

Judge Calvin Smith Hears Five Cases In The County's Court

Session Monday Was Short And Small Crowd Was In Attendance

Judge J. C. Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session about one hour and a half last Monday before clearing the small docket. The jurist called five cases during the short session, but none of them attracted hardly more than passing attention.

A very small crowd was in attendance and as far as it could be learned not a single farmer was present. Last week the court announced that no cases involving farmers or farm labor would be called for trial during the busy tobacco harvesting season. It is fairly certain that the session last Monday did not interrupt the harvest schedule for any one, but unconfirmed reports maintain that a few farmers and some idle workers were in and around pool rooms or loafing on the streets and segreting around "hang-out" places.

Proceedings: Walter "Little Bud" Freeman, colored man who ran afoul of the law some months ago and disappeared under bond, was tried on a charge of interfering with an officer while the officer was performing his duty. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Thomas C. Parker was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The term was suspended upon the guaranteed payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The court ruled that if the fine and costs were not paid within four days, the defendant shall start serving the road term.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with non-support, James Purvis was adjudged guilty and the case was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in October. The defendant was ordered to pay \$5 a week, beginning July 16, for the support of his children.

Charged with non-support, James E. Strawbridge pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty of failing his wife and child. The case was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in December and bond was required in the sum of \$150. During the meantime, the defendant is to pay, beginning July 20, \$25 every two weeks for the support of his wife and child. He was also directed to pay a hospital bill.

Pleading guilty in the case in which he was charged with speeding, Joseph Heath was fined \$10 and required to pay the court costs.

S I-c Burke Parker Crossing The Pacific

Before starting on his third Pacific crossing a short time ago, Seaman I/c Burke Parker addressed a request to have his paper renewed. He writes, in part, as follows:

"Right now I am in San Francisco on my last liberty in the good old U. S. A. before leaving for an unannounced destination. This will be my third Pacific crossing.

"I was reading in the paper last night about all the boys who wanted to receive The Enterprise would have to write in and request it, so I thought I'd better do it now. Please keep the paper coming with all the news possible, because it means so much to me."

Burke went on to say that he was a little low on money at the time, that he was sure Mom would look after that part for him. And he hurriedly concluded, explaining "I have a little unfinished business. Please keep the paper coming."

Under a new postal ruling, no newspapers may be mailed to servicemen unless requests are made. The ruling does not apply to subscriptions already on the list, but requests for renewals must be made by the serviceman.

County Young Man Home From European Theater

Lt. James Carlton Edmondson, son of Mr. Edgar Edmondson of near Oak City, recently returned from a long stay in the European theater of operations. The young man, reported to have saved the lives of several officers by a daring feat, worked his way up from the ranks.

The young man married in Ireland, but was not accompanied home by his wife.

Hears From Son After A Delay Of Five Months

Mrs. Bessie Cross of Oak City heard from one of her sons recently for the first time in about five months or more. A victim of some stomach trouble, the young man, Sgt. John Cross, arrived in San Francisco a short time ago from the Pacific theater.

The young man hopes to move east soon and enter a hospital for treatment.

Second County Youth Loses Life on Okinawa

ENLARGED

Burned several weeks ago, that section of the Williams-ton Package Manufacturing Company where bottoms for baskets were made, is rapidly being rebuilt. The unit has been doubled in size and output will be greatly increased. Several new machines have already been placed in the new building and motors and other equipment are being shipped. Under normal conditions, the unit could be placed in operation within the next two or three weeks. "Under present conditions we don't know just when we will be able to start operations," Manager Ernest Etheridge said yesterday.

Buying basket bottoms from other mills, the owners have been able to maintain operations in the main plant.

Congressman Meets Martin County Boy In Munich, Germany

Cpl. Wesley Hardison Getting Along All Right, Cooley Writes Parents

While on a vacation tour in Germany a short time ago, Congressman Harold Cooley of Nashville met Cpl. Wesley Hardison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucian J. Hardison, of near Williamston. Upon his return home, Congressman Cooley wrote to Mr. and Mrs. Hardison, as follows:

"I recently returned from a tour of European countries. While in Munich, Germany, I visited the 'Infamous' Beer Hall, where Hitler started his revolution. As we approached the door I was told by the Colonel who was accompanying us that the place was heavily guarded and that he doubted very much if we would be able to enter. While the Colonel was searching through his pockets for a letter which he thought might assist in gaining entrance, I walked over to the guard and said: 'Soldier, who are you and where are you from?' Much to my surprise and delight he said: 'I am Corporal Wesley Hardison, of Williamston, North Carolina.' Whereupon I introduced myself and he, too, seemed to be pleased to meet someone from home. I told him that I knew many Hardisons but was not quite sure that I was acquainted with you. As soon as your son knew who I was he immediately arranged for our entire party to visit the bombed and blasted Beer Hall, which we found to be most interesting.

