

## Judge Calvin Smith Calls Sixteen Cases In Recorder's Court

### Court In Session Until Late Monday Afternoon Clearing Big Docket

Calling sixteen cases, Judge J. C. Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session until late afternoon last Monday clearing an unusually large docket. The proceedings attracted a large number of spectators during the day. The feature case was that of a defendant charged with drunken mule driving.

**Proceedings:**  
The case charging Eva Knight with violating the health laws was not pressed.

Lawrence Wiggins and Albert Wilson, charged with assaulting a female, pleaded not guilty. Wilson was adjudged not guilty, and Wiggins, adjudged guilty, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine, costs and on the further condition that he be regularly employed for one year.

His case having been continued under prayer for judgment, Howard Cherry, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. The court ordered that no driver's license be issued the defendant for six months.

Walter Adkins, charged with allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, was found not guilty.

Charged with drunken driving, George Alford Hardison was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with an affray and disorderly conduct, Warren Griffin was found guilty of disturbing a public gathering and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs.

James R. Taylor, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was adjudged not guilty.

Charged with drunken and reckless driving, John Thomas Bunting was adjudged not guilty, but he was found guilty of using a truck without the consent of the owner and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs. The court also stipulated that the defendant is not to be intoxicated or violate any motor vehicle law within the next twelve months.

Ted Scott was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for an assault with a deadly weapon.

Walter "Bud" Freeman, charged with interfering with an officer, failed to answer when called and papers were issued calling for his arrest.

Charged with disorderly conduct and assault with a deadly weapon, Noah Andrews was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. All but the first two days of the sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant is to remain of good behavior for one year.

Mary Elizabeth Saunders, charged with an assault, was sentenced to jail for four hours and ordered to pay \$10 and costs.

The case in which Jos. M. Hathaway was charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was continued until next Monday.

Lawrence Andrews, alleged to have been in a drunken condition while driving a mule on the highway, pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the court costs. The defendant was directed to surrender his ABC ration book and not be found drunk during the next year.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Herbert Reeves was sentenced to the roads for six months. All but the first two days of the sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs and \$25 to John Griffin for medical attention. He was also directed not to interfere in any way with Griffin.

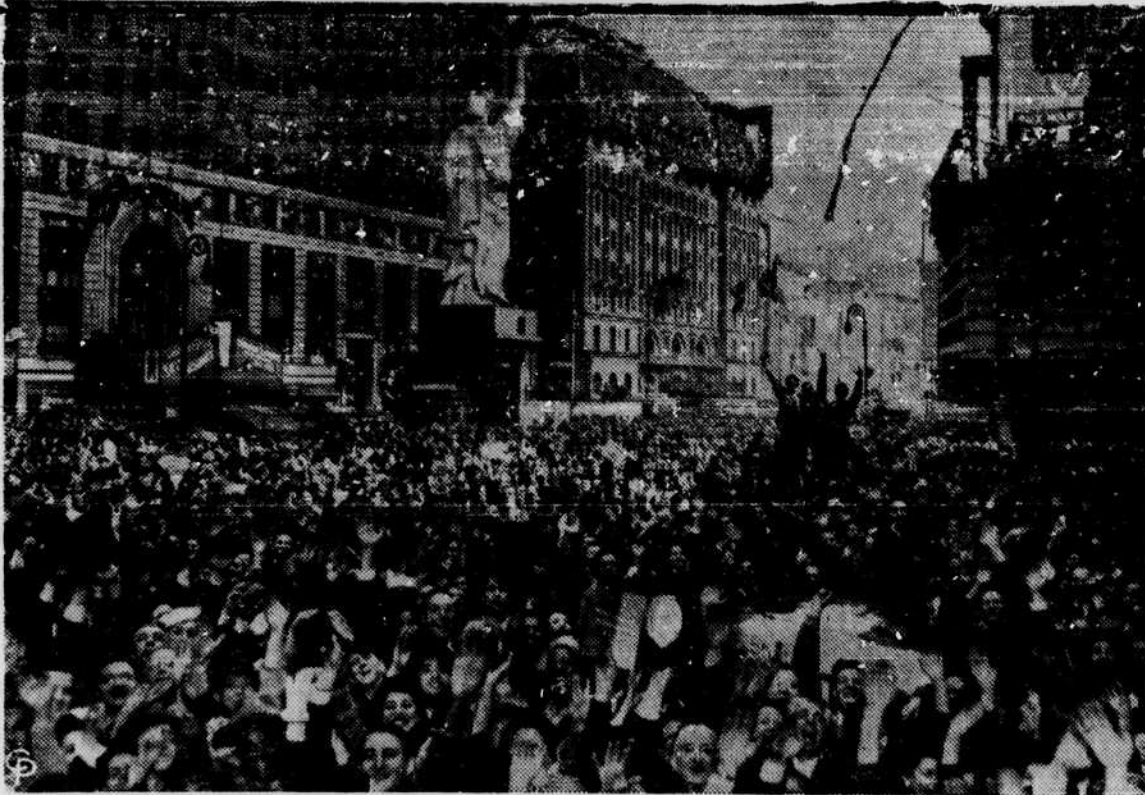
Robert Brown, charged with disturbing the peace at a public place, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. All but the first two days was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs. The court ordered the defendant to be regularly employed for one year.

