

Judge W.H. Coburn Calls Few Cases In The County Court

Tribunal Is In Session Hardly An Hour Clearing Five Cases from Docket

The Martin County Recorder's court was in session hardly an hour last Monday when Judge W. H. Coburn called five cases for trial. The number of spectators was comparatively small, and it was apparent that alleged violators of the tax laws are taking action ahead of the court schedule. Only one case was on the docket and that was continued for the defendant. However, quite a few are on the docket for trial next Monday.

For the first time in the history of the court, a county man was called to answer for neglecting or refusing to register for possible military service. Durward "Bill" Teel, Robersonville colored man who was said to have looked upon the registration call too lightly, was carried before the court. Explaining that the case was out of his jurisdiction, Judge Coburn not pressed it, but the charge is being referred to the federal authorities, and it is quite likely that the young fellow will have to answer in the federal courts for his negligence.

Charged with stealing a ham and a shoulder, Evan Stokes, colored man who had been living out of the same smokehouse with his landlord, Farmer Oscar Peel of Bear Grass, pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Alonza Hassell with failing to list for taxation.

The case charging Ethel Gilmore with a serious knife attack on her husband, James Gilmore in Jamesville nearly two weeks ago, was continued until the first Monday in September. The continuance gives ample time for a change in her husband's condition, late reports stating that while his condition is still serious, he is improving in a hospital.

Charged with assaulting her step-daughter, Hilda Mae Bunting, with a deadly weapon, Mrs. Gary Bunting was ordered committed to the Farm Colony for Women at Kinston.

It was a comparatively quiet session and similar to most of those held during the past summer months. The next session will be held on the eve of the tobacco market openings, and although to be regretted an increase in business is anticipated from now on in the old hall of justice.

Boys Arrested For Bombarding Homes

Sammie and William Henry Morgan, local colored boys, were jailed yesterday for allegedly bombarding the humble home of Tillie Jones, aged colored woman, and that of her neighbor. The round-up is not complete, officers learned yesterday afternoon when the homes were bombarded again by bricks and sticks. Returning to the neighborhood, officers were unable to find the remaining culprits who were believed to have been hiding in honeysuckle vines, briars and weeds. Additional arrests are expected momentarily, however.

Apparently for no good reason at all, the boys have knocked out windows and sprinkled the roof of the 90-year-old colored woman's school bus home at the foot of the river hill.

Now that two of the boys are in jail it is not certain what can be done with them. Their ages are not definitely known and there is some doubt if the county court can handle their cases. The boys will likely be turned over to the juvenile court where little can be done other than bundle them up and send them off to reformatories.

Man Charged With Pillaging Car Here

Auson Rogers, 36-year-old colored man, was jailed here shortly after 2 o'clock this morning for trespassing on the property around the J. E. King home on East Main Street. Night Officers Roebuck and Gurganus picked the man up after he allegedly pillaged the King automobile. A neighbor of the Kings saw Rogers darting around the garage and reported it to police.

Rogers, according to reports had been arrested on a similar charge some time ago, but he was released by the courts. It is believed that he is the same man who was arrested for prowling around a farm home near here some years ago.

Round-up Of Alleged Tax Law Violators Continues

The round-up of alleged violators of the tax laws continues in this county. Carrying a batch of warrants with them at all times, county officers are picking the alleged "dog-ers" up gradually. Nathaniel Boston was placed in the county jail yesterday when he was unable to meet his tax obligations or furnish bond.

Draft Board To Classify New Registrants Here On Tuesday

The classification of those young Martin County men registering for possible military service last July 1st will get underway here next Tuesday evening when the draft board meets for the first time in recent weeks. It is possible the draft board officials will classify most of the new registrants and handle classifications for a number of the old ones.

In addition to the regular classification work, the members of the board, Messrs. R. H. Goodman, chairman; Jesse Ward and J. H. Ayers, are expected to consider deferment claims now before the draft authorities. Fifteen or more registrants have asked for reclassifications, and their claims will be carefully considered by the board at its Tuesday meeting, the chairman said.

Anniversary Of Flood Recalls Trying Times

GOING CRAZY

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck for a long time took no stock in the general declaration that the world is going crazy, but the officer is about to change his belief. At least, there isn't as much doubt in his mind as there was at one time. In a single day recently he was called to homes where at least four persons had fallen victim of an unbalanced mind. The officer reasons that the trend is in a serious direction when four persons virtually lose their reasoning power in a single day.

