

### Long Docket Heard By Judge Smith In The County's Court

#### Non-Support Charges In Court Last Monday

Handling a large number of cases, many of which had accumulated while the superior tribunal was in session for two weeks, the county recorder's court was in session quite a while last Monday. A crowd possibly larger than those seen at the superior court sessions, was present when Judge J. C. Smith last Monday.

Non-support cases were fairly numerous, but the case charging a defendant with driving a mule while he (the man) was intoxicated featured the proceedings.

Charged with non-support, Jatus James was directed to pay \$50 on or before next June 1, \$50 on or before next December 1, \$50 on or before April 1, 1945, and bond in the sum of \$200 was required to guarantee the terms of the judgment. He is to report for further judgment and orders a year from now.

Howard Cherry, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the cost.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Raymond Heath had his case continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday.

The case charging George Grimes, Willie James Rodgers and Benny Grimes with the larceny of a pig was continued until the first Monday in May.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with the larceny of two hams from Farmer John N. Hopkins, near Williamston, Elmer "Tank" Bennett was sentenced to the roads for nine months.

Adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence, Walter Biggs was sentenced to the roads for aiding and abetting in larceny. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs and on the further condition that the defendant be regularly employed and repay the loan advanced for the payment of the fine and cost.

The case charging Linwood Baker with non-support was continued until next Monday.

Pleading guilty to the charge of non-support, Hubert Whitaker was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended for eighteen months upon the payment of \$100 for the support of his wife and child for one year. He was directed to raise bond in the sum of \$100 and to reappear on the first Monday in April, 1945, for further judgment.

Charged with bastardy, Ernest Bellamy pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for four months. The sentence was suspended for one year upon the payment of the case costs, doctor's bill and \$3 a month for Hazel Mitchell for care and support of child for one year. Directed to give bond in the sum of \$100, Bellamy is to reappear for further judgment on the first Monday in April of next year.

Sam Dickens, pleading guilty of driving a mule while he (Sam) was intoxicated, was fined \$50 and directed to pay the cost. Since he was driving a mule, the defendant did not lose his license for none is re-

### Five Cases Called In Justice's Court

Following a small flare-up on the crime front here last week-end, Justice J. H. Hassell held law enforcement in the middle of the road when he called and disposed of five cases in his court this week.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Richard Ewell was required to pay \$6.50 costs.

Magnoria Thompson and Clarissa Baker, charged with fighting on Washington Street last Saturday night, were taxed \$8.50 costs each.

Cecil Phippen was required to pay \$8.50 costs for alleged disorderly conduct, and Sylvester Scott was directed to pay \$9.50 costs in a similar case.

Charged with being drunk and down, Rufus Taylor was taxed \$8.50 costs.

### Seine Fishing Delayed By High Water In River

For the first time in years there'll be no seine fishing in the Roanoke at Jamesville this Easter. Ordinarily, hundreds of people, enjoying Easter Monday as a holiday, visited the fishery, some to buy fish and others to enjoy fish fries while still others just went out of curiosity. It could not be learned today when operations would get underway at the fishery, but it will be at least several days before the river falls to a normal level or to a point where fishing is possible. The stream, after holding to a flood level around 11 feet at this point, is now gradually receding here.

Fishermen, using drift nets, reported fair-sized catches at Jamesville, but few fish are being taken from the river here.

### Plan Demonstration In Food Conservation Here May 10th

Tentative plans for an important educational-conservation food demonstration program were made here this week by Miss Virginia Blount, home service director for the Virginia Electric and Power Company, the sponsoring organization. To be held in Williamston on Wednesday, May 10, for the entire district, the meeting will feature addresses and demonstrations by nationally-known health authorities and specialists, Miss Blount said.

Dr. J. H. Kendrick, representative of the Rockefeller Foundation and who has been lent to the North Carolina State Health Department, is to make a timely talk on health and nutrition and the need for conserving foods of all kinds. Dr. Kendrick who has spent many years studying health conditions in several countries, is an authority in that field, Miss Ruth Chambers of the National Livestock Meat Board and

### Front Line Haircut



PFC. GEORGE L. RHOADS, Callaway, Neb., holds the battery-operated motor that runs the clippers with which Barber T/S John Sutherland, Ozark, Ark., is giving him a service haircut at a front-line infantry shop somewhere under the open skies of the Anzio beachhead in Italy.

