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Superior Court Will Open Regular Term Here Next Monday

Judge John Jay Burney Will Hear Criminal and Civil Cases During Week

Opening next Monday for a one week term, the Martin County Superior Court will hear both criminal and civil cases with Judge John Jay Burney, of Wilmington, on the bench. Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, was scheduled to preside over the term but an exchange was effected and Judge Burney will come here.

Few or no civil cases have been definitely scheduled for trial during the term, and only twenty criminal cases had been placed on the docket up until late yesterday for trial during next week.

A review of the docket shows few cases of any great importance, and the court, almost certain to wind up its business and adjourn for the term long before the week is spent, is hardly expected to attract very much attention from the general public.

The following criminal cases await the attention of the court:

The old case charging Henry Ellison with drunken driving rounds out a full year on the docket, officers stating that he has long since left for parts unknown to them. No disposition of the bond in the case is revealed in the court minutes.

The case charging Howard Griffin with forgery, was continued from a previous term.

Bound over by the county recorder, the case charging Wesley James with bigamy, was continued from a previous term, presumably for the defendant to get himself out of the tangle.

The case charging Harry Davis with aiding and abetting forgery and with false pretense was also continued last session.

Boatman Bland, charged with larceny, faces the court for trial next week after having appealed from a judgment handed down in the lower court.

Marvin Smith, charged with reckless driving, is appealing from a lower court judgment.

A. J. Hardison, charged with stealing an automobile, was scheduled for trial in the "big" court when probable cause of guilt was found at a preliminary hearing before Recorder Coburn.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon, Ben Biggs is appealing from a judgment entered in the lower court records.

Given a preliminary hearing by a justice of the peace, Harry Lanier

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Current Rationing Plan For Gasoline Has Been Extended

Unit Value of Cards Now Held By Motorists Will Be Doubled

Apparently unable to complete plans for introducing a more rigid system by July 1, Federal rationing authorities advised the Martin County Rationing Board this morning that the old plan would be extended until July 15th, the holders of A and B cards to receive six gallons of gas for each unit beginning next Monday. It should be remembered that the increased allotment per unit is not toward a liberal plan, for the motorist will be expected to make the cards last fifteen days longer than was originally planned, the rationing administrators reasoning that by doubling the value of the card for the last fifteen days in June the motorist would have sufficient gasoline to last him during the first fifteen days of July.

The new system, which was to have gone into effect on July 1, was delayed in order to train registrars and supply local rationing boards with instructions and material, Price Administrator Leon Henderson said. Beginning at 12:01 a. m. on Monday, June 15, motorists will be able to get the more liberal gasoline allowance, the OPA declared.

"The new plan, which replaces the present temporary plan, will apply more rigid and more complete control over the flow of gasoline throughout the Eastern shortage area," Price Administrator Henderson said. "This necessarily entails more detailed regulations than were needed for the emergency plan. For this reason, some time is needed to train registrars, and supply local rationing boards with instructions and material for carrying out the plan."

"We are making every effort to eliminate all confusion in issuing the new coupon books, and make it as convenient as possible for car owners to obtain their ration."

Card holders who have exhausted the units on their present cards by June 15 may apply to a local rationing board for extra ration. The OPA warned, however, that such a ration should be for gasoline needed between July 1 and July 15 only, since the rations allowed by the

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Many County Farmers Plant In Excess Of Tobacco Quotas

Despite reported labor shortages and heavy penalties, many tobacco farmers in this county are apparently planting in excess of their 1942 quotas, the excess coming after an estimated 90 per cent of the growers took advantage of increased allotments granted this year over those of 1941 by the farm program. The number of farmers planting in excess of their 1942 allotments is far greater than it was a year ago. It is true that the excess acreage for the individual farmer is not very great, but according to an estimate based on 175 cases the total increase over the quota allotment will run into the hundreds of acres. The excess figures range from one-tenth to seven-tenths of an acre in the 63 cases out of 175 checked by the supervisors to date. More than one out of every three farmers whose acreages have been checked have planted in excess of their allotments.

In some communities the percentage of farmers planting in excess of their allotments is much larger, while in other parts of the county there are few instances where the allotments have been exceeded. There are not many cases where the excess was planted intentionally, most of the farmers explaining that they measured their land and thinking they did not have quite enough went ahead and put a few more rows into cultivation.

