

Judge Peele Has Twenty-Six Cases In County Court

Fines Add Up To \$320 In Three-Hour Session Monday Morning

Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled twenty-six cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court during a three-hour session last Monday. Quite a few of the cases involved speeding. Fines added up to \$320, and one or two road sentences were imposed.

Proceedings:
Pleading guilty of drunken driving and speeding 65 miles an hour, David Frank Dick of Raleigh was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. He loses his operator's license for a year.

Charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, William Thomas Arrants of Plymouth was taxed with the costs.

Judgment was suspended in the case in which J. E. Reason was charged with speeding 70 miles an hour was not prosed.

Rufus Andrews was adjudged not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Levi Hill was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

The case charging Sarah Lee Andrews with disorderly conduct, was not prosed.

Charged with abandonment, Betty Jean Keel pleaded not guilty and was adjudged not guilty.

The case in which Hubert Barber and Jean Barber were charged with larceny was not prosed.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Joyce K. Clemons was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Felindo D. Beunemann of Brooklyn failed to appear when called to answer to a 65-mile speeding charge, and papers were issued for his arrest.

Pleading guilty of operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, Matthew Gainer and Clarence Page were each fined \$25, plus costs.

Cecil Dan Coltrain of Williamston RFD 3, pleaded guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, Raymond I. Reul of

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Ruritans Meet At Farm Life

The Farm Life Ruritan Club met last Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the call of Vice President Gabe Roberson who presided in the absence of the president, Evan Griffin. Carlyle Manning led the club in song and the Rev. W. B. Harrington made the invocation prayer.

Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Archie Coltrain, the club discussed and voted to make a \$5 gift to those being hospitalized from communities represented by members of the Ruritan Club.

The objective of the month is for the recreation committee to give the pupils of Farm Life School a wiener roast.

The club proposed and voted to give an invitation to all tobacco buyers, government graders, and various members of tobacco warehouses in Williamston for supper.

Archie Coltrain introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. V. B. Charles Hauley, the agriculture teacher of Williamston. Mr. Hair, the Leut. Gov. of Ruritan National, made a brief speech.

A delicious meal was served by George Griffin.

Suffers Broken Arm In Fall Here Wednesday

Mrs. Della Green, well-known local resident, suffered a broken right arm at the elbow in a fall at her home on North Haughton Street yesterday morning. Following first aid treatment in Brown's Community Hospital she was removed to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, for further treatment. Last reports stated she was getting along as well as could be expected.

Work Started On New Unit At The Local High School

After a delay of several weeks, the contractor, M. L. Skinner of New Bern, started work yesterday on a new unit for the local high school. Superintendent E. O. Register located the position yesterday and plans to pour the foundation this week, preparatory to starting the masonry work early next week.

The building, costing approximately \$20,000 exclusive of heating and wiring, will be one story and measures seventy feet in depth and about 65 feet in width at one point. The addition is to house a manual arts shop and a classroom for agriculture in addition to offices and storage room. The building will be of block and brick construction.

If there is no delay in steel de-

liveries, Mr. Register said yesterday that the project should be completed in about three months. "We plan to rush the construction work," Mr. Register said.

Work is fairly well advanced on a sizable high school unit in Robersonville, but no part of it will be ready for occupancy early in the new school year.

Construction is well advanced on a two-room addition to the primary building here, and it is possible that the two rooms will be ready for occupancy soon after the term gets under way September 2. Even with the completion of the primary building addition the school will be one room short to care for all its classes, it was said.

Holding Funeral Today For Mrs. Gideon Harrison

Well-Known Citizen Died At Her Home In Bear Grass Wednesday

Mrs. Rena Harrison, well-known county citizen, died at her home in Bear Grass Wednesday morning at 5:30 o'clock following an illness of more than one month. Suffering a slight stroke, she was critically ill about three weeks.

The daughter of the late David B. and Mary Gurganus Whichard, she was born in Pitt County 82 years ago on September 15, 1891, and spent her early life there. She made her home in this county for many years, marrying Gideon A. Harrison April 3, 1913. Mr. Harrison died about seven years ago.

Mrs. Harrison was a devoted member of the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church which she attended regularly.

