

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Thirteen Cases In the County Court

Tribunal In Session Half A Day Clearing Accumulated Cases on Docket

With an accumulation of cases continued in the previous week to avoid any interruption with the tobacco harvest, Judge J. Calvin Smith virtually caught up with the work of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, when he called 13 cases.

The court, which lasted half a day, was well attended with a large number of farmers and spectators on hand because the excessive rain made it impossible to either work or loaf on the streets.

Burt Scott, the first defendant, called, was charged with bastardy. Although he pleaded guilty, the court ruled otherwise, and the case was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in January, 1946, upon the payment of the court costs and upon the condition the defendant pay the sum of \$5 a week into the hands of the Martin County Welfare Department. This money is to be used for the benefit of the illegitimate child of the defendant and prosecuting witness, Mrs. Bethe Baker. Burt is out under a bond of \$100.

The case of LaFayette Pearsall, charged with an attack upon a female, Doris Heckstall, was continued. Neither the Heckstall woman or the witness, Winnie Hill, appeared for the trial and Judge Smith fined each \$40 and issued subpoenas for their appearance in the next court, Monday, August 27th.

Lazarus Williams, held for being drunk and disorderly and damaging personal property, was given a 60-day road sentence, suspended for one year with the exception of the first five days, upon the payment of a fine of \$10, the court costs, and upon the condition that he refrain from entering Duk-Inn during the term of suspension.

Drunk and disorderly, William Hogard had judgment suspended in his case upon the payment of a \$15 fine and the court costs.

Judgment was suspended in the case of Lonnie Bullock, charged with speeding, upon payment of court costs and \$15 fine.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Ned Stokes was held guilty by the court, but judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs.

Charged with an assault upon a female, judgment was suspended in the case of Joe Biggs, upon condition a fine of \$20 and the court costs be paid.

Also held on the same count, assault upon female, Wilmer Biggs' fine was upped to \$50 in addition to payment of the court costs.

Charged with trespassing and being drunk and disorderly, Ben Harrison was given a 90-day suspended sentence upon the payment of \$25 fine and court costs.

Julius H. Jones, charged with operating a motor vehicle without license, received a 60-day road sentence, which was suspended upon payment of \$20 and the court costs.

Nellie Brown, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon Mary White, received a 90-day suspended sentence.

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Immunization Is Required by Law

By JOHN W. WILLIAMS, M. D. County Health Officer

It is the state law that a child has to be six years old by October of the year in which he begins school. I notice that this law is pretty well obeyed.

It is also a state law that the child entering school have a scar on his arm or leg which signifies that there has been a successful vaccination against smallpox and bring to the teacher a certificate stating that the child has been immunized with two doses of diphtheria toxoid. It is just as much a responsibility of the school authorities that this law be obeyed as the first mentioned.

In the last legislature, a law was passed that every child be protected against smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough by the first year of life. Every opportunity has been given the parents of the county to have this work done, and hundreds have taken advantage, but realizing how busy everyone has been and that it takes four weekly trips to the physician or the health department to get the protection against whooping cough, we are not going to indict anyone regarding the whooping cough item, but we are going to take legal steps regarding smallpox and diphtheria. There are just two trips to the physician or clinic necessary. Two shots for diphtheria (one month apart); on last trip the vaccine for smallpox may be used.

The parents can get this dose free of charge. In Jamesville any Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. In Robersonville any Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. In Oak City any Friday from 1 to 3 p.m.; and any evening from 4 to 5 and any Saturday from 9 to 12 at the health department in the City Hall in Williamston.

Tobacco Sales on Market Will Exceed Million Pounds Today

At the close of today's sale, the Williamston market will have sold approximately one million pounds of leaf. Through the market sold 294,284 pounds for an official average of \$43.53. Wednesday's sale of 239,762 pounds averaged \$43.42. Warehousemen said late yesterday that prices on the 38 and 39 cent tobaccos had advanced to 40 and 41 cents. This increase in prices is revealed in yesterday's sale, where the market sold 246,128 pounds for an average of \$44.30.

The quality of leaf offered here continues extremely poor and in some cases it could be said that it is not much better than scrap tobacco.

PENALTIES

Exceeding their allotments, eighty-two Martin County tobacco farmers have already paid \$6,409.70 in penalties, it was learned from the Triple-A office in the agriculture building this week. A few others who also planted in excess of their allotments have not yet called for their marketing cards, and it is believed penalties will approximate \$7,000 when all cases are handled.

The excess penalties ranged from \$4.70 to \$523.50, one contract showing an excess of 5.3 acres.

