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Judge Calvin Smith Handles Thirty-five Cases In His Court

Tribunal In Extra Session Handling Largest Docket In Several Months

Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson set a new record for the current year last Monday when they handled thirty-five cases in the county recorder's court.

Quite a few cases were continued until April 30, but revenue, approximately \$800, was collected from the defendants whose cases were handled.

A large crowd heard the proceedings. No session of the court will be held next week or the week following, Judge Smith withdrawing in favor of Judge R. D. Dixon who is scheduled to preside over a two-weeks' special term of the superior court for the trial of civil cases only.

In the cases charging Jafus James and Hubert Whitaker with non-support, the court learned that the defendants were living amicably with their wives, and judgment was suspended.

The case charging W. Jackson Holiday with drunken driving was transferred to the superior court when the defendant asked for a trial by jury.

The case charging William L. Everett with disorderly conduct was not pressed with leave.

Sidney Harris, charged with damaging property and assaulting Nellie Smith, was sentenced to the roads for nine months.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Oscar Bynum was sentenced to the roads for six months. All but the first two days of the sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant was ordered to remain sober and be regularly employed during the suspension period of one year.

Robert Louis Stevenson was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Norman S. Wynne was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

The case charging Henry Paul with reckless driving was continued until May 14.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Lewis Taylor was fined \$50 and required to pay the costs.

The case charging Mayo Matthews with drunken driving was continued for the defendant until April 30.

Dave Purvis, charged with assaulting a female, was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

A continuance until April 30 was granted in the case charging Lafayette with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Annie Bell Woolard was sentenced to jail for a day and required to pay the costs in the case charging her with larceny.

Dallas Whitley, charged with larceny, was found not guilty.

Leslie Robinson, the man who allegedly beat his wife almost to death, was carried into court for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Robt. Lee Manning was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to be regularly employed for one year.

Charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, Walter Atkins had his case continued until April 30.

Oscar Whitley, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license, was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost. The court recommended that no license be issued the defendant for one year.

Kelly Purvis, charged with speeding, was fined \$15, required to pay the cost and had his driver's license revoked for ninety days.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with reckless driving, Booker T. Bryant was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost.

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Prisoner's Finger Badly Chewed In Local Jail

A prisoner in the county jail had one of his fingers painfully chewed by a fellow inmate this week. Advised to stick some object in the mouth of a person having a fit, the prisoner could find no spoon or object, so he stuck his finger in the man's mouth. It saved the fit victim's tongue, but the prisoner thought he would lose his finger before he could choke the man off.

Pfc. Delmus Clark Seriously Wounded On Western Front

Pfc. Delmus W. Clark was seriously wounded in Germany on March 27, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark, RFD 3, Williamston, were notified late Tuesday afternoon by the War Department. The message did not disclose the nature of the young man's wounds, but Mr. and Mrs. Clark were assured that word could be expected within a few days directly from him or the hospital where he was received for treatment.

The young man entered the service some over two years ago and had been overseas since last September, moving into Germany following a short stay in Belgium. The Cross Roads Township farmer is the seventieth Martin County man known

to have been wounded in all theaters of war to date.

In a letter written just before he was wounded, Clark stated he was getting along all right, and expressed the belief that the war would be over soon. He enclosed German propaganda leaflets picked up by him on the battle fields. The propaganda mentioned wives and babies back home and were designed to weaken morale. The soldier said they merely laughed at such tripe and fought all the harder to end the struggle and get back home to loved ones.

In a letter received by his father last Saturday, the soldier son said that he had taken several German flags and that he was mailing them to him.

Number Divorce Suits Will Be Tried Monday

CANNING SUGAR

The registration for canning sugar will be held in the white and colored schools in this county next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18, between the hours of 2:00 and 7:00 o'clock P. M.

Last year a general sugar bonus was allowed for canning, but this year the rations will be based on the individual's canning record for last year, to a large extent.

Applicants for sugar rations have been asked to check their records and be prepared to tell how much fruit they canned and how much sugar they were allowed last year. The applications will be turned over to the rationing board for inspection before rations will be issued direct to the applicant.

County Men Called For Jury Service

Thirty-six Martin County citizens have been called for jury service during the two weeks' term of superior court convening here next Monday.

First Week  
Jamesville Township: Ralph Davenport.

Griffins: Kader Lilley.  
Bear Grass: J. Alton Harris and Thurston Wynne.

Williamston: C. U. Rogers, Ira Peed, W. L. Taylor, Henry Oakley.

