

CAA Radio Station Begins Operation On Limited Scale

High Frequency Range To Be In Use Within A Short Time

The Interstate Airways Communication Station of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, located on the second floor of the town hall here, was placed in operation on a limited basis yesterday, Chief Aircraft Communicator J. B. McGee explaining that weather and operational teletype circuits were used for the first time. The office here, one of hundreds of units now in operation throughout the country, is serviced by special circuits running out of Norfolk.

"In addition to these facilities, radio receiving equipment, operating on standard frequencies, and one very high frequency air-ground channel will be commissioned," Mr. McGee said.

Some delay was experienced in adjusting and installing the teletype machines, but the installation kinks were ironed out in time to place the equipment in operation yesterday.

In the near future, the very high frequency radio range, located on the Ball Gray farm, a few miles east of Jamesville, will be placed in operation. The range will be controlled from the CAA quarters in the town hall here.

Explaining the service, Chief Communicator McGee said the communications personnel will be in position at that time to greatly aid the flying public by taking progress reports, flight plans in flight, and disseminating weather information for any section of the country. Mr. McGee continued, "In the past few years, CAA personnel throughout the States have saved many lives by assisting lost aircraft in establishing their position and giving pertinent information through Flight Assistance Service which enabled pilots to find a safe landing area."

Operating personnel for the local station, besides Chief Aircraft Communicator McGee, includes, Aircraft Communicators Frances LaBarre, E. N. Wood, David L. Knight and Noel E. McDaniel, and Maintenance Technician Y. Kirkley.

Mr. McDaniel is being transferred to the station here from Alaska. Mr. McGee is planning to buy a home here. Miss LaBarre, a native of Mississippi, is at home with the Goodmans on Smithwick Street. Mr. Wood is looking for an apartment for himself and family. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkley are at home in an apartment in the home of Mrs. Lennie Manning, and Mr. Knight is rooming in the home of Mrs. W. E. Warren. In addition to the operating personnel, engineers, Messrs. Robt. L. Henry, Thos. Roberts, and L. C. Jackson, are stopping at the George Reynolds hotel while handling the installation work.

Experienced Radio and Communications personnel are needed by the CAA at several stations throughout the Second Region, which includes seven Southeastern states. Salary while training as Assistant Aircraft Communicator starts at \$2644 per annum. Minimum requirements for this position are 15 words per minute sending and receiving Radioteletype code and 40 wpm typing speed. Persons interested in these positions are urged to contact Mr. McGee at the local CAA office.

WARNING

Advised that there have been several near-accidents, town officials this week issued a timely warning against careless skating in local streets. So far there have been no serious accidents, but reports state that some of the skaters are careless, almost defiant of traffic in the streets.

There is no ordinance prohibiting skating in the streets, but unless the youngsters exercise more care, the practice may be ruled out by special ordinance and limited to certain streets that are little used.

Taxi Driver Victim Of Serious Assault

James Crumey Of Edenton Narrowly Escapes With Life

George Jackson, Jr. of Roper, Is Being Held Here For Knife Assault

James Crumey, Edenton taxi driver, was nearly beaten and cut to death when he was attacked about 10:00 o'clock Tuesday night by George Jackson, Jr., of Roper, on a dirt road in the island section of Williams Township, this county.

Badly beaten in the face, and dangerously cut in the neck, on the forehead and hand, Crumey lost considerable blood before he was removed to the local hospital where his condition was regarded as critical for hours.

On account of his serious condition, officers did not question Crumey at length, they picked up a lead in the case and arrested Jackson yesterday morning about 9:00 o'clock not so far from the scene of the attack.

