

## Eighteen Cases In County Court Monday Morning

### Defendant Withdraws Ap- peal and Pays \$200 Fine For Reckless Driving

Judge H. O. Peele and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled eighteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court during a comparatively short session Monday morning. Nine of the cases charged the defendants with speeding. Convicted last July 26 on a reckless driving charge and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, a defendant withdrew his appeal and paid the \$200 fine. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$462 during the session.

Proceedings: Pleading not guilty of non-support, Willard B. Harrison was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of court costs and \$30 a week for the support of his wife and child.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Hosea Gordon pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

The case in which Herman Farmer was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was not pressed. In a second case, Farmer pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was fined \$50, plus costs.

Allie G. Thompson, charged with a serious attack on Magnolia Goss, pleaded not guilty. She was found guilty and was sentenced to prison for six months. She first appealed and bond was fixed in the sum of \$500. An amendment judgment taxed her with a \$50 fine and cost and directed her to pay a \$100 medical bill for the prosecuting witness.

Levy Rogers, pleading not guilty of assaulting a female, was adjudged guilty and was sentenced to the roads for three months. The road term was suspended for two years upon guaranteed good behavior.

Pleading guilty of abandonment, Gloria Dell Everett was sentenced to woman's prison, Raleigh, for six months. The prison term was suspended and the defendant placed in the custody of her mother, Mildred Wiggins.

Charged with carrying a concealed weapon and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Kermit Henry McNair pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a license and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

James Ampley, facing a non-support charge, was sentenced to (Continued on Page Eight)

## Mercury At Top Here On Tuesday

After holding to unusually high readings off and on during July and August, the mercury climbed to the 100 mark Tuesday to set a September record, according to Mr. Hugh Spruill and his official thermometers on Roanoke River.

Starting in September with a reading of 82 degrees, the mercury climbed consistently for several days, going to 86 on the 2nd, 89 on the 3rd, 91 on the 4th, 93 on the 5th, 99 on the 6th and 100 on Tuesday. Yesterday, the mercury compromised with a 94 reading. The nights have been fairly comfortable, the mercury holding below 70 and going as low as 55 on the 2nd.

It is just about unanimously the streets here is hotter than it is ordinarily at "Roanoke Beach", some declaring that the mercury uptown went 104 degrees Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Today, Mr. Spruill reported a reading in the low nineties. Up town, the perspiration was flowing even before noon, making the river beach even more inviting.

### Suffers Broken Hip In Fall Near Jamesville

Mrs. Virginia Davis Holliday suffered a broken hip in a fall at her home in the Poplar Chapel Community of Jamesville Township Tuesday evening. She was removed to a Washington County hospital for treatment.

## Will Open Country Club November 1st

### EXPLORING

In a special meeting held Tuesday afternoon, the local town board of commissioners unanimously approved an appropriation not to exceed \$2,500 to explore the town's water potential. Two test wells are to be dug near Roanoke River.

The action was taken after a federal geologist and a representative of one of the largest well digging companies in the country had studied the problem. "We can't tell what to expect until the wells are dug," the experts admitted, adding that the venture appears to be a "good gamble".

Town officials are exploring the water possibilities, looking toward the location of industry in this area.

## Makes Attempt To Rob Oil Company

Breaking through a side door, a robber attempted to tear into the safe in the offices of the Baker Oil Company at the bulk plant near the river sometime during early Tuesday morning. No lead has been established in the case, as far as it could be learned.

Climbing a rear fence from the river side, the robber knocked out a panel in the door and reached in to unlock the lock. He went directly to the safe and knocked off the dial. When he used a punch to make his way to the door control, he released tear gas fastened to the door in two cartridges. The robber managed to gather up his tools before being forced from the building empty handed.

Manager Marvin Baker explained that less than a dollar in change was in the safe, that it is his policy to deposit collections and sales daily.

An attempt was made to force the safe in a robbery seven years ago. While the robber could not open the safe, he did carry away a radio, camera and two guns.

Mr. Baker discovered the robbery when he opened the door for business Tuesday morning and was met with a whiff of tear gas which was not cleared from the building for hours.

