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Officers Tear Up Seven Stills And Arrest 3 Persons

Officers Find and Wreck Four Manufacturing Plants In One Day

Another heavy blow was directed against the illicit liquor manufacturing business in this county last week when ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck, deputies and police conducted raids in four townships. A climax to the raids came last Saturday when four plants were destroyed, two in Cross Roads and two in Bear Grass Townships.

Three arrests were made in connection with the raids. Gaither Lock, young colored man, was arrested for allegedly operating a plant in Goose Nest Township, near Oak City. Arrested by Chief Edmond Early, the man was tried in the county court Monday and sentenced to the roads for a six-months' term. Lock was said to have been operating a 50-gallon copper still when the officer and his son, Edmond, Jr., made the raid. The plant was captured and three hundred gallons of beer were poured out. Lock was just firing up the plant when the officers made the raid.

Going into the old business section of Jamesville last Wednesday evening, Officer J. H. Roebuck found seven pints of illegal liquor in the store of James Gilmore. Gilmore and his wife were carried into the county court Monday and adjudged guilty of illegal possession. Judge Peel sentenced him to the roads for six months and his wife to the county jail for a term of 90 days. They appealed.

The first raid last week by enforcement officer and deputies was centered in Bear Grass Township where a complete 100-gallon capacity copper kettle and 400 gallons of beer were destroyed.

The officers had their big day last Saturday when they wrecked a steam plant and a 50-gallon copper kettle and poured out 150 gallons of beer at two plants in Cross Roads. In Bear Grass Township that afternoon they wrecked a steam plant and poured out 200 gallons of beer and one-half gallon of raw liquor. At the fourth plant, the officers captured a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle and poured out 400 gallons of beer and thirteen gallons of liquor. The plant was equipped with a complete oil burner.

Sunday morning, the officers wrecked a steam plant and poured out 150 gallons of beer in Cross Roads Township.

Another Roundup of Drunks Is Reported

A third round-up of drunks was reported in the county over the week-end, local and county officers placing five persons, including one woman, in the county jail.

Coming into town from a farm, the colored woman, Hattie Bullock, wandered around the streets until she got tired and crawled into an officer's car on the main street to rest. She was alleged to have turned on the lights and radio and was sitting back enjoying a program when officers found her. She was not staggeringly drunk, one of the night caps said.

Others facing the courts for alleged drunkenness were John Dixon, C. P. Kapot, Kater Gardner, J. H. Coltrain.

Nearly 20 people, charged with public drunkenness, have been jailed since the Martin County grand jury ordered a drive against the practice last month. Commenting on the drive, a citizen said a few days ago that while the law was moving to clean out the drunks, several of the habituals continued to roam the streets.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County motorists proved last week that they were capable of meeting an aggravated traffic problem when they came through the holiday period without a single accident. Twice in a row Martin County motorists have observed the period of the Glorious Fourth without incident. It is true that traffic was greatly curtailed by the unusually cool weather, but even then the road dangers were greater. If Martin County motorists can go through a holiday period without an accident, it would seem that they could lower the number of wrecks in normal periods, and they can do just that by observing the rules of the road and remembering that there are other motorists who have some rights and who are deserving every courtesy we would want for ourselves.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last; and for each year to the present time.

27th Week Comparison

Accidents Inf'd Killed Dam'd \$			
1940	0	0	\$ 000
1939	0	0	000
Comparison To Date			\$6055
1940	51	37	2
1939	24	22	7
Total	75	64	6800

Timely Questions and Answers On the Tobacco Referendum

Timely questions and answers having to do with the tobacco referendum to be held on Saturday, July 20, are submitted for consideration by Martin County farmers, as follows:

What are the provisions for enforcement of the marketing quotas? The penalty on any tobacco marketed in excess of the farm marketing quota is 10 cents per pound. Collection of penalties will begin with the first sale of tobacco from the allotment to his farm will be reduced in the next year by such amount of tobacco.

