

## Judge Peel Hears Nineteen Cases In The County Court

### Large Docket Attracts Big Crowd During Monday Session

Idle two weeks while the Superior tribunal was in session, the county recorder's court faced a crowded docket last Monday morning when Judge H. O. Peel and Solicitor D. E. Johnson went into action to handle a big day's work. The court had its high spots that rated on the vulgar side, but for the most part, the cases were turned out in rapid order and after a routine fashion.

Charged with non-support, Mitchell Peterson was directed to pay \$15 a month to his wife for a period of twelve months and report for further judgment at the end of that time. Joe Thad Savage, facing the court on a rather serious assault with a deadly weapon charge, was sentenced to the roads for a period of twelve months.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Sam Hardison was given three months on the roads, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years. The case charging Jasper Williams with an assault with a deadly weapon, was continued one week after the defendant pleaded no guilty.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with larceny, James Horton Hunter was sentenced to the roads for four months.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting a female, Mitchell Moore was sentenced to the roads for three months.

Jesse Williams was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for a period of one year in the case charging him with drunken driving.

Charged with drunken driving, L. L. Davenport pleaded guilty of being drunk on the highway. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Johnson and the court suspended judgment upon payment of the cost.

The case charging Willoughby Jones with bastardy was continued until the first Monday in June.

Jake Cooper was sentenced to the roads for three months in the case charging him with larceny and receiving.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Pete Peel and Wilson Griffin were sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court. In a second case charging Wilson with larceny and receiving, he was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the sentence to run concurrently with that meted out in the first case. Warren Griffin, charged with larceny, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

The case charging Charlie Randolph with violating the motor vehicle laws and drunken driving was continued until April 29.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving and not heeding an officer's signal to stop, Joe Lanie Godard, Jr., of Jamesville, was sentenced to the roads for four months. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of one year.

In the smutty case against D. D. Hill, charging him with assaulting a female, the defendant was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Charlie Barnes, the colored fellow who was arrested within an hour after he completed serving a road sentence in the Martin County prison camp, was returned to the roads for ninety days in the case charging him with trespass.

James W. Rhodes was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with carrying a pistol. The weapon was ordered confiscated by the court.

Charged with aiding and abetting larceny, George Ruffin was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

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## Board of Elections Will Name Precinct Officials Tomorrow

Plans for holding the 1940 elections in this county will be virtually completed tomorrow when the board of elections meets in the courthouse here and names the registrars and other precinct officials. The board is almost certain to create an additional precinct for the Williamston voting district, and thirty-nine officials will have to be appointed to handle the elections in the thirteen precincts.

Even though wages to registrars have been materially increased no large number of applications for jobs have been received, as far as it could be learned here today. Registrars are paid at the rate of \$5 a day for the three registration days and two cents a name for registrations entered on the books on other days from the time the books open on the 27th of this month until the 11th of May.

### PROGRESSING

Unofficial reports from the several enumerators state that the census survey is progressing slowly but steadily in this county. Some of the enumerators have placed well over a hundred names in the records, but in the rural communities, the agricultural census and housing survey are holding the enumerators to a slow pace.

The people are cooperating willingly and no one has even hesitated to answer the numerous questions," an enumerator said this morning, adding that he was finding a few who were indifferent.

## Congress Expected To Amend Tobacco Act This Session

### Delegation Supports Changes At Hearing in Capital This Week

Discussing the tobacco situation at a conference this week in Washington, farm leaders, business men and national legislators harmoniously approved five amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Act as it relates to the tobacco control section. For once, Senator Josiah Bailey came out into the open with a vote harmonizing with ideas and wishes of farm leaders. The wholehearted approval given the proposed amendments at the conference is expected to have its effect when Congress is asked to amend the tobacco section of the agricultural act.

J. E. Winslow, president of the Farm Bureau Federation; Edward O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau, and Billie Woolard, Greenville banker, were among those who conferred with the senators and representatives, including Messrs. Bailey and Warren.

The six amendments as listed following the conference, follow:

1. The determination of marketing quotas shall not include any tobacco which the Secretary of Agriculture determines is stored temporarily in the United States because of war or other unusual conditions delaying normal exportation. This amendment would make it possible, in fixing the marketing quota, to make allowance for any temporary increase in the carry-over of tobacco in this country arising from the storage of tobacco, which, under normal conditions, would be exported and stored in foreign countries.

