

Eleven Cases In County's Court Monday Morning

Crowds Attending Saturday Sessions Reported Comparatively Small

Eleven cases were handled in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Saturday during a session lasting hardly more than one and one-half hours. Comparatively small crowds were in attendance, and several of the members of the bar were absent. Twelve cases were continued for trial on Saturday of this week and the first Saturday in August.

The summer slump is evident in the number of cases being called, and the small amount of fines collected. The income of the court last Saturday was less than \$150.

Proceedings:

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs when Edward A. Conway pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading not guilty of reckless driving, Vernon Randolph Moore was adjudged guilty, the court suspending judgment upon the payment of the court costs.

Lorey K. Bland was fined \$100, plus costs for drunken driving. He loses his license to operate a motor vehicle for a year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Sallie E. Long of Durham was charged with speeding.

The case in which Guy Anderson was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license was not prosed. The action was taken when it was pointed out that the defendant had been back from Korea less than thirty days.

Pleading not guilty of non-support, James David Rodgers was adjudged guilty and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$7 a week for the support of his children.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Theodore Freeman was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$35 fine and costs. The defendant is to violate no liquor laws during the next two years. When asked what he was going to do with the half gallon of bootleg liquor, Freeman said he had planned to sell it. Frank Scott, a second defendant in the case, was adjudged not guilty.

Roland Matthews was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Charged with non-support, (Continued On Page Two)

Demonstrate New Tractor Models

Two new heavy-duty John Deere two and three-plow tractors, successors to models "A" and "B" shown and demonstrated here last Saturday by the Lindsley Implement Company. Approximately 300 farmers attended the first showing of these new John Deere models at the local implement dealers' headquarters.

According to Mr. K. P. Lindsley and L. P. Lindsley, managers and owners, these new tractors feature a number of engineering advancements and major improvements which make them the greatest values ever offered by John Deere.

Air Force to Again Accept Volunteers

Closed for a while, the doors to the U. S. Air Force have been reopened, temporarily at least. During the remainder of this month, a limited number of volunteers will be received, it was announced by the recruiting officer in this area.

Volunteers, passing the examinations, will be in the service within thirty days after applications are filed, it was explained. The recruiting officer, Sgt. Alfred Monteith, in this area is in his office, third floor of Williamston's town hall, each Tuesday.

Higher Prices On Georgia Markets Reported Monday

Opening the new season Monday, Georgia's tobacco markets reported prices \$8 to \$10 higher than those of last year despite a poorer quality leaf this year. The over-all average price for the first-day sales was unofficially placed at \$54, several individual markets reporting averages between \$55 and \$60. Gains by grades ranged from \$1 to about \$9, but most of the increase was centered in the \$1-to-\$3 range.

As of July 1 the U. S. Crop Reporting Board estimated production of the 1952 crop in Georgia and Florida as 158,080,000 pounds. Although planted acreage was larger this year, the indicated average yield per acre stands at 1,157 pounds per acre compared with 1,220 pounds last year. This

accounts for the drop of more than 4 1-2 million pounds in production from the 1951 crop. Total flue-cured production was placed at 1,402,540,000 pounds. This is around 50 million pounds less than last year's production.

Producers' sales of the 1951 Georgia-Florida crop totaled 175,860,580 pounds for an average of \$46.46 per hundred. This figure includes some tobacco that was marketed from other belts. Producers' sales of all flue-cured tobacco last year were 1,441,613,016 pounds at an average of \$52.67.

The consensus is that the crop is spotty throughout the belt. Some sections lacking rainfall in June and early July, burned immature leaves with a loss of body and color.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were arrested and detained temporarily in the county jail last week-end. Four were booked for public drunkenness and three for assaults.

Included in the list was a young white woman and six colored men whose ages ranged from 28 to 59 years.

Barkley Bows Out As Candidate For Party Nomination

Loyalty Pledge Approved At Democratic Convention Late Last Night

While the Democrats, opening their convention in Chicago yesterday, devoted most of their time hearing talks and discussing rules and regulations and credentials, a fairly definite trend toward the selection of a Presidential nominee for the party was noted. Alben Barkley narrowed the field of avowed candidates when he gracefully bowed out of the race late last night. Even prior to that time the spotlight was turning toward Adlai Stevenson, governor of Illinois.

