

## County Court In Regular Session Monday Morning

### Financial Slump Grips Court; Non-support Cases Show Increase

After hovering around \$1,000 for several weeks, fines and forfeitures in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday took a nose-dive to reflect a real financial slump there but not necessarily any material decrease in activities on the crime front. Fines amounted to only \$85 in the fourteen cases handled by Judge C. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson.

For a change there were no drunken driving cases slated for trial, but non-support and bastardy cases crowded the docket which the court was all morning clearing.

Starting out with a single bastardy charge, the court developed the case and found real inflation. A witness for the prosecution, the court was advised, was the mother of two illegitimate children. A witness for the defendant, it was brought out, was the mother of twins by the defendant, but other than to establish paternity the court offered no judgment since it was proved the father was offering "adequate" support for those two children. And then the same father was found guilty of non-support of a third child. Unable to comply with the financial terms set up by the judge, the defendant was making ready to go to the roads.

In the case of David M. Woolard in which the defendant was charged with an assault on a female, the court sentenced him to the roads for six months, suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine, costs and an \$8 doctor's bill. The defendant had pleaded guilty at a previous session, and the case had been continued under prayer of judgment.

Pleading not guilty of assaulting a female, George Bonds, adjudged guilty, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs and is to remain of good behavior for two months.

Adjudged guilty of bastardy, Chester Saunders was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road sentence upon the payment of the costs, \$4 a week for support of the illegitimate child and \$15 to the midwife. The payments are to be made during a two-year period.

R. B. Spruill, pleading guilty of bastardy, was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and on condition that the defendant pay \$5 a week for the support of his illegitimate child during the next two years.

Archie Brown was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Finding no probable cause of guilt, the case charging Walter Rogers with leaving the scene of an accident was dismissed.

Pleading not guilty of non-support, Ernest Spruill was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs, \$25 now and \$12.50 per week for two years for the support of his wife and five children.

The case charging James Bell with assault was not pressed, but the court, learning the defendant had without permission left the county home where he was serving a sentence added two more months to his time.

Charged with violating the liquor laws and being publicly drunk, Oliver Peel was found guilty on the second count and was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

