

Last Quarter Liquor Sales Break Records

Total Of \$3,704,957 Spent For Liquor Since July In 1935

Sales Last Quarter \$2,000 Larger Than They Were One Year Ago

Legal liquor sales in Martin County for the second quarter this year were the largest for any corresponding period in the history of the stores...

Sales last quarter were just about \$2,000 larger than the record sales reported in the corresponding months of 1946.

Completing the fiscal year last June 30, the stores sold over \$811,000 worth of liquor during the period...

At the end of last June the Board had assets in the sum of \$91,766.15, including \$41,924.43 in cash...

Expenses exclusive of cost of sales were \$6,094.61 for the quarter, including salaries and wages, \$3,097.50...

A review of the sales for the corresponding quarters in 1946 and 1947 shows that the gross income varied a bit...

Table with 2 columns: Year, Sales. Rows for Wmston, Rville, Oak City, Jamesville for 1946 and 1947.

\$155,624.20 1946 \$157,994.75 1947

While sales decreased in two stores only one showed a smaller profit last quarter than it did a year ago...

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The profit pie was cut as follows: Martin County, \$18,895.05; State of North Carolina, \$13,429.55...

Father Of Williamston Citizen Dies In Hospital

Mr. James B. Jernigan, a native of Bertie County and father of Mrs. F. G. Holloman of Williamston, died in Duke Hospital at 4:00 o'clock yesterday morning.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Mar's Hill Church Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and interment will be in the Colerain Cemetery.

Leaf Sales Well Over Six Million On Local Market

Prices Paid Yesterday Were Highest Since Early September

Williamston's tobacco market went well over the six million-pound mark yesterday with prices pushing to the highest figure since September 10.

After holding to price averages in the middle thirties week before last, the market last week started a noticeable upward trend in prices.

While it is estimated that 40 percent of the crop has been sold in the belt, it is believed that between fifty and sixty percent of the leaf has moved out of the growers' hands in this immediate section.

Centering considerable attention on the peanut harvest, farmers in this section are not marketing their tobacco as rapidly as they did at one time.

Company prices yesterday and today moved on up to the highest figures of the season, the American paying sixty cents right along while the Export went as high as 62 cents per pound for the best grades.

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Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco prices rose to the highest levels of the season during the fifth week of sales. According to the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture practically all grades showed increases ranging from \$1 to \$5 per hundred.

Despite the higher grade averages the 42,734,105 pounds sold for a general average of \$40.61. This was only \$1.86 above the previous week's return, held to this minimum by the increases in the amount of leaf grades marketed.

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Local Tobacco Firm Signs Contract With The Union

The W. L. Skinner Tobacco Company, operating one of the largest independent tobacco redrying plants in this section, signed a union contract last week-end with District 50, United Mine Workers of the American Federation of Labor.

It is the first contract entered into between a locally-owned and locally-operated plant and a union, and operations under the contract will be closely observed.

First Traffic Moved Over New River Bridge Saturday

The new Roanoke River bridge here was opened to traffic last Saturday afternoon at 12:05 o'clock for about four hours when trash, floating down the stream, threatened to tear the temporary bridge from its moorings.

His name could not be learned but a Virginian, driving a Buick car, was the first to travel over the new bridge, and from that time until about 4:00 o'clock between four and five hundred vehicles passed over the structure.

It is possible that the high water will delay the electricians in their work to some extent. However, the contractors are expected to open the new draw span to traffic and operate it by hand if the electrical work is delayed for any great length of time.

Paul Taylor Dies In Rocky Mount

Paul Alle nTaylor, a native of Martin County, died at his home, 612 Paul Street, Rocky Mount, last Wednesday night at 9:50 o'clock.

He was a son of the late Archie and Victoria Ward Taylor of this county, and moved with them to Rocky Mount about thirty years ago.

Charles Gurganus Dies In Hospital

Charlie Gurganus, local fisherman, died in a Washington hospital last Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock following an illness of about two weeks' duration.

