil actions.

There was quite a bit of moaning and wailing going on at the bar, but at the close of the day no one had a ticket directly to the roads and fines were added up in the amount of \$1,190. Added costs ran the total income for the day up to almost \$2,000.

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

Charlie Easley, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Joe Purvis, Jr., was charged with assaulting a female.

Charged with driving a motor vehicle after his license had been revoked, Melvin Earl Jones was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, James Edward Bennett was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending the road term for three years upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs.

The case in which Arthur Lee Teel was charged with careless and reckless driving was not prosecuted and is to be re-opened at a later date.

Adjudged guilty of issuing a worthless check, George Green was ordered to pay the amount of the check and court costs.

Mrs. James Anthony Rogerson pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

The case in which her husband was charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle was not prosed.

Matthew Crowell, pleading guilty, was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Maintaining his innocence, George Webb was found guilty of non-support and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of \$40 immediately and \$5 a week for the support of his child. He is to reappear at the end of two years for further judgment.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon over his plea of innocent, John Thomas Farley was sentenced to the roads for three months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and under the further condition that the defendant refrain from drinking and fighting for six months.

The assault with a deadly weapon case is to be re-opened at a later date.

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Man Jailed For Attacking Wife

Daniel Williams, 38-year-old Cross Roads Township colored man, was jailed here yesterday for a brutal knife assault on his wife, Lena Mae Williams, Tuesday afternoon. Although she was badly cut about the arm and body, she was able to attend a preliminary hearing held by Justice H. S. Everett in Robersonville yesterday. The victim was treated in the Ward clinic, one report stating that doctors worked the greater part of an hour closing the wounds.

Williams, using a sizable pocket knife, was unable to arrange bond in the sum of \$150 and was placed in jail. He is to be tried in the county court on the 21st.