

Eleven Cases Are Called In County Court On Monday

Two Defendants Sentenced To The Roads For Six-Months Terms

Convening for the first time since June 10, the Martin County Recorder's Court called eleven cases during a comparatively short session last Monday. Several of the cases were continued until next Monday, the court imposing sentences of six months' duration in two cases. Judge H. O. Peel presided and Solicitor Don Elphonsa Johnson prosecuted the docket.

Proceedings in the court: The case charging J. T. Perry with bastardy was not prosed.

A continuance was granted until July 1 in the case charging Edgar Goss with an assault.

Charged with larceny and receiving, Jasper Rogers was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months. Notice of appeal was given by the defendant and bond in the sum of \$100 was required by the court.

The case charging Elmer Hassell with trespass and assault was continued until next Monday, the defendant entering a plea of not guilty in the case.

The case charging Sam Langley with larceny was not prosed.

A continuance until next Monday was granted in the case charging Fred Ayers with issuing a worthless check.

Richard Davis failed to answer when called in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly. Papers for his arrest were ordered issued by the court.

After entering a plea of not guilty, Thurman "Teeny Bud" Bell, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, had his case continued until next Monday.

The case charging Lois Simpson with an assault, was not prosed.

In the case charging Israel Blount with carrying a concealed weapon, the court noting that a former judgment had not been complied with, sentenced the defendant to the roads for a term of six months. Blount had been directed to pay a fine and the costs of the case.

Handling a lone civil action, the court rendered a decision favoring Plaintiff R. S. Critcher in his case against Shepherd Rice and wife, Alice Rice. The judgment was granted in the sum of \$37.10.

Coast Line Is Proposing Improved Freight Service

According to unofficial information received here this week, representatives of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company will seek permission in Raleigh next week for a proposed change in freight schedule between Williamston and New York.

It is understood the company plans to provide a 24-hour service out of New York by using trucks to effect a direct connection at Rocky Mount. Freight shipments billed out of New York this morning would be delivered here tomorrow morning under the proposed schedule.

Hutson Writes Letter To Tobacco Farmers

Marketing Quotas Will Tend To Hold Up Market Prices

High Spots in Proposed Plan For Three-Year Program Are Outlined

Recognizing the serious situation facing the tobacco farmer, J. B. Hutson, Agricultural Adjustment Act assistant administrator, is addressing a letter to all tobacco farmers, outlining the proposed three-year tobacco program and maintaining that the establishment of marketing quotas "can be used to prevent extremely low prices and severe losses such as those suffered by the growers in 1930, 1931 and 1932."

A copy of Mr. Hutson's letter follows, in part:

"With the large 1939 crop and the effect of the war on export markets flue-cured tobacco growers are facing a serious market situation—worse even than the situation from 1930 to 1932. Fortunately, the marketing quotas can be used to prevent extremely low prices and severe losses such as those suffered by growers in 1930, 1931 and 1932."

"Recent amendments to the tobacco quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 authorized a referendum on quotas for a period of three years. The referendum will be held in July before the opening of the markets, and any loan arrangements to support the market will depend upon a decision by growers to regulate marketings."

"The amendments also provide that if quotas are in effect for three years..."

Method for Reporting Subversive Activities Outlined by President

OPENING DATES

Meeting in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, the Tobacco Association of the United States will determine the dates tomorrow for opening the tobacco markets in the several belts. Little has been said about the time for opening the markets, the farmers in this section calculating that the markets will be open in ample time for them to start moving what appears now to be an unusually late crop.

Last year the markets opened on August 22.

Farmers in this section say that it will be week after next before tobacco will be ready for the harvest.

Willkie Republican Presidential Choice

Wendell Willkie, Indiana power magnate and mugwump, was named early today in Philadelphia by the Republican Party as its nominee for President of the United States. He was nominated on the sixth ballot after Dewey, the boy prosecutor, and other minor candidates were forced out of the picture. Robert A. Taft offered the main competition until the sixth count, the fifth ballot giving Willkie a lead of only 52 votes.

Willkie, slandered by members of the convention when the fifth ballot was being taken, was formerly a Democrat, leaving the party for the conservative group after voting for Roosevelt in 1932.

