

Division Will Fix Hunting Dates At

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Sportsmen and plain old hunters are anxiously awaiting reports on the action of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development is expected to take in connection with fixing dates for the 1946-47 hunting season when the officials meet in Morehead City next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Proposed limits on the hunting periods have met with strong opposition in this section, nearly 100 sportsmen having attended a protest meeting in the courthouse here a few weeks ago.

The board at its meeting next week will hear recommendations of the Division of Game and Inland Fisheries for a curtailment in kill through shorter seasons and bag limits on some game species. The division's proposals, made in January so that sufficient time would be allowed to sportsmen to speak their minds on the subject, are based on the problem of maintaining adequate breeding stock in the face of an anticipated step-up in hunting pressure.

Hot spot will be recommendations for cuts in seasons on deer, quail, turkey, and rabbit. Already at public meetings, representatives of the division and the board have listened to various suggestions, including the desire for better law enforcement and a request for lay days for the hunting of all game species. All information and recommendations from hunters will be presented to the board. Commissioner John D. Findlay will outline the division's proposed changes.

Proposals on deer are for a cut in the season from 90 to 45 days, with no hunting in the west. The division is recommending a season of October 14 through November 30 in east and of the following counties: Northampton, Halifax, Martin, Pitt, Lenoir, Duplin, Sampson, Harnett, Lee, Moore, Hoke, and Robeson, with a bag limit of one buck per day and one per season. (This would standardize season dates which varied by sections last year. The bag limit last year was one buck per day and three per season, except in four western counties which had a season limit of one.)

A cut in the quail season from 71 to 45 days is recommended. The division's proposal: Season December 2 through January 15, with a daily bag limit of eight, no season bag limit. It is proposed that this season apply to the entire State and that all special regulations be rescinded. (The 1945-46 bag limit was 10 per day and 150 per season. The special regulations provided for lay days in a number of eastern counties, and a season from November 22—January 10 in Allegheny County.)

Other cuts in seasons recommended are on turkey—71 to 20 days—and on rabbit—71 to 55 days. The recommendations are: turkey—season December 2 through December 21, with a bag limit of one per day and one per season (bag limit the same as for 1945-46); and rabbit—season November 20 through January 15, with a bag limit of 10 per day (there was no bag limit on rabbit in 1945-46.)

Other recommendations of the division: Squirrel—West—in and west of Allegheny, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Rutherford counties. (Continued on page six)

Principal Looks Over Field Here

Principal B. G. Stewart and family were here yesterday looking for a home and making tentative plans for opening the local schools this fall. Recently appointed to the principalship here, Professor Stewart explained that only tentative plans had been made for the coming term, but that he hoped to handle the preliminary arrangements within a short time.

At a late hour Thursday no progress had been made toward finding an apartment or home for the school man and his family.

SLUMP

Although there was a slight improvement in the market during the week, the slump in business continues.

thirties. Tuesday was about the quietest day local business houses have had this summer. Clerks in several of the stores had to argue among themselves and some of the proprietors were actually sitting on their counters.

Busy with tobacco and trying to catch up with the grass in their peanut fields, farmers did not come to town in any appreciable numbers that day, but parking space was at a premium on the two principal streets.

Ten Cases Heard By Judge Hassell In Mayor's Court

Fines And Costs Collected In Past Few Days Amount To \$53

Judge John L. Hassell handled ten cases in the local mayor's court during the past few days. Fines and costs amounting to \$53 were imposed and one or two road sentences were meted out. Several cases were sent to the county court for trial next Monday.

Proceedings: John Linwood Powell, charged with disorderly conduct, was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the justice suspending the term upon the payment of \$6.50 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Lewis Belcher was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Marvin Lewis Collins was fined \$10 and required to pay \$6 costs for operating a motor vehicle with improper lights.

Dec R. Squires, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$5.50 costs in the case charging Sally Freeman with a simple assault.

