

Charged With Not Sending Children To County School

Prosecution Is Part Of A Drive For Better Attendance

In addition to repeated appeals to parents and other patrons, welfare and other county officials turned to the courts this week to maintain attendance figures in the schools of this county. While the case proved a clear-cut violation of the school attendance law, it was not without its more or less pathetic aspects. Judge Smith did what he could in applying soothing balm and at the same time accomplished the desired end when the defendant, Jesse W. Wynn, agreed to have his children in school regularly during the remainder of the current term.

Evidence offered in the case showed that the Wynn children, a son, 13; a daughter, 11, and a son, 8 years of age, had attended school at Bear Grass only two or three days during the current term up until last Friday when action was taken and the youngsters turned to the house of learning. It was revealed that the children worked some in aiding their tenant father house and market crops, but most of the time they just stayed at home and played in the yard. It was explained that repeated appeals had been made to the father to have his children attend school. The father explained on one occasion, a state witness testified, that he would send the children to school if they had proper clothes. Wynn was quoted further as saying that he had to pay his debts before he could buy clothes for his children and send them to school.

Speaking in his own behalf, the defendant stated that he attended school very little when a child, that he could not read and write. He also stated that the children did not have proper clothing, that they were barefooted up until a short time ago. Without benefit of counsel, the defendant said that he did not know what compulsory attendance meant, but he knew that they ought to go to school and added, "I want them to go to school and learn some sense."

Recognizing the man's limited opportunities and limitations, Judge Smith pointed out that the people were not trying to persecute the defendant, that they were acting in the interest of his children.

Without transportation, Wynn walked to town for the hearing in the county court last Monday from his home about three miles beyond Bear Grass. With only ten dollars in his pocket to pay the \$21.30 court costs, the defendant asked permission to walk home and get the remainder. He was turned over to the sheriff who stood for him after Wynn promised to send \$11.30 the next day.

Wynn was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of costs and on further condition that he send his children to school regularly.

Farmer Attempts To End His Life

William Hopkins, young Jamesville Township farmer, dangerously wounded himself at his home last Tuesday when he fired a rifle bullet through his chest. Barely missing his heart, the bullet tore through a lung and traveled on through his body. Few details could be learned about the apparent suicide attempt or his condition, but he is believed critically hurt. However, recovery is possible if no complications develop.

About 35 years of age, Hopkins, father of five children, is said to have worried over his farming operations. Planting a large crop, he had had difficulty in cultivating and harvesting it, and one report stated that the difficulties prompted the act.

He was entered in the local hospital early that afternoon from his home near Jamesville and apparently was resting fairly well Thursday afternoon.

The reported suicide attempt was the second reported in that section of the county within the past few weeks, reports stating that the first victim is recovering rapidly.

Peanuts Start Moving To Market In Small Quantity

Peanut pickers were placed in operation in this county for the first time this season earlier in the week in the Hamilton section, but only a few sales have been reported so far. A few bags were delivered to the local market Wednesday from Duplin and Bertie Counties, but the first sales in the county were made in the Hamilton area. No official reports could be had, but the market opened at ten cents a pound.

A few farmers have not yet finished digging their crops and picking operations will hardly get underway on any appreciable scale before the early part of next month. However, quite a few pickers will be placed in operation next week.

Extensive preparations have been made by the two plants here for handling the crop. The Williams-

ton Peanut Company has enlarged its plant and milling capacity and installed electrical equipment to furnish power for the entire plant. A new hammer mill has been installed along with several new and improved shellers. Preliminary tests were completed Wednesday and Superintendent Larry Bullock said that the plant could start operations on a few minutes notice. Milling will likely get underway within the next few days.

Its plant just completed and placed in operation the early part of the year, the Dixie Peanut Company has made quite a few alterations and changes to step up production during the season now at hand.

The crop in this section does not measure up to expectations in quantity and quality, but some areas have good crops.

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

Fines Collected In Amount Of \$105 In Short Session Monday

Judge J. Calvin Smith, calling twelve cases, held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session only a short time last Monday. Several of the cases were continued either for the state or for defendants who failed to answer when called. Fines were collected in the sum of \$105. The session attracted a very small crowd.