## First Bale Of 1954 Cotton In County

The Taylor Mill and Gin Company ginned the first bale of cotton in Martin County this season at Robersonville Tuesday afternoon.

The cotton was owned by Messrs. Johnny Nelson and R. S. Everett of the Robersonville community. Sherwood L. Roberson, cotton buyer, purchased the cotton and paid 36c per pound for it.

"The quality is extra good this year and farmers should harvest one of the best cotton crops in several years," Mr. Willie Taylor, owner-operator of the gin said.

### Teacher Resigns In School Here This Week

Chas. H. Hawley, teacher of vocational agriculture in the local high school, tendered his resignation this week, effective September 30. The committee was said to have asked him to reconsider the action.

No announcement has been made, but it was reported that the young teacher planned to accept a position in Clinton.

### FARM BUREAU

Plans for advancing the annual Farm Bureau membership drive in this county will be formulated at a meeting of the officials and nearly 100 canvassers to be held in the educational building of the Methodist church here. In the absence of the president, Mr. Chas. L. Daniel, who continues ill at his home, vice President Sam T. Everett will preside.

The drive will be launched on Wednesday, September 16.

## Membership List Near Maximum In New Organization

### Joe L. Maples Named 'Pro' For Club By Directors In Recent Meeting

Plans and preparations are going forward for the formal opening of the Roanoke Country Club about one and one-half miles south of here on Highway 17, it was announced today following a recent meeting of the board of directors. Work on the project is going forward rapidly and all construction work is scheduled for completion within six or eight weeks, it was learned.

Just about all the masonry work on the 180 x 65-foot club house has been completed and the greens and fairways have been seeded, a member of the board of directors stating that the grass is growing well and the nine-hole course should be ready for use the latter part of October and certainly by the early part of November.

The \$100,000 project is well within its budget to date, and the present financial structure will support the completion of the club building, the construction of a tool house and the purchase of tractors and mowers and other equipment.

It was stated that the members list is near the 200-family unit maximum, and it is expected that the membership will be closed even before the project is completed. Seven additional members joined the club yesterday, and new stock is being sold from time to time, it was announced. Parties interested in a membership are directed to contact Dr. Chas. I. Harris or any member of the board of directors.

Joe L. Maples, a young man with a recognized golfing background and who has supervised the project, has been named "pro" for the club. His father, Ellis Maples, was at Plymouth for several years, and until recently managed the Raleigh Country Club. He is now constructing a large golf club project in Winston-Salem. The young pro here is a grandson of the man who pioneered golfing in the Pinehurst area. Mr. Maples and his family are at home in the Tar Heel apartments.

The country club building (Continued on Page Eight)

### FESTIVAL

Meeting this week, representatives of local merchants and a special committee voted to schedule another harvest festival. The group agreed to make some changes in the plans for the event which is to be held in November.

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### POOR RESPONSE

The Red Cross today is receiving the poorest response reported during the several years it has been making collections here. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon only forty pints had been collected, and only six other donors were signed up. Urgent appeals were made in an effort to get recruiters busy on rounding up as many donors as possible before the center at the Legion Hut closed at 4:00 o'clock.

## Judge Peele Has Nine Speed Cases In County Court

### One Defendant Fined \$50 And Lost His License For Six Months

Nine defendants were charged in the county court Monday for exceeding the speed laws. Fines were imposed in the sum of \$137, an done for the alleged violators had his operator's license suspended for six months.

Pleading guilty of speeding seventy miles an hour, Harvey Lee Warren, Jr., of RFD 2, Robersonville was fined \$20 and required to pay the court costs.

Howard Corey, charged with speeding seventy miles in a 35-mile zone, pleaded guilty and he was fined \$50, plus costs. A resident of RFD 3, Williamston, Corey lost his operator's license for six months.

Charged with speeding seventy miles an hour, Eurus Rayo Vanderford of Washington was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court cost when Bobby Nelson Clark of Jamesville pleaded guilty of speeding fifty miles an hour in a 35-mile zone.

Frederick Henry Kury of Morristown, New York, pleaded guilty of speeding sixty-five miles an (Continued on Page Eight)

## Barge Sinks In the Roanoke Tuesday

Several of its side boards ripped away when it struck a log, an Atlas Plywood Company barge sank in the Roanoke about six miles above Williamston early Tuesday night.

