

## Judge H. O. Peele Calls Seven Cases In County Court

### Defendant Appears in Court For Second Time in Little Over a Week

Judge H. O. Peele called seven cases in the county court last Monday, the proceedings attracting no great attention from the general public. Solicitor D. E. Johnson prosecuted the docket.

An assault and trespass charge against Elmer Hassell, young white man, was a center of interest in the proceedings. Tried in the court on Monday of last week for trespassing on the land of Farmer L. R. Donaldson and striking his daughter who was working in the field, Hassell had his case continued under prayer for judgment. Returning to his home, the young man a day or two later is alleged to have attacked his mother and beat his father-in-law. Rearrested, Hassell was placed in jail to await another trial before the judge. At the last session he was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months. It is reported that Hassell, running afoul of the law in Washington County, had been ordered out of that county by Recorder Darden.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault on a female, Edgar Goss was sentenced to the roads for a term of three months and directed to pay the costs. The sentence was suspended for two years, but the term is to begin at any time during that period if Goss is adjudged guilty of violating any criminal law.

Entering a plea of not guilty in the case charging him with issuing a worthless check, Fred Ayers was found not guilty.

The case charging Richard Davis with being drunk and disorderly was remanded to the inferior courts for trial.

Thurman "Teeny Bud" Bell, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

Willie Ampey, Robersonville colored man, faced the court in two cases, each charging him with assault. The first case was not pressed. In the second case, Ampey pleaded guilty of simple assault. The plea was accepted and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

## Hickman Returns to Bear Grass School

Tendering his resignation last spring, Professor T. O. Hickman has reconsidered and is returning for his ninth year as head of the Bear Grass schools. County school authorities were said to have been pleased with the recent action taken by Mr. Hickman.

The school at Bear Grass will have several new faces in its faculty this coming term, several of the teachers having resigned.

C. C. Waters, teacher in the Mars Hill High School during the past two terms, is succeeding John Glover as teacher of history and science. Mr. Waters, a graduate of A. C. College, Wilson, is from Jamesville.

Miss Kate Lawrence, of Gatesville, is succeeding Miss Doris Jenkins, as second grade teacher.

Miss Virginia Dare Smith, a recent graduate of E. C. Teachers' College, is the new third grade teacher. Miss Smith, a resident of Robersonville, succeeds Miss Josephine Clayton.

The names of other faculty members are:

Miss Doris Davis, of Fremont, high school; Miss Dorothy Owens of Big Stone Gap, Va., seventh grade; Miss Madlyn Barnes, of Rocky Mount, sixth grade; Miss Caroline Davis, of Rocky Mount, fifth grade; Miss Ruby Malone, of Bear Grass, fourth grade, and Miss Virginia Shindler, of Greenville and Illinois, first grade.

## Three Lose Lives Riding On Trucks

Three fatal accidents in North Carolina last month called attention to the danger of riding on the back of a truck. Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, reported this week.

Accident records from June show that a 33-year-old woman, a 36-year-old man and a 15-year-old boy were killed during the month as a result of falling off or being thrown out of trucks on the rear of which they were riding.

"Riding on the back end of trucks and on the running boards of passenger vehicles is a practice which should be discouraged by every driver in North Carolina," said Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Safety Division.

"The danger of someone falling off or being thrown off a moving vehicle if they are riding on the running board or outside the cab when the vehicle strikes a hard bump or swerves unexpectedly is obvious," he added, "and the most effective means of combating this highly dangerous practice is for every motor vehicle driver to refuse to carry any passengers for whom they cannot find a seat inside."

"Drivers who permit passengers to ride on the outside of their cars or trucks are at least morally responsible if persons so riding should suffer some mishap."

## 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:

If marketing quotas are voted for a three-year period will allotments be stabilized?

Farm allotments for each of the three years will be up or down by the same percentage that the National quota goes up or down from the quota for the preceding year. No farm allotment, however, can be cut more than 10 per cent from the 1940 allotment during the entire three year period and no reduction will be made in any allotment which

was 2 acres or less in 1940. This guarantee does not apply to those growers who violate the marketing quotas.