"I am delighted to report that your son is in excellent health and splendid spirit; however, just as every other soldier, from G.I. to General, he is anxious to return home and to his loved ones. Your son and all of the rest of our men in Germany are now well housed and well fed, but terribly homesick. I join with Wesley and you and other members of your family in the hope that he will soon be sailing home."

Continue Air Drive Against Jap Targets

Following a powerful attack by Admiral Halsey's Third Task Force earlier in the week, B-29's took over to continue the air offensive against Jap targets. The Superforts dropped a bomb load, estimated as high as 4,000 tons, early today, wrecking a big oil center in the Tokyo bay area, and damaging vital objectives in the four Japanese cities of Utsunomiya, Ichonomiya, Tsuruga and Uwajima. While the B-29's were wrecking those objectives, Marine and Navy planes attacked a big naval air station, factories and rail lines at the southern end of the enemy homeland.

The Japs, reporting that another task force raid is expected soon, have issued an alert against invasion.

Speakers on the United Nations Charter are scheduled to be completed in Washington today, observers declaring that it will be accepted shortly.

Cars Crash Near Everetts Last Wednesday Evening

No one was hurt and no great property damage resulted when two cars crashed on Highway 64, about one mile east of Everetts last Wednesday evening at 9-15 o'clock. The two cars, one driven by Lucille Shaw and owned by John Earl Roberson and the other by Vervan Rhodes Peaks, were traveling toward Everetts when Peaks started to make a left turn and the two machines sideswiped each other. Patrolman W. E. Saunders, investigating the accident, placed the damage to both cars at about \$150.

World War II Veteran Visits Here This Week

With an accumulation of 125 points, Bennie E. Daniel, son of Williamston's late chief of police, W. Barclay Daniel, was recently discharged from the Army. He was in the service nearly five years and spent almost three of that time in North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

The young man plans to visit his brother in Snow Hill for a while and then possibly enter school.

Pvt. Reginald Rawls Makes The Supreme Sacrifice On May 27

Relatives Officially Notified By War Department Just A Few Days Ago

Pvt. Reginald Fleming Rawls, Martin County young man, was killed in action on Okinawa last May 27, relatives in the county were notified just a few days ago. No details were offered in the terse message addressed to his wife, but a confirmation letter was promised.

He was the second young man from this county to make the supreme sacrifice in the costly and bloody fight for the Japanese island. Leaving the county last September 28 with about ninety other young men, Pvt. Rawls was one of six in the group known to have participated in the Okinawa fight. Four of them, Kenneth Roberson of near Robersonville, Bruce Lambert Peel, Simon Perry, Jr., and Vernon Roebuck, all of near Williamston, were wounded, some of them badly. David Wilson Hardison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardison, RFD 1, Williamston, and a member of the group of six, died of wounds on Okinawa on May 28, relatives were advised about two weeks ago. The Okinawa campaign was a costly one and especially for Martin County youths.

Pvt. Rawls was born near Robersonville on March 6, 1926, the son of Mrs. Dora C. Rawls and her late husband, J. D. Rawls. He attended the Robersonville Schools and was graduated there in 1945. He is remembered by his school mates as a friendly and promising youth. School authorities found him very dependable and held him in high esteem, and he was well regarded by the general public.

After completing his basic training, he returned home last February and was married on the tenth of that month to Miss Ruth Bailey, daughter of Mrs. Lula Whitehurst Bailey and the late Jesse Bailey of this county. His wife attended the Williamston-High School when her family was living in the Roberson Chapel Community. Following her marriage she moved to Beaufort County to live with her mother and grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Whitehurst. Pvt. Rawls left the county on February 11 and soon thereafter sailed for the Pacific theater.

Prior to entering the service he figured prominently in the operation of his mother's farm.

