

NUMBER CASES TRIED BY MAYOR IN PAST FEW DAYS

Drunkenness and Fighting Principal Causes; Three Sent To Recorder

Mayor John L. Hassell has had a busy week, disposing of a number of cases in his court dealing principally with affrays and drunkenness, probably the outgrowth of tobacco-market opening celebrations. Several of the defendants were fined, while three were passed on to the recorder's court for disposition.

Cases tried follows: Oscar Hyman was charged with promoting a dance without an official permit from the town authorities. He was given a road sentence of 30 days, suspended upon condition that he pay the costs and promise not to stage another dance without consent of the town authorities.

Randolph Ormond was brought before the mayor on a similar charge and was released upon the same conditions imposed on Hagan.

Eugene Andrews, colored habitual drunkard, was tried for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$2.50 and costs. Andrews was first arrested by Patrolman Gurganus, who released him after he posted a \$10 cash bond, but before Andrews could get home Chief Daniel arrested him for being disorderly.

Tom Grimes was arrested for being drunk on a highway. He was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Joe Perry and Alton Lilley engaged in an affray here last Saturday and were given a hearing here Monday. Found guilty, each was fined \$5 and half the costs.

Octavius Rogers was booked for carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon. He was placed under \$100 bond and the case referred to the county recorder's court.

Steve Payton, charge with carrying a concealed weapon, was recognized by the mayor for his appearance in recorder's court.

Dock Perkins, local colored man, was arrested for assaulting his wife. He was placed under \$50 bond for hearing before the recorder.

A fine of \$2.50 and the costs was assessed against Joe L. Godard for being disorderly. A similar judgment was rendered against Jay Jones on a disorderly conduct charge.

Russell Perry and Clarence Brown were fined \$2.50 and the costs each in the case charging them with disorderly conduct.

Revival To Begin at Piney Grove Monday

A meeting will begin at Piney Grove Church Monday night, September 7, at 8 p. m. There will be services each night at the same hour. Rev. W. B. Harrington will be the preacher. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Methodists Announce Services for Sunday

Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship and Communion 11 a. m. Evening service, 8 p. m. We most cordially invite all the strangers in town to worship with us.

Hunting Licenses Put on Sale in County Towns This Week

County Game Warden Bill Abbott was busy yesterday distributing the different types of hunting licenses to the various selling agencies throughout the county. Sales are expected to show a steady increase with the opening of the various seasons. The deer season is the first to open, on September 15, followed by squirrel on October 1, and upland game, including quail, rabbit and turkey, on November 20.

Mr. Abbott stated there was some misunderstanding about the opening of the squirrel season, due to a number of national sportsmen's magazines publishing the opening date as September. He explained that this date applies only to about a

dozen counties in the western part of the state, the season in other counties, including Martin, beginning October 1.

Mr. Abbott also said sportsmen hunting or fishing without licenses have heretofore been assessed the costs and required to buy the license but the department will now insist upon a fine of \$25 in addition. Other violations of game regulations will be vigorously prosecuted, he said.

Licenses are on sale at the following places in the county: Williamston, both hardware stores; Hamilton, Asa Johnson; Oak City, G. W. Barrett; Robersonville, C. T. Smith; Everetts, J. S. Ayers; Dardens, J. F. Jordan; and Jamesville, seller not yet named.

WPA Will Move Into New Offices Tuesday

REGISTER PUPILS

The registration of high-school pupils here will get underway next Wednesday morning, between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock, preparatory to starting the 1936-37 term the following morning. Principal L. W. Anderson announced today. All high-school pupils are expected to report to the principal's office that morning that their schedules and course might be determined, the principal explained.

Last year there were 185 pupils enrolled in the local high school, authorities stating that they expected 200 or more in the top grades for the new term.

Trailers Must Have Reflectors at Rear

Little noticed by many, the law requiring all trailers and semi-trailers to carry at the rear, in addition to a rear lamp, a red reflector, will be enforced in accordance with high way laws, it was learned here this week. Patrolmen have been instructed to start the drive immediately, and trailer owners will eliminate possible trouble by placing the reflectors on their machines.

The reflectors cost only a few cents and can be nailed on the rear of a trailer with very little trouble. It is necessary to have the red reflectors displayed on the small trailers attached behind the cars as well as those trailers pulled by trucks, it was pointed out.

Word War Veterans Are Eligible for CCC Work

The Veterans Administration office, Charlotte, has notified local welfare officials that they may accept applications from veterans, both white and colored, who wish to enroll for CCC work.

This notice does not include any war veterans previously discharged from the CCC for any cause, until after the expiration of 12 months from date of last discharge therefrom.

