

Court In Big Rush To Clear Criminal Docket Here Today

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Griffin came to the rescue of the court when they reconsidered their excuses and offered their services.

Little Frankie Peel drew the jury list, the court pointing out that the first nine men would be called upon to serve for twelve months, and the second group of nine would be asked to serve only six months to establish a system of rotation. The twelve-months' jury includes, Frank Weston, E. H. Gaylord, David T. Griffin, A. F. Lilley, J. Daniel Lilley, L. D. Roebuck, J. C. Taylor, R. C. Everett and J. H. Crisp; the second group, scheduled to serve only six months, includes, Thurston Wynne, Mayo Hardison, W. M. Savage, M. W. Bissell, Zack Cowen, Jesse Keel, Arthur Peaks, F. F. Edwards and D. D. Coburn, foreman.

Recognizing the farm and marketing rush, Judge Stevens explained at the beginning of his address that he would talk only a few minutes, that he would confine his remarks to the duties of the jury in an effort to relieve the business situation. Declaring it was a pleasure to come to Martin County, the jurist briefly reviewed the docket and outlined only those types of cases appearing on the docket. "I am surprised to find only two cases charging larceny on the docket, and I want to compliment the people of Martin County for it," Judge Stevens said.

Pointing out that the duty of the grand jury was not to try the cases, but merely to examine the evidence and pass on bills of indictment. He touched on a few details in this connection defined and the type of cases appearing on the docket.

"Drunken driving is a misdemeanor," the jurist declared, explaining that the law does not say a person must be drunk before he can violate the law by driving an automobile. The law reads: that a person under the influence of intoxicating liquors or narcotics is guilty when in that condition he operates a motor vehicle.

"A measuring stick has been laid down in such cases," Judge Stevens said, explaining that when a person driving an automobile has had enough intoxicants to cause him to act, do or think differently than he would have acted without them, he is guilty.

Rushing to complete the trial of the criminal docket, Judge Stevens told the jurors that he would not require an inspection of public offices and properties, that they were to pass on the bills of indictment only. He promised he would make them a speech when he returned next December.

This Week In Defense

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higher than a year ago. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, speaking in Boston, said "Inflation is no longer distant . . . We are facing it and . . . if we are selfish and shortsighted . . . the consequences may haunt us and our children for years, but if we look at the problem with firm resolve we can beat this thing."

Mr. Morgenthau said control of consumer installment credit, purchase of defense bonds and stamps and tax-anticipation notes are not enough to prevent consumer purchasing power from forcing prices up. He suggested extension and increase of social security benefits, an unemployment compensation "wage" for the workers and reduction in non-essential expenditures in Federal, State and local governments. He also suggested release of Government held surplus stocks of food to hold down food prices.

New Plants

The Defense Plant Corporation and the War Department authorized and awarded contracts for construction of six aluminum, magnesium and ordnance plants, totaling \$94,579,000. OPM recommended to the War Department construction of an aluminum plant at Troutdale, Ore. to produce 90,000,000 pounds annually.

Agriculture

Agriculture Secretary Wickard announced the 1942 farm program, calling for all-time record production—especially of hogs, eggs, evaporated milk, dry skim milk, cheese and chickens—to improve nutrition in this country and to aid other nations.

Railroad Labor Board

President Roosevelt set up a five-man board to investigate the disputes between unions and railways and to report its findings within 30 days. Wayne Lyman Morse, dean of the University of Oregon Law School, heads the board.

Priority

As a stimulus to better inter-American relations, some South American countries will have higher steel and chemical priority ratings than some U. S. civilian industries.

And so it is, Martin County's first permanent grand jury has been formed with little to do at the beginning, but jurists have pointed out that such bodies of men can have a marked effect on law and order in their counties, and with the representative citizens on the first permanent jury there is no reason that there will be an exception as far as this county is concerned.

Several Are Jailed And Several Given Medical Treatment

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on the main street late Saturday afternoon. According to witnesses at a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell, Biggs bumped into Nicholson. Nicholson asked Biggs if he could not see, and Biggs asked him why he did not get out of the middle of the sidewalk. A hard blow with the right hand was directed by Nicholson to Biggs' mouth. Biggs drew his knife, but Roy Wynne advised against an attack with a deadly weapon. Judgment was suspended upon payment of \$5.50 court costs in the case against Nicholson. Biggs was bound over to the county court for trial on September 29th under bond in the sum of \$50.

