

Increase In Number Of Cases For Trial In Recorder's Court

Judgment Suspended in Case Charging Youth With Wrecking Home

The Martin County recorder's court came, partially at least, out of its summer slump last Monday when Judge H. O. Peel called ten cases for trial. Drunken driving cases, absent from the docket for several weeks, began to make their appearance again and a pick-up in fighting and scratching was reflected in the docket listings.

William Ward, the young Robersonville boy who tore into the John Ward home on Williams Street in Williamston with an automobile about three months ago and nearly knocked the structure off its blocks, was sentenced to the roads for three months. The judgment was suspended upon the condition that the defendant pay the prosecuting witness the sum of \$200 for repairs to the home, and settle the case costs. Notice of appeal was filed in the case, and the defendant was placed under a \$100 bond for his appearance in the superior court next month. The defendant in the case was originally booked on a drunken driving charge.

Charged with non-support, John E. Cooke was directed to pay the sum of \$20 a month, \$17.50 for the use of the prosecuting witness and \$2.50 for court costs. The payments are to continue over a period of one year, at the end of which time the defendant is to reappear in the court for further judgment. Bond in the sum of \$250 was required by Judge Peel.

Found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon over his own plea of innocence, Harold Brown was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

The case charging Lee Edward Best with an assault with a deadly weapon, was continued until next Monday.

Charlie Pittman, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost. The sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within two years.

Charged with drunken driving, Andrew Andrews failed to answer when called in open court Monday.

Sam Scott, charged with drunken driving, was adjudged not guilty.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Clarence Little was found guilty of driving on the wrong side of the road, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost.

Clyde Gay, charged with aiding the escape of a prisoner and reckless driving, was found not guilty.

William Staton was sentenced to the roads for three months for the alleged theft of tobacco curing wood from the premises of Sam Long in Goose Nest Township.

Schedule Of Union Services Nears End

The schedule of union church services observed by the several denominations here during the summer months will come to a close Sunday evening when Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, former local minister, will deliver the message in the Church of the Advent. Rev. Moseley is now rector of the large St. Mary's church in Kinston and is making his first return visit to occupy the pulpit of his former parish here.

The rector of the church, Rev. John Hardy, is extending a general invitation to the public to attend and a cordial invitation is being issued the St. Martin's membership in Hamilton to be present for the services.

With few exceptions, the union services this summer have been fairly well attended, and a large congregation is expected to greet the former local minister when he returns here for the one engagement Sunday evening in the Church of the Advent.

Immunization Of Pupils Required

With the opening of the county schools less than two weeks away, representatives of the county board of education are pointing out the 1939 law requiring all beginners to be immunized against diphtheria before entering school.

Provision is made by law for underprivileged children to get the protection without cost through the county health department, and during recent months special campaigns have been conducted in an effort to offer protection to all children of pre-school age.

The law also specifies that all children between the ages of six months and one year of age shall receive the protection.

Parents of those children entering school on September 7 are urged to get certificates from their physicians showing that the prophylactic diphtheria agent has been administered. In those cases where children have not been immunized, parents are urged to have the diphtheria agent administered.

Illegal Slot Machine Is Found In Martin County Thursday

Gambling on the slot machine front broke over liberal bounds in this county yesterday when one of the devices commonly known as the "one-armed bandit" was found in operation at Robersonville. Said to have been planted there only last Tuesday, the machine was literally packed with nickels when Sheriff C. B. Roebuck found it yesterday morning.

The machine, placed in the home of Mrs. Myrtle Knox, was said to have been left there by an agent of the McCormick Vending Machine Company, of Greenville. Mrs. Knox explained to officers that the machine was left there while she was away, but that she saw the agent when he called there Wednesday. Advised that the possession and operation of the machine was illegal, Mrs. Knox told officers that she advised the agent to remove it. "I will get it Friday," the agent was quoted as having told Mrs. Knox.

Charges are now pending against Mrs. Knox for having the illegal machine in her possession, and officers are making an investigation in an effort to determine ownership and prefer charges against the owner.

It is believed that quite a few machines are being operated illegally in the county, and Sheriff Roebuck is contemplating bringing charges against the owners and also against those who have the machines in their possession.

The slot machine racket, haphazardly handled by a half-cocked legislature this year, is rapidly becoming a menace in the State, reports stating that the department of revenue cannot license hundreds of machines because they are being illegally operated. It is claimed that not a single machine in a nearby county has been licensed by the department and that in Pitt County more than 100 machines are being operated illegally.

