

Call Dozen Cases In County Court Monday Morning

Fines and Forfeitures Total \$445; Several Road Sentences Imposed

Meeting in regular session at 9:30 o'clock last Monday morning, the county court cleared a dozen cases from the docket and adjourned two hours later after imposing fines in the amount of \$445 and meting out several road sentences. Judge Chas. H. Manning was on the bench and Solicitor Paul W. Roberson prosecuted. There were very few spectators in the court room; in fact there were only a few defendants and witnesses.

Proceedings:
Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and displaying improper license plates, Edmond Earl Maitland was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$35 fine and costs.

When Leslie B. Neely, Akron, Ohio, man charged with drunken driving, failed to answer when called, the court ordered the \$150 bond forfeited.

Ordie Council and Thelma Ward were charged with violating the liquor laws and both pleaded not guilty. The defendant, Ward, was adjudged not guilty, and Council was found guilty of possessing seven pints of non-tax liquor in his filling station at Sting Point on Highway No. 11 in Robersonville Township. He was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a fine of \$150 and the costs, and not be convicted of any liquor law violation during the next five years.

Charged with breaking jail and damaging property, James Clinton Council was adjudged not guilty. It was brought out that there was another man in the Oak City jail with Council and it could not be determined which one damaged the property. The other man has not been apprehended, as yet.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Norris LeRoy Cahoon, RFD 3, Col.

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Swimming Pool To Open June 1

Announcement has been made of the opening of the Municipal Swimming Pool here on Wednesday, June 1.

Complete plans are being worked out but are not ready for official announcement as yet.

Coach Stuart Maynard of the Williamston High School, is handling the ticket sales for the pool and has announced that a concession is being made to the holders of season tickets for last year. A reduction of \$1.50 will be allowed holders of last year's tickets. The coach has the names of last year's purchasers. This will make the price to last year's patrons, \$3.00 for a children's ticket and \$4.50 for an adult ticket. The regular price to new patrons will be \$6.00 for the adult ticket and \$4.50 for the children's ticket.

A life guard is to be stationed at the pool and John L. Goff, Jr., will be director of activities there this summer. An effort is being made to get Miss Louise Griffin to handle the children's department at the pool this season, it was reported.

It is understood that the pool will be open in the afternoon and evening only to the public. It will be open for instruction only in the mornings, it is reported.

HOLIDAY

Next Monday, National Memorial Day, will be observed as a holiday by a few local firms and offices, including the Virginia Electric and Power Company, post office, banks and possibly one or two others. County and State offices, according to one report, will not observe the day as a holiday, and business, for the most part, will be maintained as usual by all other establishments.

Exhibits Champion At Show



Howard Gardner, member of the Jamesville chapter Future Farmers of America, is pictured with his grand champion hog he exhibited at the recent Martin County Fat Stock show. The future farmer is a son of Mr. Lonnie Gardner, and he sold his 246-pound porkers for 36 cents a pound, receiving in addition a \$10 prize.

TOBACCO VOTE

Tobacco growers in the blue-growing states will vote on acreage control for tobacco on July 23, it was announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The growers will be given an opportunity to vote for acreage control for one year or three years or to eliminate control altogether.

Martin County and North Carolina farmers have supported control programs in the past with big majority votes, and the consensus of opinion is that they will continue to support the plan.

Engineers' Club Met Last Night

The May meeting of the East Carolina Engineers' Club was held last night at the local Woman's Club. Following a delicious dinner served by the ladies of the Maple Grove Christian Church, President Kenneth Knight, director of Utilities for the City of Rocky Mount, turned the meeting over to R. E. Kimball, program chairman, who introduced K. S. Trowbridge, manager of the wood and land department of the N. C. Pulp Company of Plymouth, as the guest speaker.

