

Board Petitioned To Take Hobgood School Students

County Willing To Cooperate With School In Caring For Pupils

Meeting with school authorities in this county last Tuesday, representatives of the State Board of Education directed an appeal asking the Oak City School to help take care of a number of pupils thrown out of school when the building in Hobgood was destroyed by fire some months ago. The petitioners were assured that this county would cooperate in every way possible to help care for the pupils.

Investigating the possibility of turning about fifteen elementary pupils to the Oak City School, Representative Dark was told that a larger bus would be needed for the route serving the regular pupils and the added fifteen. The investigator will continue his work and it is very likely that a new and larger bus will be made available.

A few years ago, Halifax County school leaders came into this county and annexed a part of the Oak City district. It was pointed out that the approximately fifteen pupils the Oak City School is being asked to receive actually live in this county.

The disposition of the Hobgood High School has been debated for some weeks, the State Board finally assigning it to Scotland Neck. An unofficial report heard here the day after Representative Dark appeared in the interest of the fifteen elementary pupils stated that most of the high school pupils in the Hobgood district wanted to attend school in Oak City, that quite a few of the patrons were planning to petition State Controller Reed, urging him to assign the high school pupils to Oak City for the coming term. School officials in this county stated that they would be glad to

ate in every way possible in the interest of their education, but that final action rested with the controller.

Several patrons were here Wednesday from Hobgood talking over the proposed change in the high school assignment, and they were referred to the controller.

Badly Hurt In Fall This Week

Mrs. Thomas Bailey was badly but not critically hurt last Wednesday afternoon when she fell down the second story stairs in a packhouse on the Bailey farm near Bear Grass. Brought here for first aid treatment, Mrs. Bailey suffered a broken collar bone and a leg injury. She was later removed to the local hospital for treatment. Mr. Bailey has been ill for a year or more.

Leaves This Week To Join Husband In Japan

Mrs. Paul Millinder, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Myers, of Hamilton, left Tuesday by plane to join her husband who is serving with the armed forces in Japan.

Mrs. Millinder left for Norfolk and from there she went to Chicago.

Sgt. Millinder, from Wilson, has been in service for thirteen years and has been in Japan since April.

LIQUOR SALES

Hampered by stock shortages, liquor sales have held to a fairly low figure, comparatively speaking, in the county ABC stores during the past few days. On tobacco opening day, sales in the Williams store amounted to hardly \$2,000, an amount about \$3,000 short of a record.

Something approaching a record was established by the store here last Saturday when the clerks passed out the spirits having an assessed value of \$1,200 the first hour after opening for business. The average was just about \$20 a minute. Sales for the day totaled \$3,680.

Accumulated Docket Faces Judge in the County Court

Declaring a holiday on account of the market opening this week, Judge J. C. Smith will face a large docket when he convenes the regular session of the Martin County Recorder's court next Monday morning. Up until noon Wednesday, thirty-five cases had been placed on the docket and several others were in the making at the time, Clerk L. B. Wynne said.

Quite a few were in a fighting mood during the past ten days, a review of the docket shows. Twelve persons are booked for assaults with deadly weapons and three others are charged with assaulting females. Less than one-tenth of the 35, or three, to be exact, are charged with drunken driving. Two stand charged with being drunk and disorderly, and two others are booked for disorderly conduct.

Still another two are facing the court for alleged non-support. Four are alleged to have violated the health laws, including two cases of a type relatively new to the court. In these cases, defendants are charged with slaughtering animals within the town limits in violation of certain health law sections.

One each is charged with reckless driving, cruelty to animals, operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, bastardy, fornication and adultery, and operating a motor vehicle while driver's license was revoked.

The docket is one of the largest to face Judge Smith in the county court in recent months, and it is likely that most of next Monday will be spent handling the cases.

Tobacco Sales Pass Million Pound Mark

REGISTRATION

Members of the senior class for the term 1946-47 are asked to report to the principal's office at the Williamston High School Monday morning, August 26, between 9 and 12 o'clock. Each senior will have the opportunity of discussing his high school credits with Mr. Stewart, who will advise with them concerning credits needed for graduation and college entrance.

Senior will be asked register for the fall term at this time.

White Cane Sales Start Next Week

Plans are shaping up for the first annual sale of White Canes for the benefit of the blind and visually handicapped in the county to begin next Monday and continue through August 29th. This sale is being sponsored by the local Lions Club, with the committee on Blind and Sight Conservation leading the promotional

The committee has received 900 of the white cane lapel buttons which they hope to sell for an average of 20 cents apiece.

Each member of the club is expected to sell at least three dollars worth of canes, with two-thirds of this amount going to the N. C. State Association for the Blind and the remaining third being retained by the local club for use among the blind in this county. In addition to the selling of the canes, each member of the local club is expected to buy a year's membership in the State Association at a minimum of one dollar.