But the convention is all bogged down in confusion. Alben Barkley, who apparently wanted the nomination, backed out when labor leaders turned their thumbs down on him. Governor Stevenson who declares he does not want the nomination, takes a front position in the race. Stevenson made one of the best speeches during the first day of the convention, and he is rated as the most logical candidate to take and carry the ball for all factions of the party.

There was much talk about the unfitness of the Republicans, but the main argument during the first day centered around delegate credentials and loyalty pledges. It was agreed that no delegation whose credentials were not firmly established should participate in the proceedings until credentials had been determined.

The loyalty oath was the cause of much argument. A committee offered and approved a resolution, binding the delegates to the action of the convention. The plan would morally bind the delegates to see that the names of the party nominees or electors appear on the Democratic ticket.

Georgia's Talmadge was bitterly opposed to it, but the Texas and Alabama delegations favored it, the action showing that the confusion was great and supported Guy Gillette, U. S. Senator from Iowa, when he said that half of the delegations did not know what was going on in the convention.

The convention recessed at 2:00 o'clock this morning to be recalled into session at noon today. Nothing has been said about adjournment, but one delegate said he was certain it would not go on forever.

Suffers Slight Stroke At His Home Sunday

Mr. Roy Gurganus suffered a slight stroke at his home in West End last Sunday evening. Removed to a local hospital a short time later, he was reported today to be responding to treatment.

County Boys Take First Honors In Various Contests

Records Made In Vocational Agriculture By Four County Schools

By Professor J. H. Dixon
The Coastal Federation of Future Farmers of America, consisting of schools teaching vocational agriculture in Martin, Washington, and Tyrrell counties, has completed the most successful year of activities in its history. Participating in these activities were four F. F. A. Departments in Martin County—Oak City, Williamston, Jamesville and Robersonville.

The 1951-52 activities were of a varied nature. The numerous contests which were held made up a great portion of the F. F. A. activities. The first of these contests was "Ritual and Parliamentary Procedure," which was held at Oak City. The Jamesville F. F. A. chapter won highest honors, Oak City F. F. A. chapter won 2nd place, and Williamston F. F. A. chapter placed 3rd. Business interest of the Oak City district, realizing the importance of this activity awarded prizes—1st, \$15.00; 2nd, \$10.00; 3rd, \$5.00 to the 3 highest placing teams. The following establishments donated the prizes: Hamilton Theatre, Edgecombe Bank and Trust Co., J. H. Ayers and Co., and N. W. Johnson Insurance Agency.

The crops contest was held in Robersonville. Contestants were to identify samples of 50 varieties of crops and noxious weeds. Winners of the crops contest were Oak City Chapter, 1st place, Williamston 2nd place, and Roper 3rd place. Prizes were donated by business interests in the town of Robersonville: 1st prize, Sherwood L. Roberson and Co.; 2nd prize, R. L. Smith and Co., and 3rd prize, A. O. Roberson and Co.

The 3rd contest F. F. A. members participated in was the "Shop Contest" which was held in Creswell. The contestants were to name 207 different tools. Walking away with highest honors was the Oak City Chapter, 2nd place winner Jamesville and 3rd place Robersonville. The following business interests of Creswell awarded the prizes: East Carolina Bank, Lucy's Variety Store, H. W. Pritchard Hdw., and H. O. Chesson Store.

The next contest, Public Speaking, was held at Jamesville. Each chapter entered one contestant who was to deliver a speech of 7-10 minutes in length. The speakers were graded on content of speech, delivery and clarity. Williamston chapter won 1st place, Jamesville 2nd place and Oak City placed 3rd. Prizes were donated by Lindsley Ice Co., Belk Tyler Co., Jamesville Womens Club and Williamston Branch and Guaranty Banks.

The last contest of the school year, Livestock Judging, was held in Roper. Contesting teams from each school competed in judging, dairy, and beef cattle judging. The Robersonville chapter won 1st place, Roper chapter won 2nd prize and the Jamesville chapter placed 3rd. Prizes were awarded by Mombies Drug Store (Plymouth), Evas Cleaners (Roper), Norman Furniture Co. (Plymouth), House Chevrolet Co. (Plymouth) and Southern Hdw. Co. (Plymouth).

