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## Crowded Docket In Judge J. C. Smith's Court Last Monday

### Man Who Hauled \$20,000 In Cash Around Fined for Drunken Driving

The regular session of the Martin County Recorder's Court here last Monday attracted an unusually large crowd and lasted considerably longer than usual. Judge J. C. Smith called seventeen cases, most of them having accumulated during the two weeks the superior court was in session or was supposed to have been in session.

**Proceedings:**  
The case charging G. H. Manning with issuing a worthless check was not pressed.

His case having been continued for judgment, Raymond Heath, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was directed to pay a fine of \$10 and the case costs and \$20 for the doctor's bill of the prosecuting witness, Ben Biggs.

In the case charging Geo. Grimes, Benny Grimes Willie James Rogers with larceny, the defendants pleaded not guilty. At the conclusion of the state's evidence the defense counsel made a motion that the court direct a verdict of not guilty. The motion was allowed and the case was dismissed.

Charged with speeding, George Walton Cahoon pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Henry Taylor was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Willie Lilley with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Daniel Ryan, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

William Staton, charged with not supporting his six children, was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. The term was suspended upon the condition that he pay \$100 at once for the support of his children, the court costs and \$15 a month for two years. Bond in the sum of \$300 was required. He is to reappear for further judgment on the first Monday in May, 1946.

James Purvis, the rich Norfolk Negro who was found hauling about \$20,000 in cash around in the county the early part of last week, was adjudged guilty of drunken driving. He was fined \$50, taxed with the case costs and lost his driver's license for one year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of court costs in the case charging Grover Peel with an assault.

James Biggs, pleading guilty in the case charging him with assaulting him with a deadly weapon, was sentenced to the roads for nine months. All but the first two days of the term was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and the court costs. He is to be regularly employed during the next year.

Jarvis Cherry was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

The cases charging Lollie Williams with drunken driving and Turner Ward with non-support were continued until next Monday.

Handling his own defense, Josh Pritchard, Hamilton man, steered a course away from the higher courts when he proved he was drunk and did not know what he was doing when he fired his home-town jail. Pleading guilty of being drunk and resisting arrest, Pritchard was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The court suspended all but the first twenty days of the term, but the defendant must pay the costs.

Adjudged guilty of violating the health laws, Lawson Marshall was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the cost and on condition that the defendant meet certain health requirements.

James Briscoe, charged with drunken driving, was sentenced to the roads for six months. All but the first week of the term was suspended upon the payment of a \$70 fine and the costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was suspended for one year.

In the civil action brought by Geo. Whitehurst against Gene Kumball, the court held that the plaintiff had right to possession of certain property, but it ordered that execution be delayed until May 15.

## Purple Heart For W. Thos. Sullivan

Mrs. C. R. Jones, the former Mrs. Blanche Britton Sullivan of Williamston, recently received the Purple Heart awarded her son, William Thomas Sullivan, Martin County young man who sacrificed his life for his country in action just off Guadalcanal in November, 1942.

A member of the U. S. S. Atlanta crew, Sullivan, 23 years old, was fatally wounded in the great naval battle just off Guadalcanal November 12-14. His body was buried in the national cemetery on Guadalcanal, and former friends, including Bill Holloman, have visited his grave

## Many School Children Have Some Tuberculosis Infection

Approximately thirty percent of 1,923 Martin County school children have tuberculosis infection in varying degrees, according to a report just released by the health department following a series of examinations recently conducted by Dr. John W. Williams, health officer. It was pointed out, however, that a trace of the tuberculosis germ does not necessarily mean that the health condition of the group is dangerous. The state of the young folks' health can be determined only by advanced examinations. Until they are made, the presence of the germ should not be considered alarming. However, it is apparent that advanced examinations are in order.