Proceedings: Pleading not guilty of operating a motor vehicle while his operator's license was revoked, Guilford Brown was adjudged guilty and the court fined him \$25 plus the costs.

Howard Pittman, charged with speeding, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. He pleaded guilty.

Troy Lee Haymer, charged with speeding, failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

Pleading guilty in the case in which he was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, John Daniel Smith was fined \$20 and required to pay the cost.

John B. Clay was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. He pleaded guilty and the court recommended that no license be issued the defendant for six months.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court cost in the case in which Jesse Mobley was charged with issuing a worthless check.

The case charging Ivory Keys with false pretense was not pressed.

A continuance was allowed the state in its prosecution of Richard Vines, charged with larceny and receiving.

Adjudged guilty in the case charging him with violating the school attendance law, Jesse Walter Wynn was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and on the further condition that the defendant send his children to school regularly.

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FARM BUREAU

Still short of the 2,080 goal, members of the Martin County Farm Bureau membership committee are meeting Friday evening at Chimney Corner on the Hamilton-Williamston Highway for a serious discussion of the drive.

President Chas. L. Daniel is urging all canvassers to push the drive and be at the meeting to report their work. The canvassers, working without remuneration, will pay for their own supper, it was pointed out.

"We haven't given up, but the drive is a bit disappointing so far," an official of the organization said, adding that most of the counties in the State had already met and exceeded their membership goals.

Local Young Man Pilot For Mercy Flight Recently

Lt. S. W. Manning Evacuates Polio Victim From Durango, Colorado

Headquarters, 200th AAF Base Unit (Less Sq. H.), Colorado Springs, Colo.—In the rugged Rocky Mountain fastness of Durango, Colo., where lofty ranges rear twelve and fourteen thousand feet into the air a big airplane stood poised on the edge of a sod-surfaced runway, a runway discernable only by the hard-beaten tracks of landing gear.

Around the plane were gathered a small group of people and in the middle of the group a young girl lay on a stretcher. An elderly woman bent swiftly and kissed the wan-faced girl as strong arms hoisted the stretcher into the plane. Seconds later the big ship was speeding down the rutted, uneven runway.

Time was the all-important factor to those in the plane, to those on the ground but especially to the girl on the stretcher. Hours and minutes even seconds were precious to her.

And to say those precious hours and minutes and seconds the 15th Air Force at Colorado Springs had dispatched a big, twin-engine C-47 cargo type airplane to fly her to Denver where special medical care would help her beat the ravages of the dread disease of poliomyelitis.

During the past two months the 15th Air Force have been from the Durango Airport which is surrounded by mountains even at an elevation of 6,875 feet and with a sod runway of only 4,000 feet. The traffic pattern in and out of the airport is a difficult one, especially on take-off when it is necessary for the pilot to circle around in the valley to gain altitude sufficient to rise over the mountains.

The trip by plane from Durango to Denver, where practically all the cases were flown, requires one and one half hours flying time while the overland route, a distance of 475 miles, takes ten hours to cover by ambulance.

Evacuation of Miss Billie Smith, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smith of Dolores, Colo., is a typical story of these "mercy flights."

The Smith's live in a tiny hamlet about sixty miles from Durango. The girl was stricken on Wednesday, Sept. 25, and on the following day she was removed to Denver for treatment as a probable polio victim.

As in all other cases from Durango the request for assistance reached 15th Air Force through the Durango Civilian Air Patrol. It's commanding officer there, the Rev. Philip Benedict Hawley, is minister of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Durango.

Father Hawley, a lieutenant in CAP, is warm in his praise of the men and officers who comprise the crews on these "mercy flights."

"Although many of these crewmen are healthy a dread of the disease as any one, they responded with a warm heartedness that did much to cheer the victim and to soften

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Crowds Attending Revival Services

Large crowds continue to hear Rev. Paul Nickens deliver his forceful sermons in the series of revival services now under way each evening at 7:30 o'clock in the local Baptist church.

