

TOTAL OF 15 FROM MARTIN TRIED IN FEDERAL COURT

Every Case Was For Violation of Prohibition Law

TWO ARE ACQUITTED

Thirteen Convicted Get Fines and Sentences; Only One Woman Sent Up From County

Fifteen Martin County people, charged with violating the liquor laws in one way or another, were tried before Judge I. M. Meekins in the Federal Court at Washington this week.

The names of the defendants from Martin and the disposition of the cases follow:

Raymond Bowen, three years in a reformatory; J. C. Cordon, 1 year and a day at Atlanta; Jasper Smith, eighteen months; Johnnie Moore, twelve months; C. C. Sheppard, year and a day; Moses Gilliam, \$50 fine; Chester H. Terry, \$50 fine; William E. Terry, \$50 fine; William James, not guilty; James Leake, year and a day; Joe Henry Whitfield, \$50 fine; Willie Pierce, six months; Harry Hopkins, year and a day; Ben Lilley, not guilty; Arnicie James, eighteen months.

According to an unofficial report, approximately 45 prisoners will be carried from Washington to the prison at Atlanta and to the reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Since the last term of the court, there has been little change in the number of violations of the prohibition laws in this county. Sixteen were tried from this county at the April term and 15 were tried this week.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

In recent weeks a group of men from the adult men's Bible Class have been going into the rural sections each Sunday morning and bringing into our Sunday school sessions whoever cared to come.

A very certain response has been made, and the attendance upon the Sunday school has been noticeably increased. The Baptist church and its Sunday school welcomes any one, from anywhere, who cares to participate in any of its services.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning and evening.

Judge Francis D. Winston will lecture to the young men's class Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, in their regular place of meeting at the pastorage.

The B. Y. P. U. departments will have their regular meetings Sunday evening at 6:30 in the church.

The junior choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Wheeler Martin, is practicing a program of music, which will be rendered in their next regular church service, which will be the third Sunday in this month.

The mid-week service will be held at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Program of Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector Sunday school, 10 a. m. Holy communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

Bear Grass, 3 p. m. Roper, 7:30 p. m.

Confirmation section, Monday, 7:30 p. m.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday October 12

YAKIMA CANUT in "BAD MAN'S MONEY" Also COMEDY AND SERIAL

Monday-Tuesday Oct. 14-15

LON CHANEY in "THUNDER" Also NEWS AND FABLES MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

Market Average Yesterday Is Highest of Season So Far

Tobacco prices paid on the local floors yesterday were the highest of the season, according to official figures given out by the Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade this morning.

The breaks have been small this week, probably due to a great extent to the peanut season which is holding farmers from their tobacco grading.

An expert tobaccoist stated yesterday afternoon that the better grades are selling for more

money this year than they did last season. Having observed the sales here for several years, the tobaccoist added that the crop around Williamston is the poorest he had ever seen raised here.

While there have been substantial increases in the prices paid for the medium and better grades the price remains about the same for black tips and washed-out lugs.

The outlook now is more encouraging than at any time this season, and with present prices continuing, large sales are expected during the remainder of October.

FARMERS START PEANUT DIGGING

Reports Indicate Many Are Digging While Peanuts Are Too Green

"While there is no material increase in the acreage, our yield will not be as large this year as it was last season," Mr. J. F. Jackson, of Dardens, stated yesterday afternoon when questioned relative to the peanut crop in the lower part of the county.

Mr. Jackson was also of the opinion that the farmers there are digging the goobers too early, that the nuts are too green. General reports indicate that many farmers are digging their peanuts too green, but it is understood that a delay of a few days is likely to result in a loss of the vine and many of the nuts.

GOOD QUALITY PEANUT CROP

Farm Activities of Week Center Around Once Lowly Goober

The agricultural activities in Martin county for the week have been centered on the peanut. The heavy rains of ten days ago delayed peanut digging for a week and has caused farmers to work regularly at the task this week.

The crop is estimated at about 75 per cent of normal in quantity with quality good and above normal.

Cotton is reported as very short in quantity and unusually poor in quality. Between the heavy rains and the boll weevil many farmers guess the crop off at least 50 per cent of the normal yield.

Tobacco grading has been halted on account of peanut digging and cotton picking. Very few farmers in the entire peanut belt are marketing their tobacco now and consequently light sales are the rule in the peanut belt.

Presbyterian Women Meeting Here Today

The group conference of the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church is being well attended here today, delegates coming from Edenton, Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, New Bern, Kingston, Washington and Greenville.

