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DOCKET BACK TO NORMAL SIZE IN COURT TUESDAY

Six Cases Tried by Judge Peel in Recorder's Court This Week

The county recorder's court, after handling dockets of record-breaking size, returned to about normal last Tuesday, Judge Peel disposing of six cases. Several substantial fines were imposed, and one long road sentence was meted out. The session, the first for the court in the new year, lasted until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Charged with drunken automobile driving, Herman Rogerson was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year.

A four-months road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging John H. Ellison with operating a disorderly store.

Lacy Warren was fined \$40 and taxed with the cost for the alleged operation of a car while intoxicated. His license to operate a car was revoked for a period of one year.

The case charging Handy Ore with operating with improper lights was not prosed.

Charlie Jones, charged with drunk en automobile driving, was fined \$75 and taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

Alexander Smallwood pleaded guilty of breaking into the Williamston Hardware Company a week ago and was sentenced to the roads for 18 months.

Basketball Schedule For School Teams Is Outlined by Coach

Boys Win, Girls Lose, in Season's Opener Here Wednesday

Opening the season with a double-header with Plymouth's teams last Wednesday evening, the local high school girls' and boys' basketball teams continue to wade into their difficult schedule for the season tonight against Washington at Washington. In the first games, the local boys won, 48 to 16, and the local girls lost, 34 to 13.

Season's prospects for the teams have been described as only fair, but Coach Peters allows his players will present competition all along the line. On the boys' squad, Clayton Moore, Tom Barnhill, Arthur Gurganus, Walt Cooke, A. G. Wynne, "Doc" Cone, "Monk" Critcher, and Junie Peel all look good. The girls' team has its hopes, too, and includes the following players: Louise Cooke, Jessie Mae Holloman, Marie Hardison, Frances Humble, Ella Mae Mashoe, Rachel, Keel, Evelyn Lilley, and Burnice Ward.

With the exception of the Kinston games on the 28th of January and February 26, when only the boys play, the following schedule shows double-headers:

- January 10, Washington, there.
 - January 14, Columbia, there.
 - January 16, Elizabeth City, here.
 - January 17, Bear Grass, here.
 - January 21, Tarboro, there.
 - January 24, Robersonville, here.
 - January 28, Kinston, here.
 - January 31, Farm Life, here.
 - February 4, Jamesville, here.
 - February 7, Greenville, here.
 - February 11, Elizabeth City, there.
 - February 14, Tarboro, here.
 - February 18, Washington, here.
 - February 21, Greenville, there.
 - February 25, Robersonville, there.
 - February 28, Kinston, here.
- The season will be closed on February 27 and 28 and March 2, when all high schools are scheduled to participate in a county tournament, Coach Peters said.

Rev. J. M. Perry To Preach At Oak City Next Sunday

Rev. J. M. Perry will preach at Oak City next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He will preach on one of the startling miracles of the New Testament, his subject being, "Back from the Shadows." The town and surrounding communities should turn out and fill the Christian church. The visiting minister held the first revival and organized the Christian church there some 13 or more years ago.

Announce Services at Baptist Church Here

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. B. T. U., 6:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.

Continue Distributing AAA Checks To County Farmers

A real scare was experienced in this county Tuesday, when orders were received from Raleigh directing the county's agent's office to hold all parity, rental and adjustment checks issued under authority of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Plans had just been completed for distributing about 1,000 cotton parity checks, representing a cash outlay of approximately \$10,000. And then there were a number of other checks still due.

The seriousness of the situation was brought home to some farmers

when they learned that the banks were hesitating in handling the checks.

Later advices from the State agricultural authorities directed the distribution of the checks, and unofficial reports indicate that efforts would be made to pay all AAA benefits falling due on and prior to the sixth of this month. Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control, continues at work and is mailing the notification cards this week, and checks should be in the hands of the owners within the next few days.

Board Makes Plans for Care of County Needy

FURTHER DELAY

Closed since the 20th of last month, the white schools in this county are scheduled to reopen next Monday, the 13th, after two delays had been ordered on account of the bad condition of the roads and unfavorable weather. The Christmas holidays were scheduled to end last Monday, but the opening date was postponed until yesterday, but the condition of the roads, going from bad to worse caused the authorities to schedule the opening for next Monday.

Much moving has been reported and much more will follow just as soon as the condition of the roads improve, and as a result much confusion on several of the truck routes is expected.

13-Year-Old Girl Dies Suddenly

Eula Mae Wobbleton, 13 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wobbleton, died suddenly in a Washington hospital Wednesday night at 11 o'clock. Diabetes was the cause of her death, it was stated. Taken suddenly ill Wednesday afternoon, the young girl was carried to the hospital early that evening, death following a few hours later.

She was unusually smart, and the bad state of her health was not known until a few hours before her passing. She attended the local schools, and leaves, besides her parents, several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Pentecostal Holiness church by Rev. Tom Harris. Interment was in the Nicholson burial ground, near here.

