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Book 48 Criminal Cases For Trial In Superior Court

Comparatively Few New Cases Appear On Docket For Trial Next Week

Forty-eight cases have been placed on the criminal docket for trial when Judge Leo Carr of Burlington opens a two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court next Monday. While the cases are scheduled for trial during the first three days, it is fairly certain that the docket cannot be cleared before later in the week.

The court, going into its second week on the 20th, will hear fourteen divorce cases and then turn its attention to the trial of damage suits during the remainder of that week.

Nine new members of the "permanent" grand jury are to be drawn next Monday.

Criminal cases pending trial next week include:

Walter Freeman is again holding the lead-off position, two cases against him having been continued since early last year. On February 15, 1953, he was alleged to have assaulted Ina Mae Bazemore with a deadly weapon. He skipped a \$400 bond. Two months after the first alleged crime, he was charged with breaking into the home of and assaulting Emma Minns with a scout dagger. He skipped the \$750 bond in that case. Freeman, a frequent defendant in the courts, is believed to be in a Brunswick County prison camp.

Elijah Manning is charged with assaulting Robert Clayton Williams with intent to kill last February 7.

James and Janie Davis are charged with aiding and abetting in the larceny of \$300 from H. M. Peel, Jr., in Hamilton last December 31.

The case in which Robt. C. Rogerson is charged with assaulting a female has been continued since the alleged attack last February 8.

A continuance has been allowed since Alfred Mann was charged with transporting nine gallons of illicit liquor last January 9.

Charged with issuing a \$125 worthless check to R. L. Ward on January 5, 1952, W. H. Joyner has had the case continued since March.

James Earl Randolph is charged with issuing a worthless check in the sum of \$58.76 to Willie Alexander October 1, 1953.

Charged with speeding last January 12, Richard McKinley Edwards is in the superior court on appeal, his case having been continued.

LeRoy Roberson is charged with assaulting David House with a shot gun and inflicting serious knee injury last February 22 at Gold Point. A hospital bill in the amount of \$117.57, is attached to the warrant.

Mary Bryant is charging August Chance with seduction, alleging the crime took place November 16, 1953.

Alma J. Thurston is charged with disposing of mortgaged property, a small three-burned electric stove valued at \$100.

Appealing from a lower court judgment, Willard B. Harrison stands charged with not supporting his wife and infant daughter.

W. Alton Rogers is facing an abandonment and non-support charge.

Last June 22, Charlie Shelton seriously assaulted Major Bryant, and is booked for an assault.

