

## Trial Of Criminal Docket Completed In Superior Court

### Nine Divorces Are Granted During Two Sessions Of The Court This Week

Taking three days to handle a task which was thought possible to be handled in one day, the Martin County Superior Court completed the trial of the criminal docket late Wednesday and immediately turned its attention to the civil calendar. Nine divorces were sandwiched into the proceedings during the meantime and one or two consent judgments were signed and removed from the calendar.

The last of the criminal cases were not finally cleared from the docket until yesterday morning when the jury returned a belated verdict in the case charging George Moore with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants. The jury, debating the issues for nearly two hours, stood eight to four when Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the term, called for an over-night recess. Reopening their deliberations yesterday morning, the jury returned a decision in a few minutes. The defendant, found guilty after he had appealed from Judge J. C. Smith's judgment in the county court, was sentenced to the roads for four months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$65 fine and the case costs. His license was automatically revoked for one year.

The case against Lucille Bowen Brown was advanced another step around its rocky judicial path Wednesday when she was found guilty in the case charging her with refusing to obey regulations governing seating on public transportation systems and resisting arrest. She was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost, the action of the court upholding a judgment handed down by Judge J. C. Smith in the county tribunal. The defense attorney made two motions during and at the end of the trial, one for a judgment of non-suit at the conclusion of state's evidence and one to have the verdict set aside because it was allegedly contrary to the weight of the evidence. Judge Carr overruled both, and an appeal was noted. Judge Carr recognized the first motion in part when he dismissed the charge of resisting arrest. Appeal bond in the sum of \$75 was required and appearance bond was fixed at \$150.

Sylvester Cherry, young man and World War II veteran, was sentenced to the roads for twelve months for shooting and badly wounding Aoleous Green in the legs. The sentence was suspended on condition that Cherry voluntarily report to the county home farm for work. His status is to be that of a prisoner, Judge Carr explained.

The last case was cleared from the criminal docket when the bigamy charge was aired against Arzelia Keel Daniel and Dennis Daniel. The action against Henry Daniel was not pressed and the other defendant pleaded guilty of forcible trespass. She was sentenced to jail for two years, the court placing her on probation for three years and requiring the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

Nine divorces, all based on two years' separation, were granted: Minnie Louise Bullock against Charlie Mac Bullock. Claude Jenkins against Nina Jenkins. John T. Bunting against Aleen Bunting. Louis Bond against Pecolia Bond. Dr. John W. Smith against Harriett B. Smith. Lonnie Langley against Arzelia Keel Langley. Lucille Douglas Hardison against James Hardison. Gladys Taylor against Jeffrey Taylor.

Kelly Teel against Leamon M. Teel. The case charging Leamon James with vagrancy was continued. The case of Willie H. Roberson and others against Mrs. Lyda Bunting was settled by agreement, the plaintiffs accepting \$2,000 and releasing all claims to certain property in question.

In the case of Paul Peel, Jr., 14-year-old boy who was hurt in an automobile-bicycle accident last February 25, against Jack McWilliams, the plaintiff through his next friend, received a judgment in the sum of \$3,250.00. The court provided for the payment out of that sum (Continued on page six)

## Poliomyelitis Victim Removed To Hospital

Falling victim of infantile paralysis a few days ago, Otis Lee Edmondson, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Edmondson of Oak City, was removed to a Durham hospital Wednesday and was later carried to the polio emergency hospital at Hickory.

Traveling in a Biggs ambulance, the little Mary Louise Taylor, public health nurse, and it is understood they made the trip all right. This case is the first reported in this county this year.

## Expect River To Reach Crest Of 47 Feet Here Late Tuesday

Flood waters, tearing down the Roanoke River Basin following the North Carolina border, are expected to reach a crest of about 13 to 14 feet at this point late next Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, according to the latest information received from weather bureau officials. It was explained however, that the freshet will not even begin to approximate the flood in August, 1940, when the waters reached a new high point of 20.4 feet.

According to the latest information received here, the river will reach a crest of 47 feet late tonight or early tomorrow at Weldon. Four years ago, the stream reached a crest of about 57 or 58 feet at that point.

It is hard to predict what the Roanoke will do when it goes on a rampage, but it is certain indeed that the man river will meet a match in the new river fill, that traffic will

continue uninterrupted over U. S. Highway 17. Traffic was tied up this week, but as the roads are now open, it can be predicted at this time, the river will overflow its banks here by about 3 1-2 feet, meaning that the road leading off the highway to the fertilizer plant will be covered by possibly several inches but it is not expected to block traffic there.

