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Judge H. O. Peel Handles Fourteen Cases Last Monday

Several Are Charged With Dodging Family Obligations

The nature of cases called in the county's recorder's court last Monday reflects an unfavorable economic condition in this section or proves there are some mean folks in this world. During the past several months and especially in recent weeks, numbers of cases charging illegitimacy are increasing, and directly or indirectly the burden of the other fellow's sins is falling squarely on the shoulders of the public.

Judge H. O. Peel last Monday handled fourteen cases, as follows: The case charging Walter Williams with non-support was settled when the defendant paid \$12.50 to the prosecuting witness and the costs in the action.

John L. Webb was sentenced to the roads for six months in the case charging him with non-support.

Harry Lee Speller, charged with abandonment, was directed to pay \$8 a month for the support of his wife and two children, the court suspending judgment upon payment of cost when it was pointed out that the defendant and prosecuting witness had settled their differences and had agreed to live together.

Pleading guilty of bastardy, Hubert Boston was directed to pay \$10 for mid-wife services and \$4 a month for twelve months to prosecuting witness. Costs of the case were attached, and bond in the sum of \$50 was required.

Charged with abandonment, Jasper Williams was ordered to pay \$8 a month for the support of his wife and child and reappear at the end of one year for further judgment. Costs were imposed in the case, and Judge Peel required bond in the sum of \$100.

The case charging G. R. Bateman with drunken driving was continued under prayer for judgment until the

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Several Important Changes In New 1939 Farm Program

The new 1939 farm program has several important changes that are expected to meet with general approval, according to C. A. Morgan, field representative for the State Extension Department, who reviewed the farm plans at a meeting of community and county agricultural committees here last Wednesday afternoon.

No, the changes will not make the program perfect, but agricultural leaders, already certain of the great value of the program believe it will meet with greater approval. "We are making every effort to adapt the program to the needs of the farmers," an agricultural leader said.

One of the changes in the new program will limit the surplus marketing of a tobacco crop on another farmer's card. It will be possible for the fellow who knowingly over-

plants to buy a small poundage, but on additional sales he will have to pay a 50 per cent penalty. If a farmer is allotted 1,000 pounds and he raises 1,100 he can buy surplus marketing cards, but to market in excess of a surplus ten per cent he will have to pay the tax. This change will likely hold inferior tobacco off the markets, it was pointed out.

Work is already underway by community and county committees to correct errors in the 1938 program and adjust apparent inequalities. The committees are working on this task today in an effort to have the 1939 allotments ready by the first of next month.

Instead of holding 3 per cent of the allotment in reserve for new growers, the 1939 program sets aside only one per cent, and allotments to new growers will hardly be determined before next January.

HOLIDAY?

Armistice Day, the anniversary marking the end of the World War twenty years ago, is being observed as a national holiday for the first time. It was included in the list of national holidays by the last Congress, but the day is not being generally recognized as a holiday here. The banks and postoffice and a few other places of business are closed, but business goes forward as usual in other lines of endeavor.

Large Deliveries Are Reported on Peanut Market Here Today

Demand Firm With Prices Averaging Around 3-1-4 Cents

With large deliveries reported, the peanut market here today continued firm, reports from the various buyers indicating that the cleaners are more anxious for the crop than at any time during the past two years. Prices, while ranging up to three and one-half cents, are averaging right at three and a quarter cents a pound, one buyer reported this morning.

The open market is supporting a strong demand, and to date comparatively few deliveries have been made to the stabilization cooperative warehouses at this point. Farmers, awaiting developments on the open market, will turn to the cooperative if prices weaken, it is understood. There is a short crop in this section, and there is the belief that the market for quality peanuts will hold its own and possibly strengthen as the season progresses. Numbers of farmers, apparently anticipating no great price rise, if any, are going ahead with the marketing of their crops. The plant of the Columbian Company here is rushed, the local management stating this morning that it had hardly time to eat during the past few days.

"While it is causing us some inconvenience, we believe it is a good thing," Captain W. S. Pritchard, head of the local plant, said this morning, and "it is not near as bad as we expected," Mr. Pritchard added in commenting on the wage-hour bill. The plant is living up to the terms of the law to the letter, and it is apparent that employment has been made available to additional workers.

