

## Judge Peele Calls Thirty-Two Cases In County's Court

### Fines Imposed In The Sum Of \$115 By Judge H. O. Peele Monday

Judge H. O. Peele called thirty-two cases and worked right on through the lunch hour to clear the docket in the regular Monday session of the Martin County Recorder's Court.

Fines and forfeitures added up to \$1,180, including \$115 combined fines assessed against speeders.

Evidence offered in the case of Marie Wilks Fonville climaxed the proceedings of the day. The defendant, a stranger in the court, maintained that she had about two pints of illicit liquor on hand merely to cut tobacco dust and other foreign substances from her throat. She explained her occupation was in a tobacco factory. The claim was discredited a bit by Judge Peele who imposed a \$25 fine, plus costs, and who warned that future possession might land her in jail.

Other proceedings, exclusive of the speedings cases, follow:

Riley Everett pleaded guilty of drunken and careless and reckless driving and he was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. He loses his operator's license for a year.

When Frank Williams, charged with violating the liquor laws, failed to appear judgment absolute was ordered on his \$150 bond.

Johnnie Allen Smith was fined \$50, plus costs, when he pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

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

In the case in which Eva Knight was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, the defendant pleaded not guilty. When the state had concluded its evidence, Judge Peele ordered a bench warrant issued, charging Annie Pur-

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## Hearings Held By Commission

Hugh Currin, deputy for the North Carolina Industrial Commission, conducted several hearings in the courthouse here Tuesday and yesterday. He is expected to announce his decisions within the next ten days or two weeks.

Several of the cases were settled, but the decisions were not made public immediately.

The case of Elbert Carrow against R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company was dismissed when the plaintiff failed to appear.

The case of James Staton Ayers against the State Board of Education was settled.

Other cases on the docket were: Milton Letchworth against Chas. H. Jenkins and Company, Lucille Stanley (Smith), guardian of Jack Stanley, against State Board of Education, Noah D. Gurganus against Atlas Plywood Corporation, Willie Scott against Woodard Furniture Company, James E. White against Atlas Plywood Corporation, and Ida Blanch Pitt, whose husband, Nathaniel Pitt, was killed in a logging accident, against Stacy Herndon.

The hearing attracted a battery of attorneys from several parts of eastern North Carolina, including, Rom B. Parker of Enfield, Woodrow Teague of Raleigh, Roberts and Stocks of Greenville, J. A. Pritchett of Windsor, Gerald F. White, of the Attorney General's staff in Raleigh, and others.

## Cancel Burning Permits In State

Martin County farmers along with others throughout the State are being asked not to burn hedgerows or trash just now. No permits to burn brush are being issued anywhere in the State, the forestry service explaining that the water level is so low that it is dangerous to start fires out of doors.

Hunters, turning to the woods tomorrow, are being asked to be cautious in guarding against woods fires.

## Aerial Photo Of Martin County Farm Home



Approaching it at a front angle, the aerial photographer makes it easier to identify the above picture. But to make certain, the publishers are asking their readers to verify the identification. Guessing at the identity of the picture last week, the paper did not miss it but about twenty miles. Instead of being out in Griffins Township, it was about one mile from Robersonville on the Gold Point road. The picture was identified by Hoke Roberson as that of his uncle, Henry B. Roberson. This paper is offering original and clear photographs of the farm homes at a nominal cost.

## Small Vote Developing In Community Farm Elections

A small vote is developing in the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation committee elections in this county, according to a report coming from the county agriculture building late yesterday. At that time only 340 ballots had been returned, or hardly one-seventh of the vote potential.

The ballots were mailed only to landlords, but tenants and sharecroppers may participate in the elections by calling at the office of the county agent and asking for ballots.

Ballots must bear a mailing date not later than October 15, but ballots may be delivered direct to the county agriculture building as late as next Monday.

It is important that a large vote

## Grant New Trial In Timber Case In Martin County

Supreme Court Says Appeal By Mrs. Annie Roberson Has Merit

Raleigh. — A Martin County widow will get another chance to try to prove in court she was defrauded in a timber deal.

