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School Teachers In County's Labor Board Pay Checks Tuesday

Two Hundred and Forty-nine Employees Get Total of \$28,089.84

Receiving their first pay in five months on Tuesday of this week, Martin County school teachers wonder just what the governor of North Carolina would have said to the governor of the state to the south had that much time elapsed between sips.

Two years ago, the school employ payroll for the first month amounted to \$24,278.50, and even though the number of teachers has been slightly decreased, the salary increase is still negligible in the face of increased living costs.

A review of the payroll for the first school month ending last Tuesday shows that salaries received by white and colored teachers are virtually the same, the 76 teachers in the white elementary schools receiving \$10,343.28 and the same number of teachers in the colored elementary schools receiving \$9,777.93.

Checks were drawn this week in the sum of \$28,089.84, but not all of that amount was distributed. Several of the colored schools were forced to close when the number of absences fell to a low figure about two weeks ago.

The salary schedule for the first month follows by departments: six white high school principals, \$1,486.98; two colored high school principals, \$480; sixteen white high school teachers, \$2,955.65; six colored high school teachers, \$754.99; one white elementary school principal, \$165; seventy-six white elementary teachers, \$10,343.28; seventy-six colored elementary school teachers, \$9,777.93; fourteen janitors, \$755.29; forty school bus drivers, \$540; four white commercial teachers, \$505.00; five white vocational teachers, \$411.72; and three vocational teachers, \$414, making a grand total of \$28,089.84.

"Bums" Way Across The Ocean For Visit

Catching a plane ride in North Africa a short time ago, John Bland, Jr., U. S. Navy radio operator-mechanic, is spending a fifteen-day furlough here with his parents.

Assigned to a patrol plane, the young man has seen some action, but he says things are fairly quiet where he is now stationed.

The young man entered the service about two years ago, spending eighteen months in foreign service. This is his first visit home.

Estimated Six Hundred Men From County In War Work

According to the best information available, there are approximately 600 Martin County men and youths working in war or defense industry in various states throughout the nation. The estimate is based on the issuance of delayed birth certificates issued by the office of Martin County registrar of deeds during the past 18 months.

Required to submit birth certificates, workers going into war plants have written back home from possibly as many as twenty of the forty-eight states for credentials. In preparing the credentials, Mr. Getsinger has heard a varied list of stories. Some of the relatives of the applicants have retrieved their family Bibles from dusty corners, some for the first time possibly in years. Others produced their marriage certificates, while still others had their birth claims verified by mid-wives and in some cases by the attending physicians.

County's Labor Board In First Meeting Here

Certain Now That A Few Idlers Will Be Referred To Courts

Apparent Violations of Labor Stabilization Law Are Uncovered

Machinery for eliminating vagrancy and idleness was set in motion here yesterday afternoon at three o'clock when the County Labor Mobilization Committee held its first hearings in the courthouse. Playing the role of a grand jury, so to speak, the committee is now working on the evidence and specific recommendations are expected to follow within the next day or two.

Fifteen men were called, but one, Willie Bryant, failed to answer. No plan of action in his case was revealed at the meeting, but it is understood that papers will be issued for his arrest. The names of the other fourteen men called before the meeting are: Roosevelt Ragan, Noah Hoggard, Columbus Freeman, C. C. Berry, Frank Belcher, Sam Scott, Geo. Morgan, Frank Williams, Noah Huff, William Ballance, Horace Leatham, Barthonia Bennett, Percy Peel and Benjamin Wiggins.

Most of the defendants, while they admitted they had fiddled with their regular jobs, claimed that they had been employed elsewhere, several stating that they had been in the peanut fields, one at a cafe, and one or two some place else. It is the intent

Liquor Line

A small supply of liquor was placed on the shelves of the ABC store here this morning and some time before the opening hour, a line began forming. It was no long line, but truck drivers parked their trucks, public servants ran from their offices and white and colored lined up in order. The sidewalk was all but blocked, and Hitler's men would have had difficulty piercing the line.

Five Charged With Public Drunkenness

Five persons, charged with public drunkenness, have been carried before Justice J. L. Hassell this week, several others having their cases continued for a later hearing, possibly tomorrow.

