

Superior Court In Final Session Here

Thursday Afternoon

After thinning out the cases on the civil calendar, the Martin County Superior Court was adjourned for the term by Judge John J. Burney late yesterday afternoon. Very little interest was shown in the proceedings during the tail end of the term, and before adjournment yesterday the number of spectators had dwindled to four.

Deciding Ownership of One Hound Dog

Clearing a few cases from the calendar during a short session Monday, the Martin County Superior Court in the second of a two weeks' term, Tuesday devoted just about all day to an argument over the ownership of a four-year-old hound dog. And strange as it may seem, a goodly number of spectators attended the trial and paid close attention to the witnesses as they definitely identified the dog worth possibly \$50 on an inflated market.

One group of witnesses definitely identified the dog as belonging to Lloyd Newbern, Bertie County man. Others declared the dog belonged to the defendant, Allen Long, of near Hobgood, and they supported their contention by maintaining that they had closely observed the hound from the date of his birth up until the present.

The argument waxed warm once or twice and a defense witness, Ethel Kaint, added a bit of humor to the proceedings when she said that the dog was a good one, that he would trail most anything that had a scent. One of the plaintiff's attorneys asked if the dog would bite. The defendant suggested that he try him out.

Completing the evidence shortly before 4 o'clock, the court charged the jury and after deliberating hardly five minutes the jury returned a verdict favoring the plaintiff.

In the case of Ed Smith against Edgar Harrell, the issues were settled by agreement, the court directing the clerk to deduct the case costs from the amount of money in question and divide the remainder equally among the two.

An agreement was also reached in the case in which Louise Simmons is suing Sam Henry Simmons for alimony.

In the case of G. G. Woolard against C. Z. Runk, the court awarded the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$496.87 with interest from November 25, 1944.

The case of Standard Fertilizer Company against Paul T. Sparrow was compromised.

The case of J. B. Whitfield against Ed Harrell was set for trial during the first day of the special term convening in November.

Two divorces, both based on two years of separation were granted last Monday, one to Mary Eliza Pippens against Cecil Pippens, and one to Viola Mooring Chance against Walter Raleigh Chance. During the term the court granted ten divorces.

In the case of Josephine James against Abner James, the court confirmed the sale of certain lands for \$2,675.00 and allowed the attorneys a fee of \$200 in addition to the regular five percent.

A compromise was effected in the case of M. M. Cordon against C. M. and P. C. Barber, the plaintiff receiving \$260.

Negligence was found on the part of both the plaintiff and the defendant in the case of Jesse D. Beach against H. U. Peel and no damages were allowed. The plaintiff, Jesse Beach, was asking \$5,000 for personal injuries, and Charlie Beach was suing the defendant for \$500 damages resulting in an automobile accident at Bear Grass last February.

A judgment in the sum of \$20 with interest from June 18, 1943, was allowed the plaintiff in the case of Kader Crawford against Redden Tyre.

The damage suit brought by the

County Young Man Gets War Citation

James R. Silverthorne, just recently back from more than three years of foreign duty with the American Armed Forces, received a unit citation from General Chas. de Gaulle.

The citation, dated Paris, May 5, 1945, reads:

"For exceptional war services rendered in the course of operations of the liberation of France." The citation was addressed to The First Engineer Special Brigade, comprising all units assigned or attached to the Brigade who were part of the assault force "U" and were engaged in the assault on the Normandy beaches.

The citation carries with it the *Croix de Guerre* with Palmes.

Little Business Scheduled For County Commissioners

Other than the selection of a jury list for the special November term of superior court, the Martin County commissioners have very little business scheduled for consideration at their regular meeting to be held here next Monday, Clerk J. Sam Getsinger said yesterday.

HIGH WATER

Roanoke flood waters started receding slowly here at 1 o'clock last Wednesday morning and had dropped about eighteen inches up until shortly before noon today. It is predicted that the stream will be back in its banks by next Tuesday or Wednesday if the present rate of fall is maintained.

With the exception of the all-time record flood in August, 1940, the water this week was the highest in more than ten years. In 1936, the river overflowed its banks several feet, reaching a crest just a little short of fifteen feet.

