

## Judge Smith Has Fourteen Cases In County Court

### Tribunal To Observe Next Monday, Tobacco Opening, As A Holiday

Calling fourteen cases, Judge J. C. Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session three hours before clearing the docket last Monday. Fines were imposed to the sum of \$315. Comparatively few spectators were present.

Judge Smith announced that the court would observe next Monday, tobacco market opening, as a holiday, that the court would resume its work on Monday, September 1.

Proceedings: The case charging John Powell with larceny and receiving was not pressed, but is subject to be reopened.

His case coming up to be heard for further judgment, Joseph Oscar Wiggins, charged with non-support, was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended and the defendant placed on probation for two years. He was directed to pay the court costs and \$6 a week beginning August 25 for the benefit of his child.

For the first time in the history of the courts of this county the court ordered a bicycle confiscated. Albert Askew, charged with transporting illicit liquor on his bicycle, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Charged with possessing legal liquor for the purpose of sale and maintaining a public nuisance at a "park" near Robersonville, Anderson W. ... He was adjudged guilty on both counts and drew a six-month sentence on the roads. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs and on the

place of business on or before August 20. He is not to reopen the establishment. Webb declared that he understood he was to be in court on Tuesday of last week and that was the reason he failed to appear on August 17. The excuse was accepted and the \$100 cash bond was ordered returned to Harry York.

The case charging Harry Mack Wynne with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, and Floyd Brown, Jr., with speeding, were continued until September 1.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Claud S. Rawls with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Thurman Thomas James was sentenced to jail for a day and fined \$40 plus costs.

Lonnie Langley, pleading guilty of assaulting a female, was fined \$25, taxed with the cost and sentenced to jail for a day.

Kelly Williams, charged with disorderly conduct and an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for four months. He pleaded guilty.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, James Oscar Melton was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. The court suspended the sentence upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to stay off the lands of V. L. Roberson (Continued on page eight)

### COLLECTIONS

A record in the early payment of Martin County taxes was reported this week by Collector M. Luther Peel. Receiving the books only a short time ago, the collector stated yesterday that over \$40,000 of the \$233,406.95 levy had already been paid, and that accounts were being settled in fairly large numbers daily. Up until August 21, last year, hardly half that amount of taxes had been collected, Mr. Peel said.

While a goodly portion of the \$40,000 was paid by large property owners, about 300 accounts have been settled, it was explained, leaving just about 7,700 accounts on the books.

## No Record Leaf Poundage Expected For First Sales

While a full-day sale is certain, no record poundage of tobacco is expected on the market for the opening sales next Monday. As compared with last season when every available foot of floor space was packed with tobacco, the opening next Monday will reflect a more orderly and sane system of marketing.

The crop is unusually late, reports stating that comparatively few farmers have completed the harvest. In some cases, curing operations will be carried well into next month. It was said that Farmer Jesse Crisp the early part of this week had not pulled the lugs from a small acreage set to the crop late in Goose Nest Township. One or two other farmers just recently pulled their sand-lugs. The crop is unusually late in the Hamilton-Oak City area. In

### LAST HOLIDAY

The last of the half-holidays went by the calendar on Wednesday of this week, but not until business operators and employees had enjoyed the short vacation snatches to the fullest since last June. From now on out only the scheduled holidays will be observed.

## Funeral Thursday For Mrs. Mobley

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Cross Roads on Thursday morning at 5:05 o'clock for Mrs. Curtis R. Mobley who died there Wednesday morning at 5:05 o'clock. In declining health the greater part of a year, Mrs. Mobley had received special treatment in several hospitals during that time and her condition had been critical about one week. Elder A. B. Ayers and Rev. W. B. Harrington conducted the last rites and burial was in the Biggs Family Cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

The daughter of the late Samuel and Mollie Keel Biggs, Mrs. Mobley, the former Miss Mattie Biggs, was born near Williamston on September 5, 1909, and spent most of her life in that community. She was married to Mr. Mobley on December 8, 1927, and he survives with seven children, Dallas Biggs Mobley, Joyce Ann Mobley, Curtis Randolph Mobley, Kenneth Peel Mobley, Carolyn Jeanette Mobley and one-year-old twins, Ronald and Donald Mobley, all of the home; one sister, Mrs. Robert Rogerson, and two brothers, Herman and Russell Biggs, all of near Williamston.

