

THIRTEEN CASES CALLED IN COURT BY JUDGE PEELE

Market Opening Is Noticed In Increase In Number Of Cases and Fines

The opening of the tobacco markets Tuesday a week ago was reflected in the activities of the county recorder's court this week when the business before Judge H. O. Pele underwent a 100 percent increase as compared with the docket a week before. The financial rating of the tribunal, a side issue as far as justice is concerned, to be sure, had just about petered out following a long dry summer. The school fund was bolstered by about \$100 Tuesday, and several new customers were enrolled in the prison camps. Judge Pele called thirteen cases, but one or two were continued under prayer for judgment.

Charged with drunken automobile driving, Leon Williams was fined \$50, taxed with the cost of the action and surrendered his driving license for a year.

Hezekiah Briley, in court on a disorderly conduct charge, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Prayer for judgment was continued until October 13 in the case charging Coy Rogers with disorderly conduct and resisting an officer.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Steve Payton was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Dock Perkins with an assault.

Octavius Rogers was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost when found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

The case charging Dave Bonds with larceny was not pressed.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Vernon Whitehurst with reckless driving, the defendant paying the cost and repairing damage done to prosecuting witness' car.

Kelly Briley was sentenced to the roads for larceny.

Papers were issued for his arrest when Virgil Lassiter failed to appear in court and answer in the case charging him with "skipping" a board bill.

Charged with disorderly conduct, James Roberson was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court. A \$25 fine was imposed.

Esther Woolard was sentenced to jail for 10 days on a disorderly conduct charge.

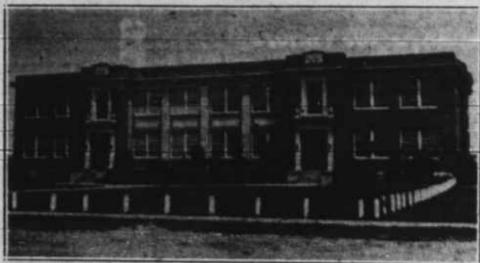
Charged with an assault and carrying a concealed weapon, R. D. Spruill was sentenced to the roads for eight months. Judge Pele added four months to the sentence when a review of the court records showed that the defendant had not complied with a former judgment.

Market Here for Eastern North Carolina Grapes

A market for grapes will be operated here this season by the Lindsey Ice Company for the Garrett Winery, New York. Establishing headquarters here, the winery will cater to grape growers all over Eastern North Carolina. Mr. Lindsey stating that arrangements had been made to handle several thousand bushels of grapes. The market price has been tentatively set at \$1 a bushel.

Immediately after they are received, the grapes will be crushed and placed in special containers for shipment to New York.

ENROLLS ITS LARGEST CLASSES



The Williamston High School, opening yesterday, reported the largest percentage of increase in number of pupils enrolled of any time in its history. There are 210 pupils in the four top grades, an increase of 35 over opening-day figures a year ago.

Plans Are Shaping Up For Williamston Fair

DISCUSS PRICES

Receiving complaints about low prices being paid for inferior grades of tobacco, officials of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation are meeting in Greenville this afternoon to discuss the situation. Just what action, if any, the farm organization leaders plan to take could not be learned, developments awaiting the outcome of the price discussion this afternoon.

While there is a marked variation in the prices being paid for different types of tobacco, no concerted agitation has been reported here against the price differential.

Mr. H. S. Everett, president of the Farm Bureau unit in this county, and Messrs. T. B. Brandon and M. L. Barnes are attending the meeting from this county.

No Developments So Far in Choosing Pulp Mill Location

Representative of Northern Firm Continue Making Survey in Section

The definite location of a two-million dollar pulp mill by northern interests in this section of the State is expected within the next few days, according to unofficial information heard here yesterday. It was reported a few days ago that a site had already been selected, but apparently the report was unfounded. Representatives of the company arrived here yesterday to continue investigations started several months ago, but if they had taken any action, it could not be learned today.