As the head of a vast power dynasty, he has bitterly attacked the New Deal especially as it related to the power industry. It has been his hobby to attack the government's power policy as it centered around the TVA, but in recent weeks he has advanced the claim that he was the man who reduced power and light rates in this country.

It is rumored that Willkie, described by some as being of the Huey Long type in some ways, is not acceptable by the Old Guard Republicans.

The Philadelphia convention, attended by Attorney Wheeler Martin, is to select a candidate for vice president this afternoon. The chairman of the convention was Congressman Martin from Massachusetts and not our Mr. Martin. Incidentally, local people were of the opinion that Wheeler would have made a far better chairman and that there would have been more recesses than there were had he held the chair.

MEETING

Members of the local Chamber of Commerce and representatives of the Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade are scheduled to meet in the agricultural building this evening at 8 o'clock for a progress report and a discussion of new business topics.

The meeting will also touch on a cooperative plan for the advancement of the local tobacco market, Secretary Billie Clark explained. All members are urged to be present and participate in the program.

Second Army Unit Travels Thru Here

A second mechanized unit of the United States Army passed through here Wednesday afternoon, traveling for an unannounced destination, possibly in Mississippi or Louisiana or Texas.

Made up of 107 individual units last Tuesday and 146 trucks, anti-aircraft guns and specially-built passenger outfits, the convoys moved rapidly through the local streets, the rapid pace and the appearance of the army equipment itself being highly suggestive of actual conflict on the war fronts and the extensive preparedness program now underway in this country.

Only four guns were seen, but there were quite a few high-powered generators for use in connection with huge spotlights.

With the exception of a few mustached-old codgers, the personnel of the convoy was made up mostly of gay and apparently care-free youths.

Federal Agency Is Prepared To Make Proper Inquiries

No Violations of Neutrality Regulations Established In This Section

While there have been repeated rumors of subversive activities in this section in recent weeks, no charges relating to espionage, sabotage and violations of the neutrality regulations have been legally advanced or supported by actual facts, according to the best information obtainable here.

It has been said that a Williamston native expressed no concern over the fate of the Allies, that he did not have any sympathy for Williamston. While the remark is hardly a violation of the law, it does not meet with general approval among red-blooded Americans. It has also been reported that there had been a young man in this county who was trained in Hitler's army, that he holds an air pilot's license. It has also been reported that there is a certain element in a certain part of the county expressing a half-hearted wish for a Hitler victory, believing that shorter hours and more pay would be the reward. It is possible that an approach to fifth column activities is being made, that we, away off here in Martin County, can well keep our eyes open. But to date there has been no evidence offered to warrant an arrest or cause any great alarm, and it will be well to remember that costly mistakes can be made in attacking an innocent person as well as ignoring a yellow spy.

The procedure to be followed in handling complaints and prosecutions of violations of Federal laws relating to neutrality, espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and kindred offenses is outlined in a statement made by the President. The President's statement was as follows:

"The attorney general has been requested by me to instruct the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice to take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage, and violations of the neutrality regulations."

"This task must be conducted in a comprehensive and effective manner on a national basis, and all information must be carefully sifted out and correlated in order to avoid confusion and irresponsibility."

"To this end I request all police officers, sheriffs, and all other law enforcement officers in the United States promptly to turn over to the nearest representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information obtained by them relating to espionage, counter-espionage, sabotage, subversive activities, and violations of the neutrality laws."

Following the President's statement, the attorney general announced that he had issued instructions to the United States attorneys and marshals in the United States and its territories and possessions outlining in detail the respective functions of the citizens, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States attorneys and the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C., in handling complaints and prosecutions of violations of laws relating to espionage, sabotage, and violations of the neutrality regulations.

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Probable Cause Is Found In Killing

Probable cause of guilt appearing, Harry Short, 16-year-old colored boy, was bound over to the superior court for trial by Justice H. S. Everett in Robersonville yesterday afternoon in the case charging him with the killing of Thomas Little, 14-year-old colored boy, in Parale last Sunday evening. Bond was required in the sum of \$300. Mr. George James and Walter Slade extending the required amount for the youth's appearance in the court next September.