2. Substitution of 20 per cent rather than 10 per cent as the margin by which quotas could be adjusted upward "to avoid undue restriction of marketings in adjusting the total supply to the reserve supply level."

3. The option of having a one- or three-year control program would be presented to the growers. The

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## Politics Warming Up As Period For Filing Nears End

With the treasurer's team of five candidates remaining the same, interest in county politics shifted to the commissioners' front when Mr. Joshua L. Coltrain today announced for a place on the board, creating a race between himself and Commissioner C. C. Fleming from the Jamesville-Williams district. Mr. Fleming, earlier in the week announced his candidacy for the re-nomination in the Democratic primary on May 25.

There is a marked absence of interest in several county offices, no candidates having filed for the three open places on the board of education, the judge and solicitor of the recorder's court. J. Sam Getzinger is filing for register of deeds today. The coroner, sheriff and clerk of court are not up for re-election this year.

The members of the county board of elections are going into the meeting without recommendations for appointments to the precinct positions, Wheeler Martin, acknowledged leader of the Republican party in the county, and E. S. Peel, titular head of the Democratic forces, stating this week that they planned to offer no suggestions and that they would abide by the action of the board.

It is very likely that many of the old precinct officials will be retained, but a few changes are certain. It is understood that two and possibly all three members of the board have made investigations that are to determine, in part, the appointments at the meeting tomorrow morning. "More importance is being attached to the registration this year and we are anxious to get the best officials possible," one member of the board said this week.

## Prominent County Citizen Passes In Hospital Thursday

### Funeral Services Today For Benjamin M. Worsley In Oak City

Benjamin M. Worsley, prominent county citizen and a recognized leader of the Oak City community for a long number of years, died in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. Experiencing failing health for some time, Mr. Worsley entered a Rocky Mount hospital for treatment last Friday. His condition was not considered critical, however, until just a few days ago, death being attributed to a complication of ailments.

The son of the late Nathan W. Worsley and wife, he was born at the old family home near Oak City in Goose Nest Township 52 years ago the second of next month. He spent his early life on the farm, but soon engaged in mercantile work and later entered the banking business in Oak City. In more recent years he devoted his time entirely to farming interests in the Oak City area.

On August 3, 1922, he succeeded by special appointment Mr. Joseph T. Waldo as a member of the Martin County Board of Education. He held that position until April, 1931, when he accepted membership on the Oak City district school committee which place he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Worsley led an active life, but he always found time to devote attention to those affairs that were uplifting and for the betterment of his community and county. The thriving little community in which he lived and loved looked to him for counsel and leadership, and he was recognized as a trusted friend by persons in all walks of life. He lived and had his being in the interest of his family, his community and his fellowman. Few men devoted a greater interest and gave of his time and means more freely than he did in the advancement of general education. He seemed to find enjoyment in his work that centered around educational progress, for in his humble opinion he recognized in education the means of attaining a definite end, a means to the finer ideals in life.

His walk through life was an unselfish one. He shared freely with and had compassion upon the less fortunate. In the home Mr. Worsley was a thoughtful husband and a considerate father, and while his passing is recognized as a great loss there, hundreds of others including those with whom he lived and worked for many years in the community share the burden of sorrow and recognize in his passing the loss of a good friend and a noble neighbor.

When a young man he was married to Miss Nannie House, of Pitt County. She, with four children, Benjamin, Francis and Hassell, and Miss Nancy Worsley, survives. He is also survived by one brother, Mr. Nathan Worsley, of Oak City, and five sisters, Mrs. G. C. Weeks, of Scotland Neck; Mrs. John Wiggins, of Tarboro; Mrs. B. L. Johnson, Mrs. W. Gray Keel and Mrs. Effie Cheson, all of Oak City.

Mr. Worsley was a member of the Masonic order for a long number of years and Masons of the Skewarkey lodge here and those in other lodges in this section will conduct the last rites at the grave. Elder A. B. Benson, Primitive Baptist minister, of Rocky Mount, will conduct the services at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Oak City Cemetery.

## Work Started On Garage For Power Company Here

Work on the construction of a garage for the Virginia Electric and Power Company was started here yesterday by Contractor F. B. Birmingham at the direction of the Baptist Church Trustees. The building is being located on the church parsonage just back of the power company's store room between Church and Main Street in the business district. The building, estimated to cost \$5,000, will be of concrete and steel.

