

Manufacture Of Illicit Liquors On The Increase

Officers Destroyed Sixteen Plants In County In Past Month

The manufacture of illicit liquor reached a peak for the year in this county last month, according to a report released by ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck. The increase, according to the officer, was prompted by high prices generally received for farm commodities and by the limited stocks in the legal stores.

During the month of October, Officer Roebuck, assisted by Deputy Roy Peel, wrecked sixteen plants, several of which were equipped with copper kettles ranging in capacity up to about 100 gallons. Thirteen gallons of illicit liquor was confiscated along with several quarts of inferior quality legal brands. The officers poured out 1,350 gallons of beer which the officers stated was made principally with cheap molasses. "It was one month we found no sugar beer," Officer Roebuck said.

Two arrests were made during the period and there were two convictions in the courts. Fines were imposed during the month in the sum of \$400 and road terms amounted to six months.

Completing their work of the month, the officers last Wednesday raided in the Free Union section of Jamesville Township where they wrecked a 100-gallon copper still and poured out 50 gallons of molasses beer. The operators had just left the plant a short time before, and the officers tracked them out of the woods, across a field and into another woods where they found ten gallons of illicit liquor.

That afternoon the officers raided in Bear Grass Township and wrecked a plant equipped with an oil drum. There was only one fermenter and it contained poor quality slop, according to the officers.

Retired Teacher Dies In County

J. J. Ward, respected colored citizen and a retired preacher-teacher, died in the county home near here Thursday morning at 7:00 o'clock. He had been in failing health for some time and heart trouble was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Eighty-four years old the 25th of October, the retired minister was born in this county. Completing the ninth grade, he started teaching school in Beaufort County and after spending four years there he returned to this county and continued to teach until 1938 when he was retired on a small pension. Without immediate relatives, he made his home with friends until last December 3 when he entered the county home.

Funeral arrangements were not completed immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Bream, Roanoke District Evangelists for the Churches of Christ, will begin a revival meeting in Everett Brothers vacant store, Hamilton, Sunday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Bream will have charge of the Children's and Young Peoples chorus and Bible Drills each evening at 7.

Evangelist Bream has been holding revivals throughout the Roanoke District since the first of May with one hundred and sixty additions. Before coming to North Carolina, he had spent a year and a half in Texas, doing a similar work for the Christian Laymen of Texas. He is a noted Bible teacher and preacher. Mrs. Bream is an experienced worker with young people. The chorus and Bible work is a strong feature of the meeting.

County Court Fines Amount To \$860.00

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

One person was seriously hurt in one of the two highway accidents reported in this county last week. Property damage was boosted by \$325, the total figure for the first 43 weeks of 1946 standing at \$24,825.

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.

43rd Week			
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge			
1946	3	2	\$ 325
1945	3	1	0
Comparisons To Date			
1946	103	80	3 24,825
1945	59	36	6 11,875

New Firm Opens Here Saturday

Handling Westinghouse products, Stromberg-Carlson radios and all types of small electrical appliances, K. D. Worrell is opening for business in the building next to Cherry's Furniture Store across the street from the town hall on Saturday of this week. The building has been renovated and painted inside and out and shelving has been placed for the display of various types of electrical equipment and appliances.

Assigned all of Washington, most of Martin and parts of Bertie County, Mr. Worrell will make this headquarters for Westinghouse products, and maintain distribution from this point. Mr. Worrell explained today that he had received a number of refrigerators, but that most of them were distributed immediately. He added that prospects are encouraging for larger shipments this month and next, that by the early part of next year deliveries possibly could be effected without great delay. At the same time, the supply of quite a few items is sufficient to insure immediate delivery.

In addition to sales, a business in which Mr. Worrell has had sixteen years experience, the new firm has made arrangements for a dependable maintenance service. Mr. Lewis Pippin, an electrical school graduate who has had much experience in servicing home refrigerating units and appliances, will head the department, Mr. Worrell announced.

Church Meeting In Greenville

The annual convention of the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina will convene with the Eighth Street Christian Church in Greenville on November 6-9.

