

## Judge H. O. Peele Calls Six Cases In Recorder's Court

### Quite A Few Spectators Attend Two-Hour Session Last Monday Morning

Quite a few spectators from several sections of the county were present for the regular session of the recorder's court last Monday when Judge H. O. Peele called a half a dozen cases and cleared the docket within two hours. While several cases were continued, Judge Peele really bore down with road sentences and imposed a \$50 fine on an alleged drunken automobile driver. More spectators were present for the session than are ordinarily there during the hot summer months, but fanned, perspired and listened intently to Solicitor D. E. Johnson's prosecution and especially to the pronouncements as they were heard from the bench.

Proceedings in the court: Adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence, Tom Moore, charged with bastardy, was sentenced to the roads for a term of 90 days, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

The case charging Robert Barnes with forcible trespass and assault was continued until next Monday. Barnes went to the home of George Purvis in Poplar Point Township several weeks ago and was badly cut when he entered Purvis' bedroom and allegedly demanded the payment of a 10-cent debt. Purvis, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for a period of six months. The defendant entered a plea of not guilty, and claimed that he did not cut Barnes with a knife, that he did scratch him with a hammer on the face and neck.

A continuance under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in September was granted in the case charging Hobart Ralph Hun with operating a motor vehicle after his driving license had been revoked. The defendant pleaded guilty and offered the testimony of a number of character witnesses in his behalf.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Archie Respass was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for a period of one year.

Pleading his innocence, Richard Vines was found guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving and was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months.

## Predicts Increase In Use Of Cotton

Speaking before a group of textile manufacturers in Charlotte this week, Dr. Claudius Murchison, president of the Cotton-Textile Institute, predicted that domestic consumption of cotton could and in all probability would be increased to ten million bales within the next three years. The Institute and the National Cotton Council are making a definite progress in that direction already.

The Institute president pointed out in his address that the United States has been exporting 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 bales of cotton annually. However, the war in Europe and the Far Eastern conflicts and trade disruptions "will reduce American cotton exports annually by about 4,000,000 bales, leaving the probability that exports in the approaching new crop year will drop to around 2,000,000 bales, continued Dr. Murchison.

He warned that this prospect is "very serious" and added that the expected production for the currently growing crop in the South will be 12,000,000, perhaps 12,500,000 bales. Domestic consumption during the crop year to begin within a few weeks likely will be around 7,500,000 bales. That would leave 4,000,000 or more bales to be added to the American surplus which now is more than 10,000,000 bales, held under government loans.

"The surplus for the new crop year must be disposed of in some manner, through government loans or otherwise, and it appears probable that the government loan stocks will be increased to around 13,000,000 or more bales within a year," said Dr. Murchison. "This will mean a situation that holds serious prospects, and if it is to be a permanent situation, the government loan plan will become recognized as an impossible solution."

"In view of this outlook and if the United States is to retain its present cotton acreage, the only solution is to increase domestic consumption," continued the institute's president. He said "we feel that we have developed adequate machinery and the proper technique to increase consumption and are confident that attainment of the 10,000,000 bale objective is not at all impossible." He forecast that within two to three years, "if given the essential support of the textile industry, the government and the cotton trade, the American consumption will reach the 10,000,000 bale mark."

It is quite evident that if there is any relief for cotton it will have to come from an increase in domestic consumption.

## Red Spider Causes Damage to Cotton Crop in This County

Another pest, the red spider, is now plaguing cotton farmers in this county. Farm Agent T. B. Brandon stating yesterday that the fields were full of the spiders in some places and that a general damage is quite likely in the county. Invited by hot and dry weather this season, the spider is feeding on the cotton plant foliage and a damage ranging from two to three per cent is to be expected, according to Agent Tom Brandon.

Strange as it may seem, there is no effective poison in combatting the pest, the agent explaining that only a heavy rain can check the damage by drowning the spider. Light rains in some sections during the past few days have decreased the number of spiders, but in those communities where little rain has fallen since last Saturday, a week ago, the spider is working in fairly large numbers.

### FIRST BIRTHDAY

The Brown Community Hospital, opened here on July 25 of last year, observed its first birthday yesterday. While no special program had been planned the event was a happy one at the institution.

Commenting on the hospital's record during its first year, Dr. V. E. Brown, owner-operator, said that on an average six patients had been cared for daily by the institution which on many occasions had operated to capacity by caring for twelve patients at one time.

"We are gradually adding to our equipment, and with a continued cooperation on the part of our patrons and efficient nursing staff we sincerely hope to better our first year's record during the next twelve months," Dr. Brown said.