Very few cases have been reported where cotton farmers have exceeded their allotments. Farmers planting tobacco in excess are being notified and they must plow up or destroy the surplus within 15 days after being notified or pay designated penalties. Cotton farmers, planting in excess of their quotas, have only ten days after being notified to comply with the program or pay the penalty.

Reject Eleven White Draftees From County

PREPARING

Apparently there'll be no food shortage in Martin County any time soon, if plans so exacting explained to the rationing board here materialize. Yesterday, the office handled between 90 and 100 applications for sugar to be used in preserving fruits and other foods. A family of two, it was stated, claimed they were going to can around 1,600 quarts of food, that they needed about 400 pounds of sugar. The applicant wanted so much sugar that the board clerks delayed action on the request. It is possible an investigation will be made to check up on some of the claims for surplus sugar allotments.

The applications for sugar call for from 25 to 400 pounds, most of them asking less than 50 pounds.

Probable Cause Of Guilt Is Found In Oxen Stealing Case

Gus Cowan Pleads Not Guilty At Hearing Held Here On Wednesday

Pleading not guilty, Gus N. Cowan was bound over to the superior court for trial at a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell here Wednesday in the case charging him with the larceny of three oxen from R. S. Critcher on the night of April 29th. Bond in the sum of \$500 was required.

Taking the stand, Mr. Critcher described the steers and told the court that he had them tied in a woods about five miles above Hamilton, that he saw them on the evening of April 29th and missed them the following day. He tracked them across fields and down little-used roads to a point where they were loaded more than a mile from the place where he had been using them in logging operations. He valued the three animals at \$450.

H. R. Whitley, one of the main state witnesses, identified two of the steers as those of Mr. Critcher and stated that Cowan got him to help load the animals and haul them to a point a short distance beyond Suffolk. "Cowan told me that the steers belonged to him, that he had only rented them to Mr. Critcher," Whitley explained. According to Whitley, they went for the oxen late one night, led them for more than a mile to a truck where Josh Pritchard was waiting for them. The three men drove to Virginia where the oxen were sold.

Josh Pritchard said he was with Cowan and Whitley and helped load

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SHORTAGE

A New York business man is thoroughly convinced that there is a gasoline shortage. At least all the argument in Washington and the individual opinions of the wise guys throughout the nation do not impress him a bit. Leaving New York this week, he made it to Baltimore where he found more liquor on hand than gas. After spending half a day there and failing to get a gallon of gasoline legally or illegally, the business man loaded his car on the boat and made it to Norfolk where he got enough gas to make it out of the city. Stopping at nearly every filling station along the way he gradually built up a small reserve in his tank by the time he reached here.

Thirteen White Men Are Assigned Places In Army Recently

No July Call for White Draftees Has Been Received in This County To Date

A few weeks ago twenty of twenty-four colored draftees reporting for army service from this county were rejected on account of physical defects or low literacy standards. More recently eleven of twenty-four young white men reporting for army service from the county were rejected for the same two major reasons, according to an official report received yesterday from the Army induction center. The report was not open to public inspection and definite causes for the rejections could not be learned. It is understood that five of the eleven could not or did not measure up to certain education standards, that most of the other six were rejected on account of trouble they did not even know about. More than half of them were rejected because of hernia.

In those cases where the draftees have remedial troubles, they are continued in the I-A classification and are subject to call again.

No July draft quota for white men has been received in this county so far, and it is understood that no colored selectees will leave this month but that there is a call for colored men to be answered some time in July. Fairly sizable July calls are being received in other eastern counties, an unofficial report stating that Washington County is being called upon to furnish two groups of men next month. One call is for 35 men and the other for about 25, it is understood.

Several of the white selectees leaving this county recently and who were accepted by the Army have already been transferred to other locations, some going to Mississippi. A furlough had been tentatively approved by one of the young men, Luther Harris, but had already been

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Former Resident Passes In Wilson

Mrs. Frances Gurganus Anderson, a former resident of Williamston, died in a Wilson hospital Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock following an illness of only a short time. While she had been in ill health for some time, Mrs. Anderson was believed to be getting along as well as usual until last Saturday when her condition became serious and she was removed immediately to the hospital. It was not until a short time before the end that her condition was regarded as being critical and news of her death came unexpectedly and as a shock to her many friends here.

