

Judge Smith Places \$150. Fine On Man In County's Court

Thirteen Cases Called During Regular Session Last Monday Morning

Judge J. Calvin Smith rapped down on the illicit liquor business last Monday in the Martin County Recorder's Court when he fined Joe Coffield, Robersonville colored man, \$150 for alleged violation of the liquor laws. Stunned by the fine and added court costs, Coffield appealed to the superior court and bond was fixed in the sum of \$300. The defendant reconsidered, withdrew his appeal and delivered the cash into the hands of Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne.

Coffield, suffering with rheumatism, explained to the court that he had a gallon of white liquor and about one-half gallon of the legal brands handy to fight off an acute attack of the 'tism. Judge Smith was of the opinion that Coffield was a bit too liberal in prescribing for the ailment, and the evidence tended to show that others had been partaking of the prescription, but for what ailment no one could learn. The fine was the most substantial one imposed by Judge Smith for an alleged liquor law violation since Milton James, colored man of Jamesville Township, was directed to pay about \$500 several months ago.

The court, attracting about two dozen spectators, was in session about two hours handling the thirteen cases on the docket.

Other proceedings follow: Charged with violating the liquor laws, Ivory Clark was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

In a second case, Clark was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. A continuance was granted until next Monday.

The cases charging Phillip Bonds with an assault with a deadly weapon, and Howard Cherry with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, were continued for trial next Monday.

William Newton, charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The court recommended that no license be issued the defendant during the next twelve months, and the defendant is to be regularly employed and is to repay C. A. Turner money advanced for the payment of the fine and costs.

D. D. Hill, charged with assaulting a female, was sentenced to the roads for four months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$20 and costs, the court ordering the defendant to be regularly employed and of good behavior for one year.

Possessing no driver's license himself, M. C. Lawrence was charged with allowing a non-licensed driver, his brother, Cleverly Lawrence, to operate a motor vehicle. He was fined \$10 and directed to pay the cost. In the case against the brother, a \$10 fine was imposed and the costs were paid by the court.

Increased Postage Rates Will Go Into Effect on March 26th

Effective March 26, postage rates will be increased on most types of mail for postal services in general, according to an announcement coming from the local post office.

Fourth class parcel post rates will be increased by three per cent. The rate on books which formerly was three cents a pound is being increased to three and a half cents. Money orders are being increased almost fifty per cent. Registered mail fees are being increased about 25 per cent and the return receipt fee will be four cents. Insured mail fees and collect-on-delivery fees are to be increased fifty per cent.

Total Of 232 Tires Allotted To County For Month of March

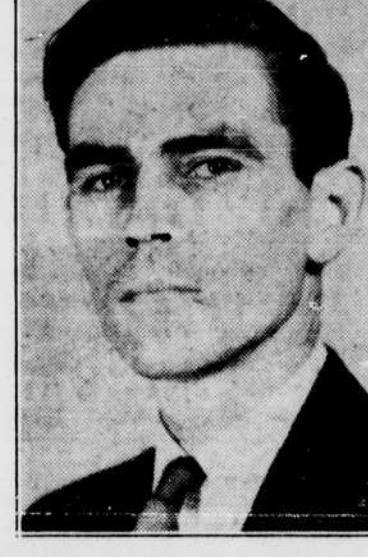
Slight Reduction In Grade I Tire Allowment For Month: Increase Truck Tires

A total of 232 tires have been allotted for rationing to Martin County motor vehicle owner-operators during the current month. The number of Grade I tires was reduced from 104 in February to 100 this month. Grade III tires were reduced from 127 to 98 and the number of truck tires to be rationed was increased from 34 to 42. The number of truck tire tubes was increased from 34 to 38, but car tire tubes were reduced in number from 237 to 144.

