

Judge Peel Calls Eleven Cases In The County Court

Alleged Violator of the Liquor Laws Fined One Hundred Dollars

Judge H. O. Peel called eleven cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, the judge and solicitor going into an afternoon session to clear the docket of nine cases. The feature of the session was a \$100 fine imposed upon a defendant charged with violating the liquor laws.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Foy Rogers was sentenced to the roads for six months and fined \$100, the court taxing him with one-half the case costs. Fate Smith, a second defendant in the case, was sentenced to the roads for six months and taxed with one-half the costs. The road sentence in each case is to begin at the direction of the court.

Nick Baker, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for three months. Marina Wynne and Melinda Bailey, defendants in the same case, were adjudged not guilty.

The case charging Gattis Peel with an assault with a deadly weapon, was continued one week.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Hardy Williams was directed to pay \$10 to Dr. Jesse Ward for the prosecuting witness and pay the case costs.

The case charging William Henry Nelson with larceny was continued one week.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Jesse Whitley, colored, pleaded guilty of illegal possession of liquor, was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court fining him \$25 and adding the case cost. The road sentence in the case is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within two years.

Wilbert Cunningham, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs, the court suspending his driver's license for one year. Unable to pay the fine, the defendant was returned to jail.

The case charging Wiley Roberson with violating the forest fire laws was not prossed. Roberson was alleged to have fired some grass land in Robersonville Township without notifying adjoining property owners or maintaining a proper watch over the fire. Approximately 275 acres of woodland were burned, the county forest service spending approximately \$18 to bring it under control.

Charged with the illegal removal of crops and larceny and receiving, Alexander Dolberry was found not guilty.

Jane Respass, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to jail for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court.

Charged with an assault, Kin Moore pleaded guilty of simple assault. The solicitor accepted the plea, and Judge Peel suspended judgment upon payment of the costs.

Record Number Is Jailed In County

An all-time "turn key" record was established in the Martin County jail last month when seventy-two alleged violators of the laws were placed behind the bars. The county "boarding house" was like a beehive nearly every day as young and old were placed behind the bars and others were released.

Beaufort County authorities who are temporarily without a jail of their own, patronized the local bastille during last month when they placed 24 men there.

Most of the seventeen drunks were Martin County products, the sister county holding a monopoly with eight charged with murder. In addition to those two cases, the counties were about evenly divided in ownership of the following: sixteen larceny and receiving cases, three breaking and entering, nine for assault, three crazy, eleven for violation of the liquor laws, two for investigation and a lone forgery case.

Consider Sale Of Old Cross Roads School

Business created by the sweeping consolidation of schools is about completed in this county, the Martin County Board of Education announcing today that the sale of the old abandoned school house in Cross Roads Township would be considered at a regular meeting of the board here next Monday. The schoolhouse there is one of the few abandoned in years past that has not been sold.

Very little business is scheduled for the board members at the meeting, it was learned.

Sheriff Charlie Roebuck Has Something To Worry About

Reports that the red fox in the western part of the State is running mad are causing Martin's sheriff, Charlie Roebuck, something to worry about down east. If hydrophobia spreads to the sly fox in this section the officer allows that he's sunk. "Wouldn't it be one big job to vaccinate all the foxes in the county?" the officer who had such a difficult time in years gone by rounding up all the dogs in the county in the anti-rabies drive, was asked.

Scratching his almost barren head the officer discredited the fox vaccination scheme, but pointed out that the sly animal was fast becoming a problem in many sections of the county. Reports maintain that Mr. Reynard is doing more damage than Blackie Bear.

So far this season Sheriff Roebuck and Edwin Holding, chief stockholder

in the Martin County Anti-Fox Association and head of the movement to exterminate the pests, have run down and killed 90 of the little animals. "And we haven't hardly touched the surface," the automobile huntsmen explained.

A farmer, near Williamston, suspicious of Mr. Fox after missing one, two, three and more pigs from a pen. Appealing to the anti-fox association for help, the farmer explained that he hung a lantern in the pig pen with the belief that the sly old animal would not venture forth, but the light apparently enabled the fox to see better.

