

## Twenty-Six Cases In Martin County Recorder's Court

Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Griffin Worked Until Noon To Finish Job

There were not many cases on the docket, but Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin worked until almost 1:00 o'clock before adjourning the regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday.

Other than thirteen speeding cases, proceedings in the court follow:

The case in which Elijah Burch was charged with non-support was not prodded.

Elmer Rodgers, charged with assaulting a female, pleaded not guilty and was adjudged not guilty. Rogers has been in court quite a few times for trespassing and molesting others. He has served time on the roads in some cases, but he apparently forgets his lessons.

Charged with cruelty to animals and destroying property, Simon Whitaker and Herbert L. Leggett pleaded not guilty. Unable to support their plea, each was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Facing a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, Thurman Andrews pleaded guilty of a simple assault. The plea was accepted by the solicitor, and the defendant was fined \$50, plus costs.

Pleading guilty, Roy Boston was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which George G. Council was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Ernest Wooten, charged with an assault, was adjudged not guilty.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, M. C. Wilson was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the term to begin at the direction of the court at any time during the next twelve months. He was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

John M. Rhodes, explaining to the arresting officer that his wife did not love him any more, pleaded not guilty when he was charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for four months, the term to be suspended upon the payment of a \$125 fine and court costs. Unable to pay the fine, Rhodes was transferred from the county jail to the roads.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license, William C. Ellison pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

The case in which Augusta Lawrence stood charged with an assault with a deadly weapon was not prodded.

Pleading guilty of failing to yield right-of-way, James Elbert Perry was taxed with the costs with no fine attached.

Charged with drunken driving, R. H. Salsburg was adjudged not guilty.

## Paving Program Well Under Way

Started last Friday, Williamston's extensive street paving program is going forward rapidly. Up until this morning, 2,410 feet of curb and gutter had been poured, and the work is progressing unusually well considering the hot weather that has prevailed during the past few days.

Superintendent J. C. Merrill of the Rea Construction Company, the contractors, stated that plans were being made to start spreading asphalt in the street within the next two weeks. A subcontract for the street surfacing has been entered into with the White Construction Company of Greenville, and the asphalt will be hauled here from the plant there.

Mr. Merrill went with the Rea Construction Company after having spent considerable time in foreign countries where his companies handled construction work. He is at home with his family in a trailer on the corner of Smithwick and Vance Streets.

## Clean-Up, Paint-Up Drive Gaining Momentum Locally

Dragging along after getting off to a slow start, the clean-up, paint-up and fix-up movement in Williamston is gaining momentum, and members of the committee are busy recognizing the improvements.

While the job handled on Roanoke River near the bridge by the Highway Commission possibly shows up best of any of the clean-up projects handled to date, other improvements have been made. Elbert Peel, Jr., said this morning. The Jaycees did a remarkable job in clearing and cleaning up the lot back of the American Legion Hut. The Williamston Peanut Company has improved its grounds on the corner of Highways 64 and 17, the G. and H. Builders Supply Company cooperating with the peanut company in enhancing the looks of the boundary properties.

The lot on the corner of Haughton and Church streets has been

cleared and beautified, adding much to the appearance of the street and neighborhood. Several homes and store fronts have been painted, and interest is growing in the movement.

No word has been heard from the owners of the old Wells-Oats Lumber Company site at the end of East Main Street although courteous appeals have been addressed to them, urging their cooperation in the clean-up drive. It has been pointed out that the insurance people allowed \$1,500 for clearing the lot, but several years have passed and the unsightly mess still stands there. Owners of other properties badly in need of clearing have expressed a willingness to cooperate in the movement just as soon as they can make arrangements for handling the tasks.

The clean-up plan is attracting added attention in many quarters, and it is expected to pay a big dividend before too much longer.

### TESTS MACHINE

Jim Brown Holliday, inventor of the Roanoke-Holliday Tobacco Harvester, is in Canada this week testing out a machine, according to information received here this morning.

Details of the Jamesville man's mission could not be learned.

Placed on the market this year following nearly three years of experimental work, the Roanoke-Holliday harvester is finding a ready market in this section of the State.

The first machine sold in this county was delivered a short time ago to Farmer Jim Griffin near Jamesville. Eight or ten of the machines have been sold in the county since that time.

## Body Of Infant Found In River

The body of a white male premature infant was found in Roanoke River just before the public wharf here early yesterday morning. Making an investigation, Coroner W. W. Biggs said there were no signs that there had been any life in the body, adding that it was not fully developed.