The taxi driver, about 45 years of age, was engaged by Jackson in Edenton to make a trip to Plymouth. Upon their arrival in Plymouth, Jackson asked the driver to take him into the country. Finding the road impassable, Crumey explained he could not go any further. Officers are of the opinion that Jackson was trying to lure the driver off on a little-used road with the intention of killing and robbing him. When the plan did not work there, Jackson told Crumey that he had relatives in Martin County, that he would pay the difference in fare if Crumey would take him there. They drove through Jamesville and turned into the island road near Nursey's store. When they reached the Ben Barber home about three miles from the highway, Crumey explained that he would have to turn back. He lowered his side door glass and when he looked out to see how to turn his car around, Jackson, sitting in the front seat with him, launched the attack, striking with his fist and knife while Crumey had his head partly turned.

Crumey struggled in his defense and either fell out or got out of the car, followed by Jackson. Following a brief scuffle on the ground, Jackson apparently became frightened and ran. Crumey called to the Barber home, a short distance away, for help but before Mr. Barber could get out the taxi man got into his Chevrolet and drove away. He reached the police station here without help, but in a dangerously weakened condition. After returning back to local officers, he was removed to the hospital.

With what little information they could gain from the attack victim, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Deputy Murray Holloman started looking for the attacker. They went into the island section, but could make little progress in the dark.

Returning to that section early Wednesday morning, Deputy Holloman found the scene of the attack and recovered Jackson's hat. After talking with Barber who recalled what he knew about the attack, the officer went in search of the hat owner. Using a cart and accompanied by Barber, the officer forded the swamps and met bareheaded Jackson as he was leaving the Frank Barber home. Jackson was arrested before he could break to run.

Jackson admitted attacking the taxi driver, but his story conflicts with the facts related by the victim. Jackson said that Crumey was in Plymouth and asked him to go with him for a ride. "He cursed me and I attacked him," Jackson told officers.

After wading in water ranging from a few inches to about two feet in depth, Jackson found a barn on one of the island farms and spent the night in it. Although he had worked with a logging firm in the island section, Jackson lost his way that night

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Building and Loan Association Ends Successful Period

Lent Nearly Third of Million Dollars to Over One Hundred Borrowers

The Martin County Building and Loan Association last year had its most successful period in its history. Secretary Wheeler Martin reported to the stockholders in their annual meeting held in his office last Tuesday morning. The number of shareholders reached a record figure and the number of shares of stock in force at the end of the period pushed toward the 9,000 mark, it was reported.

Comparatively few stockholders were present for the meeting, but a greater portion of the stock was represented by proxy, and the annual business was handled without delay.

All the officers and the entire board of directors were re-elected. C. D. Carstarphen was again chosen to head the association as president. Other officers: N. C. Green, vice president; Wheeler Martin, secretary and attorney; Mrs. Vella A. Wynne, treasurer. Directors re-elected: C. D. Carstarphen, N. C. Green, Wheeler Martin, Mrs. Vella A. Wynne, C. B. Clark, Sr., K. B. Crawford, J. E. King, W. C. Manning, F. J. Margolis, Herbert Whitley and Jesse Whitley. Mrs. Bettie L. Coltrin was added to the association's office staff as a full-time employe to help handle an expanding business.

During last year the association advanced \$329,088.50 to 113 borrowers, most of the loans having been floated to finance new home construction. It was estimated that over fifty percent of the loans were made to World War II veterans for the construction of homes. The business did not include the large scale construction project to the west of the town, it was learned.

At the close of the year the association had 639 shareholders and 8,577 shares of stock in force. There was an increase of approximately 100 shareholders during the year, the all-time record number representing quite a few World War II veterans. Reporting \$16,614.95 earnings from the year's operations, the association now has assets in the amount of \$775,807.35, the latter figure representing an increase of about \$180,000 over the past records.

The organization while holding to a safe margin in making loans has been instrumental in financing a greater portion of the building program here for a number of years.

Drivers' Licenses Going Faster Now

Acting to keep out of a last-minute rush which motor vehicle drivers whose last names begin with A and B encountered, drivers whose last names begin with C and D are reporting in fairly large numbers for licenses. Examiner Boyce said this morning. While there has been no big rush, the examiner and his assistants are keeping fairly busy issuing the new type drivers' licenses.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The Enterprise wants pictures of all the little folks in the county, and has made arrangements to have standard photographs made in the Woman's Club hall here next Monday and Tuesday from 1:00 to 8:00 p. m. each day. The pictures will be taken and printed in the paper without charge. There is no obligation to buy pictures, but parents may purchase prints if they desire.