Mrs. Mobley was a devoted wife and mother, and lived a life of a good neighbor and friend to all.

## Loses His Second Barn This Season

Leo Gainer, Goose Nest Township farmer, lost his second barn of tobacco by fire this season last Wednesday morning.

His first barn, containing just a few hundred sticks of sand lugs, was burned about three weeks ago. A new barn was built and the farmer was curing some of his best tobacco when one of the oil burners flared up while he was adjusting it and fired the dry tobacco. The man hardly had time to get out of the barn ahead of the fire, reports reaching here stated. It could not be learned if insurance was carried on the property.

The barn loss was the eleventh reported in the county this season. A twelfth curing barn destroyed by fire in the county this season was burned at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday evening on the Riley Roberson farm in Williams Township. Farmer C. S. VanLandingham was curing 700 sticks of fine tobacco and running high heat when something went wrong with the wood curing system and fired the barn. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

other parts of the county, the crop, for the most part, will have been harvested by the latter part of this or early next week. There is no doubt but what the lateness of the crop will result in comparatively light sales during the early part of the season.

Another factor expected to hold deliveries to reasonable amounts is the booking plan adopted by Williamston warehouses this season. It will be unnecessary for farmers to deliver their tobacco to market a week in advance. They can book their marketings and deliver their tobacco within a day of scheduled sales. Since they will not have to take miller's turn by placing tobacco on the floor a week in advance, they can arrange for orderly marketing, a plan which is certain to eliminate or lower the possibility of spoil-

## Urge Farmers To Look Into Price Support Program

### Market Making Ready To Have Men Assist Farmers In Handling Tobacco

Farm leaders this week urged farmers to acquaint themselves with the Tobacco Stabilization Corporation's price support program and be ready to act in those cases where tobacco prices fall below the support level on the open market.

The local market is assigning in handling tobacco turned over to the corporation, but there are some things the grower must do to qualify for aid under the support program. If he joined the corporation last year and his dollar fee, he will not have to do again, but he must have and show his membership card. If he has lost his card, he may get a duplicate free from the corporation by writing to the state office, 411 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, giving complete name and address. It is getting a bit late for that move, and it is likely that those members who lost their membership cards will pay another dollar and start over.

This membership enables any tobacco grower to participate in the operations of the Stabilization Corporation as long as he produces tobacco provided he is within the acreage allotment. In order to establish a plot that he is a member, he must be able to show his identification card at any time he has tobacco that has sold for less than the loan rate and desires to place it in the Stabilization Corporation for the loan.

The grower is reminded that he or his qualified agent must be present to receive the benefits of the stabilization program when the tobacco is sold. Farmers participating in the plan must turn in baskets immediately or before prices offered by the open market are recorded on the books.

## All Is Quiet On Labor Front Here

Outwardly, all is quiet on the labor front here as the work stoppage at the plant of the Williams-ton Package Manufacturing Company continues well into its second week. If there are any developments under the surface they have been, more or less, closely guarded.

As far as it could be learned no direct move to resume full-scale operations at the package plant has been made. The plant is still open to workers and a few are reporting for work. Others are said to be a bit weary of the work stoppage and declare they are ready to return to their jobs. Several workers at the plant before the work stoppage declared this week they were afraid to return to work. Officers are investigating threats made against those who want to return to their jobs. The manager of the plant is out of town this week and could not be reached for a statement.

After spending the week-end out of town, organizers returned Monday for an over-night stay.

## Stimson Explains Why Atomic Bomb Was Used In War

### Former Secretary of War Was Man To Make the Recommendation

(An Interim Committee on the problems of atomic energy having been decided upon, Mr. Stimson now discusses the work of that committee.—Ed.)

The next step in our preparations was the appointment of the committee referred to in paragraph (9) above. This committee, which was known as the Interim Committee, was charged with the function of advising the President on the various questions raised by our apparently imminent success in developing an atomic weapon. I was its chairman, but the principal labor of guiding its extended deliberations fell to George L. Harrison, who acted as chairman in my absence. It will be useful to consider the work of the committee in some detail. Its members were the following, in addition to Mr. Harrison and myself: James F. Byrnes (then a private citizen) as personal representative of the President.

Ralph A. Bard, Undersecretary of the Navy.

William L. Clayton, Assistant Secretary of State.

