

Blow Dealt Whiskey Business In County

Several Arrested And Eleven Still Taken Last Month

Dry Weather Forces Number Of Manufacturers Out Of Business

A telling blow was directed against the illicit liquor traffic in this county last month, according to a report released to the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board by Chief Enforcement Officer Joe H. Roebuck. However, despite the efforts of the enforcement unit and dry weather, the traffic continues on what is believed to be a fairly extensive scale.

Limited rainfall, causing small streams to dry up, has forced the illicit manufacturers to quit a number of old sites. They are moving to the larger stream areas for their water supply, it was declared. Before the move was effected, it was said the manufacturers were using water about as muddy as that found in a hog wallow.

In his monthly report, Officer Roebuck said that seven persons were arrested during the month and that seven were convicted of liquor law violations. The list includes several arrested in the various towns of the county and who were convicted of retailing the white lightning brand. The road terms added up to forty months and the fines amounted to \$385.

Eleven distilleries were wrecked, about half of them having been equipped with copper kettles. Several of the plants were fired with oil burners. Much was taken in the raids that were directed into just about every section of the county.

The officers poured out 7,500 gallons of beer or mash, and confiscated twenty-seven gallons of raw liquor, most of which was of inferior quality.

A Ford pick-up truck, said to have very little value, was confiscated when the officers found fifteen gallons of liquor aboard. Several persons have been shot and one officer is known to have died of a heart attack during enforcement raids in this county, but last month an alleged violator lost his life trying to escape from the officers. His companion, his identity not definitely known, has not yet been apprehended.

County Widow Of Confederacy Dies

Mrs. Winnie Briley Benjamin, next to the last in the list of Martin County's widows of the Confederacy, died in the Confederate Women's Home in Fayetteville early Wednesday morning. She had been in declining health for a long time, and her condition was critical for a week or more. She entered the home about eighteen months ago when she needed nursing care.

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GET UP TO DATE

The Martin County Draft Board this week issued a warning to married men to get their draft status up to date.

Those married men who have become fathers since they registered and have not already done so are advised to submit proof of birth to the draft board office in Williamston without delay. Fatherless married men in certain age groups are being reclassified and are now subject to draft call.

Represents Town In Virginia City

A guest of the city of Richmond, Miss Jean Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bailey of Route 1, Williamston, will represent Williamston during Richmond's third annual Tobacco Festival this week.

Miss Bailey, who was selected to attend the North Carolina Beauty Pageant in Burlington this past summer, and her companion, Miss Lona Johnson, arrived in Richmond Sunday and were registered at the John Marshall Hotel. A full week of events, in which Miss Bailey will participate and compete with a number of princesses for the title "Queen of the Festival", began yesterday with a luncheon and style show at Miller and Rhoads. Last night's activities included a rehearsal at the Mosque and a tour of the city park.

The remainder of the week, featured events on the festival program will include a "Tobaccocones Style Show," the Tobaccocones, the story of tobacco in song and dance, a dance at Tantilla, and square dances, together with

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Homecoming At Everetts Church

On Sunday, October 14, the 72-year-old Everetts Baptist Church will hold its annual homecoming program, including a special service and a picnic dinner in addition to the regular morning and evening worship periods. The pastor, the Rev. E. R. Stewart, and the congregation are extending a cordial invitation to former members, members who have moved away and friends of the church to attend the homecoming program.

Following the morning worship, a picnic dinner will be served on the grounds. That afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, there'll be a special service, dedicating the new church furniture and carpet. The Rev. L. Grady Burgess, associated missionary, the Rev. J. R. Harris, a former pastor, and others are to participate in the special dedication service, it was announced. The Rev. S. H. Roberts, who is conducting special services there this week, will officiate at his appointments through Sunday, it was announced.

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More Princesses To Take Part In Harvest Festival

Director Explains There Is No Fee For Entries In Big Parade Here

In an announcement made yesterday by the Williamston Boosters, Inc., it was revealed that, in addition to the six Princesses previously announced, eight more will compete for the title of Queen of the Harvest in Williamston's Fourth Annual Harvest Festival, being staged on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23 and 24. This makes a total of fourteen Princesses and it is expected that at least one more will be entered in this year's event.

The names of the communities and their Princesses in yesterday's announcement are as follows: Ahsokie, Martha Pearson; Edenton, Dorothy Henninger; Oak City, Cheryl Edmondson; Perquimans (Hertford), May Beth Perry; Robersonville, Sarah Lee Smith; Scotland Neck, Nannette Upchurch; Washington, Pat Mayne, and Williamston, Patricia Taylor.

