

### Idle for Four Weeks, County Court Has Busy Day Monday

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roads for a period of six months in the case charging him with drunk-driving.  
Louvenia Andrews, charged with violating the liquor laws, was found not guilty.  
Charged with non-support, Andrew Minor was directed to pay \$3 a month during the next six months to his child. Bond in the sum of \$50 was required by the court.  
Ernest Godard, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.  
Charged with violating the liquor laws, Robert Pierce was fined \$100 and taxed with the cost, the court suspending a six-months' road sentence.  
Irving Latham was not to be found when he was called to answer in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws.  
Vance Brooks, charged with an assault, was directed to pay the case costs, the court suspending a 90-day road sentence.  
Clyde S. Staton and Moses Roberson were found not guilty in the case charging them with larceny and receiving.  
Charged with drunken driving, Harvey Harper was found not guilty.  
Probable cause appearing in the case charging him with forgery, Vernon Whitehurst was bound over to the superior court for trial. Unable to raise bond in the sum of \$250 he was placed in the county jail.  
In a civil action brought by C. U. Rogers and others against Ophelus Bailey, the court granted the plaintiffs a judgment in the sum of \$444.72, the amount to bear interest from January 1, 1937.

### NYA To Conduct Musical Contest

The National Youth Administration for North Carolina plans to conduct a State-wide classical musical contest to aid in the selection of Leopold Stokowski's All-American youth orchestra, to be organized in the United States this winter for a good-will tour of South and Central America, it was learned today.  
This information came from John A. Lang, State Youth Administrator, to Miss Adelaide Tuttle, local NYA supervisor, who was asked to help locate accomplished musicians interested in trying out for this orchestra.  
The National Youth Administration will recruit from throughout the country the 109 young musicians who are to make up the orchestra which the famous conductor, Stokowski, plans to take on tour. Only applicants under the age of 25 years will be eligible; but both NYA workers and non-NYA young people may apply.  
In order to help the national organization recruit the best talent, the North Carolina NYA is now making plans to conduct a contest of skilled young musicians in Raleigh during the early part of February to select those who will be recommended for regional try-outs under the direction of Mr. Stokowski.  
Mr. Lang said young people should send all applications directly to him, care of the National Youth Administration in Raleigh. The try-outs will be open to all young people, irrespective of sex, color or race. In making applications, the young person should state the instrument he plays, his training and experience, and personal endorsements of his ability, as well as personal information concerning his age, address and present occupation.  
The applications received will be considered by a board of judges, according to present plans, and applicants will be notified of eligibility for try-outs at a later date. All applications must be submitted before February 1, 1940, according to Mr. Lang.  
Of this endeavor, Aubrey Withams, National Youth Administrator, said, "This is a worthy and patriotic enterprise. I am hopeful that selecting these youths through our State NYA offices will extend this wonderful opportunity equally to all of our talented young musicians."

### Moderate Increase in Domestic Demand For Tobacco Forecast for 1940, With Substantial Reduction in Export Trade

#### Complete Review of Consumption Prospects for Coming Year Presented by Marketing Service of Department of Agriculture

Based on recent outlook conditions, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, predicts a moderate increase in domestic consumption of American tobacco in 1940 with a substantial reduction in the export market. The forecast, which follows, will be interesting to tobacco growers, agricultural leaders, and business men in all lines in Virginia and the Carolinas, where tobacco has become the main cash crop of many counties in these states.  
A moderate increase in domestic consumption of American tobacco in 1940, with a substantial reduction in the export market, was indicated recently by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in its annual outlook report on tobacco.  
Production of American tobacco in 1939 reached a new high of 1,654,200,000 pounds. The total supply on hand, 3,795,500,000 pounds, also was the largest on record.  
Flue-cured tobacco comprises 1,958,500,000 of these 3,795,000,000 pounds on hand. Domestic consumption of this type is expected to increase somewhat, but a sharp drop in exports in 1940 was forecast.  
Supplies of flue-cured and Burley, which normally make up more than 75 percent of the American tobacco production, are the largest on record, and excess of 1939 production over prospective disappearance will result in burdensome stocks in 1940, the Bureau stated.  
For most other types, the 1939 production is fairly well in line with the expected disappearance in 1940, and stocks a year hence are not expected to be excessive in relation to consumption.  
"With improving business conditions and increasing employment the domestic consumption of cigarettes and cigars will probably continue to increase," the report stated. "Furthermore, the results of the recently held referendum on a marketing control program in 1940 will go a long way toward correcting the unbalanced situation in flue-cured tobacco."  
Exports in 1940 may be greatly reduced because of the war in Europe, the Bureau said, but foreign consumption of American tobacco may be maintained at about the 1939 level by withdrawals from stocks of American leaf abroad.  
The 1939 flue-cured crop exceeded the annual disappearance of recent years by more than 200,000,000 pounds, and, as a result, domestic stocks a year hence will be materially larger than at present. Growers have voted in favor of the marketing program, however, and, if yields or the 1940 acreage are average, production would total about 660,000,000 pounds. The 1939 production was 1,012,200,000 pounds.  
Stocks of fire-cured tobacco are low but are adequate for the present rate of disappearance, the Bureau said. Exports are at a low level and are likely to be further reduced by the war. Production of dark air-cured tobacco has been closely in line with disappearance and stocks do not appear excessive.  
Supplies of Burley tobacco are abnormally large and are expected to result in further increased stocks by October 1, 1940. A moderate increase in the domestic consumption may be expected during the next year because of expanding cigarette consumption. Exports of burley are relatively unimportant.  
The outlook is for some increase in the domestic consumption of Maryland tobacco in cigarettes and short-filler cigars, but some decrease in exports. The net result may be a slight decrease in total disappearance.  
Cigar consumption is tending upward as a result of improving business conditions and this trend is likely to continue at least into 1940, the Bureau said. Prospective disappearance of cigar types in 1940 would be met by an acreage in 1940 about equal to that of 1939.

