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Plan Fourth Tobacco Warehouse for Williamston

Handle Nineteen Cases In County Court This Week

Judge Peel Sounds A Last Warning to Liquor Law Violators

A hard season ahead was promised all alleged violators of liquor laws brought into his court by Judge H. O. Peel last Monday, the jurist explaining that he did not altogether approve of the methods followed in the recent wholesale liquor round up, but that any defendant brought into his court by county enforcement officers had better prepare for the worst. Action by the judge last Monday caused some weeping and wailing, but he stood firm and meted out sizeable fines and substantial sentences.

The case charging John Thomas James with violating the liquor laws was not prossed. James was one of the 24 arrested in the round up by special detectives, but there was some doubt as to his identity, and the case was dropped. Detectives, making the arrest, were not here to prosecute the case.

Probable cause appearing, the case charging Geo. Beck, Jamesville policeman with breaking and entering, larceny and trespass, was sent to the higher court with the defendant under a \$250 bond. The officer is said to have been searching for evidence in connection with the disappearance of Dan Blue when he entered the home of Curtis Arnold.

The case charging Jeremiah Fulford with bastardy was continued until March, 1938, or until the birth of child.

Isaac Spruill, charged with disturbing religious worship, was found not guilty.

The case charging Primus Williams, Johnnie Austin and Buck Bryant with an assault with a deadly weapon, was not prossed.

Prim Sherrod was sentenced to the roads for 90 days in the case charged with an assault.

The case charging Edward Coffield with violating the A. B. C. act was continued one week.

Sylvester Roberson, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. His license, to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year. He was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs in the case charging Jesse Atkins with being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest.

Charged with abandonment and nonsupport, Arthur Lee Whitley was directed to pay \$5 a month to the court for the benefit of an illegitimate child. He appealed and bond was fixed at \$100.

Charged with the theft of tobacco, Eddie and Sam Moore, colored, were sentenced to the roads, Eddie for three months and Sam for two.

It being shown that defendant died on October 31, the case charging H. L. Staton with violating the bad check law was ordered off the docket.

Horace White, charged with violating the liquor laws was sentenced to the roads for 60 days.

The case charging Robt. Williams and G. T. Young with breaking and entering and larceny was remanded to the justice of peace court for correction.

Patsy Taylor, facing the court for the second time in about a week for alleged violation of the liquor laws, was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and jailed for three months.

Viola Forrest, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to jail for 60 days.

Clarence Teel, charged with public drunkenness, was sentenced to the roads for 90 days. It appearing to the court that Teel had been sentenced to work at the county home by the superior court last December, capias was ordered attached to commitment so that defendant may be returned to court for change in judgment.

Charged with non-support, Archie Mobley, Jr., was directed to pay \$15 a month for support of wife and child and meet other obligations.

Important Meeting Legion Post Monday

A regular meeting of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will be held here next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the hall over the Williamston Cafe. Commander J. E. Boykin is urging every member to be present as there is important business to be placed before the meeting for consideration.

North Carolina Equipment Firm To Locate Branch Here

The North Carolina Equipment Company, one of the largest machinery distributors in this section of the United States, will locate a distribution plant in Williamston within the near future, according to reliable information received here this week. General Manager A. E. Finley was here a few days ago from the home office in Raleigh and is said to have completed plans for establishing the plant here.

A lot between Payton's colored poolroom and Dr. Williams' office on Washington Street was purchased this week by the company. The lot has a 175 foot frontage and extends back about 144 feet, reports stating that the purchasers plan to cover most of it with a modern

building. Construction plans are now receiving consideration, and building activities are likely to get underway within the next few days.

At the present time, the equipment company is operating plants at Raleigh and Statesville, and it is understood that the plant here will serve much of the northeastern part of the State. Several men will be stationed here or make Williamston their headquarters, according to information reaching here.

The company handles road machines, road rollers, motor graders, International power units, tractors, mixers, pumps, wood-working machines and other types of farm and road machinery.

PRICES HIGHER

Prices were reported much stronger on the Williamston tobacco market today as farmers offered approximately 100,000 pounds of the leaf for sale. "I had one of the best sales of the season," a Griffiths Township farmer said this morning. "The quality is below the average, but the prices appear to be equally as high as they have been at any time this season," another farmer explained. Farmers selling here continue well pleased with their sales.

