

Direct Speeders To Surrender Licenses

Judge Peele Hears Thirty-One Cases In County's Court

In Afternoon Session, The Court Imposes Fines In Amount Of \$385

Handing thirty-one cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, Judge Herbert O. Peele gave several alleged speed law violators something to think about. He shifted from a schedule of fines to license revocations in several cases. Now, it remains to be seen if the new system will have any marked effect on motor vehicle operators. Several of those who were directed to surrender their operators' license were teen-agers.

The court, imposing fines in the amount of \$385, was in session until about 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, having taken time out for lunch.

Proceedings: The case in which Tony Steve Passomondie of Camp Lejeune was charged with speeding, was not pressed, subject to be reopened at a later date.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Bill Brown was sentenced to the roads for six months. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs. The sentences may begin at the direction of the court at any time during the next two years.

Anna Brown, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty.

Pleading not guilty, William Jones was adjudged guilty of assaulting a female, and was taxed with the costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Jesse Staton pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. He loses his driver's license for a year.

Adjudged guilty of non-support, L. B. Peel was sentenced to the roads for three months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs, and the defendant is to pay \$30 a month for the support of his children. Performance bond was required.

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Says Rash Probes Curb Free Speech

New York.—Arthur Hays Sulzberger, president and publisher of the New York Times, says Americans are not so free today to speak their minds as they were two decades ago.

Mr. Sulzberger spoke at the seventh annual Alexander Hamilton dinner of Columbia College alumni. A 1913 Columbia graduate, Mr. Sulzberger received the association's 1953 medal "for distinguished service and accomplishment in any field of human endeavor."

Mr. Sulzberger, to support his contention, cited among other things the ban in some American cities on books, brochures, and organizations on what he termed "unsupported suspicions" of their motives.

Concerning the nation's fear of communism, the publisher said: "I do not believe that the picture is either as black or as red as it has been painted."

"I do not believe, for example, that Messrs. McCarthy and McCarran represent the real feeling of the American people."

Mr. Sulzberger was referring to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R) of Wisconsin, who has spearheaded probes of communists in government, and Senator Pat McCarran (D) of Nevada, who heads the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

"I have great faith in the basic common sense and the fundamental fairness of the nation," Mr. Sulzberger said. "But there is more fear in the country than the facts warrant. Beset by doubt, the nation listens to those who seem to offer a cure, even though the medicine be more harmful than the disease."

NO DEVELOPMENTS

Some progress has been made, but no new developments in the \$5,000 peanut theft have been made public. Only three arrests have been made so far in the case that was cracked by local police early last Sunday morning when a truck load of peanuts moved out of the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse.

Julius R. Williams, one of the trio arrested, arranged \$2,500 bond without going to jail. William Henry Brown, after a delayed struggle, arranged \$2,500 bond and gained his freedom last evening. Oscar Burnette, third man implicated in the daring thefts, continues in jail in default of \$2,500 bond.

Work On Highway Projects Advances

Despite adverse weather conditions existing much of the time, work on display construction projects in this area is advancing fairly rapidly.

Highway engineers said yesterday that more than three miles of a leveling surface had been laid on highway 64 from Williamston to a point near or beyond Holly Springs Methodist Church. All the route has been widened to 24 feet from Williamston to the Washington County line at Ward's Bridge, and the repair work is complete. After the first one-inch coat of asphalt is laid, the contractor will place a one-inch sealer or surface asphalt coat on the road. It will be quite a few weeks before the project is completed in its entirety.

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Cabinet Learning About Washington

New York, Jan. 26.—The facts of Washington life are beginning to force themselves on the attention of the businessmen the new Administration has brought to Washington, and the prospect is for wrangles between Capitol Hill and the White House as spirited as any that enlivened the Democrats' long tenure.

1. Charles E. Wilson, before the cloud over his confirmation arose, pledged a "quick re-examination of material procurement and basic planning." Material and procurement snafus may be straightened out to the satisfaction of all, but already the particular friends of each of the three services in House and Senate are preparing to defend their pets' autonomy.

