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Eighteen Cases In County Court Monday Mornign

Session Was Dullest Held During The Past Few Months

With only eighteen cases on its docket, the Martin County Recorder's Court held its dullest session last Monday morning in several months. Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin completed their work in less than two hours, the session being among the shortest ones this year.

Fines added up to only $190, including one in the amount of $100 imposed on a convicted liquor law violator.

Proceedings:

Pleading guilty of speeding 55 miles an hour in a truck, Lindsey Slade was fined $10 plus costs.

Richard Lane was taxed with the costs when he pleaded guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with a restricted license, Abram Fagan was taxed with the costs.

A. W. Brinson, pleading guilty of speeding 60 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone, was fined $10, plus costs.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Willie Hollis was adjudged not guilty, but his wife, Lela Hollis, was adjudged guilty over her plea of innocent. She was fined $100 and taxed with the costs.

W. F. Sinn, charged with speeding 70 miles an hour, pleaded guilty and was fined $15 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour, William Simeon Daniel and Ann O. Godwin were each fined $10 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, William L. Alexander was taxed with the court costs.

Booked for speeding 70 miles an hour, Richard Peyton Holloman was fined $15 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with speeding 70 miles an hour, Haf Edmund Erchandrach pleaded guilty and was taxed with the court costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Leo Towns was charged with assaulting a female.

Roland Albert Boutin pleaded guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour and was fined $10, plus the court costs.

Papers were issued, ordering the arrest of DePreast Staton, charged with non-support.

Taylor Bounds Bryan, charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, pleaded guilty and was fined $10, plus costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Willie McDonald pleaded guilty and was taxed with the costs.

Booked in two cases for assaults with deadly weapons, Sylvester White pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty, the court sentencing him to the roads for three months in each case, the sentences to run concurrently. The road terms were suspended upon payment of the cost, and committment is to issue if the defendant is found publicly drunk.

Father Of Local Resident Passes

Seth H. Waters, father of Mrs. W. Clyde Griffin of Williamston, died in a New Bern hospital yesterday morning at 10:10 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time. He was 66 years of age.

The funeral service is being conducted this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the Oriental Methodist Church by the Rev. T. L. Hethcox and the Rev. Denver Bevins. Interment will be in the Oriental cemetery.

Surviving besides his daughter here are his widow, Mrs. Ophelia Dixon Waters, two daughters, Mrs. Tom Spencer of Bayboro, Mrs. Grace Wheeler of Charleston, S. C.; two sons, H. H. Waters of Havelock, Bill Waters of Route 3, New Bern; four sisters, Edith Waters of Cherryville, Mrs. Mary Montaigne of Wilmington, Mrs. Ed Jones of Maysville, Mrs. Irvin Maids of Portsmouth, Va.; one brother, Edward Waters of Loris, S. C.

Last Registration Is Second Largest In Martin County

Piling up the second largest registration on record in this county, Martin voters apparently are preparing to go to the polls in record numbers on Saturday of this week between the hours of 6:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

According to preliminary reports coming from all of the thirteen precinct registrars, 583 new names were placed on the books during the recent registration period and none was removed by challenge last Saturday.

Just about all of the new registrants declared affiliation with the Democratic Party. At least one and possibly two entered their names in the Republican camp, meaning that those two will not be eligible to participate in the primary election Saturday.

Comparatively few colored citizens registered for the primary during the period, Hamilton leading the list with twenty new Negro registrants. Out of 192 new registrants, Precinct No. 2 in Williamston listed nineteen new Negro electors. Popular Point added the first Negro electors to its books in many decades when three registered Saturday before last. Of the 583 new names added to the books, approximately ten percent were those of colored registrants.

Nearly half of the new registration is centered in the two Williamston precincts.