Four of the defendants, Spruill Johnson, Chester Gardner, Earl Carpenter and K. W. Copeland, were charged with being drunk and aech was taxed with the cost of a taxi to \$8.50. In a fifth case, Rufus Taylor was charged with being drunk and down and since extra trouble was experienced in handling him, he was taxed with costs amounting to \$10.50.

Serenaders

Traveling to their work Wednesday morning, Italian prisoners of war serenaded through the main street, one report stating that the singers were led by a star of the Italian opera. Their song, pleasing to the ear, was heard by those stirring early on the street.

Apparently happy and contented with their lot, the prisoners are getting along very well. The operation of the special labor camps has been without incident, but one report stated that two came down with the tummyache as a result of feasting on green peanuts and another was troubled with the toothache. They were given proper treatment and are getting along all right.

Their services are in great demand, one report stating that they have been booked almost solidly up to about the 15th of this month.

Mrs. L. Jack Mills Passes In County

Mrs. Mary Ann Mills, widow of L. Jack Mills, died at her home in Poplar Point Wednesday night at 10:15 o'clock following a short illness. She had been in declining health for some time, but was very active up until a short time before her death. Heart trouble was given as the immediate cause of her death.

She is survived by six children, Carrie M. and L. J. Mills, of the home; Pvt. Gentry Mills with the army on maneuvers in Louisiana; Mrs. William Johnson, of Norfolk; Mrs. W. J. Lock, of Scotland Neck, and Mrs. Ray Bando, of New York. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. N. H. Neffard and Mrs. Diddie Hardy, both of Greenville, and Mrs. Don Wortham, of New York.

Funeral arrangements are being delayed pending the receipt of word from her son in the Army.

Call For Peanut Marketing Cards

A final clean-up of the 1942 peanut marketing program is expected to follow a call issued today for all outstanding marketing cards. It is estimated that about fifty farmers have not yet surrendered their marketing cards. The cards are made of their crops. Approximately 1,450 farmers have submitted their cards and a statement accounting for the disposition of peanuts grown. The report is to show how many peanuts were delivered to the edible trade, how many were diverted to the oil mills and how many were saved for seed.

Volunteers Get Call To Church Street Roof Fire

No great damage resulted last Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 when sparks fired the roof on the home of Frank James, colored, on West Church Street. The dry shingles were blowing over a fairly large fire and much of the family aided by neighbors were clearing all furniture from the house when the volunteer firemen reached the scene. Using a special connection direct from the engine, the firemen had the fire under control and back at their station ten minutes after receiving the call.

Accepts Position With Farm Security Office

Miss Dorothy Estelle Simpson, formerly of Plymouth, but for the past year or more a resident of Gates County, has accepted a position as clerk in the local office of the Farm Security Administration. Succeeding Mrs. Neda Pendleton Stalls, Miss Simpson entered upon her new duties this morning, coming here from Gatesville where she was engaged in similar work.

Keeper Of Rainbow Third Bond Drive In

Dead Last Tuesday

R. V. Tyler, aged keeper of the Rainbow Hunting Club reservation on Roanoke River, near Hamilton, was found dead in his quarters there last Tuesday afternoon, the apparent victim of a heart attack.

Accompanied by a 10-year-old youth, Pat Wynne, and one or two other children, Willie Simon Roebuck, home on furlough from the Navy, went to the camp to see his old friend. They called several times and when no answer came they went to the window and saw him sitting in a chair, his head and arms on the dining table. Receiving no answer to their repeated calls and finding the building locked and windows closed, the youths notified officers and Deputy J. H. Roebuck, Patrolman Whit Saunders and Coroner S. R. Biggs went to make an investigation. They had to force an entrance about 4 o'clock that afternoon and brought the body here where it was prepared for burial.

Coroner S. R. Biggs ruled that no inquest was necessary since the house was locked from the inside and there were no signs of foul play. The old gentleman, believed to have been around 65 or 70 years of age, apparently was in the midst of his evening meal Monday when he suffered the attack and died suddenly. His feet were resting on the bottom rung of the chair in which he was sitting and his head and arms were on the table, the face pressing against a water jug. He had taken a few bites of something to eat and his coffee cup was almost full.

