

Judge W.H. Coburn Calls Dozen Cases In County's Court

Old Liquor Law Violation Case Finally Removed From the Docket

Calling an even dozen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, Judge W. H. Coburn cleared the criminal docket, apparently in preparation for handling a growing list of cases charging violation of the tax laws. One of the cases cleared from the docket, a bit dusty and well bewhiskered, was that charging Ben Biggs with violation of the liquor laws. Judge H. O. Peel before retiring from the bench had continued the case from time to time under prayer for judgment, and it was not until last Monday, eight months after taking over the jurist's seat, that he brushed the action off the docket, the court clerk recording the judgment under the title of "not prosee." Another old case in which Andrew Andrews was charged with violating the liquor laws was also not prosee.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Major "Yank" Lloyd was found guilty over his plea of innocence, and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. Before he could be transferred to the jail from the courtroom, the prosecutor, Don Johnson, called him to answer in the case charging him with failing to list taxes. Pleading guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for another 30 days.

D. M. Roberson, charged with an assault, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. Notice of appeal was given and bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

George Lee Jones, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs of the action.

The case charging Joe Frank Mayborn with bastardy, was continued until the first Monday in September.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault, Samuel Thomas Williams was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Charged with failure to list taxes, Charlie B. Barnes pleaded not guilty. He was found not guilty.

Moses James, charged with failing to list for taxation, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Major Lloyd, pleading guilty in the case charging him with failing to list property for taxation, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Irving Wynne with failing to list property for taxation upon condition that he pay his taxes amounting to \$5.80, list in accordance with the law and pay the costs amounting to \$4.40. It was pointed out that he had paid most of his taxes.

Ernest Johnson, charged with not listing his property, was directed to (Continued on page six)

Jamesville Negro Dangerously Cut

Motivated by deathly jealousy, a knife attack was directed against James Gilmore, Jamesville Negro, by his wife, Ethel, at their store home there last Sunday afternoon. His intestines partly cut from his belly, Gilmore continues in the hospital, doctors describing his condition as critical. The attack victim is fighting a stubborn case of peritonitis, it was said. The wife is in the county jail awaiting the outcome of his condition.

The wife, informed that her husband had been spending some time with another woman, argued with Gilmore while walking to their home in an old store on Jamesville's once busy Main Street. When they reached home, the wife asked to borrow his knife supposedly to trim her finger nails. Instead of trimming her nails, the wife worked on her husband, a meaningful blow being directed on his body. The wife carried him to the hospital and did not return.

Refusing at first to talk about the case or tell who attacked him, Gilmore was warned that his life was hanging in the balance, and the case was reported to the sheriff late Tuesday when the victim told of the attack.

County Youth Gets Award In Contest

Young Bryan Haislip, son of Commissioner and Mrs. R. A. Haislip, gained unusual honor this week when he was recognized by a national magazine as one of four North Carolina youths to submit a prize-winning essay. In recognition of his part in the contest, the young man was awarded a certificate of merit and a check for five dollars. The magazine announced that there were 635,896 competitors in the contest, that only 432 prizes were awarded. Cashing his check here this morning, the youth applied the prize money on a defense bond. The prize winner has been asked to submit his paper for publication.

ARMY TAKES SIX OUT OF TEN



Martin County did not measure up quite so well in meeting its August draft quota. The group was one short when it left and upon arrival at Fort Bragg, four of the six were rejected. Left to right, front row, they are, Augustus Edison Moore, Dallas Murry Harden, Dallis Merry, Jesse Earl Wynne, Morris Alton Lynch; second row: Elbert Harvey Whichard, Jesse Wilson Griffin, William Council Haislip, Julius Lee Revels and Paul Graham Swinson. Griffin, Moore, Revels and Whichard were rejected on account of physical disabilities.

FIRST LOAD

The first load of farmer's tobacco seen this year, moved through here last Tuesday evening at 8:50 o'clock, apparently headed for the Border or South Carolina markets. Of medium size, the truck came from across the river, presumably from Bertie County.