Forty-three tires were rationed in the county last Friday night, thirty Grade I's, eight for trucks and five Grade III's. Grade I tires and tubes for pickup trucks and cars were rationed to the following: Biggs Funeral Home, Williams, one tire; Jesse Matthews, Oak City, one tire and one tube; Dave Daniel, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube; James D. Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube; C. H. Godwin, Jr., Williamston, one tire and one tube; Bill Gay, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire; Leslie E. Hardison, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube; Archie Mobley, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire; John Stalls, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire and one tube; Oliver Carter, Parmele, one tire and one tube; Toba Bowen, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire; Slade, Rhodes and Co., Hamilton, one tire and one tube; W. A. Coffield, Palmyra, one tire; Mack D. Leggett, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires; P. J. Modlin, Jamesville, one tire; Daisy Marie Manning, RFD 1, Jamesville, one tire and one tube; Mayo Harrell, Oak City, one tire and one tube; Theron Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube; A. S. Roberson, Sr., Robersonville, one tire; W. B. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire and one tube; H. R. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, one tire and one tube; Joe Bunting, Palmyra, one tire; Mack Wynn, RFD 3, Williamston, two tires and two tubes; Roland Sills, Oak City, one tire and one tube; A. T. Whitley, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube; Dalmer G. Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire.

Two Men from County Are Missing In Action

TAKES HIS TURN



After "sending" tens of hundreds of other Martin County men to the induction centers, Marion Cobb, popular and efficient local draft board clerk, took his turn in the draft today when he reported for the trip to an Army center to undergo a pre-induction exam.

Finals In County's Court Tournament Here This Evening

Bear Grass-Farm Life Girls And Jamesville and Farm Life Boys in Finals

Three games were played last Wednesday night in the first round of the Martin County Basketball Tournament which is now in progress in the Williamston High School gymnasium. The tournament was off to a fast start with team representatives from five county high schools participating in the first round play. Oak City is the only school with no teams entered in the student competition.

Four Cases Heard By Justice Hassell

Four cases were heard by Justice J. L. Hassell in his court here this week. Jesse Edmondson, charged with operating a car without lights, was required to pay \$6 costs. Jimmie Warren and Willie Williams were each required to pay \$8.50 costs for alleged drunkenness. J. J. Crowley was directed to pay \$5.50 costs for a simple assault on Geo. Wynne, young local white boy. At the hearing it was claimed by Crowley that Wynne had deliberately mugged his car. The evidence also maintained that Crowley later called Wynne from his home and attacked him with his fist. On Wednesday night, a window in Wynne's car was broken out. Charlie Brown, Shelton McNair and Robert Swain, Plymouth youths, were detained for allegedly damaging property, but the case was dismissed. It is thought by some that the Swain lad was shielding other parties.

Edgar M. Taylor and 'Ham' Price Missing Since February 22nd

Lt. Price Was Over Sweden And Sgt. Taylor Was Over Germany

Two Martin County young men, Second Lieutenant Jesse Wilson "Ham" Price and Sgt. Edgar M. Taylor, were reported missing in action by the War Department in messages received by their parents this week. No details were carried in the brief messages. Adjutant General Ulio, speaking for the Secretary of War, explaining that if further details or information are received, the parents would be notified immediately.

In the message announcing Lieut. Price missing, General Ulio said, "The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, 2nd Lt. Jesse W. Price, has been reported missing in action since February 22 over Denmark." The message, addressed to the young man's mother on West Main Street here, was delivered early yesterday afternoon. The message announcing Sgt. Taylor missing, was addressed to his mother, Mrs. Monroe Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, and was delivered late Wednesday evening. Its wording was identical to the one that carried in the Price message except it stated young Taylor was missing over Germany. Both young men were reported missing on February 22.

Sgt. Taylor was wounded in a raid over Kiel, Germany, in early February. A letter to the family dated February 10 and incidentally the last one received from him, he stated that he was getting along all right and that for her not to worry over him. The nature of his wounds has not been revealed, but apparently he recovered and returned to active duty ten days or two weeks before he was reported missing on the 22nd.

Young Taylor, just 22 years old last Saturday, the 4th, entered the service on February 24, 1941. He trained at Fort Benning about a year and entered radio school at Fort Monmouth, N. J., going overseas to Northern Ireland in June, 1942. A few months later he was moved to England and while he never existed on the 22nd.