Thomas L. Johnson Died Last Week at Home in Gold Point

Was Active in Church and Business Affairs Until Few Weeks Ago

Thomas L. Johnson, prominent farmer and business man, died at his home in Gold Point last Thursday evening at 9:30. Mr. Johnson was 67 years old and underwent several months of declining health before complications resulted in his death last week.

Although he lost an arm many years ago, Mr. Johnson was an untiring worker and continued with his business affairs until ill health forced him to practically retire several weeks ago. For several years, he operated a saw mill in Gold Point until it was burned two years ago. He also operated a cotton gin in Robersonville for several years and was considered a loyal friend and an honest business man.

Although he was a member of the Robersonville Christian church, he gave liberally of his time and money to the Gold Point Christian church. It has been said that he even served as janitor to the church and practically paid the preacher's salary himself.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Robersonville Christian church. The last rites were conducted by the Rev. A. E. Purvis, and interment was made in the Robersonville cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Louise Taylor, of this county; four daughters, Mrs. Harold Brown, of Vanceboro; Mrs. James W. Brown, of Gold Point; and Nina and Daisy Johnson, both of the home; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

County Youth With Ninety-Ninth Unit

Staff Sergeant Joseph H. Lilley, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lilley, Williamston, R. F. D., is with the 35th Infantry Regiment of the 99th Infantry Division, now with the U. S. Third Army in Germany.

While with General Hodges' First Army, the soldiers of the 99th helped storm through the Siegfried line, then across the Cologne Plain, and constituted the first infantry division of the First Army to bring its forces up the Rhine. After crossing the famed river, and participating in cleaning out the Ruhr pocket, the 99th was transferred to Patton's Third Army and assisted in the final grand-slam drive across the Danube to the heart of Bavaria.

Lilley wears the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and ETO ribbon with three bronze battle stars.

Program of Services for Baptist Church Outlined

Sunday, 9:45: Sunday school, departments for all age groups; be on time for your department opening. 11—Morning worship; in the continued absence of our pastor, who is on vacation, Rev. R. H. Lucas, of Plymouth, will be our visiting preacher. 7:15—Training union; plan for your child to be there and on time. 8:30—Union service. The last one of the summer season, will be held in our church. Wednesday, 8:30—Prayer service; Dr. Knight is expected back for this service.

DDT Now Available For Use In Homes With Malaria Cases

R. L. Walston, Specialist, Is Assigned To County To Spray Homes

According to an announcement made this week by Dr. John D. Williams, of the Martin County Health Department, any family which has had one or more of its members afflicted with malaria during the year 1945 is eligible to have their home sprayed with DDT during the next few days.

Mr. R. L. Walston, specialist in handling DDT, has been assigned to this county, and he will handle the job assigned him by the health department.

Only 39 cases of malaria have been reported to the health department, although the state law requires that each case be reported. According to the health authorities, all of the 39 cases were reported by one physician.

All the homes in which these cases reside will be sprayed immediately and knowing there are many more cases that have not been reported, the health department will spray the additional homes if the following instructions are followed:

1. If your family physician has diagnosed your case as malaria, so inform your doctor and prescribed anti-malaria treatment.
2. If your physician will give you a certificate stating that he treated you or any one in your home for malaria and bring the certificate to the health department. Or, if you wish to save your physician this trouble, come personally to the health department in the next two or three days and give us the details so we can make a report card and get the location of the home. Sprayers will then be sent to your home free of cost.

The spray is not dangerous, does not discolor walls and will last about four months. DDT will kill mosquitoes, flies, fleas, bed bugs, ants, and chicken lice when they come in contact with the chemical on the walls and ceilings. No stables, dog houses, or chicken houses will be sprayed. Only porches, ceilings and walls of the homes of people where there has been a case of malaria this year will be treated.

The health authorities state that several hundred people expressed themselves as wanting their homes sprayed with DDT and the opportunity now presents itself if you can comply with the above requirements and regulations.