Previously announced communities, and their Princesses, are as follows: Bear Grass, Betty Lou Rogerson; Bethel, Jean Cullipher; Farm Life, Linette Coltrain; Jamesville, Jean Ellis; Plymouth, Mary Lou Voiron, and Windsor, Ann Byrd. It is expected that Tarboro will also enter a Princess inasmuch as they are sending their High School Band to participate in the parade.

The Harvest Festival parade, in which each of the Princesses will ride in an individual convertible, will get underway promptly at 2:00 p. m. on Wednesday, October 24. Following the parade, an important speaker will deliver a timely address.

On Wednesday evening, October 24, in the Planters Warehouse, the Harvest Ball will be held. Music for the ball will be by Dick Levin and his State College Orchestra. At 10:00 p. m., the selection of the Queen of the Harvest will be made, and following the selection, the new Queen will be crowned by Miss Jean Carol Griffin, reigning Queen who was crowned at last year's Festival.

Contrary to rumors that have been circulated, there is no charge made to enter a float or unit in the Harvest Festival parade. Several groups have expressed a desire to enter floats or units, but understood that there was a fee according to Al Sweet, Managing Director of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the Festival.

Although there is no charge to enter a unit in the parade, it is necessary that they be of a quality in keeping with the general caliber of the annual event. The only other restriction on floats or units is that the group or organization entering them be either schools, charitable organizations, clubs or members of the Williamston Boosters, Inc. This restriction has been established by the Board of Directors of the

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Recruit Writes About Air Corps

Entering the Army Air Corps a short time ago, Miss Mamie G. Bland of this county declares in a letter to Recruiting Sergeant Alfred Monteith that she is getting along fine.

The letter reads, in part: "I finally got to Lackland. The Air Force is wonderful. Of course, it was rugged the first week, but now that I have learned to live the military way, it's fun."

"I have compared the Air Force to high school and it resembles it very much. You have to go to classes just as you did in school. The Air Force dining hall is just like the lunch room at school. Every day there is something exciting and interesting to do. All the girls here are nice."

"The opportunities in the Air Force are too good to be true. You are given a chance to find out what career you are best suited for and have a good opportunity of furthering yourself in it. All you have to do is work hard..."

Make Arrangements To Market Peanuts

PRESIDENT

President Harry S. Truman, coming to North Carolina next Monday for the groundbreaking exercises for Wake Forest College's new plant at Reynolda, is scheduled to land in Winston-Salem at 11:15 that morning.

Several hundred North Carolina State patrolmen, or about two-thirds of the combined forces, are being instructed to report to Winston that day for duty. Several local people are planning to attend the exercises.

Thousands are expected to attend the event.

Issued Eighteen Licenses To Wed During September

Issuance About Average for This County In The Past Ten Years

Eighteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the issuance holding to about an average figure recorded during the past ten years.

Nine license were issued to white and nine to colored couples, as follows:

White

Joseph Paisley Corey, RFD 1, Williamston, and Molly O'Neal Padgett of Jamesville. James Tupper Perry and Miriam Grimes Peele, both of Williamston. James Whitley, RFD 1, Williamston, and Thelma Louise Lilley of Williamston.

McDonald Hardison and Eula Perry, both of Williamston.

Jerry Richard of Stokes and Esther Robinson of Robersonville. Junius Bright Lee of RFD 3, Four Oak, and Mrs. Lucy F. Griffin of RFD 1, Williamston.

Raymond D. Whitehurst and Mary Elizabeth Mizell, both of Williamston.

J. T. Griffin and Margaret R. Revels, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

Marven R. Buttry of Chocowinity and Marjorie Cherry of Williamston.

Colored

Jesse J. Outerbridge and Daise Jones, both of Williamston.

Joseph Little and Clara Mitchell, both of Williamston.

Lewis D. Ormond and Marjorie Perkins, both of Williamston.

Emmett Sanders and Violar Clark, both of Williamston.

Amos Hodges of Jamesville and Odessa Gilliam of Williamston.

Army Lee Roberson, Jr. of Washington and Emma James of Williamston.

Lois T. Little and Christeen Wilkins, both of Robersonville.

Moses Wilson and Mary G. Salsbury, both of Bethel.

Clayton Spruill of Robersonville and Eva Lynch of Williamston.

Be No Market For Peanut With High Moisture Content

No Deliveries Anticipated By Sheller Until On Or After November 1

Plans are being advanced by shellers and independent buyers for handling the 1951 peanut crop, but few or no deliveries are anticipated until on or after November 1.

No official comment could be had, but present indications point to a tight market for the current crop with the possibility that prices will hold fairly strictly to support figures.

It was pointed out that edible peanuts have not been declared in short supply and those planted in excess of the current allotments but not in excess of the 1947 plantings will go at prevailing oil prices. Peanuts, planted in excess of the 1947 acreage figure, will be made subject to a penalty of 5.8 cents per pound.

