

Superior Court In Final Session Of Term Last Friday

Quite A Few Cases Continued On Account of Illness Of Judge Morris

Idle Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week on account of the illness of Judge Chester Morris, the Martin County Superior Court resumed its work last Friday morning, handling two or three criminal cases and several divorce actions before adjourning for the term.

Suffering with a severe cold, Judge Morris was hardly able to return Friday morning, but he got up and drove in that morning, handled as many cases as possible and returned to his home early Friday afternoon.

Proceedings not previously reported follow:

Pleading guilty of bigamy, Willie Brantley was sentenced to prison for two years.

Facing the court on a second charge of forgery, Chas. Keel, a fine looking young man, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for eight months, the sentence to run concurrently with the one meted out in the first case.

Papers were ordered issued, calling for the arrest of Curtis O'Mary, charged with false pretense.

Found guilty by jury, Clarence Poe Joyner, charged with drunken driving, was sentenced, to the roads for six months.

The following criminal cases were continued Friday along with several postponed earlier in the week for trial at the September term:

Walter Freeman, assault with a deadly weapon and breaking and entering; Benjamin H. Lewis, drunken driving; Charles L. Bland, drunken driving; Elijah Manning, assault with a deadly weapon; James and Janie Davis, aiding and abetting larceny; Alfred Mann, violating the liquor laws; W. H. Joyner, bad check; Rufus S. Gaither, drunken driving; Richard M. Edwards, speeding; Walter B. Rose, drunken driving; Augustus Chance, seduction; and Alma J. Thurston, discharging of a minor child.

Three divorces, all based on two-year separation grounds, were granted in the following cases:

Allie A. Roebuck against W. J. Roebuck, Mutter K. Coates against Simon E. Coates, and Sadio Mae Daniels against William Thomas Daniels.

Quite a few cases were cleared from the docket on Monday of last week before Judge Morris was forced to order the three-day recess.

In a lone civil action, the court in the case of C. L. Hadley against (Continued on page eight)

OPEN HOUSE

Open house observed in their new homes by McLawhorns' Furniture Store and Lullaby Shop, and Mrs. Ruth Barnhill's Dress Shop was well attended last Friday evening. The McLawhorns are located in the remodeled hotel building on the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets, and the Teen Age and Misses Shop is in the building next to Biggs' Drug Store on Main Street.

Hundreds of visitors from here and over the county called and congratulated the owners. Refreshments were served.

Service Series At Bear Grass

Looking toward the establishment of a mission in the Bear Grass area, the Martin County Baptist Council is in the second week of a two-week series of special services in the school auditorium there. The last in the series will be held Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Reverends E. Gordon Conkline and W. B. Harrington are handling the services, assisted by the Rev. Howard B. Williams, associational missionary.

These services are being held in cooperation with the Association, and are the result of a survey made in the Bear Grass area in April by the Missionary. All the Baptists of Martin County are invited to pray for and participate in these services.

Rev. Howard B. Williams, a graduate of Southern Seminary, who has worked two summers in this Association, has been employed to work in the Bear Grass area in an effort to establish a Baptist Mission or Church there. His salary is being paid by the State Mission Board and the Martin County Churches.

Nearly 50 per cent of the people in the Bear Grass area are not enrolled in Sunday School, and 44 per cent of those over 12 years of age are not church members.

Plan Open House At The Scout Hut

Open house will be held at the local scout hut on Thursday night of this week it was announced today by Fletcher Thomas and Wendell Peete, presidents, respectively of the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. The building, which was constructed by the Lions and Kiwanis organizations, will be open to the general public at 8:00 p. m. following a joint dinner of the two clubs. Refreshments will be served, and all Martin County citizens interested in scouting and other civic affairs are invited to inspect the building which is located on South Smithwick Street.

The club officers announced that entertainment for the joint dinner meeting will be provided by the "Society Masters" and they urge all members of the two organizations to be present.

Minor Fire In County Saturday

Fire, starting from trash, destroyed a small chicken house and threatened other buildings on the Nemphus Cherry farm over in Williams Township shortly after 3:00 o'clock last Saturday afternoon.

Williamston's fire department answered a call there, but neighbors had kept the fire from spreading and damage was limited, it was learned.

Calling For Fifty More Red Cross Blood Donors June 24

An urgent call was issued today by the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross for at least fifty more blood donors. Unless that number and more volunteer to give a pint of blood, the Red Cross Bloodmobile cannot meet its 150-pint quota on Thursday of this week, it was explained.

It was frankly pointed out also that unless this chapter meets its quota, the supply of free blood for patients in this chapter cannot be met. Reliable reports maintain that the Regional Blood Center in Norfolk is already returning more blood to the chapter than the chapter is receiving.