A few Martin County farmers are said to have visited the border belt this week, but the vast majority, or at least 99.44 per cent, have chosen to sell their tobacco with the home folks.

Twenty Counties In State Pass Quotas For Air Ambulance

Plan To Bring Campaign To A Close Within the Next Two Weeks

Raleigh—With more than twenty counties having reached or exceeded their quota in the Old North State Fund state-wide campaign to raise \$75,000 for the presentation of a fully equipped airplane ambulance or mercy plane to the people of England as a gift from the citizens of North Carolina, Judge F. O. Bowman, state chairman, expressed confidence that the entire sum would become available in the near future.

Declaring that active committees are engaged in raising funds in the majority of the 100 counties of the State, Bowman stated that his executive committee hoped to complete the financial drive within the next two weeks. "It is a pleasure to announce," said the State chairman, "that the following counties have already gone over the top, many far exceeding their quota: Ashe, Bertie, Caswell, Catawba, Chowan, Columbus, Currituck, Haywood, Hoke, Lincoln, Macon, Northampton, Orange, Perquimans, Polk, Robeson, Scotland, Transylvania, Wake, Washington and Wilson.

"Due to local conditions in some of the larger counties, the Old North State Fund has held up the start of active campaign but our chairmen in these counties assure us that they will be able to keep pace with the example set by the twenty-odd counties which have completed their campaigns with excellent results.

"It is interesting to note in reports from the various counties that the rank and file of citizens are showing enthusiasm towards this humanitarian cause, and are anxious to make the badly needed gift of a mercy ship a reality as quickly as possible. Hundreds of contributions have come from children, while literally thousands of donations have been received from people of very modest means.

"As planes of a type suitable for conversion into hospital ships are becoming more and more difficult to secure, we are particularly anxious to complete our state-wide campaign in the near future as dispatches (Continued on page six)

All Is Quiet On The Illicit Liquor Front In The County

All's quiet on the illicit liquor front in the county at the present time, according to A.B.C. Officer Joe H. Roebuck who declared yesterday that he could not remember when the business was as near completely dried up as it is now. Letters, reporting illicit manufacturing plants, are seldom received, and diligent investigations have revealed virtually no activity in the bush business.

Accompanied by Special State A. B. C. officers, Deputy Roebuck this week captured a 30-gallon copper kettle in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township. The plant had been abandoned. In the upper part of the county yesterday, the officers found an abandoned plant.

Carrying on an effective work with the aid of the sheriff's office, the ABC officer had things fairly well under control when the federal government stationed two officers

Late Tax Listers In County Dig To Stay Out Of Jail

Money Withdrawn from Hiding Places by Defendants To Settle Accounts

After striking a serious cord in the county court last Monday, the round-up of delinquent tax listers in the county has been running under its own steam, more or less. Convinced that the tax authorities mean business, the heretofore tax free group is scampering to and fro to raise money to keep out of jail. "They are literally digging it out of hiding places in some instances, but borrowing from others is the most general plan followed," one of the officers said following a day's work yesterday.

Claiming he had no money when the arresting officer served a warrant on him, a defendant went to jail a few hours in the "cooler" and the defendant changed his mind. Calling Jailer Roy Peel, the defendant asked him, if he would go to his home, look under a badly torn linoleum rug in the kitchen and bring him the \$17 hid there. While it is only fair, the round up looks hard in some cases. The jailer found the defendant had only a pile of newspapers on weak springs for a bed. Paying up his taxes plus the \$4.40 costs, the defendant left the jail firmly convinced that it is every citizen's duty to list and pay taxes.

The big round up was effected last Tuesday when eight were jailed in default of bond. But strange as it (Continued on page six)

Miss Doris Leach Added To Faculty

Miss Doris Leach, of La Grange, this week was elected to succeed Mrs. Nancy Glover Dunn as teacher of English and French in the local high school. Mrs. Dunn, a member of the faculty here during the past several years, recently tendered her resignation.