Thursday morning, Rev. Nickens, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist church, spoke to the pupils in the high school auditorium, and a special message was on the regular service schedule in the church Thursday evening. No service will be held Saturday evening of this week, but the visiting minister will deliver both the morning and evening sermons in the local pulpit Sunday and bring the meeting to a close on Wednesday evening of next week.

Members of various congregations are joining with the Baptists in the services, and several members have been added to the church roll.

The pastor, Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, is extending a cordial invitation to hear the visiting minister.

Defendants Make Temporary Stops In Mayor's Court

Seventeen Are Tentatively Booked For Trial In County Court

Ruled beyond Justice John L. Hassell's jurisdiction, seventeen defendants have been tentatively booked for trial in the Martin County Recorder's court next Monday. Most of the cases had their origin in an alleged gambling den maintained and operated by Henry Crawford in his apartment on the third floor of the Guaranty Bank building here.

All of the defendants have not been rounded up in the cases, but several have already posted bond or have been recognized. In the list are George Beach, Robt. Harrell, Maurice Gardner, Perlie Thomas, B. Moore, Ed Moore, Jesse Moore, Henry Crawford, Geo. Hardison, Sylvester Wynne and William Lambert. Hardison, also charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, is at liberty under \$500 bond. Crawford, also charged with operating a gambling den, possession of liquor for the purpose of sale, and an assault with a deadly weapon, was placed under combined bonds in the sum of \$500. The bonds were raised Wednesday. No formal hearing has been held in his case, the justice explaining that action was delayed pending the outcome of the assault victim's condition.

If the prosecuting witness is able a hearing will be held Friday evening. Wynn furnished bond in the sum of \$50 and Lambert met his \$100 bond.

R. B. Spruill, Warren Griffin and William Alfred Wiggins, charged with disorderly conduct, were bound over to the county court. Griffin was placed under \$100 bond and the other two were recognized.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest, Marshall Scott was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100. Chas. Wiggins and John Smallwood, charged with the theft of a pig, were bound over to the county court in \$100 bond each. Bonds were not arranged immediately by either defendant.

Beautie Andrews, charged with

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Long-Term Debt Lifted On Farm

Thurman O. Nicholson, Route 3, Williamston, was the eighth Martin County man to pay for his farm under the provisions of the Farm Security Administration's Tenant Purchase plan.

On November 5, 1940, Thurman and his wife, Charlie Ann, stepped from tenant farmers to home owners through the aid of FSA. When they were told that the payments would be spread over a forty-year period Thurman smiled and said, "never will forty years catch me paying for this little old piece of land." This statement was well proven a fact as he cut thirty four years and one month off the forty year payments.

There are two remarkable features about this type farmer: One is the savings made in interest accumulations by paying for the farm as has been done. Had it taken forty years to pay for the place, interest charges would have been \$3983.60. By paying for the farm in five years and eleven months interest charges were only \$724.00, thereby a savings of \$3259.60. Second, is the increased value of the farm after it has been improved and developed. There are an excellent set of farm buildings adequate for a two horse farm, a nice orchard for home use, a good pasture to support the livestock, provisions for the poultry, a fenced garden that supplies the family with fresh vegetables, electricity that affords the family good lights and home refrigeration.

The farmstead met the county sanitarian's approval for health protection and sanitation; and the farm has been terraced and well drained to protect it from erosion. A definite plan of crop rotation is followed which includes, not only rotating the row crops but also winter cover crops, winter grazing crops, and winter and summer legumes to build up the soil.

Clamp Lid Down On Gambling At "Fair"

FIRE LINES

Acting to help confine forest fires, the Forestry Service of the State, aided by an appropriation made by the county, is plowing fire lines or "breaks" in various parts of the county. Warden Marvin Leggett announced this week.

Using heavy equipment, the division has plowed about fifty miles of fire lines in Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships, and the special service is available to others. Farmers, interested in lowering forest fire hazards, are directed to contact Warden Leggett, RFD 1, Jamesville. The cost of the service is \$6 per mile for single line plowing, the warden stating that 100 miles had already been signed, that other applications would be serviced as soon as possible.