## Late Tobacco Crop Is Predicted For Section This Year

### Plants Said To Be As Much As Three Weeks Late In County

Present indications point to a late tobacco crop in Martin County this season, numerous reports from farmers stating that transplanting activities will range from two to three weeks behind the schedule of a year ago. No general alarm over the prospects has been expressed, but many farmers who were completing the transplanting of their crops last year by the middle or latter part of April will hardly start the work before the tenth or middle of May. It is estimated that transplanting activities as a rule, will get underway this year about the same time they were completed a year ago. Last year quite a few farmers had transplanted their crops by the middle of April. Plants at this period of the month a year ago were forming rapidly, and farmers were getting ready to prepare their lands for transplanting.

Reports now state that the current crop of plants is considerably behind a normal growing schedule, that the plants, as a whole, are no larger than quarters and few as large as a half a dollar.

A few farmers maintain that some type of disease is already attacking their plants and turning them a pale yellow. There is some doubt if it is blue mold, one report stating that possibly the cold weather damaged the plants.

Farm work is being advanced rapidly in the county at the present time. Most farmers will complete "breaking" their land this week, and a few have already started planting corn. Next week will see many planters in operation.

Reports from Georgia state that a few farmers have already started transplanting their tobacco crops, that the work will get underway on a large scale about next week. There is an ample supply of plants there or enough to double the size of the crop allotted under the soil conservation program.

Unconfirmed reports from other counties in this State indicate that while the crop will be late, the delay will hardly be as long as it is expected to be in this county.

## Native Of County Passes Wednesday

Mrs. William H. Hopkins, aged native of Martin County, died at the home of her daughter in Rocky Mount Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Going to visit her daughter about two weeks ago, Mrs. Hopkins suffered a stroke of paralysis on Wednesday of last week, death coming gradually a week later.

The daughter of the late David and Mary Ann Stallings Carraway, Mrs. Hopkins was born in Jamesville Township eighty years ago. More than half a century ago she married Mr. Hopkins and the couple lived most of their lives with the Smiths in Williams Township. She was a member of the church at Fairview for more than a quarter of a century, and walked humbly before her Creator. She was a good woman, a thoughtful neighbor and friend.

Besides her husband she leaves five children, Mrs. Theodore Mobley, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Ben Daniel, of Williamston; Lee Hopkins, of Bertie County; Howard Hopkins, of Williams Township, and Thade Hopkins, of Bear Grass. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Josephine Webb, of Greenville, and Mrs. Ida Hoff, of Richmond, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Tim Waters and Mrs. Cornelia Dixon, both of Plymouth.

Funeral services are being conducted from the Daniel home, near here this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington assisted by Rev. John L. Goff. Interment will follow in the family cemetery in Williams Township.

## Decreased Liquor Business Reported

Experiencing a relentless enforcement program, illicit liquor manufacturers in this county are on the way out, according to the opinion of A. B. C. Officer J. H. Roebuck. "They keep on trying, we keep on cutting their plants down and the operators are now working on a comparatively small scale," the officer added in commenting on the enforcement bureau's activities for the past month.

Last month the enforcement bureau head and assistants wrecked thirteen illicit liquor plants in the county, poured out 6,200 gallons of beer and 31 gallons of liquor. Four persons were arrested, the courts convicting three of them. The officer traveled 1,222 miles handling his work. On Wednesday of this week the officer and his assistant, Roy Peel, wrecked two plants in Bear Grass Township. There were only 400 gallons of beer at the two plants.

Farming operations are getting underway, and a dull month is anticipated for the illicit manufacturers.

## Postal Receipts Near Record Figure in First Quarter Here

Williamston's postoffice neared the all-time high record in its stamp sales for the first quarter this year when Postmaster Pete and his force sold one-, two- and three-cent stamps to the tune of \$5,022.70. In two-cent denominations, the sales represent some over 250,000 stamps, or just a quarter of a million. The high record was recorded in 1937 when first-quarter sales totaled \$5,197.34.

Up until this year, the record for the first quarter was established in 1939 when the office receipts amounted to \$4,643.65. The upward trend is considered encouraging by Postmaster Fowden who is optimistic over the prospects for the current year.

The gain is not traceable to any one source, the postmaster stating that the revenue was bolstered over the business front as a whole. Meters were installed by two firms here dur-

ing the quarter and while the machines, the first ever used locally, may have boosted postage sales they did not materially affect the business income for the three months' period. "We are just naturally growing, that's all, and when you see gains in postage receipts, you can generally rest assured that your town is on the forward march."