Cross Roads: Hubert Clark, M. R. Gurganus and Simon Rogerson.

Robertsonville: R. R. Everett.  
Poplar Point: R. H. Harrison, Luther Edmondson, W. E. Roberson.

Goose Nest: Milton Bennett, Jack Smith, Woodrow Tyson.

Second Week  
Williams Township: C. L. Daniel, Griffiths: Arthie T. Coltrain, John E. Manning.

Bear Grass: Ralph Clayton Mobley.  
Williamston: J. V. Champion, Geo. W. Whitehurst, Woodrow Jones, Minga E. Rogers, S. T. Harris, L. S. Bullock, Noah Hardison, O. L. Willard.

Robertsonville: A. Pitt Roberson, S. L. Roberson, A. E. James.

Hamilton: Geo. A. Oglesby, Geo. W. Coltrain.

Goose Nest: J. B. Davis.

It is possible and some believe quite likely that the court will handle most of the work scheduled for the term during the first week and cancel the second.

Local Merchant Settles Claim With OPA For \$50

Raleigh, April 12—B. E. Davis, of the Outlet Store, Williamston, has settled an OPA overcharge damage claim with the payment of \$50, Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh district OPA director, said today.

OPA charged that Davis overcharged on work clothes.

The payment has been received and forwarded to the Treasurer of the United States following the OPA action by the enforcement division.

Suicide Attempt Victim Recovering In Hospital

Miss Mammie Lee Allen, victim of a self-inflicted bullet wound, is responding to treatment in the local hospital. While her condition is still regarded as serious, her recovery is expected, according to a report received from the hospital today. About 30 years of age, Miss Allen shot herself in the right chest, the bullet puncturing her right lung.

\$25,000 Damage Suit Placed On Calendar For the Second Time

Judge R. D. Dixon Will Hear Civil Cases Only During Special Term

Called for the trial of civil cases only, a special term of the Martin County Superior Court will, for the most part, center its attention during the early part of the scheduled sessions to divorce pleadings. Eighteen divorce cases are on the calendar and Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne says that approximately fifteen others are pending.

The big case on the docket is the \$25,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Ruth Vivian Whitaker through her next friend, Chas. H. Whitaker, against the Carolina Coach Company and the Carolina Delivery Service Co. Mrs. Whitaker, a passenger on the defendant's bus, was critically hurt last April 16 when the bus and a truck owned by the delivery company crashed on the suburbs of Bethel. The young woman was a patient in a hospital for months, enduring severe pain much of the time. Her condition, while much improved, is still far from normal.

Other than this and one or two other cases, the calendar carries very few of very much interest to the general public.

Judge R. D. Dixon of Edenton is to preside over the term which is scheduled to run for two weeks but it isn't likely that the court will work more than one week, if that long.

Based on two years' separation, the following divorce cases are scheduled for trial next Monday:

Burt Gorham against Matha Gorham, Maggie Davis against Harry Davis, Adell James against David L. James, Barthonia Bennett against Perry Lee Bennett, Alonza T. Spruill against Margaret Spruill, Albert J. Doucette against Ethel Doucette, Mary Williams against James Edward Williams, Annie E. Williams against John Williams, Kader Brown against Catherine L. Brown, Gus Williford against Rose Williford, Mordema Rogers against James Rogers, Willie J. Davis against Mary Eliza Davis, Maude Ward against Turner Ward, Nora Manning Harris against Charles Thaddeus Harris, Mary Eliza Pippen against Cecil Pippen, Ruby Roebuck against Jim Roebuck, Carrie Coffield against Edward Coffield.

Some of the parties to the divorce actions have been married almost thirty years, and in one case the litigants were married hardly five months before they separated.

One case, that of James Washington against Mary Washington, is based on alleged adultery, the plaintiff.

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FAT STOCK SHOW

Martin County's fat stock show to be held here on April 27 is certain to equal anything in the State this year, according to Assistant County Agent Charles Goodman who just recently visited the sixteen 4-H club members who are planning to submit entries.

"A dozen of the entries and possibly others will match the grand champion exhibited at Rocky Mount a few days ago," Mr. Goodman was quoted as saying.

The youngsters, including several girls, have worked hard and it is believed they will be amply rewarded for their efforts at the sale following the show.

Merchants Discuss Price Regulations At Meeting Monday

Increase in Quantity of Low-Priced Apparel Expected by Next Fall

Meeting with representatives of the state office of the OPA here last Monday night approximately fifty Martin County merchants discussed a new program for regulating retail clothing prices.