## Lieut. Jas. L. Harris Injured In Germany

First Lieutenant James L. Harris, commander of a tank company, was slightly injured in German on April 26, his wife, the former Miss Eva Harrison, was notified by the War Department last Tuesday evening at her home on Houghton Street here.

The officer had previously been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroic performance of duty from February 5 to February 22 in Germany. He also holds the Purple Heart award.

## AMERICA'S BIG TOWN SQUARE CHEERS WAR NEWS



COUNT 'EM IF YOU LIKE, but anyway here are teeming thousands who filled New York City's "crossroads of the world" and overflowed throughout the big town as the first unofficial news came in that Germany's last armies had surrendered and war was ended in Europe. Nobody bothered about the war still to be won against Japan, for whistles were blowing and confetti filled the air and the celebration was on—not only in New York but also in all the world's towns—although official announcement was postponed. (International)

## Top Winners At Fat Stock Show



Top winners at the county's second annual Fat Stock Show held in Williamston recently are pictured above, left to right, Furney James, Randolph Rogerson and John Gurkin, Jr. Gurkin won first prize money and sold his calf for 80 cents a pound

or \$688.00. James won second and Rogerson third prize money and sold their entries for goodly sums. The three were numbered among fifteen Martin County 4-H club members who participated in the fat stock show successfully held for the second time in this county.

## Fifteen Marriages In Martin County During Past Month

### Issuance of Licenses Holds to About Average Figure In Past Month

Fifteen marriage licenses were issued in this county last month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, the issuance holding to about the average number reported for the month of April in recent years. The number of marriages in the county last month was the smallest for any month so far this year.

Licenses were issued to five white and ten colored couples last month, as follows:

### White

Henry Herbert Pope, of Robersonville and Fort Bragg, and Mae Krieger Hargrove, of Robersonville.  
Willie Eugene Whitehurst, of Portsmouth, Va., and Melba Andrews, of Robersonville.  
Sgt. Mitchell H. Alexander, of Robersonville, and Marguerite Weaver, of Hassell.

Pvt. Cecil W. Pierce and Mary Lee Gurganus, both of Williamston.

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## County Native Dies In Raleigh Hospital

Miss Mary Williams, a native of this county, died in a Raleigh hospital last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock following years of declining health. She had been a patient in the hospital for about six years.

The daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Williams Perry, of this county, and the late William Williams, she was born in this county on January 29, 1906. Besides her mother she is survived by two brothers, John T. and Jesse Williams; two sisters, Ethel and Emma Belle; a half-brother, Louis Perry; a half-sister, Annie Bet Perry, and her stepfather, Will Perry, all of this county.