Up to 2 per cent of the 1940 allotment for each state can be used in each year for adjustment of individual farm allotments which are low as compared with the allotments for similar neighboring farms. This allotment would be in addition to the National and State allotments.

Any new farm allotments will be limited primarily to farms operated by old tobacco growers who have lost their farms and only a very small acreage will be available for this purpose.

## Holiday Observance Is Without Incident Here

### NOMINEE



Wendell Lewis Willkie, Elwood (Indiana) native who now maintains his residence near Wall Street, New York City, is making extensive plans for launching his campaign as standardbearer of the Republican party.

## Freakish Weather Turns Thousands From The Resorts

### Travel Through Here Hardly One-fourth What It Was A Year Ago

Freakish weather that sent the mercury bounding down into the sixties figured prominent in the observance of the Glorious Fourth in this section yesterday and served to enhance the safety factor for thousands. Preliminary reports from patrol headquarters, sheriff's office and police departments state that the observance was without incident in this county. Not a single accident of any type was reported during the day or during the early hours preceding the holiday. A lone drunk, falling helplessly beside the highway, was picked up and lodged in the local jail that afternoon, the entry marring the jail records for the day. There were several who turned to the bottle as a means of observing the holiday and of showing their independence, but their number was small.

A few bursting firecrackers were heard at long intervals during the day, and two or three rockets lighted the sky in the early evening, but for the most part, the Fourth was quietly observed on all fronts.

The freakish weather turned thousands from the resorts and upset holiday plans in general. Travel on the main highways running through here was hardly a fourth as great as it was a year ago, and bus travel was off two thirds. Fair-sized crowds attended the ball games on the eastern schedule, but no records were established in any of the parks. Some of the fans carried their overcoats, and with the exception of straw tops others were generally attired in fall or winter garb.

The municipal swimming pool marked down a low record in its business for a single day. Less than twenty swimmers dared the elements and patronized the local bathhouse.

Holding close to their homes, numbers of local people kindled small fires in their fireplaces and spent the day within the family circle.

After getting off to a slow start, the holiday schedule for local business was generally observed. Construction work was continued without interruption on several projects, and while some farmers held to their work schedule, comparatively few farmers were seen in their fields during the day.

No figures have been released in connection with the national accident toll for the day, but the number of untimely deaths is believed to be considerably under the figure for the corresponding day in 1939.

## Tuberculosis Cases Flare Up In County

Tuberculosis, recently claiming several lives in this county, is apparently flaring up in new cases scattered in several districts, according to the monthly health report released by Dr. John Williams, health officer. During the month of June five cases of the disease were reported, two among the white and three among the colored population. Two cases were found in Robersonville, two in Williamston, and one in Jamesville Township.

Accurate statistics are not immediately available, but it would appear from recent reports that tuberculosis after reaching a fairly low point in the causes of death is claiming more lives than it did a short while back in the county.

The health report for the past month carries a record number of tuberculosis cases.

Whooping cough, at one time in the epidemic stage, is at a low point, but even now the cough hangs on in some sections. Last month there were two cases reported among the white population in Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships.

## Local Happenings 46 Years Ago in the Martin County Sun

From a scrapbook kept by Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen and her mother, the following items are copied as they appeared in H. J. Herrick's "Martin County Sun," a newspaper published here in 1894.

J. L. Barnhill was in town Monday.

There are 17 inmates in the county poor house.

Try country water ground meat at W. C. Proctor's.

Mrs. Gayer, of Bethel, was the guest of Mrs. George Blount last Saturday.

Proctor's 25 cents a pound tobacco takes the cake. It is better than ever.

Go to W. C. Proctor to buy your clover and hay. He will sell cheap for cash.

Wilson G. Lamb, Esq., attended the Episcopal Council at Edenton last week.

For cold beer and a good drink of whiskey or a Moss Rose cigar go to W. C. Proctor's.

Destructive fire at Jamesville on Tuesday night. Will give full particulars next week.

Miss Mary Coffield, of Everetts, was the guest of Miss Pattie Crawford Tuesday.

Quite a number of our people attended the May meeting at Smithwick's Creek last Sunday.