The high water is expected to compare closely with those reported in early 1936. In January of that year, the stream reached a crest of 14.7. In February, the same year, the river overflowed, reaching a crest of 14.2. A month later it bobbed up again, reaching a crest of 13.9 feet, and then for the fourth time that year it reached a crest of 12.7 in April. Those freshets attracted very little attention, but sandbags were packed on the old river fill as a precautionary measure.

## BRINGS UP THE REAR

Farmer Raymond Stalls of Cross Roads Township after an official fashion closed the tobacco harvest in this county on Wednesday of this week when he barned the last "pulling." Farmer Thurman Peaks completed the task just one day ahead of him, and a few others are understood to have harvested the last of their crops on Monday.

Without doubt, the tobacco harvest this season was about the latest it has been on record. Late tobacco is ordinarily hard to handle, and it is likely that fires will be seen burning in some tobacco barns until near the middle of next week.

## Religious Dispute Being Aired Today In Superior Court

### Agreement Reached in Nelson Case as Climax to a Heated Argument

Parting their ways back in 1942 when feet washing became an issue in their religious activities, the split churches of the Primitive Baptist Correspondence Association of Eastern North Carolina went to the civil courts here for relief. Recognizing the hopelessness in such procedure, Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the term, pleaded with the litigants to apply the real Christian spirit and patch up their differences without resorting to the courts.

Conferences were held and while both sides yielded much ground, it was apparent that there was still much fighting to be done along the last mile. Judge Carr ordered a recess late yesterday afternoon and the case is being aired in open court this morning with a bevy of attorneys doing most of the airing.

The issues in this case are not quite clear to the average layman, but it is understood that the trouble within the 17-church association had its beginning several years ago. Four churches favored feet washing every three months, and the other thirteen churches were content with only annual washing. The differences reached a climax at a meeting back in 1942 when the four churches, claiming a majority of followers, elected Oscar Little moderator over Elder J. A. Cherry. It is understood that Elder Cherry, who was later to recognize the error of his way and return, and the members of the thirteen churches walked out. And then the argument arose over the ownership of the association's name.

Considerable value is apparently attached to that name as the colored brethren and sisters have packed the courtroom day after day to hear (Continued on page six)

## PACKAGES

Old Santa packed up and set out during the first week of the mailing period with nearly 150 bundles for Martin County young men in all parts of the world. The mailing rush hasn't gotten underway as yet, and it is expected that the number will reach and pass 100 packages a day about the first of October. There were very few duplicates in the first week's mailings from the local office, it was learned. No report could be had from other post offices in the county, but mailings are mounting in them, it is understood.

October 15th is the deadline for mailing Christmas packages, for mailing before that date is advisable. Senders are again reminded to enclose the name and address of the serviceman as well as write it plainly on the outside of the package.

## To Collect Clothes For Needy Victims In War-Torn Areas

### Ministerial Group Urges Local People to Aid Drive Beginning Sunday

With the approach of winter the need for clothing for victims of the war becomes an urgently pressing problem. The Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, head of the United National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration has asked that churches shall undertake to collect clothing in their respective communities. The Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction also urges immediate action and participation by all churches, service clubs, Boy and Girl Scout troops and other community organizations.

Members of all the churches in Williamston have been urged by the ministerial association of Williamston to help meet a need so great and so urgent that neglect will mean actual loss of life.

In Williamston the churches are handling the campaign. Clothing may be brought to the Baptist Church and the church group will see that it gets to the shipping center. The campaign is to open September 24, and close October 4.

Former Governor Lehman said of this effort: "The task is large. The time available for preparation is short. We cannot fail those millions who need help now. The tenets of every faith prescribe prompt and generous action to meet such emergencies and avert needless suffering."

The campaign objective is 15 million pounds of clothing, which will meet the urgent needs of war-stricken peoples in liberated countries. The clothing will be distributed free to needy men, women and children, through UNRRA. The need is for good serviceable used clothing. The following types are indicated: Infants' knit goods—all types, particularly knit goods; Men's and boys' garments—overcoats, topcoats, suits, jackets, shirts, work clothes, such as overalls, sweaters, underwear, robes, pajamas; Women's and girls' garments—coats, jackets, skirts, sweaters, gresses, underwear, aprons, jumpers, smocks, robes, nightwear; Bedding—blankets, afghans, sheets, pillow cases, quilts, etc.