Considerable damage has resulted to lowland crops and property in this and other counties along the stream, but no dollar estimate is to be had. The loss in this county will hardly compare with that in other sections, however.

Ten County Young White Men Called For Examinations

Nearly Every One In Group Is Barely Eighteen Years Old

Ten Martin County young white men were called yesterday to report to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations. The preinduction call is one of the smallest received in the county lately.

Nearly everyone in the group is barely eighteen years old, the age of one standing at a scant 25 years. Six of the ten come from the farm, and only one of the ten is listed as being married. He leaves a child.

The names of those called this week to report for the preinduction examinations at the army center and their addresses are, as follows: Hubert Floyd Whitaker, RFD 3, Williamston and Norfolk.

Raymond Jasper Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville. Clyde Delmus Holliday, RFD 3, Williamston. Melvin Brady, Hamilton. James Howard Keel, RFD 3, Williamston.

Alton Ray Bullock, RFD 1, Robersonville. Joseph Harold Harrison, RFD 3, Williamston.

Charlie Felton Keel, RFD 2, Robersonville. Dewey Hale VanLandingham, Williamston.

Herman Earl Crawford, Everetts. James Leonard Stanley, Williamston and Frederick, Maryland.

No final induction call for white

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Chas. Fuller Held On Robbery Counts

Charles Fuller, young colored man, was bound over to the Superior court by Justice John L. Hassell at a preliminary hearing last night for allegedly breaking into and robbing Manning's laundry. Fuller, just recently from the roads where he served an eighteen-months sentence for robbery, now stands charged with breaking into the laundry on or about last July 1 and last Sunday. Bond in the sum of \$500 was required in each case. Unable to raise that amount he was placed in jail.

Denying the charge, Fuller states that "Scoopy" James carried the clothes, valued at more than \$100, to his room in a boarding house on Washington Street. Some of the clothes have been identified, including a pair of shorts belonging to Attorney Hugh G. Horton.

Picking up a lead in the case, local officers, armed with a search warrant, went to Fuller's room and found the stolen clothes early this week.

It is believed that the robber had something to do with starting a fire that burned a few clothes in the laundry on July 1.

Two Painfully Hurt In Highway Wreck

Two persons were painfully hurt and considerable property damage resulted late last Tuesday night when a car driven by Octavius Manning, 19-year-old colored boy of near Williamston, crashed into the rear of a truck parked on a street in Robersonville. The driver and his brother, Sam Manning, were cut about their heads, Sam losing several of his teeth.

Driving into town from Spring Green, the younger of the two brothers plowed into the rear of the truck owned by W. R. Gaynor. The truck was properly parked and its rear light was burning. The truck was knocked about 50 feet, across the curb and into A. E. Smith's yard, Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the highway patrol, said. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500.

Manning is charged with reckless driving and he is scheduled for trial in the county court week after next.

Defendant Is Fined \$50, Tuesday Night

By Justice Hassell

Justice John L. Hassell levied one of the heaviest fines in his long career as magistrate-mayor last Tuesday night when he adjudged Clara Bell Moore guilty of disorderly conduct and directed her to pay \$50 and costs in the sum of \$9.50. The case, bordering on what could have been a far more serious charge, was one of several heard by Justice Hassell that evening. It was pointed out that several similar ones are pending. Unable to raise the fine immediately, the defendant was placed in jail where she was held until the following morning.

Octavius Manning, colored youth, charged with disorderly conduct and an assault with a deadly weapon, was bound over to the higher courts under bond in the sum of \$100 cash. The old flim-flam game still goes on, Luke Biggs, farmer, being the latest to fall victim in this instance.

Biggs was in a local warehouse a few days ago when he was sucked in by Roger Howard, Washington colored man. Howard was arrested and carried before Justice Hassell and placed under a \$300 bond, but Biggs hasn't yet recovered any of the \$229 he placed in the hands of the alleged flim-flammer.

Charged with an affray, Herbert Coltrane and Major Barber were each required to pay \$6 costs.

Tommy White, drunk and disorderly, was taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Charged with operating a motorcycle while in a drunken condition, Jake Downs was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.

Sam Manning, charged with disorderly conduct, was adjudged not guilty.

