

Judge In Routine Charge To Grand Jury On Monday

Jurymen Told Inspection Of Most Public Property Ruled Out By Law

In a more or less routine charge, Judge Walter J. Bone opening a two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court, Monday outlined the duties of a grand jury, reviewed the several types of crimes, and went on to explain a comparatively new law ruling out regular inspections of public properties.

The jurist, opening court shortly after 10:00 o'clock, told the jury to pass on all bills of indictments, explaining that presentments were in the discretion of the jurymen themselves. He outlined the crime types, including felonies and misdemeanors. Felonies, the judge pointed out, fall into two classes, capital and non-capital. The capital include murder in the first degree, arson and rape. Non-capital crimes include assaults with deadly weapon, secret assault, attempted rape, breaking and entering, larceny of property valued at more than \$100, embezzlement and others.

Most of the misdemeanors grow out of the operation of motor vehicles, such as careless and reckless driving, speeding, illicit liquor manufacturing, possession of illegal liquor and so on.

The last session of the North Carolina Legislature limited grand jury inspections to the county home and county jail, apparently leaving out school buildings, school buses, county offices. Judge Bone said it was reasoned that the county commissioners are men of discretion and judgement, that they would see that properties are kept in proper shape, that if they did not handle their duties the people would have recourse at the ballot box. However, he explained to the jury that if certain conditions were allowed to exist that would threaten the safety and health of the public, the jury should present the officials to the courts and charge them with a misdemeanor.

Nine new members were added to the grand jury, including Messrs. L. R. Donaldson who was excused for the term on account of the critical illness of his daughter, Gaston Savage, Edgar Brown, James E. Bulluck, Whit C. Purvis, J. R. Overton, C. A. Askew, C. P. Cullipher and Ben Lilley. William H. Griffin was named foreman. Irving Coburn was excused when he explained that he was a member of the Robersonville Fire Department.

Several petit jurors were excused, but two of them, explaining they were associated with the tobacco market, were instructed to report for duty next week during the tobacco holiday. They are

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Cars Crash On Narrow Bridge

No one was hurt but damage, estimated by Patrolman M. F. Powers at \$450, resulted when two cars crashed on a one-lane bridge on the Williamston-Bear Grass road Sunday evening about 7:00 o'clock.

No charge was preferred, but witnesses were quoted as saying that one of the cars had unusually bright lights and that possibly the other driver was blinded.

One of the cars, a 1939 Chevrolet, was driven by Ivory Doughty, and the other, a 1941 Ford, was operated by Gogines Edwards, both of this county.

Firemen Called To Burning Car

Members of the local fire department were called to a burning car in front of the Carolina Warehouse at 10:05 last night. Starting under the dash board, the fire is believed to have done very little damage to the old model Buick sedan.

It was the first call received by the department in several weeks.

Supporting County Farm Bureau Membership Drive

Lending their support for the first time, Martin County women are really adding power to the Martin County Farm Bureau's annual membership drive. It was reported at a meeting of the organization in the courthouse last Friday evening that approximately one-third of the membership goal had been reached during the first few days of the drive, and that it was certain 2,000 members would be added to the rolls in record time this season.

The women were formally accepted into the organization by Beureau President Chas. I. Daniel who explained that membership means strength. Mrs. Johnny

Gurkin heads the women's division as president, and Mrs. J. Carl Griffin is the new secretary. Mrs. Gurkin explained that thirty women were actively canvassing the membership drive.

More interest is being shown in Farm Bureau activities in the county this year than ever before, and the leaders are anticipating a great year ahead.

Another meeting of the canvassers will be held soon, and the men are warned to get busy if they would stay in the membership race. Martin, leading the way in Farm Bureau for a number of years, has a goal of 2,000 members this year.

Vote On \$200,000 Bond Program Here

FALL FESTIVAL

Williamston's annual Fall Festival is shaping up splendidly for October 17 and 18. Al Sweatt, of the Williamston Boosters, announced this week.

"The prospects are better for a larger event than either of the previous two," Mr. Sweatt said. More business firms plan to participate in the event this year, he explained.