Few details about the old gentleman could be learned immediately, but during the approximately three years he had served the club, he had made many friends with the people in that section and was well thought of by the members of the organization.

Farmers To Report Soil Building Plan

The attention of Martin County farmers is called to the importance of reporting their soil building practices to the office of the county agent. The information may be forwarded to the office by letter or the farmers may call in person and review their plantings carried on in support of the soil building program, it was announced. It was pointed out that the task is the farmer's direct responsibility to make the report, that it will be to his advantage to do so.

Farmers who have planted winter crimson clover or winter peas or will leave soy beans planted solid on their lands are asked to make their reports as soon as possible. They are asked to list the acreage planted and the names of those who are entitled to share in the soil building payments.

Enterprise Representative Arrives Safely In England

Pvt. F. Bruce Whitley, an employe of the Enterprise Publishing Company here, for almost twenty years, arrived safely in England a short time ago, according to information received here. Representing The Enterprise, indirectly of course, the young soldier made his first report, under fairly recent date, but it was a brief one. The high spot of the first message was "I arrived here broke." He went on to say that he did not need any money, that he was getting along fine. The scenery was described like unto that pictured in advertisements and on calendars, "and it's real, too," he explained.

Tire Allotment

Martin County has been allotted 278 tires for distribution during October, the War Price and Rationing Board was notified a few days ago. The original allotment for September was 294, but it was materially increased from week to week until approximately 375 certificates were issued.

The allotment for October calls for the distribution of 106 Grade I car and pick-up truck tires, 158 car tubes, and 112 Grade III tires, and 60 truck tires and 51 tubes. Possibly reflecting the seriousness of the rubber situation, tire rations have been cancelled in a few cases in this county recently.

County Over the Top

Certain More Than A Million Dollars Will Be Subscribed

Six Townships Exceed Quotas; Total of \$977,036.50 Is Raised To Date

Martin County's Third War Loan is over the top, Chairman D. V. Clayton announcing last night that a total of \$977,036.50 had been raised and reported. While the amount reported is \$59,036.50 in excess of the quota, the chairman for the county points out he is anxious to see the sale reach and pass the one million dollar mark. A special call is going out to all the districts, urging everyone to keep on pushing the sale of "E" bonds until every township quota is reached and passed. The drive was to have ended yesterday, but the time for the purchase of negotiable bonds was extended until midnight tomorrow and the sale of "E" bonds will continue until the middle of next month. But the chairman is anxious to conclude the drive as quickly as possible, leaving late purchases to be figured as regular savings.

Six districts, Griffins, Bear Grass, Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest, are over the top, several of them by wide margins. Williams is about \$962 short of its quota. Cross Roads needs only about \$600 to meet its quota, and Hassell, possibly the smallest of the districts, is just \$35.75 under its quota. As for Williamston, the chairman states that a final round-up today and tomorrow will put it across, and he is certain of that.

Marked Decrease In Number Crime Cases

Justice J. L. Hassell continues fairly busy with proceedings in his weekly courts, but even then there has been a marked decrease in the number of criminal cases booked for his consideration in recent weeks. During last month he handled 32 cases as compared with forty-seven in September of last year. "And civil cases are indeed rare these days," the justice declared, adding that he had had less than half a dozen during the past several months.

The marked reduction in crime is traceable in part to the reduced supply of available intoxicating beverages," the justice declared. It was pointed out that statistics can be used to prove most anything, but it is fairly certain that peace and order have been more in evidence since the supply of hard liquors, wines and beer had been reduced.

While holding court here this week charged with being drunk and each court bench, stated that he had found a downward trend in crime activities during the past eight or ten months, but that they are gradually on the increase now. "There has been quite a number of rape cases, especially in the congested areas," the jurist said. In those areas where heavy withdrawals in the population for the armed services and industry, naturally the crime rate would fall, and especially in those cases where the population has been materially reduced.