At the end of the school year, an over-all prize was awarded (Continued on Page Six)

Draft Board Has Few Delinquents

Two draftees were listed delinquent last week-end by the Martin County Draft Board, the list including one white and one young colored man.

Those listed as delinquent are: James Robert Williams, white, who moved from his address, RFD 1, Oak City, to Littleton, N. C.

William Grimes, colored, who gave his home address as RFD 1, Bethel, and who was last heard from at RFD 1, Box 455, Sanford, Fla. Prior to going to Sanford he was at 105 Lake Street, Kissimmee, Fla.

Four Accidents On County Roads During Week-end

Three Cars Turn Over But No One Injured In The Four Wrecks

No one was injured and property damages were held to a comparatively low figure in a series of four accidents reported on the highways in this county during the latter part of last week, according to Patrolman R. P. Narron and B. W. Parker.

In three of the four accidents reported, the cars turned completely over, it was stated. A driver of Joe Gainer's 1950 Chevrolet lost control of the machine on Highway 125 near the Pennie Slade farm Thursday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock and turned it over. No other vehicle was involved. One report placed the damage to the car at \$500.

A few hours later that day, Bennie Shelton Harrison lost control of a 1951 Chevrolet on the Bailey Road and turned the machine over. He was accompanied by several children but none of them was hurt. Harrison, driving on the road connecting Highway 64 with the Prison Camp road, he tried to dodge a cow in the road and lost control of the car. Investigating the accident, Patrolman Narron estimated the damage at \$300.

Driving toward Oak City on Highway 125, Joseph Bernard Leurs of Baltimore dropped off to sleep, ran off the road into the ditch and turned his 1948 Chevrolet over about two miles this side of Hobgood. Neither the driver or Mrs. Luers was hurt, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation and who estimated the damage at \$250. The Luers were en route to Florida. The wreck was reported about 8:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Earlier in the week there was a minor accident on the Everetts-Spring Green road, Patrolman Parker estimating the damage at less than \$25. Jeremiah Peel of Plymouth was driving a 1951 Ford toward Spring Green when Willie Latham was said to have pulled into the highway, the two vehicles crashing.

Considerable excitement resulted about 9:00 o'clock last Saturday night when a Chevrolet panel truck turned over between here and Windsor, almost blocking the highway. The driver was pinned under the truck and a Biggs ambulance was dispatched there. Quite a few local people "chased" the ambulance to the scene. Details of the accident could not be learned immediately. The truck, owned by a barber and beauty shop supply firm in Newport News, was loaded with all kinds of greases and tonics which were spilled all over the highway. The victim, pinned under the truck, suffered several limb fractures and was removed to a local hospital for treatment.

Run Out Of Woods By Rattle Snakes

A logging crew, headed by Junior Perry and employed by the G and H Builders Supply Company here, was chased out of a Bertie woods yesterday afternoon by rattle snakes. The loggers killed and brought out three of the large reptiles to prove it was snakes and not the hot weather that made them seek shelter. A fourth snake, king of the nest, escaped, but not until after he had chased one of the loggers into a truck.

"He rared back on his tail and held its head two or more feet in the air, and that's when I left that area," one of the loggers was quoted as saying.

Firemen Called To Barn In West End

The local fire department was called to West End yesterday afternoon at 2:10 o'clock when an oil burner went out of control in a tobacco barn on the Andrew Clark farm.

The burner sent smoke pouring out of the ventilators, but neither the barn nor the tobacco caught fire, and damage was negligible, Fire Chief G. P. Hall said.

Martin Votes Heavy For Tobacco Quotas

Only Four Votes Counted Saturday Against Program

More Than 3,100 Favored The Tobacco Associates Assessment

While so-called farm leaders, apparently tainted with reactionism, were asking the Democratic Party platform committee out in Chicago to disavow farm price supports, Martin County farmers last Saturday voted 4,218 to 4 for the continuance of the tobacco marketing program. It was the largest vote ever cast for a farm program, exceeding the one in July, 1949, by almost 1,500 votes. Three years ago Martin farmers voted 2,730 for and ten against marketing quotas for tobacco.