Clothing need not be in perfect repair. (Continued on page six)

## No One Is Hurt In Two Road Wrecks

No one was hurt and no great damage was done to property in two highway accidents in this county last Wednesday.

Losing control of his car on a curve between here and Everetts, Jack Dixon crashed into a telephone pole and tore it from its mooring about 3 o'clock that morning. Neither Dixon nor his wife was hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at about \$300 by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who investigated the accident.

Making his third trip as a driver of a school bus out of Robersonville on the Gold Point Road, youthful James Garland Warren ran the vehicle into the rear of a state highway truck Wednesday afternoon. The lad was driving at a low speed, and no one was hurt, and damage to the bus will hardly exceed \$50. The state truck, driven by Harold Warren, was unloading dirt along the highway. Warren was replaced on the bus by a 16-year-old boy named Keel.

## Small Canadian Air Force Unit Passes Through Here

A comparatively small group of men, presumably belonging to the Royal Canadian Air Force, stopped here for a short while last Wednesday afternoon. They were traveling in a special bus.

## PRISONER?

Samuel Jeremiah Williams, said to be of Williamston, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a short wave broadcast heard by friends of local people in Norfolk last Monday night. The broadcast, emanating from Berlin, offered no details, and it is possible the broadcast was misunderstood.

As far as it could be learned here no boy by that name ever registered for Selective Service in this county. It is possible that someone by that name calls this his home and registered and entered the service elsewhere.

## Robersonville Boy Killed in Accident

Robert Perry, young Robersonville man, was killed instantly in an automobile accident between Wilmington and Carolina Beach late yesterday afternoon. Few details of the accident could be learned here immediately, but it was said that the car crashed into a telephone pole and that the driver of the car whose name could not be learned, was in a Wilmington hospital seriously hurt.

The young man's body is expected to reach Robersonville this afternoon and funeral services will be held in the Robersonville Christian Church Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. C. B. Mashburn of Farmville, a former pastor of the Robersonville church, and Rev. John L. Goff, Williamston minister, will conduct the last rites.

The son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Perry, he was 25 year old, and had been employed by a bus company in Wilmington for about two years. At the time of the accident he was on his way home at Carolina Beach after the day's work. He was married several years ago to Miss Mary Ruth Everett and she survives with two small children, Brenda and James Robert. He also survived besides his parents by three sisters, Mrs. Benson Bass of Macesfield, Mrs. John Day of Wilson and Miss Mary Ann Perry of Robersonville.

## Lad Badly Hurt In Fall At School Wednesday

A. D. Taylor, 11 years old, was painfully and almost seriously hurt in a fall at the grammar school here Wednesday, the youth being the first casualty reported during the new term.

"I was chasing another boy, and he ran through some sawed-off shrubbery. I thought I could go through it, too. I stumbled and fell against the building," the lad said. His head struck the corner of the brick building and cut a deep gash in his forehead. He is able to be out now.

## TOBACCO SALES

Tobacco sales are pushing on toward the three and one-half million-pound mark today on the local market. Through yesterday, the market had sold 3,256,240 pounds for \$1,374,798.48, an average of \$42.22 per hundred pounds. It is estimated that between three-quarters of a million pounds of the leaf are on the floors this morning.

Some damaged tobacco is being found and that has had a tendency to weaken the price average by fractions of a point.

Farmers are cautioned not to put their tobacco on the floor in high order. Leaf placed on the floors in good shape is holding up well, it was said.

## Enrollment Comparison

For the first time in several years, attendance upon the ten white schools in this county fell below the 3,000 mark last Monday when the new term got underway. A total enrollment of 2,940—2201 in the elementary and 739 in the high school departments—was reported, these figures comparing with 2,224 in the elementary and 784 in the high school, a year ago. Four of the ten schools reported increases in their attendance, Jamesville leading with a gain of 28 pupils.

The tabulations below offer a comparison of the enrollment figures in the ten white schools, by departments, for the opening days this year and last:

	1945			1944		
	Ele.	H. S.	Total	Ele.	H. S.	Total
Jamesville	309	90	399	332	95	427
Farm Life	125	64	189	133	58	191
Bear Grass	239	66	305	210	65	275
Williamston	564	185	749	584	185	769
Everetts	228		228	212		212
Robersonville	283	229	512	281	196	477
Gold Point	55		55	42		42
Hassell	51		51	54		54
Hamilton	169		169	143		143
Oak City	201	140	351	210	140	350
	2224	784	3008	2201	739	2940

## Bitter Fighting Is In Progress Along Most Major Fronts

### By Task Force; Many Jap Planes Destroyed

Fierce fighting was in progress on nearly every major front in the European war today, as powerful Allied armies plunged ahead for the kill. In some sectors, the news is not the most encouraging, but the Allies are forming for what could be the last major offensive and a drive toward Berlin. The stubborn and fanatic resistance offered by the enemy adds importance to the Allied drive.