### Norman Announces For State's Senate

Zeb Vance Norman, Plymouth lawyer, this week announced his candidacy for State senator from this, the second senatorial district. He is the second candidate to announce, Roy Hampton, also of Plymouth, having announced a short time earlier.

Declaring that it will be considerable sacrifice to his professional business, Norman states that he is willing to make this sacrifice "because my friends feel that I can be of some service to my district."

In his announcement Mr. Norman stresses an adequate system of transportation, together with ample bridges over our river barriers, but he doesn't mention any specific plan for bridging the rivers and streams.

His announcement reads: "My purpose in going to the Senate is to sincerely and conscientiously represent the Second Senatorial District, looking toward best possible school facilities and the district's share in the construction of a post-war road and bridge building.

"I believe a better system of roads in this district will go a long way toward development of our natural resources and an adequate system of transportation, together with ample bridges over our river barriers, will place the district on a parity with other districts in the State.

"I believe in a more equitable system of allotment of teachers under the State laws to the smaller counties where transportation difficulties materially reduce the average daily attendance, which is the present basis for allotting teachers.

"I have no selfish ambitions and my absence from my professional business during the session will be a considerable sacrifice, but I am willing to make this sacrifice because my friends feel that I can be of some service to my district."

### Mr. Gus Keel Recovering Following Unusual Attack

Mr. Augustus L. Keel, Everetts farmer, is in the local hospital recovering from an unusual attack that left him blind temporarily last Friday morning.

Walkin through the woods to his farm that morning, Mr. Keel suffered an attack that left him blind. Holding to his position, he yelled for help during the greater part of two hours. Receiving no response, he began wandering through the woods and reached the Bailey Road two miles from home about 1 o'clock. He was carried home and later removed to the hospital here.

### Red Cross War Fund Passes 30,000 Mark In County's Chapter

A noted authority on meat cookery, will give several demonstrations.

#### About Complete in This Chapter

Announcing that a total of \$8,113.82 had been raised, Fund Chairman V. J. Spivey stated late yesterday that the Red Cross drive has just about been completed in this chapter. All quotas have been met and over-subscribed except in one case. Assigned a quota of \$800, colored citizens in the five townships in this chapter reported \$679.02 collected. Many of the canvassers have carried on faithfully, working hard and pleading for the fund, but disturbing reports have been heard from some quarters. The exact nature of the reports could not be learned immediately, but they were said to be as disturbing as if they had been planted by Hitler himself. Disappointment has been expressed by both white and colored leaders. No action is to be expected, but a hurried investigation reveals that the reports are apparently without foundation, that someone is branching off on a mission to break down unity.

The fairly complete Red Cross campaign picture follows:

Township	Quota	Amt raised
Jamesville	\$ 600	\$ 692.70
Williams	150	153.70
Griffins	500	549.35
Bear Grass	500	533.85
Williamston	3650	5480.33
Macedonia		25.00
Colored Citizens	800	679.02
		\$6200 \$8113.82

A report from Robertsonville, headquarters for the second chapter in this county, states that more than \$2,000 has been raised there.

Contributions not previously acknowledged in Williamston, follow: Mrs. Ray Goodmon, \$1; Mrs. A. P. Hassell, Jr., \$5; M. M. Levin, \$5; E. L. Etheridge, \$5; K. W. Copeland, \$1; Laus Speller, \$1; Dan Gurganus, \$1; Mayo Modlin, \$1; Raymond Mizelle, \$1; Connie Whitley, \$1; J. F. Odom, \$5; Edward E. Fisher, \$5; Lacia M. Long, \$5; Ruth H. Rogerson, \$1.70; Sarah R. Manning, \$2; G. H. Harrison, Jr., \$5.