The State Supreme Court said yesterday that Mrs. Annie L. Roberson's appeal had merit and reversed Superior Court Judge Chester Morris.

Mrs. Roberson sued D. C. Williams, Jr., of Wilson for damages, charging fraud, but Judge Morris in March non-suited the timber on a 110-acre tract owned by her. The tract, she said, was 14 miles from her home and she had never seen it.

She said Williams repeatedly attempted to buy the timber. She insisted she did not know its value. One day, she said, Williams showed up with a man whom he did not identify except to say he was a timber cruiser.

The timber cruiser told Mrs. Roberson her tract contained 250,000 feet of timber, valued at no more than \$10,000. She agreed to take that price. Williams wouldn't even let her finish dinner, she said, before asking her to come to his office. There he counted out \$10,000 in \$100 bills, and the deed was exchanged.

A little later, Williams resold the timber for \$19,000. Mrs. Roberson produced witnesses who said the timber on the tract was worth from \$25,000 to \$38,000.

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## Native Of County Dies In Norfolk

Willie J. Warrington, a native of this county, died in a Norfolk hospital at noon yesterday. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

The son of the late John W. and Mary Elizabeth Griffin Warrington, he was born near Jamesville 68 years ago on September 22, 1886.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Rebecca Askew of Kinston. After spending his early life on the farm, he went to Richmond for three years during World War I, later locating in Norfolk where he was employed by the Norfolk County ferry service for the past thirty-six years.

He had been a member of the Poplar Chapel Christian Church since early youth.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Edward Warrington, of Norfolk, and T. Sgt. Woodrow Warrington; one daughter, Mrs. Jean Jaeger, of Norfolk; three sisters, Mrs. John Sawyer of Jamesville, Mrs. John Askew of Washington County, and Mrs. Fannie Roberson of Washington, D. C.; four brothers, Etheridge (Pete) Warrington, of Norfolk, J. Dan Warrington, of Portsmouth, and Hubert Warrington, of Norfolk, and Charlie Warrington of New Bern.

Funeral arrangements are being delayed pending receipt of word from his son in Tokyo. However, it is tentatively planned to conduct the funeral in the Virginia city Sunday with graveside rites to follow at the family cemetery at the old home near Jamesville.

## NICKELS VOTE

Martin County farmers along with others throughout the state, will go to the polls in their respective communities tomorrow (Friday) and participate in the Nickels for Know-How referendum.

A two-thirds favorable vote provides for a five-cent levy on each ton of fertilizer, seed and feed, the revenue derived therefrom to be used in financing research and other projects.

## POLIO RULED OUT

Joe Stokes, six-year-old son of Ellis Ray Stokes and wife, died in a Chapel Hill hospital last Friday morning at 7:00 o'clock. It was first thought he had poliomyelitis, but an autopsy pointed to a tumor of the brain, and polio was ruled out as a cause of death.

There are now only four known cases of polio in the county, and all the youthful victims are said to be improving.

Funeral services for the Stokes child were held Sunday at the home of his grandfather, Henry Brown, near Robersonville, and interment was in the Chance Cemetery near Parmele.

## Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

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(Mr. Bagley in the following installment lists the Hamilton Volunteers, including officers, as they left the county on June 5, 1861, for Fort Hatteras. Apparently the list was unable to get a complete list and enter it in the records until after the fall of Hatteras on August 9, 1861.)

"Hamilton Volunteers: L. L. Clements, captain; Eade, Abrams, 1st lieutenant; Augustus Whitley, 2nd lieutenant; Thomas B. Griffin, 3rd lieutenant; Arch T. Staton, 1st sergeant; Ebenezer Price, 2nd sergeant; James H. Lloyd, 3rd sergeant; James O. Keel, 4th sergeant; S. W. Morrisett, 5th sergeant; Joseph R. Ballard, 1st corporal; J. R. Page, 4th corporal; W. W. Andrews, drummer; Alex Griffin, fifer; William Rawls, standard bearer;