Possibly the most precarious position on the fronts today is in northern Holland where during airborne forces, isolated and outnumbered, are trying to ward off capture and hold their gains until help can reach them. The British Second Army is moving in their direction, late reports placing them within seven miles of their goal.

Surprise attacks have been reported during recent days. American airborne troops swooped down in a daring move to seize the vital lower Rhine bridge at Nijmegen. The daring lads rushed on the bridge and snatched demolition fuses from their sockets to take the structure intact. One report declared the bridge was carrying heavy war traffic to vital regions in the renewed drive to turn the Siegfried Line and open the route to the great industrial Ruhr.

Farther to the south, great tank battles are raging, the latest engagements proving costly to the enemy. It was admitted, however, that Allied losses were comparatively large. Inside Germany, Americans state that the advance is hampered by bitter house-to-house fighting. Counterattacks to drive them out or back have been futile, but it was said that General Patton's men had yielded some ground at one point.

In Italy, the British have taken Rimini and their forces are pouring into the Po Valley.

The Russians are rapidly drawing to a close their great Baltic drive, late reports stating that hundreds of thousands of the enemy are caught in a spot vulnerable to the Red Fleet on one side and the Red Army on the other.

## Admiral Halsey's carrier task force (Continued on page six)

## Seventeen Cases In Justice's Court Here

Justice J. L. Hassell forged ahead to hold a prominent place in judicial proceedings this week. The superior court attracted the crowds, Recorder J. C. Smith held forth in a corner and Justice Hassell handled seventeen cases himself.

Jesse Whitley, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$10 and taxed with \$12.50 costs.

Boatman Bland and Wheeler Beach were required to pay \$8.50 costs for disorderly conduct.

Roy Bostin was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for disorderly conduct. The sentence was suspended upon good behavior and payment of \$6.50 costs.

Thirteen cases were sent to the county court with the defendants under bond, as follows: Herbert Reeves, assault; James Briley and Curley Brown, no drivers' licenses; William Wynn, interfering with an officer; Harry Bell, Herman Moore, Elmon, John and Horace Lee, John D. Dugger and Henderson Woolard, liquor law violations; Dave Melton, drunken driving.

## Two Defendants Draw Road Term for Aiding In an Illegal Operation

### REOPENING

The bandage room is opening in its new quarters in the town hall, third floor, this evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced by the chairman, Mrs. J. B. Taylor.

Completing its August quota last Sunday when ten volunteers reported, the bandage room now has material for 25,200 surgical dressings. It is fairly certain that willing volunteers in Bear Grass, Macedonia, Jamesville and Hamilton will give valuable aid in handling and completing the task in record time.

The same schedule of hours will be observed locally that was in effect before the project was moved to new quarters, and all local people are earnestly asked to participate in the work.

The room will not be open on Saturday, but on all other days it will open from 2 to 5:30 and from 8 to 10, including Sunday afternoon but not Sunday night.

## Foreman Roberson Submits His First Grand Jury Report

### Affairs of County Apparently In Excellent Shape, The Report Shows

Submitting his first report as foreman of Martin County's permanent grand jury, Vance L. Roberson praised the various county agencies and several of the department and advanced only one recommendation.

The jury completed its report last Monday afternoon. The report follows, in detail: We have passed on all bills of indictment presented to us.

We visited the clerk of court's office and found it to be in excellent condition with all guardians' accounts properly filed.

We found the register of deeds' office in excellent shape and all bonds in order. The audit for the past fiscal year has not been completed, therefore this report was not available.

The sheriff's office and the tax collector's office were found in good condition, with all records up to date.

We visited the office of superintendent of schools and found it in excellent condition.

We checked justices of peace reports and found them all filed with the clerk of court and fines submitted to the treasurer.

We visited the county jail and found it in a clean and well kept condition. We found three Negro male inmates there.

We visited the county home and prison farm and found that all recommendations in prior grand jury reports have been complied with, or they are now in the process of being complied with. When these repairs are completed, all buildings will be in good condition with the exception of the plastering in the nurse's quarters of the T. b. ward. This plastering is badly bulged and almost ready to fall, and we recommend that it be repaired.

