

Judge H. O. Peele Calls Nine Cases In The County Court

Number of Cases On Docket Above Average for the Summer Season

While the number of cases on the docket is slightly above the average for the summer season, the Martin County Recorder's Court continues to mark time as crime activities hold to a fairly low level during the busy season on farms. The economic pinch in the town areas is also having some effect in holding down crime activities. Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor D. E. Johnson handled a docket of nine cases last Monday, the session, lasting during the morning period of the day, attracting no large number of spectators.

The proceedings: H. W. Spruill was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and was fined \$100, and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a car was revoked for a period of one year. Spruill, convicted in the same court on a similar count about two years ago, vigorously contested the charge and offered the testimony of a large number of witnesses. He appealed to the higher courts, and bond in the sum of \$250. It was alleged in open court that Spruill had not settled in full the fine imposed by Judge Peel in the first case.

Coming into court under a former order, Joseph Harrell, charged with non-support, was directed to continue the payment of \$10 for the benefit of his child.

The case charging Elmo Clements with larceny and receiving, was continued until next Monday.

Adjudged guilty over his own plea maintaining innocence, William Bell Knight, charged with larceny, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

John H. Ruffin, charged with aiding and abetting larceny, was found not guilty.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Willie Dickens with larceny.

Charged with drunken driving, R. G. Abernathy was adjudged guilty, the court imposing a fine of \$50 with the costs of the case added. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of one year.

James Rhodes, colored, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for a period of sixty days. The bicycle he was using in effecting quick deliveries was ordered confiscated, advertised and sold in accordance with the law. As far as it can be learned, this is the first case in which the court has ordered a bicycle confiscated where the rider was charged with transporting illegal liquor.

Beatrice Andrews, charged with disorderly conduct, was found not guilty.

Draw Jurymen For The Regular Term Of Superior Court

Judge John J. Burney Will Hold First Term in This County

Fifty-four citizens were drawn by the county commissioners in their recent session for jury service in the regular two-weeks mixed term of Martin Superior Court convening on third Monday in September. Thirty-six are scheduled to serve during the first week and eighteen the second period.

Judge John J. Burney, not so long ago on the State Superior Court bench, will hold his first term of court in this county. Judge Burney is from Wilmington.

The names of the citizens called for jury service:

First Week
Jamesville Township: M. D. Davis, Lewis G. Modlin, P. M. Ange, Oscar Davenport, Vance Price, Leo R. Gaden and J. H. Ange.
Williams Township: Joe Perry and S. J. Tetterton.

Griffins Township: Ben Lilley, William Rufus Harrison, N. R. Daniel, C. C. Coltrain and Lewis F. Robinson.

Bear Grass Township: J. B. Rogers, Joseph Elmer Griffin, Raymond Lee.

Williamston Township: K. G. Strawbridge, Gormer G. Taylor, James David Moore, G. A. Ward, W. H. Williams, Jr., Grover B. Lilley, J. S. Meeks.

Cross Roads Township: M. P. Mobley, D. C. Peel, James F. Wynne, J. S. Ayers, Jr., and Gaston James.

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District Supervisor Of Welfare Locating Here

Miss Nell Johnson, well-known in State welfare circles and who was recently named field supervisor of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare for this district, is locating her headquarters here. There are seventeen counties in this district.

Miss Johnson, who recently spent a year studying in Chicago, is at home with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowers on East Academy Street.

Flood Waters Likely to Pass Half-Century High Mark Here

Heavy rains, falling at frequent intervals following a disturbance caused by a hurricane in South Carolina and Georgia last Sunday, are expected to send the Roanoke River to its highest flood stage in half a century. This prediction, partially supported by official weather bureau forecasts, was offered this morning by old river men as rains continued to fall over a greater part of the Roanoke water shed.

Reporting 41.9 feet of water early today, the weather station on the Roanoke at Weldon anticipated a high water mark of about 51 feet by next Monday or Tuesday. Even while the prediction was made, pouring rains were reported further up the stream.

At noon today, the stream was on a virtual standstill at 9.4 feet, the seven-foot rise above normal coming from local rains falling since last Sunday.

Possibly by the latter part of next week, the Roanoke will have reached 15 feet at this point, sending its waters 10 to 12 inches over the road leading to the fertilizer plant.