2. George M. Humphrey, new Secretary of the Treasury, told Senators the budget must be balanced first, with tax cuts awaiting an appropriate time. But House Resolution No. 1 is a bill to cut taxes June 30 without reference to the state of the budget.

3. Gradual shortening of the term of government bonds over the last 20 years has horrified all students of financial management. The administration was going to get the \$287 billion debt into long-term obligations. But now comes the first refunding operation and the longest-term security is a six-year one. Restoring a proper balance of debt maturities will probably take a whole term, or two.

Methodist Group Will Meet In Elizabeth City

Methodist ministers and laymen of the Elizabeth City district will meet at the First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City next Tuesday in a preparation conference for the Methodist evangelistic mission.

Little Time Left To List Property In Martin County

No Time Extension Likely And Late Listing Subject To Penalties

There's precious little time left to list property for taxation in this county, and several hundred property owners are fairly certain to find waiting lines at the listing centers as they report between now and closing time Saturday to handle the task and avoid penalties and possible prosecution in the courts.

Complete reports could not be had from all the listers, but Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel said late yesterday that the work is fairly well advanced in most of the townships in the county. Williamston reported well over 2,000 names on the books to report its work possibly further advanced than it was at the same date a year ago. Williams Township was said to be considerably behind. Poplar Point, holding off its listings until the last few days in the month, is gaining rapidly, according to an indirect report coming from List-taker Roy Taylor.

No extension of time for listing properties and polls is anticipated, meaning that late listers will be made subject to penalties and possible prosecution in the courts. It has been pointed out that the list-takers in nearly every one of the townships remained almost idle day after day during the early part of the listing period, that owners listed their holdings without much delay. In view of that condition, property owners have little to complain about when they find waiting lines at the listing centers these last few days.

Commenting on the trend in values, Supervisor Peel said that most townships were apparently holding their own with some gains reported in others. A decrease in the mule count is being felt in some districts. In others the number of new cars is not as large as it was a year ago. New buildings are not as numerous as they were a year ago and some merchandising stocks have dwindled a bit.

"While we may not show much of a gain, we believe values will about hold their own," Supervisor Peel said in assessing the situation on the basis of the preliminary reports from several of the list-takers.

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Veterans Are Told Of Farm Classes

Martin County veterans of the Korean War have until March 1 to enroll in the on-the-farm training program now open to them, Vaden Hair, instructor at Jamesville, pointed out today.

Men recently returned from overseas who wish to enroll in the training program should contact John Hassell, instructor in the Oak City school, or Mr. Hair at Jamesville. The absolute deadline is March 1. After that date, registrants must wait until October to enroll.

The two training centers for white veterans in Martin County are located at Jamesville and Oak City and are sponsored by the Veterans Administration through the cooperation of the State Department of Public Instruction. Practical training is given and night classes are taught in the application of modern farm practices. Veterans in the classes carry on their regular farming operations as part of their instruction program.

Application blanks may be obtained from Edgar Gurganus in Williamston, veteran service officer for this county.

TAX ADVICE

For citizens suffering from their annual headache over income tax forms, a representative of the Department of Revenue will be in town February 9 and 10 to help them. He will set up headquarters in the post office building from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Citizens are invited to take advantage of his services.

Solemn Warning Issued To Vehicle Operators In State

A solemn warning, meaning that no excuses will be in order, is being issued to all motor vehicle owners. Those owners of vehicles bearing 1952 license tags on and after February 1 will be subject to prosecution in the courts. It has been pointed out that owners will be made subject to penalties even if they are caught with old tags even if they are on their way to buy new ones after the expiration date of January 31. The law says the new tin plates must be displayed not later than midnight Saturday, January 31.

Earlier this week, the State license tag sale stood at less than 700,000, or about 30,000 behind the sale at the same time a year ago. The total 1952 sale in the State was 1,274,075 tags.