The bloodmobile will be at the Legion Hut on Watts Street on Thursday of this week from 10:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m., and volunteers are urged to help support the program. Mrs. W. C. Griffin, faithful canteen chairman, and assistants will have refreshments for the donors.

The following have helped carry a great part of the load at the local center. J. C. Coltrain

and Roy Jameson have donated twelve pints. The following have donated eleven pints: Aubrey D. Ange, Emmett Mims, Roger Roberts, William Tetterton and Mrs. Nancy Jameson. Ten pints have been given by each of the following: Cecil Brown, James O. Daniel, J. Kelly Gay, Clyde Manning, A. Clabon Summerlin, and F. M. Manning. The following have given nine pints each: Exum Ward, James E. Bulluck, William E. Degato, William H. Harrison, K. P. Lindsley, Sr., Joseph Manning and Lazarus Williams. In the one gallon club are, Delmus D. Bazemore, Roger A. Critcher, Jr., Norman Everette, William H. Griffin, Paul Griffin, Woodrow Holliday, Mrs. Dora B. Rogerson, Mrs. Mary Dunning Roberts, Mary Louise Taylor, J. W. Sneath, Hezekiah Bell, Clyde Griffin, Robert W. Newell and Ed Rowland. The following have given seven pints, Leslie T. Fowden, V. J. Spivey, Julian Jackson, Rev. John L. Goff, Hugh Hines, Mrs. Ruth W. Brown and Rev. R. L. Hastings.

Major Jos. Johns Killed In Plane Crash Yesterday

Young Man Was Son of Mr. And Mrs. V. A. Johns Of Williamston

Major Joseph Johns, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Johns of Williamston, lost his life in the crash of a jet plane near Savannah, Georgia, early yesterday morning. Few details of the accident could be learned here immediately, but it was stated that the ship took to the air at Hunter Field at 6:12 o'clock yesterday morning and crashed eight minutes later, claiming the lives of Major Johns and three others.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but it is expected that a military service will be conducted at Savannah tomorrow, followed by a committal service in his native town, Asheville, on Thursday. The family requests no flowers be sent.

Major Johns was born in Asheville 31 years ago on October 10, 1922, and spent his early life there. He entered the U. S. Army Air Force in 1941, serving overseas in the Eighth Air Force with the Strategic Air Command and seeing much action in the European theater.

He was married to Miss Beulah Graham of Tennessee. Surviving besides his widow and parents are three daughters, Jill Ann, Linda and Josephine, all of Savannah; and a sister, Mrs. George Corey of Williamston.

Major Johns visited his parents here and made many friends in this section. His last visit was in November, 1953. His daughters spent several months here with their grandparents and aunt during the past year or two.

Members of the family here left today for Asheville.

Child Undergoes Major Operation

Dallas Gardner, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gardner of Williams Township, Tennesse, near the top with a record of operations.

Possessing an up-side-down stomach, the little fellow underwent the first major operation on May 11. Since that time he has undergone four others, all major ones except one. He returned home last Wednesday and is to re-enter the hospital for another operation next week. In one of the operations, three surgeons are said to have worked nearly four hours. The youthful patient seems to bounce back after each one, and the doctors seem to think he is going to be all right.

Mr. Gardner said that many complications had been encountered in trying to right the little fellow's stomach. The next operation is designed to lengthen the wind pipe. Just now he is being fed through a tube, but the lad is meeting the tests without complaint, it was said.

Lands In Jail On Big Bender

Going on a big bender in Jacksonville, Florida, on June 11, William Lester Jones, 26, landed in the Martin County jail last Friday afternoon, and is now in the federal courts facing a charge of larceny of an automobile and transporting it across state lines.

Jones, still shaking late Friday evening, could tell no coherent story of his travels, and maintained that a man by the name of Lewis had lent him the car, a 1952 Ford.

The owner, calling for his car, said he was with Jones in a Jacksonville cafe, that he went to sleep after taking a beer or two. When he came to about an hour later his keys were missing from his pocket and his car was gone.

Picking up a hitch-hiker just out of Jacksonville, Jones was en route to Norfolk after participating in a leisurely trip up to New Bern. Their money gone, the two traded a spare tire for gas, and the hitch-hiker took the wheel while Jones slept. The car was stopped when the driver was caught speeding up U. S. 17 at 70 miles an hour.

Suffers Serious Hurt In Accident

James H. (Foggy) Gurkin, popular student and athlete in the Williamston High School, was seriously injured in a freak accident at his home in Sleepy Hill late last Friday afternoon. Last reports from his bedside in a local hospital stated he was getting along very well, that his head was in traction.

The young man was riding a bicycle down a hill and the handle bars came loose, causing him to lose control of the wheel. He crashed and injured his neck, the report stating that a vertebra was damaged and knocked out of place.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment is holding to a rather high figure in the immediate area, and unemployment compensation claimants are seen moving in and out of the Employment Security Commission office here in sizable numbers.