Funeral services were conducted in the Bethany Holiness Church yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the body having laid in state at the Biggs Funeral Home here following its removal from Raleigh and until a short time before the service. Rev. M. H. Alexander, assisted by Rev. S. A. Fann, conducted the last rites. Interment was in the Mobley Cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

## WOUNDED



Cpl. Dallas G. Waters, young Jamesville man, was wounded in action in Germany on April 11, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Waters, RFD 1, Jamesville, were advised a short time ago. Shot in the foot, Cpl. Waters is getting along very well.

## USO Will Observe Mother's Day Here

The Williamston USO, recently closed for nearly a week due to extensive remodeling and installation of a large ventilating fan, along with placing some new furniture, is planning for the observance of Mother's Day in a big way. At 9:30 on Sunday morning a song and praise service will be conducted by Dr. W. R. Burrell. The music will be under the direction of Miss Kathryn Mewborn. Following the service the open house will be observed between 3:00 and 5:00 and the public is invited to visit with the boys and see the building.

The women from Griffins Township, under the leadership of Mrs. Hoyt Manning, will provide supper for all the service boys during the early evening.

With the addition of a combination radio and record player the boys are finding new ways to entertain themselves. The report shown by Mrs. Joe David Thrower, supervisor, shows that the door count was over 2100 in attendance during the month of April, that the attendance is gradually increasing from month to month.

## VICTORY EDITION

The Enterprise Publishing Co. has a few copies of the "Victory-in-Europe" edition left for sale. Issued as an extra last Tuesday, the paper carries vital facts about Martin County men in three wars, including the rosters as far as it was possible to get the names, the list of men taken prisoners, the missing, the wounded and the names of those men who laid down their lives for their country.

The edition started coming off the press within half an hour after President Truman at 9:00 o'clock that morning spoke proclaiming victory in Europe.

## Additions To First World War Reports

In a special edition issued shortly after President Harry S. Truman proclaimed victory in Europe, The Enterprise pointed out that the records were not complete, that in the rush some errors were to be expected. The paper had hardly started circulating before readers volunteered their cooperation, offering additions to the records for World War I. It is certain that the records are not yet complete, and The Enterprise will appreciate anyone's cooperation in making them complete.

Nine Martin County men were reported to have been killed in World War I, but late reports boost the number to ten. Lindsey Dave Hodges, son of John and Allie Bert Hodges, of Griffins Township, was killed in action on the Western Front in 1918. He was a member of a machine gun company, and could take apart and reassemble one of the guns with his eyes closed. His body was returned to the county and buried near the home.

Solomon Dickens, Martin County colored man, died of pneumonia following influenza at Camp Green in October, 1918. He was in the service only a few months and had a brother, Elisha Dickens, in overseas service. He was a son of Collins and Maggie Sherrod Dickens of this county.

In listing the names of Martin County men in the current war, Horace Thurston Rackley of Hamilton should have been listed as white in that township.

James L. Pritchard, of Hamilton, was wounded in World War I.

The publishers have a few copies of the extra edition for sale, but the supply is limited.

## County Delinquent Tax List Is Smaller

Advertised today for sale the first Monday in June, the Martin County delinquent tax list is the smallest in many years. Out of the approximately 7,500 tax payers, all but 185 have squared their real property tax accounts, leaving \$1,709.46 unpaid. Last year there were 221 unpaid accounts and a balance due of \$2,270.

## Justice Hassell Calls Two Cases In His Court

Justice John L. Hassell called two cases in his court here during the past few days, and one or two others are scheduled for trial tomorrow.

Charged with disorderly conduct, James Lloyd was required to pay \$6.50 costs.

Publicly drunk, William Midgette was taxed with \$6.50 costs.

**CONDITION IMPROVING**  
Taken suddenly ill last Saturday, Mr. Frank Hitch was reported much improved at his home on Hassell Street here last evening.

## Fishing Season Just Ended In County Poorest In Fifty Years

Commercial fishing this week ended one of the poorest seasons in many years, reports from Jamesville where a big seine is operated stating that the catches were the smallest in half a century. No accurate estimates on the total catch for the season could be had, but it is believed that less than 100,000 herrings were taken at the plant in Jamesville. Quite a few rock fish were caught during a brief period and only a few dozen shad were taken during the entire season.