Dr. Vannevar Bush, Director, Office of Scientific Research and Development, and president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

Dr. Karl T. Compton, Chief of the Office of Field Service in the Office of Scientific Research and Development, and president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. James B. Conant, Chairman of the National Defense Research Committee, and president of Harvard University.

The discussions of the Committee ranged over the whole field of atomic energy, in its military, scientific and economic aspects. That part of its work which particularly concerns us here relates to its recommendations for the use of atomic energy against Japan, but it should be borne in mind that these recommendations were not made in a vacuum. The Committee's work included the drafting of the statements which were published immediately after the first bombs were dropped, the drafting of the statements which were published immediately after the first bombs were dropped, the drafting of a bill for the domestic control of atomic energy, and recommendations looking toward the international control of atomic energy. The Interim Committee was assisted in its work by a Scientific Panel whose members were the following: Dr. A. H. Compton, Dr. Enrico Fermi, Dr. E. O. Lawrence, and Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer. All four were nuclear physicists of the first rank; all four had held positions of great importance in the atomic project from its inception. At a meeting with the Interim Committee and the Scientific Panel on May 31, 1945, I urged all those present to feel free to express themselves on any phase of the subject, scientific or political. Both General Marshall and I at this meeting expressed the view that atomic energy could not be considered simply in terms of military weapons but must also be considered in terms of a new relationship of man to the universe.

On June 1, after its discussions with the Scientific Panel, the Interim Committee unanimously adopted the following recommendations:

- (1) The bomb should be used against Japan as soon as possible.
- (2) It should be used on a dual target—that is, a military installation surrounded by or adjacent to houses and other buildings most susceptible to damage, and
- (3) It should be used without prior warning (of the nature of the weapon). One member of the committee, Mr. Bard, later changed his view and dissented from recommendation (3).

In reaching these conclusions, the Interim Committee carefully considered such alternatives as a detailed advance warning or a demonstration in some uninhabited area. Both of these suggestions were discarded as impractical. They were not regarded as likely to be effective in compelling a surrender of Japan, and both of

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## Announce Faculty Complete For The New School Term

### Thirty-one Teachers Signed for Elementary And High School Here

All faculty positions have been filled, including two new posts, and the local schools are just about ready to open the 1947-48 term on Thursday of next week. Principal B. G. Stewart announced yesterday.

Twenty-one members of the 1946-47 faculty are returning, Principal Stewart said. Eight of the new teachers are filling old positions, while two others are filling new positions, health and physical education and public school music. While she is listed as a new teacher, Miss Grace Talton is returning merely after a leave of absence. The children and community welcome the return of the old teachers and look forward to meeting the new ones.

The last of the teacher positions was filled just a few days ago when Mr. George Harris of Seaboard contracted to teach social sciences. He is a graduate of the University, Chapel Hill, and taught one year following his graduation. After farming a while he entered the armed forces and following his discharge from the service, he studied at the University, completing special courses this summer.

Names of the teachers, their home addresses and assigned grades are, as follows:

B. G. Stewart, Williamston, principal; Miss Ida Roberts, Shawboro, second grade; Miss Mary Ellen Sawyers, Jamesville, science; George Harris, Seaboard, social science; Mrs. Evelyn Manning, Williamston, English and French; Miss Peggy Hopkins, Oak City, commercial subjects; Miss Anna B. Privott, Edenton, mathematics; Stuart Maynard, Dunn, health and physical education; Jack Butler, Williamston, band; Misses Lamina Baker, Greenville, Miss Ada Morris, Edenton, and Miss Grace Talton, Clayton, first grade; Mrs. Mary B. Carstarphen, Williams-ton, and Miss Estelle Crawford, Williamston, second grade; Mrs. Elise Kimball, Mrs. Rosalie Fronberger, Williamston, and Miss Ruth Manning, Williamston, third grade; Miss Josephine Everett, Robersonville, Miss Frances Jenkins, Robersonville, and Mrs. F. L. Fussell, Williamston, fourth grade; Miss Dora Bailey, Everetts, Miss Mamie Modlin, Lewiston, and Mrs. Velma H. Coburn, Williamston, fifth grade; Miss Mirna Benson, Benson, and Miss Miriam Rogerson, Aulander, sixth grade; Miss Mildred Byrum, Edenton, Mrs. Mary L. Hassell, Williams-ton and Washington, D. C., seventh grade; Mrs. George Corey, Williamston, and Miss Mary G. Whitley, Murfreesboro, eighth grade; Mrs. Beecher Patterson, Scotland Neck, public school music.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways last week had the most accidents in any seven-day period in several years. Fortunately, no one was killed and no one was critically hurt, but the wrecking activities of the week put this year's record in company with the figures recorded in the corresponding period last year.