Protected by an established service, the forests are growing up and the fox is increasing in numbers rapidly, causing a regular menace to farmers' swine and poultry, reports state.

Safety Patrols Are Organized By Motor Club Representative

Organization Is Advancing Safety Programs in State

Recognizing the great need for a safety-conscious public and safety training among the youth of the land, representatives of the Carolina Motor Club came here yesterday and perfected the organization of safety patrols as a part of a state-wide program for the prevention of automobile accidents.

Mr. T. E. Marshall, in charge of safety work for the motor club, assisted Principal D. N. Hix and Patrolman Hunt in forming the safety patrols here. Preliminary work was advanced by Mr. F. E. Fox, safety director for the Carolina Motor Club, when he was here and addressed the Kiwanis club several weeks ago. Mr. Marshall, who was accompanied by Mr. Fox here yesterday, will return within a short time and address the patrol groups in connection with the safety work.

Donning unique and quite becoming uniforms, the members of the patrol went into action on the busy corners yesterday afternoon, assisting children across the streets.

The patrol personnel is as follows: First patrol, high school: capt. Jimmie Leggett; lieutenant, Billy Mercer; James Carrow, J. D. Woolard, Jim Critcher, Conrad Getsinger, Richard Margolis.

Second patrol, grammar school: capt. Jimmie Mitchell; lieutenant, Joe Dixon; Parker Peele, Reg Chesson, Sammy Taylor, Fred Wheeler, Joe Wynn.

Third patrol, high school: capt. Jimmie Manning; lieutenant, Collins Peel; Carlyle Langley, John L. Goff, Dal Clayton, Burke Parker, Luther Peel.

Fourth patrol, grammar school: capt. Billy Meyers; lieutenant, Jack Mobley; Jessie Gurganus, Tom Brandon, John Daniel, Jimmie Knight, Cecil Harris.

Student advisory council: 1. Martin Anderson. 2. Stewart Critcher.

Pay Day This Week For County Teachers

Martin County school teachers, truck drivers and janitors received \$19,351.10 this week, the amount representing the fifth month salaries for the current term. The first of the 241 checks were delivered to the owners last Wednesday.

Receiving \$11,231.85, the 100 white teachers were paid on an average, \$112.32, the salaries of the approximately ten principals pulling up the general average. Paid a total of \$7,332.75, the 91 colored teachers received \$80.58 on an average. There are comparatively few principals in the colored schools of the county.

A marked drop in the pay schedule is noticed as applied to janitors, the 13 men receiving a total of \$435 or an average of about \$33. A low was reached for the truck drivers, the 37 bus operators receiving \$351.50 or an average of \$9.50.

TOBACCO PLANTS

Tobacco seed planted last December are coming up in some sections of the county, several farmers reporting unusually large stands. They are small, to be sure, but again the indications are that the farmers of this county will get off to a good start with their tobacco crop this year.

Quite a few farmers, however, have not yet planted their tobacco seed, and those who are reporting plants already up are preparing additional beds.

PERIODIC

Unofficial reports heard recently indicate that there'll be a lot of folks losing their automobile drivers' licenses if the State Safety division authorities are successful in calling for a periodic examination of drivers. It is understood that an act is being proposed to require all operators of vehicles to stand a driver's examination and renew their permits annually at the cost of about one dollar.

No estimate can be had as to the approximate number of failures that will result from the examinations, but it is reported that quite a few of those who apply for drivers' licenses under the present law will "flunk out."

World Conference Planned For Study Of Cotton Surplus

Some Suggest Turning the Surplus Back to the Farmers

Secretary Wallace said last week the administration was considering an international conference on how to dispose of surplus cotton stocks.

Wallace and Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, has just discussed with President Roosevelt what they termed a "very serious" problem relating to the South's principal crop.

They said no decisions were reached, but that a conference of cotton-growing nations was under tentative consideration to deal with this crop, as has been done at international gatherings on wheat.

