

Fifteen Cases In County's Court Monday Morning

Several Road Sentences Are Imposed; Fines Amount To Only \$125

In a short session last Monday morning, the Martin County Recorder's Court handled fifteen cases and continued several others. Road sentences were again in style while fines, imposed by the court, amounted to only \$125.

Two jury trials were scheduled, and both were continued after the twelve jurors reported for duty. In one of the two cases, the defendant explained that a witness, J. H. Gray, Sr., was in Georgia and the case was set for trial on August 14. In the second case, the defendant, Garland Thomas Roberson, did not report for trial, a letter addressed to him, having failed to reach its destination. The defense attorney waived claim to a jury trial and the case will be heard next Monday. The case, charging Chas. Curtis with drunken driving, has been pending for months. The court instructed the clerk to pay the jurors.

Proceedings: Pleading not guilty of non-support, Booker T. Lloyd was found guilty and drew six months on the roads. The judgement was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$3 a week for the support of his child. He appealed and bond was fixed in the sum of \$250.

Charged with larceny of a watermelon, Ben Biggs and Grover Jones were found not guilty, the defendants claiming they paid for the melon.

Judgement was suspended upon the payment of the court cost in the case charging Roy Clayton Pilgreen, RFD 1, Robersonville, with speeding.

Julius Latham, charged with assaulting a female, was adjudged not guilty. After officers had served a warrant on him in the case, Latham ran away and for that he was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, John Bonner and Oliver Rogers pleaded guilty. Bonner was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to have no liquor in his possession during the next two years. Rogers was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

George Green was sentenced to the roads for sixty days for assaulting a female. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs. The defendant is to drink no liquor during the next two years.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female with a deadly weapon, Jasper Page was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months. In a second case, charging him with the same offense, Page was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months, the sentences to run concurrently.

McKinley Latham, drunk and disorderly, was sentenced to the roads for three months, the road term was suspended upon the payment of the cost, and he is to drink no liquor during the next two years.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, L. H. Rawls was fined \$25, plus costs.

William Wesley Carter, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Judgement was suspended upon the payment of the court costs in the cases charging Raymond Richard Miller of Rocky Mount, Howard Henry LaMarr, Jr., of

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Liquor Still Operators Are Hampered by Heavy Rains

While crops were materially damaged, the illicit liquor manufacturing business was all but washed out. The rains hampered the firing apparatus and the swamps overflowed with water.

However, the first day without rain and the operators were back in business - on a limited scale, at least.

Raiding in Robersonville Township, near Gold Point, ABC Officer Joe Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel wrecked a plant equipped with 50-gallon capacity oil drum still. They tore down a 300 gallon capacity fermenter and poured out 300 gallons of sugar mash. Not far away, the officers wrecked a second plant equipped with two oil drum stills and four 50-gallon fermenters. They poured out 150 gallons of beer.

Before the big rain Friday afternoon, the two officers invaded Bear Grass Township and took a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle. The plant was fully equipped, the officers wrecking three 200-gallon fermenters and pouring out 100 gallons of sugar mash.

While the manufacturing end of the illicit business was virtually idle, retailers were continuing operations, possibly with surplus stock. Three retailers were arrested in the Parmele area, it was reported.

In and around Williamston, liquor retailing has been waning a bit following the extensive raids conducted by local police a short time ago and the heavy fines imposed in the county court.

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Farmers Dispose Of Excess Crops In Martin County

Agriculture Authorities See No Reason Just Now to Lift Yield Curbs

Martin County farmers in fairly large numbers exceeded their acreage allotments, but nearly all of them moved to destroy the surplus and bring their plantings into line to escape penalties, according to unofficial information coming from the office of the county agent this week.

The excess plantings were limited for the most part to fractional acres, meaning that the farmers did not deliberately plan to go beyond their quotas. However, there are a few—possibly half dozen—who chose to exceed their allotments by about an acre with the intention of paying the marketing penalties.