Mr. Stewart J. D. Ange, for forty-nine years connected with the fishery at Jamesville, was quoted this week as saying that the season just ended was the poorest he had seen. The plant at Jamesville suspended operations on Monday of last week when the catches were so small that actual costs could not be met. Operations were resumed last Monday but by late afternoon they were suspended for the season.

Very few herrings were packed at the plant this season, and the supply was exhausted some time ago or long before a single herring reached any number of smokehouses. Customers, unable to find fish at Jamesville, went as far away as Creswell where they paid as much as \$16.00 per thousand. In some cases herring just recently sold for five cents each.

Independent fishermen declare their catches were so limited that they did not make enough money to pay for their nets and machines. However, they took rock fish from the Roanoke in goodly numbers to recuperate their losses and make some money. Prices for rock fish never fell below 30 and 35 cents a pound.

Late reports state that herring were running in larger numbers on Wednesday and yesterday at Jamesville, but the season is now spent.

## Pvt. Bruce Whitley Takes Leave of War For Visit In Paris

Writing from Belgium the early part of last month, Pvt. Bruce Whitley, for nearly twenty years an employee of The Enterprise, said he was given a short leave and visited gay Paris. The leave was just long enough, the soldier frankly admitting he could not have stood another day of it. A member of an air field engineering construction outfit, Pvt. Whitley opened the following letter with a few comments about Holland where he spent a few months:

"We were in Holland about two months, and while there my battalion built an air strip under the most adverse conditions. It is in operation now, but it surely did look hopeless at first with all the snow, cold and mud. As for the customs of the Dutch, they are not so very different from those of the Belgians. The Dutch are very clean people, and really believe in keeping everything that way. I only saw one woman that dressed in the old traditional way, or the way we generally associate them with; that is, with the wide cap, the long dress and white apron. The others dressed like the others I have seen in Europe, most of them with what they could get, but generally fairly neat. In Paris, however, it was different, especially with the women. They all dressed nice, and it looked as if all specialized in beauty from four to sixty-four. They looked good."

"I came in from work one afternoon and the first sergeant told me that I was going to Paris. It was such a surprise I didn't say anything for a minute. Then I asked him when. He told me and the trip was only two days off. That night, however, he came up and told me that I didn't have to go out to work next morning as I would go to Brussels by truck the next afternoon and take a train there the following morning."

"Our plans did not turn out that way. I left camp as planned, but when I got to headquarters, I was told we would leave Brussels that night. That was O. K., too, for I would give me an extra day in Paris. I arrived as Brussels about 8 o'clock that evening, and got a train twenty minutes later. Had a hard time getting on the train as it was crowded, but made it finally. That was a pretty rough night. I arrived in Paris Sunday morning, and I was so hungry I could have eaten anything. I did not take anything to eat with me for I thought I was going to stay in Brussels over night and as I had been there before I knew I could get something to eat there. I ate dinner in camp and

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American soldiers on the war fronts and relatives back home are studying closely the Army's demobilization plan announced yesterday. Approximately 1,300,000 soldiers will be released under the system which requires a minimum of 85 points, but which, it is pointed out, may not apply in all cases where officers cannot be replaced or critical positions filled. The system allows one point for each month the soldier has been in service with an extra point for each month spent overseas. Five points are allowed for each battle participation star or campaign, and a wound is good for five points. Single decorations count for another five points, and 12 points are allowed for each dependent child, but any number over three does not count. Quite a few Martin County men are eligible for honorable discharge under the plan.

While demobilization plans go forward in Europe, fanatical Nazis are still fighting in parts of Czechoslovakia, but the Russians are squeezing hundreds of thousands of them into a giant trap and firing can't last much longer. German U boats are surrendering in various parts of the Atlantic, but not until they

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## Deny Wine Licenses To Retailers Here

In addition to routine business matters, the local town commissioners last Monday evening issued several beer and wine licenses to local retailers but delayed action on at least one request for a beer license. The meeting, the last in the regular schedule for the old board of commissioners, lasted only a short time.