Settled by agreement, the case of Ben D. Courtney against Mrs. J. P. Fleming was cleared from the docket when the defendant agreed to vacate certain property on or before next January 1.

William Thomas Cullipher, Jr., injured when the truck in which he was riding was struck by a train at a crossing on the old Everetts-Williamston Road last October 3, agreed to a \$400 settlement in his \$2,500 damage suit against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

In the case of Wesley Davis against R. A. Critcher, the court ordered a survey be made of property in dispute.

Health Commissioner Calvin Ayers and others, calling for the dissolution of the Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Company, incorporated, was set for a hearing before Judge Walter J. Bone in Nashville on October 11 at 9:30 o'clock.

Improving In Hospital

Entering a Durham hospital last week-end for the treatment of an eye infection, Assistant County Agent D. W. Brady was reported yesterday to be improving and was expected to return to his home here shortly.

Superior Court In Last Term Session Late On Thursday

Chas. Lewis Given Fifteen Years for Attack and Rape Attempt

Its first week called off on account of the illness of Judge Clawson L. Williams, the Martin County Superior Court folded its tent prematurely late last Thursday afternoon when it was explained that the presiding jurist had a habeas corpus hearing scheduled in Lee County the following morning.

Getting its second wind Thursday, the court started turning out cases in pairs. It was one of the few times that two juries were out at the same time deliberating, one group holding forth in the regular jury room and the other debating the issues of another case in the court anteroom.

A final accounting was held just before the court completed the trial of the criminal docket that afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and shortly before the divorce mill was cranked up for rapid operation.

Walter Lee Wilkins, charged with attempted breaking and entering, pleaded guilty of forcible trespass, and he was sentenced to the roads for from eighteen months to two years.

Harold Clark, 20-year-old white man charged with breaking and entering and the larceny of clothes from the Blue Star Cleaners in Williamston last Easter, was sentenced to prison for not less than eighteen months and not more than three years.

Clark, talking to the court, told how he had asked to be sentenced to the roads in Warren County for thirty days, but declared he did not know why he made such a request. He was booked for vagrancy. He also told the judge that he was sentenced to the roads for two years for breaking and entering, that he was given an opportunity to go to a reformatory. After four months and some rough treatment there he ran away. Captured nine months later, he paid his debt to society on a road gang but got into society's debt again last year.

James Walker, Jr., charged with the larceny of Dr. E. E. Early's automobile last July 4, was sentenced to the roads for six months when he was adjudged guilty.

Booked for an assault and attempted rape, Charles Lewis was found guilty as charged and Judge Williams sentenced him to hard labor in State's Prison for not less than twelve and not more than fifteen years. The judgment specified that the convicted man is to wear stripes.

"You are fortunate in that you were not on trial for your life," Judge Williams told Lewis. "There are laws to protect virtuous youth, and it is the earnest desire of the court to enforce those laws both for white and colored citizens," the judge said, adding that the records will show that the colored citizen's rights have been protected.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws, Ralph Suggs was fined \$100 and taxed with the cost. Suggs's fine was the only one imposed in the session.

Hospital For County Discussed at Meeting

Wednesday of this week is pay day for Martin County's more than 200 school teachers, reports stating that the total salaries will set an all-time record for size.

Drawing \$213.33 gross salaries last year, teachers holding A certificates and with eleven years experience are receiving a gross check of \$241.00 this term. The net check last year was \$180; this year it is \$198.00, an actual increase of money in hand of \$18. The increase is about the same for teachers holding other types of certificates.

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Young Negro Man Ends His Life At Home Of Parents

S. T. Outterbridge Had Been In Declining Health Recently

S. T. Outterbridge, 36-year-old colored man, ended his life at the home of his parents near Williamston last Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock by firing a bullet through his heart. He died within ten minutes and without offering a motive for the tragic act.

Using a .32 calibre Spanish pistol with the hammer missing, Outterbridge tied a piece of wire around the weapon, fitted a nail against the bullet cap and used a small machinist's hammer to fire the missile which tore through the body.