Take Deer From River Believed Shot by Sheriff

Apparently his fellow hunters did Sheriff Roebuck an injustice by cutting off his shirt-tail a few days ago when he shot and failed to bring down a deer on the spot. Word was received here from down below that a dead deer, weighing around 300 pounds, was taken from the river at its mouth. The deer had been killed, the report stated, and it is believed the officer in this county killed him.

Baptist Ministers To Meet Here Monday

The Eastern Association of Baptist ministers will meet in the Baptist church here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Dr. J. L. Peacock, of Tarboro, president of the organization. Two sessions will be held during the day, and a goodly number of ministers from all over Eastern Carolina are expected to attend, it was stated.

Cleaning Tobacco Seed At County Agent's Office

Arrangements for cleaning tobacco seed have been completed in this county, and the first were run through the cleaner yesterday. Last year approximately 125 pounds of the seed were cleaned in this county, or enough to sow about 475,000 square yards of ground.

Sale of Town Auto Tags Increases During Week

As next Wednesday, the last day for displaying town automobile tags, draws near, the sale of the plates continues to increase. Reports from the town office indicate that well over half of the tags have already been sold.

Name Sylvester Peel County's Arbitrator In Boundary Dispute

Preliminary Steps for Settlement Taken by Board At Meeting Tuesday

Preliminary steps to settle the boundary line dispute between this county and Beaufort were taken by the county commissioners in continued session here last Tuesday, when Mr. Sylvester Peel, surveyor, was appointed to represent this county as an arbitrator to act with an appointee of Beaufort County to establish a true line.

Remembering the stand the board of this county took some time back, any agreement that will shift the line so as to include more Martin territory in Beaufort County will hardly prove acceptable to the Martin authorities, it is believed. At any rate, the authorities of the two counties are apparently making a fair attempt to settle the matter.

The commissioners at their session Tuesday morning added the following to its direct relief list: Sandy Revander, of Jamesville, \$3; H. E. Ellison, also colored, of Jamesville, \$3; Ira Edmondson, from \$3 to \$5; George T. Purvis, colored, of Williamston, \$3; Lottie Bell Jenkins, of Parmele, amount increased from \$3 to \$5; Mrs. Laura Jenkins, of Hamilton, \$8 and Mrs. John Page, of Jamesville, \$5 a month for three months.

Roanoke River Sets New Record for Rising

The old Roanoke, rising more than 18 inches during the last 24 hours to establish a new record for that length of time, was still expanding here this afternoon, flooding docks and thousands of acres of lowlands in this section. Reports from the weather station here this morning indicated the stream would rise from 12 to 14 inches more before reaching here at some time Sunday or Sunday night. The highest water in about five years is expected at this point, Mr. Hugh Spruill said. 6 to 8 inches more before reaching a crest late Saturday or early Sunday.

The large lumber mill of Saunders and Cox on the Roanoke will suspend operations probably late this afternoon on account of the high waters. The plant will be idle about a week or 10 days, Mr. Saunders said this morning.

Weather Delays Start of School Building Program

Unfavorable weather and bad roads continue to delay work on Martin County's \$100,000 school building program, the superintendent of the Goode Construction Company stating that work would be started just as soon as the weather permitted. It is now planned to start preparing the building foundations at Jamesville, Farm Life, Williamston, and Oak City early next week, weather permitting.

Messrs. I. L. Parker and Floyd White, of the State Employment Bureau, with headquarters in Eden-ton, were here last night assigning to the several school building projects.

East Carolina Firemen To Meet Here Tuesday

The Eastern Carolina Firemen's association will hold its quarterly meeting here next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Woman's Club rooms, the local department completing arrangements this week to entertain the approximately 100 visitors expected at that time. Other than the regular business session and dinner, no program has been announced, Mr. H. D. Harrison, chief of the local company, explaining that the meeting would be well entertained, however.

Questions and Answers on AAA Decision

Questions, almost numberless in quantity, have been asked of employees in the office of the county agent here since the United States Supreme Court ruled the Agricultural Act unconstitutional. And while, out of necessity, the answer was "We don't know" in most cases, it is quite certain that agriculture is headed for a return to the old order unless something is done. Some of the most often asked questions and their answers are:

Q. Is there any restraint at present time on crop production?
A. No. The farmer is at liberty to plant as much tobacco, cotton, and

peanuts, or any other crop, for that matter, he wishes to plant.
Q. Will the cotton parity checks be paid?
A. Yes. Checks are being distributed to about 1,000 growers in the county at this time, and it is hoped that those for the few remaining contract signers will be available at some time in the near future.

Q. How about the other parity or benefit payments, and will they be paid?
A. As far as it can be learned now, every effort is being made by the administration to pay off all contract obligations falling due prior to Janu-

Williamston Will Get Highway Patrol Radio Station; Is One of Five Comprising State System

Number Seeking Loans from Resettlement Administration

More than 75 applications have been filed in this county for loans from the resettlement or rural rehabilitation administration, according to information gained this week. More than half, or about 40, of the applications have already been approved by the committees in the county and forwarded to Washington, it was said.