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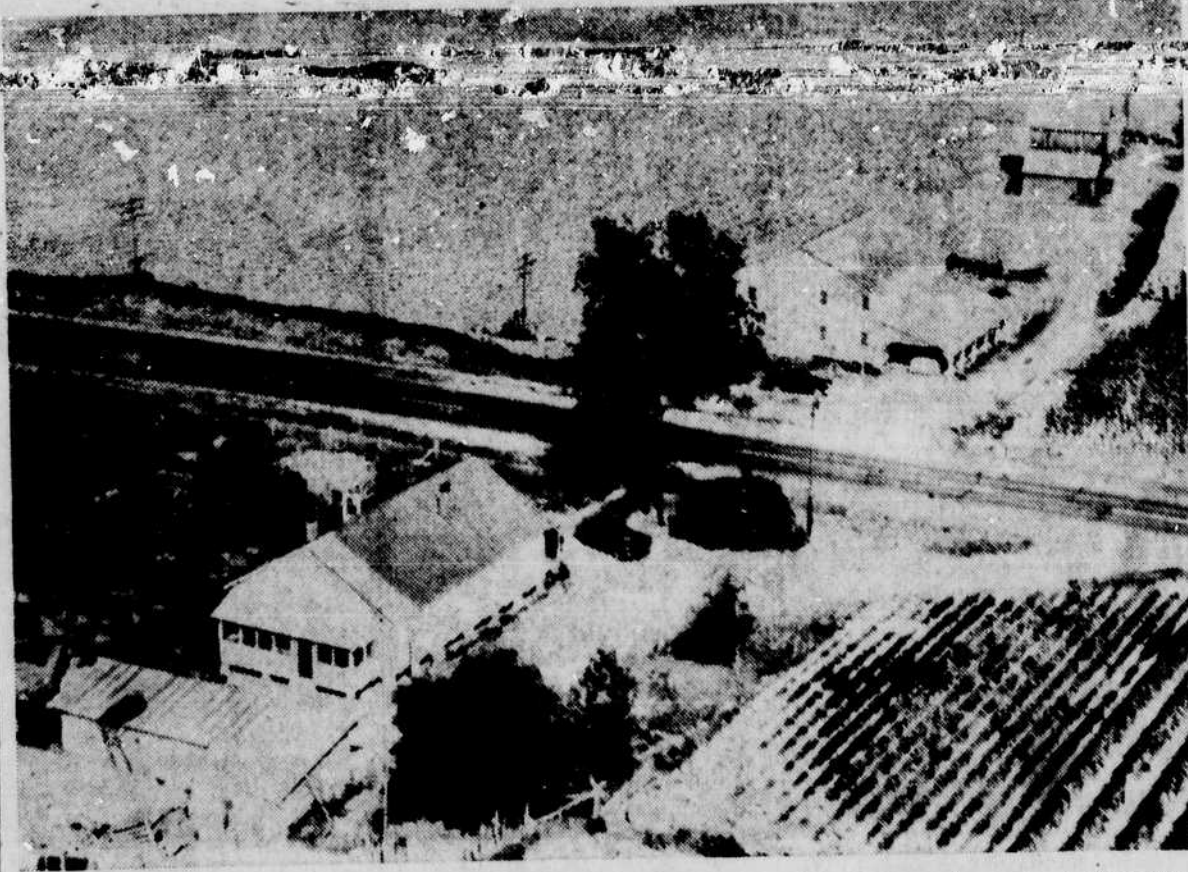
Plan To Resume Street Surfacing Next Week

Catching up with the curb and gutter work, asphalt pavers withdrew from the local street surfacing project last week, but they plan to resume the activity next week. More curb and gutter work has been completed, it was pointed out.

Farm Life Parents- Teacher Meet Thursday

The Farm Life Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the current school term next Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium, it was announced today by the president, Theron Griffin.

Aerial Photo Of Martin Farm Home



The mystery farm picture, taken by Zekaan-Robbins, aerial photographers, is a familiar one, and about the first the publishers have been able to identify without the help of the readers of this paper. It is located on one of the most extensively traveled highways in the county. This and other similar pictures were made by a photographer who has not yet been in but has been over the county. He did not know whose property he was photographing, and readers have been very cooperative in helping identify the pictures. The picture last week was that of the Dillon Peels in Everetts and was quickly identified by J. D. Page, Mrs. Charles Gurkin and others. The original photographs, marked for their clearness and in a frame, may be had at a nominal cost at The Enterprise office.

Tobacco Sales Pass Six Million Pounds

Price Averages Holding Firm On The Market Here

Estimate One-Half Of Crop In This Section Has Been Marketed

Tobacco sales continue to climb rapidly on the Williamston market, a report from the warehouses this morning stating that the market will have passed the six million-pound mark before the close of the day. Prices were said to be holding firm, holding to averages reported during the past week or more.

Up until this morning, the market had sold 5,627,688 pounds for \$3,031,047, an average of \$53.86 per hundred pounds. Yesterday, the market handled 352,230 pounds at an average of \$54.16 per hundred pounds. The average up until early this week stood for the season at \$53.86, there having been no change in the general average during the past few days.

It is estimated that about fifty percent of the crop in this section has been marketed. During the first twenty-two marketing days last season, the market sold 7,468,852 pounds for an average of \$57.64, giving last year's crop almost a four cent per pound average margin. Some of the better types of tobacco are showing up, but is fairly apparent that the high averages, ranging up to \$65 and \$66 per hundred last season, are a bit far removed this year. It is recalled that many areas in the producing areas last year had crop failures, that the shortage boosted the averages in this section. This year, those areas have good crops.

Heavy offerings are on the floors today, but the market is expected to clear its floors.

