

Pay Day In County's Court Last Monday

Fifty-Two Cases Handled By Judge Herbert O. Peele

Fines Collected In The Sum Of \$1,605 During The All-Day Session

It was pay day in Judge Herbert O. Peele's court last Monday when the county tribunal assessed fines in the amount of \$1,605 and cleared fifty-two cases from the docket before calling it a day at 5:10 o'clock that afternoon. Several sizable fines were imposed during the day, one in the amount of \$500, and several road sentences were meted out. About sixteen cases were continued for action at later dates.

Proceedings: George Colon Reeves, pleading guilty, was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and lost his operator's license for a year for drunken driving.

Facing the court on a third drunken driving count, Aaron Council pleaded guilty and drew six months on the roads, the court to invoke the sentence at anytime during the next two years. Council, father of a large family and a tenant farmer, paid a \$500 fine and the court costs.

The case in which Charles W. Dotson of Sugar Grove, N. C., was charged with speeding was not pressed along with the one in which George W. Bean was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading not guilty, Floyd Grimes was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the road term upon the payments of a \$50 fine and costs and the prosecuting witness' \$15 medical bill.

Herbert Hardison was taxed with the cost in the assault case brought against him.

The 58-mile truck speeding case against Earl Matthew Stewart of Crestwood, Va., was not pressed.

Pleading guilty of an assault and being drunk and disorderly, Robert Green was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, Joseph Price pleaded guilty and drew three months on the roads for carrying on a road.

to's license for three months and pay a \$50 fine and costs. Will E. Blount was taxed with the cost after pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, Joseph Taylor was given a three-month road sentence, suspended upon the condition he surrender his driver's license for six months and pay a \$25 fine, plus costs.

Leola Williams, pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Ernest Wooten was fined \$25, plus costs, and Rudolph Ruffin was sentenced to the roads for three months for carrying on a road.

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New Firm Opens Funeral Chapel
Forming a partnership, O. Blair, licensed mortician, and G. Rowson, funeral director, are opening a colored funeral home here on South Sycamore Street in the building formerly occupied by the Hitching Post. In addition to its undertaking work, the firm is operating a Cadillac and offering a 24-hour ambulance service. The mortician, a native of Edenton, has been a licensed mortician in Plymouth for eight years, and his partner will continue the business in Columbia.

LIGHT SALES

After handling an unusually large sale last Monday, the local tobacco market reported small poundages the last two days, the deliveries yesterday going barely over the 100,000 mark.

While the practical top is off about \$1 per hundred, prices on the inferior grades have held stable all the while. The average for the 105,974 pounds sold yesterday was right at \$63 per hundred. Total sales to date are 10,286,632 pounds and the average stands right at \$60.00, or \$59.41, to be exact.

Boy Scout Appeal Is Getting A Good Response Locally

Complete Reports on Drive Due In Latter Part Of This Week

Twenty nine civic leaders of Williamston enjoyed a fine seven o'clock breakfast on Tuesday morning for the kick off campaign for the BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA of the East Carolina Council. Each man accepted the challenge to serve youth by contacting a few persons for their investment in the Scouting program. Those reporting stated all were very cordial when approached. Early returns bring out the fact of only 4 percent of those contacted have felt unable to assist Scouting in general. This is a fine record and shows great community spirit.

The first man to report for breakfast was Mr. Eugene Peele and he received the latest copy of BOYS LIFE magazine, a publication of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. R. J. Peele received a copy of the HANDBOOK FOR BOYS for making the closest guess as to the number of pennies in a bottle. Both mementoes represent "good reading with Scoutcraft interest" and "wealth of knowledge through interest and support" of a great program for boys in America.

Complete reports will be forthcoming by the later part of the week as to contacts completed for support in comparison with those

paign. The people of Williamston should feel proud to have fine men leading this drive and to have such interest manifested among its citizens.

We also salute the leaders of our Packs, Troops, and Explorer units who so unselfishly give of their time and talents to lead boys to better manhood. The various firms who have taken upon themselves the opportunity to be the chartered institution for the district Scouting Units, also deserve a hand of gratitude. Scouting Marches on with all of its community-minded citizens.—Reported.

Local Band Joins In Parade at ECC

The Green Wave Parade Band of Williamston High School will join four other high school bands in helping East Carolina College observe its annual home-coming day on Saturday of this week in Greenville, Director Jack Butler has announced.