Arrangements have been made with the nation's leading children photographers to make the pictures and printing plates. Pictures are wanted of the little tots, from a few months old on up into the primary school grades.

Mass TB X-ray Survey To Get Under Way In County Tuesday

CLOTHES FOR GERMAN CHILDREN



THE FIRST SHIPMENT of clothing sent from Bolling Field, Washington, D. C., to Weisbaden, Germany, is shown being distributed to needy children in that city. Acting as distributors are Maj. Charles W. Marteny (left), staff chaplain of the U. S. Air Forces in Europe, and Cpl. George Lemke of Kenosha, Wisconsin. The clothing drive was started by an Air Force chaplain at Bolling Field who was once stationed at Weisbaden. Official U. S. Air Force photo. (International Soundphoto)

Sheriff Captures One-Arm Bandit

Virtually non-existent in the county for about six years, the one-arm bandit, a coin slot machine created with high technical skill but without a conscience, made its appearance in the county a few days ago. But the cunning robber scoundrel was picked up by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck Tuesday of this week before a clean sweep of dimes could be effected. Found in the Whitaker service station in Cross Roads Township, the machine yielded the first catch of dimes to the owner last Saturday. But the second batch of coins was caught in the machine and will be turned into the infantile paralysis fund. The owner of the machine, his name yet unknown, has not been contacted by the law as yet.

Firemen Called To Sunny Side

Answering their third call of the new year, local volunteer firemen moved just outside the town limits yesterday morning at 11:10 o'clock when fire threatened Sunny Side Inn. Black smoke was pouring from the ventilators in volume when the firemen came here, and they hooked up a large hose line, blocking the highway for a few minutes.

The fire, believed to have started in an electric relay box, was gaining much headway when it was discovered by Farmer Clyde Williams who was traveling into town. The owners, busy in another part of the building, were notified and they went into action with water buckets and a small hose line. They were able to confine the fire to a corner in the oyster bar and to the loft. No damage estimate could be had immediately.

Mrs. I. B. Pritchett Dies In Hamilton

Mrs. I. Bert Pritchett, 62, died at her home in Hamilton last Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock after a long period of declining health. She had been a member of the Hamilton Baptist Church for a number of years and her pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart, is conducting the funeral in the church there this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in the Hamilton Cemetery. She was a devoted wife and mother. Surviving are her husband and two children, Mary Eunice and Edward Pritchett.

Service Available To All Who Are 15 Years Old or Over

Equipment and Personnel Due This Week-end For County-Wide Survey

One of the greatest campaigns ever launched in this county in the name of better health will get under way next Tuesday when the first X-rays in a county-wide TB survey are made.

Convinced of the value of the survey, nearly every person in the county, fifteen years old or older, white and colored, rich and poor, are expected to have X-ray made of their chests to make certain they are free of the killer germs or to learn whether they have them so they can hopefully look forward to treatment and a fairly certain cure.

Health officials and others, making plans for the mass survey, are certain that thousands will want to have the X-rays made. "We are facing one obstacle, and that is transportation for quite a few persons," an official said this week. To meet that obstacle, special and urgent appeals are being made to neighbors to see that those without transportation get to the mobile units. Landlords are being asked to get their tenants to the mobile units for the X-rays. Hundreds of voters are hauled to the voting places in political elections. It is far more important from a health standpoint to haul people to the mobile units for X-rays, it was pointed out this week. All the people are being asked to get behind the movement and make the survey 100 percent effective.

CALL FOR BIDS

Meeting in special session at noon today, Williamston's town commissioners called for bids for drilling another deep well. Engineers Rivers and Rivers were instructed to prepare the specifications as soon as possible, and it is likely that the bids will be ready for a canvass within three weeks or a month. It is estimated that the well, including a test well, will cost approximately \$8,000 or \$9,000 exclusive of the pump and equipment.