Miss Leach, a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, taught in the Pine Level School during the past three terms.

Miss Cathlene Hoell, it was learned in the office of the county superintendent of schools here today, has been named to the Oak City faculty. She succeeds Miss Louise Minton, resigned. Miss Hoell, who is from Vanceboro, will teach the fourth grade there.

Several positions made vacant by resignations in various schools are yet to be filled, but it was learned that contracts are pending and that all elections would be held in ample time for starting the new term on September 4th. Much trouble is being experienced in filling the position of manual arts teacher in the local schools; and just now there is some doubt if a teacher will be available before the term gets underway.

Cracking Down On Immorality Around Army Camps in State

Fifty Women Arrested Recently Are Being Detained Near Raleigh

Raleigh — With fifty already arrested, at least a dozen now in the State detention camp near Raleigh, with more sentenced and others to follow, prostitutes, in an effort to escape the toils of the law and continue their traffic, are leaving Cumberland County and taking up their abode in adjoining counties, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds has announced.

"We wish to emphasize that it is the duty and responsibility of law enforcement officials of the counties into which these women have moved to see that they are arrested and that our soldiers and civilians are protected. This duty should be accepted and executed and the women sentenced to the State detention camp. We are out to protect our soldiers, our sons and our daughters, and we intend to see to it that the way of the transgressor is hard."

In making the announcement, Dr. Reynolds released for publication a letter he received Tuesday from Dr. M. T. Foster, Cumberland County health officer, to whom he attributed a large share of the credit for the clean-up that is going on in Cumberland.

Dr. Foster wrote: "Since our meeting August 5, approximately 50 women have been arrested here and charged with prostitution. At least a dozen of these have been sent to the State Prison, and several more have been tried and sentenced this morning.

"The sheriff's office reports to me," Dr. Foster continued, "that quite a number of our so-called prostitutes have left our midst and are now residing in surrounding counties, especially Robeson County, around St. Pauls, Pembroke, Red Springs and other places. I have talked to Dr. E. R. Hardin, Robeson County Health Officer, concerning same, and he advised that he would call the attention of the officers of Robeson County to the matter.

"I trust the State Board of Health will see fit to impress upon law enforcement officers in the counties surrounding Cumberland that many of our so-called prostitutes are now taking up residence in their counties, and that they can also send them to the detention camp in Raleigh."

Dr. Reynolds emphasized the fact that prostitutes convicted of carrying on their traffic in surrounding counties are just as much subject to the law as those in Cumberland and can be placed in the detention camp. "The State Board of Health intends to see to it that this is done," he said. "We are working under a State law that applies as much to one county as another, and we intend to have this law follow these women just as long as they remain in North Carolina, with the support of the Federal government under the terms of the May resolution making prostitution, or aiding and abetting in prostitution, punishable by a \$1,000 fine, a year's imprisonment, or both."

"Statistics show," he continued, "that from 90 to 97 per cent of prostitutes are infected with venereal diseases, and we no longer depend on Wassermann or other ordinary tests to determine their infectiousness. Ten per cent of those with the disease and under treatment are Wassermann negative; 23 per cent are Wassermann fast, and the remaining two-thirds are 'paradoxical.' Hence, it is absolutely necessary that we treat the once diagnosed patient until he or she is cured, independent of laboratory findings.

"It is a determined policy to treat patients with known venereal diseases until they are cured. The treatment is available; it is free to all infected persons, and all such persons who assume no obligations to society and continue to be carriers should and will receive the full penalty of the law."

Fifteen Men Will Go To Army Next Week

Fifteen young Martin County colored men, one of the largest groups called from among the colored population so far, are to leave next Friday for the Army's induction center at Fort Bragg. Physical examinations for all of the men have not yet been completed in detail, and it is quite likely that some of them will not meet the final tests, meaning that the quota will not be filled in its entirety.