The daughter of Mr. J. Henry Gurganus and the late Mrs. Gurganus of this county, Mrs. Anderson was born on December 23, 1906. She attended the local schools and made her home here until 1930 when she was married to Thomas M. Anderson and moved to Wilson. Congenial and possessed of a friendly character, she made friends readily, her unpretentiousness and marked sincerity commanding the admiration of all who knew her.

Besides her husband and father, she leaves two sisters, Mrs. Henry D. Harrison, of Williamston, and Miss Hennie Gurganus, of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Wilson Methodist Church by her pastor, Rev. Hugh A. Ellis, Baptist minister, and Rev. H. B. Porter, of the Methodist Church. Interment was in Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson.



THE 26TH WEEK OF THE WAR

Pacific Fleet Commander Nimitz reported two and possibly three Japanese aircraft carriers and a destroyer were sunk, and three battleships, six cruisers and three transports were damaged in the Battle of Midway Island. All planes on the two carriers definitely known to be sunk were lost, Admiral Nimitz said. One U. S. carrier was hit and some planes were lost, but casualties among the U. S. personnel were light he said.

Gen. MacArthur reported within six days allied naval and air forces sank seven and possibly eight enemy submarines, two heavily loaded armed supply ships and an armed transport, and also badly damaged a 7,000-ton vessel. Allied losses in the Southwest Pacific were two cargo vessels. In air raids over Rabaul, Lae, Salamaua, Atamboea, Tulagi, Koe-pang and Dili, and Burma, 12 enemy planes were destroyed, one enemy tanker sunk and runways, airdrome installations and parked planes damaged. Three allied planes were lost. The Navy said allied merchant ships losses totaled 21 during the week, including nine U. S. ships, running the grand total to 254.

Production

U. S. production of planes has reached the level of "nearly 5,000 a month," and by next year we will have reached the President's goal of 10,000 a month, the Senate Appropriations Committee announced. Army Air Forces Commander Arnold congratulated the Vega Aircraft Corporation at Burbank, California, on being six months ahead of schedule on production. WPB Chairman Nelson, after a tour of the automotive industry in Detroit, said the American industry could "more than double present production by 1944." He also said the Government synthetic rubber program would be able to take care of "all war production and essential civilian needs" by 1944. Despite the fact that almost twice as many light arms are required per man since the development of parachute troops, the army has enough weapons to arm every soldier in the U. S., and all it can send abroad under present shipping conditions, War Under Secretary Patterson reported. He said over-optimism regarding production schedules is unwarranted, however, because of rubber, nickel, and copper shortages.

A record total of 58 ships were delivered to service during May, while 65 other ships were launched and keels were laid for 75, the Maritime Commission reported. This compared with 36 delivered and 51 launched in April. The President asked Congress for an appropriation of \$1,100,000,000 for the WSA to acquire and operate merchant vessels to carry American arms.

War Declared against Balkan States

The U. S. declared war against Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania. The President said the three countries previously declared war on the U. S. as instruments of Hitler, and currently they are engaged in military operations against the United Nations and are planning to extend those operations. The Justice Department said enemy alien restrictions will be applied against nationals of the countries in the United States. Assets of these countries here have already been frozen.

Foreign Relations

The U. S. signed a lend-lease agreement with China, substantially the same as its aid to Britain, and proposed lend-lease agreements on the same terms with the Norwegian, Belgian, Polish, Green and Netherlands governments in exile. Lend-lease Administrator Stettinius said under the joint control of the combined boards in London and Washington.

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SCRAP RUBBER

Going on the air this evening for a five-minute talk, President Roosevelt will outline plans for an extensive scrap rubber drive. Tentative plans are to open the drive next Monday. Collections will be centered at every filling station in the nation, the sellers to receive one cent a pound. The filling station operators will turn it over to the distributor-dealers who will in turn deliver it to the government.

Old automobile tires and tubes, rubber balls and other discarded items will be acceptable. The campaign is to last two weeks, and the success of the drive will have some effect on gas rationing, it is believed.

Plans Are Advanced for Fifth Draft Registration In County

Tentative plans were announced this week by R. H. Goodman, chairman of the Martin County Draft Board, for holding the fifth draft registration in this county on Tuesday, June 30th.

Eight registration centers will be maintained, it was announced as follows: Jamesville, Farm Life, Williamston, Everetts, Robersonville, Hamilton and Oak City. Those persons, or as many of them who possibly can do so, who handled or aided in handling the past registrations are being called upon to volunteer their services again.