First grade, Frances Turnage, teacher; Patricia Harrison, \$1.05; Janice Holliday, \$1; Joyce Manning, \$1; James Pittman, \$1; Frankie Everett, \$1; Myrnie B. Woodward, \$1; Jessie Marie Corey, \$1.10; Robert Weston, \$5.00; Sondra Buflop, \$2.50; Mildred Pate, \$6; Linwood Thomas, \$5; Benny Taylor, \$10; Polly Wil-

### Marriages Back To A Normal Figure In County Last Month

#### Twenty Licenses Issued, Eight To White and Twelve To Colored Couples

After reaching an unusually low point in February, the number of marriage licenses issued in this county last month approached a normal figure. The number of licenses issued to white couples jumped from three to eight and there was a slight increase in the number issued to colored couples. The issuance last month was boosted by servicemen.

Licenses were issued, eight to white and twelve to colored couples in this county last month, as follows:

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Clarence Tracy Barnhill, of Stokes and Juanita Edmondson, of Robertsonville.

Roland Beddard and Audrey M. Coltrain, both of Williamston.

Lester Lee Knox, of Robertsonville, and Catherine Lilley, of Williamston.

Livingston Earl Hyman, of Oak City, and Ada Ayers, of Everetts.

Morton Campbell Menaugh, of Harrodsburg, Ky., and Sarah Elizabeth Cooke, of Williamston.

Charlie Elton Hardy, of Bethel, and Carmetta Swanson, of Williamston.

Capt. David Harrison Armstrong, of Troy and Camp Mackall, and Blanche Moore Harrison, of Williamston.

Cpl. John C. Baker, of Portsmouth, and Phyllis Geraldine Williford, of Windsor.

##### Colored

James Perkins and Rosa May House, both of Robertsonville.

Floyd Melton and Annie Bell Morris, both of Oak City.

John B. Riddick, of Winfall and Rachel Revander of Jamesville.

Kelly Purvis and Rebecca Harvey, both of Hamilton.

Louis Daniel and Sarah Gray, both of Jamesville.

William Jenkins and Josephine Barnhill, both of Oak City.

Bridgeman Lloyd and Hazel Roberson, both of Everetts.

Robert James Reddick and Ernestine Smallwood, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

Herbert F. Cherry and Josephine Roberson, both of RFD 1, Robertsonville.

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### Local Stores To Close Wednesday Afternoons

Beginning next week, local stores will observe Wednesday afternoons as a half holiday. The schedule is to continue into next August.

### SUNRISE SERVICE

A special sunrise service with the various denominations of the community participating will feature the Easter worship schedule here Sunday morning. The service will be held under the pines at Woodlawn Cemetery beginning promptly at 6:30 o'clock when Cpl. Donald J. Eddy, U. S. Army, sounds the trumpet call.

The call will be followed by the congregational hymn, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Invocation will be led by Rev. J. L. Goff with the choir responding. The program also includes responsive readings, two other hymns, two selections by a quartette, and Rev. Gower Crosswell will lead the meditation. Dr. W. R. Burrell will pronounce the benediction.

Scheduled to last about 45 minutes, the service is expected to attract a large congregation. In the event the weather is unfavorable, the service will be held in the Baptist Church.

### Upsurge Reported In Liquor Business

Held at an unusually low point for many months, illicit liquor manufacturing in this county apparently is increasing, according to a report released today by ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck.

During the past few days seven illicit liquor manufacturing plants were destroyed in raids conducted by the officer and his assistants, including Deputy Roy Peel and ABC officers from Pitt and Beaufort counties.

One plant, a wood still, 200 gallons of sugar beer and about twelve gallons of liquor, was destroyed in Williamston Township almost in sight of the old Greenville Road.

Four stills were wrecked in Bear Grass the following day. Approximately 650 gallons of sugar beer and a small quantity of liquor were poured out at the four plants. Only one of the plants was equipped with a copper kettle.

On Wednesday of this week, the officers wrecked a copper still in Free Union. Manufacturing activities were centered in a tobacco barn there.

That afternoon the officers wrecked a gas drum still in Bear Grass and poured out 650 gallons of sugar beer and about three and one-half gallons of liquor.

### "Scrapping" of Unit System Does Not Liberalize Farm Deferments, Director of Selective Service Says

While some interest is being shown in the approaching democratic primary, activity on the political front in this county is indeed limited and scattered. There is some talk about possible opposition in one or two spots, but only one county announcement has been made, and that was followed by two in the district this week when Zeb Vance Norman and Roy Hampton both of Plymouth came out for the State Senate from this district.