Highway forces are said to be making preparations for placing sandbags on the river fill if necessary, but no one would suggest the possibility that the road would be closed to traffic on account of the high water. Traffic was suspended over the road soon after the project was completed, but dirt has been added since that time and the fill is well protected by vegetation.

British Withstanding Repeated Air Attacks

INTERRUPTION

The plant of the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company, near Roanoke River here, was stalled yesterday when heavy rains backed a foot of water into the main building. Outlets to take the water from the plant site are being enlarged, and similar trouble is not expected in the future.

No damage was done to the plant.

Varied Reports On Quality Of Tobacco Crop Are Received

Heavy Fertilization Is Aiding Second Growth and Lowering Quality

While quite a few Martin County farmers are producing some quality tobacco, the quality of the crop in this section, as a whole, will hardly measure up to normal, according to numerous reports heard here this week.

Again, the old tobacco is proving the most dependable. In those few cases where the crop was transplanted early, the farmers are reporting excellent quality. And in many cases the late crop is doing fairly well. The main trouble is being found in those crops where liberal quantities of fertilizer were applied to aid rapid growth and to boost pounds. Attacked during long weeks by a relentless sun, the crop failed to develop, the fertilizer remaining idle in the dry land. Awakened by recent and repeated rains, the roots of the crop started growing and when they reached the hidden fertilizer the stalk and leaves showed a rapid growth and went wild, according to the version offered by one farmer.

Hampered by the dry weather, the crop did not ripen, but the lower leaves merely burned. Some farmers pulled and threw away the burned leaves. Others harvested and cured them, and in nearly every case the quality is far below the average.

Curing eight barns last week, one farmer, near Williamston, stated he would be willing to sell all the curings at four cents a pound.

In most cases, the crop is ripening rapidly now and curing is being done.

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Army Apparently Expecting A Cold Wave Next Winter

The United States Army officials are expecting one of two things and possibly two within the next few months. Placing an order for an additional half-million dollars' worth of wool blankets, the Army is apparently anticipating a cold winter or increased numbers in men needing blankets. The order placed recently with an Elkin manufacturer, was one of several calling for the expenditure of nearly a million dollars in this State under Army and Navy contracts. The contracts made in connection with the defense program boosts expenditures in this State to \$3,089,176.35 since June 13, according to information released this week by the office of government reports.

While the Army was ordering blankets, the Navy a few days ago ordered \$21,528 worth of socks for the sailors. Defense calls for a varied program of activities. The Army is contracting a quarter of a million dollar road program at Fort Bragg, and the Navy is buying nearly two thousand dollars' worth of cotton thread, the latter item suggesting an old ladies' sewing circle had been formed on the high seas.

The Acquisition Of British Naval Base Is Being Considered

Intensified Air Attacks On Britain Enter Their Sixth Day

Germany, allegedly a day behind in its schedule of invasion, continues to send hundreds of planes against the British today. A terse report early this afternoon stated that waves of planes were striking with full fury against all parts of the British Isles, that not even a semi-official estimate of the tremendous resulting damage could be had. Few details could be had on the attack as it was in progress today.

It was the opinion of some today that a turning point in the war was being reached today, that Germany had about spent its strongest force. Prime Minister Churchill said a short time before, however, intimated that while England was holding its own that it was possible that Hitler had not yet exerted his main attack, and that defense work must go on faster than ever.

Increasing its number of attacks from 200 to 500 and then to 1,000 the Nazis were roaring over the Isles early this afternoon with more than 2,000 planes. Mid-England was feeling the attack, and London experienced its first bombings from the air. England is now facing its most crucial test, a report this afternoon stated.

In the fighting yesterday, members of the Royal Air Force downed 150 German planes and in a single hour this afternoon 20 Nazis planes were shot down.

Some British officials were of the opinion early this afternoon that the Nazi attack would reach full blast before the day is spent. Dog fights in the air were reported over areas of 100 square miles or more, and unconfirmed reports indicate that great destruction is following what is described as the greatest air attack in all history.

