

Fines Amounting To \$170 Imposed In County Court

No Session of the Court Will Be Held Next Monday

Handling nine cases, Judge J. Calvin Smith imposed fines amounting to \$170 in the regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. The tribunal, in session just about two hours, attracted an unusually large crowd since the tobacco harvest had been virtually completed.

To avoid a conflict with the opening of the markets, Judge Smith announced that no session of the court would be held next Monday. The court will resume its work on August 26.

Proceedings: Grover Clark, charged with careless and reckless driving, was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the court costs. The defendant's license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for thirty days.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, William Manson, Jr., was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. The court recommended that no operator's license be issued to the defendant for one year.

Bill Wimbush, charged with assaulting another with a deadly weapon, was adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence and was sentenced to jail for two days, fined \$24 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, William E. Barringer pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost. The court recommended that no license be issued to the defendant for six months.

Albert Williams, young colored man who went on a rampage in Everetts last Saturday evening when he got too much rum, sweet wine and liquor, pleaded not guilty when faced with charges of assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct.

The defendant, who was drunk but maintained that he knew nothing about the charges laid against him. Adjudged guilty, Williams was sentenced to serve twelve months on the roads.

Maintaining his innocence, William Hoggard, charged with non-support, was adjudged guilty. Judge Smith sentenced him to the roads for six months but suspended the sentence upon the guaranteed payment of \$8 each week to the county welfare department for the care and support of his five minor children. The court also ordered that the defendant (Continued on page eight)

Several Injured In Road Accident

Mrs. John Cotten Tayloe, the former Miss Bernice Everett of Robersonville, was painfully but not badly hurt in an automobile accident near Washington last Tuesday evening. Dr. Tayloe suffered fractures of two ribs and other injuries. Mrs. Tayloe was cut on the arms and suffered bruises, it was learned. The car caught fire, but Mrs. Tayloe helped her husband out before he was burned.

Parties riding in a second car figuring in the accident were badly but not critically hurt, one receiving a broken hip and burns.

WARNING

County and local officers this week sounded again the old warning to beware of get-rich-quick schemes. They particularly stressed the necessity of staying clear of the flammings, those persons who would dare pull the old pocket book gag and walk away with hard-earned cash. Several farmers have been swindled by plain trickery in past years, one losing well over \$1,000 in a single game. Money is expected to flow ever so freely in this section, but it will hardly be plentiful enough for one to take chances with it.

Large Number Of Tobacco Cards Still To Be Delivered

The delivery of several hundred tobacco marketing cards for the 1946 season is being delayed pending the completion of acreage surveys and the payment of penalties where allotments were exceeded, it was learned today from the Triple A office here.

Land measurements have been checked in most of the townships, but the work has progressed slowly in several districts, including parts of Robersonville, Hamilton and Poplar Point Townships. Until the acreages are checked, the cards can't be delivered, it was explained. The office stated that work was being rushed as rapidly as possible by the committee and that it was possible most cards could be made ready for distribution over the week-end.

Of the approximately 200 farmers known to have planted in excess of their allotments, only 34 up until Thursday noon had called for their cards. In those cases where allotments were exceeded, the farmers were advised that they could report to the agent's office after having the respective district committee estimate the production, pay the penalty on that basis and receive a white marketing card. It is also possible for the excess planter to call at the office and choose a red marketing card which provided for the payment of the penalty for excess plantings when the tobacco is sold.

The thirty-four farmers planting in excess and calling for their cards paid a total penalty of \$2,559.70, or an average of \$75.57 each. The penalty is figured at 10 cents a pound.

All white marketing cards have been distributed where there were no excess plantings and where the lands have been checked.

Purchase Crawford House For Teachers

IMPROVED

Where they have not been drowned or abandoned to the grass, peanuts are showing marked improvement, reports from various sections of the county declaring that the vines had doubled in size during the past three weeks. With favorable weather conditions prevailing during the remainder of the season, a fairly large yield and good quality are to be expected.

Checking on his crop this week, Farmer Willie Lassiter said that he counted approximately eighty small goobers on one vine.