Peace In Europe Is Hanging By A Thread

SHIFT

A marked shift in the attitude held by that group opposing control for tobacco in the last referendum has been reported in this county during the past two days. The ninety per cent of the farmers in this county who favored the measure still hold to their positions almost to a man. The ten per cent opposition is apparently breaking down rapidly, reports stating that quite a few who led the attack on the control program back in December were "hot" for control now.

There is some doubt whether the measure would carry were it put to a vote throughout the territory, but farmers say that a slight downward trend in general price averages will create a demand for immediate action.

In Wilson today, farmer leaders were considering plans for appealing to agricultural authorities for a referendum.

\$5,000 Damage Suit Filed In Superior Court On Tuesday

Action Against J. S. Allen Is Started Following Accident

Action was started in the Martin County Superior Court this week by little Helen Waters by her next friend, G. R. Waters, against J. S. Allen to recover \$5,000 damages alleged to have resulted when she was run down and critically injured by an automobile in Jamesville on Sunday, August 6. Attorney H. G. Horton is representing the plaintiff.

The complaint maintains that the plaintiff with others was on her way to Sunday school and attempted and almost crossed the highway before she was run down and critically injured. It is alleged in the complaint that the defendant, J. S. Allen, a Bertie citizen, was operating his automobile in a fast and reckless manner in a thickly populated area within the corporate limits of the Town of Jamesville and at a speed in excess of that allowed by law; and that the defendant was not keeping a proper lookout and that he negligently, carelessly and recklessly while operating his car at an excessive rate of speed—approximately sixty miles an hour—ran into plaintiff, causing her great damage and terribly mangle her body.

In the complaint it is also alleged that the plaintiff was permanently injured, that her right leg was broken above the knee, her left leg broken below the knee, that an arm was fractured and that she suffered a concussion of the brain, cuts and bruises and was dangerously hurt in other respects.

Reports state that the little child has suffered great pain for several weeks, and the complaint sets out that she was injured in the sum of at least \$5,000.

The complaint continues, "And in the event execution is returned unsatisfied out of property of the defendant that execution issue against the person of the defendant, as provided by law."

Escape Injury In Minor Car Accident Yesterday

Leonard Coltrane, young Griffins Township man, and a man named Tetterton escaped uninjured when their cars crashed on a slippery road in Griffins Township late yesterday afternoon. The damage to Coltrane's 1938 model Ford was estimated at about \$90. Very little damage was done to Tetterton's Model A.

Troops Are Moving To The Frontiers In Increasing Numbers

If Negotiations Fall Through, War Can Be Expected By Monday

With European peace hanging by a mere thread for several days, leaders in Great Britain, France and Poland on one side and Germany and Italy on the other, today continue preparations at mad heat for Part II of the World War, late reports stating that nothing less than a miracle can stop a debacle that will possibly minimize the horrors of that world struggle of a quarter of a century ago.

Peace at this time rests upon a feeble attempt to have Germany's Hitler negotiate with Poland in an effort to settle the Danzig and Polish corridor questions. The peace movement, however, is receiving little attention as the opposing line-up continues to rush troops to vital frontiers by the tens of thousands.

Daladier speaks tonight at nine o'clock, and a full mobilization of French troops is expected by that time. Hitler is scheduled to speak to the world Sunday, observers believing that his talk will be the signal to start actual hostilities immediately, possibly by early Monday.

Observers in Paris this morning talked as if actual hostilities would be underway by tomorrow night unless something close to a miracle intervened to check the wild orgy.

England virtually went on a war basis yesterday when the nation granted its full power to the king. Starting late yesterday, France was moving a troop train out of Paris every ten minutes to its frontiers. Wives, kissing their husbands goodbye, expressed the belief that it would be the last time they would see each other.

In this country, President Roosevelt is keeping in hourly touch with the foreign situation, but according to a report early this afternoon he plans no special session of congress until it is certain that war will break out.

Later reports from German news sources claimed that eight Germans had been killed and ten others injured along the Polish border.

Great Britain's stand in the crisis was made more certain this morning with the formal signing of a defense pact with Poland.

Library Tag Day Here Successful

Tag Day on August 22, sponsored by the Junior Woman's club for the benefit of the town's public library, was a success. Through the efforts of the Girl Scouts, \$29.68 was turned in to buy new books.

Ann Meador won the first prize for having sold the most tags; Dora Twiddy was the second winner, and Betsy Manning, the third. Gloria Robertson gave the others a tight race for their prizes, however. Other Scouts who showed their ability and willingness to work amidst the sweltering heat were Della Jane Mobley, Mary Warren, Frances Jarman, Ann Fowden, Nancy Mercer, Madelyn Taylor, Mary O'Neal Pope, Ann Lindsley and Mary Trulsh Pope.