"Privates: J. J. Andrews, William D. Andrews, William G. Andrews, F. P. Bazemore, James Bland, J. J. Bland, William Bland, B. A. Bowers, B. B. Brown, B. L. R. Brown, Samuel Cherry, Albert Coburn, Seth Coburn, F. J. Cushing, William M. Cushing, Joseph Downing, J. Edmondson,

Thomas Edmondson, Henry Everett, Sr., Henry Everett, Jr., John Everett, James B. Everett, D. D. Gardner, A. H. L. Gray, King Griffin, William A. Haddock, Abner Haislip, Alexander Haislip, William A. Haislip, B. T. Hazell, George S. Harrell, James A. Harrell, John R. Harrell, R. R. Harrell, William A. Harrell, Rodman Harrison.

"Ed Hedricks, J. R. Hoard, Edward Hobbs, J. H. Holaday, Edward Hollis, Elisha Horton, S. D. Horton, L. B. Huff, J. H. T. Hutchings, S. A. Hyman, J. H. Johnson, M. V. B. Johnson, Ashley Keel, James O. Keel, Stanley Leggett, Joseph J. Long, Jonathan Lynch, Stephen Kite (from Halifax), Mack Manning, J. J. Martin, William B. Martin, William G. Martin, Harmon Matthews, James B. Matthews, Miramon Meeks, M. H. Mitchell, G. W. Page, David Parker, J. L. Perkins Moore, John T. Niblet, Dawson (from Pitt County).

"William A. Philpot, James A. Philpot, John W. Pope, William C. Powell, John B. Scott, William Scott, Baker Staton, Hezekiah Thompson, Percy Tunstall, J. W. Wadsworth, J. L. Ward, Luke

Ward, Jr., William H. Warren, Andrew J. Weaver, N. H. Weaver, Henry Williams, J. R. Williams, Josiah Williams, Hezekiah Brown, Henry Rawls, John Salsbury, George Hobbs, Calvin Griffin, Julius Brown, John Smith, John Barden."

(From an unknown paper, Mr. Bagley supplemented his diary with a newspaper clipping which is self explanatory as follows):

The following additional particulars we get from the Yankee accounts of the expedition: List of Prisoners Taken. The following list of names, etc., accompany the report of General Butler:

## All Indications Point To A Big Fair October 25

### Special Exhibits And Unique Entertainment Booked For County Fair Here

A 10,000 watt bulb and a bulb smaller than a grain of wheat will be two of the items on display in the Virginia Electric and Power Company booth at the Martin County Agricultural Fair to be held here during the week of October 25. The VEPCO exhibit, which will pay tribute to the Diamond Jubilee of the electric light, is but one of many outstanding commercial exhibits which will be on display at the fair which is annually sponsored by the local Lions and Kiwanis Clubs.

In addition to the commercial booths, farm, home and school exhibits are expected to be among the finest ever displayed in Eastern North Carolina. Spurred by a \$1,500 premium offering, the non-commercial group of exhibitors are reported to be going all out to have displays which will merit ribbons of award and the cash which will go to the winners.

Outstanding entertainment features will be presented daily in the exhibition hall at the New Carolina Warehouse. Among these will be the Melody Masters, a male chorus made up of citizens of the immediate area. The Sunshine Boys, who need no introduction, and Cowboy Copas who is coming to Williamston from the Grand Ole Opry at Nashville, Tennessee.

Probably no folk program has ever been aired that has had the popular following that has been the case with the Grand Ole Opry, and it has been stars like Cowboy Copas who have made this popularity possible. Copas joined WSM, the home of the Opry, (Continued on Page Eight)

## Tobacco Sales Go Over 1953 Record

The Williamston Tobacco Market has already sold more tobacco this season than was handled here all last year, according to official records coming from the market this morning.

Up until this morning the market had sold 11,357,684 pounds, and the sales had been running only a short time today before the 1954 poundage pulled ahead of the total offerings for last season.

Yesterday, the market sold 170,218 pounds for \$96,150, an average of \$56.49. A fairly sizable sale in progress today with prices little changed from the figures reported yesterday.

So far this year the market has paid out \$6,325,959, maintaining an average for the season of \$55.70, which rates with the best in the belt.

