

Thirty Cases In The County Court Monday Morning

Liquor Law Violator Gets Term On Roads; Fines Add Up To \$450

Judge H. O. Peck and Solicitor Clarence W. Griffin worked right on through the dinner hour to clear thirty cases from the docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. A liquor law violator drew time on the roads, and another got sixty days for resisting arrest. Fines added up to \$450.

Proceedings: John Henry Biggs was found not guilty of drunken driving. Pleading not guilty, Lucious James Chance of Parmele was found guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs, for speeding eighty miles an hour.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Ada Grimes pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant is to pay a \$37 medical bill for her victim.

Charged with possession and transportation of illicit liquor, William Warren was found guilty of possession of white liquor and was given sixty days on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

Lucille Spruill was taxed with the costs when she pleaded guilty of the possession of illicit liquor. Pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Willie Taylor was found guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

James Corey was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, and Leon Jones was also found not guilty of violating the liquor laws.

Charged with violating the liquor laws and resisting arrest, Callie Little pleaded guilty of the liquor violation but not guilty of resisting arrest. She was found guilty as charged and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Marie Little was found guilty of an assault and resisting arrest, and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Ossie Wilson was sentenced to the roads for sixty days for resisting arrest. Pleading not guilty, R. B. Moore was adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws and was fined \$25, plus costs.

The case in which Sperguson Lambert was charged with violating the liquor laws, was not prosecuted.

James Baker was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for violating the liquor laws.

Pleading guilty, T. C. Johnson was fined \$10, plus costs, for being publicly drunk.

John Robert Andrews pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws and was fined \$50 and taxed with costs.

Ernest Jones of Robersonville was taxed with the costs when he pleaded guilty of speeding 75 miles an hour, Jones explaining that he was leading the Robersonville fire truck to a rural fire.

Pleading guilty of operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, John Henry Smith and James Henry Eborn were each taxed with the costs.

Charged with allowing an unlicensed operator to drive a motor vehicle, James Ed Andrews pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of operating a (Continued on Page Six)

SWEEPER

Cared for after a hit-and-miss fashion for years but in the best way possible with hand brooms, Williamston's ten miles of paved streets are in for a face lifting. An \$8,000 Elgin street sweeper was delivered this week and the machine is being placed in operation gradually, with full-scale activities scheduled to begin next Monday.

One act to relieve a condition seems to create new problems. It was found necessary to trim back some and cut down other trees so the machine could get to the curbing on some streets. Objections were raised, leaving it to be decided whether clean streets are desired over a few trees or vice versa.

Need More Volunteers For Bloodmobile September 3

Sponsored by the local Lions Club, the recruitment program for the tenth visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile here on Thursday of next week is about 65 volunteers short of the absolute minimum, Dr. J. S. Rhodes, Jr., chairman, said this morning.

Up until yesterday, 110 volunteers had signed to give blood on September 3. "We need at least 65 more volunteers and more than that to make certain that the 150-pint quota will be reached," Dr. Rhodes said.

When the Bloodmobile made its last visit here in the early summer, it fell short of the quota. It was the first time that the assigned quota had not been met in this chapter, it was explained. It is hoped that donors will volunteer in sufficient numbers on September 3 to make up the early summer shortage. Quite a few have donated blood each time the Bloodmobile has visited here and they, declaring it has not hurt them, are anxious to see new volunteers join them next week.

The Bloodmobile Chapter is still receiving more blood in return than it is donating, according to latest unofficial tabulations. Considerable blood was returned in the form of gamma globulin this summer, it was learned, and the need for building up the supply is considered urgent at the present time.

Volunteers are asked to contact Dr. Rhodes, Jr., at Martin General Hospital, or the Red Cross office in the town hall.

Zoning Commission Has Its First Meeting

LOSES SHIRT



Sheriff M. W. Holloman, while making a liquor raid here a few days ago, lost his shirt when two women attacked him. The liquor laws are being flagrantly violated here and it is becoming more and more apparent that the violators are defying those who are charged with the duty of enforcing the laws. The sheriff's attackers were fined \$50 each in the county court this week.

