

Handled Fifteen Cases In County Court on Monday

Several Defendants Sentenced To Roads; Fines Add Up To \$360.00

Road sentences were fairly plentiful in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled fifteen cases during a comparatively short session. Fines were collected in the sum of \$360. Unable to measure up financially at least two defendants had no other alternative except to go to the roads.

Proceedings: Charged with drunken driving and careless and reckless driving, Willie Lee Timmons pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$150 fine and costs. He lost his operator's license for a year.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Joe Clark drew six months on the roads, suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He is to remain off the premises of Gladys Pierce for three years. Facing the court in a second assault case, Clark drew another six months on the roads, suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. He is to remain away from the premises of Ruth Clark for three years.

David Junior Best was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Wilbert Best was taxed with the court costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, James Arthur Howard pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Leon Hall Rawls was adjudged not guilty.

James Bennett Kissler pleaded guilty of drunken driving and was sentenced to the roads for four months. A truck driver, Kissler, no longer a young man, was deserted in court by his employer and pointed out he was unable to pay a fine.

Forrest Everett West was fined \$100, plus costs, for drunken driving.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and passing a school bus while the bus was stopped to discharge passengers, George Lee Sheppard pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for four months. He was fined \$125, but he was unable to meet financial terms and went on to the roads.

Mary Lizzie Dickens was taxed with the costs for an assault.

Christopher Columbus Eborn, booked under the name of "Smiling Jack" was fined \$10, plus costs, when he was adjudged guilty of an assault.

Judgment was suspended in the case in which Sam Manning was charged with non-support, the defendant.

United Nations' Day, October 24

October 24 this year marks the sixth anniversary of the United Nations. The day will be observed with special ceremonies in countries all over the world. In this country plans for schools, organizations, state and community groups have been suggested by the National Citizens Committee for United Nations Day; many community activities are in the hands of local citizens' committees. UNESCO and the U. S. National Commission for UNESCO are urging widespread citizen cooperation in these events.

High School Students Attending Fair Today

Approximately seventy-five local high school pupils, including Professor Austin's agricultural classes and members of the senior and junior classes, are attending the State fair today. They left shortly after 7:00 o'clock this morning, traveling in two special busses.

Tobacco Sales Pass Eleven Million Mark

Prices Continue To Hold Firm On The Market Here

Highest Individual Average Ever Recorded Here Was Reported Yesterday

With over-all prices continuing to hold firm, individual price averages moved up to set an all-time record on Williamston's tobacco market, yesterday. Farmers Sidney Beacham and Buddy Rogers sold 1,814 pounds of the Dixie Bright 101 variety for \$1,504.58, or an average of \$88.46 per hundred pounds. While a complete record of individual averages is not available, it is quite certain that the Beacham-Rogers sale is tops. Farmer Rogers explained that the 1,814 pounds constituted the third pulling from about five acres of tobacco. The prices for the tobacco ranged from a low of 68 cents a pound right on up to 95 cents, with five and six piles selling above the 90-cent mark.

The market today passed the eleven million-pound mark, and the operators are now setting their goal at twelve million or more. However, it was pointed out that more and more farmers are marketing the remainder of the crops each day.

Through yesterday, the market had sold 10,980,404 pounds for \$6,016,522, an average of \$54.79 for the season to date. Yesterday, 168,454 pounds were sold for an average right at \$62.00 per hundred pounds, or, to be exact, \$61.83 or \$104.182.

During all of last season, the market here sold a total of 9,709,566 pounds for \$5,562,637, an average of \$57.29. Through yesterday, the current marketing season has an advantage of 1,280,838 pounds and in money, \$453,885.

Green Wave Band Planning A Trip

Following a special show during the football game here Friday night between Williamston and Hertford, the Williamston Green Wave Band will travel to Greenville and Saturday night to represent Guilford College at its game with the East Carolina College Pirates. The Guilford team is coached by Stuart Maynard, formerly high school coach here. Maynard will bring his team to Greenville Friday and hopes to visit friends in Williamston Friday night and see the game here.