The degree of infection among the colored children was slightly higher than that found among the whites, the health officer stating that of the 1,084 whites examined, 28.5 percent had positive reactions to the skin tests, while 33.3 percent of the 839 colored children had some degree of

### SPECIAL PRAYERS

Members of the Kiwanis Club will assemble in the Woman's Club Rooms at 6:30 the first evening after news of the invasion has been confirmed, for the purpose of offering prayers and for the rededication of their support of the war effort. Prayers will be offered by Dr. W. R. Burrell, and short talks will be made by Elbert Peel and Hugh Horton. The meeting will last about twenty minutes. Although as many members as possible will be reached by phone, all are requested to take notice now and be present.

## Mrs. W. R. Roebuck Dies In Bear Grass Late Tuesday Night

### Funeral Services Are Held At Home Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. Dora Corey Roebuck, wife of Mr. William R. Roebuck, died at her home in Bear Grass Township at 11:15 o'clock last Tuesday night following a long period of declining health. Her condition had been critical since April 22 when she suffered a stroke of paralysis. She was semi-conscious, however, up until a few hours before the end.

The daughter of the late Joseph and Hannah Daniel Corey, she was born in Griffins Township on February 24, 1881, and spent her early life there. She was married to Mr. Roebuck on February 13, 1910, and located in Bear Grass Township. Besides her husband she leaves five children, Mrs. Marvin S. Cowan, of Bear Grass; Mrs. Myles R. Folland, of Bluefield, West Virginia; Miss Ruth Roebuck, Mrs. Elbert H. Rawls and Vernon Roebuck, all of the home. She also leaves one brother, A. Corey, of Jamesville, and one sister, Mrs. Lenora Perkinson, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Roebuck was a faithful member of the Christian Chapel Church at Cross Roads for twenty years. A devoted wife and mother, she was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was a thoughtful and kind neighbor, and leaves a large circle of friends in her native and adopted communities.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. Dennis Warren Davis, assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister. Burial was in the Jesse Peele cemetery in Bear Grass near the home.

## Two Charged With Theft Of Molasses

Charged with the theft of four stands of molasses or corn syrup from Eli Bowen, merchant on the old Williamston-Bear Grass Road, LaSalle Andrews and Russell Armstrong, both colored, were arrested Wednesday evening, and were bound over to the county court for trial at the close of a preliminary hearing held before Justice J. L. Hassell here.

The merchant had his molasses stored back of his store and Baldy Rogers, Elmer Rogers and Jesse Whitley, all colored, saw the two men loading it on a car. The three men did not know Andrews and Armstrong, but thinking something was wrong, they chased them and got the license number and description of the Armstrong car. The investigation carried Officers Joe Roebuck and Roy Peel to the Armstrong home in Robersonville Township. After searching the house and finding no syrup, Officer Roebuck followed fresh tracks several hundred yards to one of the syrup containers, leaving three unaccounted for.

Associated with the search for the syrup, the officers found a 50-gallon capacity tin still and four barrels of beer. Andrews and Armstrong claim they knew nothing about the still.

## Allied Air Attacks Over Europe Are Entering 21st Day

### World Still Guessing When and Where the Invasion Forces Will Strike

While the world continues to guess when and where Allied invasion forces will strike, Allied air forces are today carrying their softening-up attacks into the twenty-first straight day. American Liberators are over the French invasion coast today in numbers. Budapest was pounded last night, and during the past few days, communications in Italy have been interrupted with the destruction of rail and motor lines.

The extent of the accomplishments in the softening up job is not known, but communication lines running toward the coast have been pounded again and again for one hundred miles inland. While the action points to a cross-channel drive, the Germans are feverishly preparing for attacks farther north and for a drive through Italy. And then there are the Russians in the East to consider.

The Germans are invasion jittery, and Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Goebbels is still trying to soothe their nerves. He claims Germany has trump cards up its sleeves, that weapons yet unheard of will be used against the invasion attack. It was intimated by the propaganda minister that the blow is about to be struck.

There have been no startling developments on any of the land fronts, but a flare-up in Italy is believed in the offing. One report points to a general offensive in Italy. During the past few days, German attacks have been repulsed there. Small-scale activities were reported today on the Russian front, costing the Germans more than 800 killed. Sevastopol still holds out against the Russian siege, but the Germans have little to gain in trying to hold on there.

