

Judge Peele Has Thirty Cases In The County Court

Fines and Forfeitures Add Up To \$705 In Three- Hour Session

Judge H. O. Peele handled thirty cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court during a three-hour session Monday. Fines imposed, plus forfeitures, added up to \$705. Thirteen of the thirty cases involved speeding.

The court will not observe next Monday-Labor Day—as a holiday, it was announced.

Proceedings:
Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Robert Price was taxed with the costs.

Cecil Van Ayers pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a license and was fined \$25, plus costs.

The case charging Isaac Stevens with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was not pressed.

In the case in which Raymond Edward Smith was charged with allowing a drunken driver to operate a car, the court ordered his \$150 bond forfeited.

Charged with drunken driving, Irving Franklin Bland pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. He gave notice of appeal to the superior court and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Pleading guilty of allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, Turner Harris was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Morris Reddick, pleading not guilty of violating the liquor laws, was adjudged guilty and the court taxed him with the costs.

The case in which O. K. Harrison was charged with assaulting a female, was not pressed.

Adjudged guilty of bastardy, James Sanders Simmons was sentenced to the roads for six months. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$20 a month for the support of his child. He is to reappear at the end of two years for further judgment.

Judgment was suspended in the case in which Mitchell Peterson was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Hazel Andrews pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, plus costs.

Pleading innocent, Leonard Walston was adjudged guilty of drunken driving and the court fined him \$100, plus costs. He loses his operator's license for a year.

Grover Williams was found not guilty of assaulting a female.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, William A. Biggs was sentenced to the roads for 60 days and taxed with the costs. The road term is to begin at the direction of the court at anytime within the next two years.

Charged with drunken driving, (Continued on page eight)

Arrest Man For Deadly Assault

Hosea Gordon, 29-year-old worker at the new plant of the Coastal Lumber Company, was arrested here this week for an alleged deadly weapon assault.

Gordon accused other workers at the plant of robbing him of \$40 last Saturday. Sunday night he went to one of the shanties on the property and fired a load of gun shot through the weather boarding. The load of shot went into a mattress, inches below the head of the intended victim who was sleeping there.

Gordon is being held in the county jail following his arrest by the sheriff's department. He will be tried in the county court next Monday for an assault with a deadly weapon.

Bakery Opens New Retail Outlet Here This Week

Its products growing in demand, Morton's Bakery this week opened a new retail outlet in the Flat Iron or Williamston Hardware Company building on Washington Street. The bakery will continue operations in its plant near Peele's market farther out on Washington Street.

County Farm Bureau Plans Annual Membership Drive

Meeting in the agricultural building Tuesday afternoon, officials of the Martin County Farm Bureau mapped tentative plans for advancing the organization's annual membership drive. In the absence of President C. L. Daniel, who is recovering from a heart attack at his home over in Williams Township, Vice President Sam Everett of Robersonville presided. Other representatives attending the meeting were Mayo Hardison, secretary, Reuben Everett and Sidney Mallory.

The group set apart, Wednesday, September 15, as Farm Bureau Day in Martin County, and nearly one hundred canvassers are expected to carry the membership appeal into every nook and corner in the ten townships that day.

ROUTINE

Only routine business is being scheduled for consideration at the regular meeting of the county and town boards of commissioners next Monday, Messrs. J. Sam Getsinger and C. M. Cobbs, clerks to the respective boards, announced today.

The members of the two boards are foregoing the holiday feature of Labor Day and will hold their monthly meeting as usual, the county group meeting that morning, and the town board meeting that evening.

Officers Conduct Raids In County

Searching the woods in this county and several homes, liquor law enforcement officers last week wrecked four illicit liquor distilleries and cited two persons to the court for possessing illicit liquor.

One of the stills was wrecked near Stingy Point in Hamilton Township. The plant was equipped with an oil drum still and had 150 gallons of mash on hand.

Two plants were wrecked in Bear Grass Township. One was equipped with an oil drum. The officers poured out 100 gallons of mash. The other plant was equipped with a tin still with a copper top. No beer or mash was on hand.