While it is believed that Short shot the boy unintentionally, Justice Everett pointed out that it was unlawful for anyone to point a gun at another regardless of whether the weapon was loaded or unloaded.

Short, testifying at the preliminary hearing, stated that they had been playing wild west games based on ideas gained in shows, that he and the victim and another companion finished a peanut supper and went into the main part of the Short home. "I picked up the shot gun, pulled the trigger," Short said, declaring that he did not know or never even thought that it was loaded. Little, struck in the stomach by the lead of shot, died in a Robersonville hospital a short time after he was shot.

"Lost Colony" Will Open New Season Saturday, June 29

New Edition Has Supporting Cast of 200 Actors And Singers

Mantoe—The fourth summer season of Paul Green's magnificent historical drama, "The Lost Colony," opening at the huge Waterside Theatre, Roanoke Island, June 29th, will inaugurate the 353rd anniversary celebrations of the founding of the Roanoke Island colonies and the birth of Virginia Dare—first English born child on American soil.

Described by leading critics as a drama depicting the Birth of American civilization at the Birthplace of the Nation, "The Lost Colony" is considered the nation's foremost attraction. Time Magazine declared that Author Green "infused into the dreams of his lost colonists his own living dream of democracy. His scenes range from the humorous to the heroic."

This year's cast of 200 actors, singers and dancers will be composed mostly of natives of Roanoke Island, with a Lost Colony choir of 30 from the Westminster Choir College. The entire production is under the direction of Samuel Selden, who has headed the Lost Colony forces for the past three years. He is assisted by a group of directors from the Carolina Playmakers.

"The Lost Colony" will be presented nightly from June 29th through July 7th. Afterwards it will be offered every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, with the show starting at 8:15 o'clock. With more than a quarter-million persons having seen it during the past three years, inquiries indicate that 100,000 will make a pilgrimage to this birthplace of the nation before the fourth season closes September 2nd, 1940.

Thousands of comfortable rooms with bath and other modern conveniences are now available on Roanoke Island and nearby Nags Head at one dollar per night per person. There are several new hotels, restaurants, inns, and tourist homes, all serving delicious meals at moderate prices. Every effort is being made to keep the quaint and colorful atmosphere of this little island village.

The Virginia Dare country is a vacation wonderland for the entire family. The roadsides are fragrant with milk-white gardenias in full bloom, red japonicas, sweet-scented pines, nut trees... It is a seashore.

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Coroner Reports On Accidental Deaths

Investigating two of the three untimely deaths in the county the early part of this week, Coroner S. R. Biggs said yesterday that the facts as revealed to him warranted no inquest, that he was certain no foul play was evident and that the deaths were accidental.

There was some talk yesterday that relatives of D. Jones White, the 12-year-old colored boy who lost his life in Sweet Water Creek last Monday, believed he had met with foul play. The coroner, after a second investigation, stated that the belief could not be substantiated, that the facts clearly pointed to accidental drowning. The boy's body was recovered by a young Mr. Hardison who jumped into the creek with his clothes on and who applied artificial respiration in an effort to revive the youth.

Investigating Wednesday afternoon the untimely death of William T. Brown, 11-year-old colored boy, the coroner stated that witnesses declared the boy was shot accidentally by Lester Ward, young white boy, while playing with firearms at the home of Farmer Burras Ward in Bear Grass Township last Sunday noon. The Brown boy died in a Washington hospital early Monday evening.

Youths Are Said To Risk Lives In Night Prowling

"Several youths are risking their lives and treading on dangerous ground in prowling around local yards and peeking in windows at night," a citizen said this week. "Thinking that someone is trying to break into their home, occupants are subject to open fire upon prowlers, and the results can prove serious," the citizen added.

It is not believed that the youths realize the seriousness of their actions, and it has been suggested that fathers point out the dangers of such a practice and make sure that their sons are not numbered among the prowlers.

In addition to prowling in yards, homes under construction have been entered by young boys who damaged certain properties.

Reports state that the youths are white and their ages fall in the early 'teen group.

Peace Talk Heard on European Front As Turmoil Becomes More Pronounced on Expanded Front

Timely Questions and Answers On the Tobacco Referendum

Timely questions and answers having to do with the tobacco referendum to be held on Saturday, July 20, are submitted for consideration by Martin County farmers, as follows:

What are important facts in the present flue-cured situation?