Condition County Roads Recognized By Highway Unit

Martin Is Said To Have the Greatest Mileage of Narrow Roads

Inadequate appropriations may block an improvement program, but it is now certain that State Highway authorities are acquainted with the bad condition of secondary roads in this county, reports stating that district and divisional engineers had personally inspected a large mileage of the "latter ridges" in the county since last Monday.

Receiving numerous complaints from their constituents over a long period of months, the county commissioners last Monday planned to appeal to the State commission in Raleigh. Before the complaint embracing the numerous ones coming from individual citizens, could reach Raleigh, district authorities came here to investigate and consider plans for relieving the existing conditions.

According to district engineers, Martin County has the greatest mileage of narrow roads of any in this section, and while the condition of roads in other counties is possibly better than it is in Martin, the roads in the other counties were possibly in better shape than those in Martin when the State took over several years ago, it was pointed out.

Unless appropriations are increased there is little hope for remedying the secondary road problem, highway forces pointing out that equipment available in the county is inadequate to cope with the demands. At the present time there is only one construction crew in the county and its work is necessarily limited. This crew is trying to improve the roads, but the task is too great, it was pointed out.

The complaint to the State office will probably reach there tomorrow or early next week, and the reaction from the authorities there is awaited.

Local P. T. A. Will Meet Next Wednesday

The Williamston Parent-Teacher association will hold its regular monthly meeting in the grammar school auditorium next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. Mrs. A. J. Osteen, president, is urging that all members and others interested in school matters attend the meeting.

Convocation Of Edenton To Meet Here Next Week

Two Hundred Expected For Annual Episcopal Church Meet

The annual meeting of the Convocation of Edenton will be held in the Church of the Advent on Tuesday, November 15th. This Convocation consists of the northeastern half of East Carolina.

The meeting begins with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock; the Rev. Worth Wicker, dean of the convocation, will be the celebrant, assisted by Rev. John Hardy. Immediately following the men will assemble in the rectory for their business meeting.

At 11 o'clock the Woman's Auxiliary will be called to order in the church by the president of the convocation, Mrs. H. G. Walker, of Washington. At this time there will be roll call by parishes, routine business, report of the president, and address by the president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese, Mrs. Louis J. Poisson, of Wilmington. At 12 o'clock, the Rev. Jack Rountree, of Kinston, will conduct noon day prayers and lead a short meditation. Following this Miss Catherine Sherman, the new Diocese secretary of religious education, will discuss some phase of her work. She will be followed by the Rev. W. R. Noe, the executive secretary of the Diocese, who will present the Diocesan work of the church.

At one o'clock the local parish will be host at a luncheon served in the Woman's Club by the ladies of the Baptist church.

At two o'clock, the chairmen of the various departments will conduct conferences on their work at the following places:

The presidents, secretaries and treasurers, Mrs. H. G. Walker, chairman, at Mrs. J. McK. Saunders. The United Thank Offering, Mrs. Frank Fagan, chairman, of New Bern, at the Parish House. Christian Social Service, Mrs. John E. F. Hicks, of Goldsboro, at Mrs. L. T. Fowden.

Educational, Mrs. Donald MacRae, of Wilmington, at Mrs. Frank Barnes. Field and publicity, Mrs. C. F. Green, of Wilmington, at Mrs. P. H. Brown.

Periodical Club, Mrs. Sidney Ward, of Plymouth, at the Church. Supply, Mrs. John Hardy, at Mrs. John Cooke.

At 2:45 the Convocation will again assemble in the church for an address. The meeting will adjourn with the Benediction by the Rev. John Hardy.

Justice Vote Ruled Out In Hamilton Precinct

Offering an open ticket for justice of the peace, Hamilton Township, in the election last Tuesday, George Leggett was ruled out on a technicality by the Martin County Board of Elections here yesterday.

Polling 96 votes—54 in Hamilton and 42 in the precinct at Hassell—Mr. Leggett will possibly be advised to carry his "confidence vote" before the county commissioners for appointment.

Election officials pointed out that they could not legally declare Mr. Leggett elected as he did not file in the Democratic primary and his ticket was not accompanied by a petition.

