

Twenty-three Cases Are Heard Monday In Recorder's Court

State Department of Agriculture Employee Fined \$150 In Court Last Monday

Sandwiching a term of his court in between a two weeks term of the superior court ending last week and a one-week term of the superior tribunal opening next week, Judge J. Calvin Smith made the best of the little time he had last Monday. He handled twenty-three cases, continued several for various reasons, imposed fines amounting to almost \$500 and meted out several road sentences.

Only a small crowd was present for the proceedings which were completed by 12:30 o'clock.

The feature case on the docket was the one in which Hugh B. Martin, employee of the State Department of Agriculture, was charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked. It was pointed out that Martin held the job with the understanding that Mrs. Martin was to drive for him. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 for drunken driving, \$50 for operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked and taxed with the court cost. Judge Smith recommended that no license be granted the defendant until one year after the termination of the present suspension. The car, a new Plymouth belonging to the State, was held by Corporal W. S. Hunt of the Highway Patrol until other representatives of the department called for it.

Other proceedings: Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging George Edward Phillips with speeding.

Russell Bailey Wynne was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs in the case charging him with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with improper lights. He pleaded guilty in the case.

Charged with speeding, Jesse Edgar White pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs.

Charlie Dearnin Roberson, charged with speeding, pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost. He gave notice of appeal and bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

Pleading guilty, John Durant Beach, charged with speeding, was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost.

Robert Mitchell, charged with speeding, failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

William M. Johnson, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Charged with improper parking, Floyd Allen Whitfield pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and required to pay the court cost.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Leslie Roberson was fined \$15 and required to pay the court costs.

Johnnie Lee Spell was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Leroy Clark, pleading guilty in the case charging him with operating an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, was fined \$10 and directed to pay the costs.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Paul Herman Moore was granted a continuance of his case under prayer for judgment until January 8.

Ellison Barrow was fined \$100 and taxed with the cost in the case charging him with drunken driving. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, A. B. Bullock was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

In the case charging Fred Wilson and Joe Ashley with disorderly conduct and assaults with deadly weapons, judgment was suspended upon the payment of \$30 to Dr. V. E. Brown for service rendered James Harrell Ellis, prosecuting witness, \$22.50 to Nat Ellis for money expended by him for labor lost by prosecution.

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Disorderly Charges Numerous In Court

A little crime wave of small consequences, to be sure, swept the community during recent days when nine persons were booked for disorderly conduct. A twelfth one was booked for being drunk and down, and in that condition he just wasn't to be charged with disorderly conduct.

Luther Respass, drunk and down, was required to pay \$8.50 costs in Justice Hassell's court. Isaac Hill, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$5.50 costs. Charged with disorderly conduct, the following defendants were required to pay the designated costs: Lency Woodard, \$8.50; Harvey Mooting, \$8.50; Joe Mobley, \$8.50; Joseph Taylor, \$8.50; Lorenzo Spell, \$8.50; Walter Moore, \$8.50; Alx Bunch, \$9.50; Clyde Moore, \$8.50.

Local Youth Sacrifices Life For His Country

COMMISSIONER



John Henry Edwards, well known and popular Williamston business man, this week was appointed by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne to succeed C. D. Carstarphen, resigned, as a member of the Martin County Board of Commissioners. Subscribing to the oath of office today, Mr. Edwards will be welcomed by the board at its next regularly scheduled meeting on the first Monday in January.

Final Report Filed On United War Fund Campaign In County

Total of \$10,831.98 or Nearly \$1,300 in Excess of Quota Raised Recently

Filing a final report this week, Chairman N. C. Green announced that \$10,831.98 has been raised in Martin County for the United War Fund, that the money had been turned over to the State chairman and possibly by now was being used in support of the many agencies maintained by the fund in various parts of the world.

Commenting on the drive, Mr. Green stated he was greatly pleased with the response, that he wished to express his sincere appreciation to everyone who had a part in the work, especially to all who expressed their thanks for the noble effort advanced by the canvassers in the various districts. A busy man himself, Mr. Green finds it next to impossible to express personally his appreciation for the noble work.

