

## Judge Calvin Smith Calls Six Cases In The County Court

### Woman Arrested for Violating Seating Law and Resisting Arrest Last Week

Judge J. Calvin Smith held the county recorder's court in session more than two and one-half hours last Monday before clearing the half-dozen cases from the docket. Few white spectators were present for the proceedings, but a goodly number of colored patrons were present.

In the case charging him with bastardy, Isiah Hill tendered no plea. At the conclusion of the evidence he was adjudged guilty of illegitimacy and non-support. He was directed to pay the prosecuting witness the sum of \$20 at once and \$3 a week for 52 weeks beginning the first Monday in August. Bond was required in the sum of \$150.

Charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, Frank Bell, colored, pleaded guilty of operating a car on the wrong side of the road. The court suspended judgment upon the payment of the court costs. It was pointed out that the defendant had satisfactorily satisfied all damages resulting from a wreck a few days previously.

Pleading not guilty Oliver Fields was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly, and he was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The court suspended judgment upon the payment of a \$20 fine and the court costs.

Tom Williams, charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, pleaded guilty of operating a car on the wrong side of the highway and he was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs. Williams, through his counsel, pointed out that an approaching car had only the right front light burning, that he thought he was well on his side of the road.

Israel Blount, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his operator's license revoked for one year.

Charged with violating the State's seating law on common carriers, and resisting arrest, Lucille Bowen Brown was fined \$5 on the first count and \$30 on the second and was taxed with the court costs. She appealed to the higher courts and bond in the sum of \$150 was required by the court.

The case had its origin in Robersonville when the conductor or driver of a passenger bus asked the woman to move to another seat in the bus. When she refused after several pleas, the driver called the chief of police, and he failed to move her. When she insisted that she was going to move no — where, he arrested her and removed her from the bus. Removed to the police headquarters, the woman was questioned as saying that she hoped the Japs would drop bombs over here and kill every so and so south of the Mason and Dixon Line. She was placed in the county jail and shortly afterward was released in bond.

## Edgar Johnson Dies Suddenly At Home

Edgar Russell Johnson, prominent county business man, died suddenly at his home in Robersonville some time early this morning, the apparent victim of a heart attack.

The son of the late William S. and Jennie Moore Johnson, he was born in Robersonville 45 years ago. He married Miss Lillian Everett and she with two children, Janice and Russell, survives. He also leaves two brothers, Jasper L. and Arthur Johnson, and one sister, Mrs. Sam T. Everett.

Mr. Johnson was a farmer and fertilizer representative. Funeral arrangements had not been completed shortly before noon.

### Victim of French Invasion Is Now In Atlanta Hospital

Critically wounded in action over in France on June 12, Pfc. Leroy Godard has been returned to the States and is now receiving treatment in an Atlanta hospital, his mother, Mrs. Jenny Godard, was advised this week.

The young man lost his right foot in battle, but in his letter received by Mrs. Godard this week, he stated that he hoped to be able to continue home before "too long". The young soldier is receiving mail at the following address: "Ward 13-C, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga." He will be glad to hear from his friends.

### Starts Suit For Divorce In The Superior Court

Claude Jenkins, colored of Robersonville, this week filed a suit for divorce against Nina Jenkins. The suit is based on two years of separation.

## Postal Receipts Continue To Increase In The Local Office

For no one very good reason at all and despite war, postal receipts in the local office continue to increase quarter by quarter, according to figures just released by Assistant Postmaster F. Earl Wynne. In the first three months of this year the receipts reflected a gain of \$1,046.46, jumping from \$6,603.42 in January, February and March, 1943, to \$7,649.88 in the corresponding months of this year. Money order business in the first three months of this year was \$40,059.54 as compared with \$36,966.94 in the corresponding period a year ago. While the money order volume reflects a gain of \$3,092.60, the office cashed \$25,131.51 in money orders in the first three months of this year as compared with \$19,737.20 paid out

in the corresponding period a year ago. Many of the money orders written in the local office went to mail order houses and the money later refunded because of the shortage of the goods ordered. Many of the in-coming money orders were cashed by servicemen's dependents, while quite a few came from relatives working in defense jobs in various parts of the country. While the increase in stamp sales was not as great in the second quarter as it was in the first, the trend continued upward, the income jumping from \$6,809.44 last year to \$7,327.98 in the months of April, May and June, this year. The money order business, reflecting a fairly rapid decline, dropped from \$34,217.41 last year to \$29,399.28 last quarter.