Fishermen found the body and quite fishing. Pete Cherry, advised of the presence of the body, notified the coroner who had it buried on the river bank.

Coroner Biggs made an investigation but could not associate the case with any one here. He said the body had been in the water several days, possibly entering the river through a fifteen-inch outfall sewer line. It was in a state of decomposition.

## Band Rehearsal Set For Tuesday

Rehearsals by the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School will be resumed on Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. All members and prospective members for the 1954-55 school year are asked to meet Director Jack F. Butler in the band room.

All signs point to a busy season ahead for the band with plenty of hard work. While graduation cut the personnel of last year's band, recruits are moving in and another good band is expected in the coming year.

## Child Bitten By Dog In County

Patsy, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Whitfield, was attacked and painfully hurt by a dog near Ernest White's station in Poplar Point yesterday afternoon. The little girl was sitting on the ground nibbling on a cake when the dot, an Eskimo spitz, attacked her, leaving ugly gashes in her face.

She was treated in a local hospital and it was reported that fourteen stitches were needed to close the wounds.

## Coastal Lumber Company To Start Operations Soon

New Local Firm Will Buy Supply Of Lumber From Local Mills

The Coastal Lumber Company, Williamston's newest industry, plans to start operations on or about the first of August, according to unofficial information gained yesterday.

Work on the company's new plant is nearing completion and machinery, including electric motors and other equipment, has been installed.

The plant, located in a field on the old Biggs farm about two hundred yards down the railroad from the new by-pass, will depend upon local mills in this area for a supply of lumber for the present, at least. It will grade, treat and trim the lumber and ship to an established trade, it was learned. The new plant is reached by a small road leading off the new by-pass just below the building now under construction for the Martin Tractor and Truck Company.

A rail siding is to be installed at the site, and it is expected that most shipments will be made by rail.

No official announcement has been released by the owners-operators, but the plant is expected to employ between fifteen and twenty men with the possibility that additional workers will be employed if and when the operation is expanded.

The company's headquarters is located in Weldon where a sizable operation is in progress.

## Former Resident Of County Dies Near Washington

Funeral Will Be Held In Beaufort County Friday Afternoon

Henry T. Strickland, former resident of this county, died at his home in Beaufort County near Washington Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The son of Mrs. Mary Turner Strickland and the late Thomas Strickland, he was born in Duplin County 53 years ago, and spent his early life there. He was married to Miss Jessie Bullock of near Williamston in 1924 and made his home in this county for a number of years, farming between Williamston and Everetts several years and later in the Parmelee area, engaging in the building trades when not on the farm. He had also lived in Pitt and Beaufort counties.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, five sons, Thomas and Ralph Strickland of Greenville, Jerry of the U. S. Army, now at Camp Gordon, Ga., Charles and Bobby Strickland of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Irving Stalls of the homeplace, Mrs. Bernice Bullock of Robersonville and Peggy Strickland of the home; a stepson, James R. Bullock of Williamston; nine grandchildren; three brothers, Joe of Clinton, Walter of Goldsboro and Leroy Strickland of Greenville; two sisters, Mrs. Florence Lewis of Wilmington and

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## Divorce Cases In Superior Court

Three divorce cases, all based on grounds of two years of separation, were filed in the Martin County Superior Court during the past few days. It was learned that more divorce actions were started during early July than the number of marriages licenses issued during the corresponding period.

In her case against William Rosevelt Kirkman, Helen Louise Roberson Kirkman says they were married in 1934 and separated in 1947, that seven children were born of the union.

Samuel Hardison, suing Mary Hardison for divorce, says they were married February 13, 1950, and separated in June, 1952, that one child born of the union is with the defendant.

Nancy Bell is suing Cleophus Bell for divorce, the plaintiff saying they were married December 1, 1950, and separated in August, 1951. There are three children, two born before and one born after the union.

## Injures Hand In Farm Accident Last Tuesday

Bobbie Ray Mobley, start athlete in the local high school, injured his right hand in a fertilizer distributor on his father's farm near here last Tuesday afternoon. The index finger was badly torn and the next two fingers were damaged. He was treated in a local hospital.

## Safety Records Are Recognized

The safety records established by forty-four of the Martin County school bus drivers last term were recently recognized by the Safety Division of the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles and the N. C. State Automobile Association. Safety award certificates are being distributed to the young drivers, it was announced this week.

More than 400,000 school children are transported some 220,000 miles daily during the school term, and it is encouraging to note the comparatively large number of safety certificates awarded in this county.