While Britain today is experiencing its most crucial test, plans were being talked for the acquisition of British naval and air bases on this side of the Atlantic particularly in the Panama Canal area. It was hinted in some quarters that possibly a trade could be effected whereby Britain could get a number of old destroyers in exchange for the bases.

The concentrated attack on England shifted attention from the Balkan area where new developments were reported yesterday. An unidentified submarine torpedoed a Greek

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Few Tobacco Barn Fires In County

Although the season is half spent, Martin County farmers have reported comparatively few tobacco barn fires to date. As far as it could be learned from a fairly complete check made this week, only two barns have been burned in the county this season. Farmer S. T. Woolard lost two barns on his farm, near Robersonville, last week.

Farmers state, however, that the worms are attacking the crop in the fields in numbers, that the infestation this year is about as bad as it ever was in the more than a half century tobacco has been grown in the county. Poison applications have been made frequently, but slight rains falling almost daily have lessened the effectiveness of the poison.

For the first time in many seasons no damaging hail storms have been reported in the county. As far as it could be learned not a single loss caused by hail has been reported.

In the Oak City area three barns belonging to Farmers E. L. Harrell, C. C. Bryant and the J. B. Hyman estate burned recently. This week Farmer Gaston Savage lost a tile barn with some of his best tobacco in it near here.

Mrs. W. B. Daniel Dies At Her Home Here Wednesday

Funeral Services Conducted Here Yesterday Afternoon at 4 o'Clock

Mrs. Emma A. Daniel, wife of William Barcl Daniel, local chief of police, died at her home on Biggs Street here Wednesday morning at 1:30 o'clock following an illness of slightly more than two months' duration. In feeble health for some time, Mrs. Daniel had been under the constant care of local doctors and a member of a Washington hospital staff for several months. Her condition was reported to have shown some improvement until about ten days ago when she developed hemorrhagic fever and her illness was deemed critical. However, her condition was improved last Saturday, but on Sunday she suffered a relapse, the end coming gradually and peacefully three days later.

The daughter of the late Luther and Lucy Perry Andrews, Mrs. Daniel was born in Williams Township on November 7, 1888. On December 29, 1910, she was married to Mr. Daniel and about six years later moved to Williamston where they have since made their home.

When a young girl she joined the Methodist Church at Holly Springs. Mrs. Daniel held a deep love for the little church, and its teachings were quietly but surely reflected in her daily living through the years. Finding peace and contentment in her home, Mrs. Daniel cared little about a modern world as it revolves around travel and society schedules. The simple daily tasks well done and without selfish intent afforded her deep pleasure, and she found enjoyment in the friendly association of her immediate neighbors. Few have shown a greater love and devotion for their families than she did. Her acts were in the interest and welfare of her children and husband, asking none and wanting little consideration for herself. Hers was a simple but sweet life, and in it she found a far greater happiness than is made available to many whose privilege to have longer life spans. Even in death's wake she maintained an interest in the welfare of others, thinking little of her own condition though serious it was. Mrs. Daniel was a typical mother, one whose love for her children formed a strong and unpretentious tie among all members of the family.

Besides her husband she leaves six children, William Alton Daniel, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Bennie, Joseph H. Eliza and John Daniel, all of Williamston. She also leaves three brothers, Samuel L. and Julius Daniel, both of Williams Township, and Ben Daniel, of Williamston, and six sisters, Mrs. Robert Cherry and Mrs. N. S. Cherry, of Williams Township; Mrs. J. S. Jones, of Williamston; Mrs. J. H. Hopkins, of Washington County, and Mrs. Grover Godard and Mrs. Charles Pate, of Williams Township.

Funeral services were conducted from the home yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. S. J. Starnes, of the local Methodist Church. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral were, Mrs. J. R. Bobbitt and son, James, of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bobbitt, Jr., and Bill Bobbitt, of Norfolk; Mrs. John S. White, of Savannah; Mrs. W. O. Andrews, of Tarboro, and Mr. Edgar Daniel, of Norfolk.

Border Markets To Open Tuesday

Off to a successful start in Florida and Georgia last week, the current tobacco marketing season will move northward next Tuesday when markets in South Carolina and along the border in this State swing into action. The move while being anxiously awaited by the growers in the neighboring state and along the border, is being carefully watched by farmers in this and other counties in the eastern Carolina belt.