45 Employees Here Now; More Will Be Added in Few Days

Part of Force Using High School Gym for Offices At Present

Monday being a holiday, WPA forces will not move from their temporary quarters in the high school gymnasium to the City Hall until Tuesday, Director Wallace stated this morning. Only a few of the 19 offices in the remodeled city hall building have been occupied, but with the completion of painting this week, the entire personnel of the WPA organization will be able to move in Tuesday.

With the force being divided between the gym and the city hall, work has been going on in a makeshift manner, but by Tuesday the organization should begin clicking with all the employees and officials under one roof, Mr. Wallace said.

There are now 45 men and women connected with the organization, with a probability of more being added within the next few weeks. Most of these people are living here, having found quarters among the residents of the town. Mrs. Eloise Bennett, who has been cooperating with the WPA officials, as a representative of the town, said rooms had been found for the employees and that she wished to thank local people for their cooperation. There has been some complaint about exorbitant prices being charged for rooms, Mrs. Bennett said this morning, but prices as a whole were considered reasonable. Some adjustments have been made, she continued, and the few remaining problems will be ironed out within a short time.

Mr. J. S. Massenburg, attorney and claim adjuster for the WPA organization, who has offices in Raleigh, was in Williamston yesterday inspecting the local offices. He said officials were very much disturbed by the fear that the employees could not be cared for here when the offices were first moved, but that everyone had been located and he was very much pleased with the entire set-up and expressed his appreciation to the town and its people for the splendid cooperation they had given the officials and employees.

Mr. E. G. Dorsey, superintendent of the eastern division, and I. Lee Parker, state WPA official, met with the local workers here this week, going over the work in general and discussed the various projects of the division.

Program of Services At Baptist Church

Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m., sermon subject "Jesus Looking at the Cross" B. T. U., 7 p. m. Evening worship, 8 p. m. Sermon subject "The Gospel in All Judaea."

Many new people have recently come to Williamston, and we want you to come to our churches for worship. We want you to be happily engaged in a religious life of worshiping and witnessing for Christ.

Good Honey Flow Is Reported This Season

Transylvania beekeepers report an exceptionally good honey flow this season. One farm with 63 colonies reports 2,800 pounds of honey ready to be extracted; 1,320 pounds extracted and 1,400 pound sections removed.

CHILDREN TO BE ADMITTED FREE ONE DAY AT FAIR

Will Also Be Admitted To Grandstand Free Tuesday Afternoon

Children's Day at the Williamston Fair, which will be held the week of September 28, will be outstanding in the history of eastern North Carolina expositions, according to plans being laid by Manager Harvey Walker.

Walker announced today that school children of Martin and surrounding counties not only would be given free admission to the grounds, but would be admitted to the grandstand without cost for afternoon performances on Tuesday of fair week.

Fifteen high-class novelty acts, which usually draw top admission prices, will be presented for the entertainment of the children on their special day at the fair. Low admission prices will prevail for the remainder of the week.

"We are interested primarily in seeing that the people of eastern North Carolina profit by the exhibits and entertainment offered by the Williamston Fair," said Manager Walker, "and we know of no better method of enhancing its attractiveness than by giving the youngsters a good time." He was joined in this sentiment by General Manager Norman Y. Chambliss, of Raleigh, operator of the State Fair as well as the Williamston Fair and several other expositions.

In addition to the entertainment program, special exercises for children will be presented under the direction of Miss Lora Sleeper, Martin County home demonstration agent.

On the midway of the Williamston Fair will be the Cetlin and Wilson Shows, a clean, wholesome outfit featuring 20 interesting shows and 15 popular rides. Only legitimate concessions will be allowed on the midway, Manager Walker emphasized.

A dazzling revue, "The Frolics of 1936," will present a high type of show each night before the grandstand, and every evening's entertainment will be topped off with a thrilling display of fireworks.

Harness racing will feature the arena program on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and professional automobile races will be held Saturday afternoon to climax a week of gala entertainment.

Prize money at the Williamston Fair will total \$1,500, and will be limited strictly to residents of Martin, Pitt, Edgecombe, Washington, Beaufort, and Bertie County. Miss Sleeper and T. B. Brandon, Martin County farm agent, are in charge of agricultural exhibits, which bid fair to excel previous displays assembled in eastern North Carolina.

Local Tobacco Men Are Guests Kiwanis Club at Luncheon

Informal Get-Together Is Held at Club Last Night; McFarland Speaker

The Williamston Kiwanis Club had as its guests the tobacco buyers, members of the tobacco board of trade and leading citizens of the town at the regular club meeting last night. There were more than 40 men at the dinner sponsored by the club so that the business men of the town might meet the tobaccoists who are working on the local market.

The warehousemen, buyers, and their assistants were introduced by Sales Supervisor McFarland, and the club members and other men of the town were introduced by the club president, S. H. Grimes.