Williamston Youth Tells About Exciting Times He Had During Months In Pacific

On or about the first of last December, "skuttlebutt," or plain old rumor, started going the rounds, but few who had been resigned to their fate on the island for long and trying months could hardly believe that they were about to be transferred to the States. "Some of the boys started packing their few belongings right then," Bill Holloman, petty officer 2-c, declared, admitting that while he did not pack anything, he started looking around for containers for his souvenirs and a few other personal belongings. A week passed and there was no official order directing the boys to pack and make ready to vacate Guadalcanal. About the eighth day some of them started unpacking, and morale was dropping rapidly. "Some of the boys declared that they had been forgotten, that they were destined to spend the remainder of their lives there," the young petty officer declared. But Young Bill Holloman, a mere kid when he last made his home in Williamston, had developed into a real man and had learned to take things philosophically. "But I tell you I was extremely happy

Red Cross War Fund Drive Makes Progress

Raise Nearly \$2,600. In First Four Days Of Local Campaign

All Townships in Chapter Are Confident Goals Will Be Reached

Despite unfavorable weather during the early part of the week and the resulting bad roads, the Red Cross War Fund Drive is progressing rapidly, Fund Chairman V. J. Spivey announcing last night that \$2,599.48 had been reported locally since last Monday morning and that several of the other townships are planning to complete the canvass the early part of next week.

EQUALIZATION

Meeting as a board of equalization and review the tax books prepared for 1944 with any owner. The meeting will be held Monday morning, March 13, at 10 o'clock in the commissioners' room in the courthouse.

No revaluation of real property was handled this year, and few changes were made in the values for that type of property, and for the most part few or no alterations can be made. The commissioners, however, will be glad to hear any complaints at the scheduled meeting, and those who are not satisfied and have what they believe a just grievance are asked to appear before the review board so that changes, if any, can be made before the tax books are prepared.

Eighty-Nine Martin County Men Called to Report to Army Today For Pre-Induction Examinations

Will Jail Selectees Reporting With Intoxicants On Breath

A letter received by the local draft board this week from State Selective Service headquarters indicates that men who report to induction centers while under the influence of intoxicants are going to be in for some harder sledding in the future than in the past. While the specific order cited applies to men reporting to the Navy Receiving Station at Raleigh, the accompanying letter says it will be applied to those reporting at "any other point of induction."

The order reads: "Inasmuch as Navy regulations will not permit a man to sign a contract with the Government while under the influence of intoxicants, it will be appreciated if instructions are issued to the different local boards to advise men reporting to this receiving station that any man arriving here with the smell of intoxicants on his breath will be confined to jail until such time as the officer in charge sees fit to accept him for induction."

Seventy-Six Of The Group Married and Have 136 Children

All But About Seven of the Men Are Non-Farm Registrants

A heavy blow was dealt Martin County white fathers this month when draft authorities ordered ninety-one men to report for their pre-induction examinations at an Army center today. The call was reduced to 89, it is understood, when it was learned that one of the registrants had been killed in a highway accident and that another was sick. According to the best information to be had, 76 of the men called today are married and they are leaving at least 136 children behind.

Walters And Daniel Home From Pacific And Italian Areas

Captains J. D. Walters and Chas. Daniel Have Been Home From Pacific

After more than a year in foreign service, Captains J. D. Walters, of Jamesville, and Chas. Daniel, Jr., of Williamston, are back in this country for well-earned and much-needed rest. Captain Daniel arrived in this country last week and joined his wife in Pennsylvania, coming here last Tuesday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Daniel, Sr. Captain Walters reached the West Coast on the 29th and late yesterday he was expected to reach home momentarily for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walters. Captain Daniel could not be reached immediately for an interview, but a member of the family declared that one had to literally "pull him into conversation" about the war and the active part he has played in it for about a year in the North African and Italian theaters. It is recalled that while on his 49th mission his plane caught fire, but by super maneuvering he handled the situation and returned to his base after his flight commander had expressed the belief that he had been lost. The young man flew other missions after that, but one that he particularly takes pride in was made when he carried Jimmie Deolittle to England. He made his trip home last week by plane.

Miss Alice Brown Dies Near Hassell

Miss Alice Brown, respected citizen of the Hassell Community, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Barfield, there at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. She had been in declining health for some time.

Harvey M. Medford Passes Near Palmyra

Harvey M. Medford, 52 years old and a hard-working farmer, died at his home in Goose Nest Township Wednesday morning at 3:15 o'clock following nearly three years of declining health.

Miss Alice Brown Dies Near Hassell

Miss Alice Brown, respected citizen of the Hassell Community, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Barfield, there at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. She had been in declining health for some time.