No official figures, but it is estimated that the office here is handling nearly 600 unemployment claims at the present time, that more than 100 new ones were received last week.

Benson Ordered Drastic Changes In Farm Program

Wheat Gets The Axe, Peanuts And Tobacco Are Said To Be Next

Washington.—Secretary of Agriculture Benson today ordered a further cutback of 13 per cent in wheat planting for the 1955 crop and called a grower referendum for July 23 to approve rigid marketing quotas to enforce planting goals.

Benson also announced perhaps the strictest controls in the history of American farming to prevent the production of new crop surpluses. The government now has about 6 1/2 billion dollars invested in farm surpluses, mainly wheat, cotton, corn, and dairy products.

The wheat reduction comes on top of a 17 per cent decrease in this year's wheat acreage. With the harvest of this year's crop, the nation will have a two-year supply of this bread grain.

The secretary is expected to announce later similar control programs for next year's cotton, major types of tobacco, peanuts, corn, and sugar crops—all of which face surplus production problems.

The rigid overall controls announced by Benson are designed to keep extra wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, peanut and sugar crop land from being diverted to the production of excessive supplies of other crops such as soybeans, flaxseed, oats, rye, barley, potatoes, dry beans and vegetables.

Under this program, farmers will be required to comply with federal planting allotments for all crops for which allotments are made in order to be eligible for price support aid on any crop. Allotments are now planned for wheat, cotton, major types of tobacco, peanuts and sugar crops.

In addition, farmers whose allotments call for a total reduction of more than 10 acres in the allotment crops will have to comply with a "total acreage allotment" for their farms in order to get price supports.

The total acreage allotment will include all crop acreage allotments established for the farm and the 1953 acreages or adjusted acreages of all other crops on the farm except hay, cover crops, (Continued on Page Eight)

Plan Tour Of Research Farm

A farm tour will be held at the Coastal Plains Vegetable Research Farm at Faison, N. C., on Thursday of this week, beginning at 1:30 p. m. and ending at 4:30 p. m. Those attending will have an opportunity to observe research being conducted on the following crops: cantaloupes, cucumbers, lima beans, snap beans, Irish potatoes, peppers, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, tomatoes, and watermelons. Special emphasis will be placed on plant production practices, the new 64-bushel sweet potato storage house, vegetable diseases, fall vegetable production, and the farm tour. We urge you, your growers, and representatives of interested organizations to make plans to attend. Any local publicity you can give this tour will be helpful and appreciated. Anyone interested in growing vegetables commercially or for home use should gain some valuable information from this tour.

Those interested in making the tour should contact the county agent's office where cars can be pooled and leave from that point at 9:00 o'clock a. m.—D. W. Brady

Clear Identity Of Court Defendant

The Sylvester White, reported to have been in the Martin County Recorder's Court for an assault a few weeks ago, was not the young Mr. White who drives an automobile. The Enterprise is glad to clear up the identity of the defendant.

ROUND-UP

Hall dozen persons were rounded up and detained in the county jail over the weekend, one each for speeding, larceny of an automobile, drunken driving, assault, operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and absence from the armed forces without leave.

Four of the six were young white men, the ages of the group ranging from 17 to 31 years.

Predicts Peanut Farmers To Lose Program Benefits

Republicans Propose To Cut About \$40 From The Support Price

Washington.—North Carolina peanut growers should brace themselves for either a removal of minimum acreage allowances, a switch from the old parity price of \$272 per ton to a modernized parity price of \$230 per ton or flexible supports Congressman Harold D. Cooley of Nashville warned today.

Cooley, ranking Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee, predicted that one of the three proposals, or a similar one, will be included in the agriculture bill being drawn up by his committee.

Benson's Action In Farm Program Is Under Attack

Cooley Says Secretary Is Ambushing American Farmers

Washington.—Secretary of Agriculture Eza Benson "is ambushing the American farmer" with weapons that are not in the law, Congressman Harold D. Cooley of Nashville lashed out yesterday.

Harshly criticizing Benson's action in ordering a 12 per cent cutback in 1955 wheat production and setting up stiff across the board farm controls, the North Carolinian said, "The rules and regulations he says he has found never were in the law and never were intended to be there."

"This all means that Secretary Benson will become the dictator and czar on every farm in America and he'll control every acre of a farmer's cropland. He is attempting to exercise control and regimentation on the American farmer in a manner heretofore unheard of," he continued.

According to Cooley, "under the diverted acres program, there will be 30,000,000 acres of American farmland which he is attempting to force into cover crops, green manure crops, pasture or into idle cropland. To force his program on us, he intends to withhold all supports, loans and all aids of every kind from the American farmer unless he complies completely with the rules and regulations he has laid down."

He added: "To say the least, this is amazing, coming from a man who has spoken louder and more vociferously in opposition to controls and regimentation than any other man in America."