A program has been worked out for the Green Wave band's portion of the half-time show at Greenville and both band members and local football fans are looking forward to the trip to Greenville. The college officials at Greenville some time ago invited the Williamston musicians to serve as visiting band for the Guilford game.

YOUTH CENTER

For the next two weekends, on Saturday and Sunday evenings, the Youth Center will be open in the Woman's Club Building instead of the American Legion Hut.

Hearing that the facilities of the American Legion Hut would not be available for the use of the young people, it was decided at the Woman's Club meeting on Tuesday evening to offer the use of their building for the next two week-ends.

The parents listed for supervision of the Youth Center will take charge as previously arranged. The Center will not be open on Friday nights because of the football games scheduled.

The Recreation Committee is most grateful to the Williamston Woman's Club for their generous gesture to our youth.

Governor's Party Enjoyed Hunt In Conine Yesterday

Take Certain To Help Relieve Meat Shortage Up Raleigh Way

"We are certainly going to relieve the meat shortage up Raleigh way," Governor Kerr Scott, heading a hunt of State officials in Conine, chuckled yesterday afternoon in reporting their take for the day.

Accompanied by State Highway and Public Works Commission Chairman Henry Jordan, and Ben Roney, aid to the governor, the State's chief executive was careful to hold the game take within the bag limit, dropping a hint after a friendly fashion about Dr. Jordan's uncertain status as a squirrel hunter in the Roanoke lowlands. "Up in his country the trees are not so tall, and for a while it appeared Dr. Jordan's gun would not carry to the tall timber," the Governor said. The highway commissioner did all right, others in the hunt declared.

During the morning hunt the party bagged twenty-three squirrels.

Strong winds blew most of the day to place the hunters at a disadvantage, but the trips were greatly enjoyed.

Politics and State business were out during the trip, the Governor and his party relaxing after strenuous schedules earlier in the week. Governor Scott recalled the ground-breaking exercises at Winston-Salem for Wake Forest College last Monday, and went on to explain that Mrs. Scott all but ruled out the hunting trip when she reminded him of a religious meeting in Burlington Tuesday morning. "We met the appointment, handled our assignment and got excused," Governor Scott, serving the Presbytery there as moderator, explained.

Governor Scott declared he enjoyed his informal chat with President Truman who flew down to Winston without the benefit of senatorial company but with Congressman Thurmond Chatham of the district. "The President assured us he wanted to be with us young Democrats at a meeting in Alamance next year," Governor Scott said.

It was apparent that the Governor was a bit uneasy over the outcome of the milking contest he is entering with Agriculture Commissioner Stag Ballentine in front of the grandstand at the State Fair today. The chief executive explained that his hand muscles tire fairly easily now, that it had been some time when he milked at the rate of about a gallon per minute. He did not say so, but there was a sneaking suspicion the Governor was hoping rain would come to his rescue when time came for the test.

Layman's League Meets October 31 District P.-T. A. In Robersonville

Representatives from 12 counties will attend a conference in Robersonville of district nine of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers. Several members of the state PTA organization will attend, and outline aims and objectives for the year's work. This district has 7,417 memberships.

Speakers include Mrs. T. R. Easterling of Rocky Mount, state president; Mrs. J. W. Burke of Gibsonville, executive secretary; and Miss Blanche B. Haley of Chapel Hill, recently appointed field secretary for the state conference. Each will center his talk upon the theme of the conference which is "The Citizen Child: His Freedom to Grow."

In addition to these speakers, Mrs. Sarah Weaver of Raleigh, state director of women's division of Civil Defense, will address the group and list ways in which PTAs can cooperate in defense activities.

Mrs. Edward Harrell of Hertford, the director of this district, will preside. Mrs. Joseph Griffin of Williamston is secretary. New officers will be elected at this meeting.

Mrs. A. E. James, president of the Robersonville PTA, is general chairman of the event.

Plans Completed For Annual Harvest Festival Next Week

High Averages Of Absences In School Causes Concern

The high average of absences in the local schools is causing much concern, officials declaring that the condition rates as one of major problems facing the school.