Three of the group, Clayfield Williams, Harry Clinton Norfleet and James Willis Lloyd, are volunteering their services. They were too young to register in either the first or second registrations. The names of the selectees are: Johnnie Peel, Nathaniel Dunn, Charlie Clarence Ormond, Vernon Lee Staton, William Edgar Rhodes, George Washington Joyner, Lemuel Outerbridge, Willie Junior Spruill, Theron Lynch, William Thomas Gray, William Samuel Mabry and Columbus James Rodgers.

A call for eleven colored selectees was received a few days ago, instructing them to report for service on September 18th.

Preparing Marketing Cards For County Tobacco Farmers

Preparations are being rushed for the distribution of tobacco marketing cards among farmers in this county beginning next week, the office of the county agent announced today. Farm operators will be notified by direct mail to call for the cards, and they are urged to get the marketing slips during next week to avoid any rush that will accompany a delay the day before or on the day the markets open.

With excess plantings limited to less than a dozen farms, few if any marketing troubles are expected in the county this season. Those farmers who planted in excess of their allotments will be issued red cards allowing the marketing of a certain amount of tobacco tax free but designating the payment of a tax for excess marketing. Quite a few farmers

are said to have unintentionally planted in excess of their allotments, but the surplus has been destroyed in most cases, it was learned.

The 1941 cards are very similar to those used last season. The new cards, providing for ten sales, carry the allotted and planted acres and poundage estimates. More than one card will be issued to a farmer operator upon request, the office estimating that around sixteen or seventeen hundred of the marketing slips will be placed in the hands of the farmers of this county during the season.

Up until this morning, eleven marketing cards had been issued in the county, the farmers calling for their cards that they might patronize the border and South Carolina markets this week.

War Department Is Making Survey Of Flood Damage Here

Final Report Expected To Be Completed by September Of Next Year

United States engineers, representing the War Department and working on a detailed survey of the Roanoke River and the damage done by flood waters a year ago. Headed by L. M. Tomlinson, Engineers A. L. Burger, J. H. Erickson and J. R.

Lowry, are working for established damage estimates along the river lowlands. Coming here earlier in the week, the engineers have about completed their work in this immediate section. Their findings were not made public, but it is generally believed that the damage was sufficient to warrant some type of flood control for the stream.

A preliminary survey of the damage was made soon after the flood waters reached a record high point on the 22nd of August, a year ago. Following the present survey, the United States Department of Agriculture engineers are expected to make an intensive study of the Roanoke River watershed all the way from Virginia and northern Carolina counties to the mouth. The department engineers will also work to establish the crop losses.

It will be a year or more before the reports are made complete, and no immediate action relative to flood control appropriations is to be expected. It is generally understood that some action is to be taken in connection with controlling the waters, and that reservoirs will be considered for the area above Roanoke Rapids. No mention has been made of the possibility of establishing hydroelectric plants on the stream.

U. S. O. Reaches \$10,000,000.00 Goal

The United Service Organizations, an institution to assist service men while on leave from posts of duty, has reached and passed its \$10,000,000 goal. Thomas E. Dewey, campaign chairman, announced last week-end. Commitments made by community chests over the Nation will send the total to over twelve million dollars, Mr. Dewey added.

Even by over-subscribing its goal United Service is being called on for increased services, and the drive for funds will continue. Mr. Dewey explained that by retaining thousands of men in the service and by increasing the total, the Army is creating a greater demand for off-reservations service. He said that the goal will have to be materially increased to care for the added load.

Martin County was one of the first in the country to raise its quota. Others are still working on their goals. The organization is now centering its work in and around the camp areas, but there'll be a need for the organization's service throughout the country before the emergency is over, it was pointed out.

First In Series Of Good Will Meetings Held Last Evening

The first in a series of good will meetings and concerts by the Williamston High School band was held in the Bear Grass school last evening. While the size of the crowd was disappointing, the response from the group of more than 100 farmers, farmers' wives and children was really encouraging.