Firemen Consider Community Center

In their regular meeting last Monday evening, local volunteer firemen, voted unanimously to consider a community building project in cooperation with the several civic organizations and other interested parties. A committee was named to discuss with representatives from the civic organizations prospective plans for advancing such a program. The firemen, it was pointed out, have between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in their treasury and at their recent meeting they indicated they were willing to work hard and boost the amount in support of a worthwhile community undertaking.

The group voted to spend between \$350 and \$500 on enlarging the firemen's house boat on the river for suppers and impromptu meetings. A lot was purchased for \$100 on the Hamilton Road for possible use in later years.

All next week the firemen are sponsoring the Raftery's and R. and S. Shows on the lot next to the Williamston Lumber Company. The proceeds will be placed in the fund for possible use in supporting the community building project.

Mrs. Wm. Powell Passes In County

Mrs. Martha I. Powell, widow of Wm. D. Powell, highly respected citizen of Gold Point, died at her home last Thursday at 2 p. m. Mrs. Powell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry Whitfield, was 70 years old. A member of the Gold Point Christian Church she was held in high esteem and was regarded as one of the finest women of the community in which she was born and reared.

Funeral services were held last Friday at the home with Rev. J. M. Perry of the Robersonville Christian Church officiating. Interment was in the Robersonville cemetery.

Surviving are two sons, C. L. and W. R. Powell; one daughter, Mrs. R. C. Crawford, all of Gold Point; one sister, Mrs. Sue Bunting of Oak City;

Mrs. John Hardy New Chairman of Red Cross Unit

Small Group In Meeting Held In Courthouse Last Wednesday Night

Mrs. John W. Hardy was named chairman of the Martin County Chapter, American Red Cross, in a meeting held in the county courthouse here Wednesday evening. Her husband, the Rev. Mr. Hardy, was also nominated for the post, but the lady won out.

James C. Manning, serving as chairman of the organization for the past five years, was elected vice chairman and Herman A. Bowen was continued as treasurer. Mrs. Edna Laughinghouse was re-elected secretary and home service director.

Very little business was placed before the meeting other than the election of officers for the new year. Mrs. Laughinghouse, serving as secretary and home service director of the chapter for the past several months, reviewed the work of the Red Cross and explained that the case work had been greatly reduced during recent months. In July only seventy-five cases were handled, she said. Most of those cases were centered around World War II veterans who were interested in various aspects of the GI Bill of (Continued on page eight)

Druggists Hold District Meeting

Meeting in the Woman's Club hall here last Tuesday, druggists, representing most of the counties in this section of the State, perfected an organization of the Tenth District, North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. John Hood of Kinston was elected president, W. B. Gurley of Windsor, vice president and John Biggs of Greenville, secretary and treasurer. Approximately 21 of the 41 druggists in the twenty-one counties in the district attended the meeting and participated in the program.

Five Cases In Mayor's Court

Justice John L. Hassell handled five cases in his court during the past few days, imposing fines ranging from \$5 to \$10.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Elijah Dixon was fined \$10 and required to pay \$6 costs.

Zeb Biggs was fined \$5, and taxed with \$9.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

In the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Booker T. W. Purvis was fined \$10 and required to pay \$6 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Charlie Hooker was fined \$5 plus \$8.50 costs.

Lawrence D. Teel was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs for operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes.

Mother of County Man Fatally Hurt

Mrs. Mary Ann Stokes, mother of J. O. Stokes of Hamilton and a sister of Henry Bryant Hardee of Robersonville, was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Ayden last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Stokes, 80 years old, died in an ambulance while en route to a Greenville hospital.

The car in which Mrs. Stokes was riding with her son, G. Lee Stokes, his wife and son, of Richmond, was in collision with another machine. Mr. Stokes, his wife and son were not badly hurt.

Funeral services were conducted in the Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church near Greenville Tuesday afternoon by Elder J. B. Roberts of Farmville. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Stokes, widow of Elder Geo. W. Stokes, Primitive Baptist minister, lived in Pitt County all her life.