### All's Quiet On The Political Front In This County to Date

According to an unofficial survey there are thirteen positions in the county, more or less, begging for candidates. One bid for the State House of Representatives has been made, Attorney Clarence Griffin's candidacy being the only one that has been publicly announced. There are three openings on the board of education in the county, the terms of Messrs. Leslie Hardison, Geo. C.

### Two County Youths Have Records That Run Close Parallel

Elmer Modlin and Dock Taylor Enter and Leave Service About Same Time

On April 12, 1942, Elmer G. Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville, and Robert T. (Dock) Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston, left this county together for Fort Bragg where they entered the Army. On the 20th of last month, Taylor was given an honorable discharge at Asheville, on account of his health. Ten days later, Modlin received a similar discharge in Georgia, but his was the result of wounds or injuries received in action.

After a short stay at Fort Bragg, the two young men were separated. Completing their basic training, they left about the same time for overseas service. In North Africa only a Company Street separated them, but neither knew the other was in that part of the world, and they did not get to see each other. They moved on toward Italy about the same time, still unappraised of the near presence of each other. Modlin was injured and Taylor's health began to fail him, even though he is quoted as saying that his condition is no worse when he was discharged than when he entered the service. Traveling on different ships, the two county boys returned either in the same convoy or about the same time. Modlin entered a New York hospital, and Taylor, a short time later, entered a hospital in Asheville. After a short stay in New York, Modlin was transferred to the South, his discharge following a few days later.

After maintaining almost parallel service records, both young men met in Williamston on Wednesday of this week for the first time since they left Fort Bragg. And both took membership in the American Legion.

It is understood that possibly fifteen or more World War II veterans have already taken membership in the Legion with the John Walton Hassell Post here.

### Dog Vaccinations In Martin County

The annual round-up of dogs in the drive against rabies is progressing rapidly in this county, a report late yesterday stating that 440 of the canines in three townships had been vaccinated.

In Jamesville Township, 195 male, and 44 female dogs were vaccinated. Over in Williams there were 71 male and 13 female dogs vaccinated, while at the first dispensary in Griffins yesterday 97 males and 21 females were immunized.

During the past several years, a flat fee was charged for the vaccination, the dog owners receiving credit for the amount on their tax accounts. There was much resulting confusion, and now the owner pays all his dog tax at the time of vaccination and he will not be billed along with his regular taxes. The new plan apparently is working successfully, many of the owners stating that they prefer to pay the tax all at one time.

### To Show Picture, "Choose To Live"

At their meeting on next Wednesday afternoon, the Woman's Club of Williamston will officially open the local campaign on Cancer Control. The film, "Choose To Live" will be shown at 4 o'clock. There is nothing unpleasant or gruesome about it. It is a very informative picture which every adult citizen of the United States should see.

Thomas Parron, Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, opens a two-reel film on Cancer Control. The film has been produced by skilled technicians. The actors in it are professionals, the laboratory and hospital scenes were taken with scrupulous attention to medical accuracy at Memorial Hospital, New York, Marine Hospital, Baltimore, and the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md.

The musical background, the human story and the documentary pictures in hospitals and laboratories combine to give the picture unusual interest. It has been shown 368 times before audiences totaling 100,432 persons in South American countries since March 19, 1942.

The Woman's Club is especially anxious that the adult citizens of Williamston see this picture and extends a most cordial invitation. The film will be shown at the Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon, April 12th, at 4 o'clock.

### Military Needs Are Rated Even Greater Than Food Just Now

North Carolina Must Furnish Its Proportion of Men, Metts Declares

Confirming previous announcements, a direct order was received yesterday from General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, advising the local draft board to send all men between the ages of 18 and 25, inclusive, to service centers for pre-induction examinations. In the order, the director stated that the "scrapping" of production units upon which farm deferments were granted in the past, does not mean that farm deferments are being liberalized.

The directive, just released by the county draft board, reads as follows: "All registrants under 26 years of age who have not been examined by the armed forces within the past 90 days will be ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination, announced General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service. The General stated that local boards have just been furnished directives to that effect and that members of his staff are at present conducting a series of regional conferences to discuss this policy as it affects occupational and agricultural deferments. He pointed out that the directive was for the purpose of accelerating the processes of induction of younger men to meet the urgent needs of the armed services and to provide the Director of Selective Service and employers with information regarding those who are not acceptable for military service.