Joe Griffin, Beaufort County man, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6 costs in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment.

Other cases heard by the trial justice during the past few days

People Of Europe Face Critical Fall

The people of Europe face a critical fall and winter, and whether they are on the way to normal life is next spring depends to a great extent on the help Americans give them during the next few months, according to Winthrop W. Aldrich, president of the National War Fund.

Mr. Aldrich made this statement following his return from a trip to England, France, Holland, Czechoslovakia and Germany.

"There will be great suffering unless the people are provided with more of the mere necessities of life in addition to essential food and clothing," said Mr. Aldrich. "These minimum necessities are the things which the National War Fund agencies are seeking to provide.

"Some people ask why private relief is needed, and if governments are not meeting the needs of their people. The fact is that governments and government agencies are striving desperately to restore the basic economy—to provide transportation, coal and mass food supplies, to reopen ports and set up means of distribution. We must bear in mind that many of the liberated countries of Europe existed under military government for weeks after their liberation. Also, the assets and resources of a government are not always readily freed after war.

"Nothing is normal in a country that has been in the path of a great war. The economy is far from normal. The health of the people is far below normal, and the psychology of the people is distinctly sub-normal. For instance: I attended a dinner in the Hague where every man present had been held in jail by the Nazis for at least two years.

"The work of the privately supported relief agencies of the National War Fund is enormously important, and in my opinion the extent of their work within the next few months may fix the pattern of living in Europe next spring. The people of Europe who have been aided by voluntary American philanthropy are well aware of the help they have received. And they are most grateful.

"I am convinced that the work being done by National War Fund agencies in no way duplicates that of UNRRA."

Officers Capture Still This Week

ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Deputy Roy Peel, found and wrecked a 40-gallon capacity tin still in Bear Grass Township the early part of this week. Four fermenters were found at the plant but no beer was on hand.

According to the officers, the owner-operator apparently was unable to get sugar or molasses to maintain manufacturing operations.

A small flit gun was found at the plant, and it is possible that activities were suspended until after the mosquito season on account of the pests.

Sm. Billie O. Peele Describes Reaction

To Japs' Surrender

In one of the first eye witness accounts offered by a Martin County young man of the reaction to the news of the Japanese surrender, S. M. William Oscar Peele, Jr., declares it was a gala time on his ship for quite a while.

His letter to his parents of near Williamston, reads, in part: "First of all, I wish I could give you the picture of this ship and area when we heard the news that Japan had offered to surrender. We were at the show, and all at once the sky was alive with searchlights. All of us went up as fast as possible, and when we reached the top we saw the most brilliant exhibition of fireworks ever seen. Every ship was firing red, green and white rockets, blowing whistles and sending searchlight gleams over the sky. It was wonderful. All of us were slapping hands, yelling and thinking about home. It lasted for about two hours. The rockets were beautiful, bursting in the sky and floating down to the water.

"After the first excitement, all of us went down to the tank deck and the cooks brought out big cans of pineapple juice, ice cold. So we celebrated. Everyone was so excited!

"Then, the next morning we heard the surrender terms probably would not be accepted. Talk about arguments! Last night we argued until 11:00 o'clock about whether or not Hirohito should be allowed to remain on the throne. Then when one of the fellows came off watch he called and told me about the terms that had been sent back to Japan. I was glad to hear the news even at that hour. Now everyone here is just waiting to see what will happen.

"I say again that I never will forget those lights and rockets on the night of the 10th."

In a letter to his sister, Mrs. J. W. Smith, who lives in Raleigh, the young man told more about how the first surrender news was received. It reads, in part:

"It's happened! The war is over, almost. Oh, I can't believe it. After all these months of wandering, now it's here. All we have to do is get it official.

"We were seeing a movie, and all at once the sky was aglow with searchlights, making a plaid quilt overhead. Someone said the war was over—hallelujah! Up to the top we went, pushing, shoving, yelling, and all the time not daring to hope. Then when I was in the clear, I saw the most beautiful exhibition of red, white and green flares and lights in the skies. It looked like Christmas and the Fourth magnified hundreds of times. Zoom, up they would go, exploding in a brilliant burst of light with separate stars careening down into the water. . . .