National Kids Day Invitation Extended

On behalf of the Base Commander and Kiwanis Club, State of North Carolina, we here at Pope Air Force Base wish to take this opportunity to welcome all of the boys and girls on this gala occasion in recognition of National Kids Day. The National Kids Day Program is sponsored by the Kiwanis International and the United States Air Force at Pope Air Force Base, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

The base commander has arranged an entertainment program, including special displays of planes, flights, movies, fire-fight demonstration and a look at the weather. Several youths from this county plan to go to Fort Bragg on September 25.

CLEAN-UP

Eight or ten workers started clearing the Wells-Oats Lumber Company site of debris on East Main Street here yesterday.

The plant, burned out nearly three years ago, has presented an unsightly mess all the while, and the clean-up movement, although coming after the campaign, is welcomed relief.

The old Williamston Lumber Company site on Washington Street still is an unsightly mess.

Oak City Parents And Teachers Meet Monday

The first meeting of the Oak City PTA will be held in the high school auditorium at eight o'clock on Monday night, September 20.

The program is to be sponsored by the high school glee club. All interested school patrons are urged to attend and participate in the program.

Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

Installment 11

(The Civil War had been in progress only a short time before leaders in this county resorted to taxation to support police protection, care of indigent families of volunteers and to prosecute the war itself. Mr. Bagley in this, the 11th installment of his diary, records the action taken by the County Court at the July, 1861, term.)

"By virtue of the authority of the Act of the General Assembly ratified the 11th day of May, 1861, entitled 'An Act to authorize the County Courts and corporate towns and cities to lay taxes for police purposes, the County Court of Martin (A majority of the par-

ties being present, as provided by the records of said court) do hereby appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the purpose of raising, equipping and paying a police force for the protection of the citizens and property of the county, and for the further purpose of rendering aid and support to the indigent families of persons engaged in the military service of the State from this county and to pay for the equipment and bounty subscription and transportation of volunteers not paid by the State, and for which sum bonds or certificates of debt may be issued, signed by the chairman and countersigned by the clerk of this court in sums of \$25,

\$50 and \$100 bearing interest from the 1st day of May, 1860, at six percent, pledging the faith and credit of the county to pay the same. The whole of the principal and interest shall be paid in ten years from the 1st day of May, 1861, the interest and one-tenth of the principal annually.

"Ordered further that Joseph D. Biggs, Thomas Jones and C. B. Hassell be appointed agents of the County to receive the said bonds or certificates and disburse the funds appropriated as aforesaid for the above purpose and whenever money has been advanced and properly applied to the purposes aforesaid according to the judgment of the said agents they may issue bonds or certificates for the same, the said agents may borrow money and issue bonds therefore and it shall be their duty to keep an account of the dealings and transactions and report the same to the Court whenever required or at least once a year.

"Ordered further that the following taxes be levied and collected this year for the purposes aforesaid, that is to say, twenty percent additional on the amount of the taxes now imposed for this year upon all subjects of taxation for State purposes and the clerk shall furnish the sheriff with a copy of this order by the 20th, instant, and the sheriff shall add to and collect from all persons the sum of 20 percent additional and

account for the same as other county taxes, and the County Trustee shall keep a separate account of the taxes thus raised and apply the same as speedily as possible to the payment of the said bonds or certificates.

"Ordered further that the County Trustee have prepared and printed the necessary bonds or certificates and pay the expense thereof out of the county fund.

"Ordered further that the appropriation heretofore made at a special term in April last of fifteen hundred dollars be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

"Ordered further that the following persons be appointed commissioners for the purpose of attending to and satisfy the wants of the families of those engaged in the military service; viz:

"District No. 1 (Jamesville)—Clayton Moore, Hoyt W. Waters, William Gray, Hardy L. Mizell and George M. Burras;

"District No. 2 (Williams)—Joel Smithwick, S. S. Shepherd, Henry Rogerson and D. D. Jones;

"District No. 3 (Griffins)—J. S. Stallings, William Daniel, Jason Tice, Noah Peel and John A. Griffin;

"District No. 4 (Williamston)—Joseph D. Biggs, S. R. Spruill, A. J. Mizell, John Watts and J. L. Knight;

"District No. 5 (Bear Grass)—D. B. Harrison, J. B. Harrison,

Newly Organized Ruritan Club To Meet Next Week

State and National Officials Are Expected To Attend Charter Night Event

Recently organized here, the Williamston Ruritan Club will hold its charter night meeting at the Switch next Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced today by D. W. Brady, temporary secretary.