The sale of State tags at the license bureau here in the offices of Harrison and Carstarphen yesterday was progressing fairly

rapidly, and was not too far behind the sale of a year ago. Up until January 29, 1952, the bureau here had sold 4,997 tags. Up until yesterday, 4,920 of the 1953 tags had been sold here, leaving the new sale trailing the 1952 count by only 77 plates. The local bureau sold a total of 8,666 tags for 1952, meaning that several thousand vehicle owners will not be able to get and display the new tags on or before February 1. Traffic is certain to be affected the first few days in February because of the license obstacle.

In Williamston two-thirds or about 600 new tags have been sold to vehicle owners living inside the corporate limits, leaving about 300 to be sold. Local vehicle owners are advised that they are subject to penalties if they drive without displaying the new 1953 plates on and after February 1.

SURVEY

Moving in late today or tomorrow, a survey group of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission will start a final survey early next week for the proposed truck route for U. S. Highway 17. Owners whose property will be crossed are being notified of the survey plans, and a definite location is expected to be fixed for the by-pass within the next few days.

Fire Hits Family For a Third Time

Fire struck the Walter Rogers family here at 9:15 o'clock for the third time over about a five-year period. The third strike was limited to one bed room while the other two just about wiped out the family's earthly belongings.

Believed to have started from an over-heated wood stove, the fire completely wrecked one bedroom, burning two mattresses and charring dressers and chairs.

Neighbors, called to the home, beat back the fire and held it under control until fire-fighting equipment reached there. The fire was eating its way into the attic when it was checked.

No official estimate on the damage could be had immediately, but the loss will run into several hundred dollars. Insurance was carried on the home and contents, it was learned.

The call was the third answered within the town by the fire department so far this year. Fire Chief G. P. Hall pointing out that fewer calls had been handled so far this month than in any corresponding period during recent years.

Cow Killed On Highway Today

A milch cow, belonging to Harris Brothers, was instantly killed on Highway 17 about two miles south of here this morning shortly after 5:00 o'clock.

The animal was said to have been lying in the highway and was struck by a truck owned by Colonial Storage and driven by Leon A. Brunna of 1232 22nd Street, NW, Washington, D. C.

Brunna was not hurt and no damage was done to the truck, according to Cpl. M. C. Byrum who made the investigation.

Project Leaders Attend Training Class Today

The county home demonstration office is conducting a training school this afternoon for leaders of five home demonstration club projects—home beautification, house furnishings, home management, clothing and nutrition.

Approximately fifty women are attending the sessions presided over by Mrs. Thad Harrison, home agent, and her assistant, Ruby Lee Spencer.

Project leaders of the fourteen clubs are given an outline of their duties and the purpose of club projects is explained in the study course.

Forty-Three Men Called In County For Service Test

Second Call To Be Answered By Thirty-Seven Men Few Days Later

Forty-three Martin County young men have been notified to report tomorrow for a trip to a service center in Raleigh where they are to undergo pre-induction examinations.

Thirty-seven men are being notified to report on Thursday of next week for similar tests, it was learned. Then on February 26, another group of thirty-seven men are to report for the pre-induction exams. During the meantime, thirty-five men are scheduled to report on February 18 for final induction into the armed services from this county.

Two men, Allen Elmo Outerbridge, formerly of Everetts, is transferring to Newark, and Herman Frederick Davis, formerly of Williamston, is transferring to Greensboro. A third man, Johnny Lee Andrews, is transferring to the board in this county from Baltimore, and he is scheduled to make the trip tomorrow morning.

The group is to report at 7:00 o'clock and go to Raleigh by charter bus.

In the group leaving tomorrow are thirteen white and twenty-nine colored men. Their names are:

White—Samuel Morris Beacham, William Archibald Cherry, Harvey Dell Brown, James Billy Rawls, Clarence Clifton Williams, Burnice Tippman Warren, Albert Ray Phelps, William Frederick Griffin, Ralph Sumner Mabley, Clay Winfield Harris, Donald McCoy Jones.

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Make Plans For Fat Stock Here

Meeting in the agriculture building Wednesday afternoon, members of a special committee advanced plans for the annual Martin County Fat Stock show to be held on April 9 and 10.

