

Twenty-One Cases In County Court Monday Morning

Fines, Amounting to \$375, Imposed By Judge J. Calvin Smith

Judge J. Calvin Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session about three hours before clearing a 21-case docket last Monday morning. Attracting only a medium-sized audience, the court imposed fines amounting to \$375 and meted out several road sentences.

Proceedings: The case charging Cato Andrews with allowing a non-licensed operator to drive a car was dropped from the docket, but is subject to be reopened.

Adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence, Joe Clark was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs and \$8 to Haywood James for medical treatment rendered James' daughter. The court also warned the defendant that he is to violate no law during the next year.

The case charging Charles M. Crould with operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked was continued until next Monday.

Pleading guilty in the case in which she was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Frances Stancill was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost.

Hosea James, charged with violating the liquor laws, was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The court also warned the defendant to have no intoxicating liquors or materials designed for the manufacture of illicit liquor in his possession during the next two years.

Magazine Keys was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs when arraigned on a disorderly conduct charge.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Charlie Rhodes was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The court suspended the road sentence for one year upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant is not to be publicly drunk during the period of suspension.

Charged with speeding, James Wilson was adjudged guilty on that count and also driving without a license. He was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

Noah Frazier, pleading guilty of being publicly drunk, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$20 fine and the costs.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with violating the health laws, William Alfred Wiggins was adjudged guilty and judgment was suspended by the court upon the payment of the trial costs.

The case charging Jasper Wiggins with violating the health laws was continued until the first Monday in September, the court requiring the payment of the trial costs.

Injured In Auto Accident Tuesday

Mrs. Alonza Bland suffered a painful but believed not serious knee injury in an automobile accident on a dirt road just off Highway 125 last Tuesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock.

Johnnie Blake Harrell of Greenville had driven his 1941 Ford off Highway 125 just this side of Abbit's mill and was rounding a curve on the Slaughter House Road when he met and crashed headon into a car driven by Archie Lee Perry who was accompanied by Mrs. Bland and others. Mrs. Bland was treated in a doctor's office here and is now able to be out.

Damage to the Perry car was estimated at \$100 and repairs to the Harrell car will cost around \$50. Patrolman W. E. Saunders, investigating the accident, said:

Harrell, charged with operating a motor vehicle on the left side of the road, is scheduled to appear Saturday morning for a hearing.

Motorists Delay Reporting For New Drivers' Licenses

Motorists whose last names begin with the letter A or B are slow reporting for the new type drivers' licenses, Safety Examiner James Boyce said yesterday. There have been a few times when the bureau, located in the county courthouse here, was rushed, but the examiner has been there several hours without receiving an applicant.

It is believed that some of the motorists in the designated alphabetical category are delaying the tests possibly because they are afraid they'll lose their driver's licenses. It has been pointed out that drivers may retain their licenses under most all conditions through December 31, that if they have not procured the new type by that time they'll be subject to court action. In other words there is no good reason why motorists whose last names begin with the letter A or B should delay taking the tests. If too many

wait until the last minute, the rush will be so great that the applicants cannot be handled with dispatch and the new type licenses must be had by the last of next December. After that date applicants whose names begin with the letter C and so on will be received by the licensing bureau.

Commenting on his work in this county to date, Examiner Boyce said that only three out of 70 applicants had failed the tests and two of them had not applied for licenses before. The third one failed because of defective vision, but possibly he'll be able to qualify by having his eyes fitted with glasses.

Two examiners are working in this county at the present time. One is located in the courthouse each Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and the other is located in Robersonville each Friday from 9 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Little Tobacco Left In Excess of Quotas

GOING UP

Official returns are not yet in, but the magazine, "Business Week", predicts that "corporate profits for the first half of this year undoubtedly were the highest ever."

In its current issue, the magazine estimated that the six months' profits will reach an annual rate of "more than sixteen billion dollars"—almost 25 percent greater than

100 percent above the previous peacetime high set in the year 1929.

Hog Thief Active Again In County

For the fourth time in recent weeks hog thieves quickly and effectively struck farmers' hog pens and pastures in this county, their latest visit centering in Farmer Alfred Taylor's pasture on the Alvin Roebuck farm between Robersonville and Parme some time during last Tuesday night.

Employing what are certain to be crude methods of butchery, the thieves, making their second visit to the same farm, carried away two hogs weighing about 110 pounds each and left one ham cut open.

Some weeks ago Mr. Taylor missed two hogs from his pasture and he first thought they broke through the fence. Feeding his hogs once each day late in the evening the farmer missed two more Wednesday evening and having heard about the hog-snatchers he investigated and found where the last two pigs were fled. The thieves have been operating between the Connie B. Clark farm east of Everetts and Parme. Officers have not yet been able to establish a definite lead in any of the cases, but extensive investigations have been made in this and surrounding counties.