Following the opening of the conference at 10:30 in the Baptist church, Mrs. Roy Leary, leader of Group I, led the activities during the morning session. Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff conducted the devotional worship. The response to the welcome address by Mrs. Anna Harrison, was made by Mrs. C. M. Brown. Mrs. W. T. Clark, of Wilson, president of the conference made the main address this morning.

Several inspirational talks were made and reports having to do with educational and orphanage work were read by the Presbyterian secretaries.

Following the luncheon in the Woman's Club hall, the conference reconvened at 2:00 o'clock when a program dealing principally with young people's work was heard.

Rev. W. B. Harrington to Conduct Three Services Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct three services this week end, beginning Saturday evening with a sermon in the Piney Grove Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock.

MANY DEER ARE KILLED DUE TO FLOOD WATER

Hunters Come From All Over State To Join in Hunts

198-POUNDER KILLED

Number of Animals Are Also Being Killed in Jamesville Section; All Are Bucks

Forced to the highlands by high water, many deer have been bagged in this and Bertie county during the past several days. Hunters from all sections of Eastern Carolina have taken a part in one or more hunts this week, and their catches have ranged from one to five deer a day.

The prize of the hunt was bagged by Jack Daniel and James Herbert Ward Wednesday afternoon when they killed a big buck weighing 198 pounds.

A unique racing program, including both horse and automobile races will feature the events at the Roanoke fair here this year, according to an announcement made today by Manager John L. Rodgers.

The races on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will include a number of the best horses running on southern tracks this year, according to a review of the entry list.

ROANOKE RIVER STARTS FALLING

Crest of High Water Was Reached Yesterday; 9 Feet Above Normal

Approximately nine feet above its normal level, the Roanoke river has flooded lowlands along its banks for miles, the vast area covered being mainly woodland.

After reaching its crest early yesterday, the river started falling last night after remaining on a standstill for several hours.

Program of Services at Presbyterian Church

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Pastor True sayings: If we do not live right, we have no right to live.

Sunday school: 9:45 a. m.—Departmental classes.

Worship service, 11 a. m. Subject: "The Greatest Thing in the World." A hearty welcome is extended to the people of Williamston who are not already connected with any church to come and worship with us.

The officers destroyed the beer vats and brought the stills in.

Wedding Is First Service in New Hamilton Church

Hamilton, Oct. 10.—The new Baptist church building of Hamilton was recently completed, the lighting fixtures just installed.

Fire Destroys Ford Early This Morning Fire of undetermined origin, practically destroyed a Ford sedan, old model, and threatened the home of William Stokes, colored, on Railroad Street at three o'clock this morning.

The usual services of the Presbyterian church will be held in the schoolhouse auditorium at Bear Grass next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Program of Services at Christian Church

Regular services will be conducted at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and 7:30 in the evening, it was announced by the pastor.

MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES SHOW DECLINE IN N. C.

21,373 Marriages in State Last Year; Decrease Of 831

33 FEWER DIVORCES

Marriage Rate Per 1,000 Last Year Was 7.3, Against 7.7 For the Previous Year

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were 21,373 marriages performed in North Carolina during the year 1928, as compared with 22,204 in 1927, representing a decrease of 831, or 3.7 per cent.

The number of marriages was reported by the register of deeds and the number of divorces by the clerk of the superior court of each county.

The rate of \$4.01 is divided as follows: Town, \$2.19; county-wide, \$1.34; special school, 22 cents; and special road, 35 cents, making a total of \$4.01, which, when added to the paving tax and poll tax, gives the grand total.

LUKE A. SYKES DIES THURSDAY

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis Sunday; Never Regained Consciousness

Luke A. Sykes, aged 50, died at his home on the Thomas Gurkin farm near Jamesville, early yesterday morning following a stroke of paralysis suffered the Sunday night before.

The funeral was held at the home at 1:30 this afternoon and interment was made in the W. B. Lilley cemetery, in Jamesville township.

Judge Winston To Speak To Class Here Sunday

The members of the Young Men's Bible Class of the Memorial Baptist Church are having Judge Francis D. Winston to come over and deliver their Sunday morning lecture.

Last Sunday Judge Clayton Moore addressed them; and there was much appreciation upon their part of his willingness to come, and of the address itself.

This class of young men has possibilities of great growth, and it is their purpose to have in special lectures from time to time.

They meet each Sunday morning in a large room at the pastorage, where there are sufficient accommodations to take care of all who want to come.

This class invites, and Judge Winston would appreciate, the presence of any one who would like to be present Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Special Business Session At Cross Roads Church

In addition to the regular program of services at the Cross Roads Christian Chapel Church Sunday, there will be a special session for the handling of important business, it was stated in the announcement made yesterday by one of the church's members.

