

Liquor Law Charges Feature Court Cases

Quart Of Liquor Costs Defendants More Than \$150

County Court In Session Until 1:00 O'Clock Last Monday Afternoon

Approximately one quart of illicit liquor cost three defendants more than \$150 in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Two of the defendants were fined \$50 each for possessing about one pint, and a third was fined the same amount for having less than a pint of the illicit brand in his possession.

The court, attracting only a small audience, was in session until 1:00 o'clock that afternoon. Proceedings: Charged with drunken driving and resisting an officer, Turner Hines pleaded not guilty of drunken driving but pleaded guilty of resisting an officer.

Joseph Biggs was found not guilty in the case in which he was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. Charged with speeding, Roger Clarence Matthews of Sanford was required to pay the court costs.

Ada Perkins, charged with abandonment, was found not guilty. It was brought out during the long trial that the defendant was afraid of her husband and that while she did not want to leave her seven children, she did so for her own protection.

Richard (Batón) Reed was found not guilty of the larceny of a bicycle. Charged with having a pint of illicit liquor in his possession, Billie Lee Whitehurst pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$50, plus costs.

Charged with speeding 75 miles per hour and driving recklessly, Aron Speller, Jr., of Bertie, was fined \$50, plus costs. Robert Glenn Scott was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs for violating the liquor laws.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Sam Wheeler Collier was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs. Charged with speeding 75 miles per hour and driving recklessly, Aron Speller, Jr., of Bertie, was fined \$50, plus costs.

Navy Recruiter Here Wednesday

Cheif Gunner's Mate, B. F. Parrish, U. S. Navy Recruiting representative for Martin County, will be located in the lobby of the local Post Office on Wednesday mornings of each week for the purpose of interviewing and accepting qualified applicants for enlistment in the navy.

MOVING

Dr. Wm. H. Gray, Jr., is moving his dental office from South Houghton Street to the new hospital on Liberty Street where he'll have a dental suite. The hospital has not opened yet, Dr. Gray explaining that he would take a short vacation before reporting for duty in his new location.

Dr. G. G. Himmelwright, who is joining the hospital staff, is also moving some of his equipment this week from the Taylor Hospital in Washington.

Russia Spreading Trade Area Over A Vast Territory

Features Single Currency, A Unified Pricing List, Controlled Transport

London — While Communist soldiers plunge into South Korea, Russian strategists are hastening the construction of a giant ruble-ruled trading bloc, stretching from the Yangtze to the Elbe.

It's one of the things probably on the agenda of the meeting of top Communist leaders now going on in Berlin—though purely military strategy is believed to be taking first place there. In uneasy peace or spreading war the Soviet's new economic coalition could serve the Kremlin well. In peace it would be a club to pummel the commerce of the West.

The ingredients of the ruble bloc are the pooled economic resources of Mother Russia and the brood of satellite nations. Running the pool is the Council for Mutual Economic Aid (Comecon) in Moscow.

The Comecon project has been under way for months, but in the past few weeks there's been a distinctly swifter pace. A few days ago, Poland was given a big new ruble credit which will mean heavy purchases from Russia for the next eight years.

That deal followed a rapid-fire series of new commercial agreements signed by East Germany's "people's democratic" government with the puppet "people's democratic" governments of Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia. East Germany will be dickering with Red China this month, too.

When this super-Schuman Plan of the East gets into full swing, practically all the industrial, agricultural and mining output of Russia and the satellites will be pooled and used for domestic consumption or export in accordance with Comecon plans.

The pool, it's believed here, will be used in the first place to lure away from the West as much badly-needed machinery and industrial equipment as possible—at the lowest possible cost. The combine could wage a trade war, for example, with below-cost dumping of commodities being used to break another country's prices.

Some trade experts think the recent appearance of Czechoslovak shoes in United States Markets—at half the cost of similar American types—is a sub-cost operation that may be just a taste of what's to come. This sort of economic penetration was used during the 1930's in Russia's frantic attempts to get foreign exchange for machinery it desperately lacked.

Work Progressing On New Terminal For Oil Company

Drag Line Draining Lot and Clearing Site For Dock And 440-Foot Pier

Delayed for several months pending the completion of project plans, work got under way yesterday on a new terminal for the Texas Oil Company here between Highway 17 and Roanoke River. No completion date has been released, but Superintendent P. D. Chamblee, Jr., and V. P. Loftis, Jr., representing the V. P. Loftis Contracting firm, said that all equipment is available and that the project would be pushed to completion as early as possible.

Contracts held by the Loftis company represent a proposed expenditure of almost \$90,000, including the construction costs of an office, garage building, loading platform, a 440-foot pier, a dock, and the erection of five large storage tanks.

The Texas Company recently bought the Harrison Oil Company bulk station and that will be included in the new terminal which will have an estimated storage capacity of 1,291,500 gallons. In addition to the Harrison plant's seven tanks, the Texas Company is erecting five new tanks, the largest to hold 342,000 gallons or well over a third more than the capacity of the largest tank now standing.