Including the sales today, the market has sold right at \$7.00, and it is certain the sales will pass nine million pounds within the next two weeks or before closing time.

Eye Clinic Held Here This Week Is Very Successful

Many Children Are Found Handicapped by Poor Eyesight

That many Martin County children are handicapped by physical defects was disclosed in an eye clinic sponsored here Wednesday by the Martin County Welfare Department with the cooperation of Miss Mary Williams, medical social worker of the State Blind Commission, and Dr. C. J. Sawyer.

Thirty-three children from six schools in the county had their eyes examined, and the finds are really startling. Two of the youngsters were so near blind their removal to the State School for the Blind was advised. Each of the 31 others needed glasses, it being quite evident that these children, or most of them, had had little chance to advance with other children in their school work. Several had repeated their grades, and two or three had never reached the second grade after several tries in the first.

Thirteen of the 33 children were sent to the clinic held in the office of Dr. Sawyer Wednesday from the Robersonville school. Twelve were from the territory served by the Williamston school. Four came from Hamilton, two from Dardens and one each from Jamesville and Everetts.

Finding that possibly not more than one or two will be able to buy glasses, the welfare forces are expecting aid from the Williamston Lions and Kiwanis clubs, the Senior and Junior Woman's Clubs and possibly other organizations. Miss Mary Taylor, welfare aid, stated that every effort is being made to equip the children with necessary glasses, that funds available just now are inadequate to meet the cost.

The findings in the clinic this week show that additional clinics are necessary in this county. Only six of the 10 white schools in the county were represented, leaving many in all of them who may possibly be in need of glasses or the attention of specialists.

Fire Company Gets Call To Business District

The local volunteer fire company was called out at 7:10 last evening when a fire in the radio shop in the main street business district burned out. Spectators, fearing the fire would spread to other buildings, turned in the alarm. No damage resulted and the fire-fighting apparatus was back in the station five minutes after the alarm was received.

Mrs. S. H. Grimes Dies In Hospital Early Yesterday

Funeral Services for Prominent Young Woman This Afternoon

Mrs. S. Harcum Grimes, prominent local young woman, died in a Rocky Mount hospital at one o'clock yesterday morning following an operation performed last Friday. She had experienced ill health for some time and had received hospital treatment during several weeks within the past twelve or eighteen months.

Miss Martha Louise Anderson before her marriage last May, Mrs. Grimes was the daughter of the late Arthur and Lula Hardison Anderson. She was born here 35 years ago the 19th of last July and her home has been in Williamston all her life.

She attended and was graduated from the Greensboro College for Women, earning her degree there in 1924. The following fall she entered the teaching profession and was a member of the local school faculty for two terms. In 1926 she went to Dunn where she taught in the schools there for five years, returning here as a member of the faculty in the fall of 1931. She held that position until her health began to fail some over a year ago.

A member of the Baptist church here a greater part of her life, Mrs. Grimes was a devoted worker. Her short walk through life exemplified that of a true Christian character, and her work in the school room made lasting and worth-while impressions on the hundreds of young boys and girls who received training at her hands. The sorrow of a friend was willingly shared by her, and her joys and happiness were willingly shared with others.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by one brother, Mr. O. S. Anderson, of Williamston, her parents having died within a few days of each other about six years ago.

Funeral services are being conducted from the Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Wm. R. Burrell, of Asheville, a former pastor here, and Rev. Jas. H. Smith, pastor of the local Baptist church. Interment will follow in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Benefit Play For Parent-Teachers

"See You Later," three-act musical comedy sponsored by the Lions Club will be staged in the high school auditorium here next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the proceeds to go to the parent-teachers association for use in financing a school lunch room project.

Members of the cast are Misses Nancy Glover, Mildred Tally, Elva Mishoe, and A. B. Ayers, Ernest Meers, Bill Howell, D. V. Clayton, W. S. Hatchett, Joe Thigpen and Wynne.

In connection with the play, the club is sponsoring a baby popularity contest, the winner to be presented a silver loving cup next Wednesday evening. Names of the entrants: Bettie Jane Moore, Jane King, Barbara Gurganus, Elizabeth Britton, Ann Woolard, Annie Patricia Wynne, Janet Ross, Janice Manning, David Strawbridge, Ann Jones, Patricia Taylor, Maxine Hopewell and Bob Manning.