The plant found and destroyed near Williamston was equipped with an oil drum still and had four barrels of mash on hand.

The raids were made by Officers Cecil Bullock, Carland Bunting and Roy Peel.

Saturday night, the officers raided the home of Lazarus Williams on Williamston's East Main Street and found only one-half pint of white liquor on hand. The other home raid was made in Oak City where they found Geneva Bellamy with a quart of illicit liquor on hand. A big fish fry was in progress there. Williams is booked for trial next Monday, and the Bellamy woman is to have her day in court on the 13th.

Fire Prevention Club Talk Topic

Speaking to members of the Rotary Club in their regular meeting at the Switch Tuesday noon, James H. Robertson, representative of the New York Underwriters and a member of the North Carolina Stock Fire Insurance Field Club, stressed fire prevention and urged the club to operate in advancing fire prevention during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13.

Mr. Robertson showed a film of the \$50 million fire at Texas City, and briefly reviewed the daily fire losses in the nation. On an average, 8,000 homes are destroyed by fire each day in the nation. More than 5,000 people, many children under five years of age, lost their lives in fires last year.

The North Carolina Club, Mr. Robertson explained, will furnish literature for a check of fire hazards and he urged the club members and other organizations to promote an inventory in homes and business houses. He also explained that the club would send field inspectors to the town free of charge.

Weather Review In This Section For Past Month

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The 6.19 inches of rain were slightly more than three-quarters of an inch above the 5.40-inch normal for August. Rain fell on ten of the 31 days, the 2.24 inches on the 22nd leading the fall.

The ole Roanoke maintained a fairly even flow during the period, its level varying less than two feet, starting out at 5.2 feet on the first and reaching a low of 3.3 feet on the twelfth.

The weather data, including the river gauge readings, as released by Mr. Spruill for the month of August follows, with the date in the first column, the river range 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.	5.2	96	72	0
2.	4.6	94	68	74
3.	3.9	90	68	79
4.	4.0	91	66	0
5.	4.4	97	65	0
6.	5.0	84	70	0.3
7.	4.5	87	61	0
8.	4.2	91	59	0
9.	4.2	89	57	0
10.	4.0	90	71	0
11.	3.5	89	63	0
12.	3.3	83	55	0
13.	3.4	88	56	0
14.	3.9	90	58	0
15.	3.6	96	68	0
16.	3.8	97	71	49
17.	3.6	92	72	0
18.	3.9	89	71	0
19.	4.5	97	72	0
20.	4.3	94	72	0
21.	4.4	98	70	0.8
22.	4.6	88	70	2.24
23.	4.1	85	63	0
24.	3.6	89	61	0
25.	3.9	94	66	0
26.	4.1	98	73	0
27.	4.5	94	70	0.1
28.	4.6	93	68	0.16
29.	4.9	89	72	0
30.	4.9	81	70	45
31.	4.0	86	68	0.8
Total				6.19

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Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

Installation 7
(With more than one hundred of its finest young men off at war, Williamston citizens, three days after the departure of the volunteers for Hatteras, formed a special committee, Mr. Bagley points out in his diary in the current installment).

May, 1861. The board of Commissioners for the town of Williamston, in meeting on the 23rd day of May, made the following order, viz:
At a meeting of the board of town commissioners held on the night of the 23rd, instant, at the counting room of C. B. Hassell. D. W. Bagley, W. B. Lanier, William A. Weathersbee, F. A. Rhodes and W. H. Harrell were appointed a committee of vigilance for the said town of Williamston whose duty it shall be to have an eye upon all suspected persons and strangers, scrutinizing all such persons coming into this vicinity and release the same or hand them over to the proper authorities, according to their best discretion, and that Joseph D. Biggs, Anson J. Mizelle and S. R. Spruill are requested to act in concert with the above committee.

(The order was signed by John R. Lanier, clerk, and dated May 24, 1861.)
A note in the diary reads as follows:
"Capt. L. L. Clements with his Company B, formed at Hamilton passed here 5th, June, 1861, on their way to Hatteras by steamer and transport."