In his talk on the subject of "Conservation of Timber Resources," Mr. Trowbridge pointed out that although private industries, such as wood pulp and lumber producers were guilty to a certain extent for the drain of wood resources, that on the whole the major part of the guilt lies with John Q. Public and the owner of the small wood lot. Fire in the forests of North Carolina, a drain caused in a large part by the carelessness of John Q. Public, destroys much more wood in the state than does the requirements of the pulp industry in the State. At the same time, the small wood lot owners of the state use 2-1/2 times as much wood for tobacco curing purposes than does the pulp industry. The problem, he brought out, however, lies not so much in the matter of depletion of forest resources as in awakening within the people of the State, the need for conservation and restoration of the wooded areas that are unfit for cultivation.

In a brief business session preceding the talk by Mr. Trowbridge, President Knight announced to the club that due to the vacation season that the executive committee had suspended meetings for the months of June and July. The club organized in the spring of 1948 as a means of providing a mutual meeting ground for the engineering profession of Eastern North Carolina, has a membership representing points as far west as Raleigh, as far south as Kinston and New Bern, as far north as Ahoskie, and as far east as Williamston.

Williamston, which is by far the smallest host city, has eight members within the club. Other local members besides R. E. Kimball, are Neil Ripley, Asa L. Moore, George C. Mahler, Alton B. Pleasants, W. Bennie Daniel, L. Nelson Leggette and Wendell Feil.

Timely Questions About Rural Road Program In State

Would Hardsurface Close To 12,000 Miles of Roads Of Secondary Type

Some timely questions have been asked and Governor Kerr Scott has gone up with some timely answers about the proposed \$200,000,000 road program in North Carolina. Proposing to hardsurface 12,000 miles of secondary roads, the governor answered recently fifteen questions, as follows:

1. Question: What improvements are contemplated by Governor Scott's "GO FORWARD" program for secondary roads?

Answer: The Governor himself has answered this question in the following words: "My goal is to hardsurface 12,000 miles of secondary roads. Some people call them county roads, but I'm talking about the same thing. I plan to put another 35,000 miles of dirt roads in all-weather condition."

2. Question: How much of this program would be accomplished during the next four years on a normal "pay-as-you-go" basis?

Answer: Approximately 3,000 miles. This figure is arrived at on the basis of expenditures for roads as recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission in its regular budget for the State Highway and Public Works Commission for the next two years.

3. Question: Doesn't such an estimate leave some funds left over which could be used to build additional hard-surfaced roads?

Answer: Yes, there would be an estimated balance of \$14,572,208. This would provide about \$3,643,052 a year and would pay for only about 200 miles of hard-surfacing.

4. Question: What will the Governor's program cost?

Answer: Approximately \$218,000,000 figured on the following basis:
Paving 9,000 miles of Rural Roads at \$18,000 a mile — \$162,000,000
Betterment of 35,000 miles of other Rural Roads at \$1,600 a mile — 56,000,000
TOTAL — \$218,000,000

5. Question: What work is contemplated by "betterment" of 35,000 miles of other rural roads?

Answer: The application of crushed stone, soil, or black-topping so that these roads can be used any day in the year.

6. Question: How does the Governor propose to finance this program?

Answer: By the issuance of \$200,000,000 in State bonds, subject to a vote of the people.

7. Question: How long would it take to pay off the bonds and how much would it cost each year?

Answer: The bonds would be issued, as the money is needed, to mature in 20 years. The estimated annual carrying charge is \$14,000,000 including interest figured at two percent. Bond experts have advised the Governor that they believe the money can be raised at 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 percent and that the interest rate certainly should not exceed two percent. This compares with interest of four and five percent paid on bonds issued in the 'twenties.

8. Question: Where would the State get the money to pay off these bonds?

Answer: From gasoline taxes. The governor has proposed increasing these taxes one cent a gallon. This would raise an estimated \$7,000,000 a year, half of the required amount. Increased revenues are anticipated, if more dirt roads are hardsurfaced, from the present gasoline tax of six cents a gallon. Experience has shown that people use highways more when they are surfaced, and this means more gasoline tax revenue. Then, too, the State expects to have enough money in its highway sinking fund by June, 1953, to take care of road bonds outstanding. Money now set aside from gasoline revenues to pay on new bonds or to help maintain newly surfaced roads.

9. Question: What portion of the highway bonds issued during the 1920's remains outstanding and what is the status of the sinking fund?