Lions Here Favor Reorganization of Parents-Teachers

Pledge Cooperation and Offer Candidate For The Presidency

One of the main items of business at the regular dinner meeting of the local Lions Club held last Thursday was a discussion of the need for a strong Parents-Teachers Association in the local school district.

It was pointed out that the need is now more urgent than ever, and with several members expressing their views, it was decided that the Lions Club would go on record as willing to support one hundred percent the reorganization of a PTA. The club is also prepared to offer a candidate for the presidency of the PTA, who will have the support of the Lions. However, it is to be understood that the Lions are not endeavoring to undertake to promote this project alone, and they will expect and solicit cooperation from the other civic groups and various individuals in the community. It is hoped that with all the groups working together, a strong organization can be perfected. Lion Claude J. Goodman, an experienced school man, was nominated as a potential leader.

Mr. Hugh G. Horton, chairman of the Board of Review for scouting in this county, was a guest, and he made several awards, including a charter award to Troop No. 29, which is sponsored by the Lions Club. He also awarded committee certificates to Ben D. Courtney, Carroll Jones, J. H. Harrel, D. C. McLawhorn and Claude J. Goodman. Mr. Horton lauded the good work being done by the Lions-sponsored troop, under the leadership of Carroll Jones and E. L. Ward, Jr.

Tickets for the new Ford car to be given away next month by the Lions at their Harvest Festival were distributed, and are now on sale, with the profits to apply on the Scout Hut Fund.

The meeting was held at Chimney Corner Inn.

Electrocuted At Plant In County

David Brown, 36 years old, was accidentally killed by electrocution at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in the lower part of this county last Tuesday, boosting the number of persons who accidentally lost their lives there to a goodly figure. Mr. Brown was an electrician in the plant. Few details of the accident could be learned here immediately.

Mr. Brown was a son of the late Henry H. and Kitty Stocks Brown and lived in Plymouth most of his life. He was a member of the Plymouth Episcopal Church, its treasurer and teacher in the church school. Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon in the church and interment was in the churchyard.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Fentress Brown; two sons, David G. Jr., and Gene; and a daughter, Kitty; four brothers, J. S. and P. W. Brown of Plymouth, Carly of Norfolk, and L. P. Brown of New York; three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Paramore of Whiteville, Mrs. A. V. Rose of New York City, and Mrs. Annie Thraill of California, several nieces and nephews.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Two accidents last week boosted the total on Martin County highways during the first 32 weeks of this year to 82, resulting in 68 injured, three killed and a property damage of \$20,450 for the period.

The tobacco marketing rush is now under way, and greater care is absolutely necessary if safety is to have a place on the highways.

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.

Thirty-Second Week
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge
1946 2 1 0 \$ 800
1945 2 1 0 \$ 300

Comparisons To Date
1946 82 68 3 20,450
1945 35 17 3 8,600

Note—Two persons were killed on the highways during the early part of the marketing season last year.

Tobacco Moving To Market In Quantity

First And Second Sales Scheduled For This Market

Medium Quality Tobacco Is Predominant For The First Sales

Elated over price reports from the border markets, farmers in this area joined together to create a big rush Thursday for the opening of the local tobacco market next Monday. Not in years has there been such a marked rush to get tobacco on the market. Farmers' trucks and trailers at one time early Thursday were lined up from the warehouse doors to Jack Daniels' filling station at the Jamesville and Washington Road intersection. The patrons waited their turns patiently while two sets of scales were being used to capacity in each of the two houses where sales are scheduled for next Monday. As many as twenty trucks moved across the scales after assembly line fashion, and a long time before noon, the first sale house was filled and tobacco was pouring into the other houses for sale next Tuesday. No such rush can be maintained, observers declared, but unusually heavy sales are in prospect for quite a few days.

Market observers, appraising the rush in its early stages, expressed concern over a possible glut in the redrying plants and factories and a resulting reduction in the selling schedule. However, no alteration in the schedule is anticipated within the first two or three weeks.