State and County Democrats Hold Firm Line as Party Is Weakened In Various Sections of the Nation

Republicans Win 79 Seats Tuesday In the National Congress

Old Guard Is Back in the Race for Presidency In 1940

Apparently all the money the Democrats are alleged to have spent through the WPA, relief rolls and other agencies now turns out to be a mere pittance compared with the amount flowing from the fountain of the Republicans, near complete returns from all over the country showing the Old Guard made marked gains here and there throughout the land outside the Solid South in the election last Tuesday.

The Republicans stepped in to claim at least eight additional seats in the United States senate and seventy nine more places in the National House of Representatives. With a total of 157 in the House and an increase of eight senators, the Republicans still constitute a small minority in the Congress, the political observers wrangling over the real meaning of the gains made by the Old Guard. Democratic party leaders maintain that the country is still behind the New Deal and its humane policies. Republican party leaders declare that the voting last Tuesday is the beginning of the end for the New Deal. William Green, head of the American Federation of Labor, avers that the voting knocked the Committee for Industrial Organization into a cocked hat. The disinterested observers point out that the Republicans merely regained a few of their forces that fell in the Roosevelt landslide. Most of the Republican gains were recorded in those States normally Republican, the New Deal holding its own in most of the border States. While the Republicans were gaining less than a dozen governorships from the Democrats and Progressives, the Democrats were gaining a few such seats from the Republicans, including the 44-year-old Republican dynasty in California and the governorship in Maryland.

There were some heated contests in the North and Middle West, the spotlight centering in New York where Governor Lehman, incumbent, won over Dewey by a scant few thousand votes, each man polling in excess of two million ballots.

The LaFollette National Progressive party in Wisconsin was nipped in the bud, and the Republicans cleared Minnesota of its Farmer-Laborite Governor Elmer Benson.

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Williams Held In \$2,000 Bond In Murder Case

Charged with the murder of Eli Evans, colored, here last Saturday night, Thomas Williams, also colored, was held in \$2,000 bond following a hearing last evening before Justice J. L. Hassell. Unable to raise the bond, Williams was returned to jail to await trial in the superior court next month.

Justice Hassell ruled that the case was bondable as the evidence indicated the State would not ask for a verdict of first degree.

CONFIRMED

A contract for the construction of a new postoffice here was confirmed by the Treasury Department yesterday, and the contractors, Jones Brothers, of Wilson, have been instructed to start construction work as soon as possible. The contract calls for the completion of the building within 210 days.

Scrap Tobacco Tax Upheld by Supreme Tribunal This Week

Quota Plan and \$1,000 Fee Remove Inferior Leaf From Market

The sale of scrap tobacco was virtually ruled out this week when the North Carolina Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of a \$1,000 license fee for the purchase of the inferior type of tobacco in each county where operations were handled. The test case was brought by the E. B. Ficklen Tobacco Company against A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue.

Scrap tobacco sales have been limited under the allotment system farmers finding it more profitable to sell their surplus poundage for five cents per unit rather than use their cards in the marketing of the inferior tobacco for one or two cents a pound.

No official estimate is available, but it is believed that the \$1,000 license fee for scrap tobacco dealers and the quota system will hold millions of inferior tobaccos off the markets. The revenue accruing to the farmer from the sale of scrap amounts to little, but much can be gained when the farmer spreads the sorry leaf in his fields as a fertilizer.

The tax, enacted by the 1937 General Assembly, requires firms which purchase scrap tobacco to pay a \$1,000 annual license fee for each county in which they operate.

Associate Justice Heriot Clarkson who wrote the opinion in the case, held that the tax was not "discriminatory, unreasonable, prohibitory or vague."

"If the amount of the tax is such as to render it onerous," he wrote "the primary recourse of the taxpayer is to the legislative forum; the power of this court to deal with such matters is exceptional unusual, rather than general and ordinary."

Justice Clarkson pointed out that a tax on scrap tobacco enacted by the 1935 general assembly was declared unconstitutional—but on grounds "of vagueness and uncertainty."

"The act here considered is free of the fatal shortcomings of the prior act," he added.