The new registration is being held for those men in the late teen group. Every young man who was born on or after January 1, 1922, or who was born on or before June 30, 1924 and

who has not registered previously is required to register on Tuesday, June 30th.

Under the terms of the present Selective Service Act, those men under 20 years of age are not subject to military service, but there is much talk about lowering the age limit from twenty to include those young men eighteen and nineteen years of age. Those young men who were born between January 1 and July 1, 1922, are subject to call under the present laws, but it is not quite clear how their order numbers will be determined. It is possible that their numbers will be filtered in with those in past registrations.

According to the best estimates obtainable, approximately 625 young men will register in this county on the designated day.

Timely Statement By Returned Missionary

Prepares Petitions For Eradication of Mosquitoes

Dr. Chas. Leonard Recalls His Experiences Before War At Honolulu

By DR. CHAS. A. LEONARD (Missionary to Manchuria and the Hawaiian Islands)

"I never thought of drinking until I came to this place," answered a fine young man of the army as I tried to lift him up out of his drunkenness in one of the parks of Honolulu, adjoining which we have a mission. When a handsome Navy man was reminded how spotless was his uniform until smeared with vomit, and that a mother and father, and maybe a sweetheart, back at home were probably praying for him, he replied with resentment: "Yes, so it is, but how can you expect a man to do other than drink when liquor is poked out at him on every street corner, in every cafe, and in almost every store you enter?"

There wasn't much one could say to these dear fellows. I, too, felt resentment, that Americans, simply for the taxes collected, were willing that their sons, brothers, fathers and sweethearts be so tempted and treated! It wasn't long until "M.P.s", military police, came along, beat the men into submission, shoved them into police patrol wagons and carried them off to prison. There they were punished for drinking the very stuff their country desired to sell them for the collection of taxes.

A few days before an address had been made at the Honolulu Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. to chaplains of the Army and Navy at their monthly get-together dinner. My subject was "Japan's Ruthlessness Versus America's Inconsistency." I had been impressed with both, especially during the recent years of more than 30 spent in north China and Manchuria. We missionaries, for a long time, warned against the sale of war materials to Japan. But some cared little so long as certain Americans were making money therefrom. Others were afraid we would offend Japan. We were sowing to the wind and have since certainly reaped a whirlwind.

At that time Japan had not yet stabbed us in the back with the sword we so willingly placed in her hands. On that score we are now awake to our inconsistency. The equally inconsistent sale of intoxicants in and around our army camps and the help thus given to the enemy does not

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Backbone Of Dry Season Is Broken

Stunting the growth but not materially damaging crops, the long dry season in this section has been checked by spotted rains during the past seven days. Widely scattered and of a freakish nature, the rains have fallen so frequently in some communities that framing operations were halted while in other communities, just short distances removed, the rains have hardly been sufficient to lay the dust. Every section, however, has had rain, and the prospects today for bumper crops are usually bright.

Tobacco has grown rapidly during the past week, Farmer and Warehouseman Johnny Gurkin stating that some crops had almost doubled in size since the first rains following the dry season.

More rain—2.79 inches—fell at this point during the past seven days than was recorded during all of May and half of April. A fraction over one-third of the rain fell in a single afternoon at this point. The total rainfall for the year to date is several inches below the total for the corresponding period, a year ago.

Allied Powers Make Plans For Opening a Second War Front

Russian Lines Threatened at Sevastopol and in the Kharkov Area

Detailed reports from the great naval engagement off Midway in the Pacific last week and history-making developments on the diplomatic fronts of the world have claimed the spotlight in the news during the past day or two, but fighting on the Russian and Libyan fronts and in China rages in all its fury and with threatening possibilities against the defenders.

The Allied Powers have agreed to open a second front in the war against Hitler, but the world is left guessing when, where and how it will be done. Developments support the announced agreement, however, and it is to be guessed that large convoys, troops in numbers and vast stores of supplies are not moving across the Atlantic for nothing. Second front action is expected before the remainder of 1942 is spent.

In addition to planning a second front, the United States, Russia and Great Britain have agreed on post-war plans, guaranteeing Russia a seat at the peace table and a major role in post-war reconstruction. Accompanying this development, it was announced that Russia and Britain had signed a 20-year mutual assistance pact, and agreed that no separate peace would be considered.