General Stilwell's tenacious troops have captured a strong point in north central Burma, and the Allies have extended their gains in northern New Guinea following two new landings there.

## Officers Destroy Two Liquor Stills

Raiding in the Hassell section during the past few days Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel wrecked two cheap liquor stills and poured out five barrels of molasses beer.

In addition to their raids, the officers, aided by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, searched the home of Bake Council in that part of the county last Saturday night for illegal liquor. Council had a pint of liquor on the kitchen table and three men, apparently customers, were with him. When Sheriff Roebuck moved in, Council grabbed the bottle and tried to break it. The two men became entangled, rolled under the table and were rolling toward a big open fire place when Roy Peel took a part. Council never did break the bottle, but he succeeded in pouring out most of the contents, leaving just barely enough to support a case charging him with illegal possession of non-tax paid liquor.

## Justice J. L. Hassell Hears Two Cases

The week-end docket in Justice J. L. Hassell's court last week-end was very small. Only two cases were called.

William Henry Walston and Louis Brown, charged with an affray, were required to pay \$6.50 costs each.

John Henry White was taxed with \$8.50 costs in the case charging him with being drunk and down.

## Draft Officers To Meet In Greenville Monday

Members of county draft boards and chairmen of the United States Department of Agriculture War Boards are scheduled to meet in Greenville next Monday, presumably to study regulations calling for the drafting of men between 18-25 years, inclusive.

## PARALYZED

Tobacco transplanting in this county and in other areas, too, has been halted with some very few exceptions by paralyzing blights dealt the plants by the blue mold. Much concern is being expressed over the outlook, some farmers venturing to say that transplanting cannot be completed before some time in June. Farmers in some other counties were here yesterday looking for plants, but their search was futile.

Many plants were drowned by the heavy rains last month and the blue mold, in many instances, just about wiped out most of the remaining ones.

## Million Dollar Gain In New Property Values

### Valuation Increase Points To A Lower Tax Rate In County

Assessed property values are Six Million Greater Than They Were in 1933

Assessed property values in Martin County for 1944 are approximately one million dollars—\$999,753, to be exact—greater than they were a year ago, according to a preliminary report released this week by Tax Supervisor C. D. Carstaphen. Corrected figures will alter the total slightly, but no great change is to be expected, the supervisor explained.

The gain boosts the total property values in this county to \$15,500,114, figuring that the corporation listings will remain the same. The corporation listings, including those of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, telephone company and a few others, have not yet been certified to the tax supervisor.

The increase while subject to slight correction was reported by townships, as follows: Jamesville, \$136,614; Williams, \$35,272; Griffins, \$81,163; Bear Grass, \$45,672; Williamston, \$240,773; Cross Roads, \$33,886; Robersonville, \$23,511; Poplar Point, \$14,107; Hamilton, \$74,981; and Goose Nest, \$113,769.

A large percentage or just about all of the gain is traceable to increased values assessed against personal property holdings, Supervisor C. D. Carstaphen pointed out. No revaluation of real estate was scheduled, but there were a few minor gains where special permits had been issued for a few new buildings and for repairs.

No accurate figures are to be had, but it is believed that the increase in property values will support a reduction of about eight cents in the new fiscal year tax rate. This estimate is based on the 1943-44 budget and will stand only if the new budget remains the same as the one adopted for 1943-44. Any changes in the 1944-45 budget will have to wait official board action, but preliminary budget figures already submitted by the welfare department point to an upward trend in expenditures. However, the trend is not very pronounced. Should there be no change in the budget figures for the new year then it will be possible for the commissioners to reduce the county-wide rate from \$1.20 to \$1.12 on the \$100 assessed property valuation as a result of the increase in property values.

While property values now stand at a high figure in this county, their size does not set a new record. Back in 1920, they soared to a super colossal figure, Tax Supervisor H. M. Burras reporting a total valuation of approximately twenty million dollars that year. A short time later, however, a horizontal reduction of about 33 percent was ordered, and total values have varied up and down since that time, reaching the low point of \$9,843,000 in 1933. Since that time the increase has been unbroken and fairly rapid, the one this year holding the spotlight since it is based primarily on personal property values.