The county raised a total of \$10,831.98, or \$1,294.96 in excess of its assigned goal. The surplus was forwarded to the State office. It was pointed out that the county will be given credit for the surplus when the next drive is launched next year.

Ten of the twelve districts, including the colored citizens, exceeded their quotas, and although two did not meet their goals, they raised goodly sums. Williamston led the list with \$5,306.27 or \$1,000 in excess of its quota, and the amount does not include several hundred dollars raised by the colored citizens. Hassell possibly holds the percentage record, the small but determined district almost doubling its quota. The tabulation below gives an official picture of the 1944 drive in the county, by districts or groups:

District	Quota	Amt. raised
Williamston	\$4,277.00	\$ 5,306.27
Griffins	450.00	454.37
Jameville	650.00	850.47
Bear Grass	450.00	500.00
Poplar Point	135.00	162.42
Goose Nest	300.00	480.54
Cross Roads	350.00	438.28
Hamilton	275.00	282.67
Hassell	100.00	175.02
Williams	150.00	114.12
Robersonville	1,500.00	1,158.22
Colored	900.00	909.60
Total	\$9,537.02	\$10,831.98

According to the latest report from the State office, 67 counties have reached and passed their goals. Up to December 1, a total of \$1,686,478 had been raised and reported in the State.

Quite a few of the contributions are yet to be acknowledged in this county. Several hundred names are already in type, and the remaining ones are being typed. They will be printed just as soon as possible.

Sheriff Returns Home From Second Hospital

After trying out two hospitals, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck returned home Wednesday and is getting along very well at this time. Overcoming a stubborn illness in a Washington hospital, the officer then went to a Durham hospital for the treatment of an ulcer in his right eye. Yesterday he returned to the Washington institution for a check-up, and will possibly make one or two more short visits there. During the meantime he plans to get out for brief periods.

Twenty-nine Martin County Colored Men Called By Services

Over Half of Group Comes From Non-Farm Occupations; Eight Married

Twenty-nine Martin County colored men were called to a service center this week for pre-induction examinations. Five of those called were transferred to other boards and three failed to report. Nearly two-thirds or nineteen of the group came from non-farm occupations, and eight of the group are married.

The call was for the most part centered on the two extremes of the eligible groups. Thirteen were just eighteen recently, two are in their early twenties and the ages of the others range from 25 to almost 30 years.

Names, registrations and last-given addresses of the men called Wednesday follow:

- Bruce Rodgers, RFD 1, Oak City and Norfolk.
- Robert Jasper Rodgers, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Sam Andrews Moore, RFD 2, Jamesville.
- James Andrew Whitaker, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Louis Leggett, RFD 1, Robersonville, and RFD 3, Washington.
- James Andrew Moses, Williamston and Newark, N. J.
- James Henry Mayo, Hassell.
- James Edward Thompson, RFD 1, Oak City and Emporia, Va.
- George William Mayo, RFD 2, Williamston and New York.
- Raymond Henderson, of RFD 1, Jameville and Baltimore.
- Herious Little, Parmele and Brooklyn, New York.
- Joseph Harrell, Robersonville and Baltimore.
- Sam Rodgers, Robersonville and Greenville.
- Jas. Earl Foreman, Robersonville.
- Frank Williams, Williamston.
- Elsie Bryant, RFD 2, Williamston.
- William Hymon Williams, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Octavious Manning, RFD 2, Williamston.
- Wallace T. Purvis, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Charlie Edward Davis, Jamesville.
- George Cromwell, Jr., RFD 1, Bethel.

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Mrs. Lovie J. Lilley Dies At Her Home In Williams Township

Funeral Services Were Held At Home Sunday Afternoon by Rev. Lilley

Mrs. Lovie Jane Lilley, wife of Mr. A. Thomas Lilley and well-known woman of Williams Township, died at her home there last Friday morning at 4 o'clock following a long period of declining health. A victim of arthritis she had been confined to her bed for some time and her condition had been critical for several weeks.

The daughter of the late John Washington and Nancy Jane Griffin Coltrane, she was born in Williams Township 66 years ago the first of last April. Following her marriage to Mr. Lilley forty-six years ago, they lived in Griffin Township, buying and locating on a farm in Williams Township a short time later to make their home. Mrs. Lilley, usually energetic, devoted her life to her work in the home and on their farm. She was not at all pretentious but had many friends and never hesitated to lend aid to one in need or distress.