The local market this year is trying out a new selling schedule. It is planned to hold first and second sales each day. Approximately 1,000 pipes will be sold on the first sale during the early morning hours and then the buyers will transfer to the second sale where approximately the same number of pipes will be sold. The new selling plan is expected to work to the advantage of the white housemen and particularly to the advantage of patrons because it will be possible to determine ahead of time about when the tobacco can be sold.

A preliminary inspection of the early deliveries to the market here revealed that while there is some good tobacco on the floors, the quality, as a whole, is only medium. There are numerous piles of the scaled type, and there are few pipes of the real fancy type.

The crop is weighing comparatively light, but despite that drawback the market is almost certain to have around three-quarters of a million pounds on its floors by opening time next week.

The Martin FCX advisory board members are: W. M. Hardison, L. J. Hardison, J. E. Griffin, Carl Griffin, and G. A. Oglesby.

Divorce Suits Filed In Court

Three divorce suits were filed in the Martin County Superior Court this week, boosting the number of such actions now pending in the courts to an unusually large figure, according to information gained from the clerk yesterday.

All three of the divorce actions started this week are based on two years' separation and all were filed by colored parties, as follows: Willie Combs against Mary Ellen Combs, W. D. Bell against Jennie Bell, and Sarah Ebron against Buck Ebron.

County Young Man Over In Germany

Stationed in Germany for some months, Wade Mobley, Martin County young man, stated in a recent letter that he met another county boy, Pfc. Dowell Forbes, a short time ago and enjoyed a long chat with him.

"We entered the service together and it was our first meeting since we were home last November," Mobley said. Forbes is with the military government and Mobley is with the Third Field Battalion.

Sgt. Mobley said he was still receiving the Enterprise and added, "It surely makes me feel better."

Bus Drivers To Meet Wednesday

Meeting in the high school building here next Wednesday morning at 9:00 o'clock, Martin County school bus drivers and their substitutes will receive instructions and take examinations, it was announced this week by the office of the county superintendent.

Mrs. Futtrell, of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division and members of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, will head the one-day school.

Hydrophobia Said More Prevalent In The Cold Months

No Cure For Disease But It Can Be Prevented By Inoculation

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

Since dogs run about in the open more in the summer than in the winter and, consequently, there are apt to be more dog bites in the warm months, people generally suppose that rabies is most common in summer.

Actually, the disease is more prevalent in cold weather. However, rabies may occur at any time of year and a word about the disease now may be helpful, particularly since dog bites are more common in the summer and dog bites cause people to think of rabies.

Rabies, or hydrophobia, is an infectious disease communicated to man by the bite of certain animals, most frequently the dog, which have been infected with the virus causing the disease. It develops when the virus, traveling along man's nervous system, reaches the brain.

Every human being who is bitten by a dog does not, of course, get rabies. There is danger only if the dog is "mad" and even then the disease will not develop if the proper preventive measures are taken. Since no method has been found to cure rabies, it is of the utmost importance to prevent it—and to remember that it can be prevented even after a bite by a "mad" dog.

Inoculation with a serum first used by Louis Pasteur, or a modification of this serum, creates immunity to the disease and is recommended if there is any doubt as to whether the dog which inflicted the bite was rabid.

If there is the slightest question about the condition of a dog which bites a human being, call a doctor or the health department immediately. Meanwhile, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water.

Do not attempt to catch the dog, which should then be turned over to the health department. If you can keep the animal under observation until it can be determined whether or not the dog was mad, rabies develops within a short time in dogs. If the dog was not mad, there is no danger that rabies will develop in the human being.

The doctor may advise inoculation. (Continued on page eight)

ORDER

An order for a carload of Martin County peanuts was received last week by the Dixie Peanut Company here from a firm in Honolulu, Hawaii. The shipment is to be made just as soon as the new crop starts moving, it was learned.

W. C. Windley, one of the company owners, stated that possibly the firm, dealers in coffee and other items, had seen one of the company's advertisements in a trade journal.

Large shipments of Martin County peanuts move each season to candy manufacturers in the Mid-west and to the West Coast, but the recent order reflects quite a trade expansion.