The new regulations, applying to virtually all wearing apparel, require the merchants to prepare a "base date pricing chart." The merchants are to submit the chart, showing the cost and sale price of articles by groups existing during the base period, and submit it by Thursday of next week to the OPA office. After April 20, 1945, ceiling prices are to be determined from the chart under the pricing rules of the regulation. Ceiling prices must be shown so that customers can find out the ceiling prices for all merchandise covered by the regulation. Merchants may not sell any merchandise after May 4 unless they have submitted a chart and the chart has been acknowledged.

The new program, it is admitted, is not very simple, but it was pointed out that unless strict rules are adopted, clothing prices will continue upward and the time would come when retailers might find their shelves heavily stocked with high-priced goods on a falling market. The new plan, while proving to be a big headache for the merchants, will work for their benefit as well as for the benefit of the consumer.

It has been pointed out that if the prices of other consumer goods had risen as rapidly as those for clothing in the past year, the average family's living cost would have been increased by \$270, that living costs would have been about nine billion dollars higher.

The new regulations are designed to boost production of lower-cost items and will possibly curtail higher-priced items. While it will be next fall possibly before the new program is in operation on a store-wide scale, its effect should be noted within a short time. More of the low-priced cotton clothing will be tagged with the dollar-and-cents selling price by the manufacturer. All other garments must be tagged with OPA ceiling prices by the retailer. In quite a few cases, the new program calls for a roll-back in prices, ranging up to seven per cent.

A broad program to halt the rise in clothing and reduce currently inflated clothing prices, to halt quality deterioration and to insure that a substantial proportion of the supply of apparel will be low and medium-priced essential garments, has been declared absolutely necessary.

The rise in the price of clothing during the past nineteen months and the almost complete disappearance of lower-priced apparel from stores have become critical threats to the whole economic stabilization program—so serious, in fact, that this firm and far-reaching program, with tightened controls extending all the way from textile mills to retail stores and embracing cotton, rayon and woolen fabrics and apparel, has become a wartime necessity.

Message Confirmed By War Department

The message received here last Saturday, announcing that Lt. Col. Wheeler Martin, Jr., had been missing over Japan was confirmed in a letter received by the young man's father, Mr. Wheeler Martin, Sr., from the War Department this week.

Very little additional information was revealed in the confirmation letter, but it was stated that Col. Martin was missing over Tokyo on March 10.

According to newspaper reports, 300 American B-29's were over Tokyo that day in one of the most powerful and destructive raids of the war.

The young man's mother, visiting relatives in Yanceyville, is expected to return home Sunday. His wife and little daughter, Caroline, are expected to return here in early May from a visit with relatives in Daytona Beach.

Painfully Hurt When Kicked By Farm Mule

Mrs. Allie T. Bailey was painfully but not seriously hurt early last Monday morning when she was feeding the stock on the family farm in Bear Grass Township.

Struck in the back, Mrs. Bailey did not suffer as much from the blow as she did in the fall to the ground. Her shoulder was bruised and she was removed to the local hospital for treatment. Her condition, much improved, Mrs. Bailey has returned to her home.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt Dies Suddenly At Warm Springs In Georgia Yesterday Afternoon

President Dies Suddenly In Georgia



Carrying the burdens of a war Presidency, President Franklin D. Roosevelt laid down his tiring tasks in death at Warm Springs, Georgia, yesterday afternoon, but not until he had fought the good fight and renewed man's hopes.

President Rated the Greatest Leader In History Of Country

Harry S. Truman Succeeds "People's President" Last Evening

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the people's President, died at the Little "White House" down at Warm Springs, Georgia, yesterday afternoon at 4:35 o'clock (EWT), news of his death coming as a ringing shock to millions in all parts of the world. Many were stunned, and it was some few minutes before the news could be accepted or verified.

Apparently in his usual health yesterday morning, the President at 2:30 o'clock, complained of a severe headache. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and lapsed into unconsciousness within a few minutes and died two hours later without regaining consciousness.

Carrying the heavy burden of war and a target for endowed politicians, the President was as much a casualty of the struggle as those who have died and those who are yet to die in actual battle.

Amusement places were closed and dances were called off throughout the nation with some very few exceptions out of respect to a man who had chosen to champion the cause of the masses. Hardened newspaper women in Washington and Paris and other world centers wept openly. The full meaning of the man's death even today had hardly been grasped.

Recognized as the greatest friend the common man ever had, Mr. Roosevelt blazed new trails for the rights of humanity, and their loss was felt by millions in this country and throughout the world. While his stand for the advancement of the common man has made history for more than twelve years, his record against inhumanity to man is equally as strong, and one of his last official acts was directed against the atrocities practiced by the enemy on American and other Allied prisoners of war.

