

Big Docket Before Judge J. C. Smith In County's Court

Twenty-eight Cases Heard And Several Others Are Continued

Idle for two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session or scheduled to have been in session, the Martin County Recorder's Court found a huge docket demanding attention when it resumed regular session last Monday. Twenty-eight cases were heard and several others were continued for one reason or another, the court officers realizing all the while that the docket could not be cleared in a single day. Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson worked until almost dark handling twenty-eight cases. Proceedings:

The case charging Early May Boston with non-support was dismissed but it is subject to be reopened.

Warren Griffin, just out of the big court with a six-month sentence for failing to pay a taxi fare, was booked on two counts this week in the county court. Charged with stealing meat from Arthur Roberson in Griffins last spring, Griffin had his case continued under prayer for judgment last May 26. He was sentenced this week to serve eight months on the roads, the sentence to run concurrently with the one imposed in the superior court. Charged with an assault, with a deadly weapon in another case, Griffin was adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence and was sentenced to serve sixty days on the roads. The road term is to run concurrently with the other two.

Charged with assaulting a female, Joe Moore, Jr., was adjudged not guilty.

Dave J. Wright, under sentence to stay out of Brunswick County for five years because he tangled with the law there, was in the county court for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting a tobacco worker in Robersonville. He was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Willie Burns, Jr., was sentenced to the roads for one year, the court suspending judgment for two years upon the payment of the costs and \$7 a week to Vernell Burns for the support of his three children. He is to make the first payment October 10, and judgment is to be invoked if he fails to comply with its terms.

Jeremiah James, pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Richard Vines was sentenced to the roads for six months when he was adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Alex Bunch was sentenced to jail for two days, fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Facing the court in three cases in which they were charged with larceny of corn and hogs, Steve Stevenson and Henry Goff pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the roads for fifteen months. The sentence was suspended and the defendants placed on probation for two years on condition they pay \$25 fines, one-half the costs each and pay \$100 to D. G. Matthews for the stolen corn and hogs. They were sentenced to the roads for six months in each of the other cases, the sentences to run concurrently with the first if they should violate the probation terms.

Charged with the larceny of a pistol from Manson Council, Hilton Ray Stokes and Herbert Lee Whitaker were sentenced to the roads for 90 days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of \$25 fines each and the costs. The defendants also were sentenced to jail for two days, but they were unable to raise the fine and costs immediately and the road sentences started them almost directly in the face.

Jarvis Majett and Louis Sessions, charged with refusing to pay for a meal in Robersonville's Big Apple cafe, were discharged after they were adjudged guilty and directed to pay the costs of the court action.

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Peanut Harvest In County Under Way on Large Scale

The 1947 peanut harvest, described as the best in several years, is well advanced in the county, reports stating that a large portion of the crop will have been harvested by the end of this week, weather permitting.

Banking on the peanut crop to partially offset if not completely offset price decreases in tobacco, Martin farmers quit their tobacco pack barns, rallied their children and high-priced labor around peanut stacks and launched the harvest on an all-out scale this week. Weather conditions have been ideal so far and thousands of acres of the goobers have been stacked to dry and wait for the threshers which are likely to start operations within a week or two.

Twenty-bag crops are anticipated by many farmers, especially those whose soils are compar-

tively light. Farmers whose soils are heavy declare their crops are not the best, and quite a few growers point out that the heavy rains last week caused many of the nuts to shed. "But that's all right. We'll fatten hogs on them and come out all right," one farmer said.

It is estimated that there are 26,000 acres planted to peanuts in the county this year. It is also estimated that the crop will average between 14 and 15 bags per acre. The growers are anticipating a 10-cent average price, meaning the crop should sell for between \$3,500,000 and \$3,900,000.

Farmers state they are putting money in circulation now, explaining that they are paying about 35 cents per stack or an average of about \$7 per day on a work day basis for labor.

RAINFALL

Following rains that fell one out of every two days on an average for the past three months, the weather struck an ideal medium this week. Clouds hovered over the section Monday night and Tuesday, but the sunshine broke through with temperatures just low enough to energize quite a few of us lazy humans. After averaging almost eight inches in June, July and August, the rainfall tapered off slightly last month to 5.89 inches at this point. Rainfall was recorded on seventeen of the thirty days in September.

No Little Circus Here October 10

It's no little circus coming here on Friday of next week, a check on the advertising showing that Cole Brothers will bring the largest show ever seen in Williamston. There have been so many circuses with elaborate advertising that quite a few people were wondering if the show here on October 10 was just another truck show.