Mr. McFarland appropriately thanked the club for the short-entertainment, and in paying tribute to the town and warehousemen he spoke very highly of the tobacco buyers, saying that the buyers this year were the most competent he had worked with since he had been here for the past three years. Mayor John L. Hassell welcomed, in his usual appropriate manner, the tobacco people to Williamston.

Sunday Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector. Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

Prices Holding Up Well on Local Tobacco Market; Price Average Around 23-24 Cents First 4 Days

Delinquent Taxpayers Will Be Ordered Advertised in October

Very little business other than of a routine nature is scheduled for consideration by the Martin County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting next Monday, J. Sam Getsinger, clerk to the board, said this week. However, the board is preparing for an all-day session, the clerk explaining that the routine business was crowding the calendar.

In accordance with a special act of the last general assembly, the commissioners will be forced to order the delinquent tax list for the county advertised the first of October preparatory to the tax sale on the first Monday in November. An accurate check on the tax payments for the tax year 1935 could not be had today, the collector, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stating that he believed the collections this year would show up better than at any time during his several terms in office. A complete report on tax payments will be prepared during the next day or two, the sheriff explained. Following the opening of the tobacco markets this week, many property owners are paying their tax accounts, it was said.

7 ARRESTS WERE MADE IN COUNTY ON OPENING DAY

Officers, Town and County, Had Busy Afternoon and Evening

Officers of the law, both county and local, and members of the highway patrol were called into action Tuesday afternoon and evening. A little crime wave swept over sections of the county and the first breathing spell found seven men in the hoosegow awaiting trial. None of the charges was of serious consequence, but several of the cases will not be cleared from the records until Recorder Peel convenes his court next Tuesday.

Apparently celebrating the opening of the tobacco markets, the defendants expressed themselves too freely with their fists and guns. Russell Perry, white, and Clarence Brown, colored, and both just off the roads, landed in jail for fighting. Perry made a dash for freedom just as officers were stopping their car in front of the county jail, but two shots, fired into the grounds, frightened him and he fell to the ground yelling against a continued gun attack.

Tom Grimes, colored, all dressed up in his Sunday clothes, was staggering along the Hamilton highway when Patrolman Stewart picked him up Tuesday night.

Foy Rogers, apparently crazy drunk, was arrested in Robersonville Tuesday afternoon, and after tearing up the jail fixtures and water pipes, he was transferred by county officers to the county's bastille. Rogers, white man, had torn all wearing apparel to the last thread from himself, but officers bundled him up in a raincoat and brought him down to sober up and face trial.

Flashing a pistol on Washington Street here that evening, Octavius Rogers was arrested and placed in jail. The young negro broke for freedom and ran head-first into an automobile, cutting a gash in his chin that required several stitches to close.

Joe Perry and Alton Lilley, white men, were arrested for fighting on the streets here that afternoon and jailed to await trial.

Several other arrests have been made, but no hearings have been held for the defendants.

Hit-Run Drivers Sent To Prison

Two hit-and-run drivers were sentenced to from one to two years in the State prison in Bertie Superior Court this week after pleading guilty to charges of manslaughter. Judge W. C. Harris is presiding.

In addition to the prison sentence, Willie Smithwick, of the Sans Souci section, was ordered to pay \$665 to the family of Johnnie Hogard, 11-year-old son of the Bertie County treasurer. Young Hogard was fatally injured while riding a bicycle on the streets of Windsor when struck by Smithwick's car on May 31.

The other hit-and-run driver was Willie Sutton, negro, who failed to stop after he had run down and killed Johnnie White, 10-year-old son of County Commissioner White. Both defendants were captured after extended hunts by members of the State Highway Patrol.

Lateness of Season Holds Sales Down; 75,000 Pounds Today

Farmers Generally Pleased With Prices; Increased Sales Expected

Today's sales opened on the Williamston Tobacco Market with slight heavier offerings on the floors of the three warehouses than yesterday, and prices were unchanged, maintaining a level which places the local market in the front rank with the other leading markets in the Eastern Carolina Bright Belt, so far as prices are concerned. Around 75,000 pounds were on the three warehouses this morning and sales are underway with prices as good as they have been all week.

Optimism and general satisfaction on the part of both warehousemen and growers seem to prevail in spite of the light sales. The small sales are attributed to the lateness of the farmers in finishing their curing activities in this section. Many of the growers are putting their last curings in the barn this week, while there are a few farmers who will not complete their harvesting until next week. Sales will doubtless show a marked increase after this work is completed.

The market blocked here Tuesday, with a sale of 162,302 pounds for an official average of \$23.41. The block was sold off at the Planters Warehouse Wednesday morning, running the total pounds for the two days to 234,506. The market's official average for Tuesday was \$23.06. On Thursday the market sold 51,488 pounds for an average of \$21.84, much common tobacco being included in the offerings. Through Thursday the market as a whole has sold 285,994 pounds for an average of \$23.04.