Postmaster Fowden said. "Of course there'll be variations, and possibly slight losses, but when you stop and consider that the postal business has more than doubled itself here withing the past decade or thereabouts, you can bet that progress has been the keynote for the town during the same period," Mr. Fowden added.

While stamp sales were increasing, the mail order or money order business jumped from \$18,221.07 in the first quarter of 1939 to \$19,875.72, a gain of \$1,654.65.

## Decrease Reported in Building Construction

### Downward Trend Is Reflected In Home Construction Costs

### Fifteen New Homes and Nine Commercial Houses Built Here in Past Year

Building construction, reaching an all-time high peak here in 1938, reflected a downward trend for 1939, according to a report released this week by Building Inspector G. P. Hall. In numbers, the high record established in 1938 was almost maintained last year. There were fifteen new homes built here during the period at a total cost of \$43,200. Construction of non-residential houses underwent a marked decrease, but the unit count was larger than in 1938. The cost of nine new commercial buildings was placed at \$33,435 by the inspector for the past year.

The town's building expansion program last year for both residential and non-residential construction activities was valued at \$76,635. In addition to that amount, owners spent \$4,275 repairing their homes and \$1,600 remodeling or repairing commercial buildings, making a grand total of \$82,510 for new construction and repairs.

The \$43,200 spent for home construction in 1939 compares with \$89,700 spent for that type of construction in 1938. The average cost of the nineteen homes built in 1938 compares with \$2,880, the average cost of the fifteen homes built last year. Several costly homes were constructed in 1939, the figures running as high as \$9,000 in some cases, but in a number of cases, the cost was as low as \$500.

In 1938, non-residential construction was boosted by \$45,000 for the construction of the new postoffice. Commercial construction was valued at \$96,650 as compared with \$33,435 last year.

A review of residential and non-residential construction and of repair costs for 1939 by units, follows:

Residential Homes Repairs	Non-Residential Stores Repairs
\$ 6,800	\$ 700
3,000	2,500
1,200	9,500
3,700	1,500
700	150
500	5,000
500	700
500	1,000
750	50
750	4,000
2,500	400
7,500	185
5,500	
9,000	
700	
700	
800	

\$43,200 \$4,275 \$37,435 \$1,600

A review of construction for the past five years including all types, follows:

1935	\$117,090
1936	\$125,150
1937	\$130,895
1938	\$188,350
1939	\$82,510

Despite the heavy building program during the past five years there continues a scarcity of homes and commercial buildings. Rents continue at a fairly high level, and new enterprises desiring to locate here

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## Rural Free Delivery Service Is Extended

Rural free delivery services will be extended on No. 1 out of the Williamston office on April 16, according to information received here yesterday from the office of Congressman Lindsay Warren. The route extension, covering around seven miles, will offer a direct mail service to 26 families or about 100 persons, Postmaster Fowden says.

### DELIVERY

Unable to canvass all the bids by last Monday, the free delivery of parcel post in Williamston was not inaugurated according to the schedule announced a few days ago by Postmaster L. T. Fowden. "We are planning to inaugurate the service next Monday, if possible," the postmaster explained.

At the present time packages are called for at the postoffice by owners living in town.

## Collins Speaks To Farm Forum About Peanut Crop Tests

### Two Demonstrations Arranged in County By Agent This Season

Speaking to the regular meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau here last evening, Dr. E. R. Collins, state agronomist, stressed the pressing need for an intensified research in the production of peanuts. According to the specialist who is conducting forty experiments with the crop this season, the production of peanuts is almost an individual problem for one farmer may prove detrimental to another farmer.

The farmer who would work to solve the problem surrounding the successful production of peanuts, should test his individual soil, follow about a four-year rotation system to the crop and study fertilizer needs. He told about the work being done in an effort to base recommendations to peanut farmers, but so far no recommendations can be made.

Judging from Mr. Collins' talk, it is possible that many Martin farmers are needlessly applying landplaster to their peanuts. "A long time ago, somebody started applying landplaster or gypsum to their peanuts, and the practice has continued. It is about the same thing when a man goes into a cafe and orders a glass of water, and he is given a glass of water and nothing else upon each return visit. He may have needed the water which he called for it, but he cannot live off water alone. The same principle applies to peanuts. You must find out if your crop is getting too much calcium, and if it is then little is to be gained from the

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## Fish Are Running In Great Numbers At Fishery Today

After experiencing near failure during the past two weeks, the Fleming fishery at Jamesville struck its early season stride with catches running as high as 1,000 herring and a few shad. "It is beginning to look more like fishing," Mr. C. C. Fleming, owner-operator, said following the first two hauls early this morning.