Certificates were awarded in this county to the following, according to a list released by the association:

James W. Peaks, Willette P. Brown, W. B. Bullock, William D. Rogerson, Shirley J. Price, Colton A. Martin, James L. Knowles, Jr., William H. Hardison, Lula D. Ange, Vivian G. Bell, Georgiana Barnes, George R. Modlin, Russell Beach, Shirley J. Ausbon, Curtis L. Fraizer, Kenneth Peele, Floyd Peele, N. D. Griffin, William S. Taylor, Isaiah Moore, Alton Bryant, James E. Bryant, Henry M. Cherry, Rudolph Parker, Jr., Leatha E. Jones, B. M. Harrell, Frederick E. Holliday, Kenneth R. Harrell, Wallace R. Hyman, Warren Hinson, Jr., Billy Edmonds, William E. Purvis.

Marion C. Griffin, Lydia L. Mobley, Roy C. Everett, Lila J. Edwards, Charles E. Johnson, Nancy C. Rawls, William R. Teele, Mary E. Carroway, Arthur Purvis, Alton Peele, Douglas L. James and John Lilley.

## Lodge Supports Orphanage Unit

Skewarkey Lodge here is raising money to help finance a recreational building at the Oxford Orphanage, one report stating that the members had pledged \$374 as their share of the cost.

Masons of the State are raising \$100,000 to do the job. It was stated that Skewarkey Lodge was the third in the State to come up with a pledge, based on about \$2 per member.

The Orphanage, it was explained, brought the children in to eat, to sleep, to work, to study, to worship and to be healed, and sent them out to play. The new recreational building will meet a need long existent at the orphanage.

## Congress Working To End Sessions By Early August

Major Problems Relating To Agriculture And Aid Still Pending

Washington.—As the Congress moves swiftly toward its scheduled adjournment, senators are working overtime to move a growing pile of legislation passed along by an efficient House. The following items, taken from running dispatches, give a selective glimpse of the senators' labors.

**Foreign Aid**  
Senate leaders appear anxious to rush approval of a new \$3,100,000,000 foreign-aid authorization and wait until the money for it is sought before fighting over it.

Majority Leader William F. Knowland (R) of California said the foreign-aid bill would be the next major item of business before the Senate, which is now working on a new atomic energy law.

As the authorization bill now stands, after passing through both the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees, it carries 10 per cent less than the totals asked by President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and approved by the House.

Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has told senators this reduction is acceptable to the military planners.

An appropriation bill to provide the new funds, which normally follows the authorization legislation, already is before Senate and House Appropriations Committees, and this is the measure that is expected to produce major disputes.

**Problems Of Parity**  
Supporters of the administration's farm program have announced that they will fight in the Senate for more flexibility in farm price supports than the House has voted.

Senator George D. Aiken (R) of Vermont, who will lead the floor battle, said he will ask a vote on the measure to be raised to 90 per cent of parity on cotton, wheat, corn, rice and peanuts.

That would put the minimum two and one-half points below that of the compromise eighty-two and one-half to 90 per cent voted by the House in what President Eisenhower called a sweeping victory.

Meanwhile, Senators Aiken and Clinton P. Anderson (D) of New Mexico forecast that a solid majority of senators—at least 50—would vote for the President's program of flexible farm price supports.

Senator Edward J. Thye (R) of Minnesota, who wants to continue rigid 90 per cent crop props, disagreed. He said the sentiment is so split "a breath of air could toss it either way."

**Agreement On Housing**  
Senate-House conference committee action on President Eisenhower's public housing program has stirred scattered bipartisan outcries in the Senate.

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## James Hardison Joining Pirates

James Adron Hardison of the Farm Life community of this county has signed a contract to pitch for the Pittsburgh Pirate baseball organization and will report to a Pirate farm club in Florida this week, leaving Williamston today or tomorrow.

The terms of the contract were not immediately announced but the signing came after Hardison had decided against returning to N. C. State College in Raleigh this fall where he would have been a junior. Although he had been troubled with wildness at times after going to State two years ago on a scholarship, James Adron had nevertheless turned in some very fine work on the hill for the Wolf Pack as he had done during his high school career for Farm Life High and for semi-pro teams in this area.

The young pitcher had married after entering college and it was believed here that his decision to move from college into professional baseball may have been influenced by financial problems.

## Farmers Planted In Excess of Allotment

### Only Peanuts Are Expected To Show Over-All Excess

### Preliminary Checks Of The Acreages Completed In This County

No final reports are to be had, but preliminary surveys show Martin County farmers planting in excess of their basic acreage allotments. However, it isn't likely that more than one crop—peanuts—will show a net excess over the allotments.

