

TWENTY CASES TRIED IN COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

Docket Is Cleared of Cases Accumulated Over Two Weeks Period

Twenty cases were handled by Judge H. O. Peel in the Martin County recorder's court Tuesday, when several alleged violators of the peace drew sentences on the roads. One or two substantial fines were imposed also, the court continuing in session a greater part of the day clearing the docket that had accumulated over a period of two weeks.

Charged with non-support E. D. Harris was directed by the court to pay \$4 each week for the support of his child for the next 12 months and report to the court at the end of that time.

George Roberson, charged with non-support, was found not guilty.

The case charging Oscar Hagan with violating the prohibition laws, was not pressed.

Prayer for judgment was continued for one year in the case charging Rachel Best with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Albert Coffield was sentenced to the roads for 30 days in the case charging him with larceny.

Mary Little was found not guilty in the case charging her with receiving stolen property.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Roland Bunting with reckless driving. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Jonh Clemmons was sentenced to the roads for 30 days for reckless truck driving.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and procurement of license in the case charging Miss Glendora Ange with driving a car without a driver's license. The defendant successfully passed the examination for driver's license.

Charged with violation of the liquor laws, Will Bell was found not guilty.

Calvin Hill, charged with larceny, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon, D. D. Hill was sentenced to the roads for three months.

Adjudged guilty of drunken automobile driving and carrying a concealed weapon, Edward Cecil Pierce of Elizabeth City, was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. His license to operate a car was revoked for one year.

Charged with trespass, Dean Edmondson and Arrington Hale were found not guilty.

K. O. Rogers was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with manufacturing liquor. The judge intimated that his license to manufacture was revoked for 99 years.

Herbert Ward, Robersonville man charged with assaulting his brother, was given a three-months sentence suspended upon payment of cost.

Willie Roebuck was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with drunken automobile driving. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Herbert Brown was sentenced to the roads for four months on a larceny charge.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon and disorderly conduct, Nicodemus Barrow was sentenced to the roads for four months.

Alexander Jones, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, drew six months on the roads.

Case Charging Doctor with Murder Goes to High Court

The case charging Geo. R. Clay, Washington osteopath and head of the Pamlico Osteopathic Sanitarium with murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Kathleen Lilley there the thirteenth of last month, was today ordered sent to the Beaufort County Superior court for trial. Judge Mayo, of the Beaufort recorder's court, was reported to have fixed the man's bond at \$250, it was reported.

Work on the case charging Clay with practicing medicine without license is underway this afternoon, late reports from the court indicating that the trial would last well into the afternoon. Only two witnesses had been examined just before noon, and there were large numbers to be called.

Christian Philathea Class Meeting Is Postponed

The regular meeting of the local Christian Philathea class, scheduled to be held this evening, has been called off on account of unfavorable weather, it was announced this morning.

First Poultry Car Loadings Described Very Satisfactory

Approximately 18,000 pounds of poultry were shipped from Jamesville, Williamston and Robersonville cooperatively by Martin farmers this week, netting the raisers around \$3,000. Loadings are under way at Oak City today, but no report on the receipts there could be had here this morning.

Considering the bad condition of the roads and strong competition offered by hucksters, the cooperative loadings were very successful. It is estimated that the hucksters bought between 4,000 and 5,000 pounds, including about 1,000 at Jamesville

and about 4,000 at this point. The truckers are said to have purchased very few chickens at Robersonville, where the cooperative loadings were under way yesterday. Three trucks competed with the car at this point Wednesday, but they operated outside the corporate limits of the town. They advanced the price by 1-2 to 1 cent a pound, and a goodly number of farmers patronized them. Most of the farmers patronized the car, however.

County Agent T. B. Brandon is considering the operation of a second car some time the latter part of this month or early March.