No psychiatrist, the officer would not venture any cause or number of causes for the lapse in the victims' reasoning power.

Liquor Store Sales Show Big Increase In Second Quarter

Nearly Three-Quarter Million Dollars Worth Liquor Is Sold Since 1935

Reflecting a sizable gain during the past quarter, liquor sales in this county pushed on toward the three-quarter-million dollar mark during the period. Recognized as the second largest for the second quarter since the stores were opened in the county back in July, 1935, the sales in the months of April, May and June amounted to \$29,043.65, or \$3,418.57 more than they were in the corresponding period, a year ago.

While the store in Williamston reported a gain of \$2,104.12 in its sales last quarter over those of a year ago, Oak City reported the largest percentage gain. The sales there jumped from \$2,308.05 to \$3,380.40, a gain of \$1,072.35. A comparison of sales for the months of April, May and June, 1940 and 1941, follows:

	1940	1941
Williamston	\$13,256.83	\$15,360.95
Robersonville	7,269.30	6,962.40
Oak City	2,308.05	3,380.40
Jamesville	2,790.90	3,339.90

\$25,625.08 \$29,043.65

The store at Robersonville was the only one in the four to report a decrease in its sales, indicating, according to some observers, that the imbibers in the particular district have switched to wines, fortified or otherwise. That's possibly better than a large consumption of both hard liquors and wines. The big gain reported at Oak City is hardly explainable unless the partakers of the spirits have switched from the R. F. D. brands to the A. B. C. brands or they are bringing up a new crop of drinkers. The sales would certainly indicate that the Williamston store has a large and frequent patronage, the large consumption during the extremely hot period giving credence to the declaration that the imbibers drink in the winter to keep themselves warm and drink in the summer to keep themselves cool.

As for the profits, the stores are piling them up for store towns, county and State to say nothing about Uncle Sam's revenue pot. During last quarter, the stores declared a net profit of \$6,643.22 or \$1,063.18 more than was declared in the corresponding months of April, May and June, a year ago. Total profits reported by the stores since they were opened in 1935 now stand at \$178,229.70.

A break-down of profits for the second quarter this year and the second quarter of last year follows:

	1940	1941
Williamston	\$3,336.39	\$3,824.08
Robersonville	1,549.58	1,383.73
Oak City	414.02	712.34
Jamesville	580.05	723.07

\$5,880.04 \$6,643.22

While the stores were declaring profits in the sum of \$6,643.22, they paid liquor manufacturers nearly

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considered by the board at its Tuesday meeting, the chairman said. Today, the board is sending eleven colored selectees and three colored volunteers to the induction center at Fort Bragg. The volunteers are Clayfield Williams, Harry Clinton Norfleet and James Willis Lloyd. The selectees are, Johnnie Peel, Nathaniel Dunn, Charlie Clarence Ormond, Vernon Lee Staton, William Edgar Rhodes, George Washington Joyner, Lemuel Otterbridge, Willie Junior Spruill, William Thomas Gray, William Samuel Mabry and Columbus James Rodgers. A call for 11 colored selectees to report in September has been received, but no quota has been assigned white registrants for next month.

Crest Of 20.4 Feet Is Reached By Stream One Year Ago Today

Third of a Million Dollar Loss Caused by Record Flood In This Section

Ole Man River, a year ago today, was making history after his own fashion in the lower reaches of the Roanoke valley, the anniversary of the flood recalling to mind the trying times and the general excitement existing among the thousands of sight-seers who watched the water continue its record-breaking climb to a point of 20.4 feet on the gauge at this point.

Even a year after the waters came and went, no accurate estimate on the damage is available. It is generally agreed that the property loss in this county amounted to \$100,000, the contract costs for repairing and rebuilding the river fill, including four new bridges, boosting the cost to \$290,067. The first contract for repairing and rebuilding the river fill called for an expenditure of \$48,245 and the completion of the project within 90 working days. Unofficial reports state that the preliminary estimates were wrong, that the contract was virtually scrapped and the total cost boosted to an undetermined figure as far as the general public is concerned. It is assumed that the bridge contract calling for \$141,832.10, remains unaltered.