Dr. M. E. Sadler, a native Tar Heel, now president of Texas Christian University, will be the guest speaker of the convention. Many outstanding preachers of the Brotherhood, both within the state and those over the nation will be present. Emphasis will be given the world program launched at the International convention recently held at Columbus, Ohio, on "A Crusade for a Christian World." A complete program will be presented later.

Law Enforcement Officers To Meet

Law enforcement officers of northeastern North Carolina are invited to attend a FBI conference in the municipal building in Ahsokie next Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. John C. Bills, special agent in charge of the FBI Ahsokie district announced that Chief J. R. Thomas of Rocky Mount would appear on the program, and that problems in practical arrests would be demonstrated.

Chief Chas. Mobley, Cpl. Simpson, Patrolman Saunders, Sheriff Roebuck and Chief Smith of Robersonville are planning to attend from this county, it was learned.

Call Forty Cases For Trial During Monday's Session

Several Road Sentences are Imposed By Judge J. C. Smith

Handling one of the largest dockets in several months, the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday imposed fines in the amount of \$860 and meted out several road sentences. Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson worked until almost 5:00 o'clock that afternoon before clearing the docket. One or two cases were continued and judgment was held in abeyance in several others. The court room was packed during the morning and early afternoon.

Proceedings: Adjudged guilty of stealing a stand of lard from Roberson's slaughter house back in 1945, Richard Vines was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$250.

Johnny Tyson, Beaufort County young man and veteran shortly out of a government hospital, was in the court on a drunken driving charge. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court recommending that no license be issued the defendant for twelve months.

Drunk and disorderly, Sidney Harris was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost.

Gilbert Peel, colored, was sentenced to the roads when he was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest.

The case charging Dalton Brown and Lewis Winberry with assaulting each other with deadly weapons, was continued until next Monday.

Neal Davis, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was adjudged not guilty.

Jeremiah James was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with assault with a deadly weapon.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest, Marshall Scott was sentenced to the roads for six months. Facing an assault with a deadly weapon charge in a second case, Scott was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the road for nine months, the sentences to run consecutively.

Henry Peel, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct and assaults with deadly weapons, R. B. Spruill, Warren Griffin and William Alfred Wiggins were adjudged guilty of simple assault and each was required to pay the costs.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with the theft of a pig from Farmer W. G. Peele on the Wilson farm, Charlie Wiggins and John Smallwood were adjudged guilty, and each defendant was sentenced to the roads for nine months. They appealed to the higher courts and bond in the sum of \$500 was required of Smallwood and \$350 of Wiggins. Smallwood, charged with possession of illicit liquor for sale in a second case, was sentenced to the roads for six months.

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Complaints Will Get Recognition

Meeting in their regular monthly meeting next Monday evening, Williamston's town commissioners are expected to recognize numerous complaints directed against the promiscuous shooting of fireworks within the town limits. The firing of fireworks is now banned by a special ordinance in certain areas, and the authorities are expected to amend the law to further restrict the use of fireworks or ban them altogether.

As far as it could be learned very little new business is on the calendar for consideration at the meeting next Monday night.

Taxi Damaged In Early Fire Here

Apparently starting from a burning cigarette dropped on the rear seat, fire burned the interior of a taxi belonging to James E. Harrison at 4:00 o'clock Thursday morning. The operator, Roy Hinson, left the cab in front of the Willie Modlin home about midnight Wednesday and was awakened when the fire shorted the horn wires. The fire department was called and damage was confined to the interior of the car.

The owner stated that he had all kinds of insurance on the vehicle except fire protection. No estimate on the loss could be had immediately.

Gambling Den Is Dealt Knock-Out Blow By Courts

Operator Draws Six Months On Roads In One Case And Fine In Second

A gambling den, said to have accommodated as many as seventy-seven more or less regular customers at different times, of course, over a long period, was dealt a knock-out blow by Judge J. C. Smith in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday afternoon. The operator, Henry Crawford, had been notified to vacate his rooming quarters on the third floor of the Guaranty Bank building by November 1, but the court moved up the moving day when Henry was indirectly forced to change his home address to the state's road camp system.