Although the open market is not encouraging just now, the support program assures a stabilized price for quota peanuts. Peanuts with 65 percent meat and no more than fifteen percent extra large and with no more than 10 percent moisture and only four percent foreign material and no more than one percent damage, are guaranteed a price of \$11.30 per hundred pounds. Based on last year's quality, the current crop should average between 12.3-4 and 13.1-4 cents per pound.

Oil peanuts, based on the current market, are in line for a price of between five and six cents a pound in the hull, of course. Last year the farmer with excess peanuts but whose excess was below the 1947 planted acreage, was paid oil prices for his offerings with the guarantee of a price differential.

Last year 424 farms in this county reported peanuts in excess of current quotas but less than the 1947 plantings. They marketed 812,800 pounds of excess or oil peanuts. This week those farmers who sold those 812,800 pounds of excess peanuts are applying for the price differential. Just how much the price differential will be is not known at this time, but it is believed that it will amount to between \$30,000 and \$35,000. The per pound price is expected to average close to four cents, depending on the oil market price prevailing at the time the peanuts were sold.

Representatives of the shellers pointed out this week that a "bearish" market is in prospect with little intention of bidding on the current crop until the first of next month, and possibly later. It was also pointed out that peanuts with a moisture content of more than ten percent will not

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Conclude Special Services Sunday

The series of evangelistic services being held in the Christian Church will continue through Sunday evening. Dr. D. Ray Lindley, President of Atlantic Christian College, is leading the services. On Thursday evening Dr. Lindley will use as his subject, "A Reserved Seat at Calvary." The Men's Chorus from the Robersonville Church will sing several numbers. Friday the sermon subject will be, "Our Contemporary Crucifixion Scene."

Mrs. W. C. Manning Organist is giving fifteen minutes to the great hymns of the Church each evening at 7:30. This is a most uplifting feature of the services. Dr. Lindley will conclude his stay with the Williamston Christian Church at the evening service on Sunday. The meeting is being well attended, but many town people are missing the opportunity of hearing an excellent speaker and great preacher of God's Word, it was reported.

Hear Twenty-five Cases In County Court On Monday

Non-Supporters Get Road Terms; Fines Amounted To More'n \$600

Working right on through the dinner hour, the Martin County Recorder's Court cleared twenty-five cases from its docket and imposed fines amounting to \$625 at the regular session last Monday. The court quit at 1:30 o'clock. A warning went out to those married men who are failing to accept responsibilities to their wives and little ones. Judge R. T. Johnson sent two to the roads.

Proceedings: Charged with issuing a worthless check, Alphonce Roberson was taxed with the cost and required to pay the amount of the check.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Plummer Peel was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Washington Manning was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his operator's license for a year.

In what was considered a close case, William R. Moran was adjudged not guilty of drunken driving.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Robert Roberson pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was fined \$125, taxed with the costs and lost his driver's license.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case in which Charlie Whittier was charged with violating the liquor laws. He pleaded guilty.

Charged with resisting arrest and an assault, Harry Wynne pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and assault and was sentenced to the roads for four months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to remain of good behavior for twelve months.

Pleading innocent, L. W. Cobb was found guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus costs. He lost his license to operate a motor vehicle for a year.

John Henry Jones was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Pleading guilty of non-support, Theodore Williams was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Frank Simmons was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs for carrying a concealed weapon.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case in which Eddie Lee Reed was charged with allowing an unlicensed operator to drive a motor vehicle.

The case in which Russell Ward Beach was charged with careless and reckless driving was not pressed or dismissed.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Eddie P. Hyman was fined \$125, plus costs. He loses his license to operate a car for twelve months.

Carried into court for non-support, James Robert Biggs was directed to pay \$36 for the support of his family.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Willie S. Corden pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

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Hurt In Accident At Robersonville

Miss Emily Roberson was painfully but believed not seriously injured about 3:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a street intersection in Robersonville.

Driving her 1950 DeSoto slowly toward the intersection, Miss Roberson moved into Highway 64 and into the side of a tractor-trailer truck when her foot slipped off a wet brake pedal, investigating officers explained. Damage to the car was estimated at between \$400 and \$500.

Removed to a hospital here for treatment of an injury to her back, Miss Roberson was reported to be getting along very well this morning.

Tobacco Sales Pass Ten Million Pounds

CALL FOR CARS

An urgent appeal is made to all owners of convertible automobiles in this area to allow their cars to be used in the Harvest Festival parade. These convertibles will be driven in the parade and will carry the Princesses. Anyone owning a convertible, or who knows someone who does, is requested to contact Ernest Mears, chairman of the Princesses' parade transportation, at Belk-Tyler's, telephone 2244.