A definite program is being prepared and will be announced shortly.

Scout Leaders Hold Meeting

The East Carolina Council, B. S. A., held a Martin County District Finance-O-See under the leadership of District Campaign Chairman, Bill Spivey, Williamston, September 15, at 2:00 P. M. at the court house. This was typical of the 14 District meetings now being carried on throughout the 20 counties of the Council. The meetings are training sessions for the volunteers in each community of each District who will call on their friends and neighbors to support the Boy Scout Program during the coming year.

The 22 Team Captains and Workers present represented every community, but one, in the County.

H. Dail Holderness, Tarboro, East Carolina Council's Campaign Chairman, complimented the Martin District on the fine Scouting Job they're doing, and challenged them with the opportunity they have to provide their communities with the chance to adequately support Scouting. Mr. Holderness pointed out that the East Carolina Council is the largest of 37 councils in area and population in the four Southeastern States - the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. He further stated that the Council has the fourth largest total Boy Memberships, yet, it spends the least per boy of Scout age on Scouting of any Boy Scout Council in the Region. This amounts to a little less than one-half of the average expenditure; in spite of the fact that only four Councils in the Southeastern States have a larger effective buying income. The Council Budget of \$56,240.00 for 1950-'51 is little more than two-thirds of the amount that would be requested if the Council were spending the average per boy.

Scout Executive, Ralph H. Mozo, emphasized the important part that the representatives from the Martin District played in the plan and management of the Council Program through their Executive Board participation under the excellent Leadership of District Chairman K. P. Lindsley.

The Campaign Organization was further explained by District Finance Chairman, Kelly Gay and Campaign Chairman Bill Spivey of Williamston.

Veteran Scoutmaster and Community Leader, Wheeler Martin, was given a rousing cheer by his friends and neighbors, when it

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Senator Explains Position Of The Va.-N. C. Peanut

Still Working To Get Dual Classifications For Peanut Types

Urging the Congress to do something to relieve the plight of the growers of Virginia-North Carolina type peanuts, Senator Frank Graham last week made the following statement before the Senate in support of Bill 3135:

The present peanut program is headed for its own destruction and in some respects endangers the whole agricultural support program. Representative Abbitt of Virginia introduced the bill in the House and I introduced the bill in the Senate for myself and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. Hoey), not only in fairness to the peanut growers in Virginia and North Carolina but in the long-run interests of the agricultural support program for all peanut growers. The Senate Committee bill is unanimously reported by the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry provides for three types of peanuts to be treated as separate commodities: First, the Virginia-Carolina and the Valencia type; second, the Runner type; and third, the Spanish type.

Second, the committee bill provides for a Nation-wide referendum of all peanut growers as to whether all types of peanuts shall stay in the agricultural program for acreage allotments and marketing quotas.

Third, that the Secretary of Agriculture in treating the three above named types as separate commodities shall make separate allotments so as to meet the demands of the market. The bill does not provide that any type shall or shall not be cut but does provide that each separate type stand on its own merits in accordance with the needs of the market. Any increase or decrease in allotments and quotas will be made on the merits of each type as registered in the market.

The present policy of lumping all types of peanuts together has resulted in a series of cuts in the acreage allotments for the Virginia-N. C. type.

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Public Is Soaking Up Durable Wares In Vast Quantities

Autos, Refrigerators, Washing Machines Pour Out At Record Pace

Is the American public "buying itself toward saturation" in such hard goods as autos, ice boxes and washing machines?

Few businessmen will say so. But some are beginning to wonder. And a close look at the furious pace at which these wares are being made and sold suggests there may be grounds for such thinking.

A Wall Street Journal 12-city survey finds: (1) That, despite some slip from the post-Korea peak, retailers are still selling about all the hard goods they can get their hands on. (2) That, despite the talk of steel "shortage," most manufacturers are still pouring out the civilian goods at the record pre-Korea level—with no really big war-necessitated cut-backs in sight.