Poll holders were literally swamped by the rush during most of the day last Saturday. Several of the officials in some of the districts where the polls were maintained found it impossible to leave their posts hardly long enough to get a drink of water. The farmers voted in earnest, and made it clear that they would not stand idly by and allow any professed farm leader or political group wreck their program.

While the growers were giving marketing quotas the greatest marginal victory ever recorded in this county for anybody or any plan, they went on to favor the Tobacco Associates 10-cent per acre assessment by a vote of 3,136 to nine. The Tobacco Associates ballots supply was exhausted in several of the districts, and it is fairly certain that the count would have been much larger had more ballots been available.

Reviewing the unofficial vote record, members of the Martin County Production and Marketing Administration reported that eighteen farmers voted for one-year quotas, that 4,200 voted for the three-year plan with only four votes cast in opposition to the program.

The vote for the three-year program follows, by districts:

| | For | Against |
|--------------------|------|---------|
| Jamesville | 431 | 2 |
| Williams | 156 | 0 |
| Griffins | 505 | 0 |
| Bear Grass | 383 | 2 |
| Williamston-P. Pt. | 775 | 0 |
| Cross Roads | 380 | 0 |
| Robersonville | 701 | 0 |
| Hamilton | 484 | 0 |
| Goose Nest | 385 | 0 |
| | 4200 | 4 |

Half of the votes cast for the one-year plan was reported in Robersonville.

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| Jamesville | 431 | 2 |
| Williams | 155 | 2 |
| Griffins | 299 | 0 |
| Bear Grass | 376 | 4 |
| Wmston-Pop. Pt. | 383 | 0 |
| Cross Roads | 201 | 0 |
| Robersonville | 508 | 1 |

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Team Guests Of Kiwanians Here

The Kiwanis Club Little League Baseball Team was honored at a regular meeting of the Club last Thursday night. Among those present from the team were: Melvin Bowen, Boyce Ross, Carlyle Brown, Arlen Mizelle, Arnold Howard, Johnny Woodard, Carol Freeman Brown, Ralph Leggett, Frankie Roberson, Hugh Raynor and Bobby Perry. Recognized and applauded in addition to the team were: Bill Spivey, Manager, and the team coaches: Vernon Bunting, Bob Newell and Bynum Smith. Carlyle Brown, speaking on behalf of the team, thanked the club for sponsoring them in the Little League organization.

Buck Saunders, son of a charter member, was installed as a new member by James Manning. The attendance prize of the evening was won by Melvin Bowen.

Green Wave Band Plans its Summer Concert August 13

Director Butler Faces One Of Biggest Challenges Since Starting Band

After working on their summer schedule since June 9, the members of the Williamston High School Green Wave Band and Director Jack Butler are taking this week-off before resuming work on August 4 with one of the biggest challenges confronting them since the band was reorganized back in 1947.

While the entire organization is putting all it has into the effort to come up with a first class band this fall it takes no great student of band programs to tell that the loss of 34 members in two years is a severe blow to any group.

To help take the sting out of the annual summer concert which is to be presented outdoors, weather permitting, on August 13, the band is inviting all of its graduates who are in town on August 13 to join in the playing of the summer concert and a number of them have accepted. By getting some help this way, the band will have more time to get on its own feet by the time the work of the scholastic season comes around.

A special majorette school will be conducted here from August 4 to August 12 by Sarah Page Jackson who held such a successful session here last summer. While she graduated from the local school this spring, head majorette Jackie Harris will continue to be with the Green Wave Band until after the concert and expects to work out with the local majorettes under Miss Jackson. Miss Harris is enrolling at Wake Forest and will be trying this fall for the top majorette spot there which is being vacated this summer by Miss Jackson.

Extra rehearsals for the concert will be held from August 4 until the day prior to the concert.

While no list of the numbers to be included in the concert has been released, Director Butler reports that there will be about six marches, some pop tunes and several popular numbers. Good Night Irene and Red Rhythm Valley are two popular numbers which are almost certain to make their appearance.