The contractors yesterday placed in operation a drag line to drain the lower part of the property and clear a right-of-way for the pier from the plant to the new dock. The same machine will be used by the Loftis Company in driving piling in the river and for the dock.

Crushed stone will be placed in the drives and the property will be flood lighted, Mr. Chamblee said.

Hear Two Cases In J. P. Courts

There's been comparatively little business in the local justice of peace courts during recent days. The records show that only two cases have been heard so far this week. Justice J. S. Ayers handling one and Justice R. T. Johnson handling the other.

Delores Yarrell, charged with being drunk on the highway, was fined \$5 and taxed with the cost in Justice Ayers' court. Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Clarence Roberson was fined \$15 and taxed with \$6.85 costs by Justice R. T. Johnson.

1949 and 1950 Property Valuations In Martin County

Listed below are the assessed property valuations exclusive of corporation listings for 1949 and 1950 in Martin County, showing gains and losses, by townships, for white and colored owners.

Table with columns for White and Colored property valuations in 1949 and 1950, including real estate and gains/losses.

Tobacco Marketing Cards To Be Ready By August 14

The 1950 tobacco marketing cards will be mailed directly to the approximately 1,600 growers in this county not later than August 14, it was announced by the Production-Marketing Administration office this week.

Those farmers planting in excess of their allotments and who did not act to destroy the surplus will receive red marketing cards, but not directly. There are certain conditions that first must be met. Any producer having excess tobacco will be issued a red marketing card, but before a red or excess marketing card may be issued, an estimate of the yield per acre and total yield must be obtained.

EARLY HARVEST

Equaling if not setting a new harvest record, Farmer Harmon Rogers last Tuesday cut his tobacco stalks on his farm in Griffins Township. Few farmers have ever completed their tobacco harvest and cut down the stalks on or before July 25 in this county.

The farmer is said to have harvested a good crop of tobacco.

Firemen Delayed By Truck Chasers

Almost blocked by thoughtless motorists in answering fire calls, Williamston's volunteer firemen this week selected a committee to go before the town commissioners and discuss the problem. Fire Chief G. P. Hall and the company's secretary, Julian Harrell, were named to appear before the town authorities and point out the problem in the hope that it can be solved.

During a recent call, several firemen were literally blocked by persons chasing the fire-fighting apparatus. Another was forced to the curb. Two members of the company withdrew when they saw they were hopelessly hemmed-in by those who were in the chase just for the fun of it.

In recent months when a second truck was directed to a fire, the driver found the way blocked by cars belonging to spectators. While there is a law against following fire trucks within a certain distance, the firemen explain that the main trouble comes when firemen, unable to reach the fire station in time to catch the truck, find the route blocked to them by others. It is this problem that the committee will discuss with the commissioners at the next regular meeting of the town board.

Tobacco Prices Holding Firm On Georgia Markets

Nearly Ten Million Pounds Sold For Average Of \$51.37 First Day

Tobacco prices, striking out last Monday at about \$5 per hundred pounds above the 1949 opening-day figures, are continuing to hold firm with some grades showing added strength as the sales progress. Official figures show that 9,514,760 pounds were sold on the Georgia markets on opening day for an average of \$51.37, a figure \$4.73 above the first-day price last year.

Reports here direct from local tobaccoists on the markets indicate that money is flowing freely in the tobacco towns there, and everybody is happy about the prices. It was stated that the sale prices, in some cases are ranging as high as \$17.50 above the government guarantee.

Brown's Hospital Observes Its 11th Anniversary Here

Planned and handled by friends, a fitting program, climaxed by a delicious picnic supper, marked the observance of the Brown Community Hospital's eleventh anniversary here last evening. The several timely talks were just long enough to set the stage for the sumptuous meal that followed.

Rain delayed the event for a short while, but the group, numbering approximately 75, gathered on the porch and front lawn of the hospital on West Main Street for the impromptu program. Acting as master of ceremonies, Mr. W. Dave Daniel called on Mayor Robert Cowen for a brief talk. Explaining that the group of friends had gathered to commemorate the eleventh anniversary of the hospital, the mayor briefly reviewed the place the hospital occupies in the community.

Major Whichard Home from Orient

Major and Mrs. W. K. Whichard and sons, Kenny and Bobby, who left Japan a week before the war in Korea broke out, arrive in the states Thursday and are visiting Major Whichard's father, Mr. L. R. Whichard, in Stokes, for a short time. Back in the states after two years of overseas service Major Whichard, who spent 18 months in China and 6 months in Japan, expects to be stationed in Washington, D. C.

Estimated receipts of the Flue-cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, under the Government loan program, ranged from 2 percent to 8 percent on several representative markets. Most low and medium quality grades brought average prices well above their loan values but better grades of lugs and cutters were only \$1.00 to \$2.00 above. On opening day last year, the Stabilization Corporation received 17.4 percent of the marketings.