On August 20 of last year a little after 6 o'clock, Mayor J. A. Pritchett traveled over the river fill. Water was in the road at that time, and he was the last one to make the trip before the high waters blocked the route entirely. A reading of 16.3 feet was recorded by the river gauge that day, the stream having jumped from 10.8 feet recorded the day before. Two days later, the river reached a peak recorded at 20.4 feet.

On August 19 and 20, possibly 50 or more families below the hill started moving from the homes, the rapid rise in the stream making evacuation difficult in some few cases. A colored boy was drowned near Hamilton, but the loss of life was not directly traceable to the flood. Flood refugees were housed for the most part in the homes of relatives and a relief center was established in the colored school house. Offers of aid were extended by many towns and cities in this section of the State, and the Red Cross sent Coast Guardsmen and assigned special workers to help rehabilitate the victims. The Salvation Army moved in a portable kitchen and fed the victims a meal or two. It was a trying time for many, and motorists and business interests in this immediate section were beginning to feel the effects of a terrific blow.

Six days after the river had reached the record high water mark, highway forces started moving in to repair the damage to the fill and to restore traffic. Within a matter of four days' time, repair work was progressing rapidly, the emergency workers maintaining a seven-day schedule. On September 11 limited traffic was restored on the route. One month later, bids for rebuilding the fill were received by the highway commission. Two weeks later the bridge contractor started moving in material for the construction of temporary bridges, and on October 28 the fill contractors started widening the right-of-way, representatives of the firm declaring that the project would be completed in 75 working days or 15 days less than the time allotted. Nine months later on August 1st, the project was turned over to the State. Paving Contractor B. H. Martin was to have started work on August 1, according to information received directly from the firm's office in Easley, S. C. Plans to start the project Wednesday were interrupted by an all-day rain. Today, the anniversary of the flood peak, actual paving operations are placed underway, reports stating that the work will possibly be completed in about six weeks.

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Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock, daylight saving time, at the home by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment will follow in the Riddick's Grove churchyard in Williams Township.

German Blitzkrieg Nearing An End In Russian Campaign

Invaders Making a Terrific Drive To Settle Down for Siege This Winter

Announcing that it would settle down for a winter siege, Germany yesterday directly admitted that its blitzkrieg in Russia had not advanced "according to plan," meaning that the struggle will possibly drag through the winter and open with added fury next spring. While the German barbarians have exacted a tragic toll of life and property in Russia, the admission yesterday clearly indicates that Russia has upset Hitler's plans and that the Allies by concerted action will have a better chance to battle the aggressor next spring.

Admitting a change in its tactics, Germany has not yet ceased its deadly attacks on the hard-pressed Russians, and it is talked that Hitler is considering shifting the scene of attack toward Turkey and the Middle East. Late reports from the Russo-German front tell of fierce fighting in the Leningrad area and along the central front. The drive against Leningrad is approaching a siege, late reports stating that the drive is gaining momentum almost hourly. In answer to the reported action, all civilians, including aged men, women and even children, are being called into service to resist the siege. Germany says it will be worse than the siege at Warsaw, but Russians, fighting for homes and country, are certainly preparing to make Hitler pay and pay dearly for what he gets.

The attack on Odessa, Black Sea port, is being attacked, German reports declaring it to be far worse than Dunkerque where the British courted disaster a little over a year ago.

Acknowledgment that the time is approaching when the Russian drive must be halted before Autumn rains and Winter snows bog down Nazi "panzer" forces came as the press and spokesmen warned angrily that Leningrad soon must capitulate or be laid in ruins.

A German report claims that five million Russians have been wiped out in the gigantic struggle which is now in its third month. The bloodshed and destruction have been centered in the Ukraine and along the Leningrad front for the most part, but Russia has paid a price beyond man's imagination in its defense.

While Germany was making such great claims, reports would indicate that Hitler has paid in both men and property for what ground he has gained. It is estimated that more than two million Germans have been knocked out in the Russian campaign, and that German supplies have been materially weakened.

Discussing the impending halt of the Germans' eastward drive, a usually well-informed Nazi source said that the Russians are known to have

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Williams Township Man Loses Life In Pulp Mill Accident

Funeral Services This Afternoon For Harvey C. Perry At His Late Home

Harvey C. Perry, a resident of this county, was accidentally killed in the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in the lower part of this county Wednesday afternoon about two o'clock, one report stating that the exact cause of his death could not be determined immediately. It was first thought that he came in contact with an high-powered electric wire in the loft of one of the plant buildings and was electrocuted. It is possible, according to another report, that he came in contact with the power wire and was made to fall to the concrete floor about 20 feet below. His head was crushed and death was almost instantaneous. An autopsy was performed by a company doctor and an assistant, but no report has been filed with the authorities. It was reported that no burns were on the man's body, but one report stated that he was seen hanging on to one of three wires in the loft carrying 2,800 volts. Fellow employees, seeing him hanging on the wire, tried to run under and catch him, but failed to reach the spot in time.