"The expression on everyone's face was partly a frenzy of excitement and partly thankfulness. The eyes of everyone was so bright—all the hopes of months, and, in some cases, years, were recognized. . . . I'll never forget the wave of joy and excitement that swept over me and carried me along. I was thankful I had been spared the horrors of battle. One of the fellows came up to me and said, 'Bill, I'm not a religious fellow, but I think that everyone here ought to say a prayer tonight.' And, somehow, I think everyone will. No matter what anyone says, I think every person here felt as I did.

"Now the ships are quieting down, with only an occasional burst of color or sweep of a searchlight in the sky. An undercurrent of excitement is still here, but the thankfulness is seen mostly as the boys prepare to 'hit the sack.' It has been a night never to be forgotten."

Schedule For Daily School Sessions Beginning Monday

Beginning next Monday schools in this county will start the daily sessions at 8 o'clock a. m., it was announced yesterday by the office of the superintendent. Most of the local school committee chairmen were contacted and they suggested the schedule be adopted and maintained during the first two weeks in October. At the end of that time, the sessions will get underway each morning at 8:30 o'clock and close from 3:15 to 3:30 in the afternoons.

TIME CHANGE

The nation will return to Standard Time next Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. Outside of the nightbirds and a few others whose business keep them up that late, the change will not be noticed until that morning when nearly everyone can turn over and sleep for another hour without being late for Sunday school and church.

Tire Situation Is Still Very Acute

Demand for passenger car tires has increased so rapidly since the lifting of gasoline rationing that it will be many months before motorists get all the new tires they need, OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson has announced.

He said that unfilled applications for passenger car tires are at an all-time high, while inventories are at an all-time low in the country over.

It is expected that the backlog of approved but unfilled applications may total one million for the country by the end of September.

"These are all applications that have been approved, but local boards can't issue certificates for their purchase because passenger tire quotas have been exhausted," he said.

This explains, he declared, why local boards are forced to turn down thousands of tire applications.

To Launch United War Fund Next Wednesday

Ask Martin County To Raise \$13,232 In Last Campaign

Leaders Are Named In Various Districts By Chairman Clarence Griffin

Recognizing the urgent need for continuing the work of the United Service Organizations until at least the end of next year, Martin County people will launch next Wednesday a drive to raise \$13,232.96 for the United War Fund.

The organization for promoting the drive was announced completely by County Chairman Clarence W. Griffin yesterday, and a general plea is being made to every man, woman and child in Martin County to support the campaign and help meet the last challenge by the United War Fund.

Leaders for the various districts include: Mrs. Camille Rawls and Mrs. Walter Brown, Jamesville; Mrs. R. J. Hardison, Williams; Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, Griffins; Mrs. Pete Mendenhall, Bear Grass; Messrs. V. J. C pivney and J. C. Manning, Williamston; Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Cross Roads; Mr. Mayo Little, Robersonville; Mrs. LeRoy Taylor, Poplar Point; Mr. Henry Johnson, Jr., Hamilton; Mr. John W. Eubanks, Hassell, and Mrs. E. E. Pittman, Oak City. The civic organizations will help the local chairmen along with the special gifts committee, and in Robersonville the Rotarians have pledged Chairman Little their support in carrying the drive over the top there.

President Harry Truman will open the drive with a radio address from the White House next Tuesday night at 10:30 o'clock. He will be followed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry, honorary chairman in this state, and other leaders.

It has been pointed out that the organization has an even greater job now that the war is over than it had before. Nearly seven million American boys are still in uniform, and the task will not be completed until the latter part of next year to finish the demobilization task, and the American people are being asked not to let the boys down.

In addition to the service provided by our own servicemen, the United War Fund is receiving more and urgent appeals from starving humanity in many lands. Every effort is being made by the organization to offer every possible relief to the needy who have borne the brunt of war and want these past several years. Only a few days ago, a Martin County young man, Seaman Burke Parker, wrote back from a foreign shore and stated that the natives would fight for an apple or orange thrown them by American servicemen.

This is the last drive the United War Fund will undertake. The quotas are slightly larger than they were last year, but it was pointed out that the current campaign is designed to raise enough money to maintain the activities or fifteen months without making another drive necessary.