A few figures on production show, how fast this continuing pace is. In pre-war 1939 the auto makers rolled out 239,000 passenger cars monthly; last month's total was 660,000. Manufacturers made 158,000 refrigerators monthly in 1939; the present pace is around 550,000. Two-and-a-half times as many washing machines are being made as in 1939—and more than three times as many vacuum cleaners.

Retailers in city after city say that consumer demand for hard goods continues at a rip-snorting tempo—with sales volume well above pre-Korea. And some add that their sales dip from the post-Korea high point is due only to the fact that, with their stocks cleared out, they now don't have as much to sell just after the shooting started.

A typical report comes from a spokesman for a chain of general appliance stores in Detroit. "Sales on washers, vacuum cleaners and refrigerators are running about 15 percent above the pre-Korean level. But there are so many things we don't have in stock that it's hard to measure demand. It could be a lot bigger."

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Tobacco Sales Pass The Six Million Mark Here Yesterday

Report Second County Man Wounded In Korean War

Sgt. Joseph H. Daniel, son of the late W. Bareil and Emma Andrews Daniel, was wounded in Korea a few days ago, according to information received by relatives here last week-end. Few particulars could be had, one report stating that his condition was serious.

A veteran of World War II, he left for Korea about the middle of last month. It was said that he had been in Korea only a short time and in battle just a few hours when he was wounded.

He is the second Martin County

man to have been wounded in the Korean war. Cpl. Bonnie Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Bland of Hassell, was reported to have recovered from his wound and returned to active duty.

Sgt. Daniel after spending considerable time in the Pacific Theater, returned home and re-enlisted. He was recently married to Miss Bettie Daniel of Mead, Oklahoma, where he was stationed until about the middle of last month when he shipped out for Korea.

Market Holiday In Effect And End Of Sales Wednesday

Price Trend Upward Monday on Strength of Holiday Schedule

Tobacco sales on the local market passed the six million-pound mark yesterday, and prices soared to the second highest peak of the season, observers advancing the opinion that promised relief from congestion in the factories bolstered the price situation and checked a downward trend that was quite discernible during several days last week.

Supervisor Paul Page said the market had sold through yesterday a total of 6,026,356 pounds for \$3,454,647.37, an average of \$57.33 per hundred. While there was a downward trend in the price structure last week on certain grades, the general average held up unusually well on the market; here, and regained its equilibrium yesterday when the market sold 324,728 pounds for an average of \$59.86, the second highest of the season. The daily average dropped to \$56.23 last Thursday, but that was above the figures reported earlier in the season, and about in line with the September 3 average.

Capacity sales were on the floors early yesterday for today, and tobacco slated for sale tomorrow, poured in all yesterday afternoon.

A holiday, beginning at the close of sales Wednesday, has been ordered, the action having been ordered by the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association to relieve congestion in the redrying plants. No reopening date has been mentioned, but some think sales will be resumed about Wednesday of next week. The date is to be fixed at a meeting in Raleigh next Monday. Observers are of the opinion that the holiday will help stabilize prices.

Williamston is holding an average considerably above that for the belt, and tobacco is being sold here almost every day from as many as ten counties and from two states.

A general report on marketing for the entire belt as released by the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture, follows:

Most grades of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco sold for steady to slightly lower average prices during the fourth week of auctions. The general quality of the offerings showed some improvement. Deliveries from the farms were heavy and markets in the area generally had more than full sales daily.

Compared with the previous week of sales losses for about one-half of the heavy volume grades ranged from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundred reports the Federal-State Tobacco Market News Service. However, most amounted to only \$1.00. As was the case the previous week, better quality grades showed the largest number of declines. Lower quality offerings continued in strong demand with prices in some cases better. The falling prices in the past two weeks for cutters and better leaf have increased the take of the Stabilization Corporation. By the end of the week growers were expressing dissatisfaction with prices received for their better grades.

Volume of offerings for the week ending September 15 amounted to 57,338,650 gross pounds at an average of \$55.86 per hundred. This was the lowest weekly average of the season, although it was only 1 cent below the previous week's figure. Gross sales for the season were brought to 218,814,032 pounds averaging \$56.46. Based on the September 1 production estimate of 392,960,000 pounds for this type and allowing for resales, the crop in nineteen days of marketing is over one-half sold. Total flue-cured production was indicated as 1,196,215,000 pounds by the U. S. Crop Report.