L. L. Roberson, one of our most successful farmers, returned Sunday from a trip to Mocksville, Davie County.

Miss Marina Whitley has returned home from Washington where for some time she has been visiting relatives.

Why will not Populism and Democracy unite? Because water seeks its level, and Populism tends downward, not upward.

Now that the hot-weather has set in in earnest, buy your ice of Anson J. Mizell. He always has a large supply on hand.

The best sugar can be had for 5 cents a pound, and the best coffee for 20 cents at W. C. Proctor's. Try this money saver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Anderson spent last Sunday and Monday in Paction, at the residence of Mrs. Anderson's father.

Miss Lillian Whitaker, who is traveling for subscriptions to the Orphan's Friend, was here a few days ago. Did the boys run?

Miss Nellie Bond, who was a pupil of Prof. Hassell's here some years ago, stopped over Friday night with Miss Eliza Haughton.

James H. Roberson has moved from his residence in the country, and is now occupying what is known as the "Ray house" near the landing hill.

Misses Pattie Hardison and Lena Tucker and Messrs. Sam Harrell and

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## Enforcement Unit Establishes A New Record For June

### Thirteen Illicit Liquor Stills Are Destroyed During The Period

The enforcement unit of the Martin County ABC board, headed by Alcoholic Beverages Control Officer J. H. Roebuck, established a new high record in its activities during the month of June. The relentless drive against the illicit business netted thirteen stills, 4,350 gallons of beer, two gallons of white liquor and a number of pieces of equipment. The officer, assisted by Deputy Bill Haislip and Jailer Roy Peel on most of the raids and by federal officers in several instances, traveled 1,074 miles in his work directed against the liquor traffic.

A major part of the work was handled last week when the raiders wrecked seven plants in four townships.

Conducting their first night raid in years, if not the first on record, the officers wrecked a large plant in Bear Grass Township between 2 o'clock and five last Friday morning. The plant consisted of one 50-gallon capacity copper still, two 50-gallon capacity wood stills, three fermenters, 1,000 gallons of beer, one gallon of raw-liquor, five 5-gallon oil-cans, five gallons of oil, ten gallons of cider, a weeding hoe and a complete oil burner.

In a raid conducted in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township the day before, the officers wrecked four plants and captured two 50-gallon and one 100-gallon capacity copper kettles and poured out 1,450 gallons of beer.

The officers also went into Cross Roads and Hamilton Townships last week, wrecking a plant in each district, including the capture of a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle in the latter township. Very little beer and equipment were found at the two plants.

No arrests were made. The enforcement unit employed no blitzkrieg tactics as it did in the previous month, but consistent plugging day after day by the land forces netted about as many stills, beer and equipment as the air raids netted in May.

## Great Britain Takes Over The French Fleet and Declares She Will Prosecute War Unto Death

### Ten Marriages In The County During The Month Of June

### License Issuance Is Slightly Below Normal For Month In Ten-Year Period

Ten marriages in Martin County while showing a slight gain over the issuance in the corresponding month of last year continue to hold to a figure below the normal average for the particular month over a ten-year period. Last month there were ten licenses issued by the Martin County register of deeds as compared with nine in June of last year. For the first time this year, the number of licenses issued to white couples was larger than the number issued to colored couples, the count standing at six and four, respectively. Only in two months, January and March, has the license issuance exceeded the number recorded for June.

Licenses were issued last month to the following couples:

**White**  
William F. Martin and Miriam Mizelle, both of Robersonville.  
James Arthur Gurganus and Beulah Elizabeth Roberson, both of Williamston.

William LeRoy Hadley, of Williamston, and Lyda Marie Ballard, of Robersonville.

Abner Herbert Brown and Mary Ann Crockett, both of Williamston.

Cecil H. Bland and Evelyn Edmondson, both of Williamston.

Maek L. Roberson and Leona Griffin, both of Williamston.

**Colored**  
Augustus Rollins and Naomi Askew, both of Robersonville.

Robert Jasper Rodgers, of Williamston, and Magnolia Fleming, of Stokes.

Willie Jones and Joanna Overton, both of Windsor.

Thomas Ryan and Frances Scott, both of Williamston.