His last letter to his mother was written on Mother's Day, and in it he said that he attended church that day and that every man there had a rifle nearby or on his lap as a precautionary measure against any surprise move by the Japs.

Pvt. Rawls is the fifty-first Martin County man known to have made the supreme sacrifice for our country in all theaters of war to date.

Besides his mother and widow he is survived by three sisters, Miss Louise Rawls of Baltimore, Mrs. W. G. Matthews of Norfolk, and Miss Dora Elizabeth Rawls of the home; and four brothers, Dennis and Ben Rawls of Bethel, Herman Rawls of the U. S. Air Corps stationed somewhere in the European theater, and Wilmer Rawls of the home.

Tobacco Barns Burn On Farm Near Here

Believed to have started from a defective oil burner, fire destroyed two tobacco barns on the farm of John G. Corey near here on the Bear Grass-Williamston dirt road about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning. The barns, joining one another, were being used for the first time this season. One curing was ready to be taken from the barn and the other was barned last Monday.

Mr. Corey was quoted as saying that one of the oil burners was not functioning properly, and that possibly it went out of control and fired the barns.

No estimate on the loss could be had, but possibly it will run between two and three thousand dollars. One report stated that possibly a small amount of insurance was carried on the property.

Two servicemen, traveling the road, saw the fire and called Mr. Corey.

As far as it could be learned the barns were the first to be lost by fire in the county this season.

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Capt. Hugh Jordan Recently Awarded Citation and D.F.C.

For Outstanding Achievement as Leader of Fighter Group Based in Italy

For extraordinary achievement during a low-level attack near Argentina, Italy, while closely supporting the final operations of the British Eighth Army, Capt. Hugh F. Jordan, former Martin County boy, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jordan, and husband of Mrs. Evelyn Jordan, of Plymouth. He flies with the Italy-based 88th Squadron, 79th Fighter Group, 12th Air Force.

"Captain Jordan," the citation states, "led a seven-plane formation of 12th Air Force P-47 Thunderbolts in an attack on enemy troop and gun positions. Skillfully maneuvering through adverse weather, he dove to a minimum altitude and in face of intense and accurately aimed anti-aircraft fire he guided his P-47's on a perfect run over the objective. Many direct hits in the target area destroyed eight fortified buildings and inflicted casualties on enemy personnel. Reforming his flight, Captain Jordan returned to the target and in repeated strafing and rocket attacks inflicted further destruction upon the enemy before returning his formation safely to base."

Captain Jordan graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1943 and he arrived overseas in August, 1944. He has flown more than 75 fighter-bomber, strafing and rocket combat missions against targets in France, Italy, Austria, Yugoslavia and Germany and has been awarded the Air Medal with four clusters and wears four bronze battle stars and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

Relatives recently received a letter from Brig. Gen. Charles T. Myers, office of the commanding general of the Twelfth Air Force, in Italy, excerpts from which are as follows:

"The Distinguished Flying Cross recently won by Captain Hugh F. Jordan, is more than just an acknowledgement for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. It is a symbol of gratitude from a grateful world."

General Myers then quoted part of the official citation above and concluded: "The pride I know you feel at this time is shared by all of us here. The defeat of the enemy forces in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations was effected through the unselfish devotion to duty of such men as your husband."

Bruce Whitley Gets Good Conduct Medal

In recognition of his fidelity, efficiency and exemplary behavior, Pfc. Frank Bruce Whitley, former Enterprise employe, was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal over in Germany.

Recently given the mail clerk's job for his company, Pvt. Whitley explained that he got the assignment just about the time the mail stopped coming. A bit disappointed, Whitley went on to say, "Just because the war has ended here, we are not leaving yet." He insisted that there is still a great need for mail from home.

Speaking about medals and ribbons, he says he has quite a number, including four battle stars.

He recently met a Red Cross worker, the first American girl he had seen in some time. She had traveled through Williamston and they talked quite a bit about the State.