The band will leave Williamston about 12 o'clock and join in a parade at Greenville at 1:30. In the afternoon the various bands will practice for the halftime show of the ECC-Elon game. The college will provide supper for the visiting musicians. The game is scheduled to start at 8:00 p. m. The Williamston band is popular in the Greenville area where it has a number of graduates in the college band and orchestra.

The next parade appearance of the band is scheduled in Williamston during the Harvest Festival. The football band will probably go to Ahsokie for the game there on November 6.

Weather Review In This Section For Past Month

Mercury Ranged From Low Of 47 To A High Of 97 Degrees

After bowing to the calendar makers during the first day or two of the fall season, the weather started asserting itself with the rainfall overflowing normal mercury running to extremes and by about one inch. The old Roanoke with a new young master in charge at Buggs Island, remained within its traces but it bobbed from a low of 3.2 feet to a high of 5.5 feet during September. When there is no more than 2.3 feet variation in the gage during an entire month, the old Roanoke is really behaving itself. Possibly the low point would have been even lower had it not been for the tide.

There were rains or traces of rains on nine of the thirty days in last month, the total measuring 4.32 inches for the period. Had it not been for the 2.32 inches on Sunday, the 27th, the total would have been about an inch below normal instead of being an inch above the average.

The weather data, including the river gage readings, as released by Mr. Spruill for the month of Sept. follows, with the date in the first column, the river gage readings in the second column, the maximum temperature reading in the third, minimum temperature reading in the fourth and the rainfall in the fifth column for each day of the month:

Date	River	H	L	Rain
1.	4.1	95	70	0
2.	4.5	97	71	0
3.	4.8	94	73	0
4.	5.2	93	71	0
5.	5.4	93	69	*
6.	5.0	80	70	0
7.	4.5	81	62	.01
8.	3.8	84	53	.01
9.	3.2	80	52	0
10.	3.4	81	54	0
11.	3.6	84	57	0
12.	4.0	90	54	0
13.	4.3	82	62	.02
14.	4.0	84	54	0
15.	3.9	92	53	0
16.	3.9	91	60	0
17.	4.1	89	58	0
18.	4.3	82	58	0
19.	4.3	86	61	0
20.	4.4	84	58	0
21.	4.6	85	68	1.31
22.	4.3	78	57	.05
23.	3.9	74	47	0
24.	4.5	79	48	0
25.	4.9	78	50	0
26.	5.0	82	63	*
27.	5.5	71	63	2.30
28.	5.3	81	65	.62
29.	5.1	88	54	0
30.	5.1	88	54	0

Ground Observers Sought By Army

Pointing out the necessity for a strong civilian defense program, Sgt. J. D. Lang of the Durham Filter Center, yesterday afternoon appealed for ground observers at a public meeting held in the courthouse here. Although a bit reluctant, the few in attendance agreed to cooperate with the program.

Sgt. Lang did not choose to resort to threats or paint a perilous picture, but he did point out that most anything could happen, that we should be ready to meet any emergency.

"We must organize our forces, train them and be ready," he declared. The army man, working out of the Durham Filter Center, explained that radar stations cost more than five million dollars, and that the cost of a complete radar system, even if it were 100 percent effective, is too great to provide ample protection. "We must depend on ground observers, and it is vitally necessary that we have ten stations in this county," he declared.

The Montana native, assigned to organize the observer corps in twenty counties in this part of North Carolina, frankly said that we are not much closer to peace today than we were a year ago.

Tentative schedules were advanced, and the army man will return to the county later this month to address his appeals to various civic clubs and other organizations. He explained that the present program does not call for a 24-hour watch schedule.

Farmers Show Interest In Commercial Egg Projects

Realizing that this county is importing eggs, several Martin farmers are showing interest in producing eggs commercially, according to Assistant County Agent D. W. Brady. It was reported that one farmer, N. D. Griffin, was making plans to start immediately with a flock of 1,000 layers, that others are considering similar projects.

A study of commercial egg production was made on the spot during the week by the agent, Farmers N. D. Griffin, Julian Fagan, and Assistant Agent Larry Hodges and K. P. Linsley and son.

It was learned that the commercial producers in Pender are accounting for about \$300,000 of the county's farm income. There are about five commercial pro-

Dennis E. Bunting Died At Home In Oak City Today

Funeral From Home There Tomorrow Afternoon For Retired Farmer

Dennis Bunting, retired farmer and lumberman, died at his home in Oak City this morning at 3:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health for eight or ten years and his condition was critical for some weeks.