Their attention attracted to the spot about two weeks ago when a young man was thought to have been beaten almost to death, officers raided the place, jailed Crawford and cited ten others to the court. The victim of the brutal beating, under an eighteen-month suspended sentence, had the term invoked by Judge Smith who added another sentence of six months to run concurrently with the first.

Fines imposed by Judge Smith in the gambling den cases added up to \$550.00.

Facing three charges, Henry Crawford was sentenced to the roads for six months in the case charging him with maintaining a room for the purpose of gambling. In the second case in which he was charged with the possession of legal liquor for the purpose of sale, Crawford was sentenced to the roads for six months, the road term to begin at the expiration of the first. The last six months sentence is to be suspended if the defendant pays a \$100 fine and the court costs. The case charging Crawford with an assault with a deadly weapon was not proessed. Seven quarts of reportedly inferior quality liquor were poured out at the direction of the court.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and gambling, George M. Hardison was adjudged guilty of simple assault and gambling. He was fined \$65 and taxed with the cost.

Charged with gambling, Robert Harrell was sentenced to the roads for six months, the term to run concurrently with one imposed on him last August when he faced the court on an assault with a deadly weapon charge. The eighteen months road sentence was suspended at that time on condition that he violate no criminal law. It was automatically invoked when he was adjudged guilty of gambling.

Pleading guilty in the cases charging them with gambling, William Lambert, Bee Moore, E. C. Moore, Jesse Moore, Sylvester Moore and others were fined and taxed with the costs.

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Big Increase In Number Of Aluminum Articles

Finding many articles and items in short supply, quite a number of consumers believe manufacture is at a standstill. However, recent reports maintain that production is passing all expectations in numerous instances.

Aluminum ware is reaching the retail market at seven times its prewar rate, and the output is still being "sopped up like a blotter." Stainless steel cooking utensils are still scarce, but deliveries are far above those of a year ago.

Predicting Small Vote In General Election Tuesday

About One-Fourth of Normal Strength Likely To Be Voiced In County

With no spirited contests on the ballots and with very little interest in the fate of the two proposals to amend the State Constitution, observers are predicting that a small vote will be cast in this county in the general election next Tuesday. About the only reason for a Martin County Democrat to visit the polls next Tuesday is to insure the election of Herbert Bonner for Congress in this district and to offset any strength two Republican nominees, Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., for associate justice of the State Supreme Court, and Oscar B. Turner for superior court judge in the sixth district, may have in the western section of the State and in those other areas where Republican strength is asserted.

Some more or less heated contests are expected in the western part of the State, and in some of the other states really hot elections are predicted. But no such interest is to be expected in this county where nomination is tantamount to election.

In the last off-year election held in 1942, only 1,137 votes were cast in this county. In the lone district contest Herbert Bonner led J. C. Meekins 1,092 to 16 for Congress from this district. The vote that year was hardly one-fourth the size of the vote cast in the presidential election two years later when Roosevelt polled 4,408 votes to Dewey's 133 in this county.

Provision is made for the voters to vote a straight ticket for their respective party candidates by marking the circle at the top of the list. It isn't likely that any of the nominees representing either party will be scratched by many electors.

Ballots are being distributed this week to the various precinct registrars in preparation for the voting which gets under way next Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock. The polls close at 6:30 o'clock that evening.

No election party will be held that night by The Enterprise, but requests have been made by the press associations to have the returns tabulated in the county so they can be fitted into the state picture.

Referee Hearing In Land Dispute

Appointed by the court, Attorney Wheeler Martin heard evidence during a greater part of last Tuesday in the case of John T. Smithwick against the James Tyre heirs. The land in dispute is less than four acres and its nominal value is far less than what the costs will amount to in carrying the issue through the courts.

About thirty witnesses were called to offer testimony and a special court reporter came here from Fayetteville to take the evidence. The reporter is now reviewing the evidence and it will be reviewed by the referee who is to file his report with the court shortly. Detailed maps were made of the property which is located in Cypress Branch in Griffins Township.