County Farmers Are Invited To Meeting In Greenville Monday

TO WIDEN STREET

Bids for widening each end of Williamston's main street are being advertised this week preparatory to the letting of the contract probably some time in March. The proposed project calls for the widening of East Main Street from the intersection of Harrell Street, near the home of G. P. Hall, to a point almost to the river. The road will be 30 feet wide. On the west end of town, the street will be widened from the Cowen home to the town limits and probably 100 or more farther. The west end will be 24 feet wide.

RECOMMEND CUT OF 30 PERCENT IN TOBACCO ACRES

Indications Now Point To 900,000,000 Pound Crop In This Belt

A voluntary 30 percent acreage reduction below 1936 flue-cured contracts was recommended by the flue-cured tobacco advisory at a meeting held a few days ago in Washington City.

The committee at that time expressed the opinion the Supreme court decision invalidating the AAA also did away with the Kerr-Smith tobacco program.

Claude T. Hall, of Woodsdale, N. C., said present indications were for a 900,000,000 pound crop in 1936 whereas the committee believes that only 640,000,000 pounds can be sold at reasonable prices.

The committee made the following recommendations:

1. That flue-cured tobacco growers reduce their individual planting in 1936 thirty percent below their bases under the 1936 contracts.

2. That all production credit agencies including warehousemen, fertilizer dealers and governmental sources exercise extreme caution in extending credit for tobacco production this year.

3. That all tobacco growers attend the program planning and discussion group meetings now being conducted in the counties and put themselves in a position to take advantage of the proposed soil conservation program or any new program offered by the federal government.

4. That as soon as Congress enacts farm legislation the growers be notified of its provisions and what will be necessary for them to qualify for benefits.

Stockholders of Warehouse Meet

The annual meeting of Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse stockholders was held in the county courthouse here Wednesday afternoon, the owners electing Mr. Henry D. Peel president; S. C. Griffin, vice president; and John R. Peel, secretary and treasurer. No dividend was declared, the officials explaining that the company was fortunate to be free of debt.

A rental committee, named by the meeting Wednesday, meets tomorrow to consider leasing the house, it was learned. According to reports, three parties are trying to lease the house, including Mr. S. C. Griffin, operator of the house last season.

Farm Bureau Head Is To Speak About Substitute for AAA

Edward A. O'Neal, Hutson And Schaub Expected To Take Part

A big meeting of farmers has been scheduled in Greenville next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau and nationally known farm leader, will speak on a substitute for agricultural adjustment acts. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the teachers' college, and large crowds are expected. Special invitations have been issued to Martin farmers, and numbers are planning to attend, it was learned today. The meeting is being sponsored by the Pitt County Acreage Control Board, an organization just recently created.

Mr. O'Neal has been very active in connection with farm legislation, and, coming from Alabama, he knows something of southern needs and conditions. He is a fluent talker, and farmers from 25 counties in Eastern Carolina are invited and urged to hear him. Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, is planning to attend the meeting and J. B. Hutson has been invited to be present. County Agent T. B. Brandon and assistant, Mr. M. L. Barnes, will attend.

Just prior to the meeting that afternoon, representatives from the 25 tobacco-growing counties will hold an executive session to prepare certain resolutions and formulate tentative plans for advancing some measure for the control of tobacco production this year, it is understood. Messrs. J. A. Everett, of Oak City, and C. Abram Roberson, of Robersonville, have been named to represent this county at the executive meeting that will be held in Greenville that morning.

Condition of Roads Is Worst in Years

At no time in years have the dirt roads of this section been in such bad repair as they are now, according to reports reaching here. Travel is at a minimum on the dirt roads, farmers and others finding it next to impossible to drive their cars on the roads. Horse-drawn vehicles are being used more extensively than in many months, and only that travel considered absolutely necessary is going forward. The county schools were closed last Tuesday, when the condition of the roads made operation of the buses impossible.

Older citizens seem to think that the weather will not be very favorable until after March, and that the condition of the roads will continue bad until that time.