All but five or six of the 300 logs were recovered, and workmen are salvaging two tractors from the boat. It is planned to raise and repair the barge. Captain Roland Smith was on the tug. The loss is not expected to run very high.

### Assistant Agent On TV Program Friday Night

Appearing on the Greenville TV Farm Facts program tomorrow evening at 7:00 o'clock, D. W. Brady, assistant Martin farm agent, will discuss the grading of hogs for market.

## Forty Men Report For Pre-Induction Exams Wednesday

### Seven Others Failed To Re- port; Final Call For Twelve Sept. 16

Forty young men, including five white, reported here yesterday for a trip to Raleigh where they underwent pre-induction examinations by the armed forces. Seven others failed to report. Quite a few of those answering the call had been examined previously, it was learned.

A pre-induction call, scheduled for September 28 has been cancelled, but thirty-seven men are to report on October 4 for the preliminary examinations.

Twelve men are scheduled to report for final induction on September 16, and five are to go for final induction on October 19.

The names of those men (all colored) who failed to answer the pre-induction call yesterday follow:

Tom Brown, Jr., of RFD 2, Williamston and RFD 2, Bethel; Jasper Boyd, Jr., of RFD 2, Robersonville; Billy White, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City; John Brown, RFD 1, Williamston; James Elbert Daniels, RFD 1, Williamston; Octavius Roberson, Williamston; and Orish Jordan, Jr., RFD 2, Robersonville.

The names of those answering the pre-induction call and making the trip to Raleigh yesterday in a charter bus are:

White  
Odell Marvin Harrell of RFD 1, Oak City.  
Floyd Scott of RFD 1, Oak City.  
James Edward Whitaker of Williamston and Ahsokie.  
Thurston Callahan, transferred in from Whiteville, and  
George Gilbert Council, transferred in from Charleston, South Carolina. (Continued on Page Eight)

## Truck Caravan Rolls Tomorrow

Plans are complete for the big International truck caravan to roll in a parade here tomorrow, it was announced by Mr. Laurence Eason Lilley, a representative of the firm.

The parade is scheduled to roll at 10:00 o'clock and the numerous pieces of equipment, including a transcontinental freighter towering eleven feet from the ground, will be seen on local streets. Following the parade, the trucks and equipment will be stationed at the Martin Tractor and Truck Company's new home on the bypass which is expected to be open for traffic at that time.

### Suffers Broken Hip In Fall From Porch Tuesday

Little Cathy Savage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Savage, suffered a broken hip in a fall from the porch at her home on RFD 3, Williamston, Tuesday. Placed in a cast, she was able to return to her home, and is reported to be getting along very well.

## Tobacco Sales Pass Four Million Figure

### Market Has Paid Out Two Million Dollars To Date

### Daily Sales Holding Right At Capacity Poundages Following Block

Tobacco sales on the market here are going by the four million-pound mark today with a sizable margin to spare, according to reports coming from the warehouse floors shortly before noon. Up until this morning the market had sold 3,806,454 pounds, and the cash paid out to farmers exceeded two million dollars, or \$2,041,192, to be exact. The market average for the season to date is \$53.63 per hundred pounds, a figure that compares favorably with that of any market in the belt.

Running into considerable quantities of slate-type rips last week, the market recorded some of the lowest averages of the season, but following the Labor Day holiday last Monday, sales have shown market improvement. Possibly better types of tobacco are being offered and the price structure has strengthened. Anyway, last Tuesday, the market sold 386,410 pounds (the largest sale of the season) for \$209,696, or an average of \$54.27.

Before the day was spent yesterday, prices climbed to just about the highest peak of the season, and by day's end the market had sold 374,506 pounds for \$204,778, an average of \$54.68.

The last Tuesday block was cleared yesterday. While full sales are in progress today, no block is anticipated. Prices are holding firm.

A report on the activities in the belt, as released by the U. S. and State Agriculture Departments, follows:

Demand was stronger yesterday for most grades of flue-cured tobacco sold on North Carolina's Eastern Belt, while prices declined for most grades on the Middle Belt and South Carolina-North Carolina Border Belt.