County Young Man Writes About Big Things In Germany

Sgt. Billy E. Peel Seeing The Sights In Europe from Vantage Point

Following is a letter from Sgt. Billy E. Peel, received recently by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Peele, of Williamston, R. F. D.:

"I know you are wondering why I have not written, but by the heading of this letter, I am sure that you will understand. Yep, here I am in Berlin. I guess you are as much surprised as I am. There are big things over here. All the big shots are here—Truman, Stalin, Churchill, and all the big generals. I am living right in the middle of it all. "I went to church Sunday and sat right near President Truman. Churchill was at the President's house a few nights ago, and when he came out he walked to his home. He is really some man. "I consider this quite an honor being here. I was one of the lucky ones that was picked to come here. I had a perfectly clean record and was chosen an honorary guard. I hope to look back on this some day and be able to say, 'Sure, I was there.' "I don't know what is in store for me, or where I am going, but I hope to be home when they start selling tobacco. It seems years since I saw any sold. That is the business I want to be in when I return. "I have finally had some mail to catch up with me, and I was surely glad to hear from all of you. Tell Dad to let me know how he is progressing with his tobacco. "I have seen some action. I made

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The schedule follows: Monday, August 27 10 a.m., Edward's Service Station; 10:30 a.m., Sherrod farm; 11 a.m., Hamilton bank; 1 p.m., Oak City; 2:30 p.m., Smith's store (Palmyra road).

Tuesday, August 28 9:15 a.m., Everetts; 10:15 a.m., Cross Roads church; 11:15 a.m., Parmele; 12 noon, Edmondson's service station (Hassel highway); 1 p.m., Hassell; 2 p.m., Gold Point; 3 p.m., Robersonville library.

Wednesday, August 29 9:30 a.m., Dardens, Jordan's store; 10:45 a.m., Browning's store; 11:45 a.m., Ange Town; 12:30 p.m., Poplar Chapel church; 2 p.m., Jamesville (Brown's store).

Thursday, August 30 9:15 a.m., Griffin's Service Station; 9:45 a.m., Farm Life (Manning and Gurkin store); 11 a.m., Smithwick's Creek; 12 noon, Corey's Cross Roads; 1:15 p.m., Bear Grass (Terry Bros. store).

Conducting Revival Services In Everett Church This Week

A series of evangelistic meetings began in the Everett Christian church on Monday night, August 20th. Rev. John L. Goff, Williamston pastor, is doing the preaching. Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of the church, is leading the singing, and extends a most cordial welcome to all who will attend.

Suffers Broken Leg In Fall Late Last Tuesday

Dennis Page, white man and father of several children, suffered a broken leg in a fall near a creek last Tuesday afternoon. The Jamesville Township man was removed to the local hospital for treatment.

County Schools Open Term Next Thursday

Faculty Selections Not Yet Complete In Several Schools

Teachers To Meet In Their Respective Schools Next Wednesday, August 29

Although a few faculty positions are yet to be filled, plans are going forward for the opening of all the schools in this county on Thursday, August 30, according to an announcement coming from the office of the county superintendent today. Elections are pending in several cases, but in any event, regular or substitute teachers will be on hand to take care of all the grades in the schools throughout the county, it was explained.

Superintendent J. C. Manning also announced that the teachers are scheduled to meet in their respective schools next Wednesday, August 29, that notices had already been mailed to the teachers advising them of the planned meetings.

The names of the faculty members in the various schools follow:

Williamston: Sam D. Bundy, principal; Mrs. Evelyn Baker Moore, Mrs. C. J. Goodman, Mrs. Evelyn H. Manning, Mrs. Jesse H. White and Miss Verna Bell Lowery, high school; Miss Charlotte Sasser, 8th grade; Mrs. C. B. Hassell, 7th grade; Miss Mary B. Whitley, 7th grade; Mrs. Ruby M. Rejune and Miss Mildred Byrum, 6th grade; Mrs. Velma H. Coburn and Miss Lucille Bell, 5th grade; Miss Margaret Elliott and Miss Frances Jenkins, 4th grade; Miss Geraldine Glover, 4th grade; Miss Ruth Manning, Miss Leta Brantley and Mrs. Rosalie I. Froneberger, 3rd grade; Miss Estelle Crawford, Mrs. Mary B. Carstaphen and Miss Lavinia Baker, 2nd grade; Miss Alice Hardy and Miss Ada Norris, first grade. There is still one vacancy in the 8th grade in the local school, the principal pointing out that changes in enrollment may necessitate shifts in the teacher placements also.

Robersonville: A. L. Hendren, principal; Mr. Hassell Gurganus, Miss Florine Clarke, Miss Katherine Thompson, Miss Maud Ketchum, Mrs. Harriett Winslow, high school, Miss Mahler, math teacher, has just resigned and the position made vacant by her has not been filled. Elementary teachers: Mr. M. M. Everett, Mrs. Jane P. Day, 7th grade; Mrs. Cleo J. Whichard, 6th grade; Miss Janice Eggleston, 5th grade; Miss Millie J. Roebuck, 4th grade; Miss Reba Winstead, 3rd grade; Miss Louise Dixon, 2nd grade; Mrs. A. L. Hendren, 1st and 2nd grades; Miss Minnie Cochran, 1st grade, Miss Bertha Nichols, 8th grade. The election of another 8th grade teacher is pending.