Charged with fornication and adultery, Charles Freeman and Louise Freeman were bound over to the county court for trial.

William Manson, Jr., charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was bound over to the county court.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Thurman Williams was bound over to the county court.

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Tobacco Barns Burn In County

Two tobacco barns were completely destroyed and another was damaged by fire in the Hamilton-Hassell section of this county during recent days.

According to reports reaching here, fire burned some tobacco, a number of sticks and part of the barn itself on the Brown Etheridge farm between Hassell and Hamilton last Sunday night. The fire was brought under control when the oil supply was cut off.

A barn with a fine curing of tobacco was burned on Farmer Clayton House's farm near Hamilton Monday night.

D. G. Matthews lost a barn by fire Tuesday night on one of his farms near Hamilton.

According to the best available reports, five barns have been destroyed by fire in this county so far during the current curing season.

Murderer Flees From Road Camp

Joe Willie Moore, colored man who escaped from the State Prison farm at Cary last Tuesday, was still at large yesterday, last reports reaching here at that time stated.

Tried and convicted in the Martin Superior Court in March, 1940, for the murder of Cheatem Ray, colored, at a lumber camp in Jamesville on February 18, 1940, Moore was sentenced to prison for not less than twenty and not more than twenty-five years.

Three other long-term prisoners escaped with Moore, but one of them was soon recaptured.

Miss Dunn Wins Beauty Contest

Miss Emma Lou Taylor Holds Second Position In Jaycee Event

The Jaycees' first annual Beauty Pageant and dance, held in the local gymnasium Wednesday night, seemed to be a definite success. With spectators and dancers filling the huge structure almost to capacity, five out-of-town judges deliberated hard and long in an attempt to determine the winners in the contest for the selection of Miss Williamston for 1946. The field of entrants was composed of an array of 15 charming young ladies from this vicinity, plus four dark horse entrants.

Each contestant first appeared before the audience and judges attired in an evening gown, while in their second appearance they wore bathing suits. A special stage, gaily decorated and with floodlights focused on it, was used, with each entrant walking across it.

After all the contestants had made their two appearances, the judges called for six of them to reappear for further judging. Finally the winner was declared to be Miss Majorie Grey Dunn, sponsored by Harrison Oil Co. In the runner-up position was Miss Emma Lou Taylor, sponsored by Clark's Pharmacy, while in a close third was Miss Angela McLawhorn, representing Manning's Service Station.

Immediately following, Mayor J. L. Hassell made a short but timely speech and he then crowned the winner. Jaycee President Ernest Mears presented the winner with a bouquet of red roses from the club, and Jaycee Claude Baxter Clark presented each of the top three with gifts of nylon hose on behalf of the Jaycees.

Clerk of Court L. Bruce Wynne did a nice job as master of ceremonies, and Photographers Gene Rice and Whit Saunders handled the picture making in a most efficient manner.

In the dark horse class, "Miss Jim Manning" held a slight edge over three other Jaycees dressed as "beauties", according to the applause-meter and wolf-calls.

Miss Dunn will represent the local organization and town in the state beauty contest to be held in Wilson on August 3rd, and in the meantime she will be given a week's free vacation for herself and a companion at Carolina Beach as guests of the Wilmington Jaycees. Miss Emma Lou Taylor will represent Williamston at the Coastal Festival to be held at Morehead City the 8th of August, and she and a companion will be given a week's expense-paid vacation at Atlantic Beach.

Following the beauty pageant, the Jaycees cleared the floor for a dance which followed, with a large crowd dancing to the music of Roy Cole and his UNC orchestra, which had also played during the contest.

According to incomplete reports, the Jaycees realized a fair amount of profit to be used for charitable work.—Reported.

Officers Wreck Two Distilleries

Raiding two days this week, ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Pecl wrecked two liquor plants in the county.