Increases on the Eastern Belt were \$1 to \$3 per hundred pounds as compared with Tuesday's quotations, the Federal-State Market (Continued From Page Seven)

### PRACTICE

All ground observers are urged to attend a practice exercise for the Williamston Ground Observer Unit on Sunday, September 12, from one to five p. m. All interested persons are urged to go by Martin General Hospital and learn the procedure of reporting aircraft. The exercise is being called by W. A. Williams, post supervisor for Williamston.

## Make Plans For Farm Elections In This County

### Many Changes Made In The Rules For Holding The Elections

Working under an entirely different set of rules and regulations, various agriculture workers and farm leaders this week made plans for holding the community and county Agricultural Soil Conservation elections. A county election board, named by the Department of Agriculture, is composed of T. B. Brandon, chairman; H. F. McKnight of the Soil Conservation Service; Jib C. Eubanks of the Farmers Home Administration, and S. T. Everett, vice president of the Martin County Farm Bureau. Mr. Everett is serving in the absence of President Chas. L. Daniel.

The several community election boards, composed of three members and two alternates, one of whom is to serve as chairman. The community election boards are to call nominating meetings or conventions in each of the communities between September 27 and October 2. Ten farmers are to be nominated at that time and on or about the middle of October the farmers will ballot by mail for five in each community. Any farmer who has served at least three consecutive years as a member of a community committee will not be eligible for re-election, it was explained.

Following the October election, the community election boards will meet in the Agriculture building on October 18 and canvass the votes. The nominee receiving the greatest number of votes will be the chairman. The nominee receiving the second greatest number of votes will be the vice chairman. The next in line will be regular member and the other two will be alternate and second alternate. The chairman and vice chairman will nominate and elect the county committee at a meeting to be held on October 19, it was explained. Members of the county committee may serve for an unlimited number of terms, it was pointed out.

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## Child Loses Life In Auto Accident

Bobbie Jean Powell, two years old, was fatally injured in an automobile accident at the home of her foster parents on the B. B. Everett farm on the river road in this county and not far from Palmyra at 12:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Hurt internally, the little victim was carried to a doctor in Scotland Neck and removed a short time later to a Rocky Mount hospital where she died shortly after 5:00 o'clock the same day.

Coroner W. W. Biggs made an investigation, and ruled no inquest was necessary. Coroner Biggs said following his investigation yesterday afternoon, that the foster father, Elijah Thomas, got into his car and started to back around and go to a store in Palmyra. The little victim and several other children were playing in the yard, and it is believed that as Thomas was turning, the side of the car knocked the child down and that one of the front wheels ran over and just about crushed her body.

"When I learned the background facts, I was convinced that the death was accidental," coroner Biggs said. The little tot, born out of wedlock, was deserted by her father, David Powell. When the mother, Mabel Knight, apparently became indifferent to the child's care, Thomas and his wife went to the rescue, nursing the child and treating her as one of their own for about a year. The funeral is being held near Palmyra today.

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## Victim Of Wreck Leaves Hospital

Following X-ray examinations and treatment for injuries received in a motor vehicle accident between Tarboro and Bethel yesterday morning about 3:00 o'clock, Ernest Watson was released late in the day from a hospital here. The 29-year-old-old Wilmington man narrowly escaped serious burns, and suffered no broken bones, it was said.

The wreck involved a truck with a 5,000-gallon capacity tank loaded with hot asphalt and caused Highway 64 to be closed for about eight hours while workmen cut the asphalt away from the highway pavement.

Patrolman T. M. Martin, who was called to the scene at 3 a. m., quoted a driver who was behind Watson's truck as stating that Watson evidently fell asleep.

Attempts by wreckers from Tarboro and Rocky Mount to right the overturned vehicle were unsuccessful until a highway department wrecker and a bulldozer joined the effort.

The truck was operated by Carolina Petroleum Carriers of Newton. The truck and entire cargo were a total loss.

thur Peaks, Ralph Mobley.

Cross Roads: Lester Bryant, J. F. Bailey, J. L. Mobley, Cleo Jackson, Howard Taylor.