Registration Open For Kindergarten

In order to make final preparations for the opening of the ministerial Community Kindergarten, there will be a registration day on September 2 from 8:45 A. M. to 10:00 A. M. in the Fellowship Hall at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Tarkington and Mrs. Bowling would like to meet with all mothers who are interested in sending their children this fall. Children are allowed to enter at different times, as parents desire; but it is necessary to know approximately how many to prepare for before the opening day of school, can be announced. All children between the ages of 4 and 6 are eligible to attend.

Opened for the first time last year, the kindergarten was operated most successfully and the sponsors are anticipating another successful term.

Rotarians See Special Picture

A special picture, "explaining" the atom bomb and its peace-time uses was witnessed by members of the local Rotary Club at their regular meeting Tuesday noon. Produced by the General Electric Company, the picture was shown by member Bob Kloet, manager of the G. E.'s local office. The picture proved very interesting even though it dealt with a complicated subject.

President R. H. Cowen named the following committees for the year: A. L. Jameson, club service; William Everett, vocational service; W. M. Tetterton, community service, and Dan Sharpe international service.

Fatally Hurt In Train Accident Near Jamesville

Rufus Knight, Sr., Brake- man On Train for Mengel Corporation

Rufus Knight, Sr., was fatally injured in a log train accident near Jamesville late Tuesday afternoon, the victim of the freak accident dying before he could be removed to a hospital.

A brakeman for the Mengel Corporation, Knight was riding on the train engine when a limb flew up, struck him and knocked him from the side of the train to the track. Two cars, loaded with logs, passed over his right leg above the knee and the boxes on the journals dragged him along the track a few yards before the train could be stopped.

The train was bringing the log crew of fifteen or twenty men out of the woods for the day, and Foreman George Reason ordered the train unhooked and made for a run to the river. The victim of the accident was placed on a ladder stretcher and transferred to the boat for the run to Jamesville. He talked while en route to Jamesville, but died from the loss of blood and shock before reaching Jamesville where he was to have been transferred to an ambulance.

Knight, about 63 years of age, had been a dependable employee of the company for many years and was about ready to retire.

Investigating the accident, Coroner W. W. Biggs said that several members of the logging crew saw how it happened and declared a formal inquest was not necessary.

Farm Bureau Will Start Membership Drive In County

Community Plan Will Be In Order This Year, Group Decided Tuesday

Preliminary plans for advancing the annual Farm Bureau Membership drive in this county were advanced at a meeting of farm leaders held in the Methodist church educational building here Tuesday evening. A county committee, composed of Sam T. Everett of Robersonville, chairman; Mayo Hardison of Poplar Point; John Hassell of Oak City; Carl Griffin of Jamesville and Miss Mary Carstarphen of Williamston, was named and the members are to perfect community organizations and launch the drive within the next few days, it was announced by Chas. L. Daniel, president.

Community chairmen were named as follows: Mrs. Carl Griffin, Jamesville; Robert Griffin, Griffins; C. L. Daniel, Williams; Elmer Griffin, Bear Grass; D. V. Clayton, Sr., Williamston; Garland Forbes, Cross Roads; Reuben Everett, Robersonville; Mayo Hardison, Poplar Point; J. M. Lillard, Hamilton, and John Hassell, Goose Nest.

Meeting with members of the county committee in the agricultural building here Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, the community chairman will map out territories and solicit workers to handle the membership drive, it was announced.

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It was pointed out that in one city in this State a builder misrepresented his intentions and constructed a \$45,000 cafe building in a residential area. The zoning authorities appealed to the courts, and the building continues padlocked two years after its completion.

The commission, according to (Continued on Page Six)

Firemen Called Out At Noon Yesterday

Starting from a short circuit around the battery cable, fire threatened one of the Bamy bread trucks at the company's warehouse near here on Highway 64 yesterday afternoon at 12:40 o'clock. Little damage resulted. The town's fire-fighting equipment was called there.