## Charges Are Filed Against Number Of Tobacco Companies

### Defendants Are Charged With Violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act

The Federal Government, climaxing a two-year investigation of the nation's tobacco industry, this week brought action against eight major tobacco companies, twenty-six other corporations and thirty-three individuals associated with the business charging them with price fixing and monopoly. The cases were filed in Federal court at Lexington, Kentucky.

No answer has been made to the charges, but the Reynolds company made a reply.

The department said that the charges were based on allegations that the major companies had built up marketing systems for leaf tobacco and tobacco products, "which have been deliberately designed to dominate and dictate terms to growers of leaf tobacco" and to wholesalers and retailers of tobacco products.

Further, the department said in a statement, the government charges that the defendants employed price-fixing devices to eliminate competition and "abuse their position of dominance by exacting hard and oppressive terms from those with whom they deal."

The complaint, filed by United States District Attorney John T. Metcalf as a criminal information which those accused must answer September 9, asserts that in some years the total combined income of the Reynolds, Liggett and Myers, and American companies "equalled or exceeded the entire farm value of the tobacco crop of the United States."

Lexington is the largest burley tobacco market in the world. The practices of the defendants, the complaint said, "had the effect of permitting a few companies to attain control of a bottleneck in a great industry through which a major farm commodity, on which several millions are dependent, must pass."

The Justice department said its investigation convinced it that a 1911 civil suit—by which the American Tobacco Company's business was divided among the Big Four and divorced from the British firms named in today's charges—"did not suffice to restore free competition and that the Sherman Act is today being violated in numerous respects" by the firms and individuals.

Officials of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, one of the tobacco concerns named in anti-trust charges filed at Lexington, Ky., stated that their "chief interest" in the proceeding is that "it be handled as expeditiously as possible."

Officials of that company said: "It would not be proper for us to

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## Revival Is Being Conducted In Holiness Church Here

The revival being conducted at the Holiness Church will continue through Sunday. A large crowd has been in attendance every night.

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## Forced Military Training Is Almost A Certainty Now

### Final Action Drafting Millions Into Service, Expected in Congress Shortly

Compulsory military training for millions of Americans is now almost a certainty, the call of young men to service awaiting final action which is expected shortly in Congress.

The rules and regulations for drafting millions into military service are not yet known, but it is proposed to register all men between the ages of 21 and 31 first. Certain exemptions will be allowed possibly where there are dependents or where the subject is employed in an industry vital to the nation's defense.

Comments from those subject to the first draft indicate that the plan will not meet any great opposition in this immediate section. There will be those who will conscientiously object to obeying the call of their country, but young men who are almost certain to get an early call are quoted as saying they are ready to go. Possibly the call to service is not having the same meaning as the call had back in 1917 when the nation was waging war against Germany.

The proposed training schedule, calling upon those young men between the ages of 21 and 31 to give a year of their lives to their country, indicates one of two things, observers point out. The first is that this country will sooner or later be in war, or that this country is paying one big price to keep out of war.

In advancing the proposed training schedule, the government will take into consideration those cases where the draft subject is depended upon by others for a livelihood. But social standings will count for little, a representative of the war department pointing out that there are quite a number of wealthy young men who are unemployed and who are without dependents.

According to reports coming out of Washington, plans are being advanced to start the draft within a week or ten days after the bill is enacted into law. Registrars will be named, conscription boards will be set up and registration periods will be determined. It is possible that some of the regular election officials will be called upon to assist in the task or handle the registration in its entirety.

## Farm Building Is Destroyed By Fire

For the second time within a year, fire of undetermined origin last night destroyed the stables and all contents belonging to Dr. J. F. Thigpen on his Dinah Hill farm just off Henderson Street below the river hill. No report on the damage has been filed, but Fire Chief G. P. Hall estimates that the loss will run between \$1,250 and \$1,500.

Believed to have been started by prowlers, the fire gained headway rapidly and when discovered it was burning all through the building which housed the work stock, several tons of hay, fertilizer, wagons and farm implements. During the hot season the mules were allowed the range of the pasture and they escaped the fire.

Last October fire destroyed the stables and contents on the same farm, and several years ago the stables and contents on a farm belonging to Dr. Thigpen were burned in Poplar Point.

No insurance was carried on the contents and the building loss was only partially covered.

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## Graham Speaks To Field Day Throng

Martin County farmers joined a record throng for the field day events at the Wenona Test farm down in Washington County yesterday when Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, delivered the main address.