The club members, their wives and some of their children are expected to take part in the white cane sales in an effort to meet the goal. The need is great and the money derived will go to a very worthwhile cause, it was pointed out. There are approximately 7,000 blind and visually handicapped persons in this state.

Nation's Airpower Greatest In World

The Aircraft Yearbook, published a few days ago, shows that when World War II ended the United States had more bombers of every type and more first-class fighters than all the rest of the world combined. In addition to the more than 80,000 first class warplanes that the United States had on V-J Day, the book points out that this country had new and advanced types of bombers and fighters ready for combat and vast production facilities for producing them ready to go at high speed. During the war the army and navy air forces flew more than 2,646,000 sorties, according to the editor of the book. They dropped more than 2,000,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets and destroyed nearly 30,000 enemy planes in the European war and 25,000 in the war against Japan.

To Restore Meat Control Prices On September 9

Immediate Increase In The Price Of Flour Allowed

Price control on a number of food items, including meats, is being resurrected, but before new life is breathed into the thing all kinds of predictions are bobbing up right along with sky-high prices. Controls on flour are being reinstated immediately but not until after the price is boosted seven cents a hundred pounds.

Announcing the return of price control on meats and other items, Price Administrator Paul Porter declared that vigorous action would be taken against black marketeers.

"There is no substantial basis for reports that we are going back to widespread black markets," he told a news conference. "I hope packers will devote a substantial part of their energy to make re-control work—at least as much energy as they devoted to trying to get rid of controls."

Industry spokesmen and other foes of meat controls already are predicting the possible return of black markets and scarcities.

A statement by the United States Chamber of Commerce declared that "the order unquestionably will reduce the meat supply" because grains, left uncontrolled, will "drain" into "production not under control."

At the same time, the CIO released a statement from its president, Philip Murray, contending that "recontrolling of meats means very little when livestock and poultry feed products are left free of controls." Murray announced that the CIO will urge the new decontrol board to "reinstate ceilings on all items which it failed to control."

Porter announced that flour price ceilings will be raised seven cents per 100 pounds Friday to reflect a higher parity price on wheat.

He set September 9 as the date for restoring retail ceilings on salad and cooking oils, and September 3 for reimposing ceilings at all levels on soy beans, flaxseed and by-product feed grains.

Porter renewed his previous statements that the new meat price ceilings will be "at or near" the levels of those which died in the decontrol process. Increases on some meats probably will be necessary to meet parity price requirements, and emphasized:

"I have been careful to say that the new ceilings will be at or near June 30 levels."

The ceilings will be restored on a staggered plan which will put them into effect on livestock August 29, at the packing house September 1, at wholesale levels September 5, and in the retail butcher shop September 9.

Porter explained that the OPA and the Agriculture Department decided upon the staggered time schedule in order to "clean out over-ceiling meat" which dealers have on hand.

Pledging vigorous efforts to enforce the ceilings, Porter said: "We will have twice as many investigators on meat as we ever had before. We will hit a level of 2,500 investigators in September—easily double the previous number."

Bread ceilings, increased recently by one cent per loaf, will be cut by the same amount as soon as restrictions on the milling of flour have been lifted by the Agriculture Department, Porter said. He had no information on when these restrictions may be removed.

Asked whether OPA plans to remove ceilings on flour, Porter said controls will remain in effect as long as the curb on milling of wheat does.

As for the board's order that dairy products and most grains remain uncontrolled, Porter commented:

"I would have to be less than candid if I did not express disappointment that the board was unable to find a basis for recontrol of dairy products."

"However, the board had no alternative, since it did not find that prices on these products had risen unreasonably."

Porter was asked whether OPA plans to keep a sharp eye on dairy

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Faculty Complete For Bear Grass

Drawing heavily from talent in the community, the Bear Grass school this week announced its faculty complete for the term opening on Thursday of next week. The faculty is one of the first in the county to be announced complete.

Returning to the school, Principal Chas. Hough stated that present indications point to a successful term. The school men is expecting an increase in enrollment and a greater attendance record than last year.

Two teachers, Mrs. Mildred Ayler Bagley and Mrs. Dorothy Meeks, have resigned. The positions made vacant by their resignations in the third and fourth grades have been filled and a new teacher has been added to the high school faculty.

Names of the faculty members and their assigned grades:

First, Mrs. J. C. Manning.

Second, Mrs. Lucy Ayers.

Third, Mrs. Clyde Manning who succeeds Mrs. Meeks.

Fourth, Mrs. Guy Leggett who substituted there last term.

Fifth, Mrs. Clarice Cherry, who substituted in the school for a month or more last term.

Sixth, Mrs. Noah Rogerson.

Seventh, Mrs. Ethlyn Hines.

Eighth, Mrs. Mildred Ward Lee.

