

Recorder's Court Has An Increase In Business Monday

Judge Peel Calls Nine Cases And Imposes Fines Totaling \$100.00

After weeks of little activity, the Martin County Recorder's Court experienced a substantial business increase last Monday when Judge H. O. Peel called nine cases, imposed fines amounting to \$100 and directed defendants to accept responsibility, partial at least, in the upkeep of their families or bloodkin.

Several cases were continued, but the court rounded up its calendar preparatory to taking a week's holiday while Judge Thompson goes to work next Monday against the alleged law violators. The court will hold its next session on Monday, June 26.

For the first time in several weeks, substantial fines were imposed and the judge saw that the collection work was cared for, reports state.

Proceedings: David Simpson, charged with non-support, failed to answer when called and the court ordered his immediate arrest. The case against Simpson was first scheduled for trial on May 8, but was continued until June 6. It was called this week.

Charged with non-support, Johnnie Peel was directed to pay \$5 a month for the use of his wife and child until the first Monday in October when he is to reappear before the court for further judgment. No bond was specified in the case.

The case charging John E. Cooke with non-support was nolprossed with leave.

Charged with destroying personal property, Aubrey Pierce pleaded not guilty, and a motion by the defense counsel at the conclusion of the State's evidence for non-suit was denied by Judge Peel. The case was continued, however under prayer for judgment.

R. A. Quinn was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year in the case charging him with drunken driving.

Bennie James, charged with non-support, was directed to pay into the court the sum of \$5 a month for six months for the use and benefit of an illegitimate child. He is to reappear at the end of that period for further judgment from the court. Bond in the sum of \$50 was required.

Charged with drunken driving, Robert Leonard Kirkland was fined \$50, taxed with the case cost and had his license revoked for a period of one year.

The cases charging H. O. Pittman with violating the liquor laws and Eli Bryant with an assault with a deadly weapon were continued until the next session, June 26.

Canada Is Calling For Tobacco Curers

Apparently in line with growers in the States, Canadian tobacco farmers are increasing production and are issuing a call in this section for 125 tobacco curers. The call was received here this week from C. D. Groves, former buyer for the Export Tobacco Company on the local market.

In the special communication, Mr. Groves stated that he was anxious to get as many curers from this county as possible, intimating that Martin farmers are good at the business. Quite a few young men have traveled to Canada each season during the past several years and directed the curing activities, and it is quite evident that the call for 125 curers reflects an increase in the size of the crop in and around Joliet, Quebec.

The farmers are offering transportation, all expenses and a salary averaging around \$20 a week to those who will journey to Canada late this summer to direct the curing activities.

Officers Of Two Counties Capture Two Liquor Stills

Raiding along the Martin-Beaufort boundary line Wednesday morning, Special Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Bill Halalip assisted by A. B. C. officers from Beaufort captured two liquor stills and poured out about 900 gallons of beer. The officers destroyed about twelve gallons of liquor hidden near one of the plants. One of the stills was of 75-gallon capacity and the other held about 50 gallons. Both plants had been in operation recently, the officers stating that one of the stills was still hot when they reached it.

This morning, Officers Roebuck and Halalip wrecked a plant in Williamston Township in the old Bear Trap Millpond area and poured out 150 gallons of beer. The plant was equipped with a 50-gallon capacity drum and had a wooden keg for a cap.

Mr. W. H. Basnight, prominent eastern Carolina business man, and Mr. Johnson, of Ahoskie, attended the baseball game here Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Emory S. McCabe and children, Miss Olive and Emory, Jr., visited friends here a short while Wednesday. They were on their way from Florida to their home in Maryland.

Will Discontinue Passenger Train Service Here June 30

Passenger train service, offered for years by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad between Plymouth and Parmele, will be discontinued on June 30, according to present plans of the company, it was unofficially learned here yesterday. While plans were effected for the removal of passenger trains between the two points, N. G. Bartlett's wide-awake East Carolina Chamber of Commerce had the old reliable Coast Line to schedule an air conditioned train for service between Kinston and Rocky Mount via Parmele and Tarboro.

