

Brief History Of Chaplain's Work In Armed Forces

First Service Dates Back To Revolutionary War, July 29, 1775

July 29 marked the 171st Anniversary of the first recognized work of the chaplains of the Army. On July 29, 1775, the Continental Congress granted the first formal recognition of chaplains in the armed forces by including a chaplain on the payroll of the Army.

Rev. John Hurt of Virginia is usually considered the first Army Chaplain. He was among the ministers who went to the camps of the Continental Army to conduct religious services and administer aid to the men of the Army. After the Revolutionary War, he served in the peacetime American Army.

Chaplains were appointed to the regiments mobilized during the War of 1812; however, for the twenty years after this War the only chaplain seems to have been the one at West Point.

With General Zachery Taylor in the Mexican War were two Catholic Chaplains, one of whom was killed by Mexican Guerrillas. In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, regimental chaplains became eligible, thus paving the way for the policy of the Army today by which each division is represented by Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Clergymen in uniform. These chaplains are assigned to organizations doing garrison duty, training in the field, and accompanying troops into actual combat.

Following a precedent set at the turn of the Century, indorsement by the churches to which the chaplains belonged is required for appointment in the Chaplain's Corps. Following this indorsement and acceptance of the application, he attends the Chaplains' School at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, where he learns to be a soldier—without a gun—as well as a clergyman.

At the Chaplains' School the former minister studies Army organization and administration, military law, and the customs of the service. In addition to a chaplain's basic duties, which are similar to those he performed as a civilian clergyman, the course of instruction deals with practical duties such as counseling and morale and technical duties in combat. His studies include courses in map reading, graves registration, and military funerals.

The Chaplains of the Army have served all faiths on the battle fronts of the globe. They were spread from Europe to the far-flung islands of the Pacific and shared the rugged life of the fighting men.

During World War II, 77 chaplains were killed and 253 wounded in action. Twenty three were freed from German Prison Camps, and 16 from Japanese Prison Camps. A total of 1543 chaplains received 2038 decorations, including 18 Distinguished

Board Considers Purchase Of Home For School Man

Going into the real estate market in an effort to solve the housing shortage as it relates to living quarters for the new principal and teachers and after considering the purchase of the remodeled K. B. Crawford home on Smithwick Street, the local committee has received offers from several other property owners, Committee Chairman Robt. L. Coburn said this week.

While it has not withdrawn from the market as far as the K. B. Crawford home is concerned, the committee yesterday was investigating the purchase of a two-apartment home reportedly offered for \$12,500. At least one member of the committee is of the opinion that the proposal is the best yet received. No action on this or any other proposal is expected, however, until the matter is fully discussed with the members of the County Board of Education. It could not be learned when a meeting with the county board could be held, but it was intimated that one would be asked possibly soon after the return of the chairman, Mr. J. D. Woolard, who is out of town this week and will not return before next Monday.

The proposed purchase of the Brown property on Houghton Street is also still being considered for possible use as a teacherage, but it was pointed out that extensive repairs and remodeling would be necessary and that it would be impossible to complete them in time for use during the early part of the coming school term.

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Overdose Of Sun Is Dangerous To Person's Health

Better To Avoid A Burn Than Experience Agony Of Healing One

(The following is one in a series of articles prepared by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and sponsored by civic organizations.—ed.)

Many people think of summer in terms of sunbath. Unfortunately, in their enthusiasm for a healthy tan, they sometimes forget that an overdose of anything, even of sun, may be dangerous.

Children need sunshine and fresh air to grow up sturdy and strong. Men need light and sunshine to keep healthy. But too much sunshine at one time can be dangerous and should be avoided.

Suntan may look healthy and it may enhance one's looks—but don't rush nature in getting it. Too much exposure to the sun over a short period of time can have painful consequences. The sun can burn as severely as a man-made fire.

No one would deliberately burn himself with a hot coal. Why, then, expose oneself to being burned by the sun?

During vacation or week-end trips to the shore, the sun should be taken in small doses, at least until the skin has become accustomed to the heat of the sun's rays. It should be remembered, too, that some types of skin burn much more readily than others. People whose skin burns easily should be very careful to avoid direct exposure to the sun.