## Mrs. Frank Lewis Dies In Pittsburgh

Mrs. Mildred Alexander Lewis, sister of Mrs. J. S. Rhodes of Williamston, died in a Pittsburgh hospital yesterday afternoon following a long illness. She will be buried from the Church of the Ascension in the Pennsylvania city tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The daughter of the late Edmund and Ernestine Hornthal Alexander, Mrs. Lewis was born in Plymouth on December 31, 1888. She was married to Mr. Frank Lewis about twenty-five years ago and had made her home in Pittsburgh for some time. She visited here frequently and spent much time at Pamlicer Beach where she wrote extensively, contributing to a number of national magazines, including Harpers and the Saturday Evening Post, under the pen name of Sandra Alexander. She was unusually gifted and was a able student of world affairs, giving much of her time and means in supporting such movements as "Aid to the Allies" back yonder when many political leaders were sleeping and the world tottered on the brink of chaos.

Mrs. Lewis last visited Williamston about three years ago, her sincerity of purpose and willingness to help others keeping her busy in Pittsburgh with charitable tasks and movements advanced in the interest of the war effort. She is remembered here as a charming personality whose sympathetic understanding breached all economic barriers to make the most humble feel at home in her presence.

Besides her sister, she is survived by her husband.

## Pfc. Bruce Whitley Visits Old English Printshop Recently

### Sees Sights in Old Castle and England

Pfc. Bruce Whitley, for twenty years an employee of The Enterprise, hasn't succeeded in getting the printer's ink off his fingers after months in the Army, according to a letter recently received here. He has been transferred to another station in England, and explains that he hasn't been able to do much "getting around" since his outfit moved. Apparently he is doing right well with what little time he has, according to the following account of his visits to old castles, museums and English printshops:

"I have been moved to a new place and since I have been here I am restricted and can only go out for a few hours at a time.

"I have one day off a week now which is Sunday and that is a bad day to try to travel in England, and the longest pass I can get is for twelve hours, and until that is lifted and I can get a forty-eight hour pass again I guess I won't be visiting London again any time soon. I sure hate that for I had planned to meet some of the boys there. It sure would be good to see someone from home here. The only person that I have seen from home is a Coltraine boy and I only knew him when I saw him passing. He was Jimmie, John's son. I only saw him for a few minutes as he had to leave for he was due back in camp that afternoon.

"It was good to get out of our tents, but it doesn't make much difference now that it has begun to turn a little warmer. But I believe you would have to have a fire the year round to be entirely comfortable all the time. I have only worked up a good sweat one time and that was two Sundays ago. I was helping unload some cement out of some covered trucks and when you move that stuff fast in a close place it really gets you warm. The reason we are here now is we completed the other base that I was at and now we are doing path work on runways that have cracked from heavy bombers landing on them. I don't have to work as many hours a day now that I used to, so I have more time to myself, but you can't go anywhere for you can't get enough time off.

"I was in town a few days ago for a few hours and I visited an old castle that had been turned into a museum. It had been rebuilt somewhat on the inside and it showed relics from all over the world from back in Caesar's time up to now. It even had some things from the States pertaining mostly to the Indians and the different tools and boats they used.

"I saw some old pistols from the size of a small writing pen up to right good size. You have seen pictures of the ones the pirates used. Well, that is what they looked like. There were different kinds of rifles, including the first made.

"They also had stuffed birds of every known kind in the world and explanations telling their habits and where they were found. There were fish and animals, including rats and mice.

"I also visited sometime ago a castle much older than the one housing the museum here. It, too, had been turned into a museum, but it had more of its original appearance than the one I visited a few days ago. You should see the old dungeons and learn how the prisoners were kept, and the different kinds of punishment that were given those that were hard to handle.

"One punishment was to lay a man in a hole in the wall with enough room for him to move his head. The remainder of his body would be clamped tightly to the wall and a bottle of water placed by his head. There he stayed until he died. All the old shackles and things were still there, including the old locks and doors. There just wasn't any way of an escape except through the door.