At least one of the witnesses was called from another state, and one or two from adjoining counties.

Commissioners' Meeting Monday

While no large calendar of business is scheduled, the Martin County Commissioners in their regular meeting next Monday are likely to take a definite stand against carnivals. It is believed the commissioners will go on record as favoring the application of tax schedules against all carnivals and shows, that the stand taken recently by law enforcement officers against wide-open gambling will be officially commended.

Listed among the routine duties to be handled at the meeting next Monday is the selection of jury-men for the December term of the Martin County Superior Court.

Election on Tuesday Has Three Contests

No Opposition At All Is On Ticket For County Posts

Judges and Congressman Opposed; To Vote On Two Amendments

Martin County voters will be confronted with a long list of names but only three contests when they go to the polls next Tuesday to participate in an off-year political election. In addition to the three political contests, the voters will be asked to either support or reject two proposed amendments to the North Carolina State Constitution. As usual, the county ticket lists no opposition, but unless someone votes for the Democratic nominees, their election will miscarry.

On the county ticket appear the names of the following Democratic party nominees: George M. Fountain for solicitor, second solicitorial district; Hugh G. Horton and John C. Rodman for the State Senate, second senatorial district; Charles B. Martin for State House of Representatives; L. Bruce Wynne for clerk superior court, C. B. Roebuck for sheriff, R. H. Smith for treasurer, J. C. Smith for judge of the recorder's court, S. R. Biggs for coroner, A. Corey for surveyor, and R. L. Perry, Joshua L. Coltrain, R. A. Haislip, C. A. Roberson and J. H. Edwards for county commissioners. The Republican side of the county ballot is blank.

On the state ticket the contest between Herber C. Bonner and Zeno O. Racliff for congress possibly will attract the most attention. Mr. Ratcliff, the Republican candidate, is little known in this county and he can expect only a very small vote.

The second contest on the state ticket is between M. V. Barnhill, Democratic nominee, and Herbert F. Seawell, Jr., Republican, for associate justice of the State Supreme Court. And in the last and third contest on the state ticket Henry L. Stevens, Jr., Democrat, is opposed by Oscar B. Turner, Republican, for judge superior court in the sixth district.

Names of other democratic nominees who are without opposition appear on the ticket, as follows: J. Wallace Winborne for associate justice of Supreme Court, C. E. Thompson for judge superior court, first district; Walter J. Bone for judge superior court, second district; J. Paul Frizzelle for judge superior court, fifth district; John J. Burney for judge superior court, eighth district; Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., for judge superior court, ninth district; Leo Carr for judge superior court, tenth district; H. Hoyle Sink for judge superior court, twelfth district; William H. Bobbitt for judge superior court, fourteenth district; Wilson Warlick for judge superior court, sixteenth district, and Allen H. Gwyn for judge superior court, twenty-first district.

The two amendments proposed to the State Constitution are believed to have been advanced in the name of better government. The No. 1 would make the Constitution equally applicable to men and women, and the No. 2 proposal would allow limited necessary expenses of members of the General Assembly. It has been pointed out that the man of moderate means can hardly exist on the meager salary, that a limited expense account would invite more candidates from the lower income bracket.

Plans Series Of Teacher Meetings

Beginning on Saturday of this week grade teachers in the several white elementary schools will meet with Miss Lissie Pearce, elementary school supervisor, in the little workshop just back of the courthouse to discuss uniform teaching practices and standards. The first grade teachers are to meet this week, Miss Pearce announced and other meetings will follow each Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock through the eighth grade with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday weeks.

County Store Is Robbed Thursday

Breaking into Tony Council's small country store on Highway No. 11 sometime during Wednesday night, robbers stole and carried away a greater part of the stock, one report stating that the thieves literally cleaned the store from wall to wall. Few details of the robbery could be learned here, but officers started an investigation immediately. The store was stocked mostly with groceries.