The son of the late James and Vickie Jenkins Bunting, he was born 54 years ago on October 23, 1898 in Pitt County, but moved to Martin when young and located in the Oak City community where he farmed most of his life. Prior to his retirement following an operation about ten years ago he engaged in the lumber business in Oak City for a short time.

He was in World War II, serving with Company H of the North Carolina National Guard from July 9, 1917, until honorably discharged April 18, 1919. He spent almost a year in Europe or from May 12, 1918, until April 13, 1919, and saw much action in France.

He was married soon after his return home from the service to Reba Lynch of Fountain.

Surviving besides Mrs. Bunting four sons, Garland, Frank, Donald Earl and Doyle Bunting, all of Oak City; a daughter, Mrs. Clifton Pace of Scotland Neck; and three sisters, Mrs. Marshall Hyman of Emporia, Mrs. J. A. Powell of Scotland Neck, and Mrs. J. A. Averett of Portsmouth; and a brother, Augustus Bunting of

the funeral service will be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. W. C. Medlin, Baptist minister. Interment will be in the Oak City Cemetery.

Heard About Bank Robbery In Tokyo

News of the recent Guaranty Bank and Trust Company robbery traveled far and fast, it was learned soon after the Strickland boys staged the bold hold-up. However, it was not until a few days ago that it was learned the news reached Tokyo a short time after it happened.

Writing to The Enterprise from his station in Japan, Pfc. Rufus Coltrin, Martin County young man, said: "Just finished reading The Enterprise and thought I'd drop you a line and tell you how much I enjoyed it. Every since I arrived in Japan, eight and one-half months ago, the paper has been the main source of news from home.

"Three weeks ago, another county boy, Pvt. Chas. Griffin, was stationed here, and many hours are now filled by actual talk about good old Martin County.

"We were reading The Enterprise of September 3, and noticed an article, 'News of Robbery Goes Long Ways', which we would like to add to. The news of the bank robbery took only twelve and a half hours to reach Tokyo. Not bad for being half-way around the world."

Young Coltrin's comment on the robbery was the first to be received from outside the United States.

ducers, and all of them reported profits last year, it was reported. In addition to inspecting the marketing conditions, the farmers have several outlets, one or two of them maintaining their own grading and cooling stations and handling their own deliveries. Most of the eggs produced in the area, however, are delivered to the freezer locker plant where they are graded and made ready for the markets. Others deliver to a central point where they are picked up by a special truck operating out of Charlotte on a weekly schedule. The grading system, it was learned, pays good dividends, the group learned during their trip. Individual culling methods and other factors in commercial egg production were carefully noted.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The highway accident record took another tragic turn last week when a sixth life was snuffed out. Only one fatal accident was reported on county highways during all of last year. The accident count last year is far ahead, the number injured is larger and the property damage is much greater, but the ghastly "business" is far more gruesome and deadly this year.

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

39th Week			
Wrecks Inj'd	Killed	Damage	
1953	3	1	\$ 675
1952	8	2	1,450
Comparisons To Date			
1953	153	48	\$41,300
1952	210	97	67,540

Industrial Forum Held This Week

State leaders and industrialists frankly discussed the shift of industry from the North to the South at a development forum held in Scotland Neck last Tuesday evening. Several hundred citizens from a number of counties in this section of the State attended.

The forum warned against those industries that came around seeking something for nothing, but it was plainly pointed out that

move south are to be treated fairly. More than one industry has been turned back by land speculations and empty promises.

While there is an apparent lull in the southward movement of industry, the forum leaders, including Lt. Governor Luther Hodges, sounded an optimistic note relative to future developments.

The leaders urged the communities to cooperate with prospective industry, pointing out that this section can maintain its progress and an increase in per capita income by bringing in new industry and expanding the old. It may be necessary for local capital to furnish housing with the provision that rental will repay the capital outlay.

George J. Hartnett, Jr., superintendent of a new firm recently located in Wilmington, told how sites were chosen, and pointed out that the appearance of a town and community was an important factor, along with its assets and natural resources, the speaker also pointing out the friendliness and cooperative spirit among the people.

Telling about the location of a new industry in his town Judge V. D. Strickland of Rich Square, said that the location of industry had its headaches, but with all the people cooperating and with the help of the Department of Conservation and Development the problems could be handled.

Walter I. Dolbear, vice president of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, also addressed the meeting, pointing out his company's work in inviting industry to this section. Col. George W. Gillette explained the work of the new State ports and how they were working to aid industry and the State as a whole.

Williamston was represented at the meeting, and much interest was shown in the program.