### CHANGE HOURS

Beginning tomorrow, the local postoffice will observe each Saturday afternoon as a holiday. Heretofore, the office has been enjoying a half holiday each Wednesday, but a shift in the holiday schedule was ordered by the Post Office Department, Postmaster L. T. Fowden explains.  
The office will close promptly at 1 p. m., and no deliveries will be made in the village that afternoon.

### Farm Life School To Entertain Auxiliary

The program for the American Legion will be presented this month by boys and girls from the Farm Life school, under the guidance of Mrs. Woolard and Miss Gunter. The theme of the program is concerned with the lives of two men whose birthdays are this month, Robert E. Lee and Benjamin Franklin. The program will be given in the American Legion hut in Williamston at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 6.  
The following program will be given:  
Life of Robert E. Lee, by Lola Smithwick; a pageant, "Dolly's Dream of Benjamin Franklin" with the following characters, Mother, Ida Mae Corey; fairy, Mary Ola Lilley; Dolly, Mary Dean Hardison; library, Justus Tice and Nathan Roberson; electricity, Rhoda Pearl Lilley and Willford Griffin; harmonica, Aaron Peele; stove, Rachel Gurkin; public education, Thelma Clyde Manning; guitars, Jessie Gray Lilley, Simon Lilley, Jr.; declaration of independence, Susan Griffin; paper money, Miriam Peele.  
The public is cordially invited to attend.  
Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith, of Robersonville, visited here today.

### Roosevelt Message To Congress Holds Hope For Farmers

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This nation still believe that such choice should be predicated on certain freedoms which we think are essential everywhere. We know that we ourselves will never be wholly safe at home unless other governments recognize such freedoms.  
The trade agreements act should be extended as an indispensable part of the foundation of any stable and durable peace.  
Even as though these trade agreements we prepare to cooperate in a world that wants peace, we must likewise be prepared to take care of ourselves if the world cannot attain peace.  
In the light of continuing world uncertainty, I am asking the Congress for Army and Navy increases which are based not on panic but on common sense.  
The only important increase in any part of the budget is the estimate for national defense. Practically all other important items show a reduction. I am asking the Congress to levy sufficient additional taxes to meet the emergency spending for national defense.  
The fact of unemployment of millions of men and women remains a symptom of a number of difficulties in our economic system not yet adjusted.  
May the year 1940 be pointed to by our children as another period when democracy justified its existence as the best instrument of government yet devised by mankind.

### Happenings In The Farm Life School

The people of the community have been exceptionally nice to the faculty during the "hog killing" season. Among those who have invited the teachers to the bountiful dinners that are typical of the Farm Life community are, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Manning, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Hardison and Mr. and Mrs. State Roberson.  
The second semester of school opened with no loss of students in the high school and with three losses and three gains in the grammar school.  
The Farm Life boys will meet the Bear Grass boys in a basketball game to be played in the Williamston gymnasium, Friday night, at 7:30 o'clock.  
Mrs. J. Eason Lilley has presented the school with a year's subscription to the Nature Magazine. Lawrence Eason gave the sixth grade a subscription to Boy's Life. The school appreciates these donations very much.  
The sixth grade has purchased an archery set, and many of the students are developing much accuracy.  
**Missionary Society Circles To Meet Monday Afternoon**  
The three circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet jointly Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Francis Barnes, with the president and circle chairmen of last year as hostesses.

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### Weather Delays Work On Project

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structed by the Rohleder Construction Company, of Philadelphia, is progressing well, but they have been handicapped in pouring the cement walls by the recent cold weather. This company hopes to have its project completed shortly if the weather becomes more favorable.  
R. D. Lambert, construction foreman for the Muirhead concern, said that if the weather turned warmer, permitting rapid pouring of the cement, that the footings for the machine room and boiler room would be completed by January 25.

### Interesting Bits of Agricultural News

#### Decline

A marked decline in farms lost through foreclosures in the last five years as well as a continuance in the decline of farm-mortgage debt have been reported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

#### Same

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