Following is the new registration figures along with the total registration, by precincts:

Precinct	New	Total
Jamesville	56	839
Williams	14	374
Griffins	25	547
Bear Grass	44	539
Williamston 1	77	1181
Williamston 2	192	1600
Cross Roads	6	510
Robersonville	55	1443
Gold Point	13	266
Poplar Point	14	264
Hassell	5	248
Hamilton	40	416
Goose Nest	42	688
	583	8915

Group Endorses Service Officer

Meeting in the American Legion Hut here Tuesday evening, thirty veterans, representing various organizations and some representing none, unanimously endorsed Edgar Gurganus, local attorney, for Martin County Service Officer. Competition, reported to have existed, faded away following talks in support of the present officer, it was stated.

The endorsement will go to the Martin County Board of Commissioners where it is fairly certain the officials will recognize it and continue Gurganus in the $1,000 per year job.

In session for more than an hour, the group wasn't long in reaching a decision after the rules of procedure were determined. It was agreed for each person present to exercise one vote rather than limit the vote to various veterans' organizations.

The service officer is charged with the duty of assisting any veteran or serviceman in solving problems, preparing papers, claims and so forth.

Work Progresses On Country Club

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Roanoke Country and Golf Club, about one mile south on Highway 17. Building materials are being placed on the site just back of the Ross Motel, and many of the approximately 50 wooded acres have been cleared.

It is planned to start construction work on the club house within the next few days.

Suffers Injury In Fall From Tree In Woods

Murray Strawbridge, 14, suffered a chipped elbow bone Tuesday while enjoying a school picnic here Tuesday. The lad was climbing a small tree and was thrown to the ground when the tree broke.

He is undergoing treatment in a local hospital. He had planned to go with the Boy Scouts to New Mexico early in June, but it is doubtful if he'll recover from the injury in time to make the trip.

Candidate Calls Off Rally In The County

The rally, planned in Robersonville this week for A. E. Turner, candidate for the United States Senate, was cancelled to avoid a conflict with the school closing exercises, it was learned.

ELECTION RETURNS

With the cooperation of county and precinct election officials, The Enterprise plans to canvass the primary returns Saturday night. A comparatively heavy vote is predicted, meaning that final returns will be late in the night reaching the office.

The telephones will be loaded until late handling reports from the precincts and releases to the State press groups. The public is asked to delay its calls for reports until after the rush, please.

COLONIAL STORE

Final details have not been handled, but plans are going forward for the location of a modern Colonial store on the corner of Elm and Main Streets here.

Tenants in the old Everett home are vacating just as soon as they can find other quarters and the structure will be razed, the owners said this week. It is planned to start work on the store building possibly by early summer.

Truck Hits Auto On Main Street

An old-model truck, battered and worn, crashed into the Dodge taxi driven by Floyd Gorham in front of the H. G. Horton law office on Main Street yesterday morning about 10:35 o'clock, injuring no one but causing about $150 damage to the taxi.

Witnesses said that Gorham pulled around the truck and started to make a right turn into the taxi lot back of the law office when he met another car coming out. He was forced to stop in the street and the truck, said to have had faulty brakes, crashed into the rear of the car.

Peter Jackson Oliver, migrant worker from Florida, was charged with operating a truck with improper brakes and he was taxed with the costs and required to have repairs made to his machine. The damage claim was settled, report stating that the trucker paid Gorham $50. No warrant was brought, charging the taxi driver with blocking the highway.

County Boy Lives Through Tragedy

Chief Aviation Machinist Mate M. Bennett Daniels, Martin County young man, escaped injury in the explosion and fire that cost the lives of 91 Navy men and resulted in the injury of 201 others off the Rhode Island Coast this week. His wife, the former Mary Kate Swain, advised relatives here that he was not injured in the explosion of the USS Carrier Bennington.

The disaster, described as one of the worst in the Navy during peace time, is being investigated.

It could not be learned if other men from this county were on the carrier at the time of the explosion.

Three Township Primary Races

Three contests on the township level are gathering momentum and are expected to boost the total vote in the county on Saturday. All three races center around the office of constable.

In Jamesville, Hallet S. Davis and Harry C. Jones are in the race. Three men, B. L. Conway, Joe H. Roebuck and Charlie R. Moore are competing for constable in Williamston Township, and J. S. Ayers and H. M. Peel are in the constable race in Hamilton Township.

The vote will be limited to the candidates' respective townships.