"The State Director advises that a registrant, if found acceptable to the armed forces, might still be granted an occupational deferment, provided a Form 42-A Special, approved by the state director having jurisdiction over the principal place of employment, is received by the local board prior to the registrant's actual induction. In view of directives from National Selective Service Headquarters, Metts anticipates that few Forms 42-A Special will be filed, as present indications are that they will be restricted to the following vital war activities: Landing Craft, Tires and Tubes, High Tensity Rayon for War Products, Aircraft, Airborne Radar, Rockets, Submarines, Transportation and possibly a few others.

"With regard to agriculture, the General stated that it seems to be the prevailing thought that the withdrawal of the war unit plan for measuring agricultural activities would liberalize farm deferments. Metts stated that to be an erroneous construction, since the unit system was only a means of measuring the value of the registrant's farming effort in applying the Tydings amendment, which is still in effect. The Tydings amendment to the Selective Training and Service Act provides, in general, only that deferments be granted to those who are engaged in certain essential activities. (Continued on page six)

### County Boy Writes From The Pacific

Stationed somewhere in New Guinea, Pvt. Durward Johnson, former local boy, wrote to his mother, Mrs. Joe Johnson, under a fairly recent date, the following:

"Gee, did I get the mail today, around 25 letters I think. You can bet your life I was some happy to get them. I knew it would catch up with me after a while. I feel fine and like a new man. Mother, you said you would be mighty glad when I got back so I could tell you some of the sights I have seen. I bet it won't be any trouble for me to get a girl when I go back for they will want to hear about these South Sea Islands, too. Well, I think I can tell a little about them. One thing is we have plenty of coconuts. I have seen some mighty pretty places and I have seen some that remind me of the lowgrounds. These fellows here think a great deal of me, for I keep them laughing all the time. One fellow said he didn't know what he would do if I went some other place to sleep.

"So, old F. P. and 'Pink' Raynor pissed, the way I sure would like to be a sergeant and have them under me. I got a Christmas card from Aunt Ernestine with a dollar bill in it. I am going to keep it for it is the only American money I have. I have just come from a soft ball game in which the privates beat the corporals 6 to 3. Sure was glad to see the privates win. I have started working with some medical equipment now. Maybe I can learn a lot that will help me when I get back to civilian life. Mother, don't worry about sending me anything for I have a plenty of everything I need.

"Be sure to tell old Hubert Woobleton that I'm going to see to it that when he comes to the Army he is going to be under me. Also tell Mr. Satterfield I'm going to dress one window for him just to show him I haven't forgotten how. I sure did enjoy working for him at Penders. Tell everybody back home I said hello and put this letter in The Enterprise and tell them all I said to write me for I don't have time to write everybody. Be good and may God be with you all till we meet again."

### Lt. Vincent Vehar Addresses Kiwanis

Lt. Vincent Vehar, commander of the local prisoner of war camp, spoke briefly but interestingly to the members of the local Kiwanis Club last night. He talked of the Geneva conference and the rules and regulations, resulting from this conference in 1929, and governing supervision of war prisoners in this country and all others who are bound by the conference. According to Lt. Vehar all prisoners of war are to have the same food and living quarters comparable or equal to those of our own soldiers.

The camp commander was accompanied by Sergeant Bionni who with four Italian prisoners of war entertained the Kiwanians with several vocal and accordion selections.

**Farm Activities Increase Following Rainy Season**

Idle for the most part during recent weeks on account of a record rainy season, Martin County farmers started doing a lot of twisting and turning in their fields this week. The earth is still too wet to handle in many sections, but the farmers are hitting the high spots. Disks and harrows were running in big numbers, and a few turning plows were seen moving.

One was reminded of the serious manpower shortage on farms when several youths, one hardly more than seven or eight years of age, were seen following mules hitched to turning plows.

Some believe the freezing weather this week damaged the prospects for the fruit crop.

### Jno. W. Manning Undergoes Operation in Duke Hospital

Undergoing an operation in Duke hospital Wednesday morning, John W. Manning, local electrical contractor, continues quite ill there, according to a message received here shortly before noon today.

Mr. Manning, in feeble health for about three weeks, entered the hospital about ten days ago.