

Judge Peel Holds Short Session Of Recorder's Court

Only Eight Cases on the Docket For Trial Monday

With the smallest number of cases on the docket in recent weeks, the Martin County Recorder's court was in session only a short time last Monday.

Judge Peel turned his attention to the non-payment of costs in certain cases, and sentenced James Henry Brown to jail for five days for failing to pay the balance of the cost due in the case charging the defendant with violating the liquor laws.

Bond in the case charging Julius Latham with violating the liquor laws was ordered forfeited when the defendant failed to answer when called in open court.

Young Lilley, dazed by the fatal attack robbers made on his father early on the morning of last December 24, lost control of his car while driving along Highway 17 a short time after the brutal crime was discovered.

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Credit Agencies Are Receiving Many Applications for Loans

Applications for loans are being crowded into government credit mills by Martin County farmers who are starting earlier than usual the task of financing their farming activities for another year.

The production credit association is off to a good start to establish a new record in the county this year. The local office has already approved 140 loans amounting to \$113,400 as compared with 195 loans totaling a little less than \$100,000 during all of last season.

Consider Need for A Meat Storage Plant

POPE DIES

Pope Pius XI, 81-year-old spiritual leader of four hundred million Catholics, died at the Vatican early today, according to unofficial reports reaching here at noon.

In ill health for some time, the Pontiff was stricken with influenza three days ago, and yesterday he suffered two heart attacks, a third one proving fatal early today, it was reported.

Draw Jurymen For Duty In Superior Court Next Month

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Report Opposition To Legal System For Liquor Control

Counties Upset By Action Of the State ABC Liquor Board

The pendulum that has always swung to the wet side in liquor voting as well as liquor drinking in Martin County is about to swing to the dry side, according to reliable reports coming from various parts of the county.

"If the question of liquor control was placed before the people of this county at this time they would vote against legal stores," a well informed man voiced his strong opinion this week.

"We were of the opinion that general reductions in taxes would be effected when the stores were opened, but the State comes in to demand a lion's share of the profits and more than a hundred thousand dollars have been asked for operating the Raleigh agency."

There are others of more conservative thought who believe that the taxpayers are fighting mad with the set-up in Raleigh, that while many are disgusted with the ABC system, they would again support it in a referendum in this county.

The outspoken opposition to the ABC system came after Hertford County voted to stick by its "corn" in a referendum held there last Saturday.

Some of the big-time papers in the State suggested that it was just another case of where the people vote dry and drink wet.

Approximately Quarter Million Dollars Are Available in 1939 To Farmers Under Soil Program

Liquor Manufacturers Hiding Plants in Abandoned Houses

Their activities in the woods subject to the eye of air raiders, liquor manufacturers in this county are said to be seeking the shelter of houses.

Turning from the woods, the manufacturers had set up a sizeable plant in an abandoned lumber camp house, Officer Roebuck stating that the top of the smokestack from the boiler was just through the roof, that a special door was used to cover the furnace.

As the most complete unit he had ever seen, Officer Roebuck stated that he had found and destroyed hundreds of stills in recent years, but it was the first time he had ever found one in a house.

It seems as if liquor manufacturing under a roof constitutes a great infraction of the law than open-air manufacturing, the county officer explaining that an indictment was almost certain to follow.

A government plane spotted several liquor plants from the air in a recent flight over the county, and manufacturers are said to be studying camouflaging as a modern feature in their business.

Commenting on the new program this morning, County Agent T. B. Brandon and his assistant, T. B. Slade, said that it was the most attractive one yet advanced by the government.

Program Explained To Committees In Meeting Yesterday

The new 1939 soil conservation program offers to Martin County farmers more than a quarter million dollars in benefit payments, it was unofficially estimated by Will Rogers, representative of the State College Extension division.

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The change, Mr. Brandon points out, will increase the rate of benefit payments to farmers receiving less than \$200 under the regular rate schedule.

Another important change in the 1939 program is the reduction in the penalty taxed against over-production in tobacco.

Under the new ruling, any excess production in tobacco heretofore when he planted in excess of his allotment, the tobacco farmer was penalized at the rate of eight cents a pound.

Towns And Counties Recover Portion Of "Stolen" Revenue

MARKER

According to unofficial information received here today, the North Carolina Historical Commission will place a marker here for the late Judge Asa Crawford Biggs.

The renowned townsman was born here in the early part of the last century, lived in the home now occupied by the Fowdens on Church Street, was a member of the United States Senate in the early fifties and was federal judge for several terms.

It is also understood that the commission is considering placing a marker here for the late Samuel Johnson, prominent figure in the early affairs of the American Republic.

Jobs Placements In January Greater Than A Year Ago

Construction Work Absorbs Most of 155 Men Assignments

Making a total of 155 placements during the month of January, 1939, the Williamston office of the State Employment Service showed a net gain in job placements for unemployed applicants of approximately three hundred per cent over January a year ago.

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Schoolmasters In Meet Last Night

The Martin County Schoolmasters Club held its regular monthly meeting in the Robersonville high school building last evening.

The Senator, campaigning on a wet platform, recently championed the dry cause, and lined up with "our" Mr. Bailey to vote against adequate relief appropriations and the confirmation of a presidential nominee for a federal judgeship.