Wayland Spruill To Speak At Fair

C. Wayland Spruill, member of the North Carolina General Assembly from Bertie County, will address visitors at the Jamesville fair Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, it was announced today by a representative of the Ruritan Club, the organization sponsoring the third annual fair there in cooperation with the Jamesville Woman's Club.

The midway attractions were rained out, but Evan Griffin and his entertainers will be there tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

The Friday program follows: 12:30—Parade, led by Williamston High School Band.

1:15—Band concert.

1:30—Address by C. Wayland Spruill; Jim Brown Holiday, master of ceremonies; invocation by Floyd Moore, welcome address by A. Corey who will introduce the speaker, closing remarks by J. B. Holliday.

3:00 p. m.—Football game, Columbia vs Jamesville.

The midway will be open between events and that evening at 8:00 o'clock Bud and Henry will stage Barnyard Frolics.

The exhibit building will be open all day Friday and continue open through Sunday.

Nothing Is Heard Of Missing Man

Disappearing on Wednesday night of last week in Norfolk, Walter Barr, 32-year-old Williamston resident, was reported still missing late yesterday, according to reports coming from police in two states.

Going to Norfolk this week, Mrs. Barr, the former Miss Elizabeth Howard of Williamston, could learn little or nothing about her husband.

An acquaintance thought he saw Barr in a parked car on a little used road in Washington County Monday, but certain identity could not be established. Barr owned a 1941 green Plymouth bearing a Virginia license, but the man thought to have been Barr was in a Chevrolet bearing a North Carolina tag.

Acquaintances believe Barr had no part in the murder of his 57-year-old companion, Mrs. Mamie Smithwick, whose body was found in a lake near Norfolk last Saturday. They believe he met with foul play.

Norfolk police, including Chief Moore, have released no report following their investigation here and in Washington, Barr's native home, early this week.

Aged Resident Died In Hospital Yesterday

Mercedes Riddick Spruill, aged local resident, died in a local hospital yesterday morning at 3:40 o'clock after a long period of declining health. She had been a patient in the hospital for almost two months, suffering with a heart condition. She was 68 years old.

She was a well-known figure for years in many local households where she was employed as a domestic. Through systematic saving, she had accumulated much property, and was a leader among the colored race for a number of years.

Sale This Week One Of Largest Ever Recorded

Weather Conditions Slowing Down Marketing But Price Holding Up

Sales on the Williamston Tobacco Market passed the ten million-pound mark here today with the price average holding to unprecedented peaks.

Through yesterday, the market had sold 9,856,754 pounds for \$5,314,331, a resulting average of \$53.91. It was conservatively estimated this morning that there were more than 134,000 pounds on the floors to carry the total for the season over the ten million mark.

While setting a financial record last Monday, the market almost broke all poundage records for any one day since the market was opened nearly half century ago. The first sale of this week amounted to 385,942 pounds and brought in nearly a quarter million dollars, or \$245,916, to be exact. On opening day, August 19, 1949, the market here sold 386,156 pounds, but the price average was only \$48.36 as compared with the \$63.72 recorded last Monday.

The 170,000 pounds sold here yesterday brought the second highest average of the year, and the second highest in the history of the market. The growers received \$107,633, or 63.31 per hundred pounds.

Prices for individual piles yesterday ranged right on up into the nineties. The quality of the offerings was good.

"Some may say they do not like Dixie Bright 101, but I'm doing all right with it," a county farmer was quoted as saying as he walked away with an average in the high seventies.

It is estimated that between 85 and 90 percent of the crop has already been marketed in this area, meaning that the local market will possibly handle between eleven and one-half and twelve million pounds.

Sales this season are already a quarter million pounds greater than they were all of last year, but the income so far this season is trailing that of last year by nearly one-third of a million dollars. The differential in the average last year and the one this year has been narrowed to about three and one-quarter cents per pound, with the 1950 crop holding the price advantage. To start off with, the price average this year was trailing that of last year by about six cents.

Homecoming At Oak City Church

The Oak City Christian Church will hold its homecoming day program Sunday, it was announced today by the pastor, the Rev. Olin Fox, who will conduct services that morning at 11:00 o'clock and that evening at 7:30 o'clock. There'll be special music during the morning service, after which a picnic dinner will be served on the school grounds. Sunday school will convene at 10:00 o'clock, and there'll be no afternoon service.

A free will offering will be received for the building fund which will be used for financing three Sunday school rooms, construction of which is well advanced.

The public is invited and former members who have moved away and friends of the church from a wide area are expected to attend in large numbers.

Victim Of Accident Reported Improving

Critically injured when she was run down by an automobile on East Main Street here nearly two weeks ago, Mrs. Mary Roberson Hawes was reported today to be improving in a local hospital.