Everetts: Mrs. Thelma P. Taylor, 7th grade; Mrs. Miram J. James, 6th; Mrs. Beatrice James, 5th; Miss Annie L. Taylor, 4th; Mrs. Grace R. Ayers, 3rd; Mrs. Christine H. Bailey, 2nd, and Mrs. Margaret Roberson, 1st. The elections are complete for the Everetts School.

Gold Point: Mrs. Annie L. Roberson, 4, 5 and 6th grades, and Mrs. Alda Tyler, 1, 2 and 3rd. Oak City: H. M. Ainsley, principal; Miss Madge Lane, Mrs. Dolly M. Millinder, Miss Frances Eakes, Miss Martha J. Hassell and John L. Hassell, high school. One high school teacher is yet to be elected. Elementary: Mrs. Ethel Leggett, 8th; Miss Katie Spier, 7th; Miss Nancy Worsley, 6th; Mrs. Claude Roebuck, 5th; Mrs. Frank Stokes, 4th; Miss Madeline Davenport, 3rd; Mrs. Myrtle P. Johnson, 2nd, and Mrs. Mildred S. Johnson, 1st.

Hamilton: George Haislip, principal and 7th grade; Mrs. Sarah E. Cherry, 5 and 6th grades; Mrs. Edna B. Everett, 4th; Mrs. Marion W. Beach, 3rd; Miss Maggie Brown, 2nd, and Mrs. Myrtle S. Smith, 1st grade.

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Americans Making Ready To Occupy Japanese Islands

One-Tenth of Jap Population Counted as Casualties Of Air Raids

Despite the definite trend toward peace in the Pacific theater, General Douglas MacArthur is taking no chances as he makes ready to occupy the enemy's home lands. According to reliable reports, an estimated 30,000,000 Americans will move in on vital centers next Tuesday, fully armed and adequately prepared for anything. Extensive preparations are being made for the occupation, one report explaining that the air force will move in about the same time the Navy pulls into Tokyo Bay. Other occupation forces will follow, it was stated.

During the meantime, the Japs are quoted as saying that the evacuation of an estimated 32,000 Allied prisoners is already under way. The first occupation forces will center their attention on the complete liberation of the prisoners, reports stating that Red Cross and medical corpsmen are being assembled in numbers with medicines and equipment.

The final signing of the surrender terms is expected on Friday of next week, reports stating that the signatures will be affixed to the document on the U.S.S. Missouri.

While final plans are being made for the occupation of their home islands, the Japanese are counting up the war casualties. Unofficial reports placed the number killed in air raids at 240,000 and the wounded at 460,000. The homeless number well over ten million. It is not known if the casualty count includes those killed and wounded as a result of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Reports state that those who survived the first shock of the atomic bomb are now dying in fairly large numbers, but ever small burns received at the time are resulting in death weeks later.

While the Japs are trying to quit the fight, the British and Chian Kai-shek's troops are racing for Hong Kong, with both sides claiming the city as their prize.

In this country there is growing opposition to the draft, and it is fairly certain that the reduction of 30,000 in the number of monthly inductees will be considered too small when Congress meets next month. Reconversion is gaining ground, but it is not apparent so far as increased civilian goods are concerned.

Mrs. Charlie Harris Died Last Saturday

Mrs. Charlie Ann Harris, a former resident of Martin County, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Mizelle in Beaufort County early last Saturday morning. Mrs. Mizelle, an adopted daughter, went to see how Mrs. Harris was getting along and found her dead at 4 o'clock, apparently the victim of heart trouble, with which she had suffered for some time. Mrs. Harris, widow of Jack Harris, was 76 years of age and spent most of her life in this county.

Mrs. Harris was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church at Bear Grass for many years, and attended its services regularly until prevented by failing health.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Gurganus and Mrs. A. W. Bailey, of Bear Grass, and a brother, S. W. Mizelle, of Beaufort County, a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon in the church at Bear Grass by Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers, and interment was in the Mizelle family cemetery near her old home in Bear Grass Township.

Man Badly Bruised In Sawmill Accident

Elijah Biggs, colored man and a loyal worker, was badly but believed not seriously injured when he was caught in a belt at a saw mill operated by Hardison and Bailey in Jamesville last Wednesday. He was brought to the local hospital for treatment, late reports stating he was getting along as well as could be expected. As far as it could be learned no bones were broken, but he was badly bruised.