Mr. David Modlin is handling the applications in this county, and farmers who are unable to get credit

Building To Be Put On County Property Next to Prison Camp

Bids To Be Opened January 30; Require Two Months For Completion

One of the five police radio broadcasting stations, ordered by the last legislature, will be located on county property adjoining the State Highway prison camp, near here, within the next six or eight weeks, according to information received here this week. The other four stations are to be located at Elizabethtown, Raleigh, Salisbury, and Asheville, it was stated. The location of the station here followed extensive experiments conducted by radio experts here the early part of last November. Just how many men the local station will employ could not be learned, reports stating that the service would be continuous.

Although specifications for the stations probably will not be completed before Saturday, the compilation of data collected by radio experts is complete enough to make certain that five stations will suffice and that their best location to cover the state will be in the vicinity of the five places named.

Director of Purchase A. S. Brower said that bids for the construction of the five transmitters will be advertised for January 13 and opened on January 30. Captain Charles Farmer, of the State Highway Patrol, estimated that it would require two months from the time the contracts are awarded to put the stations in order.

To Buy Receivers

In addition to the five stations, the State will ask bids on about 200 receiving sets. The law requires that one be put in the office of each of the 100 sheriffs of the state and each district office, car and motorcycle of the patrol will have them.

The last legislature, which enacted the police radio law, estimated that the cost of the radio equipment to the state would be about \$65,000, but Mr. Brower believes it will exceed that amount.

The five stations located as planned will give almost complete coverage of the state both day and night, although there will be some "dead spots," especially in the mountain sections. The terrain in the far west, however, is such that even with the construction of six stations 100 per cent coverage probably could not be achieved for both stationary and portable receivers.

To begin with there will be no wire connection between the broadcasting stations, but it is planned to have each broadcasting station, which will be equipped with receiving sets that can catch the broadcasts from other stations and relay any information of importance to their sections.

The state police radio system was one of the three major acts to promote highway safety and the enforcement of highway laws passed by the last legislature. The patrol was more than doubled in size, the state automobile driver's law was passed and the radio system created.

The radio, however, is intended to do more than provide better enforcement of the highway laws. The law specifically stated that each sheriff's office be equipped with a receiving set, and it was assumed that police stations also would take advantage of the opportunity.

For instance, in the case of a hold-up, a riot, the formation of a mob or the commission of some crime and the escape of the criminals, police could be called to the scene of the crime from all directions, or stationed at points where the escaping criminals might be expected to pass.

Program of Services at Local Christian Church

The pastor will preach at 11 o'clock on the theme: "The New and Untried Road," and at 7:30 p. m., on "The Long Night Told." These messages will be greatly appreciated, as we face the New Year with courage and hope. All members should be present on this first preaching Sunday of 1936. Think it over.

Bible school at 9:45. Every member of the family, newcomers, and those who have just failed to line up for the Bible school, should make that one of the new resolutions.

Begin To Feel Effects Of Farm Act Decision

Farm Crops Being Sold by Producers Rapidly as Possible

BAD ROADS

Reports from over the county maintain that the condition of the roads is worse now than at any time during the past five years, many of the routes being impassable. Traffic has been considerably decreased in the outlying districts during the past day or two, and those who used the routes had to be pulled over certain sections, it was stated.

Rural letter carriers working out of the local office have been running from three to four hours late. They describe the condition of the roads as terrible.

Miss Helen Johnson Reported Improving

Miss Helen Johnson, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, who was critically hurt in an automobile-truck wreck near Hobgood last Sunday afternoon, is improving slowly in a Tarboro hospital, according to reports reaching here late yesterday.

Miss Council, a second victim of the same accident, and who suffered a broken thigh, is also said to be recovering fairly rapidly in a Rocky Mount hospital.

Mr. C. B. Savage, Oak City man, who was seriously injured in a wreck near Hobgood the Saturday before Christmas, is also improving rapidly at this time.

Mr. Henry Johnson, kicked by a horse last week, is also reported improving at his home in Hamilton.

Still Using Alphabet—With Embellishments

The high court may have knocked out a letter or two in its sweeping decision last Monday, but the alphabet is still going strong. In the course of hundreds of associations with individuals about the streets during the past three and one-half days, the letters SOB have been used about as often as the three A's were used in the midst of their regime. Some of them were qualified, and some even had handles on them, but the powers that said it was against the law of the land to help the farmer while millions are paid in subsidies to combine has certainly been catching a scathing attack, even though it was verbal.

President's Birthday Ball To Be Held Here by Club

The President's Birthday Ball, scheduled in towns and cities over the country, will be sponsored at this point by the Williamston Woman's Club, it was announced today. Jones' orchestra has been booked to furnish the music and the dance will be held in the school gymnasium on January 29, it was stated.

Sanitary Grocery Quint Defeats Rocky Mount Y

The Sanitary Grocery quint registered a fast and decisive victory over the Rocky Mount Y team here last Tuesday evening, the locals taking the big end of a 40 to 28 score. Cherry, forwarding for the grocer boys, was good with his shots and could hardly miss from any sopt of the court.

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