## More County Men Are Called By The Services

### GAS INVENTORIES

Filling station operators in this county are being asked to turn their gasoline inventory coupons in to the rationing board office and exchange them for deposit certificates. The operators are asked to make the exchange not later than next Monday.

It was explained that quite a few stations had exchanged hands, and that the new inventory plans would bring the system up to date.

## Jamesville Youth Reported Missing In France June 21

### Message Was Received by His Mother, Mrs. Mattie Davis Yesterday

Pfc. Levie H. Davis, Jr., Jamesville Township young man, has been missing in France since June 21, his mother, Mrs. Mattie N. Davis, was notified by the War Department yesterday. The brief message, expressing the deep regrets of the Adjutant General, offered no details, but assured anxious relatives that any additional information gained would be forwarded immediately.

Young Davis volunteered for service on January 27, 1941, and following his examinations at Fort Bragg he reported to Fort McClellan, Alabama, for active duty. He later trained at Fort Benning, Ga., going from there to Fort Dix, New Jersey, for a short while and then was transferred to Fort Jackson. A short time later he left for overseas duty, landing in England last February.

Prior to the receipt of the message yesterday, the last direct word received from him was a personal letter written to his mother on June 18. He explained that he was writing in a fox hole while shells were flying past, that he did not have enough paper to write to his mother and his girl friend and that his mother came first. At that time he said he was getting along all right and asked his mother not to worry about him. He was quoted as saying that God would take care of him. "You know, mother, I have always prayed and I am praying now," he said in his rather short letter. The young man was said to have pointed out that others who had never prayed were now praying on the invasion battle line.

Davis, 25 years old in November, is the first Martin County man to be reported missing in France in the current war. His mother, members of the family and friends last night expressed a great hope that more encouraging news would come from the young man.

His father, Mr. Levie Davis, died just a few years ago, and a youthful brother lost his life some time before that in an unusual accident on the farm.

### BELIEVED SAFE

Lt. Jesse Wilson Price, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Price of Williamston, is believed to be safe possibly somewhere in Sweden, according to unofficial information received by his mother here this week. No details could be had, and the few facts came indirectly and not from any official source. It was stated that a member of the crew on the plane had contacted a relative and that he said all were safe.

A navigator on a big bomber, Lt. Price has been missing since last February when his plane developed trouble and was forced out of formation over Denmark. The plane was last seen traveling toward Sweden.

## Only One Teen-age Drafted Is in Group Leaving This Week

### Fifteen of the Twenty Men Are Drawn From Farms; Eight Are Married

Twenty Martin County white men left this week for final induction into the armed services at Fort Bragg. The branch of service the men will enter could not be learned immediately since they report to the center and are then assigned to stations in the various services. It is likely that most of them will be chosen for Army service as replacements.

Eight of the twenty men are married and leave four children at home. Fifteen of the twenty were drawn from the farm, the other five coming from various branches of industry or mercantile establishments.

Only one teen-age youth was included in the group, the ages of the other men ranging from 25 down, most of them being in the 23-25 class.

These men passed their pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg on May 19, and just recently received notice instructing them to report on July 19.

The names and addresses, including those given at the time of registration and last one given, follow:

Charles George Sumara, after volunteering several times and failing to pass the entrance physical exams, finally "broke" into the Army. The Williamston youth had tried to get into the Army Air Corps but was underweight. Then he volunteered for the regular Army, but he was in defense work out in California and could not get a release. Later he quit his job, and was called for service. He failed to pass the exam at that time. Stuffing on fattening foods he finally "registered" on the scales and is now in the service.

Charles George Sumara, Williamston and San Diego, Calif. Winford Mobley, RFD 3, Williamston.

Frankie Coburn, RFD 2, Robersonville. Church Edison Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville. Edward Warren Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville.

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## Man Reported Dead, Continues To Live

Tom LeRoy Pitt, Hassell colored man, who was said to have died of injuries sustained when he ran his car into a mule and cart on a dirt road between Robersonville and Cross Roads on June 29 is still living, it was officially learned this week. Part of the man's face, including an eye, was torn away, and it was thought at the time that his injuries would prove fatal. Rumors of a rather mysterious nature indicated that the man died in a Tarboro hospital a short time after the accident. Checking the report, members of the highway patrol learned that the man was still living and that he is now expected to recover.

Said to have been drunk and driving recklessly, Pitt ran his car into a cart carrying several persons, all of whom were injured, some badly. He is to face the courts when his condition permits. Cpl. W. S. Hunt of the Highway Patrol said this week.