Well, it has been established that the circus is traveling in thirty large cars, that most of the cars are so heavily loaded that the train is allowed to travel hardly more than 20 miles an hour. It was also learned that the show has 800 people, that its clowns are among the highest paid in the world. There are 175 horses, eighteen elephants and fifteen cages of wild animals. The actors and actresses include a family of seventeen children and in-laws.

Briefly stated, the show is not as large as Ringling Brothers-Barnum and Bailey, but it is rated one of the best in the country. A definite schedule has not been determined, but the show will leave Kinston shortly after midnight and reach Williamston over the Coast Line railroad between 5 and 6 o'clock Friday morning, October 10. Arrangements have been tentatively made to unload the circus at the Houghton Street crossing right at the freight station.

District Parent-Teacher Meeting

The Annual Conference of District Nine of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will be held at the grammar school in Elizabeth City on Wednesday, October 8th. Registration will begin at nine-thirty a. m. This district includes Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington Counties.

The four-point program of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, which is: School Education, Health, World Understanding, and Parent and Family Life Education, will be emphasized. Addresses will be made by Mrs. E. B. Hunter of Charlotte, State P. T. A. president; Dr. Clyde Erwin of Raleigh.

Those planning to attend from the local organization are asked to call Hildreth P. Mobley.

Advices Increase Cotton Plantings

Thomas J. Pearsall, Nash County farmer and legislator, told the Nash-Edgecombe unit of the Carolinas Ginners Association in Rocky Mount recently he deplored the old saying that "farmers are the only people who can go broke every year and still stay in business." He urged the planting of more cotton.

Pearsall emphasized the need for giving careful attention to production plans for 1948 in view of the approximate 20 or 25 percent reduction in flue-cured tobacco acreage facing Southern growers. He advised the group to consider planting more cotton and grain crops and the raising of more hogs.

"We farmers have been rather short-sighted," he said, "to put all our eggs in the tobacco basket. We must turn to more diversified farming to maintain our present standard of living."

Last year, Pearsall told the farmers and ginners, the average farmer in Nash and Edgecombe counties received about \$600 per acre for his tobacco crop, but this year the figure will probably be about \$480 per acre. He pointed out that the expected acreage quota cut for 1948 will return only \$384 per acre on tobacco.

"We must plan now to resort to other cash crops," he said. "One thing we might think about is turning some of the acreage which will be idled by the tobacco quota reduction into cotton production to supplement the loss of cash that will result from the reduced tobacco acreage. If we do plant this extra acreage to cotton, we will be insuring our future, for it is possible that we will have cotton acreage control in 1949 and our wisdom in planting more cotton will give us a better history, which is the basis of such quota allotments."

Fred P. Johnson, Raleigh, vice-president of the Carolinas Ginners Association, and J. Henry Vaughn, Elm City, head of the Nash-Edgecombe unit, also spoke briefly.

Native of County Dies In Pinetown

James Edward Waters, Sr., native of this county, died at his home in the Pinetown section of Beaufort County last Tuesday night after a short illness.

A son of the late Richmond C. and Elizabeth Simmons Waters, he was born in this county 79 years ago on April 4, 1868, and located in early life in Beaufort County where he was married to Miss Bertha Jackson. Mr. Waters was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Pinetown and was a well-known farmer of that section.

Survived by his wife and two children, Lottie and Eddie Waters, of Pinetown; Mrs. Zola Modlin, of Williamston, and Mrs. Maude Stubbs, of Pinetown; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home by Elder A. B. Ayers of Bear Grass. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Twenty-one Marry In Martin County During September

License Issuance Largest For Any September Since Year 1934

Twenty-one marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the issuance being the largest for any September since 1934. Twelve years ago, the section was gradually coming out of a severe depression and Dan Cupid was getting busy catching up with his work. Only eight or nine marriage licenses were issued in this county in the month of September during the depression.

Ten of the twenty-one licenses issued last month went to white couples, as follows:

Robert Davis of Windsor and Sara Elizabeth Ward of Williamston.

William Wesley Prescott of Tarboro and Ruth Idona Williams of Hobgood.

George Irving Smith and Virginia Hassell, both of Raleigh.

William Vernon Wynn, RFD 3, Williamston, and Mamie Ruth Gardner of Jamesville.

John Norman Hopkins, Jr., of Williamston and Edith Mae Manning of Oak City.