The Farm Research Bureau states that reports from all over the country indicate that Dan Cupid is scoring a blitzkrieg and that marriage applications increase with every new threat of war.

For the country as a whole, a 50 per cent increase in applications is reported over the same period last year, indicating that Americans prefer marital to martial discord.

## Fifteen Young Men Enter CCC Service

Fifteen Martin County young men, eleven white and four colored, entered the Civilian Conservation Corps service at Washington this week, a sixteenth young man did, appearing after making the trip to the neighboring town. Several others were refused admittance on account of physical disabilities.

Earl James, of Hassell, made the trip to Washington and then disappeared, possibly because he seriously considered the fantastic tales told him by other boys in the group. Welfare forces searched the town for young James but he was not found.

The names of those entering the service are: Lindsay Stroud, of Palmyra; Thurman Stalls, Henry Wynn, Arthur Bullock and Mury Manning, of Oak City; James Deal, of Hamilton; Billy John Davis, of Hassell; William Vernon Wynn, of Everetts; Elton Carson, of Robersonville; Jesse Bell Harrison, of Jamesville, and Arch Theodore Harrell, of Palmyra.

The names of the colored enrollees are: Norman Sherrard, of Oak City; Clayfield Williams, Lewis Brown and James Hagins, of Williamston.

It is understood that the group will be located in camps in California.

## Two Lose Lives In Bridge Accident

Mr. and Mrs. John Clark Hodson, young Elizabeth City couple, were drowned late last night when their car, a 1936 Buick sedan, tore down fourteen feet of the Wright Memorial Bridge railing and plunged into the Currituck Sound. Witnesses said the car was being driven at a rapid speed.

Sideswiping a car driven by Emerson Rodgers, of Duck, the Hodson machine went out of control, traveled about 20 yards down the bridge before it plowed into the railing and plunged bottom side up into the sound 23 feet from the bridge. The Coast Guard was called and the bodies were recovered several hours later.

Hodson came to North Carolina from Indiana and about a year ago married Miss Edna Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Griffin, of Elizabeth City.

## Slight Decline In Postoffice Income In Second Quarter

Local postoffice receipts, reaching an all-time high for the second quarter in 1939, were slightly smaller during the corresponding three months of this year, according to Postmaster Leslie T. Fowden. A year ago an unusually large order for stamped goods was received by the office. The receipts during the last three months were made up almost entirely of small transactions, and once these facts are considered, it is quite evident that the record this past quarter is really better than that for the same three months a year ago as far as general business is concerned.

A year ago, stamp sales totaled \$5,295.02 as compared with \$5,238.74 last quarter, a decrease of \$56.28.

Money order business decreased from \$19,793.53 a year ago to \$17,885.76 last quarter, a drop of \$1,907.77.

## Floyd Points Out Facts Supporting Control Programs

### Consumption Increases Thirteen Million Pounds; Surplus Is 400 Million

Farmers have been growing more blue-cured tobacco than the demand called for, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, said in explaining why growers will vote in a leaf referendum July 20. Consumption of blue-cured tobacco in cigarettes and smoking and chewing tobacco increased about 13,000,000 pounds in 1939 over 1938. However, the 1939 crop was nearly 400,000,000 pounds larger than the current estimated level of world consumption. This surplus will continue to depress prices until it can be eliminated.

"This is why it is so important," Floyd stated, "that North Carolina growers should continue their efforts to adjust the supply to the demand under the proposed 3-year marketing quota program."

"Blue-cured tobacco," he continued, "is a benefit to farmers only if it returns an income above the expense of growing it. While surplus supplies are on the market, it is less profitable than it should be, and may even be unprofitable. Therefore, the quicker supplies are brought in line with demand, and kept in line, the better farmers' income from blue-cured tobacco will be."

Floyd quoted J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator, as saying that three years may be needed to eliminate the 1939 surplus if consumption remains at normal levels along with normal yields and allotments equal to those for 1940.

A two-thirds majority will be necessary to pass the 3-year program. If more than one-third vote against any control, either the 3-year program or control for 1941 only, tobacco will be produced without Federal regulation.