The drive this year was considered only after the need for a continuation of the organization's services was pointed out by Generals Marshall, Eisenhower, MacArthur and other ranking military leaders who know conditions existing in the places where the work is being done and is yet to be done.

The people of Martin County have met every challenge to date, and it is sincerely hoped that they will meet the one now facing them. Former Governor Broughton in an address earlier this week explained that he had two sons still overseas, that he did not give liberally to the current drive and support it in every way possible. There are approximately 2,000 Martin County young men still in the service, and the people at home can't afford to let them down now or until the last service flag comes down.

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Series Of Robberies Reported In County On Tuesday Morning

Two County Stores Robbed And Post Office Entered At Palmyra Same Day

Two stores in this county were robbed and an automobile was stolen in Goose Nest Township early Tuesday morning, reports from adjoining counties stating that a Willys car was stolen in Pinetops earlier in the night and that the post office in Palmyra was entered. Officers, including postal inspectors, are working on the series of thefts and robberies.

Going to Hassell about 2 o'clock that morning, the robbers forced an entrance at the front door, stole about \$2.50 in cash and several cartons of cigarettes. They unhooked a radio and possibly were going to steal it, but for some reason left it behind.

The next stop was at Council's filling station near Hassell where they forced open the front door and stole about eight cartons of cigarettes.

They ditched the stolen car near the J. A. Everett farm in Goose Nest and went to the Copeland home a short distance away. While there is some doubt if the two men, both colored, were actually involved in the robberies, they are certain to have stolen the Copeland Dodge coupe.

One of the two men called and asked Thomas Copeland to help them get their car out of the ditch. Apparently the call was a ruse since the car was finally pushed out by hand and plans were laid for the theft of the Copeland car while one was seeking help.

At Palmyra, the robbers stole a few pairs of shoes, five ration books left in the store by a customer and two parcel post packages containing clothes.

The Copeland car was recovered Wednesday over in Edgecombe County near Pinetops. As far as it could be learned, the machine was not badly damaged by the thieves.

Law Enforcement Groups Will Meet

Meeting in Edenton next Tuesday, law enforcement officers in this area will discuss "Postwar Planning for Police Department," it was announced today by Edward Scheidt, special agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Other topics will also be discussed, it was explained.

The conference will convene at 2 o'clock that afternoon in the Chowan County courthouse, and several of the law enforcement officers in this county are planning to attend.

Returns From Long Stay In Rocky Mount Hospital

After a stay of nearly seven weeks in a Rocky Mount hospital, Mrs. Nanette Haislip returned to her home near Oak City last Monday. Although her condition is some improved she continues quite ill.

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We really had a madhouse on our ship. The men were constantly drilling and the news photographer was taking pictures. We were cleaning and painting the ship for we were to pick up 70 of our men who had been prisoners in Japan.

Our first view of Japan was on the 28th. We just could see the outline of some small island. Very shortly we could see the coast line and later we anchored in Sagami Bay. The coast line and buildings looked like that at home. We passed several factories and I couldn't tell they had been bombed. A funny thing happened while we were there. We had to run our boats to patrol the shores to keep Jap swimmers or boats from coming out to our ships. Usually there was a man in one of the boats who could speak Japanese. One morning a Jap fishing boat with two Jap men came out and our interpreter told them in Japanese they would have to go back in to the shore. One of the Japs asked the other in perfect English what our man said. The other answered also in perfect English and said they said "We have to go back to the shore."

Most of the people at home seem to have formed the opinion that the Japs are stupid. I think if they could see some of the guns and tunnels they have in all the hills and along the coast line they would change their mind. Japan was well fortified and we would have had a hard time taking it had they not surrendered.

We came on and anchored 6,000 yards off Yokosuka naval base where we were to put the naval men ashore. The operation was carried out just like an invasion except there was no fireworks. I was in the first wave and we hit the beach at 10 o'clock. Since then I have seen enough to write a book. Friday morning about one o'clock I was awakened and told to pack my gear and be ready to leave the ship at six o'clock. They had called for six boats and six crews on shore. So we left the ship and are now living in barracks formerly used by the Japs. There are about 50 Japs living in barracks about 20 yards from us.

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