Judge H. O. Peel Handles 12 Cases - In County Court

Several Defendants Charged With Failure to Support Families

Judge H. O. Peel held the county recorder's court in session during a greater part of last Monday handling a dozen cases. The docket carried no cases of any great importance, but large crowds were present for the proceedings. Their failure to support wife and children carried several defendants into court

The proceedings:

Charged with non-support, Charlie Bellamy was directed to pay \$10 a month for the support of his five children. The order is effective for six months and Bellamy is to reappear at the end of that time for further judgment.

Henry Godard, charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, was sentenced to the roads for three

The case charging George, Ellsworth and Henry Andrews and Dink Ward, alias William Staton, with assault and interfering with an officer, was continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday.

Charged with non-support, Les ter McKeel was ordered to pay \$4 a week for the upkeep of his wife and two children. The cost of the case was taxed against McKeel, and he was directed to reappear in court at the end of six months for further judgment. Bond in the sum of \$150 was required by Judge Peel.

The case charging Dawson Griffin with an assault and disorderly conduct was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in December.

The case charging Doc Whitfield with non-support was continued until the second Monday in next Jan-Charged with largeny and receiv-

ing, Ed Goss was sentenced to the roads for three months. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging John A. Marshall with

reckless driving. Amos Jones was sentenced to the roads for sixty days for alleged lar-

ceny and receiving. Charged with drunken driving, Hoyt Lilley pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case under prayer

for judgment until the first Monday Abraham McNeil, charged with being drunk and disorderly and

carrying a concealed weapon, fined \$50 and taxed with the case Probable cause appearing, Judge

Peel bound Lucy Mae Dickens, young colored girl, over to the superior court for trial in the case charging her with larceny. The girl is alleged to have entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stubbs Peel in Oak City and stole clothing

A Brief Review Of **County Postoffices**

there were five postoffices in the law, will grow, and if the relief bur- upon weather conditions. county, three of them having gone den during the winter months in this out of existence years ago. Little is area will be helped or hindered as known about the postoffices, the a result of the measure. names of the communities having At the same time, houses are being been changed and their identity lost. A few of the old postmasters provisions of the measure as requirhave descendants living in the county today, but little is known of the history of others.

The five postoffices in the county in 1831 and the names of the postmasters were:

Clark's Store, William M. Clark; Davis' Store, Jesse J. Davis; Gardner's Bridge, Maurice Gardner Hamilton, William R. Bennett; Williamston, Joseph D. Biggs.

In 1846 there were only four. follows: Gardner's Bridge, Maurice S. Moore; Hamilton, Bryant Bennett; Roanoke, Thomas Jones; Williamston, William Watts.

In 1851 the number had been de-George W. Ward; Hamilton, T. W Ward; Williamston, Gilbert L. Ward.

Bookmobile Takes Up Books In The County

Effecting a distribution week before last, a "Bookmobile" operated by the Works Progress Administra-

Martin Farmers Sell Million Pounds of Surplus Leaf Cards

considerably more poundage will be that fairly large poundages will re sold after farmers complete the main on many cards. marketing of their own crops and determine the surplus.

opened, calls were received for sur- farmers have received approximateplus marketing cards, but few sales ly \$50,000 for their surplus pounds. were made by Martin farmers to To hinder card speculation, the govthe growers in that State. When the ernment recently limited the transfarmers completed the harvesting of fer of pounds to 10 per cent of the their crops and saw their yields were total quotas. A farmer can sell all going to be small, many of them of- his surplus pounds, but the speculafered poundage for sale. Most of the tor cannot buy the surplus and then poundage was bought by farmers sell it to someone else, it was exoutside this county, several hundred plained

No official figures are yet avail- thousand pounds going to farmers in from several sources indicate that recently agents representing Vir-Martin County farmers have sold ginia growers have been coming approximately a million pounds in here for the purchase of surplus surplus tobacco marketing quotas so pounds. However, the sale is begin far this season. It is believed that ning to slow down, and it is likely

Very few sales have been report ed in this county for less than five Soon after the Georgia markets cents, and it is estimated that the

Plans Go Forward For Democratic Meet Here

APPROVED

Plans for the construction of two gymnasiums in the county
—one at Oak City and one at Jamesville - have, after hanging in the air for many months, at last been approved by WPA authorities in Washington. Approval by the Comptroller General is necessary, but action on his part is recognized as a routine matter, and construction should get underway on the two projects shortly.