Farm Bureau

An important meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau will be held in the courthouse next Wednesday night when officers for the new year will be elected and when P. Flake Shaw, state secretary, reviews the 1943 peanut marketing program and outlines proposed changes in the plan for marketing in 1944.

Authorities Call Attention To Dates For Christmas Mailing

If Christmas packages are to be delivered to men in the service and to friends and relatives right here in this country, a schedule of mailing dates must be observed, according to postal authorities who are again urging early mailing. October 15 is the last date for mailing Christmas packages to men in the Army serving overseas. Packages for men in the Navy may be mailed as late as October 30. To guarantee delivery before or by Christmas in this country for both civilians and servicemen, the government points out that the bulk of the packages must be mailed in November, that December 10 is the deadline for handling last-minute parcels.

Commissioners To Hold Meetings Next Monday

Scheduled to hold their regular meetings next Monday, both the boards of the county and town commissioners have little business on their calendars. Other than routine matters, the county authorities are scheduled to draw a jury for the November term of superior court.

German Opposition Stiffens On Russian Front Along The Dnieper River

After six days of bitter fighting, the American Fifth Army is pouring down the mountains, facing Naples and the smoking crest of Vesuvius, and the great numbers of men and guns are advancing rapidly through the suburbs of Italy's third city which may have fallen into Allied hands by this time.

To gain their present positions, the Americans fought their way through Nazi tank gunfire against the toughest defenses the Germans had mustered for days. They swept around both sides of Vesuvius. The entire Sorrento peninsula was theirs; they took Castellmare di Stabia, naval base southeast of the city and Nocera, which had been no-man's land for forty-eight hours; they entered that mecca of tourists, the ancient ruins of Pompeii.

The suburbs of Naples extend southeastward along the coast to the base of Vesuvius. One can see them from the heights on the other side of the city where the Corso Vittorio Emanuele winds its scenic way along the slopes—one of the most beautiful views in all Europe. General Mark Clark's men are possibly enjoying this view now and looking back at the long, hard way they came.

Already commentators are speculating on what the Germans will do since abandoning Naples. Some believe there will be little resistance until Rome is reached, about 150 miles to the north. Others think the Nazis will make a temporary stand along the Volturno River, which empties into the Mediterranean 20 miles north of Naples. But the river is short and the Nazis soon would be outflanked.

Meanwhile the 8th Army, pressing from Foggia, is only fifty miles from Benevento, which commands the Volturno River from the inland side. The Germans fought bitterly to defend that last outer bulwark of Naples, notably at Sala, gateway to the plains, where the Fifth Army broke through.

In the city itself, the work of demolition was continued up to the last. An Italian officer who escaped to Capri in a small boat with his little son, said the Nazis had blown up the Royal Palace and other famous buildings "out of sheer spite." On the Adriatic side, the British gained another eleven miles along the coast, advancing to Zapponea.

The following figures, based on what are believed to be fairly accurate and the latest available reports, offers a comparison of the quotas and the amounts raised by districts:

Table with 3 columns: District, Quota, Amt. raised. Includes Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass, Williamston, Cross Roads, Robersonville, Hamilton, Hassell, and Goose Nest.

The nation has gone over its \$15,000,000,000 quota, but everyone is reminded that the war is still going on, that as long as our boys fight it is necessary for him to save and keep right on buying bonds.

Chairman D. V. Clayton is working on the increase now. (Continued on page six)

Tobacco Prices Are Holding Firm Here

With prices for the medium and inferior grades increasing and with the better grades holding their own, averages on the local market today are holding to a high level. Few piles are selling below 40 cents and few are going for more than fifty cents. However, a few wrappers offered on the floors this week went for 56 cents a pound, and some individuals averaged right at 52 cents a pound. But it is possibly even more apparent now than at any time this season, that prices of tobacco are selling in a price range, with small variations. The real common nondescript or plain old trash was selling today for as much as 23 and 30 cents a pound. There were very few piles of that type, however, and the average will, it is conservatively estimated, hold to about 45 or 46 cents a pound. Sales for the season to date total right at six and one-half million pounds.

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