MARKET

Handling some damaged leaf and an increasing proportion of inferior quality tobacco, the local market made the lowest average Wednesday since September 29, but even then the price range was right at 50 cents a pound. Reports indicate that the better quality grades are not up to the peak maintained over a period of weeks up until a few days ago, but those better types are fast disappearing from the market. In fact, poundage is dropping rapidly day by day, and it is believed that the crop will have been marketed in its entirety in a few more weeks.

The market has handled this week approximately 400,000 pounds, boosting the sales for the season to approximately 10,450,000 pounds for a price average right at 51 cents a pound.

To Face Criminal Charge In County

Charged with breaking into and robbing the Smith Hardware Company in Robersonville on June 15, 1940, James Williams, alias James Spellman, is to be returned to the county next Monday to stand trial for the six-year-old alleged crime, it was learned today from the sheriff's office.

Following the robbery, the sheriff's office got the robber's fingerprints off a peach can and a hacksaw. The prints were sent to the FBI in Washington, D. C., but none was found to match them. About three months later, Williams was arrested in Salisbury, Maryland, for the larceny of a car. His fingerprints were filed in the FBI office and were later matched with those taken from the hacksaw and peach can. Williams, stealing about \$200 worth of merchandise from the hardware store and doing about \$100 damage to the iron safe there, is completing a sentence in the Maryland penitentiary and Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is leaving here Sunday to greet the man when he walks out of the prison Monday morning.

Dr. Miller will preach his first sermon in the Everetts Church next Sunday, November 3. A chaplain in the Army for several years Dr. Miller is a comparatively new man in the state and comes highly recommended to the Everetts church. He was reared in Ohio and most of his early ministry was spent in the state of Indiana.

Home-coming was observed by the Everetts church last Sunday and at the evening service the members voted unanimously to call Dr. Miller. The attendance for the annual event was large and it was said the members of the church had prepared enough food to feed an even larger crowd than was on hand for the special service.

Everetts Church Calls Dr. Miller

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Judge Jno. Hassell Has Eleven Cases In Mayor's Court

Fines And Costs Amount To \$137.50 In Sessions Held Recently

Judge John L. Hassell handled eleven cases in his justice of the peace court here during the past few days. Two of them, involving alleged assaults and larceny, were sent to the higher courts for trial. Fines were collected in the sum of \$57.50, the \$80 costs boosting the income of the court to \$137.50.

Proceedings: Cleaster Page, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, was fined \$20 and required to pay \$9.00 costs.

Booked for disorderly conduct and adjudged guilty, Lemuel Outerbridge was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

George Hayes, drunk and down on the highway, was fined \$5 and required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, James Coburn was fined \$5 and taxed with \$10.50 costs.

Drunk and down, Beattie Andrews was fined \$5.00 and taxed with \$8.50 costs.

John Smith, drunk on the highway, was fined \$5 plus \$8.50 costs.

William Bell, drunk and down, was required to pay a \$5 fine with \$6.50 costs added.

Herbert Cherry, drunk and down, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

James L. Walker, drunk and down, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$10.50 costs.

Charged with assaulting a female, Woodrow Wisby was bound over to the county court for trial. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

Levi Jones, charged with entering a dwelling house and committing larceny, was bound over to the superior court for trial in December. He was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$200.

Form Basketball Semi-Pro League

The Goober Belt League, a semi-pro basketball outfit, was recently organized at a meeting of interested players and fans in Windsor this week. Nine teams have signed, including Greenville, Conway, Roanoke Rapids, Woodland, Chowan, Jamesville, Williamston, Colerain and Windsor. Three other towns, Weldon, Wilson and Ahsokie, are interested and it is likely that the league will have a membership of twelve teams.

Representing the two towns entering the league from this county, C. A. Brown, B. O. Simpson, Ernest Mears, L. W. Cone, Jack Manning, S. C. Griffin, Jr., Hack Gaylord and Ronald White, are making plans for starting a practice schedule in the high school gym here next Monday night. Former college basketball players are invited to attend and bid for places on the team.

The regular season for the league opens the first week in December and runs until the early part of March, according to the tentative schedule adopted this week at the meeting.

Official Reports On National Meet

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