Seventy-two Are Drawn For Jury Duty Next Month

Two-Week Term Superior Court To Hear Cases Only

Seventy-two Martin County citizens, including several women, were drawn by the board of commissioners in recent session for jury duty during the two-week term of the superior court next month. Thirty-six are to report during the first week, beginning November 23, and the other thirty-six are to report the following Monday, November 30. The first week of the term will run into Thanksgiving, meaning that comparatively few cases will be handled the first week.

No judge has been assigned as yet to preside over the term. The Supreme Court will dispatch a jurist to the county for the term, possibly one of the special or emergency judges.

Names of the jurors are, by townships:

First Week
Jamesville: Matthew Pierce, Henderson Mizelle, Perlie A. Hardison, Annie Hopkins, J. A. Perry and Lonnie E. Gardner.
Williams: J. Williford Griffin, Harry C. Jones, Jr., and Albert Tyre.

Griffins: H. Virgil Lilley.
Bear Grass: James Henry Wynne and Jasper C. Griffin.

Williamston: C. R. Jones, John Linwood Cherry, Jesse H. Rogers, A. C. Bailey, M. L. Peel, Jr., Russell Holliday, Haul M. Riddick, Jr., Milton S. Raynor, F. L. Fussell, M. A. Price, Wm. W. Gurganus and Sylvester Taylor.

Robersonville: Gorman L. Parrisher, Clarence Matthews, J. E. Barnhill, E. G. Anderson, Kenneth H. Roberson and R. R. Everett.
Poplar Point: Marvin Keel, Hamilton: Ridge Sears and Sam Short, Jr.

Goose Nest: E. H. Harrell, Harry E. Daniel and R. R. Thompson.

Second Week
Jamesville: Mary C. Holliday and Albert Martin.

Williams: Lester McKeel and Floyd Moore.

Griffins: James Evan Perry, Chester B. Revels, John A. Lilley, Howard Peel and B. R. Manning.
Bear Grass: Jasper Rogerson, George Reason, Joseph E. Griffin, Raymond Bowen, J. H. Paramore and Irving Griffin.

Williamston: H. A. Bowen, Joseph Wilson, John Wobblenton, Sr., J. B. Taylor, Jesse R. Brown, Chester Nicholson and James Oscar Daniel.

Cross Roads: John E. Mobley.

Robersonville: Wm. A. Johnson, Thomas Ward, James H. Briley, James Earl Jenkins, F. C. Laughinghouse.

Hamilton: John W. Eubanks, J. B. Everett and E. D. Purvis.

Goose Nest: Mrs. Alice B. Tyson, M. E. Bennett and Mrs. R. R. Thompson.

Husband and wife are included in the jury list, but one is scheduled for the first and the other is to report the second week of the term.

Winners Named In Contest Here

Prize winners in the Home Fashion Time contest conducted recently by local furniture stores were announced this week. The judges apparently are finding it difficult in selecting the winners in the special essay contest, but the event has been narrowed down to six contestants and a winner is to be announced within the next few days.

Winners of the special door prizes and guessing contest, include: Carroll Jones, dinette suit given by Courtney's.
Marion Cobb, a desk given by Hellig-Meyers.
Hattie B. Wallace, box springs given by McLawhorn's.
Mrs. Seth Bailey, platform rocker given by Williamson Furniture Co.

Clarence Britton, mattress given by Woolard's.
The special prizes and contests were special features of Home Fashion Time conducted by Williamson furniture stores last week along with other stores throughout the country.

P. - M. A. Elections Scheduled In County

HEARING

Town officials and several local citizens are in Raleigh this afternoon, protesting the proposed location of a bus station on North Smithwick Street here. The hearing is scheduled before the State Utilities Commission in the State Library Building at 2:30 o'clock.

The property owners, it was unofficially learned, are not appearing before the commission in support of their plans.

Enters Agreement With Commission For Right Of Way

Making Plans To Surface Elm Street From Main To Washington Street

Meeting in special session yesterday morning, Williamston town officials entered into an agreement with the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission whereby the town will accept approximately one-third of the cost to be incurred in obtaining a right of way for the truck route or by pass around the town.

Representative Webb of the commission could offer no definite cost figures, but he was of the opinion that the town's share of the cost would not exceed \$2,000. Only a portion of the proposed truck route is within the town limits, and that is located near the river.

In their regular meeting Monday night the town officials questioned the terms of the agreement, but the final action came without too much discussion at the special session.

Representative Webb explained that the truck route would add to the town's street mileage and would increase the income received by the town under the Powell Bill provisions.