Soil conservation, abandonment of "one crop economy," more livestock, federal aid for education and removal of "discriminatory freight rates" are essential in solving the so-called "economic problem No. 1," the South, Dr. Graham told farmers and their friends at the field day event.

Dr. Graham said that President Roosevelt did not term the South "economic problem number one" by way of "slander," but by "understanding."

He asserted that the South has the traditions, resources and opportunities and "we are doing something about our problems," but added that poor health records, poor housing conditions, low wages, low purchasing power, "the least proportion of people in high schools and colleges" and the least "book circulation" are problems in the South as "economic problem number one."

Graham praised Secretary of State Hull's efforts "to get the super high tariff down," commenting that "this will help the farmers."

Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott introduced Graham as "a great liberal leader of education" in the South.

R. C. Holland, of Edenton, president of the Peanut Stabilization Corporation, presided as chairman for the day. Field tours of experimental plants were conducted by J. L. Rea, Jr., assistant director in charge of the farm and Fred E. Miller, director of the State Department of Agriculture test farms division.

Exhibits were presented by State College and State Department of Agriculture specialists, featuring tobacco judging with samples, egg grading, livestock, agronomy and farm machinery.

Rea estimated more than 1,500 people participated in the field day program.

### CONCERT

A special invitation is being extended the general public to attend the concert to be given this evening at 8 o'clock in the Baptist Church by the Odd Fellows' Orphan Home Singing Class. There's no admission fee, but a free will offering will be received.

Their concert sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, the youthful singers will be entertained in private homes. Tomorrow the class goes to Washington where two programs will be rendered.

## Hilter Says He Will Dictate World Trade

### Warns The United States To Accept His Trade Terms

Even though death and destruction are being continued on a shocking scale, the European war muddle took a serious turn for the worse yesterday when Hitler through his minister of economics warned the United States that he would dictate the trade policies after England was defeated. "The United States must be prepared to trade with a victorious Germany on German's terms after the war or suffer a lockout from the commerce of a whole Europe geared to Nazi economics," Hitler said through his economic chief, Walter Funk, yesterday.

The full meaning of the mad man's warning is difficult to understand, so extensive is its purport. But suffice it to say, the German plan will affect every leaf of tobacco now being grown in Martin County as well as having a costly effect on other crops and on world commerce, as a whole.

It was intimated in certain terms yesterday for the first time that Germany would render useless all the gold now held by the United States, that this nation would be cut loose as an island to sink or swim without resort to world commerce. While we might use all our gold to fill teeth and pave streets, we would have to recognize the Reichsmark as a medium of exchange.

While Funk was talking about the new economic order with the United States on the outside looking in, Hitler's bloody attack on England gains in intensity, one commentator today stating that the "inferno" is just around the corner for the British Isles. Hundreds of German planes are in almost continuous action against England, and it is said that as many as 36,000 airships of modern manufacture are ready for use in the blitzkrieg against the last bulwark of Democracy.

In recent days the trend has been toward the blockade as a means of bending Britain to her knees. Numbers of merchant ships are being sent to the bottom of the ocean over a wide area daily as the world awaits the release of an unknown number of submarines and torpedo boats.

Late reports from the war's air front, members of Britain's Royal Air Force was inflicting a heavy damage upon the Nazi air force. During this morning 28 planes were reported to have been shot down, and the British seemed to hold the edge in bombing German objectives. However, considerable damage to Brit-

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## No One Injured In Train-Car Wreck

No one was hurt and very little damage resulted when an automobile and a log train crashed at a grade crossing just south of the town of Jamesville on U. S. Highway No. 64 yesterday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. The automobile, driven by A. R. Norman, Plymouth man, was struck broadside and knocked over by the train, Patrolman Whit Saunders, investigating the accident, stating that the car and train were both running at a slow rate of speed.

Approaching the crossing, Norman saw the flagman, Will White, and brought his car to a stop or almost to a stop. Homer Gee, engineer, also brought the train to a virtual stop as he approached the crossing. White's signal was said to be confusing and Norman and the engineer started driving and the crash followed, Norman stating that he thought White motioned him to cross the tracks. Gee stated that he thought White was motioning to him to move the train.

Damage to the car was estimated at \$50. The train belonged to the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company.

## Special Services In Church Here Sunday

The singing class from the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh will give a sacred concert at the local Methodist Church Sunday morning. The class is composed of nine of the girls and boys of the orphanage, and is under the direction of Mrs. Nellie Rives, who has been preparing and presenting these programs with the orphanage boys and girls for a number of years. The program is always well prepared and excellently rendered, and is a source of joy and inspiration to those who are privileged to attend.