Predicting Big Vote In County Saturday, May 29

Polls To Be Open From 6:30 A. M. Until 6:30 O'Clock In Evening

Supported by several "hot" local contests and a warm State race, not to mention the appeal of a county man for all-out help, the primary vote on Saturday of this week is expected to break all records.

It has been estimated that the vote count will run up to 6,200. Others are guessing it will hold to around 4,500. Still others are of the opinion it will not miss 5,500 by more than a hundred or so vote either way.

Appealing to the home folks to support his candidacy for solicitor of the second judicial district, Elbert S. Peel points out that his opponent has a large county with ten or twelve thousand votes, that he (Peel) will have to get a large and favorable vote here at home to help offset the disadvantage. Mr. Peel stated this week that the people of his home county and many in other counties in the district had been most kind and very cooperative, that he has been encouraged by their interest in his candidacy.

The United States Senate race has some pulling power, to be sure, but the county ticket is with vote-pulling power. All the candidates are men of esteem and the county can take pride in the caliber and standing of the candidates on its ticket. No derogatory remarks have been uttered by any of the candidates, and, as a whole, the campaigns have been well conducted.

While the size may vary according to one whim or another, the vote to be cast on Saturday can better be estimated by the count recorded in the Democratic primaries of 1948, 1950 and 1952, as follows:

	1948	1950	1952
Jamesville	309	440	391
Williams	102	222	151
Griffins	254	360	363
Bear Grass	249	343	276
Williamston 1	371	713	535
Williamston 2	521	880	696
Cross Roads	157	292	180
Robersonville	486	778	571
Gold Point	126	180	197
Poplar Point	93	153	108
Hassell	93	108	78
Hamilton	160	225	164
Goose Nest	228	320	226
Totals	3149	5013	3848

Polling Places In The County

Polling places will be maintained in thirteen precincts in this county on Saturday of this week from 6:30 o'clock a. m. until 6:30 o'clock p. m., as follows:

Jamesville—Town House,

Williams—County House near No. 90 Station,

Griffins—County House near Jim Manning's store,

Bear Grass—School building,

Williamston No. 1—Agriculture building,

Williamston No. 2—Woman's Club building,

Cross Roads—Buck Ayers' office,

Robersonville—Masonic building,

Gold Point—Vanderford's Grocery,

Poplar Point—Log Cabin near Ernest White's store,

Hassell—Salsbury office,

Hamilton—Town office,

Goose Nest—Bunting's furniture store.

Camp Caroline Opens Monday

Camp Caroline, the new Conference Grounds of the Disciples of Christ on the Neuse River near Arapahoe, has been completed and will begin its summer activities on May 31.

The Northeastern Chi Rho Camp, to be held May 31-June 5, is for boys and girls 12 to 14 years of age, from this area of the state. Mr. John Goff, minister of the First Christian Church, Williamston, will be Camp Director.

EDUCATION BOARD

Scheduled to meet next Monday evening, the Martin County Board of Education will discuss special matters along with routine business, it was learned.

Eleven Contests Before The Voters In County Saturday

Nineteen Names On County Ballot For The Primary

Contests For Nine District And County Offices To Be Decided Saturday

Martin County voters on Saturday of this week between the hours of 6:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., will choose from a field of nineteen candidates in filling eight district and county offices. And there are some rather hot contests to be decided, with the possibility that the outcome will not be determined until the last precinct is counted.

While a second primary is possible in the race for the United States Senate, no second round of voting is possible in any of the district or county contests.

The names of Elbert S. Peel and Hubert E. May appear on the county ticket twice, the voters being called upon to make selections both for the long or regular term and the short term. The race is centered in the five counties of Washington, Martin, Edgecombe, Wilson and Nash which comprise the second judicial district.

The other district contest on the county ballot is the one for State Senator from this the second senatorial district which is made up of the counties of Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Tyrell, Beaufort, Washington and Martin. The voters are to choose two of the three candidates, Edward L. Owens, or L. H. Ross or Martin Kellogg, Jr. Owens is a Plymouth man. Ross is a Washington attorney, and Kellogg is a Manteo attorney.