If any farmer falsely identifies or fails to account for disposition of tobacco he becomes liable for a penalty of ten cents per pound of normal production on the entire acreage harvested in excess of the farm acreage allotment, this penalty being in addition to any other penalties.

Adequate penalties are provided in the case of any warehouseman, dealer, or buyer who fails to keep proper records and make proper reports.

Basket Factory Will Make Tests Thursday

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Full Production Schedule Awaits Plant Completion

Large Number Files Applications for Jobs in New Plant Near River

The new plant of the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company near Roanoke River here is scheduled to turn out its first baskets day after tomorrow. Superintendent E. E. Bateman stating this morning that a full production schedule would necessarily have to await the completion of the new manufacturing unit.

According to Mr. Bateman the Thursday schedule of operations are designed primarily to test the machines and fill a rush order for a certain type of basket. The plant's steam equipment, including boilers and several engines, was tested yesterday. Superintendent Bateman stating that he was well pleased with the operation of the first units.

In handling the main machinery tests on Thursday of this week, no new employees will be hardy needed, the superintendent explaining that operators and assistants would possibly be taken for the most part from the list already employed. Upon the completion of the plant in its entirety within the next month, the new enterprise will employ approximately 150 workers. The employment list will be increased gradually, the plant superintendent stating that very few of the 344 applicants are trained in the operation of the machines. "Much time will have to be devoted to training our workers and making the finishing touches for a smooth operating schedule," Mr. Bateman said.

While preliminary tests are scheduled for Thursday, work on the plant will hardly be completed before the latter part of this month, meaning that it will be several weeks before a full production schedule can be effected. Work on a large dry kiln and the first of several storage units is progressing rapidly at this time. Railroad company engineers will start work on a siding for the plant the early part of next week. Additional machinery is being unloaded daily at the plant, but the workers

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Harry Clinton James, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. James, was recently honored in Fredericksburg, his adopted home, for his work as a community builder there during the past year.

Williamston Native Gets Recognition As Community Builder

Harry Clinton James Chosen From a Field of 344 Contestants

Harry Clinton James, a native of Williamston and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. James gained national recognition recently as a community builder in Fredericksburg, Va. Competing in a field of 344 contestants, Mr. James received the award from Dr. T. N. Beavers, president of the People's Drug Stores, for whom he works.

Commenting on the honor accorded the former Williamston boy, "The Free Lance-Star", Fredericksburg newspaper said, in part:

For being chosen on the Roll of Honor Mr. James received an engrossed parchment scroll and a bronze plaque inscribed with his name and details of the award.

Announcement of the award and presentation of the tokens was made at the Retail Merchants luncheon by Josiah P. Rowe, Jr., manager of The Free Lance-Star, who nominated Mr. James for the honor and submitted a statement of his community activities for 1939 on which the award was based. Mr. James is chairman of the Retail Trade Committee of the Chamber of Commerce which holds bi-monthly luncheon sessions.

Mr. James, who is a native of Williamson, N. C., has been manager of the People's Service Drug Store here since 1932 and he has been an active figure in various organizations, devoting much of his time to efforts for civic improvement.

He is vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Retail Trade Committee, a member of the Kiwanis Club and an officer in the Elks Lodge. His ability as an organizer and his capacity for leadership are well known among those with whom he has worked in various undertakings.

The success of "Thrift Days", a three-day sales and entertainment event of last July in which some 60 business firms participated, was due to the efforts of the Retail Trade Committee, headed by Mr. James, and this group is also responsible for other cooperative projects undertaken by local merchants.

In his letter nominating Mr. James

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Local Happenings 42 Years Ago in the Martin County Sun

From a scrapbook kept by Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen and her mother, the following items are copied as they appeared in H. J. Herrick's "Martin County Sun," a newspaper published here in 1894.