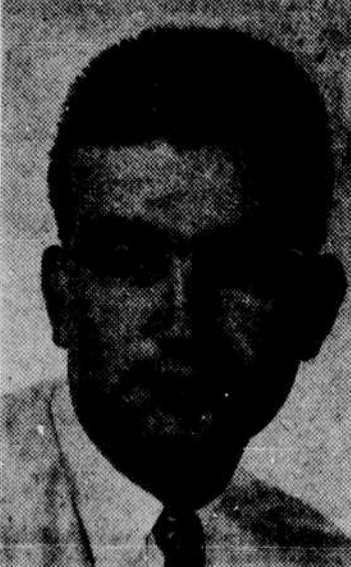
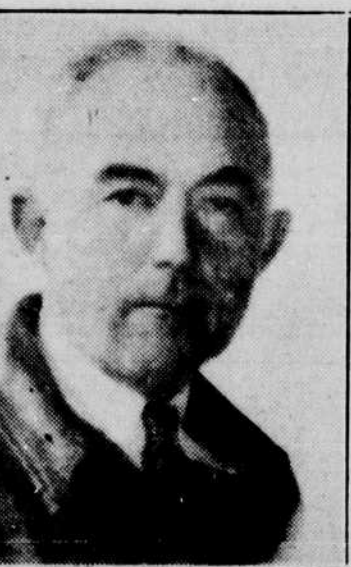
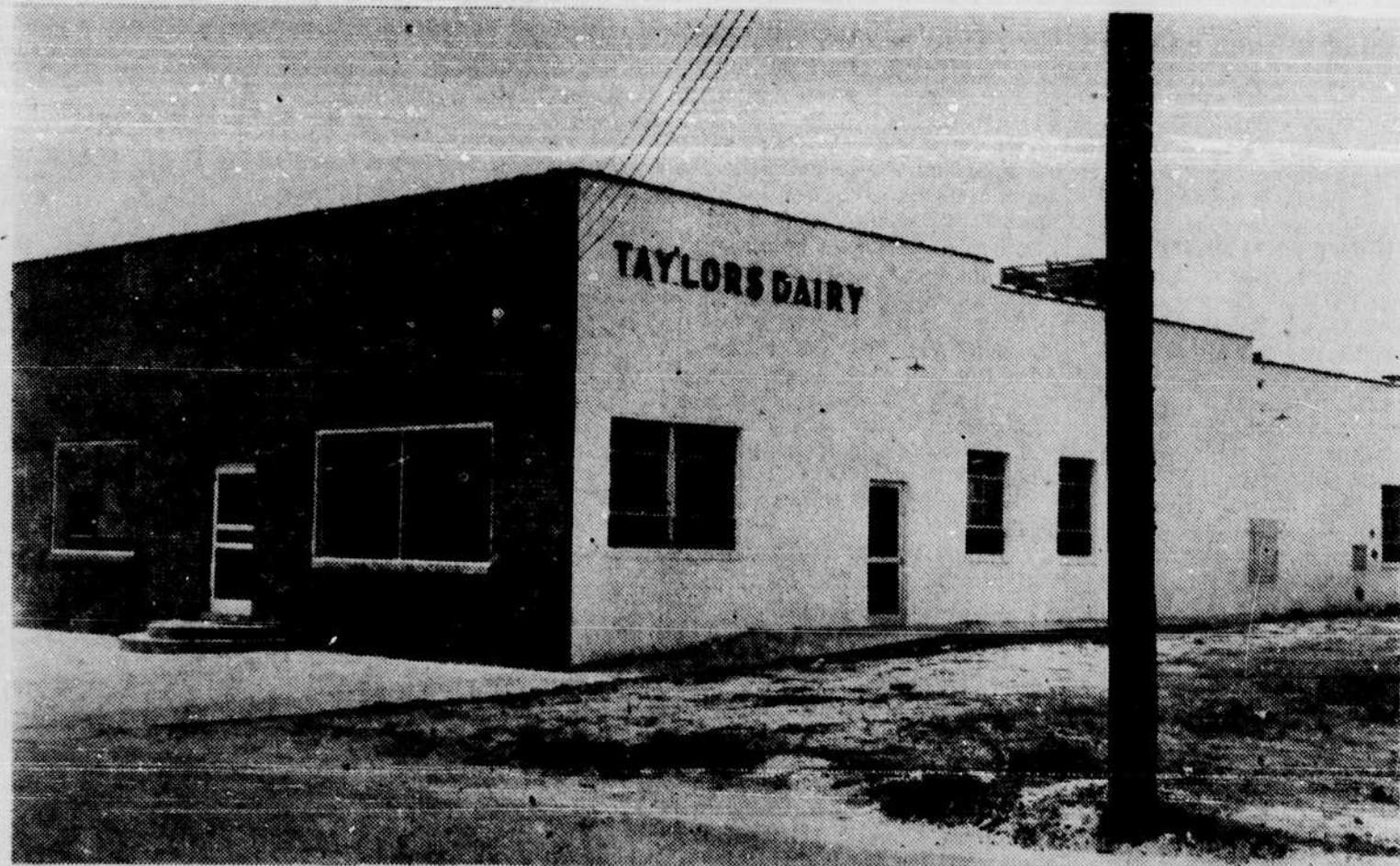
Melvin Mayo Cordon was found not guilty of violating the liquor laws.

William Jones was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months for an assault with a deadly weapon.

In the case charging him with bastardy, Chester Saunders pleaded guilty of paternity of two children begotten on the body of

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## \$60,000.00 Milk Plant Opens Here Next Week



Taylor's Dairy milk plant, one of the most modern in this section of the country and costing approximately \$60,000, will be opened here on South Haughton Street sometime next week, Manager Van Ralph Taylor announcing yesterday that a formal opening date would be announced within the next few days. During the meantime, machinery tests are being completed and the large sales room stocked with all kinds of dairy products. Pictured at the left are Messrs. Van G. Taylor, silent partner, and his nephew, Van Ralph Taylor.