Critically Burned, Man In Hospital Here for Treatment

Seriously burned when his clothing, saturated with gasoline, caught fire while he was working at a filling station in Windsor, Sinclair Lyons, colored man, was brought to Brown's Community Hospital here late Wednesday afternoon for treatment. His condition was described as critical. Details of the accidental burning could not be learned.

Install Modern Light Fixture In Hospital Here This Week

A new light fixture, costing several hundred dollars and described as one of the most complete and modern in the country, was installed in the operating room at Brown's Community Hospital here this week.

Mrs. Sadie W. Peel Died In Hospital On Wednesday Evening

Funeral Services At The Home On Haughton Street This Afternoon at 4 O'clock

Mrs. Sarah (Sadie) Frances Wooldard Peel, prominent local woman and former clerk of the Martin County Superior Court, died in a Washington hospital last Wednesday evening at 6:10 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Mrs. Peel had not been well in several months, but she was able to be up until about five weeks ago. When she failed to respond to treatment at home she was moved to the hospital. While her condition was regarded as serious, she was getting along very well up until just a few minutes before the end, news of her death coming as a shock to relatives and her many friends here and throughout the county.

The daughter of the late Thaddeus Oliver and Susan Elizabeth Hardison Wooldard, she was born in Jamesville 72 years ago on May 10, 1873. She spent her early life there, and after completing her education, taught in the county schools several terms before her marriage to Mr. Robert Johnson Peel on December 20, 1893. The family moved to Williamston in 1902 when Mr. Peel was named superintendent of Martin County schools, a position he held until he was elected clerk of the superior court. Following his death on July 27, 1933, Mrs. Peel was appointed to complete the unexpired term as clerk of the superior court. She actively served the public as clerk until December, 1934. She is one of the few, if not the only woman in North Carolina, to have ever held the position.

Joining the church in her early childhood, Mrs. Peel was a great leader in religious activities. Few people could have shown a greater devotion to the church. She was loyal in its support and faithful in attendance upon all its services and meetings. Mrs. Peel was a devoted wife and mother, and was ever thoughtful of others. Her mother died when she was quite young and she was reared in the home of her uncle and aunt, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hardison.

She is survived by three sons, Elbert S. Peel of Williamston, Robt. J. Peel of Fayetteville and S/Sgt. Francis W. Peel, now with the armed forces in Belgium; three daughters, Miss Eva Irene Peel of Williamston, Mrs. John Enright of Fayetteville, and Mrs. D. R. Davis of Williamston; six grandchildren, Lt. (jg.) Elbert S. Peel, Jr., U. S. Naval Reserve, William Robert Peel, David Davis, Jr., and Elizabeth Hunter Davis, all of Williamston, and Robert Jennings Enright and Barbara Enright, of Fayetteville.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home on North Haughton Street here this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. John L. Goff, and a former pastor, Rev. Jas. M. Perry, of Robersonville. Interment will follow in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

One Social Security Card For a Lifetime

Mrs. Ruth G. Duffy, manager of the Rocky Mount Field Office of the Social Security Board, stated today that as a worker who is building social insurance protection on the job you should make it your business to tell your family:

1. That if you die they may be eligible for monthly old-age and survivors' insurance benefits. Tell them that widows with children under 18 in their care get special consideration under the law. If you have neither wife nor child, but your parents are dependent upon you, tell your parents that if you die they may be eligible for monthly benefits at age 65. If you have no children, tell your wife or parents not to wait till they are 65 to file their claims for benefits; they may be eligible for a lump-sum death benefit, and the time for claiming this expires after two years.

2. That you have a social security card. Tell your family where you keep it. Tell them in case of your death to take it to the nearest Social Security Board office and file a claim for benefits. It will save them time in starting the payments if they have your card.

3. That they don't have to pay anybody to get benefits for them. At the nearest office of the Social Security Board they will get—free of charge—all the help they need in filing a claim. If they don't know where the Social Security Board office is, they can ask at the post office.

4. That in case you die they should file their claim promptly. Survivors' benefits are retroactive for only three months. If your family file their claim in the fourth month after the month in which you die, they will lose one month's payment. A claim for a lump-sum benefit must be filed within two years of your death.

The Social Security Board office which serves Williamston and Martin County is located in the post-office building at Rocky Mount.

ROUND-UP

Local and county officers, declaring that the V-J celebration was still on last week-end, rounded up eight alleged violators of the peace. Half of those placed in jail were charged with public drunkenness. Four, apparently ignoring the peace lead in the Pacific, carried on with little fights of their own. Two of the group were white, and the ages of the eight arrested and jailed during the period ranged from 18 to 58 years.