When the market closed last year on October 30, sales added up to 11,368,090, bringing in \$6,756,855 at an average of \$59.44.

The gross income to date is trailing that of last year by about \$430,000 with the poundages holding about the same at this time. It is believed that sales will hold up for a while longer, that the total income this year will exceed that recorded last year despite a drop of almost \$4 per hundred in the general price average this season.

## Oak City Home Damaged By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin damaged the home of Chief of Police and Mrs. Albert Smith in Oak City evening 7:15 o'clock Tuesday about 7:15 o'clock Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had gone out of town and when the fire was discovered it was burning rapidly in the living room.

Forming a bucket brigade, neighbors and other friends fought the fire to a stand still, and calls were made to the Hamilton and Robersonville fire departments. Both departments dispatched trucks to the scene, it was said.

No official report on the loss could be had immediately, but one estimate placed the damage at \$2,500 on the home and a similar amount on the furniture and furnishings, much of the damage being traceable to smoke.

The home was owned by Kelly Bunting who said the loss was covered by insurance. The Smiths also had insurance on their furnishings, it was said.

## Change Government Graders On Market Here

Mr. R. H. Clayton, local man, has been assigned to the local market as government grader. He succeeds Mr. Henry Harmon who is now on the Robersonville market.

Mr. Clayton has been in the grading service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for many years, and returns home from the Wilson market where he has been stationed for some time.

Roanoke Guards, Seventh Regiment North Carolina Volunteers—Capt. John C. Lamb, Second Lieutenant. W. Briggs; non-commissioned officers and privates—100. Washington Grays—Capt. Sparrow, Lieut. Shaw, Lieut. Whitaker, Lieut. Thomas; non-commissioned officers and privates—100. Tar River Boys—Lieut. M. F. Noyes, Lieut. G. M. Danver; non-commissioned officers and privates—70.

Morris Guards—First Lieut. G. W. Grimes, Second Lieut. Morris, Third Lieut. Johnson; non-commissioned officers and privates—60. Lenoir Braves—Capt. Sutton,

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## Harvest First Of Peanut Crop In County This Week

The first portion of the current peanut crop was harvested in this county a few days ago when Farmer Foy Rogers threshed the goobers on his acreage near Robersonville. He is believed to be the first farmer in this section to have harvested and sold his peanuts.

Complete details on the harvest could not be had here immediately, but the crop was said to have been of good quality, and that it was sold to E. G. Anderson, Robersonville peanut buyer, for \$13.35 per hundred pounds.

So far very few goobers have been picked this season, and an accurate description of the quality and yield is not to be had. Farmers declare the crop is "spotty", meaning that yield promises to be fair in some sections with fairly good quality prevailing throughout the county with some few exceptions.

It is estimated that more than 95 percent of the crop has been

dug in the county, reports stating that it will be another ten days or two weeks before picking operations are to get under way on any appreciable scale. The crop, as a whole including those peanuts dug weeks ago, is hardly ready for the threshing machines, it has been pointed out. Farmers explain that the hay is pretty dry, but that the weather, although hot and sunny, has not been the kind to properly cure the kernels.

The price outlook is most favorable, and peanut growers will find it profitable to exercise every care in handling the harvest this season.

Farmer Leo Hollis started picking twelve acres in Poplar Point Township yesterday afternoon, but no report on his crop could be had.

Farmer Chas. Pate is picking eight acres over in Williams today, and a few others are at the task in other sections.

## LITTLE INTEREST

Little interest is noticeable so far in the approaching general election in this county. As far as it could be learned few or no new registrations were handled in the various precincts last Saturday. Registrars S. H. Grimes and Wendell Peel reported no new registrations in the local precincts.

Nothing has been said about the November election on the local or State level.

## Native Of County Accident Victim

Joseph L. Godard, a native of the Jamesville section, was instantly killed in a highway accident on a dirt road about twelve miles from Vanceboro near Riverside Church in Craven County. Complete details could not be had, but an indirect report from Patrolman C. C. Jones who investigated the accident, stated that Godard was lying in the road and that Henry Lee Coward, 30-year-old white man of RFD 1, Grifton, ran over his head with an automobile. Coward was quoted as saying that he did not see the man until the car was right at the victim. Godard's head was just about crushed, it was said.