John Thomas Bunting, young white man employed at Jamesville, went on a drunken escapade Saturday evening about 8:30 o'clock on Washington Street. Taken in tow by Officer John Roebuck, Bunting was brought down the main street with half-block-long parade following. The officer, despite resistance and a well-versed cursing bombardment, did not use a blackjack on the young man's head, but J. D. Harrison, called to assist the officer, broke two fingers when he hit the boy after the boy had struck him. Placed in the jail, Bunting declared next morning he knew nothing about his antics of the evening before. Raising bond for his appearance in Justice Hassell's court this evening at 7 o'clock, Bunting was also held in a case charging him with not listing property for taxation. The tax account was paid and he was released Sunday.

An hour later, Jesse Whitley, colored, was arrested for public drunkenness. Flushed with money, Whitley was said to have bought clothes and food for members of his family, and sent them home. With well over one hundred dollars in his pocket he started celebrating and landed in jail. He did not lose his money, but he was on the streets again Sunday night about half drunk, and barely missed another stay in jail. He was carried before Justice Hassell and judgment was suspended upon payment of \$6.50 costs.

Thirty minutes later, police were called to Railroad Street where James Wilson was allegedly about to beat his common-law wife to death. He was jailed.

Several were patched up in doctors' offices in the early part of the evening, but the little and sudden crime wave did not reach a climax until about midnight when Bunn Godard fell victim of a meaningful knife attack in the warehouse district. A hearing in the case is scheduled for tonight at 7 o'clock before Justice J. L. Hassell.

According to reports, Godard and Leon Williams, both of Jamesville, had been traveling close to trouble on the streets earlier in the night, and had been warned by police to go home. They were at Jones' filling station when H. D. Dixon, young white man of Bear Grass accompanied by Will Knox, also of Bear Grass, started to back his car from its parking place. Godard was said to have asked Dixon if he was trying to run over him. A fight followed in due course, the details of which are yet not quite clear. When Officer John Roebuck reached the scene, he found Godard with his throat badly cut, a knife wound in the boy's arm and his back scraped. Despite his condition, Godard was said to have had Dixon down and whipping him. During the squabble, Knox was stabbed in the arm, presumably by Williams. There's a warrant pending against Dixon for cutting Godard and Knox swore out one against Williams. About eight stitches were necessary to close Godard's throat wound. The young man was released from the local institution today.

Adding to the crime wave itself, were reports of disturbances in other sections of the county. Some one in Everetts called county officers Saturday night and declared that a man was after him with a shot gun. Instructed to get a warrant, the man was said to have taken no action and the case was dropped. No killings had been reported in that section up until noon today.

"There's a drunk down here and I want you to get him," a drunk in Jamesville was quoted as saying to county officers. It was only a short time later that the other drunk called the county officers and urged them to arrest the first drunk. The cases did not reach the police blotter, and it is possible the two characters have sobered up by now.

Sunday afternoon, Spruill Johnson went on a cursing spree in the local streets, and he was arrested by Chief W. B. Daniel. He was fined \$2.50 and taxed with the costs in Justice Hassell's court.

While officers were battling crime outbreaks, a long parade of liquor addicts continued to move to and from more or less open barrooms on Railroad Street, and brazen young men in fairly large numbers paraded the streets in a half drunken condition. It was a situation that any respectable citizen would deeply regret. Several local citizens are expected to direct an urgent request to town officials for more police protection and for the arrest of troublesome drunks.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Despite a steadily increasing volume of traffic, motorists on Martin County highways went through last week with only one miscue. A year ago, the motorists traveled through the corresponding week without a single accident. That's a record worth working for, and it behooves every motorist and every pedestrian to join the movement in the name of human life and limb and property.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

37th Week Comparison

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'g	
1940	0 0 0
1941	1 1 0
Comparison To Date	
1941	64 51 3 \$18,730
1940	64 42 2 7,780

Court To Complete Trial Of Criminal Cases in Afternoon

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Central Cafe more than a year ago, was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to prison for from two to three years.

O. R. Boyd, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, failed to appear when called.

Pleading guilty of bastardy, Leonard Mobley, colored, was directed to pay \$5 a month for the support of his child and to pay the attending doctor. No costs were assessed, the court suspending a 12 months road sentence.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and robbery, Johnnie Powell was adjudged guilty of the assault, and was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Only three cases were left on the docket for trial in the court this afternoon.

Recreation Group Reports Progress

The committees appointed to raise funds to complete the recreation building for the colored race were assembled in the Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday at 3:30 o'clock to make their reports.