The WPA allotted \$3,468 for each of the buildings.

Firms Preparing **Set-Up Complying** Wage-Hour Ruling

Affects Several Small Industries in This Section

With the deadline in the impendng wage-hour law set for October 24, Martin County business and industrial heads have been setting about the business of getting their houses in order for compliance with

However, admittedly little known of the provisions of the bill in this county, although copies of the measure as passed have been received. Interpretation of the measure has been left to attorneys.

In part, the bill provides for a maximum work week of 44 hours and a minimum wage scale of 24 cents for all classes of industrial and business labor.

An administration group has been busy in Washington setting the machinery in motion. In this section several small in-

ustries will be affected, principal Running across several old Postal ly in the lumber industry which emprobably thrown out of employ-A little over a hundred years ago, ment because of the provisions of the cal tobacco warehouse, depending

set in order for compliance with the ed by the law itself.

Tobacco Marketing Season Nears Close

No definite date for closing the season has been set, but reports from farmers over this section indicate there will be little tobacco sold by the end of the next ten days or two weeks. Fair-sized sales are antici- scheduled sale at 12 o'clock noon on pated for next Monday when num- the second Monday in November, a bers of farmers plan to complete review of the list shows slight intheir marketing. Quite a few offer- creases in the number of delinquents creased to three: Gardner's Bridge, ed the last of their crop for sale to- and the unpaid amounts. day.

The closing expected in early No- ago, the uncollected taxes this year vember will set a new record for a are only \$164.96 greater, the amount short season in this section of the due and unpaid by the colored propbelt. In years past, sales have been erty owners actually being smaller operated well into January, and than it was when the list was first seldom have the markets closed be- advertised a year ago. fore Thanksgiving.

tion is gathering nearly 1,200 books in the buying by the big companies the year 1937 of \$4,545.90. The 42 in all parts of the county this week. today, the burden of holding up the white accounts show an unpaid bal-The traveling library received a sales resting on the warehouse op- ance of \$3,243.53, and the 106 colorliberal patronage in the county, and erators. Prices, however, ranged up ed accounts represent \$1,302.37 in the patrons are anxious for it to to forty cents this morning, but most unpaid taxes. operate on a regular schedule in the of the sales fell into the 20-30 cent class.

Prominent Members Of Party To Attend Meet Here Tuesday

Will Formulate Plans For The General Election Next Month

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren will address the First District Democrats in the courthouse here next Tuesday, October 25, at 10:30 a. m This is one of a series of district rallies being held throughout the state to formulate campaign plans for the general election next month, and a full attendance of all local leaders in the district is being urged.

State Chairman R. Gregg Cherry will attend the rally and will preside over the meeting, after being introduced by Herbert Bonner of Washington, secretary to Representative Warren and chairman of the executive committee of the First Congressional district.

State leaders who will be present to make short talks will be Mrs. W Murphy of Snow Hill, vice chairman; D. L. (Libby) Ward of New Bern, secretary; and Gordon Gray of Winston-Salem, president of the State Young Democrats. All of these have been attending the rallies throughout the state and otherwise devoting their time and energies to the success of campaign.

the meeting were advanced last evening at a meeting of the County Democratic Committee. looking for 400 strong party repre-S. Peel told the group in urging every Democrat in the county to support and participate in the meeting.

ed at the Sunny Side Inn or in a lo- number of farms.

*The entertainment committee is composed of J. Sam Getsinger, V. J. Spivey, L. B. Wynne, Mrs. E. S. Mrs. H. G. Horton and Mrs. Dewey Leggett.

Names of the ways and means committee, by districts, are: Rober-(Continued on page four)

Slight Increase In **Unpaid Town Taxes**

Williamston's town delinquent tax accounts are appearing today for

Compared with the records a year

There is a total of 148 accounts, There is little demand evidenced representing an unpaid balance for

There are over 1,000 property owners in the town.