Harold Edmondson of Williamston and Uldene Edmonds, RFD 3, Williamston.

Harry M. Peele and Ola Grey Williams, both of Route 1, Williamston.

James Delbert Jones and Thelma Armita Beddard, both of Route 3, Williamston.

Julius Lee Revels and Marguerite Pierce, both of Route 1, Williamston.

Colored

Daniel Riddick of RFD 4, Windsor, and Lucy Mitchell of Williamston.

Nazareth Lee of Robersonville and Allie G. Rodgers of Hamilton.

John Douglas Howell and Earlene Lynch, both of Robersonville.

Roosevelt Carney and Margaret Andrews, both of Robersonville.

Elliott Jordan and Eula Mae Smith, both of Williamston.

Henry Daniels and Lucie Louise Huggins, both of Robersonville.

Henry Andrew Latham and Mary Dell Rogers, both of Williamston.

Arland Phillip of Portsmouth and Olivia Williams of Oak City.

Stephen McCaden and Estelle Green, both of Hamilton.

Try Bullock And Keel October 13th

Defendants in a bench warrant issued at the direction of Judge Clawson Williams in the superior court here last week, Burnice Bullock and D. C. Keel are slated to appear for trial in the county recorder's court on Monday, October 13. During the meantime, the young couple must have liberty under bond, Bullock under \$1,500 and Keel, \$1,000.

Bullock, freed of carnal knowledge by a verdict that provoked a verbal lashing for the jury by Judge Williams, is now facing trial for alleged bastardy and non-support. Keel stands charged with aiding and abetting prostitution. A third person, Keel's girl friend, who reportedly was with Keel at the time of the alleged crime, has not been singled out as a defendant.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Minor accidents ran up the total figures in Martin County's reckless highway toll during the 39th week. The activities of the period boosted the accident count to the century mark, the number of injured to half that figure and the property loss to within \$5 of the 1946 record.

39th Week			
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge			
1947	4	1	\$ 1,075
1946	1	0	450
Comparisons To Date			
1947	100	50	\$22,245
1946	94	73	22,350

Former Prisoner Of War Writes To Friend In County

Tells Of Conditions Now Existing In Homeland Of Germany

Writing under date of May 3, Johann Schopper, a German prisoner of war who spent some time in the camp here, tells of conditions in his homeland. The letter, submitted by Mrs. Lester Bryant, reads as follows:

Today, May 3, I received already the second package from America and you can't believe what a joy it was for me to receive the package. And after months some good days.

You probably have heard of the heritage of the 1000 year Reich and all the promises which were made to us. Now that everything has gone haywire and after 12 years dictatorship which has made slaves of us and lowered our status in the world, we have lost faith. Today everyone blames foreign nations which I think is wrong, as I myself spent full 3 years in the U. S. A. as war prisoner. I can be better judge of our neighbors across the ocean. I was 22 years old when I arrived in the U. S. A. in the age when a man has common sense and ability to judge people and I was impressed by the democratic freedom of the American people. I was astonished at this and I saw friendly smiling faces; I saw the streets in peace. On the right and left of us friendly faces on both men and women and some offered us cigarettes which was against our rules. It was hardly believable but it is the truth. Then we were taken to the train where I was looking for a freight car for us, but was surprised to find a regular passenger train of the Atlantic Coast Line with upholstered seats and this was for us! I was dreaming but it was a reality and our voyage to our prison camp started. After a few hours some U. S. soldiers came through the train with plates of food which we had not seen for many months. When we arrived at the camp—this topped it all—nice clean military bed, shower baths with hot and cold water and food as much as we wanted—and good food. This all we didn't expect. The work was agreeable and relations between prisoners and civilian made no difference. There was no talk of winner or loser and no feeling of hatred. They were real people who knew what the war was about and had to fight for their own existence. They were not fighting for the head of a nation or a "Fuehrer as Hitler."

We had orders to obey and we also had our rights. We could attend church regularly with no interference. Yes they also had masses for our home folks in Germany. Here the people spoke as if to man and not to a superior enemy. We were not considered enemies.

How quick those three years went by and my prisoner of war term was at an end and the big ship filled up again but this time not with fanatics but with men who had been converted to a better world. People now knew that there was across the ocean decent people and not uncivilized people as we were trained to believe under the "Fuehrer." My thoughts go out to you people which have done so much for me and are still doing it. How can I make good for your kindness? May God reward you and protect you and keep your land free from foreign evil influences who seek to enter your land. May these foreign influences which are against peace and order get their punishment. It is about this that the entire world finds its way back to Christ.