"If the average number of absences had been reduced by just three pupils last year, we would have earned an extra teacher in the high school this year," the principal explained. As it is now, the librarian is filling in by holding two classes daily, leaving the library unattended during those periods, it was pointed out.

During the first month of school, the local school enrollment reached 1,060—808 in the elementary and 252 in the high school. On an average, forty-seven pupils were absent each day from the elementary grades and fifteen from the high school.

A year ago, 814 absences were reported in the local schools during the first month. This year the figure jumped up to 1,236 the first month. In other words, every child in school was, on an average, absent from school more than one day during the month. At that rate, more than two weeks of school will have been lost, on an average, by each pupil.

School officials are doing all in their power to hold up attendance records, but it is apparent that parents and pupils themselves will have to cooperate if the serious problem is to be successfully handled.

YAM MARKET

After getting off to a slow start, the local sweet potato market is reporting increased activities from day to day. Up until this morning, the market had handled hardly more than 1,000 bushels, but several loads moved into the plant of the Martin County Yam Growers' Association early today.

Prices are ranging from about \$2.40 to \$2.70, a few going for \$3 a bushel.

The N. C. markets are watching the movement of potatoes from Louisiana before approaching stability, it was pointed out.

Chaplain Leaves For Korean Duty

Charles Rhodes Harrison, Lt. J. G., U. S. Navy, left last Thursday to serve as a chaplain in the First Marine Aircraft Wing, Korea.

Lt. Harrison is the son of the late George Harrison and Mrs. Charlie Ayers of Robersonville. He graduated from the Bear Grass school and received his B. S. degree from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. Immediately following his graduation from the Wilson institution he entered the School of Religion in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. where he received his B. D. degree.

He served as pastor of the second Christian Church in Bloomington, Ill. for five years before entering the Navy.

Since he received his commission he served as chaplain in Destroyer Squadron Six of the Atlantic Fleet and was recently assistant to the Fleet Chaplain in Norfolk.

Chaplain Harrison visited his mother in Robersonville for several days before he left for the Korean assignment.

Mrs. Harrison and their two children will reside with her at home, 1225 Tilghman Road, College Court Apts., Wilson, while Lt. Harrison is serving in the Korean war. His address will be First Marine Aircraft Wing, c/o Commanding General, F. P. O., San Francisco.

Farm Bureau To Hold Meeting

Membership canvassers of the Martin County Farm Bureau are to meet in the county courthouse Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock to make a scheduled report on their activities.

An unofficial report released a few days ago, shows that more than 1,000 members or about one-half the goal, had been signed.

Returns To His Home Here From Hospital

His condition improving much faster than was expected, Mr. C. B. Clark, Sr., returned to his home here yesterday from a Rocky Mount hospital where he had his left leg amputated two weeks ago to check a circulatory ailment.

Charles Brannan Invited To Attend The Big Festival

Event Gets Under Way with Street Dance Tuesday; Parade Wednesday

By Al Sweatt, Executive Secretary Of Williamston Boosters

Williamston began taking on a look of festivity yesterday when street decorations started going up and local merchants began decorating their businesses to tie in with Williamston's Fourth Annual Harvest Festival, being held next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 23 and 24. Many establishments and organizations will start on floats and exhibits today for the festival parade on Wednesday, and latest reports indicate all will be in readiness when the big event gets under way.

The opening of the festival will open with a free street dance on Tuesday night at 9:00 o'clock with both round and square dancing being featured. Music for the square dancing will be by Otho Willard and his string band, and the round dancing will feature music by Dick Levin and his sextet. A special section will be set aside for colored citizens for the round dancing. Both types of dancing will continue until 12:00 midnight. Arrangements for the street dance are being made by Bernard Harrison and Alonza Bland.