## Milk Plant Offering Diversified Program

### \$60,000.00 Plant Calls For Added Raw Milk Supply

#### Several County Farmers Contracting To Sell Milk To Plant

One of this section's most modern milk plants, costing approximately \$60,000, will be placed in operation here next week by Taylor's Dairy, it was announced today by Mr. Van Ralph Taylor, manager. Most of the modern and latest type machines have been placed and tested, and only a few minor details are delaying the formal opening, the manager explained. "We hope to be able to announce a definite formal opening date within a few days," Mr. Taylor said, explaining that a supply of dairy products would be placed in the sales room during the meantime.

The nine-room concrete-brick structure is located on South Haughton Street, covering 47 by 87 feet with a parking lot and drives all around it. Its completion climaxes years of study and about seven months of steady work by the manager and his partner-uncle, Mr. Van G. Taylor.

Designed to meet the needs of this and surrounding sections, the plant will fit well into a greater diversification for agriculture in this county. It was stated yesterday that several farmers had already contracted with the owners to furnish the plant with milk. However, the need calls for a goodly number of additional suppliers, and it is planned, in due time, to establish milk routes and push dairying to its rightful place in the county. "Until we can get an ample supply of raw milk we'll not be able to manufacture ice cream, but within a short time we hope to enter that field and supply the needs of this section," Manager Taylor explained.

Built in accordance with the latest specifications outlined by the State and County health departments, the plant is equipped with any number of machines and has ample space to maintain an adequate service for this entire section.

The plant is equipped with a fully automatic cyclotherm steam generator which will take care of the two pasteurizers, homogeniz-

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## Few Bonds Bought In Martin County

Commenting on the current sale of U. S. government savings bonds, Herman A. Bowen, drive chairman, said yesterday that only \$19,106.25 had been invested in the securities by Martin County people during recent weeks. Bowen stated that the county quota probably would not be reached because the purchase of bonds in agricultural counties is generally low at this particular season of the year. He predicted that sales would increase during the months of September and October.

In the state drive a total of \$10,093,577.00 has been sold against a goal of twelve million. The present Opportunity Drive will end on July 16 and Bowen has urged all issuing agents in the county to report all bonds sold before that date.

"The purchase of Savings Bonds is most important during our present change in economic conditions. The tremendous amount of savings invested in bonds has assisted in maintaining a brake on inflation during the past few years. Now during a period of reduced business activity this reserve will act as a stimulant to business by adding to the purchasing power of the individual," Bowen stated.

Bonds may be purchased at the banks or the post office. Kenneth Wible of Greensboro, Deputy Director for the U. S. Savings Bonds Division, was a business visitor here yesterday.

## 6,335 Hospitals In The Country

The American Medical Association reports there were 16,422,774 admissions to the hospitals last year—one every 1.9 seconds. The council reported that the number of hospital beds available is 1,423,529. There are 6,335 hospitals. The average length of a patient's stay dropped from 11.4 days in 1947 to 10.5 days last year. Hospital births in 1948 numbered 2,794,261—slightly under the all-time record high of 2,837,239 in 1947.

## Company Profits Show An Increase

Reflecting the effect of the acquisition of Standard Wholesale Phosphate & Acid Works, Inc., and Southern Acid & Sulphur Company, Inc., on April 1 of this year, Mathieson Chemical Corporation reports net earnings for the second quarter ended June 30, 1949 of \$2,074,266.87 or \$1.53 per share of common stock as compared with \$1,065,512.33 or \$1.24 per share for the second quarter of 1948.

In the quarterly report to stockholders, Thomas S. Nichols, president, explained that the earnings of \$2.47 per share for the first half of 1949, compared with \$2.16 last year, are based on the common stock outstanding on June 30, 1949, of 1,327,722 shares, compared with 828,171 shares last year, but do not include Standard and Southern earnings for the first quarter. Had these earnings been included, he noted, per share earnings for the six months would have been \$3.33.

The balance sheet reveals other effects of the acquisition—total assets as of June 30 were \$125,882,458.17 as compared with \$79,668,325.26 on December 31, 1948. Current assets are reported as \$24,734,958.15 and current liabilities, as \$7,863,612.39. This compares with current assets of \$11,119,145.26 and current liabilities of \$5,846,890.48 on December 31.