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Cures Tobacco Fity Years Without a Loss

"I can't give it but I tell you I have established something akin to a record when it comes to curing tobacco." Mr. Ellis Malone said yesterday. "I have been curing tobacco for 50 years in the Bear Grass neighborhood and I have never lost a 'barn by fire.' Mr. Malone pointed out that he never owned an oil burner nor used anything but wood in curing

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Market Holding To Recent Increases In Tobacco Prices

Prices gains, noted during the past several days, continued to hold firm on Williamston's tobacco market this week with daily averages shooting close to \$43.00 per hundred pounds.

After holding to the lowest level of the season the early part of last week, the market started climbing last Thursday and by Thursday of this week daily averages had gained nearly \$5 per hundred. During the meantime, sales on the market climbed to approximately six and three-quarter million pounds, passing those for the same period last season by a comfortable margin.

A farmer review of the price situation this week shows that prices on the medium grades were up as much as \$5 per hundred, and the top types were selling for as

much as \$61 and \$62 per hundred pounds. No material change in the prices was noted for the inferior grades.

While most of the farmers have sold their tips, they are offering tobacco resembling tips and the prices for those types are not so "hot."

It is estimated that more than sixty percent of the crop has been sold in this immediate section.

The eastern markets return to a five-hour daily selling schedule next Monday, but peanut digging is holding sales to around 150,000 to 200,000 pounds on the local market at the present time, and the extra selling time will hardly be needed until the peanut harvest is completed and farmers find time to return to their tobacco pack barns.

Thousands Attend Cemetery Closing

Following is an account based on a news release recently made in Paris, describing how the Belgian nation honored U. S. World War II dead as Henri Chapelle Cemetery closed.

Led by a personal representative of the Prince Regent Charles and by their Premier, Paul Henri Spaak, nearly 5,000 Belgian citizens streamed to Henri Chapelle Cemetery on July 27, 1947, by bus, bicycle, and on foot to attend the solemn benediction ceremony held to mark its closing on Monday, July 28, in preparation for the return of American World War II dead to the homeland.

The American Ambassador to Belgium, Admiral Alan G. Kirk, Lieutenant General Clarence R. Huebner, Deputy Commander in Chief, European Command, and representatives of all the varied elements that made up the United States forces in the recent war were in attendance. Over thirty relatives and next of kin of American soldiers buried in Henri Chapelle also were present for the ceremony.

Headquarters, European Command, sent a picked platoon of the 18th Regiment, First Infantry Division, to the ceremony as an honor guard. Four platoons of the Belgian First Lancers Regiment were present for the benediction ceremony, supplemented by a special ceremonial guard of the Belgian National Gendarmerie and by red-capped foot and mounted Belgian Police. A 57-piece band of their First Brigade Piron alternated in playing ceremonial music with the U. S. Army's 423rd European Command Band.

Town Board Will Meet October 7th

Their meeting postponed from the regularly scheduled date, the local town commissioners will discuss a varied business calendar when they meet next Tuesday evening, October 7, at 8:00 o'clock, Mayor Robt. Cowen said today.

Engineer Henry Rivers is expected to submit tentative plans as a part of a long-term improvement program. The report is expected to center on sewer and water line extensions, water supply and storage. It is now thought possible that the town's sewer system can be expanded to a large extent without the construction of a costly disposal plant. The engineer is expected to advance plans and cost estimates at the meeting next Tuesday.

It was also intimated that the town officials and property owners will make another effort to get out of a 10-foot, dead-end alley now bottling up traffic in the backlot on the north side of Main Street. The property owners have agreed to a mutual solution of the problem. The town is making arrangements to work over the backlots where the owners have given permission, and the project will be extended just as soon as permission is granted. The meeting was postponed when Mayor Robt. Cowen was invited to attend the Goldsboro Centennial next Monday.

BOARD MEET

Meeting in regular session here next Monday, the Martin County Commissioners have very little new business on their agenda. Jurymen will be drawn for the November term of Superior court, and it is possible that the meeting will discuss the appointment of a special committee to study the county's hospital needs. However, no official announcement in that connection has been made.

"Cornzapoppin" Here Two Days

The action taking place in the living room of the Judkins home, a three act musical comedy is being presented by the Williamston Kiwanis Club Thursday and Friday nights of this week at the High School auditorium, the curtain time both nights being 8:21.