Native Of County Died In Hospital Tuesday Evening

Funeral Service Being Held In Church Here Today For Bennie E. Daniel

Benjamin Edwin Daniel, a native of Williamston and a resident of Williamston for a number of years, died in a Norfolk hospital at 6:00 o'clock Tuesday evening following a short illness. He suffered a heart attack and lived only a short time after he was stricken.

The son of the late William Barcl Daniel, chief of police here for many years, and Mrs. Emma Andrews Daniel, he was born in Williams Township 33 years ago on September 28, 1919. When just a lad he moved with his family to Williamston and made his home here until he volunteered for service in World War II, serving as a technician, 109 Ordance, USA.

He was stationed in the European-Mediterranean theatre, and was awarded six bronze stars for his services in the battle of Tunisia, Naples, Foggia, Rome-Arno, Sicily and North Apennines Po Valley.

After the war he located in Norfolk, making his home at 8215 Mercer Drive, Oawdale Farms. He was married a few years ago to the former Velma Pate. Since locating in Norfolk he operated a garage and was getting along well.

Surviving besides his widow are a step-son, Earl Lassiter, of Norfolk; two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Chesson of Mackeys and Mrs. Thurman Upchurch of Raleigh; three brothers, W. A. (Dick) Daniel of Snow Hill, Sgt. 1/C Joseph H. Daniel, stationed with the U. S. Army in France, and John M. Daniel of Raleigh; and a half-brother, Herman M. Daniel of Bethel.

A brief service was conducted in a Norfolk funeral home yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. G. W. Amos, pastor of the Colonial Avenue Methodist Church. The body was brought here late last night and will be moved to the Methodist Church at 3:00 o'clock for the last rites at 4:00 o'clock. Mr. Daniel was a member of the local church since his youth. Interment will be in Woodclawn Cemetery here.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

While no accidents were traceable to tobacco trucks, other motorists stepped up the tempo of wrecks on the streets and highways in this county during the 33rd week.

Beginning at tobacco marketing, the number of accidents climbs rapidly, meaning that right now is a good time to exercise greater precaution in using the highways.

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

Weeks In'd Killed Damage	1953	2	0	\$ 1,950
1952	4	1	0	435.
Comparisons To Date	1953	135	41	3 \$36,465.
	1952	171	87	1 55,365.

Williamston Published In VEPCO Company's Magazine

Lib Cherry, employee in the accounting department of the Virginia Electric and Power Company and who was chosen "Miss Williamston" for 1953, has her picture on the cover of the August edition of the "VEPCOVIAN", company publication. The picture, needless to say, adds to the current edition of the magazine.

In the same edition there are pictures and a story of Abbit's Mill by Wendell Peele. Williamston holds a prominent place in the magazine which is read by thousands throughout the VEPCO system in several states.

To add to the features, the magazine also carries pictures of Little Miss Ann Oakley,

To Vote On Peanut Assessment In County Saturday, August 29

New Home For Local Firm

The new home for the Western Auto Associate Store and Williamston Bottle Gas Company was recently completed on Washington Street. The operators of the business, Messrs. W. J. Miller and Son, are moving their stock from their Main Street location this week, making ready for the formal opening next week.

Plans have been completed for holding the first peanut assessment referendum throughout the producing area on Saturday of this week. Individuals, mostly those serving on the Production-Marketing Administration community committees, are volunteering their services at the polls without charge, it was explained.

The recently organized North Carolina Peanut Growers Association is sponsoring the referendum in the belief that peanut farmers can and must help themselves, that unless some action is taken now, the peanut program will be lost. To finance the organization, including its contacts with members of the National Congress, the promotion of improved production methods, harvesting, marketing and greater consumption of peanuts and peanut products, it is proposed to assess the growers at the rate of one penny for each 100 pounds. In other words, the farmer producing ten bags of peanuts would pay ten cents and no more.

Schools Ready For For The New Term

Peak Enrollment Expected In First Grades This Year

With all teacher positions filled and just all the details handled, the Martin County schools, white and colored, are ready for the opening next Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. During the morning hours, the principals and teachers in the several schools will complete final plans for receiving approximately 8,000 pupils.