Exports during the five-year period 1934-38 represented approximately 50 per cent of the United States production for those years. If the same proportion, that is 50 per cent, of the 1939 crop had been exported, it would have amounted to a total of \$80 million pounds. Instead, however, 1939 exports during the current year will not be more than 275 to 300 million pounds.

In recent years exports to Great Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark and Norway have represented from two-thirds to

three-fourths of the total exports from the United States. Usually one-third of the crop is sold to the British trade. As the British buy the better grades nearly one-half of the total income is from this source.

The Commodity Credit Corporation financed the purchase of 175 million pounds of export grades from the 1939 crop.

The situation affecting purchases for export now is worse than at any time last season.

How will the situation be affected if marketing quotas are NOT voted?

There will be no Government loans.

The prospect of further excessive production would lower prices to growers.

Both old and new growers would expand production and this would later require further cuts in allotments for old growers.

Construction Work Advancing Rapidly

Activities on the construction front here continue unabated, a hurried review showing a renewed building spurt in residential and business areas.

The signatures are expected to be affixed today to a contract for the construction of a new home for the Paul Auto Supply Company on Washington Street, near the Dixie Motors building. F. B. Birmingham, local contractor, was the low bidder, and he is expected to start work on the business structure at once.

Contractor Birmingham is now laying the foundation for a 16 by 150 dry kiln for the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company near the river.

Completing a small housing unit on Marshall Avenue this week, Builder Joe Godard, II, has started construction of another one on Watts Street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, Sr., moved into their new home on East Main Street this week. The Gurkin boys and a special crew from Griffin Township started construction work on the home on Tuesday of last week. Two days later the building was finished, the builders completing the painting this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hitch will move shortly into their new home on Hassell Street.

Construction work is virtually complete on the home for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Griffin on Park Street, and building work is advancing rapidly on the Griffin duplex on Williams Street.

Several housing projects for the colored population are also well advanced in the cemetery area.

Red Cross Drive Is Progressing Slowly

Far from its initial goal of \$400, the Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross yesterday reported little progress in its drive for funds for suffering humanity in war-torn Europe. Only \$11.10 has been collected since last Monday, the amount boosting the total to \$262.99.

Measured against the urgent need for Red Cross aid in Europe, the amount raised in the chapter reflects either stringent financial conditions or an ultra-conservative people.

A large portion of the amount was received by members of the local Junior Woman's Club, but even those willing workers have not been able to crack the tight money box in behalf of a needy people.

Contributions not previously acknowledged:

Previously reported	\$251.89
D. E. Darden	1.00
C. R. Barbour	1.00
Anonymous	1.35
Mrs. Bill Haislip	1.00
Mrs. W. J. Hodges	1.00
Jack Horner	1.00
Macedonia Sunday School	3.75
Mrs. Hoyt Manning	1.00
Total	\$262.99

Highway Forces To Open Field Office Here Monday

Mr. Roy Frank, engineer representative of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, will open a field office in the old Atlantic hotel building here next Monday. Mr. Frank, assisted by several other department representatives, will supervise the widening of Highway 64 from Everetts to the Pitt County line and the widening of the Old Mill Inn bridge on Highway 17.

Mr. Frank and Mrs. Frank are at home with Mrs. C. A. Harrison and family on Academy Street.

Russia Is Causing Concern for Hitler In the Balkan Area

Germans Said To Be Continuing Plans For Attack On British Isles

Weak rumors of peace came out of Europe late yesterday as unrest and uncertainty gripped an enlarged territory in the Balkan area and as England rapidly continued its preparations against attack. During the meantime Germany is said to be amassing ships and fighting equipment in Norway for a possible attack on England through Ireland.

The apparent lull in actual warfare is believed by some to be a warning for another strike by Germany which holds the horrid promise of being the most devastating experienced in all history.

Unconfirmed in London and Berlin, the peace rumors indicate that Germany will demand only five per cent of British possessions and certain rights in the Mediterranean. The rumors were declared absurd in Berlin, and London said that she would fight on in the very jaws of the enemy "while the rest of the civilized world mobilizes its resources for victory."