The story concerns a couple of upright hill boys of the Skunk Creek community who want to start a bottling works in their community but are thwarted by the underhanded efforts of Squire Hicks in the person of Jessup Harrison. In the end, everyone gets his just desserts and all live happily ever after to the satisfaction and enjoyment of the local folks who have been waiting to see what kind of Thespians their friends and neighbors be.

Between the acts Master of Ceremonies Bruce Wynne will present some specialty numbers including singing and dancing.

Presentation of the comedy climaxes a week or ten days of hard work on the part of members of the cast and ends, or perhaps begins, the kidding and joshing that has been rife in recent days.

Visiting the Skunk Crik community and the five and six act mountain music Linny Pearl as played by Futzhugh Fussell is first on the scene and Elvirey Judkins (Neil Ripley) follows in short order to take charge of things, among the least of which is luckless Pa Judkins (Bob Cowen). Mazie Mae (Thad Harrison), Aunt Bessie (Meyer Levin), Miss Twitty (Jimmie Harris), and Elmer Judkins (Joe Davenport), also get a hand in things now and then. Bob Manning as played by James Manning and the villain of the piece, Squire Hicks (Jessup Harrison) keep things alive.

The dance numbers are presented by the Williamston School of Dancing under the direction of Mrs. R. B. Armstrong and the entire two nights' effort is on behalf of the Public School Music fund of the high school.

Adeline Leary, 73, Died Here Tuesday Afternoon

Adeline Leary, respected colored citizen and faithful housekeeper for the Elbert Peels here for the past fifteen years, died at her home Tuesday afternoon. She was stricken while walking on Houghton Street early last Saturday evening, her condition gradually worsening until the end. She was 73 years old and spent most of her life in the Jamesville community. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon in her church at Jamesville, and interment will follow there.

Speaker Outlines Peace Foundation At Club Meeting

Women's Clubs Hold Annual Session Here Wednesday Afternoon

The annual meeting of the fifteenth District North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs met here Wednesday in the Methodist church. The meeting was called to order by the Fifteenth District President, Mrs. W. Jesse Moye, of the Farmville Woman's Club. The group sang "The Club Woman's Hymn," which was followed by the invocation by Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the church.

Greetings from the Williamston club which was hostess for the district meeting, was given by Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., president of the local club. The response was given by Mrs. W. H. Joyner of the Plymouth Woman's Club.

Greetings from the fifteenth district North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, was given by Miss Elizabeth Parker, Martin County Home agent.

The minutes of the last year's district meeting held in Plymouth, were read and approved.

Mrs. Moye appointed the following committees, nomination, place and courtesy.

The past district presidents were recognized and commended for their splendid work.

Mrs. W. J. Moye gave the district yearly report which was very graciously accepted.

After reports from all of the clubs in the district were given Mrs. Moye introduced Mrs. Edwin P. Brown, 2nd vice president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Brown stressed the importance of an active, wide away club in every community. She asked that each club adapt for its slogan: "Every Club doing something for its youth," thereby promoting a state project, Youth Conservation. Mrs. Brown also stressed the importance of promptness in all the clubs. In conclusion she challenged each clubwoman as a burning fire, to encourage others to see the vision and set out to seek it.

It was a great pleasure to have Mrs. J. A. Gupton, state president, of Charlotte, as guest speaker of the day. Mrs. Gupton chose as her theme, "United For Peace." She stated if we are to be united for peace now is the time to start and the home, community and church are the places to start. In united for peace we must rid our souls of all prejudice as this is our only hope of a world peace. Mrs. Gupton further stated women of American have two faults: 1. Apathy, and 2. We fail to stick together.

Mrs. Gupton concluded her address by saying, "We must resolve to stand united for God, Home, Mother and Community if we hope to achieve a united world peace."

Special music was furnished by Mrs. W. K. Parker and Miss Ida Privott.

Mrs. W. C. Arnold, Ayden Woman's club, was elected president for the ensuing year. The travel prize was awarded the Ayden Woman's club for having traveled the largest number of miles.

The Lewiston-Woodville club extended a cordial invitation to the 15th district to meet with them next fall.

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Drop In Illicit Liquor Business

Submitting a report on his activities for the month of September, County ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck stated that there was a marked drop in the illicit liquor manufacturing business during the period. Unable to explain the marked decrease in the business, the officer advanced the opinion that it was the lull before the storm, that indications the first few days of this month pointed to increased activities.

During last month the officers raided in all parts of the county but found only four stills, confiscated five gallons of illicit liquor and poured out 450 gallons of sug-