Offering schedules that date back to the early railroad days, the Coast Line received no expressed opposition from local people in its move to withdraw its passenger service at this point. Frequent and convenient bus schedules attracted traffic from the old-fashioned iron horse long months ago.

While the removal of the trains is causing very little concern among them, local people are showing a keen interest in a mail and express

service that will follow, hoping that more convenient schedules can be effected than those offered by the rail company.

Effective July 1, the postoffice department will inaugurate a temporary star route service from Plymouth to Parmele and return. The carrier on the proposed route is to leave Plymouth at 9 a. m. and reach Parmele at 10:45. On the return trip he is to leave Parmele at 5:35 and reach Plymouth at 7:15.

Plans for handling express between the two points have not been announced, but it is possible that the Coast Line will handle the shipments in a special car attached to a freight train.

It has been suggested that present truck line operators could institute an express schedule on a more extensive plan and offer a superior schedule. It is quite evident, however, that patrons here will have to accept whatever service is offered them until operations can be adjusted.

LIBERAL

The Great State of North Carolina is becoming more liberal as the years pass.

Martin County this month paid the State \$795 for the privilege of operating its liquor business, the rate jumping from \$50 to \$65 per unit, the first store being exempt. Effective this month and in addition to the increase in the chain store tax, the State is collecting eight and one-half per cent on gross liquor sales as compared with seven per cent collected prior to the present month.

No advance in liquor prices is contemplated in Martin County in an effort to keep step with the taxing policy so liberally applied by the State.

Ahoskie Kiwanians Plan Festival For Suffering Children

Ben Bernie and His Lads on Program Scheduled for Three Days

Advancing their annual campaign for funds to be used in correcting needy children's physical defects, Ahoskie Kiwanians are staging a three day festival next week on an elaborate scale.

The three-night program, beginning next Wednesday will be the most ambitious event of the kind ever staged in Northern North Carolina for it will bring Ben Bernie and his "lads", one of the nation's outstanding dance orchestras, to Ahoskie for the final night. The first two nights will feature an array of radio and vaudeville entertainers and a large midway of carnival attractions.

Each summer for the past six years the Ahoskie Kiwanis club has staged a similar festival for the benefit of the work that annually provides money for expert medical attention to the ailments of scores of Hertford County boys and girls, both white and colored, whose families are unable to foot the bills for correction of defective eyes, club feet, hare lips and other cruel handicaps.

Climaxing the three-day program Ben Bernie, famous in radio and screen, will bring his full orchestra and four featured vocalists. The "Ol' Maestro" and his "lads" will be assisted by "Colonel" Mandy Prager, billed as a song stylist; Bobby Gibson, a romantic baritone; and the Bailey sisters, a harmony duo.

Although many are expected to attend just to see and hear the man who is party to one of the nation's most famous feuds (Bernie vs. Winchell), additional hundreds will attend to dance to the rhythms of one of the finest dance orchestras in the

Miss Barber Licensed By State Pharmacy Board

Completing a year of practical training and successfully passing the state board of examiners, Miss Ernestine Barber, popular associate in the Davis Pharmacy here, was registered as a licensed pharmacist by the State Pharmacy Board this week. Miss Barber, a native of Goldston, Chatham County, received her bachelor of science degree from the University of North Carolina.

Local Girl Attains High Rank In Sinai Hospital

Attaining the highest average in theory and practice, Miss Edna Ballard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ballard, of Williamston, was signally honored recently by the Sinai Hospital, Baltimore. Miss Ballard was one of two second-year students in the hospital to receive the hospital's special award. The other student was Miss Trude Heumann, of Duesseldorf, Germany.

First Principal Of Local School Dies In Raleigh Hospital

Services Held Yesterday Afternoon; Interment in Gatesville

Funeral services were conducted at Christ Episcopal church, Raleigh, yesterday for Bayard Thurman Cowper, a former resident of Williamston and the first principal of the local graded school, who died in Raleigh last Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Following the rites conducted by Rev. John A. Wright, the body was taken to his old home in Gatesville for interment.