Justice Hassell Has Four Cases In Court

Justice J. L. Hassell heard four cases in his court during the past few days in addition to a hearing held for J. T. Briley, colored man charged with obtaining money under false pretense.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Spruill Johnson, Wm. Henry Langston and George Hooker were each fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$8.50 costs. Virginia Lloyd, disorderly conduct, was taxed with \$5.50 costs, and Jno. Henry White, drunk and disorderly, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

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To Use Special Spray For Control of Malaria

Control Program To Be Extended To 360 Homes In The Town

Spray Will Be Applied Without Charge by Special Crew Starting July 17

By DR. J. W. WILLIAMS Martin County Health Officer

Residents of Williamston are fortunate in being included in the D.D.T. spraying program conducted in the malarious regions of the State of North Carolina. The Martin County Health Department is doing this work in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the Malaria Control Division of the United States Public Health Service.

A survey has been conducted in Williamston for some years and it has been found that the city and the immediate surrounding territory is quite malarious. The supply of the new wonderful spray called D.D.T., is limited, and the number of houses in Williamston is large, so it was decided to spray a ring of houses around the city thus building a wall preventing the mosquitoes, breeding in the swamps, ditches, pools, and river, from reaching the heavily populated parts of the city.

The actual spraying work will begin on July 17, and will be done, free of charge to the householder, by an experienced crew trained for the work. Only those houses numbered by the Health Department on the recent survey will be sprayed. To prepare a house for spraying, move the furniture into the center of the room, remove pictures, mirrors and other objects from the walls. Store the food and kitchen utensils away, and put out any fire. Half an hour after the crew has finished the spraying, which at the most takes fifteen minutes, the house may be put in order and people may move in. All odor will disappear in half an hour and the D.D.T. on the walls and ceiling is invisible.

The D.D.T. will remain for about four months unless it is removed by washing or wiping. During that time it will kill any mosquito or fly coming in contact with it. Bugs and most roaches will meet a similar fate. The D.D.T. is not harmful to children or pets because it is used in a very small amount.

The spraying crew is expected to reach about 360 homes in Williamston and in order to complete this work rapidly the crew has been ordered not to spray any house not properly prepared, unless a good reason can be given. Nor will the crew spray any house without a number, or any house refusing this service when the crew calls. There will be no return of the crew to do spraying at the "convenience" of the householder. It is suggested that people working in mills and other places make arrangements to have their houses open and ready for the crew and ask some friend to be around.

The purpose of this spraying is to prevent mosquitoes that have bitten people having the malaria parasite in their blood from leaving the house alive. Thus it is possible to prevent other people from getting malaria. This work is also going to prevent the spread of new strains of malaria being brought back by soldiers and sailors returning from overseas service. It is well known that numerous servicemen returning from the Pacific War Zones have had malaria there.

Numbers have already been assigned to those houses to be sprayed.

Returns From Tour Duty In The Atlantic

Lt. (jg) Emil A. Berger, husband of the former Miss Edna E. Rawls of Williamston, recently returned from a tour of duty in the Atlantic where he served as pilot of one of the Navy's land-based Liberator search planes on eleven combat patrols with Patrol Bombing Squadron 107.

The airman's group comprised one of the five squadrons operating as front-line units of Fleet Air Wing Seven. The five groups sank fourteen Nazi U-boats, probably destroyed two others and damaged sixteen. Squadron 107 was credited with sinking nine of the fourteen subs to gain high-scoring honors of the Atlantic quintet. The patrols were of material assistance in curbing the menace of Germany's undersea raiders.

The lieutenant is a native of 203 West Stimmel Avenue, West Chicago.

Sails From The European Theater For United States

Major Oscar Anderson, stationed in England for nearly thirty months, is expected to reach home shortly. He was reported to have sailed yesterday.

FOUNDATION

Starting work last Friday, workmen are completing the foundation for the first unit in the Dixie Peanut Company's \$100,000 plant building program here. The builders are experiencing some delay in getting material and labor, but the suppliers are gradually increasing deliveries of brick and lumber and more workers are expected to report the early part of next week.

The company partners, Messrs. Johnny Gurkin, Carlyle Langley, W. C. Windley, John A. Manning and Bob Edmondson, are making every effort possible to have the plant ready for operation early this coming fall.

County Marriages Hold To A Normal Figure Last Month

Sixteen Licenses Are Issued by Register of Deeds During the Period

Marriages in Martin County last month held to about a normal figure, J. Sam Getsinger, register of deeds, issuing sixteen licenses during the period. The issuance, while holding to about normal over a ten-year period, was among the largest reported since 1941 when twenty licenses were sold in the county during the month of June.