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President Calls For Billions To Push War Effort

Home Front Controls Ruled Out But Way Paved To Draft Manpower

The United States, at the request of President Truman in a message to Congress yesterday, is rapidly moving toward an all-out effort to support the Korean conflict and maintain a retaining wall for aggressors. The President called for ten billion dollars, partial home front mobilization, the removal of all legal limits on the size of the armed forces, and went ahead to empower Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson to call to active duty "as many National Guard units and as many units and individuals to the Reserve forces of the Army, Navy and Air Forces as may be required."

At the same time, the President said there will be no price controls or rationing now, but the Chief Executive said he will not hesitate to call for them if there is need.

Mr. Truman laid down his program in a 5,500-word message to the Senate and House, reporting in detail on what has happened in Korea and why the United States again is fighting thousands of miles from home.

"The attack upon the Republic of Korea," the President said, "makes it plain beyond all doubt that the International Communist movement is prepared to use armed invasion to conquer independent nations. We must, therefore, recognize the possibility that armed aggression may take place in other areas."

The President said the increase in the size of the armed services and the extra supplies they need will require additional appropriations. Hence in the next few days he will "transmit to the Congress specific requests for appropriations in the amount of approximately \$10,000,000,000."

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Advance Plans For Drainage Programs

Preliminary Work About Completed In One District

Convinced that proper drainage is vitally necessary, a goodly number of Martin County farmers are advancing plans for launching sizable drainage projects in several sections of the county.

One project, serving a limited area in the Farm Life section of Griffins Township, was recently completed, another is well advanced in the Bear Grass area, and still another for the Ross and Collic Swamp drainage areas in Robersonville Township is well in its preliminary stage.

In addition to the district drainage projects, seventy-six farmers during the six months ending last June 1, laid 136,000 feet or more than twenty-five miles of drain tile on their farms scattered all over the county. The farmers say, according to Howard F. McKnight of the Soil Conservation Service, the drainage work paid big dividends during recent heavy rains. Most of the farmers while explaining that the excessive rains damaged their crops, declared that had it not been for the tile their crops would have been ruined.

The Farm Life project, completed just recently under the supervision of the soil conservation personnel, possibly more than paid for itself during the heavy rains that started falling on the sixth of this month. Highway engineers admitted that large sections of the newly improved road in that area would have been lost had it not been for the drainage canal. The project was financed by voluntary contributions advanced by eight farmers and is about two miles long.

Preliminary plans are just about complete for launching an extensive project designed to serve the drainage area along Bear Grass and Turkey Swamps. The project will benefit just about all of Bear Grass and a part of Cross Roads Township. Maps of the project have been completed, titles to land holdings have been searched and assessments are scheduled to be announced within a short time. The project has run the court gantlet and it is likely that bids on the work will be called for the latter part of August or early in September.

The Bear Grass Drainage project is expected to cost approximately \$50,000.

Interested parties are circulating petitions in Robersonville Township for the Ross and Collic Swamp projects. A preliminary survey has been completed and plans have been discussed by farmers in public meetings.

The Robersonville project is designed to drain approximately 34,000 acres, including 9,000 in the Ross Swamp area. It is estimated

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Report Points To Tobacco Increase

Despite apparent reductions caused by hail, wind and excessive rains, flue-cured tobacco production for the current year is still estimated to be in excess of 1949 production, according to a report just recently released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

It is estimated that farmers in the flue-cured areas will produce one billion, one hundred and fifty million pounds as compared with a billion and hundred and fifteen million pounds last year.

Right at 1,595,800 acres were planted to all types of tobacco in the United States this year as compared with 1,630,300 acres planted in 1949.

The Burley production is expected to drop from the 560 million pounds produced last year to 499 million estimated pounds this season.