Finding the territory along Highway 64 too hot for the safe keeping of their hogs, farmers were reported Thursday to be moving their swine to pens on neighbors' farms some distance from the main highway.

Home Agents Will Meet Here Friday

Northeastern North Carolina home demonstration agents will hold a meeting of their district association in the county courthouse here on Friday of this week. Approximately thirty agents are expected for the sessions which will get underway about 10:30 a. m.

Following lunch, the agents will hold an afternoon session. Mrs. Celeste Sawyer, Pasquotank County home agent, is to preside over the sessions.

Representative Of Polio Foundation Here Last Tuesday

Explains Use of Iron Lung To Small Group In The County Courthouse

State representative for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Prevention, Philip Randolph of Chapel Hill, speaking to a limited number at the special AMVETS meeting Tuesday night in the court house, praised the local chapter for its efforts to secure an infant's iron lung for Martin County. Mr. Randolph pointed out that these lungs may be used for children up to 5 or 6 years of age, depending on the size of the child. He further emphasized that the lung is used for other purposes such as respiratory diseases and premature children.

Adult lungs aren't satisfactory for children because there is too much space inside the lung for the small child's body to adequately fill it, the speaker said.

An infant's lung carries all the equipment and safety devices and with proper care should last a lifetime. It is simple to operate and should not be feared, the speaker added.

It was further stated that when such a lung was needed nothing could take its place. Mr. Randolph explained to his listeners that his office knows where every lung in the state is located and when a call for one comes, the nearest one to the need is sent. Often times states exchange the lungs and all transportation costs are paid by the hospital using the lung.

"The positive assurance that one is available means a lot," Mr. Randolph declared.

With a lung Martin County people would have that assurance.

Mr. Randolph also mentioned the extra acreage in most cases, according to unofficial but reliable reports heard here this week. The reports are not complete but they were based on 1,475 of the 1,600 tobacco farms in the county.

It is fairly apparent now that actual plantings have been brought to within about 20 acres of the allotments by those who intentionally or unintentionally planted in excess of their quotas. It could not be learned immediately but it is fairly certain that the crop, taken as a whole, is considerably below the total allotment, the supervisors stating that many farmers fell from a fraction of an acre to several acres below their quotas.

It was reported about the middle of this week that 125 farms either have not been measured or the reports are being held by the supervisors. Aside from the 125 farms, fifty-two farms have been found to be in excess of the given allotments, but in nearly half of those cases, the excess was only one-tenth of an acre, a few reporting approximately two acres over and above the quota. Unofficial reports state that some farmers destroyed several acres ahead of the filing of the reports and are now in position to escape penalties and participate in the price equalization program.

Up until Wednesday no reports had been filed for 13 farms in Bear Grass, 9 in Cross Roads, 69 in Goose Nest, 5 in Griffins, 11 in Hamilton, one in Poplar Point, 11 in Robersonville, 2 in Williams and 4 in Williamston Townships. Jamesville was reported complete.

Several farmers with excess acreage plan to harvest it and pay the marketing penalty. In other cases the excess planter may call for a recheck by contacting the county agent's office and agreeing to pay the added cost.

Tobacco acreage notices are to go out to the growers shortly, and those who have excess acreage and who want to make some disposition of it before the marketing season may do one of three things, according to the department. The farmer with excess acreage may pay the penalty in advance, or store the excess tobacco under bond, or furnish proof to the county committee that the excess tobacco is unmarketable.

The office is calling on the supervisors, urging them to complete

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Warning Against Rebuilding Basic German Industry

Conflicting Reports Plague Situation Existing In European Nations

A proposal by the United States to rebuild German industry on a large scale either to restore its economy or as a buffer state against Russia is being warned against by several countries.

During the meantime conflicting reports on the foreign situation continue to come from the high places. Secretary of State George Marshall speaking to a group of Congressmen in Washington a few days ago left the impression that the situation was grave. But Senator Elbert Thomas (Democrat of Utah), just back from Europe, told Americans not to be "discouraged" about "Russia, and drew a parallel between present animosity toward the USSR and the "concert" of hostility once directed against the revolution-born U. S. A.

He said the U. S. A. was now using the "proper approach", but declared: "You can't force Russia any more than Russia can force us. If it is going to be a matter of force and propaganda, we both lose."

Thomas, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, attended the International Labor Organization conference at Geneva. In a radio interview over station WEAM, he predicted "things will come out of Russia all right" when the Soviet people get "true education."

He said we should realize "how new the Russian revolution is" and remember for example the spirit of the world toward the young U. S. A. 25 years after our own revolution.