Coroner S. R. Biggs and county officers investigated the killing which took place at the home of Outterbridge's parents, George Outterbridge and wife, on the Bailey farm a short distance off the old Greenville-Williamston road. No evidence of foul play was found and after questioning members of the family, Coroner Biggs ruled a formal inquest unnecessary. "It was the second suicide among the colored population in this county in a long number of years," Coroner Biggs said.

A longshoreman, Outterbridge had been working in Norfolk for several years, but returned home about two months ago. One report intimated that there might have been family troubles and he left his wife in the Virginia city. It was reliably learned that he had experienced declining health for some time.

Last Friday, Outterbridge walked through the kitchen of his parents' home. (Continued on page seven)

Called For Jury In Federal Court

Drawn some time ago for jury duty in the federal district court at Washington this week, Mrs. N. C. Green of Williamston was excused by Judge Donnell Gilliam yesterday noon, but not until she had stood by several hours for duty.

Asked by Marshall Ford Worthy if she wanted to serve on the jury, Mrs. Green explained that she preferred to be excused. The marshal called the case to the attention of Judge Gilliam who asked if she had an excuse. Mrs. Green explained that she had no legitimate excuse but since she was the only woman on the jury she would like to be excused.

Judge Gilliam was most accommodating and Mrs. Green returned home but not until she had been remunerated for her time. Ordinarily members of the jury receive about \$8 for travel and a day in court.

Mrs. Green was the first Martin County woman drawn for jury duty in the federal courts.

Wheeler Manning, local volunteer fireman, was excused on that account when he reported yesterday at the direction of the court.

Rodman Addresses Civic Club Group Thursday Evening

Suggests Naming of Committee To Study Needs And Act Soon

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Enjoying a delicious turkey dinner, the large group, including special representatives from other organizations in the county, was told frankly that the old country doctor is rapidly disappearing from the modern-day scene, that there is a well-advanced trend to hospital practice and that Martin County is relatively high on the priority list for a hospital.

Mr. Rodman, a member of the State Medical Care Commission, stressed the need for more hospital facilities in North Carolina, and, while not an agent of any insurance organization, urged the people of Martin County to subscribe more extensively to hospital insurance, declaring that the proposed hospital program would be dependent upon a large coverage.

Lion President K. D. Worrell opened the meeting and introduced Lion Clarence Griffin who welcomed the visitors and pointed out that North Carolina had appropriated much money for medical care and that the people should acquaint themselves with the program. He introduced the speaker.

Welcoming the opportunity to address the group, Senator Rodman referred to the public health as an acute problem. "Each age has its problem and each age has a different problem," the speaker said, referring briefly to the old Elizabethan and Victorian periods. "Today, we are in a scientific period. Two years ago the atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima. The federal government is spending large sums of money to encourage the study of scientific problems," the speaker said.

Continuing he said, "All of this has a tremendous amount to do with the question before us now. Forty years ago in Beaufort County medical doctors were scattered around every ten or twelve miles. In Martin County you had doctors in Jameville, Williamston, Everetts, Robersonville and Hamblito. A doctor in those days could cover only eight or ten miles and he had to handle all kinds of practice. Patients died because they did not know what they were suffering with. Treatment was confined to the home in a large percentage of the cases," Rodman said, pausing to pay tribute to the country doctor. "No finer citizens ever lived than the country doctors. Their memory will live long for what they did. In rain or snow, hot or cold weather they went to the individual homes and they did a marvelous job. But science is changing all that. The X-ray machine was invented, and many other scientific instruments and drugs have followed. Today, when one is ill he goes through a physical examination, calling for a dozen different kinds of tests.

"That kind of treatment cannot be had in the home because the costs are prohibitive. The medical universities say it must be done scientifically, that the doctor must have adequate equipment to make tests and determine what the patient is suffering from."

Briefly recalling the progress made by medical science in the past century, the speaker told about the death of President Calvin Coolidge's son. "Today, modern drugs would have had the boy well and out of the hospital in 48 hours. Penicillin first was effective for only three hours. Now it is effective for 72 hours." (Continued on page seven)