Apparently there was little cash in this part of the country even at the start of the war, for the barter system was inaugurated on a fairly extensive scale, Mr. Bagley listing every transaction in detail.
The next six pages of the diary (pages 88 through 93) carry hundreds of bookkeeping items. AH of the entries will not be included, but a few are listed at random to show how trade was handled. The Volunteer Fund had been given thousands of fish, pork, bacon and other provisions. In addition to that made available to the soldiers, there was much swapping going on back home.

In May, 1861, Dr. Joseph H. Burnett got several bushels of corn, priced at 65 cents a bushel, by delivering fish and peas to the fund treasurer.
Joseph L. Biggs drew 2,000 corned herring from the fund's store, and paid it back with labor of his slave, Jack. The diary does not list the hours, but \$3 was allowed for Jack's work, Biggs paying \$15 in cash to balance the \$18 account.
Mrs. J. L. Knight bought 2,000 corned herring and Mr. Knight paid \$18 cash for them.
John Watts bought 25 barrels of corn and paid cash in the amount of \$89.33.
James H. Ellison bought 500 corned herring and balanced the account with pork.
Peter G. Foster bought 20 bush-

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Glyde Wade Takes Over As Director Green Wave Band

Joseph Griffin Elected As President Of The Band Parents Club Here

Closing out their old year with a big picnic in the ball park where it was moved so that lights could be turned on as needed, the Williamston High School Band today begins a new year with a new director, Mr. Clyde Wade, of Roxboro, in charge.

The Williamston Band Parents Club got their new year off to a good start with the election of new officers and the launching of plans for the annual financial drive and tag day.

Succeeding Hildreth Mobley as president is Joseph Griffin. The other officers include: V. J. (Bill) Spivey as vice president, Mrs. J. C. White as secretary-treasurer, T. M. Britton, J. Edward Corey, H. A. Bowen and A. J. Manning as directors, and Mrs. R. L. (Bob) Welch as custodian of the scrap book which now is a couple of inches thick.

Director Wade was introduced by President Griffin and Principal Stewart explained that the new director is from Roxboro, a graduate of the University of North Carolina where he worked under Professor Slocum, and had spent the past five and a half years as director of the Reidsville band and instructor in instrumental music in the Reidsville city school system. Director Wade, noting he was not too much impressed with Williamston when he came in as the hurricane off the coast was creating rain and wind storms in this area, declared he had come to like the place and the people and was pleased with everything here. He expressed confidence in the future of the band program here and asked the cooperation of all.

The band director, officers of the club and directors of the club (Continued on Page Eight)

PARADE

The Martin Tractor and Truck Company is completing plans with the manufacturers for an extensive parade of International trucks in Williamston within the near future, Mr. Laurence Eason Lilley, company representative, said this week.

The caravan is made up of just about all kinds of trucks—fire trucks, bookmobiles, pick-ups and one with the hood standing six feet off the ground.

Dates for the parade will be announced early next week.

Tobacco Sales Near Three Million Mark

Sales On Market Here Hold Close To A Block Daily

Sales This Week Expected To Push Total for Season To Three Million Mark

After getting off to a slow start on account of the late harvest season, the Williamston Tobacco Market is now holding sales right at the one-third million-pound mark daily. Yesterday's sale was the third largest of the year and record offerings are in prospect for tomorrow.

So far the market has avoided a block, but sales are running right close to the limit. Most farmers have hardly had time since completing the harvest to get into the marketing business on any large scale. A few farmers, possibly a dozen or two, are still harvesting their crops. In addition to the late harvest, the marketing activities are being delayed by the farmers themselves. It was pointed out that many of them are not rushing their marketing this year, that they are waiting and watching market trends.

Official figures could not be had immediately for yesterday's sale, but unofficially they added up to 303,890 pounds and the price averaged slightly above \$53.00 per hundred pounds. According to the figures, the market up until this morning had sold 2,313,138 pounds for one and one-quarter million dollars or an average of \$54.01.

The unofficial price average yesterday 63 cents a hundred pounds higher than the recorded average for Tuesday.