In Poplar Point the officers were unable to find the still itself, but they wrecked the plant when they tore up the still worm, cooler and doubler and poured out a barrel of molasses beer.

Last Tuesday a raid was made in the Frec Union section of the Jamesville Township where the officers captured a 100-gallon capacity liquor still and poured out two barrels of molasses beer. The still was hidden possibly more than three hundred yards from the plant, but was tracked down by Officer Roebuck.

Copper apparently is more plentiful than it was some time ago, the officers having taken several stills made of copper in recent weeks. In the face of the sugar shortage, the manufacturers are relying principally on molasses for their brewing activities.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

While motorists have been fairly considerate of property during the past few weeks, they have been picking on humans, bruising, gashing and even maiming as they traveled along. A small child was hurt in the lone accident reported on the county highways last week.

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.

Twenty-eighth Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge	1946	1	0	00
	1945	1	0	150

Comparisons To Date	1945	30	13	3	7,150
	1946	30	13	3	18,890

DELETED

Deleted from the program on Monday.

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Allowances Poor Substitute For A Paying Position

Veteran Delaying Readjustment Is Doing Himself An Injustice

Readjustment allowances, even though a fine stop-gap, are a poor substitute for a job, Chairman Henry E. Kendall, of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, warns unemployed veterans.

An unemployed veteran, after he has sought work through his local Employment Service office, is often his own best employment agent, Chairman Kendall said, urging those claiming readjustment allowances for unemployment to engage in a diligent search for jobs.

Many unemployed veterans are not waiting for jobs, but are starting out on their own by setting up some kind of small industry, business or service which they or a small group can handle, and thus create jobs, not only for themselves, but also for small numbers of their buddies.

Veterans who have developed new skills while in military service, or who had been at work for others before entering the service, often can convince friends in their own communities that they are equal to handling a small activity and thus receive financial aid in securing needed equipment, supplies or tools for launching their own careers.

Very many of the thousands of jobs which were open a year ago have been filled by workers released from the service and now veterans do not have the choice of employment which was available to them then, Chairman Kendall points out.

"The veteran who unnecessarily delays his own readjustment to civilian occupation does himself an injustice, since by such delay he may allow a job to be filled or a small industry to be started into which he could have fitted himself," said Chairman Kendall.

"More workers are becoming available for the jobs that are open now and there is little prospect that jobs will be more plentiful in the near future than they are. Readjustment allowances are only temporary and unless the veteran conserves them, they may be gone when he most needs them.

"Families, friends and home communities can render invaluable service to the great group of young veterans who have had no previous civilian occupations or experience in job hunting. Home folks who are experienced in (Continued on page six)

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Holding one of the shortest sessions in recent weeks, Judge J. Calvin Smith handled seven cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday morning. The tribunal was in session hardly an hour and the few cases were heard by less than a dozen spectators. Three defendants drew sentences on the roads and fines, amounting to \$195, were imposed by the jurist. Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuted the docket.

Called into court to answer in the case charging him with drunken driving for the third time, Alton (Buck) Raynor was sentenced to the roads for six months, fined \$125, had his driver's license revoked for two years. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the fine and costs and on the further condition that he remain sober during the period of suspension. It was the second time that the defendant had been tried and convicted of driving a motor vehicle while his operator's license was revoked. He was tried for drunken driving last April by Acting Judge R. L. Coburn and given a six-months' suspended sentence. Learning about the suspended sentence after he had pronounced judgment, Judge Smith ordered officers to take the man into their custody and return him to the bar of justice next Monday. It is possible that the court at that time will invoke the six months sentence meted out by the acting recorder last April.

The case charging J. S. Williams with non-support was continued, one report stating that the defendant had suffered a light stroke a short time ago.

A continuance was allowed for the state in the case in which Grover Clark was charged with reckless and careless driving.

Charged with cruelty to animals, Robert Rogers, Jr., was adjudged not guilty. It was alleged that the defendant had overloaded work animal.