Candy Factory Will Begin Operating Soon

Williamston's newest industry, the Clark Candy Company, will start operations within the next two weeks, Mr. Clark, the owner and manager said yesterday. Machines for making peanut butter and several special candies are being placed in the new building this week, and preliminary tests will probably be made some time next week.

The plant, housed in a new two-story building, is located on the railroad just off Smithwick Street. It will employ a dozen or more people.

DECREASE SEEN IN LIQUOR SALES DURING JANUARY

\$9,888 Net Profit Realized By County in Past Three Months

Martin County cleared \$9,887.99 on its liquor sales during the months of October, November and December, according to a preliminary report of the auditors released by Mr. V. J. Spivey, chairman of the county control board, today. The profit was derived from sales totaling \$38,500.42 for the period, Mr. Spivey explaining that the actual cost of the liquor was \$24,094.82. The county paid the State \$1,121.13 in sales tax, and \$494.39 was set aside for enforcement of the liquor laws. Operating cost was placed at \$3,517.98 for the three-months period, the operation, including administration, salaries and drayage figuring 9.41 per cent. The net profit figured 25.86 per cent of the gross sales.

The board chairman explained that not all of the 5 per cent set aside out of the profits had been used for law enforcement, that the fund was continually being built up. Certain premiums are allowed officers for each still captured and each arrest made.

During January sales dropped off considerably, the total for the county falling under \$10,000, an amount considered fairly large for the particular month, however. The January sales at the Williamston store amounted to \$4,997.40; Robersonville, \$2,196.45; Oak City, \$998.85; and Jamesville, \$867.80.

No turnover of profits has been made to the county's general fund, the officials explaining that the profits were being used to discount bills at the present time.

Changes Are Made In Time for Fishing

The State board of conservation and development in session at Raleigh recently limited the days for fishing in this and nineteen other coastal counties from three to two days each week between now and May 1.

At the session, the board voted to allot \$10,000 to a state-wide program for increasing the wild turkey stock in the state.

The open season for hunting quail and turkey was extended from seven to ten days.

Suggest Horizontal Cut In Tax On Cigarettes

Washington.—A \$1.20 horizontal reduction in the Federal excise tax on cigarettes—now \$3 a thousand—has been suggested by Representative Frank W. Hancock, of Oxford, N. C.

It is argued by some that a reduction in the tax would reflect itself in increased prices to the grower of tobacco.

Local High School Band To Meet Tuesday Night

The High School Band will meet Tuesday night at 7:30, regardless of the weather, Mr. Bobbitt announced this morning. At this time the band will begin work on the program for the State Contest to be held in Greensboro in April. All members are urged to be present.

Freight Truck Goes Off River Fill Last Night

A large truck operated by a motor freight line out of Norfolk skidded off the Roanoke River fill just this side of the bridge early last night, doing considerable damage to the machine. Neither the driver nor his helper, both colored, were badly hurt, it was stated.

Carteret County, on the coast, is developing a reputation in the production of early vegetable plants along with its early truck crops.

PEANUTS STRONGER

The peanut market was said to be a bit stronger this week, with prices ranging around 3 cents. Comparatively few deliveries are being made on account of the bad condition of the roads, but numerous sales have been reported. Very few sales have been made for less than 3 cents a pound, reports state.

From 5 to 10 per cent of the crop is still in the fields, the owners finding it impossible to harvest the crops on account of bad weather that has been experienced in this section during the past several weeks.

Representative County Farmers Expect Increases in Tobacco and Cotton Crops in Coming Season

Patrol Lists Series Questions And Answers for Study by Drivers Before Examination

New and Simpler Set Presented for License Applicants

Total of 30 Questions Likely To Be Asked by Examiners

A new and far simpler set of questions for applicants for drivers' licenses has been just released by the State Highway Patrol, and the questions and answer are listed here for the benefit of those who plan to apply for licenses. The questions and answers are as follows:

1. How old must you be to obtain an operator's license? A.—Sixteen years (and application must be signed by parent or guardian).
2. Who has the right to stop or question the driver or owner of a motor vehicle? A.—The Highway Patrol, and any other peace officer.
3. What is the cause of most accidents? A.—Reckless driving, hogging the road, failing to give signals, and pulling out of line.
4. Is it unlawful to use another person's operator's license? A.—Yes.
5. How may a motor be used as a brake when going down a steep hill? A.—By shifting into first or second gear.
6. What should you do on approaching a railroad crossing? A.—Stop and look for approaching train and do not shift into high gear until across tracks.
7. Is it lawful to stop a vehicle on the driving portion of the highway? A.—No.
8. What is the best way to stop the skidding if you skid when you apply your brakes? A.—Release brakes and turn in direction of the skid, always having the clutch in.
9. To whom must all accidents be reported? A.—To the Department of Highway Safety on forms furnished by them or any peace officer.
10. When a driver of a car behind you signals to pass, is it lawful to increase speed? A.—No (move to right and allow car to pass).
11. What should you do at the sound of a siren, bell or whistle? A.—Pull over to the side of the road and stop.
12. What is the fine for not stopping while a school bus is loading and unloading passengers? A.—Fifty dollars fine.
13. Is it necessary to bring a vehicle to a complete stop when approaching an intersection marked by a stop sign? A.—Yes (and unlawful not to stop).
14. What are the three principal violations for revocation of driver's license? A.—Driving intoxicated; failing to stop in case of accidents; perjury in obtaining your license.
15. Is it lawful to drive in the center of the highway? A.—No (you should drive on the right-hand side always).
16. Is it unlawful to coast down a hill with gears in neutral? A.—Yes.
17. What danger signal must be placed on the end of a load that extends beyond the body of a vehicle over 3 feet? A.—A red flag in daytime and a red light at night.
18. Does the law require all vehicles to be equipped with rear-view mirrors? A.—Yes, at all times.
19. If you are involved in an accident, must you give your name and address and show your operator's license and registration card to the person injured or the driver or occupants of any vehicle collided with and render assistance? A.—Yes.
20. What safety equipment required on all motor vehicles should always be in good condition? A.—Brakes, lights, steering gear, tires, horn, windshield wiper, mirror and muffler.
21. What is the proper hand signal for a right turn? For a left turn? For stopping or slowing up? A.—Right turn, extend the hand and arm out and upward at a 90 degree angle. Left turn, extend the hand and arm beyond the side of vehicle and horizontal. Stopping, extend hand and arm out and downward at a 90 degree angle.
22. Is it lawful to operate a ve-

SCHOOLS CLOSE

Martin County schools, closed since last Tuesday, will not reopen next Monday as planned, Superintendent J. C. Manning announced this morning. While no definite reopening date could be determined, it was intimated that no effort to start the schools again would be made before Monday week, or February 17. The operation of school buses is out of the question in this county now, and bad weather and sickness caused numerous absences in nearly all of the schools before they suspended activities last Tuesday.

NOTE DECREASE IN TENANCY FOR MARTIN COUNTY

Almost Half of Planters In State Rent Lands They Cultivate

While the state and nation were reporting steady increases in the number of tenants since 1930, the number of such farmers in Martin County and a few other counties in this section actually showed a decrease during that time. However, the 1,643 tenants last year constitute a large percentage of the total number of farmers in this county. During the five-year period ending in 1935, the number of tenants had decreased by about 4 percent.

Nearly all the counties reporting decrease in the number of tenants are located in the tobacco belt. Most of the increases were in the strictly mountain counties. In 1930, tenants operated 137,615 farms in the State. Last year the tenants operated 142,158 farms.

In only 864 cases did full owners operate their farms in this county last year. There were 176 farms operated by part owners.

With practically half of its farmers renting their land, North Carolina heads a list of five Southern States in the prevalence of farm tenancy. The figures revealed that 47.2 per cent of all the farmers in the State were tenants last year.