Mr. Perry, 34 years old, was the son of Henry and Lena James Perry. He had spent most of his life in Williams Township, but had lived a short time in the Oak City section. He had been employed at the pulp mill since last January, but had been employed there for a short time about two years ago.

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Farmers Make First Deliveries Of Tobacco From The New Crop To Local Market This Morning

Rains Delay Paving Work On Roanoke River Fill This Week

All set and ready to start work last Wednesday on the Roanoke River fill paving project here, the contractors were halted by heavy rains. Yesterday, the road was not in condition for starting work, and at noon today the contractors were watching the weather and making ready to pour the first concrete on the approximately four miles of road.

Traffic is moving over the fill without delay, and the contractors have assured tobacco market operators that everything possible will be done to maintain tobacco trucks in particular and other traffic in general over the route without delay.

Shortly before noon today, a representative of the contracting firm stated that while traffic was moving over the fill very easily the road was not in condition for starting the paving work, but that they were ready to start at any time. Twenty-five carloads of material, including rock, sand and cement, have been or are being unloaded at the company's temporary plant near the fertilizer plant, and additional material is expected today and tomorrow.

The company has its big six-bag mixer on the scene, and a dozen trucks are lined up and ready for operations, reliable reports declaring that with favorable weather, the project will likely be completed in four to six weeks.

Motorists Can Look For A Reduction Of About Ten Per Cent

Reports On Situation in Eastern States Conflicting, It Is Apparent

While the Atlantic States are threatened by a reduction in their gasoline supply, the shortage is not believed to be as serious as some have pictured it to be. However, it is fairly certain that reduced consumption of gasoline will be necessary if an acute shortage is to be prevented.

Congressman Robert L. Doughton and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner this week held a conference with the Coordinator of Petroleum with respect to the reduction of gas and oil in North Carolina. The Congressmen were assured that the reduction would not be as drastic as the public has been led to believe. That re-assignment of oil tankers from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast and transfer of railroad tank cars from the central and western area to the eastern area would greatly help the loss in transportation caused by the leasing of oil tankers on the Atlantic Coast to the British Government.

Mr. Davies stated that there would not be more than 10 per cent reduction in the deliveries on the Atlantic Seaboard and that with a 13 per cent increase in consumption this year over last that the 10 per cent reduction would therefore not cause the State of North Carolina any loss in its gas revenue.

Concerning our conversation of last evening, and with regard to Governor Broughton's letter outlining the situation affecting North Carolina, our effort has been devoted to spreading the burden of gasoline shortage in a most equitable manner, so that consumers in all parts of the country would bear a comparable share.

The first step in this connection was to take tankers, then operating, in long-established and desirable relationships to the supplying and the purchasing companies, from the California-East Coast run and place them in the Gulf-to-East Coast run. This constitutes a loss to California in the entire amount of tanker capacity, but is of considerable assistance in the East Coast situation. Later, further tankers were taken from the Pacific Coast and placed in service either from the Gulf Coast to the Eastern Seaboard, or relieving other tankers that were moved to that service. Further tanker re-arrangement are being made, the effect of which will undoubtedly be to bring to portions of the Pacific Coast an unavoidable shortage, and in this connection the Pacific Coast tanker fleet has suffered a greater percentage of tonnage loss than the Atlantic tanker group. In the meantime, plans are being made to relieve the shortage along the Atlantic Coast, by what might be termed an eastward shift of all gasoline supplies. This movement is, of course, to give immediate relief, pending pipe line construction, the effects of which will be felt quite probably in the early Spring of next year.

In this eastward shift of gasoline supplies in the Mid-west, it is hoped that the companies in the mid-continent and mid-western states will, by the use of tank cars, transport

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Gas Shortage Not As Serious As Pictured

ABOUT COMPLETE

The facilities for the various schools in the county are almost complete, according to information coming from the office of the superintendent today. Robert Eugene Collard, of Carbonate, Illinois, this week accepted a position in the local schools as teacher of manual arts. The professor, a graduate of Southern Illinois Normal, and Mrs. Collard are expected here the latter part of next week.