## Hold First T. B. Clinic In County

The first in a series of clinics being held in the county in an effort to locate and combat tuberculosis cases in their early stages was completed in Robersonville Wednesday afternoon. Dr. John W. Williams, health officer, stating that the work was very successful. Examining approximately 150 persons, Dr. Grover Godwin, former physician in this county, but who is now connected with the State Sanatorium, found a few cases of the disease. Dr. Williams said.

The second clinic will be held in Oak City next Monday at 8:30 a. m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 and 4:00 p. m. The clinic there will be held in the school building, Dr. Williams pointing out that quarters for the health department there had not been completed.

Tuesday the clinic will open at 9 o'clock at the grammar school in Williamston and run until Friday afternoon. Preference will be given physicians for consultation with their private patients. Those having appointments will be taken care of. All contacts with recent open cases will be examined but to save time we are not inviting anyone to come just to be coming to a clinic. We only want those who have a reason to be interested in tuberculosis and the ones we have made appointments for. It will make work easier if all will come on appointment dates," Dr. Williams said.

## Four French Ships Sunk In Battle By Britain This Week

### Act Regarded of Major Importance to Safety of the United States

The ownership of the French fleet has been determined in one of the greatest shake-ups in all history. Great Britain through its head, Winston Churchill, writing the graphic facts into the books of time as it took over the major portion of the once-proud fleet. Ownership was not determined peacefully as many had hoped, the first phase in the final showdown taking place this week when Britain's seapower destroyed four large French battleships.

Determined to keep the fleet out of Germany's hands, the English laid down its ultimatum to Petain's traitor government in ordering the French to surrender their fleet, scuttle it, intern it in neutral ports or suffer the consequences. Many of the 210 French ships now in British hands were already in English ports, but the pride of the fleet was in the Mediterranean where this week Britain asserted its sea power and struck a heavy blow after the deadline had been reached. Italy's yellow-dog navy, hurrying to the fight, changed its course when its leaders saw what was happening. Only one battleship and a few cruisers escaped.

This, the strangest of all naval actions in the world's history, was announced yesterday in the House of Commons by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a speech that was like no other ever heard in its ancient halls.

With tears on his heavy cheeks and two eyes tight in pride and sorrow, Churchill told Commons how with "aching hearts" the British government has seen to it that the French surrender cabinet of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain would never carry out its promise to turn its battle vessels over to Germany—which only now awaits the chance to strike a last great blow at Britain across the channel.

The action of the French naval leaders and the traitor government adds to the seriousness of the war. While it places England in a better position to defend itself against Germany and adds to the ultimate safety of our own country, it is possible that the war will spread to this hemisphere shortly. Britain has established a blockade at Martinique, a French possession just 1,000 miles from our shores, to prevent the shipment of planes and gold to France. It is possible that a naval battle will follow there between Britain and her recent ally. The few remaining French fighting ships are said to be taking on added supplies and ammunition apparently for an attack on England.

All connections between England and the Petain government of France have been severed, and the two forces are now at war with each other.

The attack on the French fleet gave mute evidence to the claim by England that she would prosecute the war unto death, that if the British Isles are ever run by the barbarians, the English government will continue the war from its possessions.

Bitterly assailed by Germany for its capture of the French fleet, England today continued its preparations for an attack and possible invasion by the Hitler forces. The first raids by dive bombers were reported on British naval bases, one report stating that eleven lives were lost and considerable damage done to property. In further anticipation of a blitzkrieg, England is moving

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## Little Activity In Office Of Sheriff

Compared with activities in other months, the June report schedule reflects a quiet period in the office of County Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. Even with a term of superior court to handle during the period, the high sheriff had it fairly quiet. The number of business visitors dropped to a near-low record.

Despite the financial situation, the office collected \$2,436.12 during the month, or about one-tenth enough to run the government of the comparatively small political subdivision for thirty days. The officer and his deputy served quite a few papers, including eight State warrants, a lone capias, 42 subpoenas, 12 civil papers and a single claim and delivery paper. The law enforcement headquarters made ten investigations and served one ejection paper. There were 39 persons jailed during the period.

The officers traveled 2,491 miles in two cars handling the duties of the office.