The plant manager and chief engineer of the firm are here at the present time, and head officials are expected here some time next week to take definite action in locating a site for the new industry.

Several sites along the Roanoke and Cashie Rivers have been mentioned as possible locations for the plant, and options have been taken on 25 acres or more of land at this point and on the Fleming property at Jamesville. Reports stated yesterday that a site on the Cashie River, near Windsor, had received favorable consideration.

SCHOOL BAND TO BE REORGANIZED AT MEET MONDAY

Mr. Chas. L. McCullers, of Rocky Mount, To Head Band Work This Year

The reorganization of Williamston's High School Band will be effected at a meeting in the gymnasium here next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Chas. L. McCullers, new director, announced today. All old members of the band and others interested in joining the organization are urged to be present at that time.

Plans are now being advanced to round-out an efficient 35-piece organization, Mr. McCullers stating that he knew the school here could produce a successful band as he worked with Organizer Braxton when the band was first started.

Regular practices will be held twice weekly beginning the latter part of this month, or just as soon as schedules can be arranged.

Mr. McCullers, a resident of Rocky Mount, is directing several bands in the east this season. A graduate of State College and a member of the band there for several seasons, the new director has successfully organized several bands in the past two or three years, including the Twin County Band at Rocky Mount, one of the best in this section of the State.

With a continuation of the interest once shown in the band here, the new director believes that the local organization can be made into one of the best in the State. He is quite optimistic over the prospects here, and is urging the cooperation of parents and pupils that the work might succeed rapidly.

Over 1,000 Hogs Received Here

The last of several hog shipments from drought stricken areas in the West was unloaded here last Tuesday afternoon. Cooperatively, fifteen farmers bought more than 1,000 of the feeder swine for their farms in this county, two of them buying a load or more each.

The pigs, showing signs of wear and tear from their long trip from the Dakotas and Nebraska, arrived here still alive, County Agent Brandon "allowing" they were in excellent shape. There was a marked shrinkage in weight, but the agent said the feeders would regain the lost pounds in a few days.

Compliance Work Is Nearing Close

With favorable weather prevailing, compliance work in connection with the federal government's soil conservation program should be completed in this county the latter part of next week, Mr. T. B. Slade, in charge of the work, said this morning.

Supervisors in several of the ten townships have already completed the work with the exception of a few minor details, and others are more than three-fourths done, Mr. Slade said. To what extent Martin farmers are cooperating in the program has not been determined, the force in the county agent's office spending most of its time checking the field measurements and transcribing permanent maps. If the farmers have participated to the limit they will receive more than \$225,000 in soil-conserving and soil-building payments, it is understood.

More Applications For Driver Licenses

A marked increase in the number of persons applying for auto drivers' licenses was reported this week following the opening of the tobacco markets a week ago last Tuesday. Business transactions have shown a marked increase, but the license bureau here apparently is leading the revival following a dull season.

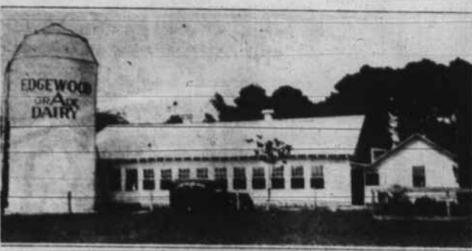
Nearly 50 applications have been received by Patrolmen Stewart and Hunt during the past few days at the patrol branch headquarters here. Six of the number were refused licenses, but most of the others met the requirements and drove away in recently purchased second hand machines of no particular model. A few sported new cars.

Roberson Will Filed In Clerk's Office Yesterday

Naming Mrs. Helen Roberson Mardre, of Windsor, Miss Della Louise Roberson, and Mr. Vance L. Roberson, both of Robersonville, executors, the last will and testament of J. H. Roberson, jr., was filed in the public records here yesterday. Dated April 7, 1936, the document represents an estate including real, personal and mixed property valued at about \$200,000.