Contracts have been virtually closed with several other teachers, leaving three positions—two at Oak City, one at Bear Grass and one in the local school—unfilled.

Big Eaters Found In "Uncle's" Army At Fort Jackson

Fort Jackson, S. C. — "Popeye's" pal with the insatiable appetite, "Mr. Wimpy," is not yet a member of Uncle Sam's armed forces but we'll give you two-to-one he enlists immediately after reading this story.

What's more he'll no doubt ask to be sent to Fort Jackson where the amount of meat on hand for his favorite "duck dinner" or "hamburger" would guarantee satisfaction of even his appetite.

No less than 35,000 pounds of duck is being purchased by the commissary sales office at Fort Jackson during August to fill the stomachs of the 41,000 men in training here at the nation's sixth largest Army post. Lakewise, 312,200 pounds of boneless frozen beef will be on hand for the hamburgers that "Mr. Wimpy" loves so well. Although some of the frozen beef is used for stews and steaks, there's enough left over for hamburgers to assure "Wimpy" more than his usual quota.

It will cost Uncle Sam just about \$600,000 to feed the 41,000 men here during the month of August.

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Anticipating Record Crowd For Opening Here Next Tuesday

Indications Are That Initial Sales Will Average Around Twenty-five Cents

Making ready for the opening sales next Tuesday, quite a few farmers started moving tobacco to the local market this morning and early this afternoon. The early movement of the golden weed indicating that a near record poundage would be offered for the initial sales. Idle since last season except for the few weeks when peanut farmers filled their almost overflowing with a record goober crop, the warehouses are rapidly showing renewed signs of activity, the district moving in a spirit marked by earnest hope and optimism. Conservative estimates are that the market will have approximately half million pounds on its warehouse floors when the auctioneer starts his lively chant next Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, daylight saving time. The advanced time is likely to result in the movement of much tobacco over the week-end and Monday, and it has been suggested that congestion can be avoided by early deliveries next week following the opening. Mr. Pleny Peel and Jim were the first to unload the first golden leaf of the season. They were followed by Adams and Jones.

Harvesting season is hardly over for some farmers, and for others it has been over only a short time, but in that brief period much of the golden leaf has been prepared for market. One report states that a few farmers have a large portion of their crop graded and about ready for market, that they plan to start hauling late this afternoon and tomorrow.

Several of the company buyers are coming in and others who will be associated with them are expected during the week-end.

The distribution of marketing cards is going forward rapidly, the offices of the county farm agent stating this morning that nearly 300 cards were called for yesterday, indicating that the farmers are making ready to go on the market with some of their tobacco opening day.

The price outlook has warehousemen and all others guessing, but it is generally agreed that the average should range right around 25 cents. Some of the more optimistic are looking for a 27-cent average, and others after recalling conditions as they exist throughout the world state that the average, in their opinion, will range around 23 or 24 cents. The quality of the crop while better than that of a year ago, is only fair to medium. A few farmers and some sections report crops of unusually good quality, but the weather conditions were not favorable in other areas and as a result the quality is not up to expectations.

Large crowds are expected here for the opening. Even now the tobacco warehouse district is a scene of much activity. The banks will arrange their hours to coincide with those observed on the market for

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Coleraine Program Is Stopped By Rain

Going over to Bertie last Wednesday afternoon, the local high school band and members of the tobacco market's good will party were rained out, and the program was necessarily called off. The youngsters enjoyed a picnic supper between shows.

The last in the series of special programs is scheduled to be held in the Oak City school next Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time.

Last night the band and party visited Macedonia where they were well received by an appreciative group. While the crowds were not as large as many had hoped for at one or two places, the programs have met with much success, and according to reports heard after the meetings more interest in the programs can be expected another season.

Kiwanis Club Will Send Delegates To Convention

Messrs. Hugh G. Horton, J. D. Woolard and Garland Woolard were named at a meeting of local Kiwanians this week to represent the local club at the Carolinas District Kiwanis Convention at Myrtle Beach on September 7, 8 and 9th. President Paul D. Simpson announced today. The club, holding its regular meeting on Tuesday evening instead of Thursday, as usual, had planned to entertain the baseball club, but a doubleheader with Wilson interrupted the plans, it was explained.