Surviving are a son, C. B. Harrison of Bear Grass; one daughter, Mrs. Lee Savage of near Williamston; four half-sisters, Mrs. Ira Price, Mrs. Palmer White, Mrs. Ethel Weathersbee and Mrs. Charlie Hoell, all of or near Williamston; four half-brothers, Sam Whichard of Robersonville, Claude Whichard of Williamston, Paul Whichard of Norfolk and David Whichard of St. Pauls, N. C.

The funeral service is being conducted in the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. C. D. Hamilton of Fountain, assisted by Elder A. B. Ayers, Primitive Baptist minister and friend of the family of Bear Grass. Interment will be in the Harrison family cemetery. The body will be moved to the church one hour prior to the service.

Towns Plan To Buy Fire Trucks

Hamilton and Oak City are planning to purchase fire-fighting equipment, but no definite arrangements have been made at this time, as far as it could be learned here today.

Oak City is said to be considering the purchase of a \$9,000 truck, and Hamilton has already made plans to equip a truck of its own. Both machines will carry from 500 to 784 gallons of water, and the pumps will be of the high pressure type.

Hamilton has purchased a 1951 Ford chassis and has a tank ready for installation. Plans call for the installation of a special pump. However, it was later reported that the promoters of the fire department there that might consider the purchase of a new chassis. It was also learned that approximately \$1,500 had been raised in Hamilton by popular subscription to finance the purchase of a fire truck.

Attack Victim Improving In Hospital This Week

Suffering a heart attack at his home over in Williams Township about three weeks ago, Mr. Chas. L. Daniel, prominent farmer and president of the Martin County Farm Bureau, is improving in a local hospital. He is able to sit up during short intervals daily, and plans to return to his home in about a week or ten days.

Expect President To Sign New Farm Program Bill Soon

First Drop In Support Will Come Next Year And Another In 1956

The Republican farm program, designed to knock the props from under the American farmer beginning next year, is now awaiting President Eisenhower's signature.

While the proponents of the new bill maintain it will help keep production in line with demand, others see the new law as a direct threat to the well being of American agriculture.

Early yesterday, the Senate completed congressional action on a controversial farm measure featuring a system of flexible price supports for the basic crops of wheat, cotton, corn, rice and peanuts. Officials said the President probably will sign the bill at his vacation place in Colorado next week.

Under the flexible system, price floors for the crops will operate on a sliding scale—moving down as supplies of an affected crop increase and going up as supplies decline. Under a war-born system to be supplanted, supports were at a rigid base, irrespective of supplies.

Next year the supports will range between 82½ to 90 per cent of parity and between 75 and 90 per cent thereafter, as things now stand. Present supports are at 90 per cent. Parity is a price declared by law to be fair to farmers in relation to costs they must pay.

In recommending and debating the new system, the Eisenhower administration contended that the high, rigid supports deprived agriculture of the needed tools for guiding its production. It said those supports encouraged farmers to produce big crops regardless of whether they were needed. As a consequence, large supplies which could not be sold were unloaded on the government under the support system.

Under the new plan, supports will be reduced when there are over-supplies, in an effort to discourage overproduction.

Nevertheless, next year's farm program will depend more upon government crop planting restrictions than on reductions in price supports to solve the surplus problem. Crop controls already announced by Secretary of Agriculture Benson are the most stringent ever imposed on American farmers.

Slight Increase In Supports For Peanuts-Cotton

Peanuts Given A \$1.80 Per Ton Increase Over The Level For 1953

Support prices for 1954 peanuts and certain types of cotton have been slightly increased, according to unofficial information gained here recently.

The support level on the 1954 crop of peanuts was raised \$1.80 per ton to a national average of \$244.80.

The minimum national support level announced by the department April 7 was on the basis of parity at that time before planting. Since then the parity price has increased and the new national average minimum support is based on July 15 parity prices.

At the same time the average loan rate for 1954 upland cotton grading middling 7-8th staple was raised from \$1.25 cents a pound to 31.58 cents. This is based on a July 15 parity price of 35.09 cents per pound in contrast to the preplanting parity of 34.72 cents per pound. Department officials said the 33-100ths cents a pound could mean "several million dollars" additional to the cotton farmer.

Support price for extra long staple cotton remains at the 65.53 cents a pound rate announced in March because of a decline in parity price for this staple.