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Opening Polls In The Town Hall At 6:30 Wednesday

Importance Of Proposed Water-Sewer Line Program Again Stressed

Williamston's citizens tomorrow will vote on a proposed \$200,000 bond program, advanced by the officials for the enlargement of the town's water and sewer systems. One polling place will be maintained in the fire station from 6:30 o'clock a. m. until 6:30 o'clock p. m. No absentee voting is possible. It is predicted that a small vote will be cast.

As far as it can be learned, little opposition to the proposal has been expressed, and it is believed that a sizable majority understand the urgent need for providing an adequate water storage and an expanded sewer system.

A few citizens have asked if it would be possible to delay purchase of a water tank if service was limited to the town itself. While such action would possibly help relieve the serious condition, it would not solve it, engineers explain. A few town citizens have questioned the advisability of maintaining the service for citizens outside the town. It has been pointed out that outside customers pay for their own water lines (not the big mains), that water taps outside town cost \$37.50 against \$25 in town, and that the minimum service fee is \$2 per month compared with \$1.25 in town, and that the water rates are proportionately higher for customers outside town. It is fairly certain that the town is losing no money on the outsiders, while it may not be making very much, if any.

The large increase in the number of water customers is taxing the present system far past the danger point. Less than ten days ago, the booster pumps were pumping air into the water mains, engineers explaining that the storage was empty and the pumps were not able to take the water out of the ground fast enough to meet the demand. At the present time, the town enjoys about the lowest fire insurance rates of any town or city in North Carolina, but those rates can hardly be maintained unless the water system is enlarged.

The sewer problem is declared to be serious, health authorities declaring that the increased number of septic tanks and open privies is to be recognized as a health menace.

Representatives of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh has mapped out a system for retiring the bonds, and the schedule is appearing elsewhere in this paper. It has been pointed out that the program within itself will not necessitate an increase in the property tax.

It has been pointed out by those who have made a thorough study of the program that with it the town can go forward and that without it, the town will go backward.

Thirty-Seven County Men Pass Physicals

Issue Marriage Licenses In The County Recently

Four marriage licenses were issued in this county during the past few days to the following:

David Clifton Roberson and June Marsh Gardner, both of Williamston; Marvin S. Cherry and Ruby Webb, both of RFD 2, Williamston; Louis H. Perry and Lou Paul, both of Oak City; Robt. Bullock of Robersonville, and Willie Faye Leggett, of RFD 1, Robersonville.

Patients In The Local Hospitals

The following were listed as patients in the local hospitals this morning:

Mrs. Mittie Manning of Jamesville, Royal Gurganus of Jamesville, Mrs. Wilson Corey of RFD, Williamston, Mrs. M. W. Holloman and infant son, Master Leslie Hardison of Jamesville, Robt. Parrisher, Joe Pender, D. D. Stalls of Williamston, Mrs. Robt. Tucker of Jamesville, Miss Annie Hodges of Washington, J. W. Sneed of Williamston, Russell Biggs, J. R. P. Griffin, Mrs. Louis Mizelle of RFD, Williamston, Mrs. Marshall Savage and Mrs. A. J. Manning, Jr., of Williamston and Richard Girvin of Jamesville.

Colored: Carrie Lee Purvis, Elizabeth Sheppard, Malesta Wrisby and Clinton Clark.

Mr. Gurganus, who had his arm broken in several places and badly torn in a planing mill accident at Jamesville a few days ago is responding to treatment splendidly, it was reported today.

No Induction Call Is Possible Within Next Three Weeks

More Than 72 Percent First Group To Report Pass The Tests

According to an official report released this week, thirty-seven of the fifty-five young Martin County men reporting for examination at the army receiving station in Fayetteville the early part of last week were found acceptable for service. It is presumed that all were cleared for unlimited service.

Thirty of the thirty-five white men reporting, passed the tests. Three were ruled out on account of physical disabilities and two did not measure up to the educational requirements, it was learned unofficially.