The Alabamian said they discussed, without decision, a suggestion that domestic producers be given back some of the Federal cotton holdings as payment in kind for further reducing acreage next year.

He predicted the American surplus would reach 14,500,000 bales on August 1.

On Capitol Hill, Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, proposed that 3,000,000 bales of the surplus cotton be manufactured into mattresses and other articles for home use and be distributed to the needy.

Before going to the White House, Bankhead said Senators from cotton growing states had agreed that their first problem was "finding what we can do with loan cotton."

The government now has nearly \$500,000,000 invested in loans on some 11,000,000 bales—enough to supply domestic and foreign demands for American cotton without growing any new crop this year.

The loans were made as part of an administration effort to keep the prices up by holding surplus cotton off the market.

The Senate bloc is seeking some way to get the loan cotton back in the hands of farmers who agree to reduce production under the crop control program.

More than a dozen Southern Senators attended a meeting recently to discuss methods of accomplishing this. A second session, called by Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, chairman of the Agriculture Committee, was abandoned when only Senators Bankhead and McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, appeared. They explained that other Southern Senators were forced to attend Senate committee sessions.

Bankhead said the group would meet again this week after the White House conference.

Army Needs It Still others suggested that the army and navy "freeze" up to 6,000,000 bales of surplus cotton.

District Meeting Here Hears About Land Use Planning

Subject Is Being Advanced On Nation-wide Scale By Agriculturists

"Land Use Planning," a subject that will receive nation-wide attention during the coming months, was discussed at a district meeting of northeastern North Carolina farm agents and agricultural leaders held in the agricultural building here this week.

Briefly stated, the program is designed to prepare a foundation for advancing agricultural programs in the future. The work is to be divided into mapping of farm areas, classification and recommendations for all land use and practices in the township, county, state and nation.

Under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Act, the program is to develop land conservation and land utilization, including the retirement of lands which are submarginal or not primarily suitable for cultivation. An attempt will be made to analyze the human and natural resources of a community with an idea toward their maintenance, improvement and continued well-being. Study will be given farm income, size of farm, tenure, erosion, crop yields, forestry, and part-time employment.

Apparently the new program recognizes that something is radically wrong with agriculture, that attention should be given farm practices as well as farm prices.

When the work is complete and agricultural leaders state that it will require several years to complete it, efforts will be made to advance a farm program based on land use planning.

J. F. Criswell, specialist in charge of work in the State, B. Troy Ferguson and Miss Pauline Smith, district agents, were here for the meeting and outlined briefly the program. During the next several weeks, county farm leaders will hold meetings in the various townships of the county and discuss the new project.

Infantile Paralysis Drive Is Successful

A drive for funds in support of the fight being waged on a national scale against infantile paralysis met with marked success in this county last week-end under the direction of L. T. Fowden, chairman of the movement in this county. While the sale of buttons was not as large in some communities, Chairman Fowden pointed out that he was well pleased with the response of the general public and expresses his great appreciation for the work done by the school principals, the Everett's postmaster and others who assisted in the sale of buttons or sold tickets to the birthday ball last Friday night.

Half of the net profits of \$109.98 is being forwarded to a national fund to carry on research work in the fight against infantile paralysis. The other half of the net profits is being deposited to a special fund and will be made available to any family where a child falls victim to the disease, regardless of what part of the county the family lives, Mr. Fowden pointing out that every penny will be used on a county-wide basis.

The gross profits from the fund were \$219.45, the sale of dance tickets amounting to \$141.78 and the sale of buttons amounting to \$77.67. Robersonville led the button sale, but Farm Life made a very creditable showing, comparatively speaking. Hamilton had not reported early today, but the sale-by-schools follows: Robersonville, \$22.35; Williamston, \$20.62; Farm Life, \$13.55; Jamesville, \$7.25; Bear Grass, \$6.00; Oak City, \$4.10; Hassell, \$2.80; Everetts (postmaster) \$1.00.