When the first tobacco acreage surveys were made, 149 of the approximately 1,700 growers were found with excess plantings. Two-thirds of them or ninety-nine, this week had already cut down the surplus plantings, and it is expected that twenty-five or more will bring their plantings to a point within their quotas. In most instances, the excess was limited to one or two-tenths of an acre. However, it was learned that about twenty growers intentionally planted in excess of their allotments, choosing to gamble on a good crop, pay the 21-cent per pound penalty, and still show a profit. Few of those who chose to plant and pay the penalty had little or any acreage allotment, it was learned. Their plantings ranged from about one to two and six-tenths acres. Quite a few farmers did not plant all their allotted acres, and the reduction found on those farms is certain to offset the excess on the few other farms, it was explained.

Six of those planting tobacco and choosing to pay the penalty were said to be in one of the ten county townships. The county this year has a 12,456-acre tobacco allotment.

Preliminary reports point to little or no excess in cotton plantings, and it is fairly certain that the net will be considerably below the over-all allotment. There are approximately 700 cotton allotments in this county, representing a quota of about 3,400 acres.

The peanut story is a little different. According to a preliminary review, 693 of the approximately 1,650 growers planted in excess of their allotments. No estimate on the excess could be had, but it could run up to a thousand acres or more. In the final analysis, it is expected that most of the growers will choose to "hog down" the excess acreage rather than pay a penalty of about 5.6 cents per pound. The excess

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## Expect Delay In Underpass Work

A delay is now fairly certain in the construction of a new railroad bridge over West Main Street. The Sanford Construction Company, successful bidder on the project, is ready to start operations, but the Coast Line does not have a pile driver available just now, and it is likely that actual construction will not get under way before sometime in August.

The Western Union went ahead and cleared its wires, and at the present time the Carolina Telephone Company is moving its wires and cables out of the way. It is possible that electric wires will have to be moved, but those operations are not expected to delay construction work on the bridge.

It was learned that both train and highway traffic will be maintained over and under the bridge.

## More Resignations In Jameville Faculty

Following several earlier in the season, two more resignations were recently submitted by members of the Jameville faculty. Mrs. Margaret Latham, eighth grade teacher, and Miss Pearl Lamb, teacher of the fourth-fifth grade combination, tendered their resignations, it was learned.

### MEETING

In a special meeting yesterday morning at 11:00 o'clock, members of the local town board of commissioners passed a final ordinance, opening the way for the issuance of bonds for financing the street paving project now under way.

Details are being completed with bond attorneys in New York by Treasurer C. M. Cobb.

## Hamilton Reports On Cancer Fund

Led by members of the home demonstration club, the cancer fund drive gained a liberal support in the Hamilton community, according to a report released this week by Mrs. T. F. Harrison, home agent. A total of \$569.18 was contributed. All reports are not in as yet, but it is believed that this county will have neared or reached its quota when a final accounting is released.

Contributions in the Hamilton area are recognized as follows:

- J. B. Everett, \$1; P. Hyman, \$1; F. L. Stokes, 50c; Dallas Roebuck, \$1; Mrs. Abner Bland, 50c; Dewey Stalls, \$1; J. H. Harrell, 50c; J. S. Ayers, \$1; Everett and Matthews, \$5; Slade-Rhodes Co., \$5; W. F. Thomas, \$1; Cherry-Edmondson, \$1; B. Frank Clarke, \$1; James Pritchard, 50c; Norman Everett, \$1; Mrs. Stanley Ayers, 25c; E. P. Everett, 25c; Mrs. Ruth Ewell, \$1; Howard Harrell, 50c; D. Roebuck, \$1; Mrs. W. J. Beach, \$3; Miss Mildred Everett, \$2; Mrs. H. S. Peele, 50c; G. A. Oglesby, \$5; R. F. Everett, \$1; D. G. Matthews, Jr., \$2; D. G. Matthews, Sr., \$5; Mrs. Pete Leggett, \$1; W. M. Hardison, \$1.05; Mrs. Robert Etheridge, 50c; H. M. Peele, Jr., 25c; Willie Knox, 50c; Mrs. J. E. Hines, 25c; Mrs. Asa Johnson, 50c; Mrs. B. E. Taylor, \$1; Mrs. Frank Stokes, \$1; Mrs. James Lee, \$1; Mrs. Praise Lee, \$1; Mrs. C. C. Rawls, \$1; Mrs. Glatin, \$1; Mrs. Alligood, 25c. Other contributions: \$1.38.