Name Committee Members for PTA In Local School

President Hugh G. Horton Is Calling For Support From Groups

Naming eleven committees this week with the possibility that others will be called upon to help advance an active program, Hugh G. Horton, local parent-teacher association president, today addressed a strong plea to everyone, especially the committee members, to support the organization and earnestly work for the interests of this district's school children.

The committee list for the current term follows: Finance: Mrs. D. R. Davis, chairman, Mrs. W. Harrell Everett, H. P. Mobley, Mrs. V. J. Spivey, Tom Brandon, and Mrs. W. O. Griffin.

Program: Mrs. Herbert Taylor, chairman, B. G. Stewart, E. R. Froneberger, Mrs. John Goff, Mrs. Marvin Britton and D. V. Clayton. Membership: Mrs. Irving Margolis, chairman, Wheeler Martin, Mrs. Victor Brown, James Herbert Ward, and Mrs. M. M. Levin.

Social: Miss Florine Clark, chairman, Mrs. J. D. Page, Mrs. C. T. Rodgers, Mrs. Ed Thornton, Mrs. P. O. Hollomon, and Mrs. R. E. Kimball.

Publicity: Mrs. Alex Jones, chairman, and F. M. Manning. Transportation: (To carry sick children home) Mrs. J. E. King, chairman, Mrs. James Bailey, Mrs. A. J. Manning, Jr., Congress Publications: R. L. Coburn, chairman, Clyde Manning, and A. J. Manning.

National Parent-Teacher: Miss Ruth Manning, chairman, Mrs. D. C. McLawhorn, and Marvin Britton. Procedure and By-Laws: Elbert S. Peel, chairman, B. D. Courtney, Mrs. G. G. Woulard, and D. R. Davis.

Lunch-room-grammar school: Mr. J. C. Eubanks, chairman, Mrs. Robert Manning, Haek Gaylord, Mrs. W. R. Glover, Mrs. B. G. Stewart, and Mr. C. J. Goodman. Lunch-room high school: Mrs. George Peel, chairman, Mrs. George Hatton Gurganus, Mrs. J. H. Edwards, Mrs. Ralph Parker, Mrs. Bob Leggett, and R. E. Kimball.

Costume Ball To Be Held Saturday Night At Center

A costume ball will be held in the youth recreation center Saturday night from 8:30 until 11:30. A prize is to be given the girl with the most attractive costume. During intermission the contestants will walk across the stage after which a special dance will be held for them. Meanwhile the judges will render their decision and the prize will be awarded.

Tonight the center will open at 7:30 and close at 11:00. The hours for Saturday afternoon are from 2:30 until 5:00. On Sunday the afternoon hours are from 2:30 to 5:00 and after church on Sunday night from 8:30 to 10:30.

Good Health Week To Be Observed In State Nov. 7-15th

District Chairman Chas. H. Jenkins Appoints Chairman For County

District Chairman Chas. H. Jenkins of the North Carolina Good Health Association yesterday announced the appointment of a member of the Enterprise staff as chairman of the association's campaign in this county.

District Chairman Jenkins, prominent automobile dealer in northeastern Carolina and a member of the General Assembly, said that the Good Health Week observance would begin November 9th but that there would be no campaigns to raise money nor would the people be asked to vote on any proposition. They will be urged to consider the health of both themselves and their fellow-citizens in this state, he said.

The appointment of a local newspaperman to head the county drive is in line with the decision of the recent press convention to support the Good Health program to the utmost.

The North Carolina Good Health Association was organized 18 months ago at a meeting in Thomasville of more than 200 of the State's leading medical men and laymen. Its purpose is to permanently promote good health. Its first objective, to this end, is the enlightenment of the people as to the need for more hospitals and health centers, more hospital insurance, more doctors and nurses and more medical services in general.

Incorporators of the Good Health Association constitute its board of directors. They are R. Flake Shaw, Ben Cone, Julian Price, and Mrs. Harry Caldwell, of Greensboro; Dr. W. B. Coppridge, George Watts Hill, and William B. Umstead, of Durham; Irving Carlyle, Winston-Salem, Thomas J. Pearsall and Hyman L. Battle, Rocky Mount; Charles A. Cannon, Concord; Josephus Daniels, Raleigh; and Dr. L. G. Greer, of Thomasville, who is also president of the Association.