The body was brought to the Biggs Funeral Home here early this morning, but funeral arrangements had not been completed earlier this afternoon.

The son of Mrs. Novella Whitfield Godard Bell, now of Long Beach, California, and the late Joseph L. Godard, he was born near Jamesville thirty-four years ago. He spent most of his life on the farm, but in recent years he operated a taxi, drove a truck, and at the time of his death was working in Vanceboro with a construction firm. He left the county a few months ago after making his home on the Gomer Harrison farm in Bear Grass Township.

He was married twice, the second time to Miss Mary Hoell of Bear Grass. Surviving besides his widow are six children, and a brother, Leslie Elbert Godard.

Three children, Paulette, Alice and Joseph Godard, Jr., all of Roanoke Rapids, were born of his marriage to Bertha Mae Wright. Surviving his marriage to Miss Hoell are three daughters, Trudy, Jo Anne and Judy, and one son, Herbert L. Godard, all of RFD 1, Grifton. Three half-brothers also survive.

It is reported that a dozen or more were interested in the position, but most or all of them were Democrats, and it is readily admitted by some that they have little or no chance of an appointment. It was also reported that Farmer O. P. Wolfe, native of Massachusetts, has been prominently mentioned as Mr. Ange's successor, but the report has not been confirmed.

According to information reaching here, Washington County Republicans have shown much interest in Ange's successor, but it likely that Mr. Wade Vick, party stalwart in Robersonville, will have something to say about naming a successor.

It is likely that an active postmaster will be named to serve pending the holding of civil service examinations and final appointment.

## Referee Hearing On Boundary Line

Attorney J. A. Pritchett is refereeing a hearing in the boundary line case brought by Leighton and M. K. Blount and others against the North Carolina Pulp Company. The hearing was opened yesterday in the Martin County courthouse and is nearing an end today.

It is understood that approximately fifty acres of timberland in the upper part of the county are involved in the suit.

The case is attracting a battery of attorneys and quite a few witnesses. Mrs. Kitty Bridges is reporting the case.

## County Exhibits At State Fair

Other than the possibility that a few individuals will make entries, there'll be few joint exhibits from Martin County at the State fair in Raleigh next week.

Negro club members are planning a joint exhibit at the fair, it was learned, but no other clubs or organizations from this county will be represented.

It was pointed out, however, that quite a few club projects are being planned for the fair to be held in Williamston week after next.

## Fifteen Speeders Have Cases Aired In County's Court

Total Fines and Forfeitures Add Up To Almost \$1,200 Last Monday

Fifteen motorists were pretty well convinced that it doesn't pay to travel through life in such a big hurry. Charged with speeding on the streets and highways in this county, all but one or two pleaded guilty, paid fines in most cases and went on their way—at a slightly slower pace.

Judge Peele imposed fines in the amount of \$115 during the long morning session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday morning.

William Harter, a Johnston, Pennsylvania, school teacher, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs, for speeding sixty-five miles an hour.

Federal Mizelle, of RFD 2, Colerain, pleaded not guilty, but the court adjudged him guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour, and fined him \$10, plus costs.

Speeding fifty miles an hour in a 35-mile zone, Mayo Andrews pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

A Baltimore man, Ronald W. Logan, pleaded guilty of speeding 70 miles an hour and the court fined him \$15, plus costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs when Joe Lee Durham of RFD 1, Robersonville, pleaded guilty of speeding 69 miles an hour.

Harry Alexander Upton, of Washington, pleaded guilty of speeding 50 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone and he was taxed with the court costs.

William Sol Mobley of RFD 1, Oak City, was taxed with the costs for speeding 65 miles an hour.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost when William Henry Bridges of RFD 1, Oak City, pleaded guilty of speeding 45 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone.

Charged with and pleading guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour, each of the following was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs: Terrier Howard Royals of Cherry Point, Arthur Lee Miller of Greenville, Thurman Raleigh

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