## Cancer Fund Gets Support Of Clubs

Complete reports are not yet in, but information coming from Mrs. T. F. Harrison, home agent, indicates that the 1954 cancer fund is getting a strong support from the home demonstration clubs in this county. In addition to contributions by the club members themselves, donations were made by others.

The Gold Point community reported a total of \$20.35, as follows: Johnnie H. Ross, 50c; Mrs. Gerbert Edmondson, 50c; Mrs. G. H. Johnson, 50c; Herbert Johnson, 50c; Clifton Powell, 50c; Jim Tildery, 50c; Grant Vanderford, \$1; William Etheridge, \$1; Henry B. Roberson, \$1; Mrs. Rena Warren, \$1; Mrs. W. P. Harris, \$1; Mrs. P. T. Norwood, 80c; Mrs. Vernon Powell, 40c; Mrs. Ollie Powell, 40c; Mrs. Daisy Johnson, \$1.50; Mrs. Nina Johnson, \$1.50; Mr. and Mrs. C. Forbes, \$1; Mrs. Henry Keel, 20c; Mrs. J. A. Powell, \$1; Mrs. J. R. Winslow, \$2.50; Mrs. S. D. Jenkins, 55c; Mrs. Hassell Warren, \$1. Other contributions, \$1.50.

## Club Members In Local District Judging Contest

Competing with others from all parts of the State, a Martin County 4-H club judging team did all right in a state-wide contest held in Raleigh this week, according to Assistant Agent D. W. Brady who accompanied the boys there. The boys—Buck and Jace Manning, Gaylord Perry and Jerry Hopkins, all of the Farm Life club—more than held their own in judging swine, but they were at a disadvantage in the sheep and beef cattle departments.

Dale Rogerson, also of Farm Life, went with the team as an alternate.

## Fourteen In The Recorder's Court For Excess Speed

Fines and Forfeitures Add Up To \$118.50 At The Session Monday

More and more speeders are learning the hard way that they cannot speed on North Carolina highways and continue to get away with it. Speeds have been checked considerably, but every now and then a motorist goes out of bounds, and the patrol is scoring day after day.

Fourteen cases, accumulated mostly during the past week, were aired in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, and fines and forfeitures added up to \$118.50. The speeding cases constituted just about half the docket in the court for the day.

Proceedings relatives to speeders follow:

The case in which George J. Hoyal of Cherry Point was charged with speeding 65 miles an hour was not prodded.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court cost in the case in which Frank Purvis, of RFD 2, Robersonville, was charged with speeding 65 miles an hour.

Charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, the following were fined \$10 and taxed with the court costs: Virgil D. Cannon of Hobbgood, Robert W. Hester of Roanoke Rapids, Lula Lipscomb Harling of Green Cover Springs, Florida, and John Singletary of New Bern.

Royce Ormond of Mackayville, Canada, clocked at 70 miles an hour, was fined \$15, plus costs.

Jerry L. Mosley of Roanoke Rapids was taxed with the court costs for speeding 65 miles an hour.

Charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, Frank Orzeck failed to answer when called and the court ordered his \$33.05 bond forfeited.

Junior Wayne Barr of Statesville was fined \$15, plus costs, for speeding 75 miles an hour.

Judgment was suspended upon the case charging William J. Green, Jr., of Miami, with speeding 75 miles an hour.

The case in which Donald R. Carbonell was charged with speeding 70 miles an hour was not prodded, subject to be reopened at a later date.

Ann Smith Chick of Greenville was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding 70 miles an hour.

Charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, James Aloi of Brooklyn was taxed with the court costs.

## Minor Accident On Highway 64

No one was injured and property damage was limited to less than an estimated \$400 in a highway accident between Robersonville and Everetts Wednesday morning about 10:40 o'clock.

Miss Joyce Fulcher of Robersonville was driving east in a 1953 Buick and was making ready to pass Vernon Powell in his 1950 Chevrolet pick-up when Powell was forced to stop and wait for an approaching car before making a left turn into the Huskinn Swamp road. The Buick sideswiped the pick-up, the investigating officer said. Damage to the Buick was estimated at \$300 and that to the pick-up at about \$75.

## Local District Gets Recognition

The Coastal Plain Soil Conservation District recently got national recognition for its program of progress in conservation, according to an announcement just released.

G. E. Goff, farmer of RFD 2, Rocky Mount, was nominated as the outstanding farmer-cooperator in the State, and he will get an all-expense trip to Wigan guest ranch, Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, next December.

C. U. Rogers, Williamston man, is a member of the district governing body; and the work in this county is headed by H. F. McKnight.