RECEPTION AT ELM GROVE

Williamston—1894—In response to cards of invitations which read: "You are cordially invited to attend a reception given by the Young Ladies of Williamston at Elm Grove on Monday evening, August 20th, from 9 to 12 o'clock," there assembled a gay representation of the flower of Williamson's social circles. The atmosphere was cooled and the earth sweetened with odors of the recent rains making the evening pleasant. The house from the outside and the lawn were beautifully lighted with Japanese lanterns mingled with soft lights from the chandelier, from within.

The young ladies present with their escorts were Miss Anna Crawford, attired in black and white organdie with opals, with Mr. John Hassell. Miss Eliza Bennett in amber silk and rubies, with Mr. C. D. Carstarphen; Miss Luie Staton in blue silk mull and pearl with Mr. Alonzo Hassell; Miss Maggie Bagwell in white organdie and mouse-line de soir with sapphires with Mr. John Cook; Miss Emma Hassell in pink organdie and black velvet ribbon and diamonds with Mr. W. E. Stubbs; Miss Ida Hassell in white organdie and liberty silk and diamonds with Mr. Alibor Dunn, of Scotland Neck; Miss Nora Fowden in blue organdie and rubies with Mr. Frank Hassell; Miss Pattie Coffield, of Texas, in french shadie and fringe and emeralds with Mr. H. M. Buras; Miss Mary Hassell in white organdie and all over lace and burquoise with Mr. Charlie Hassell, of Utah.

The gentlemen without escorts were Dr. Biggs, Messrs. J. P. Simpson, George W. Newell, Rollen Hobbs, S. J. Rhodes, Ben Crawford, C. Godwin and John Pope.

The royal prize for the greatest number of correct answers to questions of geography was earned by Messrs. C. D. Carstarphen, Theo Hassell, John Pope and G. W. Newell.

Upon lots being cast, Mr. Pope drew the handsome necktie. There were several contestants for the booby prize which was not awarded.

Space will not allow us to speak fully justice of the beautifully decorated dining room where were beautiful and bountiful tables of good things, among which were salads, chicken, potato, pickles, crackers, olives, cream; vanilla and pineapples; cakes; fruit, chocolate, pineapples and figs.

At the beginning it was announced that the party who should get a sandwich having nothing between them and they were all tied with a pretty bow of blue ribbon, would be an old bachelor or an old maid, as the case should be, which lot fell to Ben Crawford.

This was a highly pleasant and social evening and was the greatest social event of the season here.

Many Are Attending County T. B. Clinic

The third in the series of county tuberculosis clinics is being well attended here today, noon report stating that only two appointments had been missed and that Examiner Dr. G. C. Godwin was being kept busy. No report on the findings in the clinic could be had immediately.

Serving citizens in Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Williamson and Bear Grass Townships, the clinic will remain open in the local grammar school building through Friday of this week.

Nearly 200 persons were examined at clinics held in Robersonville last week and at Oak City yesterday.

According to one report four new cases of tuberculosis have been found in the county so far.

Typhoid Case Reported In County Over Week-end

The first case of typhoid fever of the current season was reported in this section over the week-end. The victim, E. F. Williams, a colored man, was removed to a Washington hospital for treatment.

It could not be learned immediately if the man had been immunized against the fever in the county-wide clinics last summer.

ANOTHER WHISTLE

Sounding for the first time, the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company factory whistle was heard with joyous glee in the local business district late yesterday afternoon. The addition of another whistle on the industrial front brings a renewed hope to many who are now without regular employment.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church at Bear Grass by Rev. Z. T. Piehoff, assisted by Rev. Jack Vinson. Interment was in the Wynne Cemetery in Cross Roads Township.

Mr. Wynne held membership in the Presbyterian Church at Bear Grass for a number of years, and was regarded as an upright citizen and a Christian gentleman.

Battle of England Is Reported To Have Started with Increased Fury In Attacks On Sea and In the Air

Resort to Law in Last Round Up of Dogs in Martin County

After appealing to owners in this county, urging them to have their dogs vaccinated, officers today resorted to the law in pushing a last round-up of dogs in the campaign against rabies.