County Coroners, Sheriffs To Meet Sunday Morning

Group Interested in Passing Amendment to the Constitution

Approximately 100 county core ners and sheriffs from all over eastmeet in the courthouse here Sunday plans for support of a proposed amendment to the State Constitu tion. The adoption of the proposed amendment will lengthen the terms of sheriffs and coroners from two to four years, the officers maintainservice if they do not have to go in to a political primary and election every two years.

Sheriff Robinson, of Iredell Coun ty, president of the North Carolina Sheriffs' association, is scheduled to preside over the meeting. Other as sociation officials including Secre tary Jones, of New Hanover County, will also be present for the meeting Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said today No special dinner has been prepared for the meeting, but the visitors will be invited to the cafes and hotels for the meal, it was learned.

The proposed amendment to th constitution is being offered at a inopportune time, and while no strong opposition has been advanced, no sizeable vote in this section of the state is assured the measure There are no interesting contests in the political line-up to attract the attention of voters, and one of the smallest votes in years is expected in this county on Tuesday, Novem

It is likely the sheriffs and coroners at their meeting Sunday will offer plans for getting out a fairly representative vote, believing that if the people will study the proposed amendment they will vote for it

Big Sweet Potato Crop Is Forecasted For Martin County

Yields as High as 300 Bush els Per Acre Are Reported

Weather conditions that curtailed production of major crops in Martin County this year apparently were favorable for sweet potatoes and this week the growers are harvesting what has been described as the county's record potato crop.

Reports from various sections maintain that the county will produce in excess of a quarter million Extensive plans for entertaining bushels of potatoes this season. Individual yields have been reported as high as 300 bushels per acre, but it is not likely that the average will exceed 130-150 bushels. The acreage resentatives," County Chairman E. this season is about the same in this county as it was a year ago.

A few new curing barns have been constructed this year, and in branch in Williamston has been The program committee, compos- 90 per cent of the cases, farmers carrying on its operations at the Colof H. G. Horton, Mayor Hassell and will cure their potatoes, some plandon in ling to use tobacco barns for the C. A. Harrison, is extending an invitation to the Robersonville High curing process. Up until just a few ing splendid service in this com-School band to play during the years ago there were no sweet po Guides a few days ago, Mr. Warren ploys the largest number. Mean- meeting. Plans have been virtually tato curing houses in the county, but ter serve the trade after getting in H. Biggs offers a brief sketch of while relief agencies are wondering completed for entertaining the visi- the special house is now recognized United States postoffices in Martin if the lists of unemployed workers tors with a free dinner to be serv- as necessary equipment on a large

The price outlook for the current erop is considered fairly favorable, Officers Capture some predicting the cured potato will sell for around \$1 per bushel.

Martin farmers are showing con Peel, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. William Gray, Mrs. R. H. Goodmon, potato seed after experimenting during the past two seasons with special types grown and imported from Louisiana. "Production in my field where certified seed were used is far in excess of that where old stock was used," Frank Weaver said. The value of good seed having been firmly established, Martin farmers are now working to build up their

Reports from over the State point to a large crop. Weather conditions generally have been very favorable. The 8,600,000 bushel crop is 6 per cent more than last year.

MORE CHECKS

More cotton price adjustment payments are being made to Martin County farmers today, the office of the county agent announcing yesterday that 221 additional checks representing 137 applications and amounting to \$3,968.02 had just been received for farmers in this county.

To date, 1,004 checks representing 497 applications and amounting to \$23,189.42, have been received in this county. The total payments received and expected will approximate \$40,000.

Series of Farm Meetings Will Little Interest Is Be Held in County Next Week

be held next week, County Farm than they did last year. Agent T. B. Brandon announced to-

Each one of the meetings will be ern North Carolina are slated to held at 7:30 o'clock p. m., arrangements having been made by the school in Cross Roads Township. county agricultural force to hold two meetings at the same time in two or three districts. Farmers are being notified direct and urged to attend the meetings and participate in the elections.