The tobacco markets are opening and traffic is expected to increase, meaning that travel will be more dangerous and the need for greater precaution necessary.

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.

33rd Week			
Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1947 8	4	0	\$ 1,310
1946 0	0	0	000
Comparisons To Date			
1947 81	37	3	\$18,045
1946 82	68	3	20,450

## Strong Corps Leaf Buyers For Market

### Finishing Touches Made For Opening Here Next Monday

#### This Belt Has 450 Million Pounds, According To Estimates

Announcing the market personnel complete, Sales Supervisor John A. Manning today declared that one of the strongest corps of buyers ever assembled will be on the Williamston Tobacco Market this season, that the market, without a doubt, has the best and strongest selling and buying organizations it has ever had, and that the organizations are ably supported by capable departmental heads and others.

While the market is losing two good buyers, it is gaining two good ones, the others returning here having proved in past years that they can be depended upon as market builders and friends of the farmers. While subject to change, the buyer list, home addresses and companies represented, follow:

John Fuller, Lexington, Ky., is returning for Liggett-Myers, and he will be assisted by A. B. Ayers, Jr., county young man.

Gene Avery, Winston-Salem, will be back for R. J. Reynolds. Mack Lamb, Kinston, is returning for the American.

Timbo Jeffress, Rocky Mount, will return for the Imperial.

N. B. Thomas, Wilson, is continuing here for J. P. Taylor Co. Chick Holmes, Jr., is succeeding Arthur Beal for the Washington Export.

Howard Cone, local young man, is representing The Fields Tobacco Co.

Fred Taylor, Williamston, will be on the market for W. I. Spitzer.

Several other independent companies will also be represented, and the Stabilization Corporation will be represented by Urban and Rossel Rogers and Elbert Tice.

The personnel for the market is complete to the last man with capable and experienced men in every department.

At the Carolina and Farmers houses the proprietors will run the sales and personally supervise all operations. Francis Hix is returning as auctioneer. Noah Peel will be in the office again, and Ben Roberson and Dewey Perry are returning as floor managers. Jule James will assist in running the sales, and Elbert Tice will be in there serving as intermediary for the farmer with the Stabilization Corporation.

At the Roanoke-Dixie and Planters Warehouses, Johnny Gurkin, Carlyle Langley and Edward Corey will run the sales while the Rogers brothers, the other two proprietors, will supervise other operations, including the purchases of the Stabilization Corporation. Lionel Garner, of Kinston, is the auctioneer. Earl Daniel will be in the office, and Frank Haislip and Justus Coltrain are the floor managers.

Church Perkins of Stokes, for several years on the Rocky Mount market, and Roy T. Griffin, local man, will carry the book and clip, giving the market a well-rounded and efficient operating force.

## Colored Schools Open September 1

Unable to complete last-minute arrangements, education officials this week found it necessary to delay the scheduled opening of all colored schools in the county until Monday, September 1.

The colored school principals are meeting next Monday and a conference of principals and all teachers will be held here on Friday of next week, it was announced. The principals will meet with their teachers on Saturday, August 30, to complete plans for the opening the following Monday, it was announced by the office of board of education.

### BUSY WEEK-END

Making up postponed contests will result in a busy week-end for at least four clubs in the Martin County League.

Bear Grass and Everetts are playing a doubleheader at Bear Grass Sunday afternoon, the first game getting underway at 2 p. m.

Robersonville and Oak City are to make up a game Saturday night and meet again in a regular game Sunday afternoon.

Williamston plays at Hassell and Cross Roads at Hamilton in single games Sunday afternoon.

Williamston ends the season Sunday afternoon, August 31, with a game against Oak City in the Martins' park.

## Seven Acres Of Tobacco Burns

Fire destroyed a packhouse and all the contents, including the greater part of seven acres of tobacco and far mplements, on the Urnee Bunting farm, a subdivision of the Staton farm near here, Wednesday evening shortly after 7:00 o'clock.

Grading tobacco in the packhouse, Mr. Bunting left the door open about 10 o'clock and took a shower. He went on to the house, a few steps away and ate his supper. Coming out on his porch after supper he saw fire breaking through the top of his pack barn. The fire spread so rapidly that he was only able to save a dozen or fifteen sticks of graded tobacco.