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Likely To Retain Crop Control For The Coming Year

Large Numbers Reported To Have Exceeded Their Allotments

Although most anything can happen, prominent agricultural leaders see no valid reason for tearing down crop controls and throwing production schedules wide open in 1951.

There is a possibility that opponents to the control program and the price parity support plan are trying to use the Korean War as a wedge to cut farmers adrift.

When there is no war threat, the farmers are condemned for piling up surpluses and appropriations to support the parity price formula are reluctantly made available by the Congress. When war threatens, there are those who would demand increased production with no guarantee that the farmer will be protected if unwanted surpluses are created.

The nation's farmers are ready to work for all-out production to support the war effort and provide adequate food and feed in peace time, but just as industrial giants are given certain assurances, the farmers believe they should not be sacrificed.

A report from Washington on the possibility of lifting control reads, in part:

The United States, despite the fact that it has built up surplus stocks of many agricultural commodities during the past several years, is not as well prepared from a food and fiber standpoint for another world war as it was when it entered World War II.

As a result, barring a sudden change in the war situation which appears extremely improbable at this time, all government efforts to curb the output of major American farm products will be dropped in 1951. In fact, between now and planting time for next year, growers may again be encouraged to increase their production, rather than curtail it.

During the past year, there has been a great deal of adverse publicity on the price support programs for potatoes, eggs, and dairy products, which admittedly have cost the American taxpayer many millions of dollars. At the same time, the federal government began piling up stocks again of corn, wheat, and cotton, with billions of dollars invested in these stocks.

As a result, the Department of Agriculture began an extensive program last year, which spread to most major products this year, to substantially curb production in an effort to halt further drains on the Treasury for the farm price support program. Congress tightened up production control laws and executive agencies did their best to dispose of the rapidly growing surpluses, either abroad or through relief and charitable agencies in this country.

Almost overnight, however, the situation has changed. Today, as a result of the Korean hostilities and plans to step up mobilization in event they spread to a far greater war, government authorities are assessing our agricultural stockpiles and are finding that while they appear adequate, they are actually below the levels which existed before Pearl Harbor.

If it were not for one extremely important but unknown factor, officials would not be too worried. But this factor—the weather—now looms so serious that growers of wheat, corn, cotton, and livestock will almost certainly be turned loose to produce just as much as they can next year.

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MACHINERY

Machinery dealers are making plans to meet the demand this fall, reports from the freight station here stating that two solid carloads of farm implements were unloaded yesterday and that other shipments had been received in recent days.

Prices, while described as a bit high, are holding fairly firm, it was stated.

BAD CHECKS

Worthless checks, written in amounts ranging from \$1 to \$50, are in circulation in numbers in this county, according to reports coming from the sheriff's office this week.

"We are serving, on an average, a warrant a day, charging the issuance of worthless checks," Sheriff M. W. Holloman said yesterday.

The surprising part about the medium of exchange, according to the sheriff, is the large number of worthless checks accepted in good faith by retailers from strangers.

List Promotions In Guard Unit

Officials of the local unit of the National Guard listed some promotions and called attention to the fact that there are several vacancies in the unit at present with a likelihood that more will develop when the national program of expansion is approved.

Raymond S. (Dink) Cherry has been promoted to Sergeant First Class while James Rodgers, George Bunch, Leroy Mooré, Alton Pleasants and Jesse D. Gurganus have been promoted to sergeant. Bud Beach has been promoted to Corporal.

In seeking recruits, the guard is directing its appeal especially to young men in the draft age, 19 to 25. Men in the National Guard are not eligible for the draft. Joining the guard gives a man a chance to train at home as long as possible, it was pointed out, and in event he is called to duty he will be in a unit of his own choosing with his friends and home-folks. Furthermore, they add, he has a good chance to learn something before actually being called up with a better chance to take care of himself and to get promotions in the army.

Anyone interested in learning more about the guard set up is asked to contact E. S. Peel, Jr., at his home or at his law office.