High school, Miss Naomi Brown who is entering the profession following training in a Georgia college and East Carolina Teachers College, Greenvye, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hough.

School Principals In Meeting Here

Meeting in the office of the county superintendent here last Tuesday, principals of the several high schools completed plans for opening the new term next Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

While all the faculty positions have not been filled in one or two schools, the teacher problem has been solved to a large extent and successful term.

Buses will be delivered next Tuesday to drivers for the Farm Life, Jamesville, Bear Grass, Everetts and Robertsonville Schools, and to the drivers for Williams, Hamilton, Hassell, Oak City and Park on Wednesday, the 28th.

Other than the teachers, most of the school employees are now at work completing arrangements for opening the term next Thursday.

Marine Corp Convoys Travel Through Here

Starting about two weeks or more ago one Marine Corps convoy after another has moved through here almost every day since that time. Moving south and limited to a comparatively few vehicles, mostly jeeps, as many as three or four convoys moved through here in a single day.

To Enter Special School For Blind

An operation having failed to restore his sight, Jim Manning, son of Mr. Ben R. Manning of Griffins Township, plans to enter a special school for the blind in Greenville shortly.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

For the first time in nearly two months motorists last week traveled the Martin County highways without a reportable accident. In the 33rd week of 1945 there were four accidents, but even with the comparison advantage of the week, the record for 1946 is alarmingly large.

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-third Week			
Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Damage	
1946 0	0	0	\$ 000
1945 4	0	0	175
Comparisons To Date			
1946 82	68	3	20,450
1945 39	17	3	8,750

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Judge Wynne Rules Killing "Justifiable" In Williams District

Slade Corey, 35, Fatally Shot By John Williams, 12

On Wild Rampage, Corey Dangerously Attacked Lad's Father

Drinking freely of liquor, high-powered wine and beer, Slade Corey, 35-year-old Negro tenant farmer of Griffins Township, went on a wild rampage that cost him his life in Williams Township about 5:30 o'clock last Monday afternoon. Ignoring an officer's warning and defying three relatives, Corey was bent on destruction and murder before he was finally subdued at the end of a gun barrel in the hands of John Henry Williams, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams, of Williams Township.

The attack, resulting in Corey's immediate death, was ruled "justifiable homicide" by Juvenile Judge L. Bruce Wynne at a hearing held in the courthouse Tuesday morning shortly after 10 o'clock. All charges were dismissed, the action meeting with unanimous approval of those acquainted with the facts in the case.

Selling a small load of tobacco on the Williamston market Monday morning, Corey, a tenant on Marvin Leggett's farm in Griffins Township, drew \$157.50 as his share. The settlement was made at noon, and the landlord at that time suggested that Corey apply at least a part of the money on personal debts.

Meeting with old friends a short time later, Corey financed the purchase of a pint of liquor, which two of them consumed. He later shared a quart of high-powered wine with a friend, the two consuming the quart back of Duk Inn on Washington Street. He followed that with two bottles of beer, and possibly more.

About 3:00 o'clock, he was seen dancing on the porch of the beer joint and a little later he was seen with a woman.

Officers warned Corey to leave for home and he agreed to go home with Lem Griffin, Eugene and Jim Corey, cousins. The four started home with Jim driving and Corey riding in the front seat with him. Griffin was just behind Corey. When they reached the creek, Corey placed his head between his knees and started crying like a baby, Griffin said at the hearing. "He insisted on getting out, and I placed by arms around his neck. Slade opened the door and when he placed one foot outside and almost pulled me out, I told Jim to stop. Slade ran down the road about 100 yards and stopped. We finally got him back into the car and before we had gone very far, he had another one of his spells. We continued on however, driving by the Holly Springs Road because we thought it was closed while they were pouring tar on it. We turned off at Hardison's service station and traveled down the Wiltz Siding Road to the Dan. Moore farm, about one and one-half miles from the Jamesville Highway. We had to stop there, for Slade had gone completely mad.

"Slade went to the front door of the Moore home, snatched open the screen and kicked the door open. He then ran around the house and into the woods. Circling back, he ripped a strand of barbed wire from a fence, went into the chicken coop. Coming out of there he ripped boards from the stables and turned the mules out.

"We went into a huddle. It was suggested that we should knock him in the head, but decided to call for the sheriff and let him do it. We drove about two hundred yards down the highway and thinking he might kill the people when they returned home, we stopped and discussed our plight with Eli Bell. About that time, Slade came into the highway. I went to meet him and when I got within a few feet of

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TRANSIENTS

One of the largest movements of transient workers ever known in this section is now believed about over for this year, according to unofficial reports coming from the employment services.

It was conservatively estimated that 15,000 transient workers—workers following the Irish potato harvest from Florida to Maryland—moved through here during the past season. It was also estimated that another 5,000 of the workers moved northward on other highway routes.