Mr. Nichols advised the stockholders that the company, in partnership with the Baltimore National Bank, had purchased the 24-story O'Sullivan Building in Baltimore. The building will be renamed the Mathieson Building and the company's executive offices will be moved there from New York at the end of the year.

## Sheriff C. B. Roebuck Reported Some Better

Quite ill in a Washington hospital for months, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was reported somewhat improved this morning. He was said to have rested fairly well yesterday and was able to sit up in bed for about seven minutes last evening.

## Rushing Business In The Court Of Justice Johnson

### Fifteen Defendants Appear Before Trial Justice In Past Several Days

Business, holding to a fairly low point for several weeks, was really rushing in Justice R. T. Johnson's court during the past few days when fifteen defendants were carried before him to answer for alleged violation of various and minor laws. Fines, amounting of \$40, were almost half those imposed in the county court last Monday. A few drew unconditional road sentences, while one or two had their cases scheduled for trial in the higher courts.

John Baker, charged with public drunkenness, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days and left for his assignment Tuesday morning. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$5.85 costs in the case charging R. A. Moore with fishing without a license.

Willie Luther Darden was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for an assault. The court suspended the road term for six months upon the payment of a \$10 fine and \$8.95 costs.

In the case charging Lenora Smallwood, Irma Hart and James Pearsall with an assault, Pearsall was found not guilty. The other two defendants were fined \$5 and taxed with \$4.13 costs each, the Hart woman being required to pay \$5 property damages.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$5.85 costs in the case charging Alice Thomas and Dallas Whitley with disorderly conduct.

Charged with taking fish ruled too small, Junior Moore and William Baker were each fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Lucille Roberson was sentenced to jail for thirty days. The court suspended the jail term upon the payment of \$6.35 costs and guaranteed good behavior for twelve months.

In the case in which George Owens and John Henry Jones were charged with fighting in the streets, Owens was found not guilty and Jones, adjudged guilty, was fined \$10 and required to pay \$5.85 costs.

The case charging James Pearsall with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was sent to the county court for trial.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs and damages in the case charging Andrew Purvis with damaging personal property.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Richard Vines with an assault.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, L. L. Britt was fined \$5 and taxed with the cost at a hearing late Tuesday night.

## Select Delegates To Special Camp

County Forest Warden Leggett announced that Vocational Agriculture and Forestry Extension leaders are now selecting FFA and 4-H boys to attend the annual Forestry Training Camp held by the Dept. of Conservation and Development on August 15-20, at Singletary Lake. Fifty boys who have carried on outstanding forestry projects on their farms will be chosen for this honor. The Seaboard Railroad will also send 20 boys from other Southern States.

The camp, sponsored each year by the members mills of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, will again have a staff of trained foresters to teach the boys the basic principles of farm forestry management, said County Forest Warden Leggett. Timber marking and estimating, tree identification, pacing, and log bucking are some of the things boys will learn. And on the last day of the camp, contests will be held and valuable prizes will be awarded the winners. County Warden Leggett added that the boys will have plenty of time for swimming, volleyball, softball,

## Urge Large Vote In Referendum July 23

### THE BOXSCORE

The N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles reported almost 400 killed and nearly 5,000 injured in highway accidents on State highways from last January 1 through last Monday. The bloodshed boxscore reads in detail:

Killed July 9 through July 11, 6;  
Injured July 9 through July 11, 116;  
Killed through July 11 this year, 391;  
Killed through July 11 in 1948, 332;  
Injured through July 11, this year, 4,449;  
Injured through July 11 in 1948, 3,621.

## Funeral In Piney Grove Church for Jas. W. Manning

### Young County Man Killed In Action In Germany On April 11, 1945

Funeral services for Pvt. James W. Manning will be conducted in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, assisted by Elder P. E. Getsinger. Burial will be in the Tice Community Cemetery in Griffins Township where a detail from the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will be in charge of the last rites.

The young man was killed in action in Germany during the push across the Rhine on April 11, 1945, less than a month before the end of the European War. He entered the service August 22, 1944, at Fort Bragg and trained just a few months at Camp Jackson and Camp Croft in South Carolina before leaving for Ft. Meade, Maryland, in February, 1945, as a replacement in the First Army.