The Governor, District Governor and possibly the President of Ruritan National are expected to attend the meeting, Mr. Brady said. Officers, including a club president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, chaplain and three directors are to be elected at the meeting.

Membership is limited for the most part to farmers, dealers in farm machinery, merchants catering mainly to farmers and a few other classifications.

Candidates for charter membership include the following:

Harvey Baggett, Clyde Barber, Dalmus Bazemore, D. W. Brady, Charlie Gray Coltrain, W. Harrell Everett, Grady Godard, Edward L. Grady, W. W. Gurganus, Charles Hawley, L. L. Hodges, Claude Leggett, K. P. Lindsley, K. P. Lindsley, Jr., J. H. McBrayer, Jr., H. F. McKnight, Luther Peel, Jr., Rudolph Peel, Raymond Rawls, Horace Ray, Hail Reddick, W. T. Ross, J. W. Snead, Ralph Taylor, John Whitley and Henry Winslow.

The formation of a Ruritan club here gives this community six civic organizations.

Native Returns After Absence Of Twenty Years

Ernest Harrison, a native of Williamston, is returning home after an absence of about twenty years. Making his home in Henderson, Durham and Asheboro since leaving here, he is returning to be associated with his brother, R. G. Harrison, Jr., in the operation of Alpha Cleaners. He and Mrs. Harrison will move here from Asheboro just as soon as they can locate an apartment.

STREAMLINED

I've seen all kinds of insects, but up until a few days ago I had never seen a streamlined grasshopper," Farmer Harrell Everett said yesterday.

Equipped with six legs but no shock absorber, the "hopper measured several inches with knee action provided a short distance from the head, according to Mr. Everett.

The "hopper is found mostly on and around flowers.

County Court In All- Day Session Monday

POLIO CASE

Martin County's first polio case of the year was reported this week when Joseph Stokes, 6-year-old son of Ellis Stokes, RFD 2, Robersonville, fell victim of the disease. The victim was removed to a Greenville hospital last Thursday and the case was diagnosed as polio Tuesday.

The case was said to be a mild one and not of the paralytic type.

Quite a few cases of the disease has been reported in several nearby counties, but it has not been as extensive in scope this year as it was a year ago.

Eighteen Answer Speeding Charges

Eighteen motorists answered speeding charges in the Martin County Recorder's Court on Monday of this week. Judge H. O. Peele, presiding, exacted fines in the amount of \$242.

George Brown of RFD 1, Jamesville, pleaded guilty of driving 75 miles an hour and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour each of the following defendants was fined \$10, plus costs: Marlin Rudolph Blake of RFD 1, Pantego, Frances Litchner of Hawthorne, N. Y., James Linwood Harris of Savannah, Herbert Rice Morris, Jr., of Norfolk, Walter Normal Russell of Drexel, Pa., Delores Peel Smith of Washington, Robert Joseph Rawls of Washington, Craven Lee Deese of RFD 4, Thomasville, William P. Cantwell of Charleston, S. C., Edmond Joseph Sumara of Havelock, Wilhelmina Bullock of Philadelphia.

William L. Milk of Baltimore was fined \$15, plus costs, for speeding 70 miles an hour.

Pleading guilty of speeding 55 miles an hour in a truck, William Riley Moseley of RFD 1, Greenville, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with speeding 80 miles an hour, John Prentiss Rogerson of RFD 2, Williamston, was fined \$50, plus costs.

John Thomas Hadley, 19-year-old youth of RFD 2, Williamston, was fined \$15, plus costs, for speeding 70 miles an hour.

Edward Junior Williams of Norfolk was fined \$25 for speeding 75 miles an hour, and Jos. P. Jordan of RFD 3, Conway, S. C., was fined \$12 for speeding 67 miles an hour.