The board briefly discussed plans for the installation of a 300,000-gallon capacity elevated storage tank and the construction of a sewer line from the river to the western edge of the town, but no action was taken.

March Of Dimes Making Progress

The annual March of Dimes is going forward rapidly in this county, Chairman L. B. Wynne stating this morning that he felt certain the \$2,600 goal would be reached by the early part or middle of next week. So far, 106 replies have been received from the direct mail appeals, netting \$466.50. The contributions ranging as high as \$50, are averaging nearly \$5 each. More replies are expected.

The school children, white and colored, are busy throughout the county, and already there is a dime shortage as a result of the thorough collection. Chairman Wynne hopes to have a complete report by Wednesday of next week.

Nine Defendants In Local Court

Nine defendants, facing various charges, were carried before Justice John L. Hassell this week. Zen West, Frank Williams, William and Willie Gorham and Lewis Harris, charged with disorderly conduct, were each fined \$5 and required to pay \$7.50 costs. Operating a motor vehicle with improper steering equipment, Donald Nobles was fined \$5, plus \$8.50 costs. Charged with disorderly conduct, Benjamin Wiggins was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6.50 costs. Drunk and disorderly, Tom Peel was fined \$5 and required to pay \$8.50 costs. Operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Robert Andrews, Jr., was fined \$10 and taxed with \$7.00 costs.

Judge J. C. Smith Hears Twenty-five Cases Last Monday

Fines Imposed At Regular Session Amounted To Nearly \$500

Returning to the bench after a one-week holiday, Judge J. C. Smith heard twenty-five cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Most of the defendants pleaded guilty and the court completed its work for the day before adjourning for late lunch. The jurist struck a liberal streak when it came to meting out road sentences. Fines imposed during the regular session amounted to nearly \$500. Apparently the cold weather limited the number present to the litigants and officials. Proceedings:

His case having been continued at a previous session, Walter Nobles, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. The court suspended the sentence upon the payment of the costs and \$32 for C. B. Fagan's medical bill. The defendant is to remain off the Fagan premises for at least two years. Zora Desmond Cox, charged with failing to give proper hand signal, and Joe Mobley, charged with speeding, were adjudged not guilty.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Early May Boston was adjudged guilty and he was sentenced to the roads for two years. Appeal was noted, and bond was required in the sum of \$500. J. L. Warren, charged with assaulting a female, pleaded not guilty, but failed to support his plea. He was sentenced to the roads for six months. Back in March the defendant was sentenced to the roads for nine months when he was adjudged guilty in a similar case. It was brought out during the trial last Monday that the defendant had violated the terms upon which the three-month road term was suspended, and Judge Smith invoked that sentence which is to begin at the expiration of the first.

Charged with assaulting a female, Elton Ruffin pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. In a second case, Ruffin was adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence, of trespassing on the property of another and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the second sentence to begin at the expiration of the first. Facing the court in two cases, each charging him with being drunk and disorderly, Sidney Harris failed to answer when called and papers calling for his arrest were issued. Charged with issuing a worthless check, Jasper Jones was adjudged not guilty.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Alfred Worsley was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs, the court recommending that his license to operate a motor vehicle be revoked for one year. Pleading nolo contendere in the case charging him with possessing equipment for the manufacture of illicit liquor, W. Kader Lilley was adjudged guilty and was fined \$50, plus the costs.

Charged with failing to send his son to school, C. G. Council pleaded guilty. (Continued on page eight)

SEVEN DAYS LEFT

Only seven days are left for motorists to buy and display their State motor vehicle tags, reports from the local bureau in the office of Harrison and Carstarphen stating that the sale is trailing the one a year ago. While the sale of Williams-ton motor vehicle tags is well ahead of the distribution last year, quite a few vehicle owners have not yet purchased the tin plate. The police department reminds the vehicle owners that instructions have been handed down, directing court action in those cases where plates are not properly displayed.