VICTIM OF HEAT  
While this entire section has suffered from the heat during recent days, Clyde Anderson, city mail carrier, literally fell out while making his rounds last Tuesday morning. Picked up and carried home by a patron, Mr. Anderson continues confined to his home on Marshall Avenue.

## Contracts Let For Road Work

Contracts for construction on highways and bridges in this State were let today by the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission. The largest of the contracts calls for the construction of a \$2,503,004.90 bridge across Croatan Sound, connecting Mann's Harbor and Roanoke Island near Manteo. In addition to the bridge project, the commission is letting a \$158,423.00 contract for the relocation of Highway 64 to connect with the bridge.

W. L. Jones and Son of Elizabeth City were the low bidders on a project calling for the widening of the bridge over Welch's Creek, connecting Washington and Martin counties. The low bid was \$6,623,000.

### Marriage Licenses Are Issued In This County

Marriage licenses were issued in this county during the past few days to three young couples: Jesse D. Baker of Hamilton and Annie Baker of RFD 1, Oak City, John College of Columbia, N. C., and Johnstone, Pennsylvania, and Ruby Ann Mann of Columbia, N. C., and

Marson Reynolds of Jasper, Fla., and Williamston, and Ruth Gillians Hart of Owensboro, Kentucky.

## Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

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Hassell for \$1,434.00 cash. Pork and bacon were sold or given to the following during July, the quantities being small: Peter Cotanch, Jesse Brooks, Thomas Pierce, Henry R. Cotanch, Joe Wiggins, Simon Scott, Noah Wiggins, Crosly Cay and Dorsen Wiggins, among others.

On pages 100 and 101 of the diary, Docton Bagley made numerous entries as treasurer of the volunteer fund, crediting payments made on subscriptions. Included in the list of transactions were \$10 paid Free Negro Volunteers on July 17, and \$5 on July 17.

Between July 13 and August 24 transactions were handled by the treasurer with the following persons: Joshua L. Rawls, Mrs. Cherry, Dr. Burnett, A. C. Williams, Wm. H. Carstarphen, Mr. Hardison, C. B. Hassell, J. L. Knight, S. Duggan, Alfred Jordan (Company A account), Mr. Beach, Joel Johnson, Arthur Anderson, Harmon Lilley, Mr. Highsmith, Wilson Kennedy, Bennett Burgess, William Riddick, Matthew Hasty, Ervin Page, T. L. Holiday, Nicey,

William H. Robason (first bounty of \$10 in Company C, plus a pair of \$1.50 shoes), Willie Council, "Harry", Mr. Lipscomb, John A. Griffin, Major Shepherd, P. G. Foster, Mr. Modlin, J. R. Stubbs, John Watts, William A. Weathersbee, Berry Jones, C. B. Hassell, John Hyman, W. Jordan, William Groves, John Peal, and Abner Ceburn.

Its assets at \$10,792.91 and liabilities at \$11,618.50, Mr. Bagley maintaining the transactions with funds from his own pocket. Some of the entries were as low as 25 cents while others amounted to as much as \$253.00.

### Free Negroes

On page 102 of the diary, Mr. Bagley listed the names of Free Negro Volunteers, making some comment and stated amounts in terms of shillings advanced them from his own pocket.

The entry: "The following are a list of colored free men who volunteered their services to work on the fortifications at Beacon Island (in the Hatteras area) and who

left on the 12th of May and returned the 10th of July, 1861, well worked from appearances, destitute of clothes in some instances and having received no pay whatever. Such being the case, I advanced some, as will be seen, the little sums as stated and furnished their families while absent in some instances as per their

visions since, viz: "George Read, Heskiah Nustom, Eli Hassell, Nim Scott, Joseph Dempsey, Edward Wiggins, Larry Bell, Edwin Bell, Henry Scott, Moses Brown, Dick Boston, Joseph Scott, Friley Robason, Peter Cotanch, Berry Jones, Jesse Brooks, Thomas Price, Henry R. Cotanch, Simon Scott, Noah Wiggins, Crosly Cay, Dorsen Wiggins, Abner James and Moses William Powell, \$1.50; Joe Wiggins, 50 cents; and Bennett Burgess, \$5.00."

(In the next installment (No. 10), Mr. Bagley lists the bounties paid volunteers in Company C, known as the Bagley Guards.)