Cooley said the "most significant thing of it all" is the fact that Secretary Benson announced his new plan at a time when the House Agriculture Committee was meeting with Benson's assistant and legal adviser to discuss a diverted acreage program.

"When Benson came to our committee to ask our advice in regard to the program he announced today, I believe not a single person on our 30-man committee was willing to advise him to impose regulations. The committee chairman, Clifford Hope (Rep., Kans.) agreed with me that the Secretary's program makes him a czar," he continued.

Cooley remarked that diverted acreage legislation had been one of the top items on his committee's agenda.

"The Secretary has usurped our legislative authority," he declared.

According to Cooley, "since 1942 the total accumulated loss on peanuts, under the support program, has been \$120 million. This doesn't include other federal funds used in the diversified programs. On the 1953 crop a loss of \$17 million was taken. A similar loss is expected on this year's crop."

Tobacco Disease Clinic Planning

There will be a Tobacco Disease Clinic held in Williamston Thursday, June 24th, from 2 to 5 p. m., at the School Agriculture Building back of the Williamston High School building for the purpose of identifying tobacco diseases. Mr. J. C. Wells, Extension Plant Pathologist of State College, Raleigh, will conduct the clinic in cooperation with the local county agents. Those farmers, with any evidence of diseased tobacco plants, should carefully pull them up by the roots and wrap the entire plant in a burlap bag, if possible, and bring them to the clinic. Bring three or four specimens of any diseased plants to insure correct diagnosis. This will be the only tobacco disease clinic to be held in the county this year.—T. B. Brandon.

Little Activity On Draft Front

There's been little activity on the selective service front in this county during recent weeks.

James Elwood Evans, Jr., colored, answered a final induction call all by himself Monday, the call being the first serviced in this county since April.

Two calls, one pre-induction and the other final, fall on July 12. The final induction call for five men will be filled entirely by volunteers, leaving the draft list untouched, it was learned. Twelve men are to answer the pre-induction call from the draft list that day.

Improving

Entering a local hospital last week-end for a check-up and treatment, Mr. John L. Hassell was reported much improved today and plans to leave for his home possibly tomorrow.

Four Injured In Car Wreck Early Sunday Morning

Party Gallivanting Around Following Fish Fry At Rollins' Place

Four persons were injured, one of them seriously, in an automobile accident near the Grimes farm not far from Parmele at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Elmer Parrisher, Gold Point man, suffered a painful cut on one ear in another accident over in Pitt County early Sunday morning, according to a report coming from Patrolman Perry, the investigating officer of Bethel. Damage to the car in which the victim was riding was about \$1000, according to one report.

Little Miss Susan Roebuck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Roebuck of Williamston, was hurt but believed not badly in an automobile accident on Main Street in front of the post office yesterday morning at 8:40 o'clock.

Robert Junior Highsmith (Andrews) had borrowed Artis Rhee Daniels' 1949 Chevrolet while Daniels serves time in prison for breaking and entering, and was gallivanting throughout the countryside early Sunday morning following a fish fry at "Bott" Eolins' not far from Gold Point. Apparently driving too fast, Andrews lost control of the car in a curve. After skidding down the road 56 yards, the car struck a ditch bank and skidded 22 more yards, coming to a stop after turning over three times. Doris Teen Smith, 18, was cut over one eye and on the head. Delores Page, 14, received a serious cut in one eye, leaving the muscle exposed, according to a report from the Robersonville Clinic where Dr. Joe Ward worked four hours treating the victims. Janie Page, 17, a third passenger in the car, was badly cut on one knee and lost most of her teeth. Andrews, 20, suffered a head injury, but did not report for treatment. Considerable damage was done to the car.

Andrews was booked for reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Riding with her mother, Mrs. Bruce Roebuck down the main (Continued on Page Eight)

New Telephone Books Mailed

New telephone directories for Williamston, Hamilton, Robersonville and Windsor are being mailed today according to B. H. Strickland, local manager for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

In Williamston 1,721 directories are being mailed to subscribers while 139 are being mailed to Hamilton, 592 to Robersonville and 694 to Windsor.

The cover on the new directory has been re-designed with a wine color replacing the green of last year's book. In addition, a yellow and red arrow on the bottom of the cover calls attention to the handy "yellow pages" section of the publication.

Manager Strickland said that listings in the new directory have been corrected through April 26, 1954. However, he cautioned telephone users to refer to the new directory since some subscriber's numbers have been changed and many new listings are in the book for the first time this year.

The new books should be in the homes of subscribers by Wednesday or Thursday, the manager concluded.

Summer Time

Summer time made its appearance by both the weather and calendar routes yesterday, and the first full day of summer today is marked by hot and dry weather. However, the nights continue fairly cool.

The 1954 spring has offered all types of weather, holding mainly, however, to the cool and dry side.