Medium and good grades of tobacco are selling extra well, while the common grades are low. Any tobacco selling under 9 cents may be considered cheap, but the grades selling above 10c are bringing good prices when the quality is taken into consideration. General satisfaction with prices for leaf sold on the Williamston market has been in evidence here all the week, and warehousemen said farmers locally and from other counties selling here indicated that strong support of the local market would be forthcoming from all quarters.

The highest average recorded on the local market was made by Messrs. Edmonds and Williams, when they sold 7 piles of tobacco for an average of \$40.20.

Person Farmers Favor Government Grading

No person County farmer voted against tobacco grading on the Oxford market.

LABOR DAY

Although next Monday, Labor Day, is designated as a national legal holiday, it will not be observed in Martin County except by the several post offices and a few other places of business. There will be no mail deliveries by either city or rural carriers. The local office of the Virginia Electric & Power Co. and ABC stores throughout the county will be closed all day, but otherwise "business as usual" will prevail. The tobacco markets will be open, as will the banks and other business establishments. No special programs for the day have been planned for the day anywhere in the section, so far as could be learned here.

Dr. W. T. Winn Here To Begin Practice

Moving here from Manteo, where he has been stationed at a government hospital since June, Dr. W. T. Winn began the general practice of medicine here Wednesday with Drs. Eason and Rhodes. Dr. Winn will use the office of Drs. Rhodes and Eason and will be associated with them in their general practice. Dr. Winn is a native of Richmond, Va., and received his medical training in the Medical College of Virginia there. He was an interne at Memorial Hospital for a year after graduating in 1935. Before he became associated with the government he practiced in Richmond for a short while.

Dr. and Mrs. Winn are at home with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Manning.

Month of August One of Driest in Number Years

Last month was the driest August in seven years, the Roanoke River station reporting 2.34 inches of rain during the period. In August a year ago 7.12 inches of rain fell to establish a new high record for the particular month in six years.

PWA Officials, Employees Welcomed To Williamston

The establishment of WPA headquarters for the second district in Williamston has brought many expressions of welcome from the townspeople to the officials and employees of the organization. A number of welcoming advertisements from Williamston firms were prepared for publication last Tuesday, but due to space shortage some of them were carried over and appear in this issue.

While quite a number of the new residents have arrived to take up their work here, others will arrive later, due to the delay in completing the offices here. To those who are here, and to those who will come later, The Enterprise extends the welcome and best wishes of the town and its people.

Below is a partial list of the WPA force, with the places of their residence. The complete list was not available today and will be published later:

Lee A. Wallace, director; Misses Christine Ross, Sarah Lane, Pauline Williams, and Mrs. Davie Wade, at the home of Mrs. John A. Manning; Misses Catharine Jones, Mary Walters, Mrs. Janie Lelew and Mrs. J. H. Smith, at the home of Mrs. John Peel; Miss Eleanor Ramsey, at the home of Mrs. William Manning; Roy Eubanks at D. M. Frank's residence; Misses Pauline Dewey and Nell Simpson with Mrs. E. F. Moseley; Misses Mary Capeheart, Edith Lee and Hannah Ireland at the apartment of Miss Daisy Pope; Misses Sybil Smith and Vera Dixon, at home Mrs. H. L. Swain; Miss Caroline Badham, at apartment of Mrs. Tom Brandon; Misses Evelyn Davenport, Cora Bunch, Mammie Lee Collier and Mrs. Mattie Dousier, at residence of Mrs. P. B. Cone; Miss Verdine Heath, at home of Mrs. A. J. Manning; Miss Emma White, at Mrs. Roger Critcher's; Misses Doris Bagley, Ann Askew and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bobbitt, at home of Mrs. Debbie Warren; Mrs. Ives and Mrs. Nancy Hilbert, with Mrs. J. W. Anderson; Miss Virginia Shaw and Mrs. Eunice Mae Weeks, with Mrs. W. A. James; Mr. Walter Ryan, George Reynolds Hotel; M. H. Dixon and B. G. Koonce, residence of John W. Manning; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riddick, Tar Heel Apartment.



Happy is the cock-sure driver who feels that Lady Luck rides with him and that he will always get the breaks. Happy, that is, until the inevitable emergency arises and the fickle lady ducks out on him. At high speeds, it doesn't take much to make a car leave the roadway. A moment's inattention, a badly banked curve, a hole in the pavement, a sudden swerve—any of

these may prove fatal to the driver who depends on his luck. Almost 3,400 persons were killed in that way last year, according to Travelers Insurance Company records. Nearly 65,000 others were injured. In nearly every case the driver had only himself to blame, for no other cars were involved. Good drivers don't depend on luck. They depend on skill and everlasting alertness.