The average rate for middling 15-16ths inch cotton will be 1.65 cents a pound above the average rate for middling 7-8 inch of 33.33 cents a pound, the department said. The rate for middling 15-16 inch will vary from 34.26 cents a pound in the concentrated mill area of the Carolinas to a low of 32.48 cents a pound in California and Arizona.

Plan Registration For Kindergarten August 25

Pre-school registration for the Ministerial-Community Kindergarten will be held in the annex of the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, August 25th from 9 until 11:00 a. m. This registration is for the purpose of finding out how many children will be enrolled for this school year beginning September 16 and closing in May. All children between the ages of 4-6 are eligible to attend. Further information may be obtained on registration day or by calling Mrs. R. L. Bolling or Mrs. R. E. Tarkington, Jr.

Tobacco Sales Hold To Small Poundage

LOAD OF GEAR

Under the watch of a special armed guard and an escort car, a navy truck moved through here yesterday morning, apparently carrying a valuable cargo. The truck, heavily loaded, was said to have been en route from Norfolk to one of the marine bases either at Cherry Point or Lejeune.

Asked what was aboard that required a special armed guard, the warrant officer accompanying the shipment, merely said "a load of gear". Others along said they did not know what was aboard.

Court Ruling Not Applicable Here

A State Supreme Court decision, ruling out arrests when a misdemeanor is committed, is not applicable to this county, it was learned following a study of a special law passed by the Legislature during the 1949 session.

The special legislative act, introduced by Representative A. Corey and passed on March 14, 1949, says, in part:

"It shall be unlawful for any person on any public road or highway, or in the immediate vicinity of any public place in Martin County, in the hearing of two or more persons, to be drunk or drunk and disorderly, or to use indecent, vulgar or profane language so as to disturb others."

The law provides a penalty up to \$50 fine or thirty days in jail. The court ruled that where there is no specific law, a drunk cannot be arrested unless he is disorderly.

Briefly stated, officers, including members of the highway patrol, may make arrests in this county without first obtaining a warrant.

Miss Martin To Appear In Television Recital

Miss Jane Martin, daughter and pupil of Mrs. Edith Tarkington of Everetts, will appear in a television recital over the Greenville station next Monday evening at 7:15 o'clock. The program is being sponsored by the Reid Music Company of Rocky Mount.

BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross bloodmobile will make its quarterly visit here on Thursday, September 9, it was announced today. No definite quota has been assigned this chapter, but it is likely that the center will need at least 150 pints.

The chapter fell a bit short of its quota in June, and it is hoped that the response next month will offset the shortage. Volunteer donors are asked to contact the Red Cross office and pledge a pint.

Rabies Inspector Issues Warrants

Closing in on alleged violators of the rabies laws, Inspector A. R. (Clab) Roberson of Everetts is carrying quite a few defendants into the courts.

Eight dog owners were cited to the courts in the Robersonville area. Fourteen warrants have been served in the Williamston-Poplar Point section. Cited to appear before Justice W. M. Tetterton, four of the fourteen were convicted. They were taxed with the costs and directed to have their dogs vaccinated. Nine were found not guilty when they produced proof showing their dogs had been vaccinated.

Eleven warrants have been issued in the Oak City-Hamilton area and the defendants are to appear before Justice Edmond Early in Oak City for trial.

Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

Installment No. 3

After adopting rules and regulations, the patriots began to raise money for the Southern Cause. Mr. Bagley listed the pledges, explaining:

The following obligations were read and subscriptions were made.

The undersigned promise to pay the sums opposite their names to D. W. Bagley, Treasurer of the Volunteer Fund, for the purpose of arming, equipping and supporting volunteer companies from the County of Martin and to provide for the support of the families of volunteers who may be called into service, April 27, 1861:

Jesse M. Ewell, \$1,000; S. R. Spruill, \$500; Joseph D. Biggs, \$500; John L. Knight, \$100; A. H. Coffield, \$200; Dennis Simmons, \$200; John A. Manning, \$100; Asa Biggs, \$250; Samuel Rogers, \$200; Joel Smithwick, \$100; F. W. Moore, \$100; Jesse S. Stallings, \$100; A. J. Mizelle, \$100; S. T. C. Pugh, \$100; Joseph B. Peal, \$50; J. S. Yarrell, \$50; John H. Brown, \$50; Malichi Green, \$50; Anthony Burroughs, \$50; W. R. Wheatley, \$25; James Coburn, \$25; Elisha Everett, \$75; F. Fagan, \$50; John Ward, \$50; John R. Lanier, \$50; H. B. Robason, \$25; Davis B. Harrison, \$50; W. Taylor, \$50; Simon Gurganus, \$25; William S. Ward, \$25; John L. Ward, \$25; W. W. Robason, \$50; Henry T. Brown, \$25; John A. Griffin, \$50; George M. Burras, \$50; Eason Lilley, \$25; S. W. Watts, \$50; P. G. Foster, \$50; William Jenkins, \$25; Jordan Smith, \$25; William H. Harrell, \$50; Eli H. Robason, \$25; C. B. Hassell, \$100; L. S. Yates, \$200; Clayton Moore, \$100; and five shares in Steamer Styles; Henry P. Gibson, \$50; Simmons,

Grandy and Co., \$300; H. M. Burroughs, \$25; Randolph Whichard, \$25; Simon D. Ward, \$25; Leonidas Clary, \$25; William J. Moore, \$50; Noah Gurganus, \$25; Kenneth Stallings, \$25; John E. Moore, \$25; Zephaniah Bateman, \$25; Kenneth Daniel, \$25; William B. Lanier, \$100; Mizelle and Waters, \$50; John A. Page, \$25; George T. Johnston, \$25; David L. Brown, \$25; Henry Rogerson, \$500; Edwin B. Robason, \$25; George O. Robason, \$50; Charles Robason, \$25; Simon S. Perry, \$25; Joseph J. Martin, \$100; O. C. Gray, \$25; Mc. G. Robason, \$25; Wm. G. Whitfield, \$50; Harmon Lilley, \$25; W. W. Purvis, \$25; A. C. Williams, \$50; W. A. Weathersbee, \$25; W. H. Carstarphen, \$100; Ransom S. Rogerson, \$25; S. S. Shepherd, \$100; Joseph Lilley, \$100; J. H. Burnett, \$50; D. W. Bagley, \$50; Standley Duggan, \$25; Jas. H. Ellison, \$10; Warren W. Andrews, \$25; J. R. Stubbs, \$100; James H. Steyer, \$200;

Abner S. Coburn, \$50; Matthew Hasty, \$50; Jesse Moore, \$200; Estate of Mc. G. M. Staton, \$500; Alfred Jordan, \$31; William Rogers, \$100; Jordan Jenkins, \$3; L. A. Andrews, \$5; and J. L. Ewell, \$100.

(Given when patriotism was running high, some of the pledgers failed to meet their pledges and at the April (1864) term of court, Treasurer Bagley asked the court for relief. He listed unpaid notes as follows: Jesse M. Ewell, John L. Knight, William R. Wheatley, Dr. L. S. Yates, Dr. I. H. Burnett, William R. Purvis, Shepherd R. Spruill, R. B. Smith, Standley Duggan, Jesse Moore, A. J. Mizelle, Samuel S. Shepherd, Dr. James L. Teal (balance of \$132.18), Dennis Rawls, K. E.

Whitfield and Warren W. Andrews, \$25; James Jenkins, \$25; Alfred Jordan, \$25; Henry B. Robason, \$25; Wade H. Everett, \$25; Matthew Hasty, \$50; Henry B. Gibson, \$50; Wm. R. W. Sherrod, \$350;

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Plan To Reduce Crop Acreage In State Next Year

Cash Crops Under Benson's Plan Will Be Cut By 712,000 Acres

Agricultural administrators and department heads at State College learned this week that North Carolina farmers stand to lose 712,000 acres of land from cash crop production under a new acreage allotment program announced last month by Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

At a meeting called by Dean of Agriculture D. W. Colvard to consider ways that the college could help farmers meet the loss of these acres and maintain their net income, Horace D. Godfrey, State administrative officer for the ASC, explained the new "cross compliance" and "total allotment" provisions.

Godfrey pointed out that his office had not yet received instructions for carrying out the directive, but essentially it calls for two things:

1. Farmers, in order to receive price supports for any crop, must comply with acreage allotments for all crops.

2. Farmers who have more than 10 "diverted acres" will be restricted to "total allotment" which they cannot exceed and still receive price supports.

North Carolina crops for which allotments have been announced are cotton, tobacco, wheat, peanuts and corn. A farmer who, for instance, would receive price supports on his tobacco must plant within his allotment for cotton, wheat, peanuts and corn, as well as tobacco. If farmers plant within these allotments, they will remove approximately 712,000 acres from the production of cash crops in 1955.