Trials Featured By Technicalities In Several Cases

Judge Peele Hears Thirty- Six Cases During Session Lasting After 5 P. M.

It was a rugged day Monday in the Martin County Recorder's Court for Judge H. O. Peele, acting Solicitor Hugh M. Martin, lawyers and all but a few defendants. Thirty-six cases were handled during the all-day session, and long trials and technicalities claimed the spotlight. There was also a parade of witnesses, all with the same story. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$577, including \$242 for speeding and \$335 for other alleged infractions of the laws.

In the absence of Solicitor Clarence Griffin who was working on a special assignment, Attorneys R. H. Cowen and Hugh M. Martin prosecuting the docket, Attorney Martin relieving Attorney Cowen in the post after clearing a client.

The court continued several cases until the next session when time ran out. The next session of the county court is scheduled for October 4, the superior court taking over for two weeks beginning next Monday.

Proceedings, including all but speeding cases, following:

Overcoming damaging evidence with a long parade of witnesses, Blythe Pierce, charged with drunken driving, was found not guilty.

The case in which Roman Joseph Jones was charged with driving while his license was revoked, was not prosessed.

His case pending trial since July 19, John Lee Sheppard, charged with careless and reckless driving, pleaded guilty, and he was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The road term was suspended upon the voluntary surrender of his operator's license for four months and the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

Pleading not guilty, Murphy Whitaker was adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws. The court invoked a 12-month suspended sentence imposed previously, and sentenced him to the roads for three months in the cases, the sentence to be suspended in the latter action provided he pays a \$10 fine and court cost.

James E. Peele pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws and was sentenced to the roads for three months. The road term was suspended upon a guarantee of good behavior for two years and the payment of a \$100 fine and costs.

In the liquor violation case against William Person and Louise Person, the action against

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Breaks Leg In Escape Attempt

Faced by officers as he was carrying two and one-half gallons of liquor from a still in the Collic Swamp area of Robersonville Township Tuesday morning, Oscar Council, 48-year-old colored man, threw down his jug of spirits and took flight. Covering fifty yards in quick order, Council jumped a log and caught his heel in a box tree and broke both bones in his left leg.

The chase ended, Council was picked up by Officers Cecil Bullock, Wiley Craft and Gariand Bunting and carried 100 yards out of the woods, loaded in a car and removed to a Williamston hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

A companion whose identity Council has not divulged, escaped, leaving behind five gallons of raw liquor.

No case has been made against Council at this time, but he will be charged with possession of non-tax-paid liquor. His trial is being delayed pending recovery of the broken limb.

The officers returned and wrecked the submarine type still and poured out four barrels of mash.

Donate Money In This County For Polio Emergency

Additional \$750.29 Raised During The Past Few Weeks In County

Its funds exhausted for the care of infantile paralysis victims, the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation some time ago called for additional contributions. The second drive, now nearing completion in this county, reports \$750.29 raised to date, according to Mrs. Junita Coltrain, chairman for the special drive.

Contributions are acknowledged, as follows:

Rev. R. E. Walston, \$2.00; H. L. Swain, 1.00; W. B. Harrington, 2.00; N. R. Roberson, 1.00; A. O. Roberson, 2.00; Hardy Wholesale, 5.00; Earl M. Coburn, 1.00; Wheeler Manning Ins. Agency, 5.00; Mrs. V. A. Johns, 1.00; Corey Plumbing Co., 5.00; Bruce Leggett, 2.00; Mobley Insurance, 1.00; F. U. Barnes, 5.00; J. Paul Simpson, 10.00; Harry Biggs, 1.00; Paul Dixon, 1.00; H. A. Johnson, 5.00; Mrs. Effie Sparrow, 5.00; David Moore, 5.00; F. L. Fussell, 5.00; Fred M. Taylor, 5.00; John Edwin Manning, 1.00; Clarence Griffin, 2.00; Mrs. Ethel B. Ward, 1.00; C. D. Taylor, 5.00; B. W. Parker, 5.00; J. W. Eubanks, 5.00; W. O. Griffin, 5.00; Evelyn Harrison, 3.00.