It was reported that indications point to a big show this year with about thirty club members planning to exhibit thirty-five beef calves and sixty other club workers making plans to exhibit 85 hogs.

The committee, composed of Professors V. B. Hair, chairman; John Hassell, J. H. Dixon and Charles H. Hawley, and Larry L. Hodges, D. W. Brady, T. B. Brandon and R. M. Edwards of the county agent's office, and Riley Tew of the Roanoke Lockers, recommended that hogs weighing between 180 to 240 pounds be admitted for exhibition. It was also recommended that animals pass inspection of the committee before they are allowed to enter the show, and that all animals must be registered with the committee by February 1. Pigs will be entered in lots of one and lots of three, and a club member may exhibit more than one of each lot. Only FFA, 4-H and NFA members will be eligible to participate in the show.

Urgent Appeal Is Made For Support Of Polio Campaign

Additional Contributions Badly Needed If Goal Is To Be Met

Business establishments in Williamston were getting the attention of the March of Dimes leaders this week as the polio drive draws near its close.

L. Bruce Wynne, co-director of the drive, is in charge of contacting local businesses for their aid in the polio fund campaign and he reminded those who have not given that more polio sufferers than ever before are counting on the March of Dimes for needed financial aid.

Funds from a movie at the Twilight Drive-In Theater near Williamston tonight will be added to the polio fund collection and campaign workers urged attendance at the show. "Duchess of Idaho," starring Van Johnson, Esther Williams and John Lund. Admission is forty cents per person and shows will begin at 6:30 and 8:30 o'clock.

"We simply cannot let a single patient suffer for lack of funds," Mr. Wynne and Mr. W. Marvin Bapker, co-directors of the drive, said. "We must raise enough money to care for 58,000 who were stricken in 1952 and prior years and who still need our help."

"This is in addition to the more than \$7,000,000 in unpaid bills inherited from last year, together with the responsibility for pushing our research program to the limit. We simply can't coast during the last few days."

Although local campaign leaders are hopeful about the results of this year's drive, none of them could say whether or not the necessary funds will actually be raised.

Half of all money contributed to the March of Dimes is used by the Martin County Chapter to help pay the cost of treating local polio patients or, in emergencies, polio patients elsewhere. The other fifty percent finances research, professional education and epidemic aid programs.

There have been times when Martin County received money from the National Foundation to help care for victims within the county.

Official Boards To Meet Monday

County and town officials, including the county and town commissioners, are scheduled to hold regular meetings next Monday.

The county commissioners, with nothing but routine business on their agenda at the present time, are to meet at 9:30 o'clock that morning. Only routine business is scheduled for consideration by that group.

Meeting at 8:00 o'clock that evening, the local town commissioners are expected to announce a decision in the cases of two local taxi operators, John Reddick and Chas. Joyner. A hearing was held for the taxi operators last week when they explained that they were the victims of circumstances and about to lose their licenses.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

During the first three weeks in the new year, motorists wrecked more vehicles than they did a year ago, but they killed no one and injured fewer persons at the same time. The property loss this year was less than it was in the corresponding three weeks in 1952, according to reports coming from the highway patrol office in this county.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Year	Week	Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge
1953	2 0 0	\$ 90
1952	4 1 0	400
1953	22 3 0	\$ 4,150
1952	15 6 0	5,755

James E. King Died At Home Last Night

FUNERAL FRIDAY



Funeral services will be conducted at the home here Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock for James E. King, prominent tobacconist and leading citizen, who died last night at 11:20 o'clock following a long illness.

Funeral Services At Home Friday At 11:00 O'Clock

Leading Citizen Had Been In Declining Health For Twelve Years

James Edwin King, a leading citizen and prominent tobacconist, died at his home here on Main Street last night at 11:20 o'clock following a long period of declining health and a critical ten-day illness. Suffering with a heart condition since about 1940, he had received medical treatment in several hospitals during long periods at intervals since that time. He had been in virtual retirement for about one year, but an indomitable will to live helped him to weather one crisis after another. And through it all he found happiness in his daily touch with members of his family and conversations with his friends.