It is expected also that Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the orphanage, will accompany the class here and will remain over and preach at the Sunday night service.

## Wife's Starvation Is Revealed After Arrest Of Husband

### Group of Interested Citizens Urges Officers To Intervene in Case

A case of near starvation was uncovered here late last night following the arrest of Wheeler Rice, colored janitor. Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Rice, using strong language, demanded his immediate release as the doors in the jail were closed against him. He told officers that his wife was sick, that she might be dying at that very moment.

"Yes, instead of being drunk and running after other women, you ought to have been home with her," Officer E. Ramey, who made the arrest stated. The officer reported the incident at headquarters. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and others whose attention had been attracted by the officer's report, went to the home on Broad Street and found Rice's wife almost starved to death.

Hardly more than a living skeleton, the human creature was nibbling on a soda cracker and a meager helping of sour milk that was just turning to clabber.

Said to have cancer or some malignant growth and an apparent victim of tuberculosis, the old colored woman had been locked alone in the house day after day, the husband threatening the lives of neighbors if they dared carry her anything to eat or help her in any way.

Apparently unbalanced mentally, the husband, according to reliable reports coming through officers, is anticipating his wife's death, possibly to cash in on her insurance and annex title to her few earthly belongings.

Their lives having been threatened by Rice, neighbors dared not go near the home while Rice was there. Often they would go there when he was away, but could not gain entrance as he generally padlocked every door and even locked the yard gates. Learning late last night that the man had been jailed, several neighbors immediately went to the home, and a supply of milk was made available to the starved creature.

Advised of the case some time ago the welfare department had made arrangements for a relative to live with and look after the woman. But Rice would have no one in his home. He stated that he was amply able to look after his wife and take care of his home, that if he wanted to starve her to death or burn her up in the house, it was his business, that no one had anything to do with it. Fruits and light foods, carried there at the direction of the welfare department, would disappear overnight. Finally after finding his efforts to help the poor old soul blocked, the welfare department virtually withdrew from the case to await developments on another front.

Rice at noon today had not been tried in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly, and interested citizens were working at that time to gather evidence that could be used against him. However, as far as it could be learned early this afternoon no case charging him with cruelty had been filed.

Warned against the ill and inhuman treatment of his wife by Mayor J. L. Hassell some time ago, Rice denied the charge and said that "they are lying on me." Today, skin and bones in the form of a dried up human body are mute evidence to the fact that Rice was lying. His trial is set for 7 o'clock this evening.

## Church League In Recent Meet Here

The young people of the county assembled in the First Baptist Church here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for their regular meeting of the Interdenominational League with the president, Mary E. Keel, presiding over the service.

The topic of the program was, "What Shall I Do with My Life?" Some very inspiring talks were presented as follows: "Making a Decision," by Miss Jean Vinson, of Galveston, Texas; "Where Shall I Serve?" by Miss Ruby Wynne, of Roberson Chapel; and "Guidance for Making This Decision," by Hubert Hardison, of Poplar Point. The young people were very fortunate in securing these young people as speakers for the afternoon, especially Miss Vinson, who is visiting her brother, Rev. Jack Vinson, in Bear Grass. Miss Vinson plans to join her twin brothers, who will sail in early fall as missionaries to China, as soon as her school work is completed at the University of Texas, where she is now a student. A very lovely solo, rendered by Miss Grace Rogers, concluded the program.

A standing vote of thanks, appreciation and prayers were given Rev. Jack Vinson, who resigned his work in the various Presbyterian churches of this county that he might go as a missionary to China. Rev. Vinson has taken an active part in the young people's work and was one of the strong supporters of the interdenominational league.

The next meeting of the league will be held in the Williamston Christian church the third Sunday afternoon in October.

## Surveyor Badly Cut On His Arm

A. Corey, surveyor and handler of all kinds of tasks, was dangerously cut on his right arm while surveying a tract of land in the old Astoria mill section of Jamesville Township on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Corey's colored helper was clearing some bushes from a line and accidentally struck him just below the elbow with a bush axe, the blade cutting to the bone and severing several muscles. The victim of the blow was said to have lost considerable blood before he could be brought to a doctor's office here for treatment. Several stitches under the skin and several on top were necessary to close the wound.

Although he suffered a great deal, Mr. Corey was able to be out yesterday.

Miss Mizelle Resigns As Member Of Faculty

Miss Irene Mizelle, for two years teacher of home economics in the local schools, tendered her resignation this week to accept a position with the government. It is understood that her new headquarters will be located in Smithfield.