These developments on the diplomatic front are accepted as a green light on the European war front, but leave China in the lurch. The shaky neutrality now narrowing separating Russia and Japan was not disturbed by the developments. The diversion of Japanese power to Russia would greatly relieve the hard-pressed Chinese, but the developments are not at all heartening to the Chinese. About the only thing that will save China for the Allies now is the delivery of vast quantities of supplies, and that is an admittedly difficult task with Japan continuing its strangulation work.

The problem in India is rapidly becoming acute, but no immediate action is anticipated there on account of the weather. The Allies are building up a great defense there, but while they are doing that the Indian leaders are asking them to get out.

Back to the war fronts, an official report tells of the Midway battle. The Japs lost 18 ships sunk or damaged in what has been described the greatest air-naval action in history, and 200 or more Jap planes were destroyed, reliable estimates placing the enemy loss at 10,000 men. More than 50 Jap ships were in the invasion armada. The U. S. Army Air Corps lost two bombers and their

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Few Present For Regular Session Of County Court

Half of Cases On Docket Are Continued Until Week After Next

Few spectators and not many litigants were present for the regular session of the county recorder's court last Monday. The session, a rather uneventful one, lasted hardly an hour. Those few who were present heard Judge Robert L. Coburn follow up his order directing all vagrants in the county to either go to work or go to jail. None of the alleged members of the order of united sons of rest has been rounded up, but reliable reports declare that officers are taking down quite a few names and checking the records. As far as it could be learned no favoritism is to be shown, and some good excuses must be offered if the alleged violators of the vagrancy laws are to escape road terms or fines.

Six cases were called at the session last Monday, the court continuing half of them for the defendants until week after next. The county court will not sit next Monday as the superior court will be in session for the trial of criminal and civil cases.

Proceedings: J. C. Hendricks, charged in two cases with passing worthless checks, pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case under prayer for judgment. The case charging Kelly Purvis with assaulting a female, was continued until June 22 for the defendant.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging W. H. Roebuck with violating the motor vehicle laws. The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

A continuance was granted Columbus Ward in the case charging him with drunken driving. Trial is scheduled for June 22nd.

C. W. Burrus, Hyde County man charged with drunken driving, apparently got lost and told arresting officers he was looking for the hospital in Washington at the time he was taken into custody on Williamston's North Houghton Street. The

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MOSQUITOES

The mosquito attack continues in full fury in this section, but this community is relatively free of the pests as compared with infestation in the islands section of Williams Township, according to a declared statement coming from Farmer Frank Barber. His property virtually destroyed by flood waters two years ago, the farmer intimated that he had just about as soon have the water as the mosquitoes in the numbers they are swarming around him now.

"I have seen the time when I had to wipe the mosquitoes off my gun barrel before I could shoot, but now the pests are so numerous I couldn't even find the barrel," the farmer said. At no time during the quarter of a century he has been in the islands have the varmints been so numerous, the farmer said, adding that many of them are malaria carriers.

Shortage In Vital Metals Threatens Future Production

Shipways May Stand Idle and Ammunition Lines Slow Down for Metal Lack

War production demands have created a shortage of materials in the United States that will grow more serious as the war progresses, William L. Batts, chairman of the Requirements Committee, WPB, and A. I. Henderson, newly appointed Director of Materials, warned both industry and civilian consumers June 8th.

Mr. Batts said he could not over-emphasize the difficulties of the job he has turned over to Mr. Henderson as his successor as Director of Materials.

"As the vast production machine which has created over the last two years swings into action, the difficulty of providing materials to feed it will become more and more apparent," Mr. Batts said.

"This comes as no surprise to us who have been living with the problem. I can see times ahead when a shipyard may stand idle for lack of steel and an ammunition line may slow down for lack of copper and brass.

"Our civilian economy is fast going on a minimum subsistence standard. Vital materials no longer can be used except for war and for the maintenance of those things necessary to carry on the war.

"The past months have been relatively easy. The military has taken from the civilian to meet its needs. This pool is nearly dry. From here on out it will be a continuous problem to provide materials to meet the needs of our fighting forces. Industry must get ready to 'patch and pray' to keep existing equipment at

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DEFENSE MEET

A county-wide defense meeting will be held in the county courthouse on Wednesday evening of next week at 8:30 o'clock, H. G. Horton, civilian defense chairman, announces.