A son of the late Robert Allen King and Pattie Johnston King, he was born in Caswell County on December 25, 1895, and spent his early life on the farm. After attending the Reidsville Seminary, he entered the University of North Carolina. Following his graduation there in 1917, he entered the armed service during World War I. Receiving his discharge from the service, he laid the foundation for his life's work when he went with Liggett-Myers Tobacco Company in Durham, later going with the Winston-Salem Leaf Tobacco and Storage Company in Winston-Salem. In the early twenties he went with the Wilson Tobacco Company in Wilson, transferring to Washington about 1925 to manage the Washington Tobacco Company for almost three years before forming a partnership with the late W. I. Skinner and locating in Williamston in July, 1927.

During the more than a quarter century he spent in Williamston, Mr. King figured prominently in every phase of community and religious life, lending a liberal support to every worthy undertaking and extending a helping hand to his fellowman. His business operations were developed extensively during that period, his company's tobacco finding its way into export channels to various parts of the world. He was devoted to his family, faithful to the church and loyal to his friends, graciously working in the interest of others and asking little in return for himself.

Mr. King served the church as treasurer for a long time, and was a director of the Martin County Building and Loan Association and director of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club until declining health forced his retirement.

While in Wilson he was married to Miss Ellen Inman on July 10, 1924. Surviving besides his widow are two daughters, Mrs. C. M. Bowers of Washington, D. C., and Miss Jane King, student in the N. C. Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Chapel Hill; and a brother, Robert Allen King, of Rocky Mount.

Mr. King was a member of the Baptist church here, and his pastor, the Rev. E. Gordon Conklin, will conduct the funeral service at the home Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Cooley To Speak To Farm Group

North Carolina Farm Bureau officials announced this week that Congressman Harold D. Cooley of Nashville, former chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, will be one of the major speakers to address their 17th annual convention which will be held in Charlotte next week, beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday.

Mr. Cooley, who is the dean of the State's Congressional delegation, represents the predominantly agricultural Fourth District of North Carolina. He is scheduled to deliver his address on the morning of February 4.

Uncertain Where Secretary Stands

Are the American people entitled to believe that, when an important public man speaks or writes, he is telling the truth as he sees it?

That questions was raised last week when members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee questioned John Foster Dulles, in hearings on confirmation of him as President Eisenhower's Secretary of State.

In general, the committee gave Dulles a very friendly reception. However, he had some embarrassing moments.

Dulles told the committee there will be no sudden or great changes in Uncle Sam's foreign policies.

Then Senator Guy M. Gillette (Democrat of Iowa) reminded Dulles that he was the chief author of the foreign policy plank adopted by the Republican National Convention last summer. That plank pictured the Truman Administration's foreign policies as miserable failures. Yet now Dulles says there won't be much change.

Gillette asked Dulles how he could reconcile his conflicting statements. Dulles admitted the words he put into the G. O. P. plank "are not the language I would want to use today," but he tried to laugh off his embarrassment.

During election campaigns, Dulles told Gillette, the two political parties "are like two lawyers. Their jobs are to present the cases of clients."

"I can't believe," Gillette replied, "that when extravagant statements are made in a campaign you can forget all about them until the next election. I am not willing to concede that the public interest is served by distorting the picture."

In short, Dulles said one thing before the election campaign, the opposite during the campaign, and something else now. What will he say next?

Dies Following Short Illness In Hospital

Taken suddenly ill while on the streets here last Monday afternoon, Eva Baker Wimbush, 35, was removed to a Windsor hospital where she died yesterday afternoon at 1:40 o'clock, the apparent victim of a heart attack.

Her husband, Robert Wimbush, survives. Funeral arrangements were not completed immediately.

U. S. Population Moves Into Urbanized Areas

Almost half of the population of the United States lives in 157 urbanized areas, which contain less than five per cent of the land area of the country. The population per square mile of these urbanized areas is 5,438, while the average density outside the urbanized areas is 27.5 persons per square mile.