"There was also a part skeleton of a man and woman. The man, I guess, was about seven feet tall from the measurements of his leg bones. The woman was much smaller. There were the shields and armor the old knights used to wear, also their spears. You could spend hours in

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## Kiwanians Holding Divisional Meeting

The annual sixth divisional meeting, Carolinas Kiwanis District, will be held here tonight at 7:30 p. m. in the local Woman's Club with Hugh G. Horton, Lieutenant Governor, presiding.

The welcome address will be made by Major J. L. Hassell and Sam Bundy of Tarboro will respond. Special music will be rendered by the students of the high school. After reports are made by representatives of the Ashoke, Elizabeth City, Rocky Mount, Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck, Tarboro and Williamston clubs, the main address will be made by Jeff B. Bates, District of Columbia, South Carolina.

## Announces Ratings For Cafes, Hotels, Markets and Others

### Nine Establishments Average Well Over 90 In April Sanitary Ratings

Aided by A. B. Ferguson of the State Health Department, County Sanitarian Garland Coltraine recently completed an inspection of hotels, cafes, markets and tourist homes in this county and this week announced the ratings. Nine establishments averaged well over 90 while the general average holds to an unusually high level for the county.

The ratings were announced as follows by towns:

Jamesville: Sexton's Market, 73; Brown Bros. Market, 80.  
Williamston: McClees Market, 90; J. H. Ward Market, 90; Pender's Market, 90.5; E. L. Brown Market, 87.5; Red Front Market, 80; Sunny Side Market, 77; Hardy's Market, 94.5; Ben's Market, 84; Roberson's Slaughter House, 72; Little Savoy, 73; Central Cafe, 90.5; Modlin Service Station, 73; Buck's Cafe, 84; Roberson's Slaughter House Cafe, 82; Williamston Cafe, 82; City Cafe, 90.5; Jernigan's Cafe, 80; George Reynolds Hotel Cafe, 75.5; George Reynolds Hotel, 85; The Oaks Tourist Home, 95.5; The Dunning Place, 96; Kozy Korner Tourist Home, 95.5; Clark's Pharmacy, 94; Davis Pharmacy, 93; Bus Station Soda Fountain, 81.5; Leggett's Soda Fountain, 89.5; The Martin, 84.

Everetts: Hardy's Market, 83.5; Cherry's Market, closed.  
Robersonville: Bryan's Market, 79; Everett and Williams Market, 91; Bunting's Market, 74.5; Jim's Quick Lunch, 72.5; Farmers' Cafe, 82.5; Big Apple Cafe, 80; Home Cash Grocery Cafe, 81; Wilson Hotel Cafe, 94; Wilson Hotel, 94.5; Grimes Drug Store, 77.

Hamilton: Johnson and Mathews Market, 84.5; Johnson's Market, closed.  
Oak City: W. V. Daniels and Co., 80; Ayers' Market, 80.5; Pulp Mill Cafe, 81.

The music department of the Williamston High School will present a famous operetta, "Patience or Bunthorne's Bride," in the high school auditorium Thursday evening, May 11, at 8:30 o'clock. A production of W. S. Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan, immortal names in the history of operetta, "Patience" includes a student cast of eleven principals, sixteen boys as a chorus of The Dragon Guards, and sixteen girls as a chorus of Raptuous Maidens.

The student presentation of the famous opera will be the second of the Gilbert and Sullivan musical hits to be offered at the local school. Last year's presentation of H. M. S. Pinafore was one of the highlights in entertainment presented by local students.

The operetta "Patience" was first presented in 1881 in The Savoy, a new theatre built especially for Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. The Savoy was the first London theatre to be lighted with electricity, and history records that the management reassured the more timid customers by announcing that the gas lights could be lit at a moment's notice in case of a breakdown in the electric system.

The setting for the famous operetta is the exterior of Castle Bunthorne. Students are reproducing the setting on the high school stage, showing the castle with its drawbridge and moat in an attractive exterior scene.

Lovers of fine musical entertainment should take note of the date of presentation and be present. Kathryn Mewborn is directing the production, Grace Taitton is rendering the piano accompaniment.