Godfrey pointed out that diverted acres will be figured on the basis of 1953 planting, a year when there were no acreage restrictions on corn, cotton and wheat, and hence, a year that will

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Injured In Auto Wreck Last Night

James Herbert Ward, Jr., suffered a painful head injury and a bruised elbow, and Eddie Daniels received bruises and shock when their car went out of control on a curve in the Smithwick's Creek community last night and plowed into a ditch. Following treatment in Brown's Community Hospital, Daniels was discharged. The other young victim continues in the hospital. A small portion of young Ward's scalp was left in the broken windshield, it was reported.

Daniels was driving his mother's Pontiac, damage to which was estimated at about \$650.

Firemen Called To Trash Fire

Volunteer firemen were called to the old Wells-Oates Lumber Company site on East Main Street yesterday morning shortly after 11:00 o'clock to extinguish a trash pile fire. No damage was done, and it was the well established opinion of foremen and others that the entire pile of junk should have been allowed to burn.

No outward signs, looking to a general clean-up of the site, have been noticed.

Fairview Club Submits Report

The Fairview Home Demonstration Club raised \$8.25 for the cancer fund, as follows:

Mrs. Gladys Gardner, 1.00; Mrs. James Perry, 1.00; Mrs. Joe Perry, .25; Mrs. Henry Dawson, .25; Mrs. Pete Dellon, .50; Mrs. Walter Gardner, 1.00; Lorenzo Spill, .10; Asa Moore, 1.00; Lonnie Moody, .50; Elyed Moore, .40; Gladys Godard, .50; William Griffin, .50. Other Contributions, 65.

Tobacco Curing Barn Destroyed

Believed to have started from a burning cigarette flipped out of the barn onto the shelter, fire destroyed a large tobacco curing barn belonging to Perlie Moore on Highway 125 near here early this afternoon.

The barn had just been filled with green tobacco and no fire had been started in the oil curers. Firemen, called there, almost had the barn fire under control when the water supply gave out. They withdrew and stood by a large packhouse which was in line of the fire.

Heavy Offerings Hardly Expected Until Next Week

Majority of Farmers End- ing Green Harvest This Week In County

Tobacco sales continue light on the market here and throughout the belt, but prices are holding fairly firm, according to government reports released early today for the local market.

After holding a capacity sale on opening day last Monday, the market saw its deliveries dwindle to almost a mere trickle on Tuesday, followed by a slight increase in pounds yesterday and this morning. Tuesday, the market slipped a notch or two in its general average, but the decrease was minor and was traceable for the most part to the quality of the leaf rather than to a change in prices.

Yesterday, the market sold 36,170 pounds for \$19,813, an average of 54.78. To date, the market has sold slightly in excess of a quarter million pounds for an average of \$54.00 per hundred pounds.

A fairly sizable sale is expected on the market tomorrow, but no great poundage is predicted until farmers complete the current harvest. A majority of farmers are completing the harvest this week, but quite a few will be busy with the harvest next week while still others are not planning to complete the task before week after next. Several farmers declare they will not finish the harvest before the first week or ten days in September.

Sales are expected to show a fairly sizable increase next week, but no block sales are anticipated before week after next.

While tobacco is moving slowly to markets, it is reaching the market from a wide territory, one report stating that eight counties were represented on the market here yesterday.

Farmers, while expressing no great dissatisfaction, are of the opinion that prices for the poorer and medium quality grades are a bit lower than than those received for similar grades last season.

Unofficial reports show the Williamston market at the top in general price averages, and farmers who have not been seen in a number of years were marketing their tobacco here this week with the assurance that they planned to go all the way this season.

There was a fairly noticeable trend this morning in prices for the medium quality grades, and bidding on all types was more competitive than on any other day so far this season. Deliveries were much heavier this morning than yesterday, and selling was not completed until after 11:00 o'clock.

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Windsor People Protest Curtailed Mail Service

According to information received here yesterday, patrons of the Windsor post office are protesting the curtailed mail service in their area.

Work Started On Annex To Agriculture Building

Contractor Hugh B. Wyatt started work on an addition to the Martin County agriculture building this week. The annex will be two stories and will be used as offices.