Members of the Junior Woman's club assisting the chairman, Mrs. Garland Barnhill, were: Mrs. Curtis Leggett, Miss Josephine Harrison, Mrs. Russell McAllister, Mrs. F. H. Wilson, Mrs. Urbin Rogers, Mrs. Ed Trahey, Mrs. Jim Cooke and Mrs. Sam Woolford.

Mrs. Howard Hardison, of Jamesville, is spending the week-end in Norfolk with relatives.

Hearing Is Held In Highway Robbery Case on Wednesday

Williams Township Man Says He Was Attacked and Robbed

Alleged to have attacked and then robbed Joe Roberson, near Sweet Water Creek last Tuesday night, Willie Buck Williams, Roanoke Rapids man, was placed under a \$500 bond for his appearance before Judge Leo Carr in the Martin County Superior Court here next month. Unable to raise the bond, the former Williams Township man was placed in the county jail to await trial.

At a preliminary hearing held before Justice J. L. Hassell here Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the victim of the alleged assault and robbery told the court that he bargained with Williams for a ride home from a Washington Street filling station. "When we reached a point near the Andrews' home just across Sweet Water Creek, Williams stopped the car and started beating me," Roberson told the court. Roberson further alleged that his assailant then took five dollars from him and pushed him out of the car.

To aggravate the assault, Williams was said to have attempted to beat his victim on the ground, but Roberson explained to the court that he fled to the home of a colored family and found shelter from further harm.

Tom and Lee Strickland, riding in the back seat of the Williams car, were said to have told Williams to go ahead and beat and rob the man, that they would back him up if necessary.

When Roberson returned to Williamston after the alleged assault and robbery he was bloody about the head and shoulders. At the hearing Wednesday his lips gave evidence of some kind of an attack.

Finding probable cause in the case, Justice Hassell did not examine other witnesses in detail and Williams was bound over for trial.

Williams has made his home in Roanoke Rapids during the past four or five years.

Complete Plans For Opening Oak City School September 7

High School Registrations Are Scheduled For Fourth And Fifth

Plans were announced virtually complete today for opening the Oak City school on Thursday, September 7, Principal H. M. Ainsley, beginning his seventeenth term with the school there, stating that present indications point to one of the most successful terms ever held in Oak City. The newly-organized commercial department will function for the first time this coming term, and the dedication of the new gymnasium will be an added feature on the opening day program.

A. J. Maxwell, head of the North Carolina Department of Revenue, will address the meeting of pupils and patrons marking the formal opening of the school at 11 o'clock on the morning of the seventh. Hugh G. Horton, member of the State General Assembly, will introduce the speaker. An added feature for the opening exercises will be a program by the glee club. A large representation of school patrons is expected for the formal opening program.

Preparatory to the opening on Thursday, Principal Ainsley is scheduling the registration of all high school pupils on Monday and Tuesday, September 4 and 5, between the hours of nine and eleven o'clock. Boys and girls entering the eighth and ninth grades are urged to register on the first day, and those entering the tenth and eleventh grades are scheduled to report the following day, Tuesday, the fifth.

Arthur Benton, who succeeds J. E. Mullens as head of the vocational agriculture department in the Oak City school is spending this week at White Lake with fifteen of his students. Reports from the camp state that the Martin County boys are offering representatives from twenty-three other schools some keen competition for leadership in the camp.

Tri-County Medical Group In Meeting Here

The Tri-County Medical Society, comprising the counties of Martin, Washington and Tyrrell, held a regular meeting here last Wednesday evening in the George Reynolds hotel dining room. The meeting, attended by nine members, passed a resolution and welcomed Drs. Walker and Llewellyn into the organization.

Rev. Perry Will Preach At Everetts Church Sunday

Rev. J. M. Perry will preach at the Christian church in Everetts next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All officials and all members are asked to be present at the morning worship. Matters of interest will be discussed. The minister will preach on "The Pay Side of Christianity."

Local Tobacco Market Marks Up All-Time Record When Million Pounds Are Sold in Four Days

Series of Fights Mar Peace and Quiet on Opening Day Here

No One Badly Hurt As Fists Fly Thick and Fast During Day

A series of fights, slamming and a knocking marred the peace and quiet here last Tuesday night, Willie Buck Williams, Roanoke Rapids man, was placed under a \$500 bond for his appearance before Judge Leo Carr in the Martin County Superior Court here next month. Unable to raise the bond, the former Williams Township man was placed in the county jail to await trial.