Manuel Benitez, charged with speeding, was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost. Arrested a short time ago, Benitez posted a \$50 cash bond and did not return for trial, but pleaded guilty through an agent. He receives a small refund after costs and fine are deducted.

"I've been waiting for you a long time, and I am glad to see you this morning," Judge Smith addressed Charlie Clark who was charged, along with his brother, Roosevelt Clark, with an affray and being drunk and disorderly.

"You've been walking by my house a long time, doing nothing," Judge Smith commented. Charlie pleaded guilty, declaring that Jiquor was the cause of it all. Roosevelt pleaded not guilty, but was overruled by the sheer weight of the factual evidence. One report stated that the two were so drunk that they were unable to hurt each other even though they brought axes and sticks into the little playful game.

Charlie was sentenced to the roads for six months. Roosevelt was sentenced to the roads for four months, but the court suspended the sentence upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is also to remain sober for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Mrs. Mollie E. Rowland with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Hit-Run Driver Granted Parole

William E. James, Camden, N. J., man convicted in the superior court here last March and sentenced to the roads for twelve months in the case charging him with hit-and-run driving resulting in the death of J. T. Matthews at Oak City last fall, was paroled this week.

James, proving good character at the time of the trial, was said to have made an ideal prisoner during the approximately four months spent in the camp at Gatesville. "They treated me fine," James said when he came here Wednesday to report to the parole officer.

Rising Costs Check

School Building Program Knocked Into Coked Hat

Estimate Places Cost For One Building At \$144,000.00

A proposed post-war expansion program for Martin County school properties was virtually abandoned this week when estimates were submitted for the construction of a building for colored children in Everetts. No official action has been taken to abandon the expansion program, but the county board is almost certain to do just that when it is advised that the cost of constructing eight rooms and an auditorium for the Everetts colored children will run approximately \$144,000.00.

Plans for the monument to runaway costs were recently completed, the board announcing some weeks ago that every effort would be made to replace the building destroyed by fire there early last spring. Present conditions find the colored youth of that community in a bad situation, but education authorities are working with the principal, Ernest Owens, to effect an arrangement for housing the pupils during the emergency. Crowded or what may be called jammed conditions in other schools make it impossible to absorb the homeless student body. Officials are expected to contact lodge and church officers and try to work out with them some plan in meeting the emergency.

With the Everetts estimate as a sample to go by, contractual construction is believed to be definitely out for the schools in this county for a while, at least.

During the meantime, the county board is trying to make a few additions and repairs to and alterations in its present plants. Little progress is being made in that direction, however, and it is fairly certain that with an expected increase in enrollment most of the schools will find crowded conditions aggravated this coming term.

The program now being abandoned for the present, at least, called for the construction of a new colored high school, a home economics department and lunch room for the white school and a principal's home in Williamston, the project at Everetts, a lunch room for Bear Grass and one or two other projects.

With its main program knocked into a coked hat, the education board is trying to handle one or two small construction projects, repairs and a few alterations with its own forces. Little progress is being made on a 42x100 building for a lunch room and shop in Jamesville, it was learned this week. Approximately 7,000 cinder blocks have been placed on the lot there and the foundation has been poured, but work has been stopped by shortages. Approximately 28,000 brick needed for the project have been promised but delivery is not expected before (Continued on page six)

Resigns Position In Hospital Here

Miss Margaret Clark, after five years of faithful and untiring service as head nurse in the local hospital, was recently granted a leave of absence to take post-graduate work in anesthesia, it was announced this week. Miss Clark, a native of Elizabethtown, made many friends during her stay here and they wish her good fortune in her new work. Leaving her position here a few days ago, Miss Clark had several training centers in mind but had not definitely decided at that time where she would enroll.

Miss Clark is being succeeded by Miss Hope Eller, a native of Boone who comes here highly recommended for the position. Miss Eller is an honor graduate of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and was recently discharged after serving for some time in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps.