No time was mentioned for letting the contract on the project and it could not be learned when work would be started on the \$171,000 project. However, it is believed that the go-ahead signal will be given the low bidder shortly, now that the right-of-way agreement has been signed with the town.

The board reduced the license fees, and no special parking privileges will be recognized, it was learned.

Plans are being pushed for the paving of Elm Streets from Main to Washington Street. It is proposed to have the town do the grading and place about four inches of rock on the base and then have a contractor cover it with two inches of asphalt. No definite figures are available, but it is estimated the project will cost approximately ten or twelve thousand dollars, leaving about \$6,000 in the special street fund.

Announce Peanut Quotas For 1954

Washington.—The Agriculture Department has announced a marketing quota of 673,785 tons and a 1,610,000 national acreage allotment for the 1954 peanut crop.

The quota and acreage figures are the minimum allowed by law. The department set December 15 as the day peanut producers will vote on whether they want to continue quotas for the 1954-55 and 1956 crops. Peanut quotas have been in effect since 1949.

If the necessary two-thirds of those voting approve quotas, peanut prices will continue to be supported at 90 per cent of parity next year and between 75 and 90 per cent of parity the following two years.

If quotas are voted down, supports will drop to 50 per cent of parity. The 1954 restrictions would compare with this year's quota of 663,000 tons and acreage allotment of 1,678,481 acres. Here is the acreage N. C. would get under the 1954 allotment: 168,813.

Voting In Cross Roads And Bear Grass On Friday

Nominees Named At Meetings Held Throughout County Recently

Martin County farmers are to select their leader for administering the 1954 Production-Marketing Administration program in special elections to be held in the various districts, beginning in Bear Grass and Cross Roads on Friday of this week. The nominees were named at special meetings held throughout the county last Thursday evening, and in the forthcoming elections the growers are to elect their community committeemen, including a chairman, vice chairman, regular member and first and second alternates, and a delegate and alternates to the county convention to be held on Friday, October 16, the day after the last community election is held.

The polls are to be open from 8:00 a. m. until 6:00 p. m. on election days, as follows: Friday, October 9—at LeRoy Harrison's garage in Bear Grass, and at Taylor's Service Station in Everetts for Cross Roads.

Saturday, October 10—At Ayers' store in Oak City for Goose Nest Districts I and II, and at the Masonic Hall in Robersonville for Robersonville I and II.

Wednesday, October 14—City Hall in Hamilton and P. C. Edmondson's store in Hassell for Hamilton district, and agriculture building for Williamston.

Thursday, October 15—County House in Williams.

A representative of the P. M. A. will be at each of the polling places to receive applications for assistance in carrying out soil conservation practices in 1954. It is estimated that the conservation payments for 1954 will be about one-fourth less than those paid this year.

At the meetings held last Thursday night the following were nominated:

Jamesville I: For committeemen Harry Jones, Carl Griffin, Paul Barber, Howard Hardison, Wendell Modlin, Lea Holliday, Archie Barber, Clyde Modlin, Leonard Holliday and Edgar Hopewell; for delegate and alternates, Herbert Sexton, Carl Griffin and Carroll Modlin.

Jamesville II: For committeemen C. G. Gurkin, R. C. Sexton, H. L. Riddick, Hosea Fagan, Seth Davis, J. L. Knowles, James Long and Arthur Ange; for delegate and alternate, R. G. Coburn and Dan Fagan.

Williams: For committeemen, Grady Godard, Howard Tyre, James Perry, J. L. Coltrin, C. L. Daniel, Wendell Griffin, R. J. Hardison, Paul Harrington, Henry Lee Hardison and Albert Tyre; for delegate and alternates, Jimmie Tyre, W. D. Gurganus and Adrian Hardison.

Griffins. For committeemen, (Continued on page eight)

Enforcement Unit Busy Last Month

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board enforcement officers, assisted by Martin County deputies and the sheriff had a busy month in September, according to a report filed for the period by Chief Cecil Bullock, and his assistant, Wiley Craft.

Eleven persons were arrested for violating the liquor laws, including five at liquor manufacturing plants. No trials were held during the period.

The officers confiscated thirty-nine gallons of illicit liquor and poured out 5,000 gallons of beer. Twenty-one manufacturing plants were wrecked during the period, the still count running well above normal. Five of the plants were equipped with copper kettles.

Oddities in the list of plants was a 20-gallon capacity unit that was all bricked up in Bear Grass Township. The raiders said it was apparently operated to turn out a superior brand of the spir-