Home Building Going Forward

Constructing work is progressing rapidly on new homes here for Mr. and Mrs. Jim Critcher on Liberty Street, next to the Ripleys, for Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Brock, Jr., on East Franklin Street, for Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Harrington on Lee Street, for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Howell, corner of Vance and Lee Streets, for Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sessoms, corner West Franklin and Lee Streets, for Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Manning on School Drive, and for Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Himmelwright on Woodland Drive.

Work is also progressing on a four-apartment house on Simmons Avenue. A. J. Manning is the builder.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wier and son recently moved into their new duplex in the pines at Martin Heights, West Main Street.

Several other home building projects are pending but it is not known if the new restrictions will affect them.

Young Man Held On Forgery Count

Oliver Rogers, a young local colored man, was bound over to the superior court by Justice R. T. Johnson last week-end for allegedly forging his father's name to a \$35 check.

He was given a hearing before Justice R. T. Johnson who found probable cause of guilty and required bond in the sum of \$200. The bond was arranged.

Charged with being drunk on the highway, Thurman Williams was sentenced to the roads for thirty days in Justice Chas. R. Mobley's court Tuesday evening. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Drunk and disorderly, Lillie Berry was sentenced to serve ten days in jail by Justice J. S. Ayres last Saturday. It was the second jail term in recent weeks for the defendant.

Georgia Markets Opening Monday

Tobacco markets in the Georgia-Florida belt will open the new season next Monday, giving farmers in other belts a good idea about the 1950 price trend.

Robersonville tobaccoists, in a half-page advertisement in this paper, announce arrangements to have a direct broadcast over Station WRRF from the Moultrie market from 2:00 until 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The broadcast is being sponsored by Jim Gray and Andy Anderson and Sherwood Roberson will be master of ceremonies on the sponsors' warehouse floor in the Georgia town.

Have Openings In Civil Service

Local Secretary Julian Jackson of the Civil Service Commission announced several job openings this week, including teacher position in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Quaterman Transportation, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Pharmacist, and cotton warehouse examiner. Salary schedules run from \$3,100 to \$4,600.

Interested parties are directed to contact Mr. Jackson, secretary, at the Williamston post office.

Marriage Licenses Are Issued In Past Few Days

Marriage licenses were issued in this county during the past few days to three couples. One of the grooms, Robert Brown, is 73, and his bride, Louise Grammar, is 19 years old. Both are of Oak City.

The other two licenses went to, Gene Henry Payton and Barbara Ann Matheny, both of Plymouth, and to Thomas Harden and Mary Ellen Ward, both of Williamston.

Continues Ill In The Hospital Here

Mr. B. S. Courtney continues ill in local hospital where he has been a patient for almost two weeks. He was reported some brighter this morning, but his general condition was reported little changed.

Fees And Fines Amount to \$2,769

The fee system, including court cost and fines, accounted for \$2,769.63 income for the county last month, according to reports filed by the court clerk, register of deeds and sheriff.

Register of Deeds J. Sam Getzinger reported \$510.55 in fees derived from paper recordings, issuance of marriage license and delayed birth and death certificates. The court clerk reported \$2,029.37, including \$895 in recorder's court fines. The sheriff's office reported \$228.71 collected for serving papers.

Attending Intermediate Camp This Week

The Northeastern Intermediate Camp of the Disciples of Christ for the Albemarle Area opened at Fisher's Landing on Monday and will continue through lunch on Saturday. Attending from the Williamston Christian Church are the following: Betsy Roberson, Dick Manning, Maenna Willard, Lelia May Goff and Mrs. John L. Goff, who will serve a counselor and quest leader.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Except for the fatal touch, motorists on highways and in streets in this county are continuing to pile up a formidable accident record. There have been 76 accidents reported by the highway patrol in the county, but not one of them has proved fatal so far this year.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Week, and Accidents. Includes sub-tables for '28th Week' and 'Comparisons To Date'.

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