### Local Sixth Grade Teacher Tenders Her Resignation

Miss Edith Bradley, sixth grade teacher in the local schools for the past several terms, this week tendered her resignation, presumably to accept a position elsewhere. Miss Bradley was an able and hard-working teacher, and her resignation was accepted with regret.

## Americans Move To Recapture Guam In New Pacific Drive

### Hitler Said To Have Regained Control Following An Attempt To Take His Life

Important and apparently far-reaching developments have been reported on the various war fronts this week, the rapidly transpiring events leading some observers to believe that Hitler's fall is not far away and that Japan's fate will likely be determined in a matter of months.

The powerful drive launched by the Allies in France early this week and the iron tornado rushing toward Germany from the East offer Adolf Hitler a gloomy outlook which was aggravated yesterday by an attempt by his own generals to end his life.

Breaking into the big headlines yesterday was the invasion of the Pacific Island and former American base of Guam by American forces. The land drive to take the important base was started following a seventeen-day merciless bombing attack by planes and surface ships. The first wave of Americans is being followed by others, and while a costly fight is expected, resistance today was described as moderate. The situation in the Pacific is apparently becoming desperate for the Japs. Tojo and his cabinet have quit and a new one is being formed. The governmental crisis is believed to have developed between army and navy men, the navy men indirectly admitting that it was suicide to try and maintain all the outposts and at the same time expect Jap ships to keep open the sea lanes. Apparently the navy men would have the army withdraw into a shell for a tight defense of the homeland.

On the invasion front, the Germans tasted shell fire and smoke on an unprecedented scale early this week when General Montgomery's forces tore through the enemy defenses in the Caen sector following a preliminary attack five last week-end. The drive was described as the most deadly ever launched, smoke

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## Mrs. John Saunders Dies At Son's Home Here On Wednesday

### Funeral Services Are Being Held In Ahoskie Baptist Church This Afternoon

Mrs. Susan Doughtie Saunders, member of an old and well-known Hertford County family, died at the home of her son, Whitney E. Saunders, on Williams Street here last Wednesday night at 11:10 o'clock following a long period of declining health. She had not been very active for the past four years, but she was in her usual health until last Tuesday when she suffered a heart attack. She responded to treatment and was thought to be improving Wednesday morning, but during the day her condition became worse, and little hope was held for her recovery.

The daughter of the late Samuel R. and Malinda Willoughby Doughtie, she was born in Hertford County on April 22, 1873, and lived there nearly all her life or until she moved to Williamston about four years ago to make her home with her son. She was a devoted and faithful member of the Ahoskie Baptist Church since her early childhood, and was active in religious work until she was forced into virtual retirement by declining health. Possessed of a Christian-like character, she was held in high esteem in her home and adopted communities, she having made many fine friendships among her neighbors during her residence here.

She was married forty-eight years ago to John Thomas Saunders who died on Wednesday night in the third week of July six years ago. Mrs. Saunders was the last member of her immediate family, and leaves only her son here.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Ahoskie Baptist Church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by her former pastor, Rev. Oscar Creech. Interment will follow in the Ahoskie Cemetery.

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## Local Man's Nephew Tells Of Air Battle

Fighter pilots of the American Fifteenth Air Force had a busy and exciting day over the Vienna area last Sunday, according to an account told by Edwin R. Williams, nephew of Mr. Herbert Taylor, of Williamston. The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams of Roanoke Rapids.

The fighter forced down 21 of 44 planes, but the climax came when Williams and two other pilots swooped down on three Messerschmitts. "Each of us had a Jerry lined up in our sights," Williams said. "The Messerschmitt in the center spotted us coming in on his tail, and in a sudden bit of evasive action, he flipped over and went straight down between the other two. The wingtips struck those planes, and all three crashed together. The air was filled with a mass of motors, wings and tails."

### James H. Taylor Loses Life In Train Accident

James H. Taylor, 32-year-old Stan- tonburg man and brother of Mrs. Mary L. Taylor, nurse with the Martin County health department, lost his life in a train accident near Rosehill late Wednesday afternoon. A railway mail clerk, Mr. Taylor is believed to have fallen from the train and was sucked under it and killed. However, no official details of the accident could be learned here immediately.

## Appoint Chas. Mobley Head Of Local Police

### Appointee Has Not Formally Accepted New Position Offer

### Night Officer John Gurganus Resigns after Nine Years of Service

In a special and unannounced meeting, the local town commissioners this week appointed Chas. R. Mobley to fill the position of chief of police made vacant by the death of W. Barcl Daniel last February 21. The action was recognized as the first step toward restoring the police department to full strength, but it is not yet certain if the appointee will accept.