Quite a few persons paraded about apparently attired in their fighting clothes and showing a willingness to fight at the drop of a handkerchief. There was very little cause for any of the fights, but their very nature, one will admit, can lead to serious trouble.

Crowded sidewalks furnished the setting for at least two of the squabbles, and the display of manners would have smoothed over any ill feeling. But clenched fists were offered in answer to any challenge of the right-of-way and one or two black eyes followed.

A man named Wynne was attacked by a colored man in a downtown store, but he was not badly hurt. The colored man, whose name could not be learned, escaped and the incident was not formally booked on the police blotter.

In the early afternoon, Bill Wimbush rushed at his wife and attempted a knife attack. She turned the tables on her husband, reports stating that she was about to whip him good when they were parted. The wife was taxed with the case costs for fighting, and Wimbush was booked for trial in the county court for assaulting a female. The fight, growing out of a long period of general misunderstanding, took place in the warehouse district.

Tuesday night, a free-for-all fight was in progress when police were called to the warehouse district. Rushing there in two police cars, the officers rounded up one member in each of the opposing groups and carried them before Justice Hassell about 9 o'clock. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs as to Lee Griffin and L. C. McIntyre after the trial justice had considered 30-day jail terms for the defendants.

Later that night Joe Roberson started to his home in Williams Township and was allegedly beaten and robbed by Willie Buck Williams.

Charged with trespassing upon the property of Matilda Wiggins the night before, Jimbo Sutton was carried before the trial justice who suspended judgment upon payment of the case cost and upon condition that the defendant stay off the Wiggins premises.

One or two alleged drunken auto drivers in the county were jailed, and a lone drunk was arrested to climax police activities for the day.

Two Badly Hurt In Auto Accident

Guilford Brown, about 25, and Tom Watson, 24, were seriously hurt this morning at 2:30 o'clock when their car, a 1934 model Chevrolet, plowed into a slowly moving truck on the Washington Road at Skewarkey. Brown, driver of the car, had the right side of his face ripped nearly off and suffered bruises and other cuts about the body. Suffering an apparent skull fracture, Watson was rendered unconscious and it could not be learned how seriously he was injured. Unofficial reports received here today indicated that his recovery was doubtful.

Unable to get anyone to guarantee payment, the two men were hauled here and there for possibly more than two hours before they were removed to a hospital in Washington. Brown and Watson were following into town a truck, loaded with tobacco and belonging to Farmer Marion Hodges. The driver of the truck, a tenant on the Hodges farm, slowed down to make a left turn at the Skewarkey cemetery, but was delayed by an approaching car. Brown apparently failed to get a turn signal from the truck driver and he drove his car into the truck at a fast clip, the front part of the Chevrolet burying itself up to the windshield under the truck body. The truck driver and a passenger riding on the back of the truck were not hurt and very little damage was done to the big vehicle.

Mrs. Dare Brown and son, Elwood, and Carroll Brown, Jr., of Jamesville, are attending the World's Fair, New York City.

HOT DOG

Marked increases in activities were reported by various business houses here last Tuesday when the first sales of the tobacco marketing season attracted thousands of visitors to the town. Soda shops and barbecue houses reported substantial gains over the 1938 opening day business, but Wier's lunch counter established a record when 1,300 hot dogs were passed out to hungry customers on Washington Street.

It was estimated by some that more than 7,000 visitors were here for the market opening.

Nathan Lilley Dies Thursday at Home Near Jamesville

Well-Known County Farmer Was Ill Hardly More Than a Month

Nathan Lilley, well-known county farmer, died rather suddenly at his home near Jamesville yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, news of his death coming as a decided shock to relatives and his many friends throughout this section.

During early last spring, Mr. Lilley told members of his family that he was not feeling well, and although his condition gradually became worse he continued to work on his farm, finishing the cultivation and the harvesting of his tobacco crop before he consulted a doctor late in July. It is thought that he literally worked himself to death. Following a physical examination, Mr. Lilley was said by his attending physician to be in critical condition and he was ordered to bed immediately. He grew worse rapidly and hospital treatment was administered in a last effort to save his life, but disease continued to spread rapidly over his body and he returned home last Wednesday.

The son of Mrs. Lenora Lilley and the late Mr. Lilley, he was born in Jamesville Township forty-four years ago. In early manhood he married Miss Mabel Sykes, and settled down not far from the old family farm where he proved an able tobacco farmer.