Other races on the county ballot include the one for member State House of Representatives with R. Frank Everett and A. Corey competing; for Sheriff with W. Raymond Rawls and Murray W. Holloman in the contest; for Judge of the Recorder's Court, Henry S. Everett and Herbert O. Peele; for Surveyor, O. B. Roberson and Marvin W. Corey; for County Commissioner (Jamesville-Williams district), Joe Lawrence Coltrain and C. C. Martin; for Board of Education, Edward Lee Martin, Sherwood L. Roberson, Ernest C. Edmondson and Howard B. Gaylord.

While the Board of Education office is not an elective one, the candidates go before the people in the primary and the selections made there are generally recognized by the State Legislature where appointments are made. The selections in the primary for the board of education are made irrespective of geographical locations of the candidates or districts. The voters are to choose three from the field of four candidates.

County commissioners are chosen from established districts, but they are subject to a county-wide vote.

The names of the candidates rotate positions, but the county ballot the voters are to see Saturday will be about as follows:

FOR SOLICITOR

Second Judicial District

Regular Term

(Vote For One)

☐ HUBERT E. MAY

☐ ELBERT S. PEEL

FOR SOLICITOR

Second Judicial District

Short Term

(Vote For One)

☐ HUBERT E. MAY

☐ ELBERT S. PEEL

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Toy Collection At Jamesville

Plans for meeting the needs of under privileged tots at Christmas time are being advanced by children fo the Jamesville Methodist Church.

Promoted by Mr. L. H. Hardison and sponsored by the youth organizations of the church there, the toy collections are to be made each first and third Tuesday from now until Christmas.

Families with extra toys are askedt to contact Mr. Hardison or some member of the church.

OUTLOOK BETTER

The appearance of warmer weather this week has greatly improved the crop outlook in this area, according to reports coming from Farm Agent Tom Brandon. However, the cool weather left its marks and the condition surrounding the peanut crop is still uncertain.

Blue mold was reported this week in the fields of Farmer Jesse Rawls in Bear Grass, but the warm weather is expected to check it. Blue mold has seldom been seen in the fields in this county. The damage was fairly extensive, Brandon said. Tobacco is "moving" now and farmers are "laying by" their corn.

The peanut crop is off to a poor start, most farmers reporting poor stands. The Williamston Peanut Company has supplied between 50,000 and 60,000 pounds of seed peanuts for replanting during the past ten days, it was said. Quite a few farmers plowed their fields and planted the crop a second time in its entirety while a majority resorted to replanting.

Jaycees Holding Pageant June 2nd

Final plans have been completed by the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce for the annual Miss Williamston Beauty Pageant and Little Miss Williamston Sweetie Pie Contest. The big annual event will be held Wednesday night, June 2, at 8:00 o'clock in the Williamston High School auditorium.

A total of twenty one little Sweetie Pies have been entered in the Sweetie Pie division and they are as follows: Pat Crawford, Susan Mobley, Cathy Griffin, Deborah Coltrain, Mary Ann Williams, Dana Clayton, Diane Kirkman, Pat Griffin, Sandra Taylor, Diane VanLandingham, Julia Taylor, Priscelia Peele, Paula Lamm, Chorley Wynne, Maryln Vann, Mary Evelyn Manning, Rennae Cannon, Betty Jean Boney, Diane Carson, Lynn Cuthrell and Emily Earles.

In the Miss Williamston contest division the following young ladies will compete: Geral Lamm, Miss Baker Oil Co.; Janie Cherry, Miss Alpha Cleaners; Peggy Mobley, Miss Bulluck's Mens and Boys Wear; Joan Carroll Coltrain, Miss Chas. H. Jenkins; Susie Griffin, Miss Clarks Pharmacy; Mary Alice Hopkins, Miss Corey Plumging Co.; Jane Martin, Miss Belk-Tyler; Betty Jones, Miss Davis Pharmacy; Ruth Hazel Bailey, Miss Dixie Motor Co.; Hilda Gray Hardison, Miss Leder Bros.; Patricia Smithwick, Miss Peele Jewelers; Caroline Wallace, Miss Manning & Peel Hardware; Mary House, Miss Harrison Oil Co.; Peggy Long, Miss Woolard Furniture Co.; Patty Williams, Miss Western Auto Associate Store; Leda Faye Manning, Miss White's Heating & Sheet Metal Works; Priscilla Roberson, Miss Williamston Hardware Co.; Janie Roberson, Miss Rotary Club; Anne Price, Miss Margolis Bros.; Rose Napier, Miss Helig-Meyers; Ann Styons, Miss Enterprise Publishing Co.; and Lee Handy, Miss House Of Fashion.