Sunburn can be as dangerous as an ordinary burn. It may cause the skin to blister, or may bring on a headache, nausea and fever. It calls for treatment just as a burn from a fire does.

If one knocks his hand against a hot stove and is severely burned, it is unfortunate, but it is an accident. If one hurries to the beach the first warm day of summer and deliberately lies in the sun for hours, it is no accident if he is burned. The burn is the result of inexcusable carelessness.

Sunburn can be avoided. If the sun is taken in small doses at the beginning of summer or at the beginning of the vacation, it can be taken in increasing large doses as the days pass without running the risk of being burned. Gradual exposure to the sun is more apt to lead to suntan instead of blisters.

The person who is careless or forgetful and is beguiled into loitering in the sun for a long stretch on the first day of his outing must expect to suffer a burn. He should remember, then, that the burn must be treated as any other type of burn. Applications of plain baking soda and water or of a greasy salve will provide relief. A burn is not just a local affair. It may upset the entire system. The patient should rest, in a cool place, and drink plenty of liquids and eat only light foods.

Rather than go through the agony of healing a burn, why not avoid it?

In the next article, infantile paralysis will be discussed.

Extensive Building Program Under Way

Bamby Bread Firm Has A Distribution Center Near Here

Despite high costs and shortages an extensive building and expansion program is well under way and apparently is gaining momentum in West End, an up-and-coming suburb of Williamston, with "Mayor" Ex Ward's permission, it may be called a suburb.

No cost estimates on the expansion project are to be had, and if available today they would in all probability be changed tomorrow. However, measured in terms of units and proposed plans, the section already has forty-seven homes, most of them completed, several filling stations and stores, a motor company, motorcycle establishment, radiator repair shop, cafes, a warehouse for the distribution of a popular brand of bread and bakery products, a farm equipment company, packing house and other types of businesses. Proposed plans call for the immediate construction of at least twenty-eight more homes and a lot has been purchased for a community church which is to draw its support and patronage from the followers of several denominations. Nearly every lot beyond the fairgrounds to the tobacco barn on the farm formerly owned by the Cowens and now owned by D. M. Roberson has been sold to prospective home builders. Quite a few of the homes were built within the past year or are now under construction.

Much of the expansion program in the comparatively new development centers around the Bamby Bread Firm.

BURNS BURN

Fire destroyed at least eight tobacco curing barns in this county since Sunday, boosting the loss to about twenty-five for the season, to date.

Losses were reported by Farmers Ferd Pollard, Ernest Keel and David Grimes in and near the Robersonville section, Geo. A. Oglesby near Hamilton, Mackie Hyman near Oak City, William Fields near Hobgood, Hardy Council, near Oak City, and Mrs. Clara Everett, near Hamilton.

Farmer Oglesby lost a barn year before last, and Hyman lost ten barns of tobacco when his packhouse burned three years ago. The Hyman barn destroyed this week had 1,390 sticks of tobacco in it.

Judge J. C. Smith Calls Five Cases In County's Court

Few Cases Are Continued To Avoid Interruption Of Leaf Harvest

Continuing a few cases in an effort to avoid a conflict with the tobacco harvest which has been "tight" in the face of a labor shortage, Judge J. Calvin Smith called only five cases for trial in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Several of the continued cases are being booked for trial next Monday and the remainder of the carry-over will be handled the following Monday, according to prearranged schedules.

The court was in session little more than an hour this week and few spectators were present.

Fines collected at the session amount to only \$60, the small income reflecting the first real summer slump in the court's financial business.

Proceedings:

Cato Andrews, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and he was fined \$30 and taxed with the costs. The court recommended that the defendant's license be suspended for forty days.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with speeding, S. T. Jackson was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost. His driver's license was ordered suspended for ten days.

Charged with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, George Harris, young colored man of Hassell, pleaded not guilty. At the conclusion of the state's evidence, Judge Smith found the defendant guilty of simple assault. He was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Charged with whipping his children unmercifully, L. H. Hamm pleaded not guilty, but admitted that he flailed them good with an inner shoe sole. Neighbors, called as witnesses in the case, said they heard the children crying and screaming. The father went into a room, lowered the window and shade and "worked" on them in turn. The defendant said that he returned to his home and found that the children had slipped away, that he found them in the picture show one night last week. After taking them to task, the father carried the youngsters to White Lake for a vacation the following morning.