The son of R. B. G. Cowper, he was born June 26, 1879, in Gates County. After his graduation from the University of North Carolina, Mr. Cowper started teaching in the Gates schools, coming here in 1903 as the first principal of the Williamston Graded school, a law creating the graded school unit having been enacted a short time before by the legislature. Resigning his position in the schools, he entered the insurance business and a year later he went to Bragaw, later going to Dillon, S. C., as district manager of the Southern Life and Trust Company. After a short stay in Greensboro as superintendent of agencies, Mr. Cowper located in Raleigh as general agent for a large insurance firm.

During his stay in Williamston, he married Miss Jennie Moore, member of a prominent family here. Two sons, Dr. Roscoe Cowper, of Big Springs, Texas, and Thurman Cowper, Jr., of New York, survive the union. In 1915 he married Miss Delzelle Ruffin Woodward, sister of Mrs. C. B. Hassell, of Williamston. She, with one daughter, Miss Mary Lee Cowper, survives. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Ed Roberts, Mrs. Lucy Riddick, of Gatesville; Mrs. Blanche Smith, of Washington, D. C., and three brothers, Will and R. C. Cowper, of Gatesville, and Lyman Cowper, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Pallbearers, nephews of Mr. Cowper were Dr. Watson Roberts, Durham; William Cowper, Gatesville; Thomas M. Cowper, New York; Geo. Cowper of Gates; Fred Phillips Wood of Edenton; Dr. William Harrell of Philadelphia and Williamston; James L. Hoffer, of Windsor, and Charles Chadbourn, of Raleigh.

Mrs. Bettie Stalls Dies Last Saturday

Mrs. Bettie Stalls, widow of Jim Stalls, died at the home of her son, Sam Stalls, near Robersonville, Saturday. Mrs. Stalls was 76 years old and was only ill a few days before the end came.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her son Sunday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. J. M. Perry of the Christian church conducting the last rites. Interment was in the Roebuck cemetery near Robersonville. She was a member of the Oak Grove Christian church.

Folksons, Sam, Robert, Henry and Simon Stalls, and two daughters, Mrs. Polly Brown and Miss Jane Stalls, all of Robersonville, survive.

Announce Series Revival Services In The County

Rev. E. C. Shoe, Robersonville Baptist minister, announced today that a series of revival services will be held at the Hamilton church beginning Sunday morning and at Everetts beginning Monday week, June 26.

A feature on the program of services will be the chalk talks by Gracia Halsted, of Oklahoma City. Reg Manning, a student in the Florida Military Academy during the term just closed, returned home from St. Petersburg, Fla., last evening.

Mr. J. T. Price was in Plymouth, Belhaven and Washington yesterday attending to business.

Pulp Plant Will Not Be Enlarged In Martin County

Strike Continues To Hold Plant Idle In Lower Part Of County

Plans for a million dollar addition to the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in the lower part of this county were cancelled this week according to reliable information received here yesterday. The announcement was released without detailed comment, but it was intimated that the owners were considering improving their plant equipment for the manufacture of refined pulp wood for use in making food containers.

Purchasing the finishing plant from a Richwood, W. Va., manufacturer, the North Carolina Pulp Company proposed to move the machinery to this county some time ago. An unexplained delay followed and the recent announcement indicates that the plans have been abandoned in the entirety.

The plans for enlarging the county plant and for the manufacture of a finished paper product were advanced to the point that the company was ready to let the construction contract, but something apparently changed the plans at the last minute. Officials of the company have not announced their plans for the future other than they will possibly consider improving their equipment for the manufacture of a refined product.