Mrs. L. B. Harrison, 3.00; J. R. Winslow, 2.50; L. A. Clark, 3.00; Mrs. Coy J. Roberson, 5.00; T. O. Nicholson, 1.00; Victor Andrews, 2.00; M. K. Harrington, 2.00; Buck Rogerson, 1.00; K. O. Rogers, 2.00; Ned Everett, 2.00; Ward Clinic, 10.00; H. L. House, 5.00; Croom Refrigeration, 2.00; C. R. Mobley, 5.00; Reliable Sales Co., 5.00; Geo. A. Oglesby, 10.00; J. B. Whitfield, 2.00; Mrs. Annie Glasgow, 10.00; Louie P. Martin, 5.00; R. A. Haislip, 10.00; Mrs. H. A. Pierce, 1.00; Ernest Hayes, 1.00; T. L. House, 1.00; Gabe Roberson, 1.00; H. S. Hardy, 2.00; W. G. Peele, 5.00; Joshua L. Coltrain, 5.00; Bruce E. Roebuck, 1.00; Erwin C. Griffin, 2.00; Dixie Motor Co., 10.00; Robert Moore, 1.00.

R. H. Goodman, 5.00; Roy Ward, R-2, 1.00; C. G. Crockett, 5.00; Mrs. J. W. Watts, 5.00; John Roebuck, 1.00; Mrs. J. M. Highsmith, 2.00; Simon Lilley, Jr., 1.00; Dan Peele, 2.00; Dallas Holliday, 2.00; C. C. Martin, 5.00; Roland Bunting, C. C. 5.00; Dr. W. F. Coppage, 7.50; Martin General Clinic, 20.00; G. W. Coltrain, 1.00; Mrs. C. Everett, 1.00; M. Everett, 1.00; C. B. Reddick, 1.00; Mrs. A. R. Dunning, 5.00; Joseph Griffin, 5.00; T. M. Britton, 5.00; P. E. Manning, 3.00; Leroy Harrison, 1.00; J. R. P. Griffin, 2.50; Paul Harrington, 1.00; Irvin Roberson, 1.00; Julian Jackson, 2.00; L. P. Holliday, 2.00; Clarence Barber, 1.00; Martha Leggett, 1.00; Frances Leggett, 1.00; Mrs. Daisy Johnson, 2.50.

S. C. Griffin, Jr., 2.00; D. R. Everett, 4.00; Roland Lilley, 5.00; D. E. Darden, 5.00; Leroy Goddard, 1.00; J. Carl Griffin, 2.00; Robert P. Kloeti, 5.00; R. H. Smith, 1.00; L. Wilson Wynne, 2.00; Geo. G. Edmondson, 3.00; Joseph Bailey, 5.00; M. B. Ward, 5.00; T. L. Roberson, Jr., 1.00; L. T. Harden, 1.00; H. L. Barnhill, 10.00; Mrs. B. F. Perry, 1.00; M. H. Savage, 1.00; J. A. Ellis, 1.00; W. L. Chesson, 2.00; P. T. Roane, 1.00; Mrs. W. Oscar Peete, 5.00; J. Frank Weaver, 1.00; Ben Courtney, 5.00; Mrs. M. W. Courtney, 5.00; Oscar B. Roberson, 5.00; Jimmie Tye, 1.00; Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick, 5.00; W. C. House, 5.00; H. A. Bowen, 5.00; Albert Tye, 2.00; Terry Bros. 5.00; S. H. Grimes, 2.00.

J. Sam Getsinger, 3.00; Milton W. Griffin, 5.00; Lester J. Griffin, 1.00; Mrs. Jesse Keel, 5.00; L. J. (Continued on Page Eight)

Draft Board Moving Its Local Offices

Housed in the town hall for a number of years, the local offices of Selective Service will move to the Manning building across the street within the next ten days or two weeks, it was learned this week.

Mary Gray Library Is Open In Its New Home

The Mary S. Gray Library is now located in its new quarters at 121 South Elm Street. The public is cordially invited to visit the Library.