Final results of the 1935 census of agriculture have not been tabulated for all states, but figures for 32 of them indicate an increase in the number of farm tenants in most sections of the country. Approximately 43 percent of all farms in the United States are now operated by tenants. Tenancy has steadily increased since the first count was made in 1880, when 25 percent of all farmers were listed as tenants. In the past tenancy has been considered a stepping stone to ownership. Steady increase in the proportion of older tenants, however, indicates that fewer men are moving up the last rung of the ladder to ownership of farms.

Attempts to check the growth of tenancy have been made chiefly because of the instability of residence associated with a farm tenant system. Although conditions vary greatly throughout the United States, studies show that the tenant farmer moves on an average of every four years.

Members of Legion Plan To Build Home

A movement was advanced at a recent meeting of the Martin County post of the American Legion for the construction of a Legion home. Every one of the legion members will be asked to contribute \$25 from their bonus checks for the construction of the home, it was learned. There are 152 members of the legion post in this county.

Next Monday evening, the post will be entertained by members at Oak City.

In the regular monthly bulletin, released this week, the post announced that Mrs. Thomas Cause, of the Legion Auxiliary, would speak over the radio on the 20th of this month at 10:45 o'clock.

About Same Peanut Acreage and Drop in Corn Are Looked For

15 Per Cent Increase in Tobacco To Raise Total To 13,888 Acres

An increase of approximately 15 per cent in Martin County's tobacco crop was predicted at a meeting this week of representative farmers organized under the name of a planning committee for agriculture. The percentage of increase is estimated to advance the 1936 tobacco to 13,888 acres, the committee figuring that on an average a yield of 850 pounds would be produced to the acre.

The only other increased acreage predicted by the committee was in the cotton crop, the estimates placing the increase from 6,144 to 6,655 acres. The yield was estimated at 300 pounds to the acre. The peanut acreage will likely be about the same as it was last year, when 17,604 acres were planted to the crop. A reduction of more than 2,000 acres was predicted in the corn crop, the committee estimating that around 20,000 acres would be planted to the crop in 1936, or a decrease of about 10 per cent.

Representing nearly every community in the county, the planning committee is believed to have gotten reasonably accurate estimates on the planned acreage for the major crops in the county this year. Members of the county committee talked with local representatives, who, in turn, talked with nearly every farmer in their respective communities. Assistant Agent M. L. Barnes stated this morning that much interest had been shown in the organization, and that he felt certain much good would result from it. Similar organizations have been perfected in other counties, and preliminary reports indicate there will be an increase in tobacco and cotton production in the State this year unless some control plan is effected.

Start Checking Up On Driver Licenses

Beginning next Monday, members of the State Highway patrol will start asking motorists to show their driving permits, reports reaching here stating that those drivers who do not have licenses to operate a car will be subject to arrest.

For the most part, all applications for licenses have been filled, but it is estimated the hundreds have not applied for the driving permits. In those cases where applications have been made and no licenses have been received, the car operators are urged to see the patrolmen in their district, enter another application and sign an affidavit. No excuses will be accepted from anyone not having a driving permit, it was stated.

Traffic Delayed When River Bridge Freezes

Highway and river traffic was delayed at this point a short while today when ice and snow made it difficult to open the bridge to turn through a freighter. Highway traffic was held up for about half an hour while Keeper Spruill shoveled snow and ice from the bridge.

The mercury was falling rapidly shortly before noon today, the weather forecasters predicting continued cold for tomorrow.

While another rise in the Roanoke is expected within the next few days, no forecast on the high water could be had today, Mr. Hugh Spruill, in charge of the weather station on the river, stated.

Henry Harrison Moves Office To Warehouse

Mr. Henry Harrison, representative of the Standard Fertilizer Company, has moved his office from the Thomas Barber Shop to the Dixie Warehouse. Mr. Harrison has employed Mr. P. H. Brown as his assistant.

Fertilizer deliveries will be made to farmers from the warehouse, making it unnecessary for farmers to travel to the river for fertilizer.