Closed down on April 8 by a strike in the main plant at Delair, N. J., the plant in this county continues idle, and it cannot be learned just when operations will be resumed. An apparent misunderstanding between the company and the union membership has been virtually straightened out, giving rise to the possibility that activities will be resumed within the near future. Contrary to reports maintaining that the company has an over-supply of pulp on hand and that its plant in this county can possibly remain idle for six months and still fill its orders.

A conference is being held in New York today between union members and company officials, unofficial reports indicating that possibly a definite date for re-opening the plants in New Jersey and in the lower part of the county would be determined at that time.

The following telegram was received here today from a private source in New Jersey:

"Hope is expressed here for an early settlement of the strike. A conference was held Tuesday between employers and strikers at the suggestion, of J. Norman Ludwick, chairman of Pennsauken Township Committee. All unions and the company were represented. Another conference is being held today."

Fewer People Seek Work In This State

Fewer people registered for work in April, 1939, than have registered in any month since November, 1937, and more job seekers were placed in employment in the last ten months by the Employment Service Division of the State Unemployment Compensation commission than were placed in the full preceding fiscal year, by 6734 placements, Director R. Mayne Albright reports.

The five industrial groups which account for 81 per cent of the April applicants are manufacturing, 37.6 per cent; building and construction, 12.9 per cent; agriculture, 11.5 per cent; service work, domestic and hotel, 10.5 per cent, and distribution, 8.8 per cent.

Textile plants accounted for 39 per cent of the applicants in manufacture. A larger number of textile workers registered in April than in any month since the early spring of 1938.

Placements in April were centered largely in construction and personal service, which accounted for 73.4 per cent of the 8,950 placements made last month. This number exceeded the placements in April, 1938, by 36 per cent, during which month construction and personal service represented only 64.7 per cent of the total placements.

COUGH

Whooping cough neared the epidemic stage in this county the latter part of April and early May when sixty cases were reported mostly among children in Jamesville, Williamston, Bear Grass and Poplar Point Townships. The number of cases has declined rapidly in recent days, the health department announcing that not so many children are coughing just now.

In addition to the Whooping cough, the health department listed nine cases of measles in Jamesville and Williamston and a lone chikentopox case in the group of contagious diseases in the county last month.

Superior Court Term Begins Next Monday

Eighteen Cases On Docket For Trial During Next Week

Judge C. Everett Thompson, Remember From The Last Term, Returning

A comparatively small docket, carrying a varied program of alleged law violations, faces Judge C. Everett Thompson in the Superior Court when he returns to this county next Monday to preside over the regular one-week term.

For the first time in several terms alleged murderers and killers face trial in the county's superior court, and the jurist, centering his attention last term on those facing him for alleged robbery or plain stealing, will have a chance to advance his stand on drunken automobile driving and the violation of the liquor laws during the term beginning next Monday.

The list of cases slated for trial follows:

Homer Glosson, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and with hit and run driving, is again scheduled for trial. Glosson, charged with running down and killing Isaiah Hardison, colored, near Dardens last year, had his case continued last term pending the trial of a civil suit against him. The civil case ending in a voluntary non-suit last April, has not been definitely cleared from the calendar, and it is possible the criminal action will again be continued.

H. W. Spruill, appealing from a judgment in the recorder's court, faces Judge Thompson on a charge of drunken driving.

The case charging Jeff Whitehurst with temporary larceny, was continued from last term.

Charged with violation of the liquor laws, Ralph Dugger appealed from a judgment of the recorder's court.

J. H. Godfrey, booked on three different counts for allegedly peddling candy without license, faces trial next week. According to warrants signed by J. L. Hinton, deputy collector for the State Department of Revenue, and by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Chief W. B. Daniel, Godfrey was operating without procuring State, county and town licenses for peddling.

Joseph Byrum, South Norfolk man, goes before the superior tribunal after appealing from a judgment in the lower courts of the county. Quite a few witnesses have been called for the defense in the case.

Alleged to have been married to Annie Moore on December 6, 1936, Leander Griffin faces a charge of bigamy alleged to have been committed when he, without getting a divorce, married Ciola Woolard on March 18, 1939.