The Lions Club held their regular monthly meeting last night with an increased attendance. An enjoyable oyster supper was served the members.

State and County Democrats Report Additional Gains

Single Loss Reported in the County Opposed to Crop Control

North Carolina and Martin County Democrats sensing the danger to their party in foreign states got busy last Tuesday in an off-year election to bolster their strength at home, official returns showing that they polled one of the largest majorities over the Republicans in this county in years while those in the State invaded. Republican strongholds that had not been touched in almost half a century.

Martin County gave 1,195 votes to its Democratic forces, the opposition slipping in for the mere crumbs—29 votes—one precinct, Robersonville, cast more than one-third of those.

The election in this county was listless, the Republicans apparently figuring their case was hopeless, and the Democrats knowing that it was not at all necessary to take time to vote. Pollholders called in the citizens and insisted that they vote.

A look into the State returns, one sees only two dark spots, and one of those is brightened by the fact that the voters were not so much interested in parties as they were in the candidates. Running on a Republican ticket, B. Ray Cohoon was elected sheriff of Tyrrell County over Robert L. Swain. The vote there was close, Cohoon polling 729 votes to 723 for Swain. The other spot was down in Sampson County and interest is added to the defeat by the fact that that territory is a hot bed for the anti-crop control movement. Cherokee went Republican, but up in Yadkin the Democrats elected a member of the State House of Representatives for the first time in nearly half a century. A Democratic seat in the State Senate was added to the list along with

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Local Store Sale Attracts Throngs

Recognized as one of the greatest selling events ever held in eastern North Carolina, the sale of Harrison Brothers and Company attracted record crowds at its opening here yesterday morning. Plate glass windows were hard pressed as the throngs crowded around the two entrances to the big store, and the owners found it necessary to close the doors for short periods to prevent complete congestion inside.

Shoppers from over a wide territory were here to share in the store-wide bargains. New crowds and many of those here yesterday are in the store again for more of the unusual bargains. Although thousands of dollars worth of merchandise were moved yesterday, the stock appears hardly touched, and there are yet thousands of bargains.

Liquidating the estate in its entirety, the administrators say the stock must go, and the sale will continue until it is sold.

OFFICIAL RETURNS, BY PRECINCTS, FOR STATE, COUNTY OFFICERS

Although comparatively few participated, Martin County Democrats continued to hold high the torch of Democracy last Tuesday when they visited the polls in an off-year election, an election that carried little local interest. Official returns, canvassed by precinct and county board of election officials here yesterday, show the Democrats swept the county by a vote of 1,195 to 29. The Tuesday vote was unusually small, but exceeded that for the off-year election four years ago. Casting 1,244 votes this week, the electors asserted hardly more than one-sixth of their estimated strength in this county. Two years ago nearly 4,600 votes were cast in the county. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck led the ticket with 1,195 votes each. The only oddity was the opposition to Representative H. G. Horton. John Cooke was given one vote in the Williamston box for member of the State House of Representatives. The county vote for State, U. S. Senate, National House of Representatives, State Senator and county officers follows, by precincts:

PRECINCT	ASSOCIATE JUSTICE STATE SUPREME COURT		FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES										U. S. Senate		STATE SENATE		COUNTY OFFICERS				COMMISSIONERS															
	W. V. Barnhill (D)	H. F. Seawell, Sr. (R)	W. J. Bone	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt	W. H. Bobbitt													
Jamesville	89	4	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88												
Williams	20	19	11	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40												
Griffins	48	26	30	12	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100												
Bear Grass	42	58	21	53	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112												
Williamston	278	56	198	72	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344	344												
Cross Roads	39	32	19	16	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78												
Robersonville	127	41	92	38	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175	175												
Gold Point	36	4	18	15	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42												
Poplar Point	28	28	9	18	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63	63												
Hamilton	55	3	36	4	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61	61												
Hassell	32	15	37	8	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51	51												
Goose Nest	43	29	30	19	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79												
TOTALS	1159	23	1154	23	1146	1156	1139	1157	1146	1167	1155	1147	1146	1146	1145	1145	1144	1145	1147	1169	29	1166	1184	1178	1136	1184	1195	1195	1180	1188	1187	1167	1163	1167	1163	1164