Russia again entered the picture yesterday when she grabbed a rich part of Rumania, an act that the Axis powers declared was agreeable to them. However, the Russian act and the escape of the French fleet were said to have bolstered the position of the Allied Cause and gave concern to Hitler.

The promised attack on the British Isles continues to hold the spotlight in the minds of the public. It has been said that Italy is making plans in a big way to cooperate with Germany in the attack. Disheartening reports are coming out of Germany where there is much talk about the manufacture of a deadly gas for possible use in the proposed invasion of the British Isles. Reliable reports state that the supply of the poisonous gas has been increased considerably in recent weeks.

London reported early today that extensive raids were conducted over Germany last night when large gasoline stores were fired and considerable damage done to supply bases. Italy claimed that extensive raids were made on Allied holdings in Africa during the night, but counter statements denied that any great damage was done.

Japan is stepping into the war news with vast air raids in China where the war is flaring up anew with the possibility of causing the conflict to spread to new territories. In this country, the war in Europe was temporarily reduced to second-

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RIVER PROJECT

Bids for dredging fourteen miles of Roanoke River above this point are scheduled to receive attention by the War Department in Washington early next week. An appropriation for the project was provided by the Congress some time ago.

Several engineers and heads of contracting firms, driving their own boats and yachts, have been traveling on the river during recent days, making a survey of the proposed project possibly with the intention of submitting bids.

Two Bethel Men Hurt In Accident

Robert Roberson and Tom Bailey, of Bethel, are in the Edgecombe General hospital suffering from painful injuries sustained in an automobile accident that occurred Sunday evening near Mildred, five miles from Tarboro on the Tarboro-Robersonville highway.

Roberson is suffering from a broken leg, and other undetermined injuries; Bailey from lacerations of the face, fractured skull and possible internal injuries.

According to Roberson, when questioned at his hospital bedside, he was driving towards Tarboro and ran into a car from the rear without lights. Trying to avoid a rear-end collision with the unlighted vehicle, Roberson turned the auto towards the ditch. The car turned over throwing Bailey onto the pavement.

County Board Against Any Tax Rate Increase

DOUBLE HOLIDAY

Possibly not certain they'll be able to celebrate another one, local merchants and other business men will observe next Thursday—July 4—as a holiday. The observance Thursday will not interrupt the half-holiday Wednesday afternoon.

Shoppers are urged to keep in mind the long holiday and make their purchases before the stores close Wednesday noon. Business will be resumed the following Friday morning at the usual hour.

This schedule, it is understood, is being observed in nearly all towns in this section.

Tax Unit Attaches Carolina Minstrel

Said to have been operating without proper state licenses the Carolina Minstrel properties were attached in Hamilton today by the State Department of Revenue through its agent, Jack Hinton. That the organization would collapse was virtually certain as the tax division released its claim on the show tent to the Dize Ten and Awning Company, of Winston-Salem, and stored a large bus in a Robersonville garage. As far as it could be learned today, the \$300 State license tax had not been paid.

It was rumored that the popular deputy collector was considering purchasing the equipment and starting a show of his own. The reports

New Rate Expected To Remain Fixed At \$1.45 For New Year

Tentative Adoption of Budget Scheduled at Meeting Next Monday

Meeting in special session here yesterday, the Martin County commissioners discussed the new fiscal year budget for three hours, and if they maintain the attitude expressed in that session there'll be no increase in the county tax rate for the next twelve months.

Reports from the meeting clearly indicated that the rate of \$1.45 is the absolute top, that drastic reductions can be expected in nearly all of the departments before the levy is upped a single point. With bond principal and interest payments fixed and other items calling for amounts equally as large if not larger than the amounts were for the 1939-40 fiscal year, a reduction in the rate is hardly to be expected. Rate changes in the past have been dependent upon several factors, principally the trend in property values. The budget is being based on the same valuation listed on the scroll books last year. The county must operate on a valuation of \$12,200,000 for the next fiscal year, this amount being compared with a twenty-million-dollar valuation 20 years ago.

The tentative adoption of the budget is expected at the regular meeting of the commissioners next Monday, one report stating that a sec-

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