Seven of the twenty colored men reporting to the station, passed. Two were ruled out on account of physical handicaps, nine failed to measure up to minimum educational standards and two were ruled out on account of physical educational shortcomings, it was learned unofficially.

According to the boys reporting for examinations, civilian doctors did the examining. Some of the boys said the examinations were not thorough. One youth, pointing out that his weak eyes had not been examined, was told that they were just counting that day to make certain that each one had two eyes. One explained that he had bad feet as a result of in-

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Court To Finish Trial Of Criminal Docket Tomorrow

Assault Cases Take Much Of Court Time During First Day

Opening a two-week term for the trial of criminal and civil cases, the Martin County Superior Court, Judge Walter Bone of Nashville presiding, cleared a few cases, the Martin County Superior and is paving the way for a finished criminal court tomorrow.

The court attracted comparatively few spectators the first day, a greater part of which time was given over to the grand jury charge and hearing assault cases.

The case in which Walter Wilkins was charged with first degree burglary took up an unexpected turn when the defendant through his counsel, Attorney Robt. Cowen, entered a plea of guilty to burglary in the second degree. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Geo. Fountain, and the defendant drew from twelve to sixteen years in prison. Wilkins, removing all his clothing, tried to break into the D. M. Roberson home on the night of July 29. He entered the back porch and was working on a window when he was frightened away. The State offered several witnesses, and the defendant claimed he was drunk that he "blacked out," that he knew nothing of the crime and did not regain consciousness until the following morning when he found himself in jail.

The case charging Dave Purvis with breaking and entering was not prossed.

Dave Melton, appealing from a judgment handed down in the county court, pleaded guilty Monday morning and he was sentenced to the roads for six months on an assault charge. The lower court judgment was sustained.

Motion for judgment absolute on bond was allowed by the court in two cases in which Marvin Brantly was charged with false pretense. Bond was fixed at \$250 in each case.

The case in which John Edgar Nelson was charged with passing a school bus while the bus was standing, was not prossed when it was pointed out the witnesses were either in the service or away at school.

Turner Hines, pleading guilty of drunken driving and resisting arrest, was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$150 fine and costs. The defendant is to remain sober for two years.

Considerable time was spent hearing the cases in which Geo. Henry, Jesse and John Ward and K. D. Smith, all colored, are charged with assaults. Evidence was completed late Monday afternoon, and reports from the courthouse this morning indicated that much more time would be consumed be-

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ROUND-UP

There was comparatively little activity on the crime front in this county last week-end, officers stating that they handled more than their share of violators the previous week-end.

Four persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. All four were charged with public drunkenness. One was white, and ages of the group ranged from 24 to 49 years.

National Kids' Day on Saturday

Williamston today joined the parade of cities across the continent that will observe National Kids' Day on Saturday, September 23.

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, the local program will consist primarily of a fund raising project designed to provide funds with which to meet the needs of underprivileged children. This project is centered around the sale of Kids' Day Buttons which will be offered to the public by the Boy Scouts of Local Troop No. 27.

Unlike many special days on the calendar, National Kids' Day is not a commercial device. C. B. Clark, Jr., president of the local Kiwanis Club stated today, and the only ones who will profit from it are underprivileged children. "Every penny raised locally by the public sale of Kids' Day Buttons will be spent to benefit the underprivileged children of Williamston," Clark said in a statement released this morning.

Clark said that Kiwanis International has long been noted for its work among underprivileged youth and that its youth program is one of the principal activities of the International organization. "We believe that the program to help underprivileged children must be accelerated. The Kiwanis Club of Williamston, therefore, joins hands with the National Kids' Day Foundation, a non-profit corporation, and with over 3,000 other Kiwanis Clubs throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii in sponsoring the observance of a day set aside especially for helping youth."

Legion Post To Meet Thursday

The September meeting of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion, scheduled for last night, was postponed until Thursday evening of this week to avoid a conflict with an inspection of the National Guard unit, it was announced.

New officers are to be installed at the meeting, and a free barbecue dinner will be served to all veterans who are cordially invited to attend.