She leaves no children. Besides her husband she leaves three brothers, Dawson Coltrane of Williamston, Ira T. Coltrane of Jamesville and James Horton Coltrane of Williams Township, and three sisters, Mrs. Della Perkins of Pitt County, Mrs. Aggie Mobley of Bear Grass, and Mrs. Alexander F. Lilley of Williamston.

Mrs. Lilley was a member of the Fairview church for many years and her pastor, Rev. Fernando Lilley of Washington conducted the last rites at the home last Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment followed in a new cemetery on the farm near the home.

Youth Recovering From Face Wound

Receiving a bad face wound in the battle for Peleliu out in the Pacific, George Norman White, son of Mrs. W. A. White, RFD 1, Oak City, is continuing to show improvement in a government hospital in Norman, Oklahoma.

In a recent letter to his mother, the young Marine stated he didn't know just what had happened. "I am getting mail from everybody. Some I know and some I don't know. My name must have gotten in the paper somehow," the young man was quoted as saying. The people in the hospital area have been unusually nice to the young man and others in the hospital, it was stated in the letter just recently received.

"I just can't get used to everyone being so nice to me since my terrible mission overseas," he added.

The young man's mother, greatly impressed by the thoughtfulness and kindness shown her son by friends and many others unknown to her or the youth, in a note to The Enterprise this week expressed her sincere appreciation to everyone who had remembered and befriended her son.

Major Armstrong who led a parachute unit in Italy and jumped into France, was said by his commanding officer to be doing a fine job. A short time ago, he was observing the front lines and saw some soldiers firing apparently from friendly lines. He moved up and instructed the men to cease firing. The group was camouflaged Germans, but the men obeyed the order.

Sale Of "E" Bonds Just Short Of \$245,000 Quota In County

Peanut Marketing In County Rapidly Nearing Completion

Peanut marketing, taking up where tobacco left off, is progressing rapidly in this section, the latest estimates indicating that eighty per cent of the crop has already moved out of the farmers hand and that ninety per cent or more of the crop in this immediate section has been picked. With just a few more days of favorable weather, the crop will have been harvested in its entirety and by Christmas 95 per cent or more of the production will have moved out of the farmers' hands, it is estimated.

In the territory as a whole, seventy to seventy-five per cent of the crop has been marketed, according to reliable estimates.

Prices are averaging right around nine cents a bag, a few sales having been made for as much as \$9.60 per hundred while a few have sold for as little as \$8.75 per hundred pounds. There is little doubt but what the crop this year will bring the farmers more money than any other peanut crop in many, many years. Reports state that some few farmers have sold their crops for as much as \$200 per acre and in some instances the price has been even higher.

The outward appearance of the crop this year is not the best, but the meat content is the highest ever reported in this section for the crop, as a whole. The meat content, on an average, has been fairly stable at 65 per cent, and the oldest peanut men declare that 72 was the top figure in years past. This season the meat content has been known to run as high as 77 per cent and possibly higher.

Schedule Murder Case For Trial Next Week

Very Few Cases Are On The Docket For Trial Next Monday

Interest Centers Around Murder Charge Against Cherry and Manslaughter Case

The trials of Bryant Cherry, charged with murder, and of Jesse Griffin, facing several charges including manslaughter, will hold the center of attention next Monday when the Martin County Superior Court opens a one-week term for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. Very few cases are on the docket and aside from the murder and manslaughter charges, the court is not expected to attract very much attention. There are several divorces pending in the court, but none had been placed on the docket early today for trial next week.

Judge Leo Carr of Burlington who presided over the September term, is scheduled to return and hold court next week.

Climaxing a brief drinking party, Bryant Cherry shot and fatally injured John Dave Davenport, a white man, on the Jamesville Road early in the evening of last October 2. When a hearing was held before Justice J. L. Hassell a few days later, probable cause of murder in the first degree was declared and bond was allowed, the justice ruled that bond was allowable and the man was released in \$2,000 bail. Quite a few witnesses have been summoned by both the defense and prosecution, but it could not be learned if the defense through his counsel, H. G. Horton, would submit to a lesser degree. Neither could it be learned if the State would press the first degree charge.