3,284 County Children Enrolled At Beginning of New Session in Ten Schools Yesterday Morning

FIRST SILO CONSTRUCTED IN COUNTY



Recognized as one of the most modern dairies in this section, the Edgewood milk plant here recently completed the construction of a silo, the first ever built in this county.

Begin Work Soon on Patrol Radio Station

Developments Pend Opening of Bids in Raleigh Next Week

Broadcasting Unit Here To Be The First of Five Erected in State

Construction work on one of five highway patrol radio stations in this State is expected to get under way here the latter part of next or the early part of the following week, according to information received here yesterday. Developments are pending the opening of bids for material for constructing the broadcasting units and equipping the highway cars and motorcycles. Bids on the equipments will be received by the department in Raleigh next Thursday, and it is expected that contracts will be awarded immediately.

Lieutenant Lester Jones, head of Troop "A" division in the patrol setup, and an engineer were here a few days ago looking over the site near the prison camp on the old Greenville road. According to plans advanced by them, a home will be built for the three operators several hundred feet from the main Everetts highway, the network of wires and tower to be located some distance to the rear, or in the field adjoining the prison camp.

The county has already leased the land for the radio, and it is understood that plans call for the construction of the station here first. The system should be ready for operation on or about the 15th of next December. The station here will be the chief one for the district, serving territory extending to the coast. Other stations will likely be located at Elizabethtown, Raleigh, Salisbury and Asheville.

The station here will be equipped with a 303-foot tower, providing a horizontal aerial, and it will be one of the most modern and up-to-date in the country. It will operate on a frequency of 175 megacycles.

Large Scale Robbery Is Reported At Creswell

Robbery on a large scale was reported in Creswell last night, information reaching here stating that several stores were entered and quantities of goods stolen. Property owners, victims of the raid, were here this morning to get blood hounds in an effort to trail the robbers.

Second Largest Break of Season on Tobacco Market Here Today; Nearing Million Mark

With its second largest break of the season on the floors today, the local tobacco market is pushing the one million-pound mark, the price average standing at \$23.49 to date. Not including the sales today, the market has sold so far this season 746,238 pounds for \$175,151.69. Yesterday the 130,832 pounds sold on the local floors brought \$32,362.27, a resulting average of \$24.73. The break today will run a round 170,000 pounds with the prices little changed from the

WPA FORCE IS IN TOWN BUILDING; BADLY CROWDED

Director and Assistants Are Handling Well Big Task Assigned Them Here

"While we need three or four more offices to relieve the present crowded conditions, our work is progressing splendidly," Mr. Lee A. Wallace, district director of the Works Progress Administration here, said yesterday. The forces are badly crowded in some, if not most of the departments, but the approximately 50 employees were working busy at their tasks yesterday afternoon and appeared very much at home in their new quarters which were occupied last Tuesday for the first time.

Much office equipment is yet to be placed and straightened out, but the workers are after the task in earnestness and the whole organization will be functioning perfectly, it is certain, in a short time, despite the interruption caused by moving and the shortage of office space.

The sign "WE," appearing in capital letters and occupying a place on the wall in nearly every one of the 19 offices located in the City Hall building, characterized the spirit pervading the activities that were going on in the headquarters. Work was centered around typewriters and filing cabinets where the most cards one ordinarily sees in a life-time were carefully tucked away to await use in checking up on any one of the several thousand WPA workers over the district.

Pictures, taken of the various WPA projects while in progress, gave mute evidence to the enormous program that is being directed by Mr. Wallace and his able assistants. Requests for projects, handed on one form after another, showed the areas with the greatest number of unemployed. And then there were the numerous reports to be prepared, typed and forwarded to Raleigh and Washington. It is a big undertaking, but one that the director and his workers apparently are well handling.

"And we like it here," Mr. Wallace said after a brief inspection trip through his maze of offices.