Total expenses for the dance and button sale amounted to \$109.47, as follows: band, \$65; gym, \$10; buttons and posters, \$12.66; printing, \$3; dance tags, \$2; janitors, \$5.50; telegrams, \$1.06; stamps, 60 cents; telephone calls, \$2.15; gas used in distributing buttons and posters, \$6.36 and express, \$1.14.

Local Firemen Get Call Last Tuesday Afternoon

The local fire company was called out last Tuesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock when fire starting in a coal pile threatened the "cleaning" room of the Pittman Cleaners, next door to The Enterprise on Main Street.

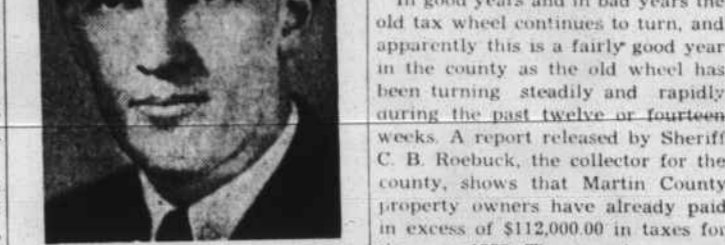
Believed to have started when some one threw a cigarette into a pile of paper in the coal pile, the fire was prevented from reaching the "cleaning" room and very little damage resulted.

Property Owners Pay Over Half 1938 Taxes

Payments To Date Exceed \$112,000.00 For Year Of 1938

Coast Line Railroad Pays Nearly \$29,000 To The County

CANDIDATE



K. G. Phillips, former teacher in the Williamston schools, has been nominated for vice president of the North Carolina Education Association.

Peanut Farmers In Meet At Ahoskie Outline Program

Farm Bureau Will Carry Its Fight to Raleigh Next Week

Meeting in Ahoskie yesterday, fifty farmers representing the peanut growing counties in this State formulated plans to carry their demands for a peanut experiment station before the Senate and House agricultural sub-committees in Raleigh next Tuesday. The Farm-Bureau group will also carry its fight for the elimination of worked duplication alleged in the State Department of Agriculture and in the State College Extension Service.

The growers' program: 1. Appropriation of funds for, and the creation of, a peanut experiment farm in the center of the commercial peanut section, and the placing of the farm under the supervision of State College.

2. Provision of adequate soil-testing facilities and the designation of State College for that work, and 3. A clear definition of the functions of both State College and the State Department of Agriculture, and the elimination of overlapping duties of the two institutions.

Yesterday's meeting was called by E. F. Arnold, executive secretary of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, for the purpose of outlining the needs of peanut growers for a peanut experiment farm and soil-testing service and their desires for eliminating overlapping of duties of the State's two agricultural service institutions.

Arnold arranged Tuesday's meeting in Raleigh with the sub-committees, who agreed to hear representatives of peanut farmers.

B. D. Stephenson, president of the Northampton County Farm Bureau, who presided at yesterday's meeting, named a committee to draft a brief of the peanut farmers' demands and present it at the hearing.

Plans were made to have delegations from every peanut county attend the Raleigh hearing.

Miss Ethel Parker, of Gatesville, declared: "I have raised peanuts for 20 years and know no more about it now than I did when I first started because no information has ever been made available on peanut diseases, soil-testing or varieties. Farm marketing and soil-testing are two services directly needed by the peanut farmers of North Carolina, and should be placed under the supervision of the extension service."

Brotherhood Dinner Is Well Attended Here

The second Brotherhood Dinner of the Disciples of Christ was held in the American Legion Hut on Wednesday evening with about ninety in attendance. A fine barbecue supper was prepared by the women of the woman's council. The program included greetings sent from many North Carolina churches and from Virginia and all of the ten mission fields in which the disciples have work.

A quiz was held between the men and women chosen by chief quizzier, Elbert S. Peel, on the work of the church in its total Brotherhood relationships. It was quite educational and interesting. The pastor, Mr. Goff, made a brief talk. The dinner closed with the group singing "True Hearted, Wholehearted."