For the second time this week, a California shad was trapped in the net, old-time fishermen stating that it had been years since they saw one taken at the Jamesville plant.

With continued warm weather, the fishery is anticipating increased catches of herring, shad and rock. However, very few rock have been taken to date, but the number of shad caught so far this season is far greater than is usually the case.

Late reports state that the catches were approximating four to five thousand in number just before noon.

## Start Drive Next Week For Cancer Control Movement

### President Proclaims April As Cancer Control Month In The Nation

Recognizing in cancer the number two cause for death, medical leaders, scientists and governmental executives are lending their support to a drive in April for funds to advance control of the disease. Headed by Mrs. Joel Muse, members of the local Junior Woman's Club will conduct the drive for funds here, and the support of everyone is urged.

In declaring April as "Cancer Control Month" throughout the Nation, President Roosevelt last week issued the following proclamation:

Whereas such public resolution requests that such proclamations invite the medical profession, the press and all agencies and individuals interested in a national program for the control of the disease of cancer, by education and other cooperative means, to unite during the month of April in a public dedication to such program and in a concerted effort to impress upon the people of the nation the necessity for such a program and

Whereas, the fervent desire of the American people to rid themselves of the disease of cancer, which now ranks second among the causes of death in the United States, by waging unremitting warfare against it, is evidenced by two specific acts of Congress, namely, the National Cancer Institute Act, approved August 5, 1937, and the Public Resolution mentioned above; and

Whereas, through the National Cancer Institute of the United States Public Health Service, the Federal government is leading the way in advancing research, in promoting effective treatment methods and in advocating the provision of adequate facilities for cancer patients, as are the several states which have adopted programs for the control of cancer, as well as voluntary groups led by the Women's Field Army, which is conducting an intensive campaign against four of the more accessible types of cancer—cancer of the breast, the uterus, the mouth, and skin—

which annually take the lives of 40,000 men and women, most of whom could be saved by early diagnosis and competent treatment; and

Whereas, the subject of cancer is a matter of concern for the whole people, since it strikes all classes, races and age groups, and therefore calls for a united effort; and

Whereas, medical authorities have assured us that several types of cancer are curable if the victim reports to his physician or clinic soon enough and receives competent treatment; and

Whereas, great improvements in treatment facilities for cancer patients have been made during the past year, with cancer clinics approved by the American College of Surgeons now reaching the encouraging total of 307; and

Whereas, it now remains for the individual citizen to shoulder his responsibility by informing himself regarding cancer symptoms and by impressing upon himself and others the necessity for early diagnosis and treatment;

Now, therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the United States of America, do hereby set apart the month of April, 1940, as Cancer Control Month, and invite similar action on the part of the governors of the several states, territories, and possessions of the United States; and, in order that the American people may become better informed concerning the prevalence of cancer and the effective steps which can be taken to control it, I commend to the medical profession, scientific groups, all organs of opinion, including the press, radio and the motion picture industry, and edu-

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## Scott Addresses Local Kiwanians

W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture and candidate for reelection, spoke to the members of the Kiwanis Club here last night.

Mr. Scott, a farmer of Alamance County, and at one time a county agent, spoke at length on the accomplishments of the State Agricultural Department for the past three or four years. "Salaries have been adjusted, 'dead wood' removed from the State offices, and a continuous check is being made on all shipments of feed, seed and fertilizers throughout the State," Mr. Scott said.

Miss Mewborn, teacher of public school music in the local schools, attended the Kiwanis meeting with the pupils who will represent the local school at the State Music Festival in Greensboro this month. Solos were sung by Mary O'Neal Pope and Juan Crofton. Katherine Manning, Marjorie Gray Dunn and Elizabeth Parker sang a trio, and a quartet was given by Juan Crofton, Roosevelt Coltrain, Irving Gurganus and James Willis Ward.

The high school debating team composed of Marjorie Gray Dunn, Joseph Thigpen, John Goff and Billy Mercer, and their coach, Robert Barrett, were recognized.