Under the direction of Professor Jack Butler, the band, after only a few rehearsals offered a very entertaining concert which from all indications was much enjoyed. Mayor John L. Hassell, appearing on the program as a bearer of good-will, briefly addressed the group. In his talk he referred to the friendship existing between the people of Bear Grass and community and the people of Williamston, and expressed great appreciation for the patronage accorded the town's tobacco market and its merchants. The meeting, marked by the absence of commer-

Russia Experiences Setback In Ukraine During Recent Days

Policy Announced Following Meeting Between President and Churchill

Accompanied by the declaration that Germany's claim to invincibility had been shattered forever, an admission came out of Russia indicating that the Soviet forces were experiencing reverses—in trying to check the Hitlerian barbarians in the Ukraine. Military observers, however, pinned much hope in the mastery retreat of the Russian forces, and it is generally agreed that Germany is yet to accomplish its objectives in Russia.

Advices from both Moscow and London state that General Budenny is effecting an orderly retreat and pulling the German invaders further and further from their supplies. The Russians, following Stalin's general request, are destroying their own properties and leaving a scorched and barren earth for the invaders to trample down.

Contrary to the German report claiming that the Russians were backed to the Black Sea and there trying to escape in boats, the Russian high command in a communique describing yesterday's fighting said that on the Ukrainian front the Red army had "evacuated" the Bug river town of Pervomaisk, 110 miles north of Odessa and 140 miles southeast of Kiev, as well as the town of Kirovograd in the same vicinity.

This meant that the reinforced German, swinging south around Kiev and down the Bug Valley toward the Black Sea, had pushed 60 miles further on from Uman, which was the most advanced point of fighting there reported in many previous Russian communique.

At Pervomaisk the Germans were along the direct Bug Valley route to the important grain port and naval base of Nikolayev.

In the course of Thursday, August 14, our troops fought the enemy fiercely along the entire front from the White Sea to the Black Sea, the high command said, indicating synchronized heavy German drives against Leningrad, Moscow and Odessa.

No details were provided, however, of the course of the Germans' attempted encirclement of Leningrad, which was admitted 24 hours ago to have made a 40-mile advance to the vicinity of Staraya Russa on the southern shore of Lake Ilmen, 140 miles south of Leningrad.

Nor was any description given of the Germans' effort to push upon Moscow from Smolensk, which the Russian high command has admitted abandoning "a few days ago."

Describing continued heavy Russian aerial attacks on German troop columns, motorized units and rear-line airdromes, the communique reported the destruction of 74 German planes on Wednesday against the (Continued on page six)

Equipment Moving For Fill Project

With part of the equipment already unloaded and other machinery moving on the highways, the Martin Contracting firm is making ready to start paying the Roanoke River fill next week, Mr. Green, plant superintendent, said this morning.

The large crane and bins were unloaded on the site near the fertilizer plant yesterday, and the big mixer is on trucks moving from South Carolina. It is expected to reach here late today or tomorrow. Project Superintendent Poole was quoted as saying materials for the project are being ordered by day from Garysburg, and actual paving work is expected to get underway about the middle of next week.

A shortage of labor is now anticipated, Mr. Green stating this morning that he was finding it difficult to get men in helping set up the equipment already here. Calls for labor have already been placed with the employment agency.

According to present plans, the paving work will be started on the eastern end of the fill. One side of the road will be paved at the time, permitting traffic to move over the route with as little interruption as possible.

County Man Injured In Wreck Thursday

Wilbur LeRoy Williams, Griffins Township man, was badly cut on his left hand in an automobile accident in Griffins Township yesterday morning. Several stitches were necessary to close the wound.

Driving out of the old Dymond City Road, Williams crashed into a car driven by Dr. Allen A. Heflin at the intersection near Mr. Will Hardison's home. Williams' pick-up truck turned over and came to a stop in an upright position. Neither Dr. Heflin nor his companion, Paul Ballard, was hurt. Williams was alone.

No estimate of the property damage could be had, but the loss of both machines was considerable, one report stated.