Mr. Mobley stated yesterday that he had not been notified of the appointment, and offered no definite answer when asked if he was considering or would even consider the appointment. The appointment, according to Mayor John L. Hassell, is to become effective August 1st. Apparently Mr. Mobley had been approached by representatives of the board, and it is thought that he will consider the offer. However, he did say that no agreement had been reached, apparently meaning that no definite salary had been fixed.

It was learned from V. J. Spivey, chairman of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, that Mr. Mobley had not tendered his resignation as manager of the county's No. 1 liquor store and warehouse clerk. It was learned, however, that at least three persons, hearing of the appointment and anticipating a resignation, had applied for the liquor store job.

The position of chief of police paid about \$140 a month when Mr. Daniel headed the department. The liquor store manager and county liquor warehouse clerk receive right at \$130 a month.

The police department has been short of personnel since Mr. Daniel's death, but it continued to function as well as could be expected with the skeleton force. In addition to the chief's appointment, the board provided for the appointment of additional department members, giving the town three night officers and two, including the chief, for day duty.

Just about the time the appointment was made, Night Officer John S. Gurganus tendered his resignation effective July 29. Officer Gurganus has served as a member of the force for about nine years, working seven nights each week with abbreviated vacations and for what is considered an unusually small salary.

The new chief will be empowered to "fire" or "hire" the department personnel, it was pointed out. Action was taken to build the department up to full strength possibly as a result of a plea directed to the commissioners by interested citizens at the last regular meeting for a more concerted and effective enforcement of the law.

No official statement could be had this morning, but it was reliably learned that Mr. Mobley had resigned as manager of the local liquor store and was on his vacation. It is generally believed that he has accepted the appointment or will consider it.

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### PRICES

Tobacco price averages have been tentatively fixed at 43 1-2 cents per pound for the 1944 crop in this belt, according to an announcement just released by the Office of Price Administration. For the Georgia markets opening next Monday, a price of 39 cents was established, the differential being explained by the different marketing systems.

Last year, the average price in this belt was 41 cents while in Georgia it was 38.

No comment on the new price schedule was heard immediately, but one report indicated that the increase ranging from \$20 to \$25 an acre would offset cost of production increases.

Opening next Monday, Georgia markets are expected to handle approximately 90 million pounds.

## County Bookmobile Will Make Regular Schedule Next Week

### New Books Added To Collection for Distribution In This County

The junior borrowers will be delighted to know that some new titles are ready for them this time. New books for adults this month include many of the outstanding books for August.

Readers who enjoyed Woolcott's Long Ago will want to read his Letters, edited by Kaufman and Hennessey. They date from 1897 to 1943 and are prefaced by a biographical introduction with notes on the letters.

A new Ben Ames Williams novel is sure to captivate the Williams fans. Leave Her To Heaven has one of the most unpredictable characters to be found in fact or fiction.

My Unconsidered Judgment is the result of Noel Busch's journey to Buenos Aires, Capetown, Cairo, Riad, Tunis, London and Dublin. His account is less war and more of the inside workings of the nations and the people. There are special selections on Smuts, Ibn Saud, Tedder and others.

Thomas Mann's fourth and last volume of the Joseph series is now ready. This one, Joseph, The Provider, follows Joseph from the time he enters Pharaoh's palace as a slave until he becomes the economic leader of Egypt.

Onwards To Victory, by Winston Churchill, includes 65 speeches and messages made by the author in 1943 — "the year the tide turned."

The History Of Rome Hanks, by J. S. Pennell, is a remarkable story of our American past and present. Beginning with Rome Hanks, his great grandfather, we have not only the life of Lee Harrington, but the background as well.

A book deserving much consideration, with thoughts turning toward peace, is Walter Lippmann's U. S. War Aims. What will be the outcome of "The Atlantic Community," and "The Russian Orbit"?

The bookmobile schedule follows: Monday, July 24—10:00, Edwards Service Station; 10:30, Sherrod farm; 11:00, Hamilton bank; 1:00, Oak City; 2:30, Smith's Store (Palmyra Road). Tuesday, July 25—9:15, Everetts; 10:15, Cross Roads Church; 11:15, Parmele; 12:00, Edmondson's Service Station (Hassell Highway); 1:00, Hassell; 2:00, Gold Point; 3:00, Robersonville Library.

Wednesday, July 26—9:30, Dardens (Jordan's store); 10:45, Brownings store; 11:45, Ange Town; 12:30, Poplar Chapel Church; 2:00, Jamesville (Brown's store).