Possibly the case charging Jesse Griffin, Beaufort County white man, with drunken and reckless driving, hit-and-run and manslaughter, will attract more attention from the general public than the Cherry murder case. Griffin, almost helplessly drunk, ran down and killed two young girls, Minnie Pearl and Mary Alice Mendenhall, and injured their mother, Mrs. S. Walter Mendenhall, on the Washington Road on the evening of September 26. He drove away from the scene of the double tragedy and was apprehended by Patrolman W. E. Saunders within an hour. After a stay of several days in the Martin County jail, Griffin was released under bond in the sum of \$5,000.

Other cases on the docket: Charged with vagrancy during the months of May and June, Leamon

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Howard Spring's latest book "Hard Facts", has its setting in the industrial city of Manchester in the '80's. The well-blended characters are: Theo Crystal who loves Elsie, but

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Masons of the second Masonic district will meet here this evening when State Grand Master Julius C. Hobbs of Wilmington and Senior Grand Warden W. J. Bundy of Greenville, will address the group, it was announced yesterday by District Deputy Grand Master V. J. Spivey.

More than 100 representatives from the lodges at Hamilton, Windsor, Lewiston, Aulander, Colerain, Harrellsville and Edenton are expected here for the meeting, and all Skerwarke Lodge Masons are asked to be present and welcome the visitors.

A barbecue supper will be served in the Woman's Club hall at 6:30 and the Masons will repair to the lodge hall upstairs for their meeting.

District Masons To Meet Here Tonight

Husband Of Local Girl Is Promoted To Major Rank

David H. Armstrong was recently promoted from the rank of captain to major in the parachute infantry somewhere in France, his wife, the former Miss Blanche Harrison, was advised here a few days ago.

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Sale Of Negotiable Bonds Already Over The Goal In County

Chairman Believes Both Goals Will Be Reached And Exceeded Soon

The close of the third week of the Sixth War Loan Drive finds Martin County just \$20,733.25 short of its "E" bond quota and over the top by \$67,776.50 in the purchase of negotiable bonds, according to a report released late yesterday afternoon by County Bond Chairman Herman A. Bowen. An estimated \$1,500 in "E" bonds was yet to be written when the report was released, meaning that the "E" bond drive is just about \$19,000 short of the assigned quota.

In addition to the "E" and negotiable bond sales, \$1,276.50 has been invested in series "F" or "G" bonds, \$166.50 in Williamston, \$740 in Cross Roads and \$370 in Goose Nest.

The over-all bond picture at this time is unusually bright, and it is quite certain that the quotas will be met and oversubscribed in both divisions, the chairman declaring that he is confident the goals will be reached within the next eight or ten days.

In the over-all picture, Cross Roads pushed into the bond spotlight since last week when it met and exceeded its quotas for both "E" and negotiable bonds, not to mention \$740 invested in another series. The district was the first in the county to meet and exceed the quotas for both types of bonds. Two or three others are nearing the double goal.

In the sale of "E" bonds, five townships, Jamesville, Williams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Cross Roads are over the top. Jamesville and Williams doubled their quota, and Bear Grass and Cross Roads almost doubled theirs. Griffins almost trebled their quota, buying enough in the "E" bond group to exceed its overall quota of \$35,000. Williamston is really dragging with its "E" bond purchases, while Robersonville is within about \$4,000 of its quota. Poplar Point and Hamilton are a bit behind, and Goose Nest is just \$250 short of its quota, but pending credits will show that district well over the top.

While Williams was more than doubling its "E" bond purchases, it hasn't scratched with its negotiables. Jamesville, Griffins, Bear Grass, Hamilton and Goose Nest are long on "E" bonds but are a bit short with the negotiable bond purchases. Robersonville is just \$16,500 short of its negotiable bond quota. Williamston has almost doubled its negotiable quota of \$196,500 while Cross Roads and Poplar Point are over by wide margins.

The picture of "E" and negotiable bond purchases by townships is shown in the following tables of figures:

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