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Summer Schedule For Bookmobile Goes Into Effect

Additional New Books Added To List Recently For Vacation Months

If you buy all the books you need for yourself and your family, you are building up a good private library. It's costing you money, but it's a gilt-edged investment in education, pleasure and culture. Still, maybe you can use some of that money for something else. Maybe you haven't time to keep informed of the many new books that are published every day. That's where the B H M Regional Library comes in. A trained librarian does your book selection for you, and the best literature is available to you and your children for an annual cost in taxes of less than the price of one novel. The Regional Library, brought to you by the Bookmobile, is a tax-supported community service just like schools and fire protection. Supplement your home library by making use of the Bookmobile collection as it visits your community.

As always many new and useful books will be found on the Bookmobile when it returns to Martin County this week. All will be of interest to some reader. Some of the books you will want to see and read are:

Homemaking can be made easy by Myrtle Tolg. Common-sense methods and principles of planned home management. Covers time budgets, room arrangements, planned home management, covers time budgets, room arrangements, planned housekeeping, washing and ironing, kitchen management, meal planning, first aid, etc.

Kinfolk, by Pearl S. Buck. The "kinfolk" are the family of the famous Dr. Liang, living in New York and lecturing about Confucius to admiring ladies, and fat Uncle Tao and cousins who live in the ancestral village in China.

The Green Roller, by Roark Bradford. The Green Roller preached up and down the swamp lands of Louisiana for a hundred years, and then went to Glory dissatisfied that he had made hardly a scratch on the surface of iniquity. Here are sermons by the twelve men the Green Roller taught to carry on the Lord's work against Satan.

Aunt Bel, by Guy McCrone. The author brings again to sedate and cheerfully humorous like the Victorian Scottish Moore House of Glasgow, whom he introduced in Red Plush. This is in particular the story of Aunt Bel, social abiter and tactician who lived for those minor crises of life which were tests of her generalship.

Wayfaring Stranger, by Burl Ives. Burl Ives, whom Carl Sandburg calls "the greatest folk-ballad singer of them all," has written an autobiography that's as fresh and wholesome as a summer's breeze out of an Illinois cornfield. He has written his own story—a genuine piece of American literature.

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Open Daily Vacation Bible School Term Here Monday

The Williamston Union Vacation Bible School will begin Monday morning, May 30, at 9:00 a. m. The ages of the pupils begin at 4 and run through 12. The daily sessions will run from 9:00 o'clock to 12:00, Monday through Friday, over a period of two weeks.

All the pupils will meet at the Baptist church for the first session and then will be divided into departments. The beginner group, ages 4 and 5, will go to the Episcopal church; the primary group, ages 6, 7 and 8, will go to the Methodist church; and the Junior group, ages 9, 10, 11, and 12 will remain at the Baptist church.

This is a very important part of the religious education work of the churches and without question the parents of the children of the community will give their full cooperation as has been true in the past.

Mrs. S. D. Perry Bied In Hospital Tuesday Evening

Fewer Services Are Being Conducted At Home Near Here This Afternoon

Mrs. Simon D. Perry died in a Washington hospital Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock following an illness of about two weeks' duration. Apparently in her usual health, she was taken quite ill while visiting in the home of her daughter on Marshall Avenue, but her condition seemed to improve until last Saturday when she suffered a relapse and was removed to the hospital in Washington. Her condition had been critical since that time, and hope for her recovery was abandoned after she had received thirteen blood transfusions in the course of about three days.

The former Miss Mary Emily Jones, she was born in Williamston Township near the old Daniel and Staton mill on August 17, 1900, the daughter of Mrs. Mattie Elizabeth Green Jones and the late William Larry Jones. She was married at an early age to Mr. Perry on November 18, 1914, and spent all her life on the farm in this county until about a year ago when the family located in West End near the Highway Patrol radio station.

She was a member of the West End Baptist Church and was welcomed as a good neighbor and friend in her home and adopted communities. She was a devoted wife and mother, lending a helping hand and encouragement to all and willingly sharing the responsibilities of others.