When a youth he joined the Baptist church at Cedar Branch, and while not at all pretentious, he was a good and useful citizen in his community and county. Kindhearted, he was always ready and willing to help his fellowman, and no one was refused a reasonable request. Mr. Lilley had worked hard all his life, and once an obligation was made he seemed to enjoy meeting it. He valued the friendship of others, and found peace and contentment in his simple and plain way of life.

He is survived by his widow and nine children: William Lilley, of Portsmouth; Mrs. Hazel Peel, of Beaufort County; Cecil Lilley, Edwin E. Lilley, Miss Ethel Lilley, Herman, Archie, Elbert and Nathan B. Lilley, Jr. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. Herbert Lilley, of Williamston, and Bennie Lilley, of Jamesville Township.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the late home by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will follow in the old family cemetery, near the home.

Youthful Robbers Face Charges Here

Wanted for the robbery of the local Western Union Telegraph office here, Arnold Wallace, 16, and Arthur Edmondson, 15, were arrested in Wilmington yesterday where they are being held for county officials. They will be returned here late today or tomorrow, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stating that he did not know just when he could send for the wayward youths.

Climbing on the roof of the telegraph office, the youths are said to have entered the building through a skylight. A few dollars in change were stolen from the office, according to reports coming from the local police station.

The youths are said to have effected one or two minor robberies in New Hanover County where they were carried before a juvenile court judge who ordered them turned over to Martin authorities.

Big Baseball Schedule Here For The Week-end

A full baseball week-end is scheduled here, the Snow Hill Billies coming here tomorrow and the Eagles from Kinston Sunday.

Tobacco Prices Are Low, But Farmers Not Complaining

Quality 25 Percent Better and Prices 25 Percent Lower Than Year Ago

Williamston's growing market is chalking up an all-time sales record as the first period of marketing activities comes to a brief end today, official reports from Supervisor K. B. Crawford stating that more than one million pounds of the golden leaf will have been sold by late this afternoon when the tobacco town population takes a brief breathing spell to make ready for a fresh start next Monday morning.

The combined sales up until this morning totaled slightly above 822,000 pounds, the market supervisor stating that the three-day price average stood right at \$15.60 per hundred at that time. While the price is on the low side, the supervisor explained that it represented the true figures, that he did not think it right to say prices were high when they were really low. "The others may misrepresent their figures, but we want the farmers to know the facts when it comes to our market," Mr. Crawford explained.

Commenting on the quality and price, an observer on the market this week pointed out that the quality was 25 per cent better and that the prices were 25 per cent lower than last year.

After establishing an enviable record opening day when prices averaged in excess of seventeen cents, the sales appeared some weaker the following day and yesterday. The quality of the tobacco was possibly not up to the standard of that on the opening, and it was apparent that war threats in Europe made themselves felt on the market here and on others throughout the belt yesterday. Special messages were received from early morning until closing time, advising various buying activities. Late messages carried a note of optimism, and the market became fairly regular after experiencing what was described as a severe case of the jitters off and on during yesterday.

Prices appeared on the low side as sales progressed today, but a fair and close observation revealed the presence of inferior tobacco types. There was a fair sprinkling of tips on the floors and the quality generally did not measure up to what reported earlier in the week. No fancy prices were seen for any grades, the top figures stopping more or less abruptly at 32 cents, and those piles were very, very few. Those grades of primings, possessing quality similar to that of the opening-day offerings, were commanding virtually the same prices as were paid earlier in the week.

Clears Block

The opening-day block approximating nearly three-quarters of a million pounds, was finally cleared about noon yesterday, and the market will clear its floors late this afternoon to be ready for a return to normal.

District Governor Addresses Lions

Addressing a regular meeting of the Lions Club here last evening, Neil Hester, Carolina's District Governor, spurred the local membership to greater action and compared the two types of club membership. Hester, telegraph editor of the News and Observer, and a prominent figure in the Lions organization, urged the local club to build up a group of active members, members who will go out and look for something to do that will promote the welfare of the community. "Don't sit back and wait for something to do; go out and find something to do, and then do it," Hester advised the club in his masterly way of building up interest within the organization.

The meeting, held in the Woman's club hall, was well attended by the local membership and by quite a few visitors from the clubs at Belhaven and Washington.

An added interest in the work of the club was reported as a result of Hester's address, and already the organization is anticipating an increased membership.

The local club recently elected the following officers, and under their direction anticipates a continued growth: Charles Leonard, president; J. H. Edwards, first vice-president; A. H. Manning, second vice-president; J. H. Ward, third vice-president; W. L. Howell, secretary; Irving Margolis, treasurer; Ben Courtney, lion tamer; Eugene Rice, tall twister.