Late reports from Georgia maintain that prices are holding firm, that the price trend has shown added strength since the opening last week and that averages approximating 19-20 cents are common. Said to have been storm damaged, tobacco in quite a few Georgia sections continued to command a good price.

The latest figures on acreage allotments are 73,230 for Georgia, 13,610 for Florida, and 500 for Alabama, a total of 87,340 acres allotted for planting in the belt. Planting by farmers who had no allotments or planting in excess of allotments have been so small as to be negligible. However, there has been an appreciable failure to plant small allotments, which combined with crop losses from weather conditions will probably total 10 per cent of the allotted acreage.

There is a general belief that the thinness of the leaf will cause the crop to weigh light, but the stands were good, the plants set close in the drill, and topping was high. Most of the crop was gathered and a high yield per acre seems certain. Current estimates of around 80,000,000 pounds, net, for the belt seem justified.

Martin Farmers Preparing to Plant Peas in Big Quantities

Limiting their plantings to hardly 100 acres in past years, Martin County farmers are making preparations for a large acreage of Austrian winter peas. A solid carload of seed was unloaded in the county this week for distribution among Martin farmers. Applications, numbering possibly 150, have already been received for more than half of the seed or about 20,000 pounds. Other applications will be received by the office of the county agent where it is reported that farmers in other counties are anxious to share in this county's distribution.

Made available through grants of aid, the seed are sold to farmers at cost or about 5 cents a pound. No payment is required upon delivery, Agent Brandon explaining that the cost will be deducted from the soil

building payments of those farmers who receive the seed.

Next to clover, the Austrian winter pea is regarded as one of the best soil-building crops for this section. According to reliable tests, corn yields have been increased as much as 10-15 bushels per acre behind the winter peas.

It is estimated that the 40,000 pounds of seed will sow between 1,200 and 1,400 acres. No other shipment is being booked for delivery in this county, and distribution will be in order of applications received until the supply is exhausted. Farmers who wish to plant a few acres to the crop which is comparatively new to this county should make their applications immediately.

Shipped here from Woodbury, Oregon, the seed measure up to standard.

Plantings Within Leaf And Cotton Allotments

Excessive Peanut Plantings Likely To Prove Costly

Only Seven Farmers Exceeded Their Current Tobacco Allotments

That Martin County farmers have "toed" the line with their 1940 tobacco and cotton plantings is quite evident in unofficial but reliable reports coming from the office of the county agent here this week.

The compliance record in this county shows seven farmers planted a total of 10.8 acres of tobacco in excess of the county allotment of 9.426.8 acres. Four farmers planted a total of 4.6 acres of cotton in excess of the 6,882.7-acre allotment. Excessive peanut plantings are causing concern in some quarters where consideration is given the penalty applicable to over-plantings.

It is estimated that nearly 1,000 farmers in this county exceeded their peanut acreage allotments, boosting the total plantings to approximately 22,000 acres. Possibly as many as 800 or 900 of the 1,000 farmers will bring their plantings into line by "hogging down" the excessive acreage. Subject to a penalty of about \$15 an acre for each unit in excess of his allotment, the farmer will probably find it profitable to comply with the program. Certain action is advisable in those cases where other terms and conditions of the farm program have been met to the dot. The county was allotted 18,274 acres of peanuts this year, unofficial estimates placing the average excess at about four acres to the farm. Quite a few farmers planted hardly more than one-tenth of an acre in excess of their allotments, and it is quite likely that in all those cases where the excessive plantings do not exceed four acres or thereabout the surplus will be "hogged down."

When the compliance check was started in the early summer it was evident that at least forty or fifty farmers had exceeded their tobacco allotments. Advised of the excessive plantings, nearly all those farmers took immediate steps to bring their plantings into line.

As for cotton, it is understood that only three farmers actually overplanted their allotments intentionally. A fourth one, operating on a small scale, does not participate in the program and he is maintaining a long-standing acreage schedule. He

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Recruiting Party Coming To County

Bending its every effort to have this country prepared to meet any eventuality, the government is sending an Army recruiting party into this county next week. The first stop will be made in Robersonville on Friday, August 23, at 9 o'clock and at Williamston at 10:30 the same day. On the following day, the recruiting party will return to Williamston at 4 o'clock. The appeal for men will be directed in the Oak City community Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock with other stops scheduled at Bethel and Hobgood that day.