Harry B. Caldwell, former master of the State Grange, is executive secretary.

Statistics clearly reveal the need for a program of better health in North Carolina. More than a third of the counties in the state have no hospital beds. North Carolina stands 42nd among the states in the number of hospital beds per thousand population. Forty-four states rank ahead of North Carolina in the number of physicians per thousand population. In the death rate of infants, 33 states have a lower percentage than North Carolina. In 40 other states, statistically speaking, a mother has a better chance of surviving childbirth than in North Carolina.

Dark as this picture may appear, medical experts are of the opinion that the people of this state can lick this problem. They declare that it will take a prodigious amount of work but the leaders of the Good Health Association are willing to tackle it.

County Court Has \$1,834.90 Revenue

The Martin County Recorder's Court turned into the county treasury a total of \$1,834.90 in fines and costs during the month of September, according to a preliminary report submitted by Clerk L. B. Wynne a few days ago.

Most of the amount, \$1,335.00, was in fines, the costs amounting to \$499.90. The superior court turned over to the treasurer a total of \$196.30. While the amount is small compared with the county court total, it is larger than usual.

The register of deeds office reported revenue in the sum of \$280.05, a goodly portion of which was recognized from \$2 fees from marriage licenses.

Miscellaneous items from other county offices amounted to \$264.88.

Possibly at no other time in the history of the county has its revenue been larger while expenses were held to a low minimum. Tax collections are very favorable, and the financial picture for the county is the best ever.

Carnival Cleanest Ever To Pitch A Tent In Section

All Activities Handled In Strict Conformity With The Law

The lid on gambling was clamped down tight on promiscuous and den gambling this week, making the carnival now in the old fair grounds here one of the "cleanest" ever to play here. With just about a block of gambling tables idle, the show is offering some good, clean fun with its several rides, "cat" stands, and freak shows. Comparatively small crowds attended the carnival during the early part of the week but the attendance is increasing. Zacchini, fired from a cannon each evening at about 10 o'clock is attracting much attention as the free act of the show. He will appear in his special and daring act Saturday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock when children will be admitted to the grounds free until that evening.

Hesitating to act against the questionable practices as long as they were sponsored within the limits of various towns by different organizations, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck moved to clamp the lid down on what had the promise of being one of the most extensive gambling programs anyone as yet dared to fling directly into the face of the public in this section.

The present show is out of town authorities' jurisdiction, and the county officer declared that he would be derelict in his duty to allow the gambling tables to run wide open. The officer's bold stand was upheld by public leaders and officials, the county commissioners refusing to intervene or recommend leniency when the show operators appealed to them personally and individually.

Reports stated that indirect representatives of the show had observed the wide open gambling and indecent and vulgar program sponsored by various organizations in two towns in this county earlier in the summer, and acting on that premise moved in this week for a "big killing". The show management argued long and diligently, repeating over and over that other shows had run wide open, that the lid had been clamped down tight on it. The sheriff, each time, explained that the shows operated within town limits, and that he respected the policies of the town authorities, that he did not feel justified usurping jurisdiction there. But in the county where he is held responsible by the public, he felt it his sworn and solemn duty to act. After the officer explained his stand and made arrangements for a station wagon to haul any and all alleged violators to the bar of justice, the management yielded and while the gambling tables were lighted during the week they were deserted. The management had gambled with the possibility of advancing his program after a wide open fashion and lost, and in the end he accepted.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways so far this year have battered or wrecked beyond repair 100 or more vehicles, injured 78 persons, quite a few of them seriously and permanently, and snuffed out the lives of three others in 100 accidents. The list does not include Joe Hollis's steer cart accident.

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.

42nd Week			
Accidents	Inj'd	Killed	Damage
1946	1	2	0 \$ 850
1945	2	7	0 900

Comparisons To Date			
1946	100	78	3 24,500
1945	56	35	6 11,350