Road Refund Bill Awaiting Action in State Legislature

Attack Directed Against the Extravagant State ABC Board

Scheduled to have been introduced in the State Legislature last week or the early part of this, the proposed bill to have the State Highway Commission refund to the counties money spent for road building has been delayed until a more detailed study can be made of the problem. Representative Hugh G. Horton explained this week. The proposed bill drafted by Mr. Horton, is being printed for circulation and study, the sponsors continuing a study of similar bills passed by legislatures in other states where refunds were made to the several counties.

Attention in the Assembly this week was centered primarily on the gasoline fund, the anti-diversionists losing the first skirmish after Governor Hoyer addressed the law-makers earlier in the week. When the joint finance committee adjourned yesterday, it left the impression that the total revenue bill would show an increase over the last one, that while some department appropriations will be sliced, others will gain to carry the total to a new high figure.

The "big steal" maneuvered by the last legislature when it took away from the counties one-half of the proceeds of the tax on intangible properties is subject to some alteration. There is a growing sentiment to let the counties participate to a greater extent in the income from intangibles. The State will protect itself, however, by increasing the rate.

A hot argument was heard in the assembly yesterday when members of the appropriations committee jumped on the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. It was proposed to lop off \$43,200 from the \$129,620 appropriation asked by the board, some members of the committee maintaining that no law was ever enacted creating anything more useless than the State ABC board. "We pay a man \$6,000 a year to do something, I know not what," W. C. Morse, Jr., Pasquotank representative, said in referring to the annual salary of Cutlar Moore, chairman of the State Board.

They are having a public hearing on election law reform before the House Elections Committee today. There has been much said about election law reform, but the election box is a long ways from a standard of decency. A wage-hour bill calling for a 48-hour week in intra-state industry was introduced this week in both the House and Senate.

Many Expected For Sweet Potato Meet

Between forty and fifty commercial sweet potato growers are expected to attend a meeting in the agricultural building here this evening at 7:30 o'clock when a discussion will be held in connection with better seed and control methods for various diseases that are gaining headway in the production of the crop.

Recognized as a mere sideline a few short years ago, the sweet potato is fast becoming a money crop of importance in this county. Agricultural leaders point out, however, that unless study and thought are given the crop, it will be overtaken by disease or production difficulties will more than offset the possible profits.

The value of the sweet potato is being recognized in an expanding market, authorities pointing out that the lowly sweet potato known only on Southern plantations for years is now climbing in importance along with highly-prized fruits and vegetables. It has been reliably pointed out that a sweet potato carries certain valuable food qualities and equals the orange in releasing necessary vitamins to the body.

Warehouse Concern Declares Dividend

The Roanoke Warehouse Company, one of the oldest operating corporations here, declared a four per cent dividend at a meeting of its stockholders in the courthouse here Wednesday afternoon. Henry D. Peel, president; S. C. Griffin, vice president; and John R. Peel, secretary and treasurer, were re-elected without opposition to their respective posts. While only a small number of stockholders were represented in person more than 700 of the 1,000 shares of stock was represented by proxy.

It is understood that the company has not leased its property for the current year, the owners empowering the rental committee to negotiate with applicants.

The Roanoke firm has declared and paid approximately 118 per cent in dividends since its organization, President Peel pointed out.

ROUTINE

A routine business schedule will feature the regular first Monday meeting of the Martin County Commissioners here this month, J. Sam Getsinger, clerk to the group, stating today that no new business had been slated for consideration as far as he knew.

The drawing of a jury for the March term of Superior Court will be handled, bills inspected and routine matters handled, the clerk said.

Presbyterians Elect New Officers For Three Years

At a congregational meeting held January 22nd the congregation of the local Presbyterian Church elected their new officers for the next three years. Deacons John L. Rodgers and Dillon Cobb were promoted to the office of elder for three years. The session now has three elders, the other being E. P. Cunningham. The five deacons for the next three years are T. B. Brandon, Marion Cobb, William Everett, Dr. Russell McAllister, and Dr. E. E. Pittman.