Thursday, July 27—9:15, Griffins Service Station; 9:45, Farm Life (Manning and Gurkin store); 11:00, Smithwick's Creek; 12:00, Corey's Cross Roads; 1:15, Bear Grass (Terry Bros. store).

### BONDS

According to reliable estimates, Martin County is still about \$40,000 short of its \$205,000 "E" bond quota. Approximately \$10,000 in "E" bonds have been purchased in the county since last week-end.

Leaders are still hopeful that the canvassers will make a last-minute effort toward reaching the goal, and that the people, in general, will get busy these next few days and push the county over the top.

Hundreds of Martin County boys are watching the news of the drive, and to be perfectly frank, some of our spending antics and pleasure jaunts are going to be difficult to explain if this bond drive falls short one penny.

## Ninety-Nine Tires Allotted in County By Ration Board

### Limited Rations for Trucks Are Fairly Certain in the Future

Ninety-nine tires—84 for passenger cars and 15 for trucks—were rationed last Friday by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board. Warnings, sent out by nearly every one of the tire manufacturers, indicate that limited rations will be in effect for truck tires in the future. One report indicated that only the most urgent needs will be considered.

Grade I tires were released to the following:

William Dave Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, one. E. D. Peele, rFD 3, Williamston, one.

John Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville, two. Clyde Williams, RFD 2, Williamston, one. Grady Godard, RFD 1, Williamston, one.

John Chance, Bethel, one. J. H. Melton, Robersonville, two. Mrs. Edna Tetterton, Jamesville, two.

Cortez Green, Oak City, one. L. R. Everett, Hamilton, one. W. O. White, Williamston, one. Elisha Dickens, RFD 2, Robersonville, one.

Dillon Cobb, Williamston, one. Roy Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston, one.

Shepard Lynch, Oak City, one. Mrs. W. R. Roberson, Jamesville, one. J. T. Phelps, RFD 2, Williamston, one.

G. H. Martin, RFD 2, Williamston, one. J. Q. Andrews, Parmele, two. W. C. Gardner, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

John W. Corey, RFD 1, Williamston, one. Brownie R. Highsmith, Robersonville, one.

Jasper Everett, Robersonville, one. Mrs. Alton Grimes, Robersonville, one. Geo. D. Grimes, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston, one.

Hubert Roberson, Robersonville, one. Raleigh Jones, RFD 1, Williamston, one.

James A. Chance, RFD 1, Bethel, one. Ernest Edmondson, Oak City, one. Vernon Phelps, RFD 1, Robersonville, two.

Charlie Evans, Robersonville, one. Ed Warren, Oak City, one. Ace Tom Taylor, Robersonville, one.

Ada I. Price, RFD 1, Jamesville, two. Floyd L. Moore, RF D1, Williamston, one.

Herman Moore, RFD 3, Williamston, two. E. C. House, Robersonville, two. Dalma Modlin, Jamesville, one.

Mervin Bonds, RFD 3, Williamston, two. G. R. Waters, Jamesville, one. Willie Williams, Palmyra, one.

E. N. Harrell, Oak City, one. B. B. Taylor, Hamilton, two. W. J. Rawls, Jamesville, one. Louise H. Parker, Williamston, one.

Herbert Moore, RFD 1, Williamston, one. Russell Land, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

D. A. Griffap, RFD 1, Williamston, one. Kater Lee Rawls, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

S. V. Sills, Oak City, one. Beattie Andrews, Oak City, two. N. W. Worsley, Oak City, one.

James Frazier, Jamesville, one. W. K. Parker, Williamston, one. L. A. Bullock, RFD 2, Williamston, two.

J. R. Williams, Jamesville, one. Clifton Bell, Robersonville, one. Leslie S. Ayers, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

John F. Sawyer, Jamesville, one. J. L. Gibson, Williamston, one. S. G. Burnett, Oak City, two.

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## Nominate Roosevelt By Large Majority

Franklin D. Roosevelt was renominated for the Presidency by the Democrats at their national convention in Chicago last night by a great majority. A fellow by the name of Byrd garnered 89 votes, and another Jim Farley picked up a lone vote. Roosevelt was given 1086 votes. The party platform, formally adopted by the convention early last night, pledges U. S. membership in an international association to maintain and enforce peace. Its other planks are quite brief and, for the most part, are the run-of-the-convention style.

### Small Child Bitten By Snake In Oak City

Bitten by a snake on the streets of Oak City last Monday evening the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sills was reported today to be getting along all right.