Many of the present committeeceed themselves, Messrs. J. R. Winslow and Jesse Crisp stating yesterday they were anxious to turn their tasks over to others. The meetings will elect commun-

tee will be selected. The selection of holding them.

Committeemen for handling the the personnel for handling the AAA AAA program in Martin County for program rests entirely with the far e coming year will be elected at mers, and they are expected to series of community meetings to show more interest in the election

The schedule of meetings Monday, October 24, Bear Grass

Tuesday, October 25, Everetts

Wednesday, October 26, James ville and Farm Life schools

school and Hassell school high school, and County Agricultural building. Farmers of both Wil-

These meetings will be held at ity committeemen, alternates and 7:30 p. m. on dates specified, and delegates to the county meeting. Messrs. T. B. Brandon, T. B. Slade from this group the county commit- and J. P. Woodard will assist in

Thursday, October 27, Oak City

ing at Williamston. Monday, October 31, Williamston Township house.

Chas. H. Jenkins Lets Contract For Garage

Construction Work To Get Underway Here Next Monday

Building Located on Pearl And Washington

A contract for the construction of a new garage was let this week by Charles H. Jenkins and Company to E. W. Faucette, general contractor, of Littleton. The contract price was not disclosed, unofficial reports stating that the structure which is t be modern in every detail will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

The building will be located or Washington and Pear Streets about one block out from the New Carolina Tobacco Sales warehouse. The structure will be of brick and steel construction with a frontage of eighty feet and a depth of approximately 125 feet.

Contractor Faucette arrived here this week to complete plans for starting construction work next Monday. An old building until recently occupied by Booth's garage, is being cleared from the lot and will be located on South Pearl Street, Materials are being placed on the lot ready for the builders next Monday, Mr. Faucette stating that the contract called for the completion of the building in two months.

Agents for the Oldsmobiles, Pontiacs and Buicks, the Chas. H. Jenkins Company, since locating a the new building. Mr. James Bailey Peel is local manager for the com-

Eight Liquor Stills

After losing much time attending court in this and Beaufort Counties, Special Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Roy Pele, are now making continued progress in the drive against illicit liquor manufacturing. During the past eight days the officers have wrecked eight liquor plants in the county, the raids taking place in Jamesville, Griffins, Bear Grass and Hamilton Townships. More than 2,000 gallons of beer and seven gallons of liquor were poured out during the eightday period. No arrests were made, but some

heated races took place, the officers stating that at one still the operator plunged into a stream of water and Most of the plans were small and

cheaply constructed, Mr. Roebuck explained.

Bowlers Lose Second Contest to Washington

Meeting a four-man team from Washington here last Wednesday evening, local bowlers lost their sec-ond contest to the alley boys from the Beaufort capital. The locals, led by Bullock with a score of 141 points in a single game, made the contest interesting, however.

EARLY PICKING

Before some farmers completed the digging of their peanuts, others in this county have already started picking the goobers. Farmer Lester House, of Robersonville, picked 100 bags yesterday. A report on the quality and quantity was not available here today.

The market is not active at this time, and marketing activities will hardly get underway before the first or second week in next month.

Proper Harvesting Of Peanuts Urged By the Cooperative

Must Be Thoroughly Dry And Free From Foreign Material

The assistant manager of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Inc Edenton, recently notified county agents of a price schedule under the 1938 peanut program. The importance of properly harvesting the pea-"It now looks as, though the grading will be a little more rigid this year than it was last year and, of course, in handling the large bulk of peanuts that we were called on to handle last year and will be called on to handle this year, it is absolutely necessary that the peanuts we trict: Leo Carr.

The warehouses, it was stated, will open early in November and ample space will be provided.