Alton "Buck" Raynor was recalled for a hearing on a suspended sentence rendered by the court last April, but the case was continued until the second Monday in October, 1946, with the defendant under a \$500 bond. Raynor was fined and given a suspended road sentence a short time ago for drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended. After the sentence had been pronounced and the defendant had left the courthouse, it was learned that a suspended sentence previously imposed by Acting Recorder R. L. Coburn was hanging over Raynor's head. Judge Smith ordered the defendant returned to court for a hearing on the suspended sentence.

Report High Prices On Border Markets

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During the course of his work as register of deeds, Mr. J. Sam Getsinger has obligingly helped thousands ferret out facts in the office. Invariably, those who were assisted politely asked what they owed him. "Nothing at all," was the standard reply. "But you can bring me a watermelon sometime, if you like," he would add, jokingly, to be sure.

The situation has presented itself easily one thousand times in just a few recent years. But this week, Farmer Highsmith of the Robersonville section remembered the favor rendered him and Tuesday he delivered one of his nice watermelons to the accommodating register of deeds. It was the first one, and one from one thousand leaves just 999 due on promises.

General Average Of About \$48.00 For First Sales

Farmers Dissatisfied In Small Differential In Grade Prices

A price average ranging from \$46 to \$55 per hundred pounds was reported on the South Carolina-Border tobacco markets following early sales Thursday morning. Farmers, generally were well pleased, but at Whiteville some dissatisfaction was expressed when farmers compared prices received by Georgia growers for unried and ungraded leaf with those received by them for graded and tied tobacco.

No record books were reported, several markets explaining that heavy rains had interrupted deliveries.

Plan For Farm And Home Week

Several Martin County club women are making tentative plans for attending the annual Farm and Home Week conferences in Raleigh August 19 through the 23, Miss Elizabeth Parker, home agent, announced yesterday.

Fiorella H. LaGuardia, director of UNRRA, is scheduled to address the group, and other interesting features are being scheduled, including special tours of homes and scheduled demonstrations.

Club women interested in attending the special session are invited to contact the home agent. Reservations, costing \$2, should be made immediately, Miss Parker explained.

Funeral Thursday For Mrs. Lawrence

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Branch Funeral Home chapel in Enfield for Mrs. J. Lawrence who died Wednesday morning in a Washington hospital. Rev. P. F. Newton officiated and interment was in Whitakers Chapel Cemetery.

Mrs. Lawrence, 64 years of age, came to Williamston about two weeks ago to visit her daughter, Mrs. Richard D. Elliott, and family and was taken ill. She was removed to the hospital almost immediately, her condition gradually growing worse as a result of a complication of ailments.

Mrs. Lawrence was an aunt of Mrs. Walter T. Martin and Mrs. Verner Godwin, Jr., of Williams.

Surviving besides her daughter here are a son, John Allen Lawrence, and three sisters, Roberta and Sarah Pittman and Mrs. T. D. Lawrence, all of near Enfield.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

While some areas of the State were reporting as many as ten highway deaths in a little over a week recently, Martin County motorists traveled through another week without serious accident. But the record count continues to mount, meaning that if the number maintains its present trend, the present low ratio of seriously injured and killed is subject to change.

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.

Thirtieth Week				
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1946 2	1	0	\$	200
1945 3	2	0		900
Comparisons To Date				
1946 77	67	3		19,300
1945 33	15	3		8,050

Budget Estimate Awaiting Audit

Pending the completion of the annual audit of the town's books for the fiscal year ending June 30, the local commissioners will not be able to discuss the 1946-47 budget figures when they meet in regular session next Monday evening. Treasurer N. C. Green said yesterday. Possibly a special meeting will be called later in the month for a review of the budget estimate.

Very little business is on the calendar for discussion at the meeting next Monday, Mayor Hassell said.