The winner of the Miss Williamston will go on to Burlington to compete for the title of Miss North Carolina. The winner there will go to Atlantic City, N. J. to compete for the Miss America title.

The Miss North Carolina winners will receive many valuable prizes including a personal appearance on the Ed Sullivan TV Show, a complete wardrobe from the Calanese Corporation and many others.

Make your plans now to attend the Miss Williamston Beauty Pageant and Little Miss Sweetie Pie Contest on Wednesday June 2, 8 P. M., in the Williamston High School auditorium.

BOND ELECTION

Pushed into the background just now by the political primary, Williamston's bond election will be held as scheduled on Friday, June 4.

Eleven Names On State Ballot For May 29th Primary

Voters To Choose Three Men From Field for The Three Offices

Top heavy with a crowded field in the race for United States Senator, the State ballot for the Saturday, May 29, primary carries the names of eleven candidates, four of the names appearing on the ballot twice and boosting the count to fifteen. The doubling up is traceable to a short and long or regular term for the U. S. Senate, a nusiance to be sure, but one that is necessary to make the election legal. While it is possible to nominate and elect one man for the regular term and another man for the short term, such a result in the past cannot be recalled just now.

Seven candidates, Alvin Wingfield, Jr., Ollo Ray Boyd, W. M. Bostick, Henry L. Sprinkle, W. Kerr Scott, Alton Lennon and A. E. Turner, are in the race for the long senate term. Only four candidates, W. Kerr Scott, Alton Lennon, Alvin Wingfield, Jr., and Henry L. Sprinkle, bothered to compete for the short term.

The main senate races centers around Scott and Lennon with some mention made of Wingfield, who, it is believed, is cutting into the Lennon strength to quite some extent in certain areas. Little has been said about the other four candidates.

The other contests on the State ballot center around the offices of State Treasurer and State Commissioner of Insurance. The treasurer's race is shaping up a bit late, but gaining momentum with Joshua S. James and Edwin Gill in the race. Edwin Gill is the incumbent, going there by appointment by Governor Wm. B Umstead and succeeding Brandon Hodges. Joshua James, former member of the State Utilities Commission by appointment from former Governor Kerr Scott, was ousted by the present administration after he had led the fight for the people in several utility rate cases.

The last contest appearing on the ticket is for Commissioner of Insurance with Charles F. Gold and John F. Fletcher in the race. Gold is the incumbent.

The State ballot, as the voters will see it Saturday, will be about as follows:

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Regular Term)

(Vote for One)

☐ ALVIN WINGFIELD, JR.

☐ OLLA RAY BOYD

☐ W. M. BOSTICK

☐ HENRY L. SPRINKLE

☐ W. KERR SCOTT

☐ ALTON LENNON

☐ A. E. TURNER

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR

(Short Term)

(Vote for One)

☐ W. KERR SCOTT

☐ ALTON LENNON

☐ ALVIN WINGFIELD, JR.

☐ HENRY L. SPRINKLE

FOR STATE TREASURER

(Vot for One)

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

(Vote for One)

☐ CHARLES F. GOLD

☐ JOHN F. FLETCHER

CIVIL DEFENSE

Plans will be advanced for the organization of a civil defense ground observation corps at a public meeting to be held in the Boy Scout Hut on South Smithwick Street here this evening, it was announced today by Chairman W. A. Williams who is urging all those who possibly can do so to attend.

A representative from the Durham filter center will attend the meeting and assist in perfecting an organization, Mr. Williams said.