Plans have been virtually com-Plans have been virtually com-pleted for opening government re-trict: Zeb V. Nettles. ceiving stations in the Planters and Farmers warehouses and in the New trict. Allen H. Gwyn. Carolina house, if necessary, for handling the crop in this section. R. Reynolds (D); Charles A. Jon-The houses will be opened for peanut deliveries on or about November 10, Mr. John Gurkin said, explaining that ample space is available for handling the crop this year.

county. Farmers were urged to guard against placing damp, improperly cured peanuts on the market. De liveries in such condition will not be accepted by the Stabilization Co-

operative, according to the manage-

Plane Pilot Killed In Bertie Crash Yesterday in the county.

near Powellsville, Bertie County, tally necessary. yesterday morning when the big He was alone and was said to have sion activities in the county was dea party to Windsor.

Musleh suffered fractures of both month. legs and arms and death was sudden. The big ship was wrecked. The flier made many friendships

Carolina for burial,

Being Shown In Nov. 8th Election

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Reports State That Not a Single Person Has Registered

Little interest in the coming election was predicted in this county to day as officials continued arrange ments for holding the event on Tuesday, November 8. Incomplete reports from the various precincts state that not a single person has Friday, October 28, Robersonville registered since the books were opened a week ago tomorrow, and it is highly probable that less than men will not be candidates to suc- liamston and Poplar Point are to a dozen or two will meet the reparticipate in the agricultural build- quirements for participation in th

The election this year offers only three contests, one for United States Senator and two for associate justices of the North Carolina Supreme Court. There is no opposition to the democratic ticket in this county.

Proposed amendments to the State Constitution will attract some atten tion, no doubt, but with little or no opposition on the regular ticket the vote in the proposed amendments will be small in this county.

The democratic ticket in this county carries the names of the par y nominees, as follows For clerk superior court: L. Bruce

For sheriff: C. B. Roebuck For treasurer: C. A. Harrison For judge recorder's court: H. O

Fo coroner: S. R. Biggs. For county commissioners: C. A Roberson, R. A. Haislip, R. L. Perry

C. C. Fleming and J. E. Pope. For solicitor, second district: Don For member house of representa-

tives: H. G. Horton. For State senator, second district W. B. Rodman, Jr., and D. Bradford Fearing.

The State ticket carries the fol wing names: For associate justice of Supreme Court: M. V. Barnhill, (D), Herbert

F. Seawell, Sr., (R). For Associate Justice of Suprer Court: "J. Wallace Winborne, (D); Irvin B. Tucker (R).

For Associate Justice of Supreme Court: A. A. F. Seawell.

For attorney general: Harry Mc-Mullan. For commissioner of labor: Forrest

H. Shuford. For utilities commissioner: Star y Winborne. For judge superior court, 1st dis-

rict: C. Everett Thompson. For judge superior court, 2nd district: Walter J. Bone

For judge superior court, 5th district: J. Paul Frizzelle. For judge superior court, 6th dis

For judge superior court, 8th district: John J. Burney. For judge superior court, 9th dis-

trict: Henry L. Stevens, Jr.

triet: Q. K. Nimocks, Jr. For judge superior court, 10th dis-For judge superior court, 12th dis-

For judge superior court trict: William H. Bobbitt. For judge superior court, 16th dis-

trict: Wilson Warlick

For judge superior court, 21st dis-For United States senator: Robert

as (R) For House of Representatives, 1st district: Lindsay Warren.

Last season, more than 100,000 County Board Holds bags of peanuts were stored in this Special Meet Here

Meeting in special session here yesterday afternoon, the Martin County commissioners approved a \$4,000 loan for the construction of additional rooms to the Williamston colored school building, and consided a small increase in the budget figures for agricultural extension work

The \$4,000 loan is to come from Joe Musleh, the Armenian air- the State literary fund, School auplane pilot who operated his big thorities, appearing before the board, tri-motored plane from Williams- stated that nearly 700 colored chilton's airport during several week- dren are crowded into eleven rooms ends in recent months, was killed and that additional space was vi-

Action on granting an increase in ship crashed just after taking off. the budget for agricultural extenstarted a test flight before taking ferred until the regular meeting to be held on the first Monday of next. Messrs. C. C. Fleming, of James

ville; R. L. Perry, of Bear Grass; J. E. Pope, of Williamston; C. Abram while operating his plane here. His Roberson, of Robersonville, and R. body was sent to his home in South A. Haislip, of Hassell, were present for the meeting.