County Club Women Give Food And Money To Needy

Heeding the call of the starving overseas, Martin County home demonstration club women recently shipped seven cases of canned meats, fruits and vegetables to a United Nations Rehabilitation and Relief Association warehouse in Maryland for delivery to help relieve the suffering in foreign lands.

Commenting on the food contribution, Miss Elizabeth Parker, home demonstration agent for the county, said that each club contributed liberally in support of the worthy cause, that in addition to the canned food a cash contribution was made in the sum of approximately \$125.

Special canvasses made here and in other parts of the county previously had raised approximately \$2,000 for the starving overseas. While the contributions are small when compared against

Base Price For Peanuts Fixed

According to unofficial reports received this week, base peanut prices were fixed at \$170 a ton or eight and one-half cents per pound for the Virginia type and \$157 a ton for runners. Determined on parity as of a recent date, the new base price for the 1946 crop is about the same as it was last season.

The price of eight and one-half cents per pound for the Virginia type is based on 65 percent meat, meaning that a good quality crop in this section should command nearer nine or more cents a pound.

The base prices were announced by the State Department of Agriculture.

Laziness Induces Cramp For Writer

Home for a couple of days this week from his summer retreat at Pamlico Beach, Joe Godard said that he had not made very much progress on his new book. Although he has gathered much material and data the task has been difficult because of scant library facilities at the resort, he explained.

Although a name has not been definitely assigned what promises to be a master stroke in the literary field, the book introduction has been carefully outlined and briefed.

Getting down to the actual situation, Mr. Godard admitted that the atmosphere of the retreat had induced laziness which, in turn, had induced writer's cramp. Despite the virtual holiday, the writer maintains he'll come through with a volume of several hundred pages, more or less. No marked progress is to be expected, however, until he gets away from the care-free and leisurely life of the summer retreat in September or early October, it was learned.

New Distributor For Westinghouse

Employed by the Virginia Electric and Power Company, most of the time in its offices here for the past sixteen years, Mr. K. D. Worrell resigned this week to handle the Westinghouse Company products in this section.

Recently appointed distributor by Westinghouse for Martin and Washington Counties, Mr. Worrell at the present is maintaining headquarters at the Pioneer Shoppe where he is taking orders for refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, home freezers, washers, ironers, water coolers, beverage coolers, dishwashers, combination radios and phonographs, commercial refrigerators and small electrical appliances.

Peanut Firm Installs Big Motor And Enlarges Plant

Preparing for the 1946 milling season, the Williamston Peanut Company owners are installing one of the largest motors ever seen in this section and are enlarging their plant. The modernization program calls for a switch from steam to electric power, the managers explaining that the 250-horse-power motor will replace the old steam engine, but that the boiler would be used for heating the plant.

In addition to the motor which weighs about 7,000 pounds, the firm is installing a new hammer mill for crushing hulls.

The building will be enlarged by about ten feet on the northwest side, the addition extending the full height of the four stories. Workmen have been preparing the foundation for several weeks and are now making ready to place the standing timbers.

Grading tables are to be placed in the new addition and the production capacity of the plant will be materially increased.

No official estimate on the cost of operating the large motor could be had, but it is possible that the charges will run around \$1,000 a month when the plant is in full operation.

The plant enlargement program will call for a number of additional workers, but the number could not be learned.

The management is planning to complete the modernization and enlargement program in ample time to test out the entire plant and start receiving peanuts when the new crop starts moving to market along about the middle or latter part of October.

Hear Three Cases In Mayor's Court

Little activity was reported during the past few days in Justice John L. Hassell's court here. During the period only three cases were called, the number being about the smallest heard by the trial justice in several weeks.

Charged with allowing minors to play pool, James Slade was required to pay \$6.50 costs.

Ben Clemmons, drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$9.50 costs.

Gilbert Peel and William Henry Williams, both colored, were each fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.50 costs for an affray on Washington Street.

County Commissioners To Draw Jury Monday

Meeting in regular session here next Monday, the county commissioners will draw jurymen for the September term of the superior court and handle current matters. Clerk J. Sam Getsinger stating this week that very little new business had been calendared for consideration at that time.