Comparatively few local young men have joined the Army in recent months, but numbers of Martin County youths have cast their lots with the Navy.

Vacancies are now available at Fort Benning, Ga.; Camp Jackson, S. C.; Fort Bragg, Fort Moultrie, S. C., and Panama Canal Dept.

In calling attention to the drive for new recruits, those in charge of the recruiting service had this to say: "Join now. Don't wait to be conscripted. Be there ahead of the rest so that you will be one to receive the fast advancement in the Army Preparedness Program. Select the place where you want to go and not where conscription will send you."

Floods Cause Vast Loss Of Property In Several States

Local People Eye-Witnesses To Destruction In Parts Of Two States

Flood rains, sweeping over several states during the past few days, left a number of persons dead, highway and rail traffic knotted and a staggering property loss over wide areas. In one North Carolina county the property damage will run into millions of dollars.

Returning from Georgia where she was in the direct path of the last Sunday hurricane, Miss Mildred Everett, of Hamilton, stated that thousands miraculously escaped with their lives, that one who did not witness the storm could hardly begin to conceive of the damage done. Entire fields were cleared of their crops, and in others the corn, cotton and tobacco were pressed as flat as if they had been ironed with a heavy hand, according to Miss Everett who returned home this week just before heavy rains started falling to aggravate what was already described as a critical situation in sections of Georgia.

Starting out for the annual meeting of the North Carolina County Commissioners' Association, representatives from this county never reached their destination. Finding the roads washed out or covered by water, the group turned around at Ridgecrest. The return trip was delayed for several hours as the five men, Messrs. J. E. Pope, C. A. Robinson, C. C. Fleming, J. Sam Gettys and Elbert S. Peel, waited several hours for the flooded waters to recede and permit traffic on the main highways.

"In many fields you just could see the corn tassels sticking out of the water," Commissioner Pope said. Near Hickory, the group observed a swinging railroad bridge, the 50-foot fill having been washed from under it.

Peanut Diversion Plan For Current Crop Is Proposed

Representatives of Industry In Meeting at Washington Yesterday

Washington, Aug. 15—Recommendations for a new peanut diversion program for the 1940 crop were being formulated tonight after an all-day meeting of more than 150 representatives of the peanut industry at the Department of Agriculture.

R. C. Holland, head of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Inc., of Edenton, asserted at the close of the day-long session that a "peanut program similar to those in operation during the past three years may be confidently expected."

Appointment of a committee to formulate a schedule of prices to represent bases prices for peanuts purchased under the program, if and when approved, highlighted the day's discussions.

Hope that the diversion program would be continued was expressed at the opening of the conference by Representatives John H. Kerr and J. Bayard Clark, and Herbert Bonner, secretary to Representative Lindsay Warren. Kerr told the group that the government's investment in the peanut program was the most profitable that has been made. He asserted that the income of peanut growers had been increased from \$16,000,000 to \$50,000,000 since 1932.

Speaking from the growers' viewpoint, Holland added emphasis to this statement by estimating that peanut growers had received benefits totaling nearly \$15 for every dollar spent on the program. He paid tribute to the cooperation of Randall B. Etheridge, Department of Agriculture marketing specialist and other Federal officials who have helped direct the peanut program.

In addition to the four large cooperative marketing associations attending the meeting, representatives of independent growers, millers, shellers, peanut oil mill operators and peanut product manufacturers also were on hand.

Under the diversion program, the growers organizations bought surplus peanuts from growers at prices designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and sold them to bidding crushing mills or the manufacture of peanut oil and meal.

Last year approximately 34,000 tons of 1939 crop peanuts were crushed for oil under the program at a total cost to the government of about \$700,000. It is estimated that this expenditure resulted in an increased income for peanut growers amounting to about \$8,000,000.

Six-Weeks-Old Child Dies In Cross Roads

Arthur Taylor Wynne, six-weeks-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Wynne, died at the home of his parents in Cross Roads Township last Tuesday. The infant had been sickly since birth.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday and interment was in the Clark cemetery.