On Wednesday, the big day, Main, Washington and a part of Watts Street will be blocked off at 12:30, to allow the streets to be cleared for "Clown Alley" from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Following the appearance of the clowns, promptly at 2:00 PM, one of the largest parades ever seen in Eastern Carolina will be held. Over one hundred units will be entered in the parade and it should last about one hour. The parade will form on Marshall Avenue and Warren Streets, proceed to Watts, to Main, thence up Main to Washington and will continue on Washington, dispersing at the warehouses. Eleven bands will participate in the parade including those from the high schools in the following towns: Ahoskie, Edenton, Plymouth, J. J. Clemmons of Roper, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Washington, Williamston White, Williamston Colored and the Rhythm Bands from the Farm Life and Hassell schools.

Also in the parade will be fifteen "Princesses" from surrounding towns. A late entry, Miss Dorothy O'Neal, is being entered by Tarboro and will be accompanied by the Tarboro High School Band. About twenty-five floats will be in the parade, along with other exhibits, boy and girl scouts, city and county officials, and many other interesting units. The parade will be under the expert guidance of J. O. "Blue" Manning and his assistants.

There will be an absence of high dignitaries in this year's parade, and the following are the guest speaker. Invitations were sent to Governor Scott, Representative Bonner and Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, but due to pressing business, none of them will be able to attend. It is felt that to invite some lesser known personality than either of these three would lower the prestige of the Festival and the address by a major figure.

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P.-T. A. and Band Club Plan Session

The October meeting of the Williamston Parents-Teachers Association will be held in the High School auditorium Monday evening at 7:45 and immediately following this session and program an important meeting of the Williamston Band Parents Club will be held.

Miss Anne Royster's Glee Club will have part of the P. T. A. program and a film on the importance of sleep will be shown as a part of the safety program of the association.

Letters have been sent out to parents in the school concerning membership in the association and special prizes are being offered the different rooms for enrollment of parents. The dues are 50c per person.

Ruritans To Meet In District December 6

Ruritans from fourteen North Carolina counties will hold a district meeting in Elizabeth City on December 6, it was announced this week by District Governor A. Corey of Jamesville. The meeting will be attended by representatives from forty clubs in the fourteen counties and also by officials of Ruritan National.

One of the interesting side-lights of the annual harvest festival here next Tuesday and Wednesday will center around an electrified model farm exhibit which is being brought here for its first showing in this section. The exhibit will be located in the lobby of the Virginia Electric and Power Company building on Main Street and the public is invited to inspect it. District Manager A. L. Jameson announced.

Urge Farmers Not To Rush Peanuts To The Markets

"Slow Market" Apparently Anticipated by Leaders In Meeting

Apparently anticipating a "slow market", the peanut committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Farm Bureaus in a meeting at Scotland Neck yesterday went on record urging all peanut farmers not to sell their 1951 crop of Virginia type, or edible peanuts, for less than the support price of \$226 per ton.

The resolution, introduced by R. V. Knight, of Tarboro, chairman of the N. C. Farm Bureau Peanut Committee, also stated " . . . We recommend that the 1951 crop of Virginia type peanuts be moved to the market in an orderly manner so that the market will not become glutted and prices depressed. It is the hope and belief of the North Carolina and Virginia peanut representatives here assembled that the cleaners will purchase a large majority of the 1951 crop at support price or better if the market is not flooded.

"No producer should sell his 1951 crop of peanuts at less than support price. If the peanut shellers and cleaners do not purchase the crop at the support price or better, the government peanut support program, working through the Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., is set up and ready to support the crop by purchasing peanuts at support price at licensed warehouses throughout the peanut belt in both states. But in order for the government warehouses to support their prices, the farmers must move their peanuts to the receiving warehouses in an orderly manner. Many warehouses have already been licensed throughout North Carolina and Virginia to handle the farmers' peanuts at support prices if that becomes necessary, and many more will be licensed if needed. There will be sufficient warehouse storage to handle the crop and prevent the same from selling below the support prices, if the farmers will move their crop to market in a slow and orderly manner."

The Farm Bureau resolution called on each of the organization's county units to "immediately set out to get all available peanut storage space licensed and ready to receive farmers stock peanuts under the program if such space is needed.

E. M. Johnson of Franklin, Va., manager of the Grower's Peanut Corporation, told the group that most of the quota peanuts grown in the N. C.-Va. area would be used in the edible trade due to the short crop in the Southwestern areas.

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