Beer licenses were issued to Modlin's and Jernigan's filling stations and to the Williamston Cafe, but no wine licenses were issued them. Mayor J. L. Hassell explained. Pender's store was issued licenses for the sale of wine and beer for consumption off premises. An application for beer license filed by Lanzy White for the Cotton Club was tabled for the present.

About fifteen licenses for the sale of beer have been issued in the county for the new fiscal year beginning May 1, it was learned this week from the office of the sheriff.

## A REMINDER

This is just a solemn reminder that the Seventh War Loan Drive opens next Monday, that Martin County citizens are being asked to invest \$745,000 in bonds before July 1. The banks will handle most of the sales and they will release their first report one week after the drive gets underway. Reports from Europe state that Martin County men are already on the way home but they are coming via Tokyo. Those men will read the reports on the success of the bond drive in Martin County. How would you feel if you had helped bring victory in Europe and then transferred to another land for more fighting and hardships and read where the folks back home had failed you? It is just that personal, so think it over and buy more bonds than ever before. This is truly a critical period in the war, and to slacken the pace now will be dangerous.

## Throng Present For Victory Observance Here Last Tuesday

### Service of Thanksgiving and Prayer in Local Church Very Impressive

Before an audience that completely filled the spacious auditorium and Sunday school class rooms in the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, the local ministerial association presented an impressive program of devotion, thanksgiving, prayer, dedication and consecration in connection with the observance of "Victory in Europe" day last Tuesday morning.

Promptly on receipt of President Truman's proclamation declaring hostilities at an end on the European front, the town fire siren sounded three short blasts and immediately the church bells tolled the joyful tidings. Almost before the bells had ceased, prayerful citizens began to assemble at the church and soon it was a question of "standing room only," so eager were the people to join in the service of thanksgiving and prayer.

At 9:37 o'clock, after the crowd had assembled despite overcast skies and a rain mist, the service was opened with an organ rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," played by Mrs. Frances Parker, after which the somewhat elaborate service and ritual, prepared by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America for the special occasion, was followed through.

Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Christian Church and president of the ministerial group, led the congregation in the invocation and in the reading of the Litanies, poems and verse, and the augmented choir led in the singing of familiar and special hymns and songs.

Dr. W. R. Burrell gave the dedication address, calling attention "to the far-reaching and tremendous issues involved in the war and resultant peace." He stressed the fact that we are passing through one of those cataclysmic periods that determine the direction civilization will take for ages to come, and called upon all Christians to follow the footsteps of the Prince of Peace "by divesting our minds and hearts of all vindictiveness, malice or hatred. Only as we think calmly, constructively, kindly and in Christ-like spirit can we hope to build a new order of society both at home and abroad that will give any assurance that the horrible nightmare of unbridled lust, hate and unparalleled destruction, both of human and social values, that we are now passing through will not occur again in the next or future generations."

"We are called upon to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished task of war with Japan and then to the even greater task of building a new world in which men shall learn of war no more forever."

Dr. Burrell, closing his message in which he also pointed out the celebrations of mockery following World War I in Paris and other capitals of the world more than a quarter of a century ago, quoted the following lines:

"We are living, we are dwelling  
In a grand and awful time;  
In an age on ages telling  
To be living is sublime.

Let us then be up and doing  
With a heart for any fate  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait!"

After a pause for silent prayer and in devoted memory of the heroic dead as well as for the wounded, the orisoners, the distressed and their loved ones, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the local Methodist Church, the congregation, described as the largest seen in a local church in many years, dispersing quietly and seemingly under such a deep sense of the profound solemnities involved that there was little or no disposition to resort to noisy or nerve-racking methods of jubilation.

Stores and other places of business closed for the service and did not reopen that day, adding to the peace and quiet of the hour and enhancing the spirit of deep reverence and sincere observance of V-E day.

## Oak City Boy Gets Combat Citation

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Private First Class William T. Brown, whose mother, Mrs. Ella B. Brown, lives in Oak City, North Carolina, has been cited by the 86th Mountain Regiment of the 10th "Mountain-er" Division and awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy on the Fifth Army front in Italy.

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The handsome badge consists of silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.