Start Widening Bear Grass Road Shortly

Plans are virtually complete for widening the road from Bear Grass to Highway 17, near R. L. Perry's, preparatory to surfacing the route early next spring, according to Engineer Geo. Mack who was here this week on his Murrefresboro headquarters.

It is understood the road will be similar to the one between the Everett farm and Hamilton in this county.

Martin County Club At Campbell Elects Officers

The students of Martin County at Campbell this year met recently and elected officers for this year. These students are also active members in other college activities. They are as follows: S. W. Manning, of Williamston is president of the Martin County club and useful member of the football squad; Luther Hugh Hardison of Jamesville, is vice president, member of the football eleven, captain of this year's baseball team, secretary of the monogram club, and an active member of several social societies; John Hassell of Jamesville, is secretary and treasurer, captain of the basketball team, vice-president of the monogram club, and also a member of several of the religious organizations. The club is expecting a big year this year and hopes to hold the name of Martin county up above the rest.

Site Purchased for Building On Washington Street Thursday by Lilley, Gurkin, Ingram, Langley

A Proclamation

Pursuant to an Act of Congress and the executive order of the President of the United States, a national census of the unemployed and partly unemployed will be taken through the Postoffice Department beginning with the distribution of blanks to all the homes in the town of Williamston on November 16th., and 17., 1937.

The unemployed and partly unemployed will be expected to fill out these blanks and return them to L. T. Fowden, Postmaster, by midnight, November 20, 1937.

A Citizens' Committee has been appointed by me with Harry A. Biggs as chairman.

This is a very comprehensive undertaking and it is my earnest desire to impress upon our citizens the necessity of obtaining this census not only for the information of Congress and the President of the United States but also for our own local guidance.

The cordial cooperation of the citizens of Williamston is earnestly requested.

J. L. HASSELL, Mayor.

Commissioners In Regular Meeting Tuesday Evening

Town Board Names Group To Investigate Need For New Cemetery

Meeting in delayed session last Tuesday evening, the Williamston Town Board of Commissioners named a committee to investigate the need of locating a new public cemetery or possibly enlarging the present one. Orders were also given to proceed with the paving of two sidewalks, and the town attorney was instructed to take a non-suit in the case brought to condemn part of the Cherry property for the extension of Smithwick Street.

Appearing before the board, Mr. Leslie T. Fowden pointed out the deplorable condition of Williamston's cemetery, and after explaining that it was almost filled he offered for sale approximately 16 acres of land just outside of town on the right side of the Hamilton road. No price was mentioned. Messrs. N. C. Green, G. H. Harrison and V. D. Godwin were named a committee to investigate the need for opening a new cemetery or possibly the enlargement and improvement of the present one. The condition and neglect of the present cemetery came in for much discussion during the meeting, Mr. Fowden explaining that he was not so much interested in selling land as he was in helping to provide this community with a cemetery that one need not be ashamed of.

Supported by civic organizations, the movement to open a new cemetery or improve the present one here is expected to gain momentum and definite action is looked for in the near future.

R. E. Manning, superintendent of streets, was instructed to purchase a second-hand or rent a cement mixer and start construction as soon as possible on two sidewalks, one on Elm Street from Main to Church and the other from South Haughton to Park on Warren street. The purchase of a mixer is now pending and construction work on the two projects is expected to get underway within the next two or three weeks.

Considering \$700 too much for a piece of property the town would condemn for extending Smithwick street into Marshall avenue, the commissioners instructed the town attorney to take a non-suit in the case. The attorney is expected to proceed with the case by appointing another commission of three men to appraise the value of that piece of Cherry property the new street would cross. Expressing their own opinion, the commissioners were of the belief very little or no damage would result to the property, that the street extension would add to its value.

Continues Critically Ill

Reports coming from her bedside in a Washington hospital at noon today stated that Mrs. Joe Cowen continued gravely ill at that time, that her recovery was not expected.

Construction Work To Get Underway In Early Part Of 1938

Will Be One of the Largest Warehouses In This Section

A site for the construction of a fourth tobacco warehouse in Williamston was purchased this week by Messrs. Sylvester Lilley, Johnnie Gurkin, W. R. Ingram and Carlyle Langley, reports stating that present plans call for building activities to get underway the early part of next year. Few details in connection with the building plans have been released, but it is understood the new house will be one of the largest in this section.