Several members of the various faculties have already reported for duty, and the principals have been busy in most of the schools for weeks handling details preparatory to the opening.

Considerable work has been done repairing and improving the physical plants during the summer months, and the large fleet of trucks is just about ready to roll.

School officials are expecting a record enrollment in just about all the schools, especially the colored ones. Last year there were 950 pupils enrolled in the first grades. This year, the count is expected to jump up to about 1,100. The year 1947 was a record one for births in this county, and the change in the entrance age rule is expected to add about fifty to the beginners' group.

Last term there were approximately 7,662 children enrolled in the white and colored schools in this county, including 2,602 in the white elementary and 851 in the white high schools, a total of 2,453. In the colored schools, 3,641 were enrolled in the elementary and 561 in the high schools, a total of 4,202.

It is possible that the enrollment in this county will reach and possibly pass the 8,000 count during the new term.

There has been quite a few changes in the faculty personnel, especially among the principals.

Pastor Returned For Another Year

The Rev. J. W. Berry was returned to the pastorate of the Williamston Pentecostal Holiness for his second by the Annual Conference recently held in Falcon.

During his first year here, the church enjoyed a steady growth. Quite a few new members were added and the Sunday School is now taxing the plant to its capacity, making it appear that more room will have to be added to the new church building. In addition to its spiritual growth, the church has progressed its program including the installation of an air conditioning system.

Individuals Will Volunteer Their Service At Polls

Martin Farmers Urged To Work For Large Vote For Program

The size and outcome of the vote are certain to have some bearing on the treatment peanuts will receive in Washington in the future. If members of Congress see that the peanut farmers are trying to help themselves there will be a willingness to lend a helping hand. Even with a large and favorable vote on Saturday of this week, the peanut program is certain to encounter many major obstacles in Washington at the hands of the present administration. Martin farmers are urged to turn out in large numbers and support the program as proposed by their organization.

The polls will be opened just as in a regular election with volunteers in attendance.

Executive Board In First Meeting

In the home of Mrs. Meyer H. Levin, the executive board of the Woman's Club of Williamston held its first meeting of the current year. Mrs. Levin, first vice-president, presided. In her remarks she urged each member to enter into her duties with new vigor and appreciation for the responsibilities of such an office or membership. The group was reminded of the potential strength of a woman's organization in the community and of the far reaching influences of such a group in the affairs of today. It was pointed out that the club serves as an organized medium through which this community is able to respond to state and national causes. "If we do not enjoy a voice in our society we have only ourselves to blame," she added. The lack of response of Martin County to the North Carolina cancer drive was cited as a real challenge to the local club. Recommendations were made by the board concerning several other projects on which action should be taken in an effort to improve the community.

The group was very enthusiastic in accepting the challenge and plans for the first regular meeting were made.

Goods Stolen From Station Recovered

Several pieces of baggage, stolen from the bus terminal here a short time ago, were recovered this week after other pieces were found a few days earlier. The bags, containing mostly clothes, were found near Sweet Water Creek, and the contents had been removed and mixed. It is fairly certain that someone will encounter more difficulty in finding the rightly owners than officers did in recovering the stolen property.

Name Supervisor For The Schools

Miss Mildred Manning of Bethel has been named supervisor of the white elementary schools in this county and will report tomorrow after attending a special conference for supervisors at Catawba College.

Holder of the master of arts degree, Miss Manning is a former member of the Oak City school faculty. More recently she taught in the Tarboro schools.

GOING GOOD

Tobacco sales are going good on the Williamston Tobacco Market, a late report showing that prices are holding up and even improving on some grades, that the buyers are anxious for tobacco. Right many tips were offered Tuesday and yesterday, but even then the market forged ahead to record the second highest average of the season. The sales yesterday amounted to 227,006 pounds and averaged \$54.16.

Up until today the market had sold 1,434,222 pounds for \$778,034.00, an average of \$54.25. During the first five sales days 144th season the market sold 679,138 pounds for an average of \$48.71 per hundred pounds.

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