Last season first sales were held on Tuesday, July 26. Gross sales totaled 10,692,056 pounds for an average price of \$46.64 per hundred. Individual market averages ranged from \$40.95 to \$50.15 per hundred.

Opening Draft Board Office Next Tuesday

Local Young Man Called To Report For Army Service

Martin County's draft board will open for business on or before next Tuesday. Chairman Eugene Rice announced this morning. Old draft board records have not been returned here as yet from the district office in Elizabeth City, but they are expected shortly. During the meantime, plans are being made to reopen the office here. Registrations, now handled during limited hours by the Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross, will go forward in the draft board office beginning not later than next Tuesday between the hours of 8:00 a. m. and 12:00 o'clock noon, and from 1:00 o'clock p. m. until 5:00 o'clock p. m. each day except Saturday.

It has been pointed out that those youths who fail to register are subject to induction without consideration. During the last draft period one man was sent from this county because he was a delinquent. Draft board officials are again warning all youths to register for draft upon reaching their eighteenth birthday. No official record is available, but it is believed there is a goodly number of youths in the county who are delinquent in registration. It is highly probable that birth records will be examined and where delinquents are found, steps will be taken, leading to immediate induction.

Jaycees Here In Regular Meeting

Edgar Gurganus, President of Williamston Jaycees, at the meeting last Friday evening at the Woman's Club, welcomed the girls who participated in the recent beauty contest as dinner guests. President Gurganus, on behalf of the Jaycees, expressed the thanks and appreciation to the girls in their wholehearted desire to help make the beauty pageant a success. Among those present were Misses Barbara Margolis, Barbara Grimes, Jeanette Thomas, Doris Andrews, Susie Manning, Norma Fagan, and Helen Davenport.

Jaycee Frank Weaver outlined for the club details for the Williamston Elimination Tennis Tournament. Those interested in entering this tennis tournament may contact either Jaycees Wilbur Jackson, Junie Peel or Frank Weaver. Entries must be in by August 3. The tournament is scheduled to begin August 25. The Alice Dunning Circle of the Williamston - Christian Church served a very delicious dinner.

Bury Infant In Mobley Cemetery Near Here

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon in the J. O. Ange home for Hilton Earl Craddock, six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie H. Craddock who died at his home in Plymouth last Tuesday night after a two-day illness. Interment will be in the Mobley Cemetery near Williamston.

Surviving besides his parents are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Craddock of Jamesville, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harris of Plymouth.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways and streets aided, in some cases, by pedestrians, are holding this year a fairly wide margin over the number of accidents reported in the corresponding period in 1949. Fortunately, there have been no fatalities so far this year. The thirtieth week is a dangerous one, according to past records which show that there were five accidents and one death in the particular week and several injured in the corresponding weeks of 1948 and 1947.

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 showing accidents and deaths for 1950 and 1949, comparing weeks.

Mr. Ange was a devoted member of the Free Will Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock by the Rev. Frank Butler of Washington. Interment was in the Ange Cemetery.

Sylvester Ange Dies In County

Sylvester H. Ange, well-known Jamesville Township farmer, died at his home there Tuesday afternoon after several years of declining health. He was a son of the late Nelson and Mary Bland Ange and lived and farmed in Jamesville Township all his life until declining health forced his retirement. In early manhood he was married to Miss Mamie Ange of Jamesville. She survives with one daughter, Mrs. Clyde Waters of Plymouth; four sons, Carlton, Clifford, LeRoy and Russell Ange of Plymouth; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Modler of Beaufort, Mrs. Johnnie Griffin and Mrs. Tommie Padgett of Jamesville; and five brothers, Johnnie Nelson Ange of Smithfield, George, Jesse Romac and Raleigh Ange of Jamesville.

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Native Of County Dies In Hospital

Funeral services were conducted at 4 o'clock last Sunday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville by the Rev. L. W. Topping, pastor, for Roy A. Coburn, 55, who died in a Greenville hospital at 9:45 o'clock Friday morning after an illness of four days.

Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Coburn was born and reared in Martin County near Robertsonville, and had been employed in the mercantile business in Robertsonville, Williamston and Bethel before moving to Greenville in 1930. He had been connected with the Blount-Harvey Company continuously since that time. He was married to Mrs. Vashti Duke of Greenville in 1940. He served in the U. S. Army in World War I, and was a member of the Pitt County Post of the American Legion, the Greenville Kiwanis Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville. He was an elder and a former deacon of the church. Surviving are his wife, three step daughters, Margaret Lee, Joyce and Anne Duke, all of the home; four sisters, Mrs. Edward Bullard and Mrs. J. D. Nimo of Richmond, Mrs. W. M. Grimmer of Rocky Mount and Mrs. William Fones of near Greenville.