The site is located on Washington street just in front of the Elm Street intersection and lies between the Green Oil Company filling station and Payton's colored pool room. The lot has a frontage of approximately 200 feet and extends back around 300 feet. Sid Mobley, in selling the property, agreed to clear the lot of his garage and two tenant houses by the first of next January. Mr. Mobley has not announced his plans in connection with relocating the garage, but it is possible that he will open a street to connect Washington and Warren Streets and move the buildings there. The purchase price of the lot was not made public.

Addition of another warehouse here pushes Williamston in line with many of the leading markets of the belt, and places it in a position to handle two sets of buyers. Witnessing the rapid growth of the market and realizing that there is a bright future for expansion, several parties are said to have considered the construction of a fourth and possibly a fifth tobacco warehouse here.

The market is selling around nine million pounds here this season, and it is generally agreed that the sales could be easily pushed to twelve or fifteen million pounds annually. Action by Messrs. Lilley, Gurkin, Ingram and Langley, leading and well-known citizens of this county, adds interest in the tobacco marketing field that assures Williamston a prominent place in the march of progress.

Plans for the new building will be formulated within a short time, and it is thought that arrangements will be completed to start construction work just as the lot is available.

Many Unemployed Registered Here

The Williamston office of the State Employment Service has registered 96 workers in various trades and occupations, during the past two weeks. These include men and women of both races in counties of Martin, Washington, Beaufort, Tyrrell and Hyde.

Jobs have been found for 36 workers in the past two weeks. It has come to the attention of the local office that people sometimes have the impression that the service is perhaps limited to certain occupational groups or types of people. Such is not the case. The service is operated by the state and federal government to serve every citizen. The Williamston office has registered many of the highest type of applicants, including teachers, nurses, salesmen, office manager, dieticians, marine engineers, clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers and other professional and skilled workers, along with workers in less specialized occupations.

The Williamston office has been called upon for carpenters, laborers, farm workers, cooks, delivery boys, mechanics, salesmen, clerks, machinists, and other workers, in the past few weeks. Regardless of occupation or race, any person may register, without cost, at any time, at the Williamston office, in the town hall building. The service then checks over job opportunities, local and over the State, in order to find the employer needing the worker for that particular occupation or work.

PICKER LICENSES

Licenses to operate peanut pickers in this county have been issued to 46 owners so far this season, as compared with the record number of more than 150 in 1934, according to information coming from the office of J. Sam Gelsinger, register of deeds for Martin County.

While a comparatively large number of peanut pickers is operating, it is believed that some of the owners have not procured the permits in accordance with state law.

Jury For December Term Court Drawn By Commissioners

Judge Walter J. Bone Will Preside Over One Week Term

Thirty-six Martin County citizens were drawn by the board of commissioners last Monday for jury service in the superior court convening in December for the trial of criminal and civil cases during one week. Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, will probably preside over the court, reports stating that the jurist had exchanged courts with Judge Clawson Williams who was scheduled to hold the court in this county.

Names of jurymen are: Jamesville Township: J. M. Jones, Griffiths Township: Kader Lilley, Herbert L. Manning.

Bear Grass Township: Robt. S. Coltrain, Ben F. Whitehurst, Jos. L. Holliday, Thurston Wynne, Carl Lee Beacham.

Williamston Township: L. P. Lindsley, W. H. Harrison, H. L. Everett, Raymond Cherry, J. Sam Jones, J. Haywood Rogers, H. L. Barnhill, Jesse T. Price.

Cross Roads Township: John Jackson.

Robersonville Township: J. E. Coffield, Arch Griffin, S. L. Roberson, C. L. Green, Jasper Johnson, C. D. Taylor, T. A. Bunting, J. M. Highsmith, I. M. Little, Linwood Johnson and J. O. Rogerson.

Poplar Point Township: H. B. Smith.

Hamilton Township: Willie B. Everett, G. H. Leggett, W. J. Beach, Goose Nest Township: H. E. Brown, Ruper R. Rawls, Elwood Bennett.

The December term of the superior court, convening the second Monday, generally adjourns after completing the trial of the criminal docket and is seldom in session for more than two or three days.

CHURCH SERVICES

There will be services at the Primitive Baptist church in Jamesville, Sunday, Nov. 6, at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.