Non-Fathers Will Be Taken Through

Draft Holiday Ends Month After Next; Tighten Up Deferments

President Truman last Tuesday authorized extension of the draft to men 19 through 29 years of age and Selective Service is expected to tighten up on claims for deferment.

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft director, instructed local boards that occupational deferments must be allowed only "to those few registrants" whom they find to be "indispensable and irreplaceable to the national existence."

Farmers and farm workers will continue to get special consideration, however, and fathers are exempt.

The Army's two-month draft holiday will end in September and Hershey said it had asked for 25,000 men that month. The June call was for 50,000.

Mr. Truman approved a Selective Service recommendation that the acceptable draft age be stretched through 29. Since V-J day, the ceiling has been 26 years, although the present law permits a maximum of 44.

Present occupational deferment rules have applied to men deemed "necessary and regularly engaged in an activity in support of the national health, safety and interest."

Hershey told the local boards to "provide for classification, examination and forwarding for induction" of men 19 through 29.

Postponement of induction will be provided only for registrants still in high school. Undergraduate college students no longer will be permitted to finish out a quarter or semester when they are called.

Men in the 26-29 age group previously found unfit for general military service will have their cases reviewed.

Local boards also were directed to consider men discharged from the armed forces who were not on active duty overseas or whose service was less than six months.

A Selective Service official estimated tentatively that the new deferment standards would lift the number of men available to 155,000 by next March 31—about 70,000 more than under the previous rules.

Meanwhile, the War Department suspended the enlistment of Negroes in the regular army except in specialist classes, explaining there had been an "overwhelming response" to the recruiting campaign. About 140,000 Negroes have enlisted since last fall, representing about one of each five recruits. The Army policy is to limit Negroes to a ratio of one-in-ten, in line with the ratio in the civilian population.

An Army request for an increase of its authorized officer strength in the regular Army from the present 25,000 to 50,000 was approved by the House. A similar measure is pending in the Senate.

Cars Targets Of Hit-Run Drivers

At least three cars were targets of hit-and-run drivers on local streets during the past few days. No great damage resulted, but the drivers did not stop to review their handiwork.

One of the cars was parked on East Main Street. Another was parked on Williams Street and another of the targets was on Haughton Street.

Badly Injured In Fall From A Cart

Gary Davis, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Davis of near Jamesville, was badly hurt when he fell from the top of a load of tobacco piled high on a cart on the Davis farm last Monday afternoon.

His back was injured and one report stated that possibly the lad's pelvis bone was broken. He was entered in the local hospital where he was said to be getting along very well late Thursday.

General's Report In Great Demand

General Eisenhower's report as Supreme Commander to the Allied Chiefs of Staff has broken all sales records for documents, the Government Printing Office announced today.

Over 30,000 copies of the 123-page report covering the operations in Europe were sold the first 10 days. Orders are continuing to pour in. For a time 13 additional clerks were needed to open mail.

Printing Office officials consider the Eisenhower report one of the finest specimens of government printing. The cover is heavy antique paper and features the supreme headquarters shield which is printed in 5 colors. The text is printed on heavy enameled stock with maps in 2 colors.

As long as the supply is available, copies may be obtained for \$1 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

Over 37,000 Vets Receive Pensions

According to a report released by the North Carolina Regional Office, Veterans Administration, Winston-Salem, 37,218 World War II veterans received pensions or compensation in this state last month. There were 1,759 new claims entered during the period, and 1,656 other cases were pending at the end of the month.

In addition to those payments, 7,566 pensions were being paid to dependents of those wounded or killed during the war.

The office also announced that 58,550 vets had applied for special training under the GI Bill, that 22,483 were already receiving training.

During June, 269 veterans applied for hospital treatment.

So far the Winston-Salem office has advanced 1,380 loans to veterans amounting to \$7,199,368.65, the office reported.