G. H. Hill, chairman, said this was the first drive made by the various committees and in the report made last Sunday a total of \$101.60 was accounted for. A few of the committees failed to make their reports and when a final tabulation is made from this particular drive the fund will likely amount to \$125.00 or more.

Chairman Hill stated the next drive for funds will be made in October.

County Veterans Improving In Fayetteville Hospital

Indirect reports received here yesterday stated that World War veterans Jesse Melson and P. P. Peel are getting along as well as could be expected in a Fayetteville hospital, that there was some slight improvement noted in the condition of each. Mr. Melson is expected home within the next two or three weeks, but it could not be learned how long it would be before Mr. Peel would be able to return. Their many friends wish for both of them a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Melson and two daughters, Nonie and Jessie Mae, and Miss Rachel Johnson and Mrs. George Harris and daughter, Jackie, visited Mr. Melson and Fort Bragg Sunday.

Young Man Leaves For Work In Puerto Rico

Employed by an international construction company, John Ward, Jr., left here yesterday to start work in San Juan, capital of Puerto Rico. Relying on his thumb to assist him in his travels, the young man goes to New Orleans, where he plans to fall back on his own cash for ship transportation. He leaves for an indefinite stay.

Farm Work Forces Two Negro Schools To Close

Their attendance figures dropping to an unusually low point as a result of rushing activities on the farms, two Negro schools, Poplar Point and Oak City, closed for an indefinite period yesterday. Reports from the superintendent of schools this morning stated that several other colored schools are likely to suspend classes today until the farm rush is over. Orders have been issued, directing the schools to close when the attendance figures drop below sixty per cent of normal.

Mr. F. I. Herriott Passes In Des Moines

Mr. F. I. Herriott, father of Mr. Charles Herriott, former Williamston resident, died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday night at 10 o'clock, friends were advised here yesterday. Funeral services are being conducted in the Iowa city this afternoon.

Glass

National Glass has caused the glass container industry to take on a new significance, since no raw materials essential to rearmament are used in making the containers.

Well Over Half Of Tobacco Crop Has Been Sold To Date

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Low	38.00	38.00
Lemon Lugs		
Choice	40.00	39.00
Fine	39.00	38.00
Good	38.00	36.00
Fair	32.00	30.00
Orange Lugs		
Fine	38.00	37.00
Good	37.00	35.00
Fair	32.00	27.00
Low	21.00	18.50

Paving Second Side Of The River Fill

Completing one-half of the Roanoke River fill paving project last Friday, the contractors shifted their equipment over the week-end and started pouring the second half of the causeway yesterday afternoon. Only a start was made at that time, but this morning operations were underway on a large scale with 11 trucks feeding the big eight-bag mixer.

Traffic is now running on that portion of the newly paved road between Conine Creek bridge and the eastern end of the fill. Reports from the contractor representatives state that the paving work will progress just as rapidly as the first half of the fill is opened to traffic, weather permitting.

WANTS

CLARK'S MALARIAL TONIC
For Chills and Fever. Guaranteed, or money refunded. Clark's Pharmacy. m23-1f

HOMES FOR CHILDREN WANTED: Colored, ages 7 and 9. Both boys. If interested, kindly get in touch with the Martin County Welfare Department. s12-3t

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Asking Aid For School Lunch Room Projects

Representatives of the Hamilton and Hassell Schools are appearing before the county board of education in special session here today, seeking aid for lunch room projects. Action of the board could not be learned immediately.

Mr. L. R. Everett represented Hamilton and Mr. George Ayers was here from Hassell.

TWO-HORSE FARM FOR SOLD

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Scotland Neck, N. C.			Robersonville, N. C.		
pounds	price	amount	pounds	price	amount
244	38c	\$ 92.72	150	37c	\$ 55.50
194	39c	75.66	80	40c	32.00
204	41c	83.64	138	42c	57.96
424	44c	186.56	78	42c	32.76
308	41c	126.28	102	42c	42.84
40	50c	20.00	106	45c	47.70
1418		\$584.86	116	47c	54.52
Average \$40.53			770		\$323.48
BAILEY and BAILEY			Average \$42.00		
Everetts, N. C.					
pounds	price	amount			
120	40c	\$ 48.00			
268	45c	120.60			
28	48c	13.44			
416		\$182.04			
Average \$43.76					

First Sale Thursday, Sept. 18

Our official average was the highest in the State Monday. We sold tobacco as high as 60 cents per pound with many individual averages running from 44 to 45 cents. Yes, we sell tobacco and we sell it higher. Sell with us THURSDAY and we'll show you just what it means when we say we sell it HIGHER!

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