He had removed a caving from the barn that afternoon and placed it in the packhouse, neighbors declaring that the quality of the leaf was unusually good. There are a few tips in the field and with the exception of those and the few sticks saved from the fire, the entire crop was burned.

The loss, estimated at about \$5,000 was partially offset by \$3,300 insurance, one thousand dollars of which went into effect at noon Wednesday.

Local volunteer firemen answered a call there, but there was very little water available and the fire was too far advanced for them to save the barn.

## Summer Session Ends With Picnic

The reorganized Williamston High School Band under the direction of Professor Jack Butler, will end its summer practice session with a picnic for band members and their parents and friends Friday night at the high school grounds at 6 o'clock.

Immediately following the picnic the young musicians and their parents and friends will repair to the auditorium where a concert is to be given and a short business session will be held.

During the business session plans will be completed for the fall program, including the setting of a date for holding the Uniform Fund Drive and the methods of conducting the campaign.

More than half a hundred youngsters are trying for places in the first band of the high school and are being given instruction by Professor Butler. He has expressed great faith in the prospects for a good band here and is anxious to secure additional uniforms to properly outfit the youngsters for parades and concerts as they work up to the point where they can make a creditable showing for the school and town.

Some uniforms are on hand but estimates are that about \$1000 will be needed to purchase the remainder of the needed uniforms and a few extra dollars for various and sundry needed items will come in mighty handy.

## Ready To Market Second Largest Crop On Record

### Buying and Selling Organizations Strongest In Market's History

Auctioning of tobacco moves into the third flue-cured type this year when the fifteen markets in the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured belt begin sales Monday, August 25. According to the U. S. Crop Reporting Board, indications as of August 1 pointed to the second largest crop on record in the area, with production expected to fall slightly under last year's all time high. The Board forecast an output of 450,870,000 pounds, or only around 3 1-3 million pounds less than the 1946 crop. Total flue-cured production was placed at 1,295,865,000 pounds, which would be approximately 4 percent below last year's harvest.

The United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture report that producers' sales in the Eastern North Carolina belt the prior year totaled 433,756,724 pounds at an average of \$52.68 per hundred.

This year's crop was produced under rather unusual growing conditions. Cool and dry weather prevailed during the normal planting season in May and delayed transplanting to two or three weeks. A great amount of resetting was necessary resulting in a large percentage of fields containing plants with great variation in age and size. Weather conditions in July were very favorable to growing and this brought about much improvement to the crop. It is expected that the crop will be somewhat heavier in weight and of better quality than last year's.

The belt is scheduled to open with a 4-hour sales day, but when the Middle Belt opens on September 15, will revert to 3 1-2 hours. The selling rate will be 400 baskets per hour for each set of buyers and the maximum weight of each basket will be 250 pounds. At the request of the Flue-cured Tobacco Marketing Committee and the Bright Belt Tobacco Growers' Association, U. S. Department of Agriculture inspectors will count the number of baskets of tobacco sold each day. The number of baskets to be sold is determined by the Marketing Committee.

Commodity Credit Corporation loans will be attainable this year through the Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. Loans will be made available at tobacco warehouses to all Flue-cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation members who are cooperating under the marketing quota program. The grade price loan rates for flue-cured tobacco average 40 cents per pound, which is 90 percent of the June 15th parity price. For untied tobacco the loan rate for each grade is 4 cents per pound below the rate for tied tobacco of the same grade. Receipts by the Stabilization Corporation last year in Eastern North Carolina amounted to only slightly over three million pounds, or less than 1 percent of gross sales in the belt.

Last year 99 sales floors operated on the Eastern North Carolina markets. During this season, the number of floors is expected to top the 100 mark, one of which is reported to be North Carolina's first flue-cured area cooperative auction warehouse, owned and operated by growers themselves.

## PETITION

A petition advanced in an effort to relieve the local parking congestion is receiving strong support, the police department announced yesterday. Seventy-five firms and individuals have signed, agreeing to park their cars in the backlots or leave them at home, it was explained. All but six business firms had been contacted up until late Wednesday afternoon, and no one had refused to sign and cooperate with the movement launched by town officials.

The petition asks local business operators and their employees to leave the parking space for visitors between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. each week day.