Bigamy charges are also pending against Effie Virginia Cooke, the warrant charging that on February 15, 1936, while married to Grover Cook, she married Eli Roberson. Action for divorce has been started by the defendant against Cook.

Charged with breaking into and stealing two hams from the smokehouse of Farmer T. L. Johnson, Marvin and B. H. Ross, Jr., are facing trial in the court next week.

William Taylor and Charlie Rhodes stand charged with the theft of a mule and bridle from Farmer M. F. VanNortwick on April 30.

S. T. Hunter and Alexander Teel are charged with attempting to break into the store of D. A. James on March 26.

Douglas O'Mary is charged with breaking into the smokehouse of Farmer Clarence Matthews and stealing three hams on May 6.

Willie Roberson is charged with attempting to break into the cafe of Dink Knight on May 7. He is also charged with damaging property.

Three cases are centered around the robbery of the Peele Jewelry Store in Williamston on April 7. George Perkins stands charged with the actual robbery of watches valued at \$250. Willie Green is charged with aiding and abetting the robbery, and Eddie Watson Brown is charged with receiving two stolen watches knowing they were stolen goods.

Booker T. Williams, charged with

Two Local Men Hurt In Wreck Near Everetts Today

George Harrison, Jr., suffered a broken hip and possibly other injuries and W. K. Parker was badly hurt on his left knee when their cars crashed near Everetts on Highway N. 64 at 1 P. M. today. The two men were brought to the offices of Drs. Saunders and Brown here for first-aid treatment, and immediately removed to a Washington hospital in Biggs ambulances.

Few details of the accident could be had immediately, but it was understood that both cars were wrecked. Each of the two local men were riding alone.

Judge's Stand On Drunken Driving, Liquor Is Awaited

Action Last Term Proved He Has No Use For The Common Thief

Having taken a definite and positive stand against the common thief and the guy who would break into and rob the property of a law-abiding citizen, Judge C. Everett Thompson will likely have an opportunity when he comes here next week to show where he stands when it comes to drunken driving and the violation of the liquor laws in general. Anxious to take no chances, it is understood that one or two defendants effected continuances in their cases, that others accepted verdicts they did not want to accept in the lower courts rather than face Judge Thompson in the "big" court here next week.

Judge Thompson, not so long on the bench, made a lasting impression during his brief stay here three months ago. He left little doubt in the minds of spectators and none in the minds of the defendants how he felt about stealing. Before the term was spent he had sentenced nineteen thieves and robbers to the roads or prison for a total of 76 years.

Following Judge Thompson's visit here last March, robbers and thieves went on a vacation, but after a few weeks the work was underway again. But it is interesting to note that the number of robberies and stealing in general during the last three months is only half as large as the number of cases handled last March for the three months previous to that time. At that rate, Judge Thompson will have wiped out the robber and thief in this county before the one week term of Martin County Superior Court is ended next week.

The docket facing the jurist from Elizabeth City next week possibly outranks the one last March in importance in that it carries a murder case and two manslaughter charges.

A classification of cases on the docket follows: Murder, 1; drunken driving, 2; manslaughter, 2; liquor law violations, 1; peddling without proper license, 1; bigamy, 2; breaking and entering, 5; thievery, 1; aiding and abetting larceny, 1; receiving stolen goods, 1, and temporary larceny, 1.

While the court will give its attention to the civil docket following the completion of the trial of criminal cases, it is not likely that many civil actions will be heard during the one week mixed term.

Chief Wm. H. Gray Heads Legion Post

Chief William H. Gray, of Robersonville, was elected to head the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion in this county for the coming year by the membership in a meeting here the early part of this week. He succeeds J. E. Boykin, two terms commander of the Post.

Attended by forty members, the meeting was addressed by Col. Jim Mitchell, district commander, of Ahoskie. Barbecue was served the membership and special guests.