Stated by a member of Europe organized against us, against democracy, and against popular sovereignty, think of these things, and you are not going to be discouraged."

Thomas pointed out that Russia's educational problems are entirely different than ours. An elementary textbook written for all pupils, he noted, would have to be in 135 different languages.

In connection with the proposal to rebuild Germany, a report was released in Washington this week, as follows:

Poland, which refused to take part in the Paris talks on the Marshall plan, is attempting to persuade the participating powers individually that no stable peace can be expected if German industry is revived.

Poland's ambassador here, Josef Winiewicz, said in an interview that Poland's diplomatic corps is approaching various governments to protest any plan which would either (1) give priority to German needs over World War II allies, or (2) give Germany the chance to become again the industrial giant of Europe.

The Ambassador said that Poland has found it difficult to increase its sales in the American market. For that reason it applied for credits to buy American cotton.

Tobacco Harvest Well Under Way

After getting off to a slow and scattered start, the 1947 tobacco harvest is well under way in this county at the present time. Reports state that nearly every grower in the county has or will have harvested at least one barn by early next week. With some few exceptions, the reports on the curings are encouraging. "We took out some mighty sorry tobacco early in the week," one farmer said. Another said that the quality of the leaf was possibly better on his farm than it was last year.

No great difficulty is being experienced in getting labor for the harvest this year. Some farmers are finding it necessary to haul their workers, but more people are looking for work this year than last. No uniform wage scale has been reported, but wages are averaging right at \$6 a day for primers and about \$3 per day for bench workers.

Prices Average \$43 On Georgia Markets

Best Quality Leaf Sells Good, Poor Quality Is Cheap

Georgia Has Larger and Better Quality Crop This Year Than In 1946

Conflicting reports on prices and reactions of farmers came out of Georgia where the 1947 sale of leaf tobacco got underway. The reports were based on estimates and early Thursday afternoon it was impossible to determine any definite price trend, but observers were of the opinion that the average would hold close to 43 cents a pound if late sales maintained the trend set earlier in the day. One report indicated that the average during the early sales would range between 45 and 47 cents a pound for the belt, but a downward trend was reported on most markets even before the first hour of sales had been completed.

Just before noon large numbers of farmers were said to be turning their tobacco in to the Stabilization Corporation and were glad to accept the agency's support prices.

The first row of tobacco sold at Valdosta, the belt's largest market, sold mostly in the 47-56 cent range as compared with an opening-day average of 46 cents last year. Prices were said to have dropped following the first hour of sales, and farmers were turning to the Stabilization Corporation.

At Quitman the first 50,000 pounds averaged right at 45 cents and farmers were said to be "pleased" there.

Statenboro reported an average of around 43 cents for its first sales.

Nashville, reporting its quality slightly inferior to that of a year ago, had an average of 42 cents.

Adel, with prices ranging from 58 to 61 cents for the better quality grades, claimed the market was stronger than a year ago.

Statesboro reported a 43-cent price average compared with 46 a year ago, and farmers were said to be holding their tobacco off the market.

It is fairly apparent from the first rush reports that the opening did not measure up to everyone's expectations, that many farmers rejected the prices and turned to the Stabilization Corporation.

A report from Jim Gray, Robersonville tobaccoist, says that the quality at Moultrie was good, price range 4 to 56 average around 46 cents. He added that the weather was hot.

Georgia is reported to have a larger and better quality crop this season that it had a year ago, the crop reporting services estimating the production as of July 1 at 142,200,000 pounds. Last year the belt down there produced about 130,000,000 and received \$43.20 per hundred pounds.

Aged Couple Move Out Ahead of Fire

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Moore, aged couple, moved out just ahead of a fire that destroyed their home and about all their earthly belongings near Jamesville at 12:10 o'clock last Tuesday morning, according to reports reaching here.

Living alone, the couple were sleeping in a front room, the fire, starting in the kitchen, burning its way toward them rapidly when Edgar Brown and others traveling the highway saw it and called the Moores. "We had a little money, very little, and it burned along with just about everything we had," Mr. Moore said.

Seventy-two years of age and in declining health, Mr. Moore is not able to work very much and neighbors and other friends started raising a relief fund for him and his wife.

The house, a one-story, five-room structure, belonged to the Flemings in Jamesville, and it could not be learned if the property was insured.

Proclaims Quotas For Marketing of Peanuts In 1948

Plan Calls For Decrease of Nearly Million Acres Next Season

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson just recently proclaimed a marketing quota of 760,000 tons of peanuts for 1948, meaning that nearly one million acres of peanuts will have to be dropped from the total next year if support prices are to be made available after this year. The question now is: Who's going to reduce, growers in the old producing belts or those in the new areas?

Action by the secretary calling for quotas was taken as required by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933 to proclaim marketing quotas unless the supply of peanuts for edible products and vegetable oils is below domestic requirements and probable exports.