Traveling in all types of vehicles, mostly large trucks, the workers have just about cleared this point on the return trip.

Continuous rains interrupted the harvest, and many of the transients hardly made enough to feed themselves and pay transportation fees, one report said.

Jaycees Plan Their Projects For Fall

The local Junior Chamber of Commerce held its regular semi-monthly dinner meeting last Friday evening at the "Switch." The meeting was presided over by President Ernest Mears, and invocation was offered by Tom Crockett.

Following the dinner, the guests were introduced and welcomed. Among the guests were Buck Ayers of Everetts, Charlie Brown of Greensboro and Williamston and Charles Marston of Greenville Jaycees.

Included in the business of the evening was a discussion of several community projects that are urgently needed. In compliance with an appeal from the promoters of the Tobacco Festival to be held in Reidsville next month, the Jaycees decided to send a queen to represent Williamston in the beauty contest.

It was decided to send a runner-up in the local contest, Miss Angela McLahorn.

Reports on the recent quarterly state directors' meeting were made by Ernest Mears and Wheeler Manning, while Clarence Griffin reported on the proposed swimming instruction course project. Due to the short time remaining this summer, this project was postponed until next year.

More Controls Put On Credits

New York.—The Federal Reserve Board moved last week to take a little ease out of the easy supply of money. Or, to be more exact, out of easy credit. It reimposed its controls on installment credits in the \$1,500 to \$2,000 range, and shortened the repayment time on other types. This action obviously is an anti-inflationary move, designed to curtail buying power. By lifting to \$2,000 the transactions under its control, the board thus reached out to take charge of many automobile purchases. The Board still allows such loans to be repaid in fifteen months time. But on other types it shortened the repayment period. Money borrowed for such purposes as rents, taxes or vacations must now be paid back in twelve months instead of fifteen. Meanwhile, cash buying continues heavy. Mail order sales for the first half of 1946 show a big gain over the same period last year. Largest relative gain was recorded for stores handling automotive parts and accessories. Hardware store owners and building material dealers also report bigger sales volume.

Mr. J. Claude Leggett opened his soda shop here for business, Tuesday. Located in the old Williamston Cafe building, the shop is modern in every particular, including a large fountain and snack bar.

TAX NOTICES

Approximately 7,500 tax notices were placed in the mails this week for distribution among Martin County taxpayers, and Tax Collector M. Luther Peel is already busy rounding up a total levy of approximately \$212,000. The amount includes special school taxes in three districts and special road taxes in three other districts.

The return of servicemen from the war since the first of last year has increased the number of taxpayers by about 700 in the county, but the total is still about 400 short of the average reported prior to the war.

Sixteen Cases In Justice Of Peace Court This Week

Crime Increase Follows the Opening of Tobacco Markets

A marked increase in crime activities accompanied the opening of the tobacco marketing season in this section, according to a report coming from Justice John L. Hassell's court this week. Possibly the increase was also partly the result of a fairly large shipment of liquors into the area for distribution last week-end.

Cases handled by Justice Hassell during the past few days:

Charged with disorderly conduct, Matthew Griffin was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Joseph Eberhart, drunk on highway, was fined \$2.50 and required to pay \$7.50 costs.

Publicly drunk, Archie Mobley was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

In the case charging E. L. Benson with disorderly conduct, the defendant was required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Charged with improper parking and no lights on his vehicle, Jesse Bland was fined \$10 and required to pay \$9.25 costs.

In the case charging him with disorderly conduct, Joe Roberson was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Drunk and down, Chas. Thomas was fined \$5 and required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Thurman Williams was fined \$5 and taxed with \$9.50 costs for disorderly conduct.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Mildred Daniel was bound over to the county court. Bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Charged with failing to stop at a street intersection, Cleve Daniel was required to pay \$7.50 costs.

Marshal Croul, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and required to pay \$7.50 costs.

James Ruffin was required to pay a \$5 fine and \$5.50 costs in the case charging him with a simple assault.

Andrew Lyons, Jr., was fined \$15 and taxed with \$7.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Leamon Sherrod, charged with disorderly conduct, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the term upon the payment of \$200.

B. Moore was fined \$5 and required to pay \$7.50 costs for disorderly conduct.

Charged with drunken driving, Haywood Johnson was bound over to the county court for trial next Monday. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

Marriage Licenses Are Issued In The County

Four marriage licenses were issued recently in this county by Register J. Sam Getzinger to the following:

Earl Taylor, RFD 1, Robertsonville, and Nellie M. Roberson, of RFD, Williamston.

John Russell Rogers and Daisy L. Whitley, both of Williamston.

Jesse Taylor and Christine Taylor, both of RFD 1, Robertsonville.

John William Purvis, Jr., of Rocky Mount, and Mary Ward Slade, of Hamilton.

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