Mr. Roosevelt may have made mistakes, but those mistakes are hidden deep in the shadows and will be lost in time against the torch he so ably and untiringly held until the very end, lighting the way and giving a renewed hope to millions here and in distant parts of the world.

Just 63 years old last January, President Roosevelt carried too great a burden to insure long life. But the record will show, despite his critics, that he willingly sacrificed his all for the good of his country and his fellowman here and everywhere.

The body will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Following simple funeral services there tomorrow afternoon, the last journey home to his beloved Hyde Park will begin and interment will follow there Sunday.

The news of his death overshadowed that from the war fronts, but official Washington soon realized the momentous change and moved to carry on where the Commander in Chief left off. At 7:08 o'clock last evening, Vice President Harry S. Truman, the Missourian, was sworn in as President of the United States. He is the thirty-second man to hold the high position, and his first act was to declare his every effort for the relentless prosecution of the war.

While President Roosevelt did not live to see the end of the war, he learned that American Armies had crossed the Elbe River and were marching on Berlin. And, at least, he saw victory in sight in the European Theater.

President Truman has asked the cabinet to continue, and plans for world peace and a postwar program will be advanced after the hopeful pattern cut out by Mr. Roosevelt. The San Francisco Conference will convene according to schedule on April 25.

Plan Religious Services In Roberson's Cafe Here

Beginning next Monday night at 8 o'clock, Rev. G. W. Bullard, former missionary, will conduct a series of religious services in Roberson's Cafe at Roberson's Slaughterhouse. The public is invited to attend the meeting which is being sponsored by the local Baptist Church.

Religious leaders are hopeful a regular Sunday school for that community will be organized and maintained.

County-wide Clothing Drive Makes Progress

Scouts Will Canvass Residential Section Here Sunday at 2:30

Local People Asked To Give Every Article Possible For War Victims

As part of a nation wide movement to collect used clothing for the millions who have been almost rendered naked by war, the drive in this county is making splendid progress according to reports reaching here from several of the community centers. The movement is receiving a loyal support from all groups, and the appeals already are being answered.

In Robertsonville, the schools are handling the collection under the direction of the Rotary Club, the sponsoring organization there. Preliminary reports received from there yesterday were very encouraging.

Buck Ayers is heading the drive in Everetts and he will accept deliveries at J. S. Ayers' store there. Davenport and Hamilton are receiving used clothing at their store in Jamesville for the drive.

In the Farm Life section, Manning and Gurkin are collecting clothing, and a receiving depot is being maintained in Bear Grass by Terry Brothers' store.

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CLEAN-UP

The clean-up movement has been extended into quite a few spots here this week, but apparently it has not measured up to expectations. The week is not spent, and considerable progress is to be expected before tomorrow night.

Town officials have already warned that where intolerable conditions were allowed to exist, action could be expected in due time. According to that warning, what failed of accomplishment after a voluntary plan may be effected by legal pressure.

CANCER DRIVE

A drive sponsored by the Field Army of the Williamston-Martin County Chapter of the American Cancer Society will open here on Sunday, April 15, and continue until the end of the month.

Clarence W. Griffin, county commander of the local chapter, said yesterday that the goal for Martin County is \$643.95. Mrs. John L. Goff, city commander, will assist Mr. Griffin in the drive here.

Can't Ban Issuance Of Wine Licenses

Unofficially advised that this county had been empowered by legislative act to deny retailers licenses for the sale of wine, the commissioners recently passed a resolution banning the issuance of licenses for the sale of wine during the fiscal year beginning May 1. Since that time it was officially learned that Martin was not included in the list of counties empowered to deny applicants licenses for the sale of wines.

Under the terms of the law regulating the issuance of licenses, the authorities have little discretion in controlling the sale of wines, especially those of synthetic manufacture. And unlike beer licenses, the privilege to sell wine is hard to revoke. Officers declare that a considerable number of law violations is traceable to the consumption of high-powered or synthetic wines.

Suits Filed For Divorces In This County Recently

Suits for six divorces were started in the superior court of this county recently. In two years' separation, the divorce applications follow:

Clara W. Bell against Grover T. Bell, Mary B. Selleck against Jack W. Selleck, Sarah G. Mills against James Mills, Sally Ann Wooden against Herbert Wooden, Dessie M. Hart against Eugene F. Hart, and Hazel Harden against Basil Harden.