The AA Act also requires that a referendum be held not later than December 15, 1947, in which the producers of peanuts may vote for or against marketing quotas. A two-thirds vote in favor of quotas would put marketing quotas and acreage allotments into effect for the next three years.

Also a price support on 1948-crop peanuts at 90 percent of parity as of July 15, the beginning of the marketing year, is contingent upon the growers' approval of the quotas proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture. Penalties would be assessed against marketable surplus of the established quotas.

The 760,000 tons of 1948-crop peanuts, proclaimed as a marketing quota, is based upon the actual disappearance of cleaned and shelled peanuts during the last disappearance from the 1947 and 1948 crop.

Disappearance of cleaned and shelled peanuts in 1942-46 averaged 673,000 tons of farmers' stock peanuts. About 100,000 tons of this average included wartime purchases of peanuts and peanut products by the United States armed services, plus exports. Since this military demand no longer exists and exports are likely to be small, the disappearance from the 1948 crop may be only about 579,000 tons, or about the same as the disappearance from the 1946 crop.

In addition, it is expected that about 141,000 tons will be required for seed, feed, and home use on farms which produce peanuts; also that a reasonable allowance for damaged peanuts is 40,000 tons. The three items (disappearance of shelled nuts, plus the requirements for seed, feed and home use, plus damaged peanuts) add up to the 760,000 ton marketing quota for 1948.

With a determined normal yield of 634 pounds per acre during the five years 1942-46, the 760,000 tons

Room Available For Mentally Ill

Denied admittance for some time, two of this county's mentally ill were accepted by the State Hospital in Raleigh on Wednesday of this week.

Plans were made earlier in the week to take one of the subjects, and then on Tuesday county authorities were advised by the hospital that the second one could be accepted the following day.

Members of the families, tired out after maintaining 24-hour watches for days, were greatly relieved when they were advised that the two young women could be received for treatment.

Deputy Murrall Holloman, accompanied by members of the family, delivered one of the young women to the hospital a short time after members of the family had delivered the other young woman there.

Unofficial reports reaching here indicate that the institution is terribly crowded, pathetically understaffed, that one registered nurse with a few assistants handles possibly 200 patients. It has been known for a long time that salaries offered there are shamefully low.

DELEGATION

A special delegation—Mrs. P. B. Cone, Mrs. S. H. Grimes, Attorneys Edgar Gurganus and Chas. Manning of Williamston and Mr. Philip Keel of Robersonville—appeared before State Health Department authorities in Raleigh Thursday morning in the interest of a mass tuberculosis survey in Martin County. The members of the delegation addressed their appeal to Dr. T. F. Vestal, director of tuberculosis control in North Carolina.

No report on the special appeal could be had here immediately.

Prominent County Physician Passes In Robersonville

Funeral Friday Afternoon At Home There For Dr. R. J. Nelson

Dr. R. J. Nelson, prominent physician and well-known citizen of this section of the State, died at his home in Robersonville at 9:10 o'clock Thursday morning. He had been in declining health for several years and his condition had been critical for some time. He was 83 years of age.

A native of Pitt County, Dr. Nelson first located in this county at Everetts soon after earning his doctor of medicine degree. In

the late nineties to maintain just about the longest unbroken practice of any doctor ever to locate in this county. On account of his advanced age he virtually retired from active service in 1937.

Dr. Nelson was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church in Robersonville for many years, and was active in its support, taking a leading part in the construction of the new church there no so many years ago.

He was married to Miss Maggie Taylor and she survives with one son, Robert B. Nelson.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. J. R. Everett, Rev. Sidney Boone, Methodist minister, and Rev. J. M. Perry of the Robersonville Christian Church. Dr. Nelson was a member of the Masonic lodge and Masons will have charge of the graveside rites.

Charge Man With Bertie Robbery

James Willis Lloyd, local colored man, was arrested here early Tuesday evening in connection with the robbery of Joyner's filling station just beyond the river fill earlier in the day. Reports state that someone entered the station and stole about \$35 in cash and a pistol.

Returned to Windsor by Bertie officers, Lloyd was given a preliminary hearing. Unable to raise bond in the sum of \$500, he was placed in the Bertie jail. Ben Edwards, local colored boy, was temporarily detained as a witness.

Few Cases Heard In Mayor's Court

Mayor Robert Cowen heard a few cases in his court during the past few days, and bound one or two defendants over to the higher courts for trial.

Herbert Purvis, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was required to pay \$7.50 costs, the fee including the cost of spending one night in jail.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$6.50 costs each in the case charging Stewart Brown and Ann Purvis with an affray.

Waddell Roberts, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was required to pay \$8.50 costs.