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## Kiwanians Hear Returned Airman

Captain Charles Dewiel, U. S. Army Air Corps, briefly but interestingly related to the members of the Kiwanis Club here last night many of his experiences while completing his 50 missions in the Italian war theatre. He reviewed his trip to and from the Mediterranean area and spoke at length on two or three missions made by him and his crew that proved to be extremely dangerous and exciting.

Following Captain Daniel, Rev. Hurley of the Methodist Church, spoke for a short time, not about the winning of the war, but the winning of the peace. He offered no definite solution to the perplexing problem but he did point out the many obstacles that would face the leaders of the many nations when they gather about the peace table.

## Announce Revival In Church At Macedonia

Beginning Sunday night, September 24, a revival meeting will be held in the Macedonia Christian Church. The meeting will continue through Sunday, October 1. The services will begin each night at 8:30 with Rev. Guy Saunders conducting the meetings.

## Herman Manning, Joe Martin Appeal To Supreme Court

### Witnesses Give Martin Good Character in Open Court Here

Herman Manning and Joe Martin were sentenced to hard labor on the roads for two years in superior court here late last Wednesday afternoon in the case charging them with aiding and abetting in an illegal operation, the sentence climaxing a trial lasting the greater part of two days.

Reopening the trial following a recess over Monday night, the state called two witnesses Tuesday morning and rested its case. The defendants held a thirty-minute conference with their counsel, and Joe Martin pleaded guilty and took the stand.

Just prior to that unexpected move, Joe Hale, Tarboro man and state witness, took the stand and told that he was in the home of Margaret Phillips on the night of June 5, that Herman Manning came there and told the Phillips girl that someone wanted to see her in a car in front of the home. She went to the car. Hale further stated that he saw Herman Manning driving toward Goldsboro early in the afternoon of June 10 and saw them returning later that day. Margaret Phillips, the last witness for the state, said that she went to the car and discussed the proposed trip to Goldsboro with Martin and Manning, but she would not agree to make the trip with them.

Taking the stand, Martin said he knew the girl, (Beulah Brown) as a friend, that she came to him and explained she was in trouble and wanted help. He explained that he did not know what to do, and then the girl said that there was a man in Goldsboro who would do the work. Martin said he went to see Herman Manning about making the trip to Goldsboro, that he hesitated at first, claiming that gas was scarce. Manning, according to the witness finally agreed to make the trip as a matter of accommodation.

It was fairly apparent that the witness was trying to shield Manning when he maintained that he (Manning) did not know about the plans or mission. Continuing his testimony, Martin said that they made a trip to Goldsboro on June 7 and made arrangements for the illegal operation that later cost the young woman her life. It was explained by the witness that Manning put them out at a filling station, that he (Martin) did not see the doctor that trip.

On Friday, June 9, Martin saw Manning again and made plans for the trip the next day, still maintaining that Manning knew nothing about the nature of the business.

On Saturday, the two men called for the Brown girl, continued to Tarboro where they picked up two girls and went on to Goldsboro, Martin saying that he and Beulah Brown got out at a filling station and continued to the doctor's home. Martin, maintaining that he did not know the doctor's name, said he saw a man enter the house from the rear. It was told that he would possibly recognize the man if he were to see him. About forty minutes the girl came out and they made the return trip home.

In rebuttal, the state placed Sallie Brown, sister of the dead woman, back on the stand. She said that Martin and Manning brought Beulah home late Saturday afternoon and Manning told her and her sister not to tell any one about the trip, why it was made and who carried her.

Defense Attorney B. A. Critcher, representing Manning, addressed the jury, and he was followed by Solicitor Don Gillam who made a really stirring appeal for a conviction. Court was recessed at 1:15 for lunch. Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the regular term of the superior court, (Continued on page six)

## Big Anti-Aircraft Guns Pass Through This Week

Mounted on tires weighing more than 500 pounds each, several big anti-aircraft guns were pulled through here this week. Their travel route was not leaked. The fighting pieces were the largest seen here since several big guns were parked over night on local streets months ago.

Squirrel hunters, gathering around to marvel at the equipment, were interested in buying a couple, explaining that they could locate and fire it up town and send Tom Brandon, Roy Peel, Sheriff Roebuck and some of the other boys into the swamps to pick up the squirrels. The cost? That wasn't mentioned.