Surviving besides Mr. Perry and her mother, are four daughters, Mrs. Onward Roberson, Mrs. Joe Roberson and Mrs. Alonza Bland of Williamston, and Miss Janie Perry of the home; four sons, Simon, Jr., Archie and Thurman Perry of Williamston, and David Perry of Norfolk; six brothers, Marvin Jones of near Jamesville, John Jones of Everetts, Dan Jones of near Hamilton, Eustace and James Jones of the old home, and Woodrow Jones of near Williamston; four sisters, Mrs. Clyde Modlin and Mrs. Carrie Mizelle of Jamesville, Mrs. Lindwood Bennett of Bear Grass Township, and Mrs. Noah Daniel Griffin of near Williamston.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home in West End this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Seniors Plan To Attend College

Ten of the twenty-six seniors graduated from the high school here this week are planning to enter college next fall. The other sixteen graduates have not announced their plans.

Billy Edwards, Julian Mason and Landy Griffin are going to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Guy Carrow will enter N. C. State, Raleigh. Sallie Hardison is going to Duke where her brother, Fred, figured prominently in football. Bobby Rogers and Bobby Taylor are lined up to enter Davidson College. Marilyn Fussell is going to Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and Joan Peel and David Carson are entering East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville.

Minor Accidents On Streets Here

No one was hurt and property damage was limited in several accidents on local streets earlier this week.

William Robt. Hopkins of Everetts was driving west on the main street Tuesday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock and started to make a left turn into Haughton when Robert Ernest Modlin, driving a Plymouth, started to pass. Damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$50. Chief W. E. Saunders stating that little or no damage was done to the Ford driven by Hopkins. The drivers settled the accident on the scene, the officer said.

About two hours later two vehicles crashed at the intersection of Washington and Seamore Streets, the accident being the second at that point in three days. Both vehicles, a 1946 Plymouth driven by Andrew Clemmons Roberson, and a Ford panel truck driven by Oscar D. Quidley of Baltimore, were traveling south. Quidley, detained on a drunken driving charge by Officers Saunders and Moore, started to pass the Roberson car on the right just as Roberson started to make a right turn into Seamore Street. David E. Quidley, accompanying the driver of the panel truck, was booked for public drunkenness. Damage to the Plymouth was estimated at \$200 and that to the truck at \$50.

Justice Johnson Hears Few Cases

Little activity was reported in the inferior courts here during the past few days. Justice John L. Hassell explained he has enjoyed an early summer vacation, and Justice R. T. Johnson said he handled only three minor cases.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Freeman Bazemore was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs. Jas. T. Edmondson, charged with not stopping at a road intersection, was taxed with \$5.85 costs. Anthony Lanier was required to pay \$5.85 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

TAX ELECTIONS

Citizens in the Bear Grass and Oak City School Districts will decide in special elections to be held on Saturday of this week whether to supplement their schools with a special tax. The polls will open at 6:30 o'clock a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m., and voting will be centered in Bear Grass, Hamilton, Hassell and Oak City Precincts.

Only a fair-sized registration has been reported in the four precincts.

Mr. N. T. Tice Much Improved At His Home

Mr. Noah T. Tice who has been quite ill at his home in Griffins Township for some time, has shown much improvement during recent days. He was able to attend a church meeting near his home last Sunday, and had dinner at the table with his family for the first time since January. He enjoyed seeing many old friends throughout the day.

Weather Perfect For County Crops

Weather conditions along with an ample supply of plants have been and continue almost perfect for growing crops in this county, farmers declaring they have never seen better prospects for crops at this season of the year. Light rains falling in the county this week have made the crops literally jump, and good stands exist almost without exception.

While gentle rains were falling in this county, severe hail storms were reported in the Plymouth and Roper areas Tuesday. A few crops were almost wiped out and reports state that a few farmers had to replant their tobacco crops. In Roper, people were said to have hurried to shelter to avoid being pounded by the pellets.

Most of the main crops are up and growing in this county and a sizeable acreage is being planted to sweet potatoes at the present time, quite a few farmers having already completed the transplanting work.