Definite plans will be announced a few days prior to the concert but preliminary arrangements call for the concert to be played on the all-weather tennis courts under the lights about 8:30 and the police are to be asked to rope off that block of Smithwick Street facing the courts to permit the group attending the concert to move about freely. It is reasoned that the metal fence down one side of the courts will serve as a good sounding board.

The annual picnic and organizational meeting of the Williamston Band Parents club will be held on August 26 and Director Butler hopes this meeting may be held in the new band room. However, there is considerable work to be done on this structure which is to be feasible.

The band will again join the annual caravan of the Williamston Boosters before the opening of the tobacco markets but the date for that has not as yet been announced officially. As an example of what has happened to the band this year in the way of graduation losses, take the drum section. Bobby Goff, Rondell Beach and Dallas Wells all graduated this year. Fletcher Thomas has taken over as drum sergeant and others with limited experience are to assist. These include Ann Peel, Lela Mae Goff, Wilber Stewart and Janice Savvae. Sondra Butflap and Billy Thornton are the rookies in this section.

It will take a lot of hard work to bring the band up to its usual standards but hard work and diligent effort are nothing new to the young musicians or their director. The marching band will present still other problems because the football season will take its toll of even the rookies who are now in the band. Listed as rookie bass drummers for the marching band are Ernest Carraway and Bobby Gray.

CONTINUES GRAVELLY ILL

Mr. Redden Leggett, local man, continues gravely ill in Duke Hospital.

AIR MEDAL

Lt. L. Nelson Leggett, Williamston young man, was recently presented the fifth cluster to the Air Medal in Korea. The presentation was made by Col. Thomas M. Watlington, 2nd Division Artillery commander in Korea, for making flights over enemy territory in a light, unarmed observation plane.

Lt. Leggett is an observer with the 38th Field Artillery Battalion.

Senator Explains Why This Nation Went Into Korea

Politicians Have Talked So Much, Issues Have Been Overlooked

So many millions of words have been written about Korea and the politicians have cheapened themselves for selfish reasons that there is a tendency to forget the true issues surrounding the presence of the United Nations in Korea. It is timely to recall what Senator Brien McMahon had to say some time ago about Korea. He was quoted as follows:

We are in Korea to maintain the peace and to prevent a third world war. War, like peace, is indivisible. In an era of atom bombs and jet planes, aggression—no matter where it occurs—is a direct threat to peace everywhere. What we do or fail to do in Korea may determine whether our American cities and factories are spared the horror of global war.

We learned this in the thirties, when failure to resist Tojo in Manchuria, Mussolini in Italy, and Hitler in Czechoslovakia, led directly to World War II. Had we stood up to the dictators when first they started upon their campaigns of conquest, millions and millions of lives later lost might have been saved.

If a thief is not punished after his first criminal act, he is tempted to new and greater crimes. So it is with tyrannical rulers. Aggression unresisted invites further aggression.

Our bold stand in Korea has enormously increased American prestige throughout the world. For years the terror propaganda of the Kremlin had pounded away at the theme that America would fight to the last European or Asiatic. Small nations living in the shadow of Communist tyranny were warned never to expect help from the United States. Our historic decision to stand firm in Korea has shown the world that we are gobbled up a morsel at a time. The Soviet Union, in the meanwhile, has shown by its own conduct that it is perfectly willing to fight to the last Korean or Chinese.

As a result, the prestige of the United States has been immensely strengthened, and the prestige of Russia has been just as immensely diminished.

The defense of Korea has immensely strengthened the United Nations by making collective security a fact instead of a fiction. Before June 1950 there were those who compared the United Nations with the League of Nations, which had proved a weak reed in time of trouble. Cynics said that the United Nations was merely an international debating society, incapable of resisting aggression. But the dramatic happenings in Korea proved the contrary.

Collective Security—the principle that we must defend freedom together or else be conquered separately—has turned out to be not a theorist's dream but a practical reality. Men from 17 different nations are fighting side by side. The long-run importance of this fact is incalculable. Dictators bent on aggrandizement have been put on notice that decent people are capable of closing

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