The Sunday school will convene at 10 a. m. and regular church services will be held at the 11 o'clock hour, it was announced.

Everetts Woodmen Will Meet Monday

The Everetts Camp of Modern Woodmen will meet Monday evening, October 14, at 7:30 o'clock.

Reports on the work of the district meeting will be made by the delegates attending, it was stated. Other matters of importance will come up and every member is urged to attend the meeting.

SEVERAL PAY TAXES IN ORDER TO BENEFIT BY 1-CENT DISCOUNT

\$4.01 IS TOTAL OF LOCAL TAXES

Poll Tax and Paving Assessments Will Also Have to be Paid

Adding the county-wide, special school, special road tax, and the town rate, Williamston property owners will pay taxes at the rate of \$4.01 on the \$100 valuation.

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BAPTIST MEET IN NASHVILLE

Annual Session of Association Will Be Held Next Week

The pastor of the local Baptist church said today that the Baptist association of which his church is a member will hold its thirty-second annual meeting Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

In addition to the regular routine of a local association, there is about a plan of reorganization of the districts, and a possible reapportionment of the members of the executive committee.

These associations are always glad when any visitors assemble with them. And it is always understood that the entertaining church expects to provide homes for those who come to spend Tuesday night.

M. W. WRIGHT DIES THURSDAY

Jamesville Man Had Been in Feeble Health for Past Year

Milton W. Wright died yesterday evening at six o'clock at his home near Jamesville. While pneumonia was the direct cause of his death, Mr. Wright had been in feeble health during the past twelve months, suffering attacks of asthma and a complication of other diseases.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment will be made at the Wright grave yard, near Corinth Baptist Church.

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald Speaks to Kiwanians

Using the subject, "The Value of Pride," Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, at the regular Kiwanis luncheon last Wednesday, made one of the most interesting and instructive talks the members of the club have listened to in some time.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, pastor of the local Presbyterian church will have the next Wednesday program in charge, it was stated.

Unable to Account for Blood Stains on Fill

Blood, believed to have come from a human body, was found on the Roanoke River fill near here yesterday morning, indicating that some one had been cut, but furnishing insufficient evidence to make possible an investigation.

A woman's handkerchief, drenched with blood, was found at the spot and blood stains were found on the highway guard rail, giving rise to the thought that some one had scaled the fence. A paper bag was found at the edge of the dam.

Whooping Cough Nears Epidemic Stage in Bertie

Ten cases of whooping cough in Windsor have been reported, to J. E. Smith, county health officer, within the past few days, according to an account carried in the Bertie News-Leader, newly established paper of Windsor.

The paper states, "Since most of the school children have had whooping cough, it is not expected that the schools will have to be closed."

AROUND \$1,000 PAID SO FAR

Montgomery Lumber Co., First To Pay Up This Year

J. F. JACKSON SECOND

Atlantic Coast Line Expected to Pay \$52,000 Into Treasury Within Next Few Days

The one-cent discount offered taxpayers for settling their accounts before November 1 is having some effect, according to a report coming from the sheriff's office here yesterday afternoon.

The Montgomery Lumber Company, of Suffolk, forwarded its check of approximately \$800 to pay its taxes on property listed in Martin, the company being the first of the approximately 7,000 taxpayers in this county to square its account.

"Well, all the tobacco I have sold so far this season will just about pay my taxes," Mr. J. F. Jackson, of Dardens, stated yesterday afternoon when he walked into the office of the collector here.

The big corporations, anxious to take advantage of the one-cent discount, are not waiting for the regular notices giving the amounts of their taxes; they are writing to inquire after the facts and figures. In the list, the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company leads them all.

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Mr. Wright, 50 years old, was born near Jamesville where he farmed until about thirteen years ago when he moved to Ayden. Three years ago he returned to his old home and engaged in farming.

Program of Services At Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Pastor Preaching services, 11 a. m.; subject, "Righteousness the way to Happiness."

Evening service, 7:30; subject, "Keeping Faith with God." Sunday school 9:45; Prayer service, Wednesday, 7:30.

The public is cordially invited to worship at this church.

League to Hold Cake And Package Sale

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church will have a cake and package sale at the office of the late Dr. J. B. H. Knight tomorrow from 5 to 10 o'clock p. m.

Margolis Brothers Store Will Be Closed Monday

In observance of the Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur, the Messrs. Margolis Brothers will close their store here next Monday.

Locals Meet Morehead City Highs Here Today

The Robersonville and Williamston football teams are playing their third game of the season this afternoon, Robersonville meeting Aulander at Aulander and the locals meeting Morehead City here.

The two county teams have been undefeated so far this season and forecasts point to victories this afternoon.