Tips, running well on the heavy side, were reported on the market in fairly large quantities, and the Imperial Company is buying heavily of those types; yet, the Stabilization Cooperative is getting, no great amount of tobacco, including tips.

The market, it was pointed out this week, is adding new customers daily, including a few from as far away as Virginia. It was unofficially reported that a load of Georgia tobacco was sold on the market here a few days ago.

Dentist Plans To Locate Office Here Shortly

A second dentist's office will be opened here within the near future, it was reliably learned this week. Offices are being rearranged in the Manning building for the newcomer, it was learned.

County Teachers Hold Meeting In High School Here

Henry McFadyen Outlines Six-Point Legislative Program

Speaking to a county-wide meeting of school teachers in the high school auditorium here yesterday afternoon, Henry McFadyen, director of research and public relations, North Carolina Education Association, outlined a proposed six-point legislative program. Sponsored by the United Forces for Education, including the Jaycees, North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, American Association Education Association, the program is to be placed before the next General Assembly for consideration.

Stressing the need for State funds, Point One in the program calls for attendance officers for the various school units. Mr. McFadyen pointed out that, on an average, 61,000 pupils are absent each day in the State school system, a condition deserving attention.

The program outlined by the United Forces would provide secretarial help in the schools, relieving the principal of extra duties and giving him more time to devote to his regular tasks. The program would also provide an extra teacher for each twenty teachers, the added teacher to handle special assignments.

A new salary schedule, ranging from \$2,600 to \$4,100 for teachers holding A certificates, is also proposed. The maximum now is \$3,400, a figure reached only after twelve years of service.

Declaring funds allotted for lights, heat and supplies and similar items are inadequate, the proposed legislative program would provide sufficient money for efficient operation of the schools.

A ten-day extended employment period is provided in the program, the extra time making it possible for teachers to get room work, contacting parents, getting acquainted with their regular work and completing and handling reports and other details at the close of school.

The meeting, scheduled as a preliminary event to the opening of the schools this afternoon, was presided over by Mr. John Roberson, president of the Martin County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association, and he welcomed the teachers. Following a solo by Miss Mary Wallace Foy, local public school music teacher, the Rev. Don Skinner led the devotional.

The business session featured reports by Mrs. Anna J. Roebuck, chairman of the Professional Services Committee; Mrs. Beatrice Edmondson, of the Planning Committee. Miss Mary Whitley, representing the county teachers, reported.

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Bulter Given TV Set By Students

Students and graduates of Williamston High School who were members of the Green Wave band during the years Jack F. Butler served as director literally stunned him last evening when they swarmed into his living room to present him with a new RCA television receiving set.

While they received some support from older friends and supporters of the band, the project was largely one of and by the students and alumni of the band. The delivery was made by a large group of the youngsters who just about filled the former director's home at the corner of Biggs and Halifax streets and they reported the recipient so overcome with emotion that he could not say a word for a few minutes. Almost in tears, Butler expressed his appreciation for the gift and declared the youngsters had done more for him than he had or could do for them.

Local Young Man Airman Of Month

A/1c J. Herbert Harrell, Jr., was named "Airman of the Month" over in Korea, it was announced a few days ago by his commanding officer.

The young man, two years in the service, met the rigid requirements to gain the honor, the officer explained.

Booster Officials Discuss Festival

Meeting in the organization's office Tuesday evening, directors of the Williamston Boosters discussed plans for holding the annual harvest festival this fall. Just now it is not certain that a festival will be held.

It has been pointed out that the costs have increased from year to year, that the event is getting to be a burden rather than an asset. The organization, it was learned, spent approximately \$3,000 in promoting the festival last year, leaving the treasury in a bad way and with a few bills still unpaid.

Secretary Ed Grady is preparing a detailed report and a committee is expected at a meeting tomorrow evening to reach a final decision, favoring or ruling out the event for 1954.

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Open Bids On New Store For Colonial Next Week

Five bids, submitted by contractors in two states, will be opened here next Monday for the construction of a new building for Colonial Stores, corner of Main and Elm Streets.

The lot has been cleared, and if the bids are acceptable, construction is expected to get under way within the near future.