Three warrants are being issued today at the direction of the sheriff's office, and the defendants will be brought into court within the next few days to show good cause why they have not vaccinated their dogs in accordance with the terms of the law. There are around 25 or 30 owners who have not had their dogs vaccinated, according to a preliminary check of ownership made by the office of the sheriff this week.

Those defendants who are being called into court are facing substantial fines and possible road sentences. Last year, several defendants were given sentences on the

roads, the trial justices suspending the sentences upon payment of small fines and trial costs and with the understanding that the owners would vaccinate or kill their dogs.

An accurate count of the dogs vaccinated in the county this year could not be learned immediately, but over 2,500 of the canines have been subjected to the needle. The first of the dispensaries was held three months ago, and all owners have had ample time to comply with the law requiring the vaccination of all dogs. Those who have failed to comply with the act will have to accept the consequences, the sheriff said yesterday.

No mad dogs with the exception of one or two that wandered into this county from neighboring territory, have been reported in the county since the anti-rabies drive was launched several years ago.

Martin Business Men Support Control Plan

200 Business And Professional Men Express Interest

Much Work To Be Done If Three-Year Program Is Adopted July 20

Martin County business leaders this week voiced a support approaching the 100 per cent mark in favor of a three-year tobacco control program. Farmers, interested in the successful passage of the plan, this week visited nearly all the business firms in the county and asked their stand on the all-important matter. Only one business leader refused to pledge his support, it was unofficially learned. The farmers, headed by Messrs. J. R. Winslow, W. M. Harrison and Jesse Crisp, could not see every business man in the county, and possibly the supporting list could be increased. Their contacts proved, however, that a vast majority of the business leaders are heartily in favor of the three-year program, and that they will plead for its adoption in the referendum to be held on Saturday of next week.

Preliminary reports indicate that Martin County farmers favor the three-year control plan, but according to late information received here there is some doubt if this county will cast a large vote. It is possible some point out, that the apparent indifference here and in other counties might mean the plan will be defeated on July 20. "I hear very few farmers discussing the program, and that they won't be sufficient interest in the program to bring out a large vote," one farmer said this morning.

According to reliable reports from sources close to the agricultural situation as it relates to the future farm leaders are expressing concern over the outcome of the referendum. It has been reliably learned that farmers in those counties with comparatively small allotments are planning to offer a strong opposition to

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FARM BUREAU

The Martin County Farm Bureau Federation, one of the most active in this section during the past two years, will hold a big mass meeting and barbecue supper for its members in Robersonville next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, officers of the organization announced today.

While the meeting is planned primarily as a get-together for the Bureau members, it will likely discuss the important farm program. It is expected that the organization will at that time go on record as supporting the three-year tobacco program 100 per cent. All Farm Bureau members are invited and urged to attend.

Crop Outlook In County Gloomy At The Present Time

Light Tobacco Crop Certain And Corn Shortage Is Anticipated

While they have not abandoned all hope, Martin farmers are getting a bit disheartened over the crop outlook in the county at the present time. Continued dry weather over most of the county, as a whole, is seriously threatening the corn crop and making for one of the latest tobacco harvesting seasons in years. Immediate rains can alter the outlook considerably, but even with favorable seasons from now on some farmers declare that the corn crop will not measure up to normal production. The tobacco crop is already late with hardly a dozen farmers reporting harvesting underway. It is possible that curing activities will be started on a fairly sizable scale some time next week in the county.

The cotton crop is thriving under existing weather conditions and peanuts are holding up well, but other general crops are suffering. Numbers of farmers state that corn tassels have drooped, that the blades are drying up. They add that little can be expected in the way of production under such conditions.

Reports, possibly a bit exaggerated, state that the tobacco crop will average hardly more than 200 pounds per acre on some farms, that one of the lightest crops in years is to be expected in the county, as a whole.