Other officers elected for the coming year are:

John Ward, first vice commander; Charlie Davenport, second vice commander; Joe Ayers, third vice commander; W. E. Dunn, adjutant and finance officer; Hugh G. Horton, service officer; H. U. Peel, guardianship officer; Joe Winslow, sergeant-at-arms; H. L. Swain, chaplain and publicity officer; Monroe Holliday, historian; J. B. Taylor, athletic officer and chairman of sons of the legion; J. R. Leggett, child welfare officer; J. E. Boykin, Americanism officer; J. S. Getzinger, graves registration officer; W. E. Dudley, employment officer; Mack Wynn, membership officer.

No definite date for the installation of officers was announced.

Road Running Rough Shod Over Citizens' Property

Employing principles ordinarily followed in the construction of a super modern highway, State Highway engineers and representatives of the Federal Bureau of Roads are running rough shod over property in locating an improved farm-to-market road in Griffins Township.

After virtually wrecking the old home place of the Lilley family, the engineers are now credited with running within a few feet of the front doors of private homes, splitting fields wide open and almost undermining church building foundations.

Torn asunder by a division in the church, the few members of the little congregation that sought quiet and refuge in the abandoned Lilley school house are now being disturbed by the high and wide rampage the commission is on while building a farm-to-market road. It could not be learned today whether the group would enter protests or not.

The people of that section want a road and they need a road. Their friends and neighbors want them to have a road, but there are quite a few who do not feel it necessary for the commission to wreck the property of many just for a road.

CHAMPION



Howell Peel, young son of Mrs. Charles M. Peel, of Griffins Township, was recently recognized as health champion among the Martin County 4-H Club membership. He rated a grade of 97 and was chosen from a goodly number of applicants. Young Peel, president of the Farm Life club last year, is very active in club work. Competing in the state-wide contest in Raleigh this week, young Peel tied for first place in the first examinations and lost out in the second by a few points.

Deny Presence Of Infantile Paralysis Epidemic In State

Only Eight Cases Have Been Reported So Far During Current Year

Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State Health officer for North Carolina, has just issued the following statement:

"For some unknown reason, there seems to be emanating from Florida a false impression as to the incidence of poliomyelitis in North Carolina, and Floridians desiring to visit resort sections of this State, so reports from these sections show, have been advised to avoid North Carolina, on the pretext that an epidemic of the disease exists within our borders.

"Due to the above, I feel it my duty to present a factual denial without delay. Not only is there no epidemic of poliomyelitis in North Carolina but the incidence this year has been far below the normal North Carolina's average yearly incidence is sixty to seventy cases. So far during 1939, there have been only eight cases reported throughout the State, among a population of three and one-half million people, five of which occurred between January and April. One was reported May 1 and one May 11. None of these are in the infectious stage. There is only one case that could be classed as being in the infectious stage and that one developed in Greene County, June 1. The eight cases are scattered from the extreme western to the extreme eastern part of the state beginning January 9 to June 10.

"Our people know the true facts; they know that no restrictions have been imposed on the traveling public, but we do strongly advise against citizens coming out of infected sections into uninfected sections. This is not a selfish but a protective request.

"We do not fear any widespread

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First Potato Shipments Made From This Point

The first of the current potato crop harvested in this area moved from this point yesterday with prices ranging from 85 cents to \$1.15 for the offerings. Farmers, making solid car deliveries, were said to have received \$1.15 for the first sales, but a decrease in price was reported to have followed.

Approximately 10 cars will move out of here this season as compared with twelve cars a year ago.

More than 500 carloads of the spuds have moved through Mackses this week with the prices ranging from 90 cents to \$1.20 per hundred pounds.

Young Men Leave For Camp At Fort Bragg

Williamston is well represented in the Citizens Military Training Corps at Fort Bragg this summer. James W. Ward, Joe Pender, Jr., Eli Gurganus, George Sumara, Ellis Chesnut, Jerry Manning, Bill Ballard, Pete Egan and Billie Biggs left here Wednesday morning for a stay of one month in the camp.

Other sections of the county are also represented there.