Special Awards Presented In The High School Here

Perfect Attendance, Sports, Safety And Other Accomplishments Recognized

Hundreds of special awards were presented to studentes in the local school during a special program held in the high school auditorium here this morning.

Perfect attendance, safety, merit, sports, and accomplishments in other fields were recognized.

The awards were announced as follows:

Perfect Attendance Certificate

First Grade: Donna Elayne Thrower.

Second Grade: Jimmy Harden Coltrain, Leve Moore, Jr. Louise Rappold, Patricia Barber, Alice Coltrain, Jimmy Daniels, Eddie Powell, Johnnie Manning.

Third Grade: Dale Decato, Dianne Bonds, C. B. Bowen, Owen Eubanks, Carolyn Price, Kenneth Ambrose, Harry Barber.

Fourth Grade: Bobby Bowen, Verna Crisp, Hazel Moore, Phyllis McKnight, Johnny Roebuck, Ronnie Raynor, Gordon Rawls, Gene Hardison, Ralph Holliday, David Modlin, Phyllis Manning, Jean Roberson, Judy Roberson, Alice Faye Barber, June Cherry, Janet Speller.

Fifth Grade: Carl Ebben Heath, Hannah Jane Glenn, Della Peebles Godard, Carolyn Jeanette Mobley, Janice Bland, Patsy Bowling, Laura Frank Crawford, Eugene Leggett, Marcia Annette Speller.

Sixth Grade: Durward Hughes, Jean Biggs, Nancy Coltrain, Hannah Godard, Barbara Harden, Cherry Garris, Melvin Bowen, June Carol Beacham, Ralph Bowen, Charlie Crisp, Martha Rawls, Barbara Robertson.

Seventh Grade: Thelma Barber, Dorothy Bowen, Kenneth Mobley, Tommy Parker, Dorothy Leggett, Rebecca Gurganus, Nancy Hughes, Jane Goddard.

Eighth Grade: Sally Grey Griffin, Betty Modlin, Beth Spivey, Jeanette Leggett, Billie Bowen, Bonnie Jones, Joe Godard, Dorothy Moore, Gerold Stalls, Georgia Jones.

Ninth Grade: Sally Crisp, Molly Biggs, Wade Taylor Hardison, Virginia Holloman, Janice Hardison, Eunice Grimes, Mary Lee White, Barbara Peele, Kenneth Perry.

Tenth Grade: Richard Clayton, Robert Godard, Mary Lou Modlin, Raymond McKeel, Ed Laughinghouse, Opal Wainwright, Janice Robertson, Jackie Rawls.

Eleventh Grade: Leary Forehand, Susie Griffin, William Moore, Joyce Manning, Joyce Revels.

Twelfth Grade: Calvin Chesson, Bobby Coburn, Joyce Bowen Warren, Pati Williams, June Glenn, Nancy Gurkin, Ann Peel.

Safe Driving Awards

Awards went to the following for operating busses 100 days or more without an accident:

Marvin Boyette, N. D. Griffin, William Roberson, Sherwood Taylor.

Merit Awards

Student Secretary: Dot Rogerson, Patricia Wynne.

Seventh Grade Scholarship Medal: Louisa S. Godwin.

Commercial Certificates

First Year Typing: Jane Manning—61 words per minute; Janice Savage—59 words per minute; Mona Smithwick—55 words per minute; Jane Barnhill—55 words per minute; Jane Whitaker—54 words per minute; Joyce Baker—54 words per minute; Betty Sue Clark—53 words per minute; Ann

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Sister Of Local Resident Passes

Mrs. Julius S. Peel returned to her home near here this week after attending the funeral of her half-sister, Mrs. C. W. Alwin in Charles Town, West Virginia, on Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Alwin, 70, died suddenly the previous Saturday at her home in Charles Town.

The funeral service was held in the Zion Episcopal Church of Charles Town where she had been a member for many years. Interment was in the Charles Town Cemetery. She was a member of the DAR, UDC, Colonial Dames and other organizations.

Her step-mother, Mrs. Chas. E. Laymen of Virginia, survives.