The son of William Dave and Arbell Jones Manning, he was born in Griffins Township on September 11, 1920, and spent most of his life there on the farm. He attended the Farm Life School and was a member of the Piney Grove Baptist Church. He was popular among the large family circle and held in high esteem by all who knew him.

He was married to Miss Mildred Leggett and she survives with a daughter, Patsy Manning, his parents, nine brothers, Ervin, Thurman, Darrell, Buck, Jacy and Dalmar Gray Manning, all of the home community, David Brown Manning of Washington, D. C., Leslie Manning of Plymouth; a half-brother, Julius Manning; and four sisters, Mrs. R. J. Holloman of Raleigh, Mrs. Urban Lilley of Williamston, Miss Thelma Clyde Manning of Louisville, and Miss Betty Manning of the home.

The body is scheduled to reach here late this afternoon and will lie in state at the Biggs Funeral home until 10 o'clock Monday. Service in the Piney Grove church at 2:30 o'clock.

## Schedule Hearing On Bus Franchise

Filing an application for a franchise to operate passenger buses in Williamston and within half-mile radius outside, Mr. John S. Gurganus will appear before the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Raleigh on Wednesday, July 27, it was announced today. He will be represented at the hearing by his attorney, Robert Cowen.

The franchise applicant proposes to maintain bus service from the bus station on the main street here to and from the following points: Donaldson's Store on North Haughton Street, Hardy's Station in West End, Sunny Side Inn on the Washington Road, and Green's Station near the river on East Main Street.

## "Pep" Meeting Is Held in County's Courthouse Here

### Farmers, Business Men and Others To Work For Vote July 23rd

While it is fairly certain that farmers will favor quotas in the July 23 tobacco referendum, farm leaders, in a meeting in the Martin County courthouse Tuesday evening, declared that a large vote is vitally necessary if authorities and politicians in Washington are to be impressed.

The meeting, presided over by Triple A Chairman George C. Griffin, attracted nearly one hundred farmers, business men and others who heard J. L. Kelton, field representative of the Triple A and independent leaders explain the program.

Stressing the importance of a large and favorable vote for the July 23 referendum, Mr. Kelton said that with quotas there'll be acreage control and guaranteed price support while without quotas farmers will be at liberty to plant all the tobacco they desire to plant but without price support. Explaining that there is more opposition to the present program than one might think, the representative declared that few things could be more important to the tobacco grower than participation in the referendum on Saturday of next week.

Kelton explained that the polls will be open from 7:00 a. m. until 8:00 p. m., that everyone having an actual interest in a tobacco crop has a right to vote regardless of age. He also explained that support prices will continue in effect this year regardless of the outcome of the referendum vote.

Speaking for Tobacco Associates, John I. Eagles, former assistant Martin County farm agent and representative of the State Farm Bureau, said it was most important that a large vote be cast in the July 23 referendum. The present program is facing opposition right here in North Carolina and also in Washington, he declared, and a large vote will help support those who are working to retain the program as it is.

Referring briefly to the proposed Brannan plan, one of several now under consideration, Eagles said it will possibly take so much money to finance it that the plan will die under its own weight and eventually kill all farm programs.

Urging support for the Tobacco Associates, the field man said that the organization had had much to do with opening markets for flue-cured tobacco, that 70 million pounds of tobacco are moving to Western Germany as a result of the work of Tobacco Associates. Quoting L. T. Weeks, president of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, Eagles said that the organization had secured the 70 million pounds of tobacco bought on the various markets during the past three years had been sold down to 100 million pounds of the 1947 and 1948 crops.

According to Eagles the support price for tobacco this year will likely be pegged at 42 and a fraction cents as compared with 44 and a fraction cents last season.

Farmers will have an opportunity to vote on the 10-cent-per-acre assessment for the support of Tobacco Associates at the referendum on July 23. The election, while being held at the same polling places and at the same time along with the tobacco quota referendum, will be conducted by personnel other than the Triple A group, it was explained at the meeting.

Following an appeal for a large vote and strong support of tobacco quotas and Tobacco Associates by Chas. L. Daniel, president of the Martin County Farm Bureau, those present pledged their efforts in getting out the

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