Record Enrollment Expected by School Men Within Week

Local School, With Nearly 800 Pupils Enrolled, Sets New Record for County

Three thousand two hundred and eighty-four white children surrendered their vacation rights, probably with deep regrets, and took their places in the 10 white schools of this county yesterday, the authorities stating today that the opening fell slightly below expectations. The opening encountered a number of obstacles which are certain to be met within a day or two, and the decrease of nearly 100 pupils under the opening figures a year ago wiped out. In fact, school authorities are almost sure that the schools will report a record enrollment within a week.

A ruling requiring beginners to be 6 years or more on or before October 1 resulted in fairly heavy losses in the first grades of nearly every school in the county, the Williamston plant reporting 24 less in its beginners' class than it enrolled on opening day a year ago. However, this decrease was almost offset by gains in other grades, but several of the other schools were unable to overcome the loss. At Hamilton and Farm Life, truck trouble held a number of pupils at home, and it is believed both the schools will report an increased enrollment today or the early part of next week.

"Bear Grass and Farm Life, struggling during the past several terms to hold their high schools, were considered to have a safe margin in their enrollment to continue the department. Another factor that held down the first-day enrollment was the earlier opening, many children finding it inconvenient to leave their work this week but who will join the others. Record enrollments were reported during the depression, and it may be that the school attendance will decline for a term or two now that conditions are improved and the youngsters are finding work.

The local school set a new record when it enrolled 788 pupils, 210 in the high school and 578 in the elementary, the largest number ever reported by any one school in the county. The high school reported a gain of 35 pupils, while the elementary school had two less than it did a year ago. On the basis of enrollment figures the school here is entitled to two additional teachers, one for the high school and one for the elementary department. One was earned last season, but the State School commission increased at will the teacher load every time the local committee entered a claim for an additional teacher. Robersonville also is entitled to another teacher for its high school. Attendance figures will be checked during the first two weeks and at the end of that time, claims will be made to the commission for additional teachers.

For the first time in 13 years there was plenty of room to house the knowledge seekers, but there were hardly enough seats to go around. New buildings at Jamesville, Farm Life, Williamston and Oak City relieved the housing situation and also relieved those who have been teaching in the school basements. Several requests for changes in bus routes were received a few hours after the opening of the schools, the authorities stating they would investigate all cases as soon as possible and make recommendations to the school commission.

The positions of home economics teacher in the Jamesville school, and that of commercial teacher in the Robersonville school, were filled in time for the opening. Mrs. Hill of Greensboro, is the new home economics teacher at Jamesville, and Miss Alexander, of Tarboro, heads the commercial department at Robersonville.

Editor Named To Head Roosevelt Drive in County

Editor W. C. Manning was named today by A. D. Folger, national committeeman of the Democratic Party for North Carolina, to head the Roosevelt Elector Committee in this section. With the Republicans offering the strongest opposition experienced in modern times, the Democrats are preparing to successfully meet it, and leaders of the party are calling on members everywhere for aid.

Comparison of Enrollment

Starting the 1936-37 term yesterday, seven of the ten white schools reported losses in their enrollment figures for the day compared with those a year ago, the decrease being the first reported in this county in several years. Oak City was the only unit in the county to show an increase in both its high school and elementary departments. Williamston and Robersonville reported substantial gains in their high school enrollment, but lost in the lower grades. Hamilton apparently suffered the greatest decrease in the county, the school there enrolling 41 fewer pupils yesterday than it did on opening day a year ago.

While the high school enrollment for the county was 34 greater, the elementary figures were less by 131 compared with the opening last year.

The figures below, while subject to change as the term progresses, give an enrollment comparison in the high school and elementary departments for the opening this year and the one last term.

	1936-37		1935-36	
	H.S.	Ele. Total	H.S.	Ele. Total
Jamesville	98	317 415	108	337 445
Farm Life	58	150 208	60	172 232
Bear Grass	57	247 304	62	243 305
Williamston	210	578 788	175	580 755
Everetts		249 249		279 279
Robersonville	255	368 623	244	396 640
Gold Point		74 74		71 71
Hamilton	51	51	60	60
Oak City	145	260 405	140	255 395
Hamilton		167 167		206 206
Totals	823	2,461 3,284	789	2,508 3,291