Licenses were issued in the county last month, nine to white and seven to colored couples, as follows:

White
Henry Goff and Mildred Stevenson, both of Williamston.
Ernest Bryant Whitchard and Cleo Doris James, both of Robersonville.
Kent S. Veach, of Cherry Point, N. C., and Washington, Kansas, and Clarice Murl Ellis, of Jamesville.

Richard C. Frink, of Williamston and Norwich, N. Y., and Hazel Marie Perry, of Williamston.
Rady C. Kirkland, of Williamston and Tampa, Fla., and Dessie Mayo Tripp Hart, of Williamston.
Pfc. Delmus W. Clark, RFD 3, Williamston, and Lola K. Inglass, of RFD 5, Greenville.

Noah Davis Nicholson and Margaret Mae Roberson, both of RFD 3, Williamston.
Perry E. Odom and Courtney Coburn Jenkins, both of Williamston.
Leslie K. Straub, of Whiteville and Michigan, and Annie Irene Peel, of Williamston.

Colored
Shirley Richards and Essie Wals-ton, both of Williamston.
Ernest Staton and Naomi Brown, both of Oak City.

Cortez Hassell, of Williamston, and Mary Mizelle, of Robersonville.
Joe Walter Williams and Lucy Gray Brown, both of Williamston.
Fred W. Cooper and Valentine Speller, both of Windsor.
William H. Everett and Martha Clemmons, both of Williamston.
Frank Laughinghouse, of Williamston, and Martha Lee, of Robersonville.

Lt. Z. Hardy Rose Home from Europe

After spending quite a while in the European Theater of War where he served as a navigator in the U. S. Army Air Force, Lt. Z. Hardy Rose returned to the States a few days ago and is spending a short time here with friends. Lt. Rose, it will be recalled, had a very narrow escape when his plane was shot out of the air and he and other members of the crew had to bail out at a low level.

A bit thin, the local young man explained that he had not been getting but two meals a day. It was learned that he had been sleeping through the first one, enjoying a well-earned rest.

John H. Bland Is Home On Leave From Europe

John H. Bland, Aviation Radio-man Second Class, U.S.N.R., RFD 3, Box 196, Williamston, N. C., in 36 months of overseas service, flew 34 anti-submarine missions as first radioman aboard a big Navy patrol plane that operated from bases in the United Kingdom.

Now returned on leave, the 24-year-old aircrewman flew in a four-motored Liberator attached to Patrol Bombing Squadron 110. Flying long daylight searches for enemy U-boats, he and his squadron mates contributed greatly in helping to keep the sea lanes clear so that troops and supplies could be moved safely across to the European theater.

Bland, the son of John W. Bland of the Williamston address, enlisted in the Navy in November, 1941.

County Colored Men Left Here Thursday For Final Induction

Sixteen of the Nineteen Men Called Are Just in Their Teens

Eighteen of nineteen Martin County colored men called to report for final induction into the armed forces left here yesterday for Fort Bragg. The nineteenth man, William Henry Dempsey, formerly of RFD 1, Williamston, was transferred to New York.

Only one of the men is listed as being married and all but three of the nineteen are just in their teen ages. Eight of the nineteen were called from the farm. One had visited the induction center and was rejected previously.

Draft board office clerks today stated that they had been having trouble loading the selectees on buses, that they had found it necessary to delay schedules for no good reason. It was explained that the selectees would report and that after proper papers had been prepared some of the men would wander away and fail to return in time. "We do not want to resort to mean tactics, but in the future, officers will be called, if necessary, to have the selectees ready for delivery to the transportation officials," a clerk explained, adding that they were anxious to do all they could for those men who were being called into the service.

The names and registration and last-given addresses of the colored follow:

Vernon Lee Staton, Everetts and Bethel.
Mizelle Bellamy, Robersonville and Norfolk.
West Kech, Williamston and Pine-ton.

Walter Anderson, Jr., Williamston.
Henry Peele, Williamston.
John Douglas Howell, RFD 2, Robersonville.
Geo. Thomas James, Jr., RFD 1, Jamesville.
Joseph Prince Wilson, Williams-ton.

James Edward Andrews, RFD 1, Robersonville.
Wiley Theodore Williams, Oak City.
James Augusta Barnes, RFD 2, Robersonville.
Edward Durham, RFD 1, Robersonville.
William Earl Jones, Oak City and Philadelphia.

Joseph Thomas Williams, RFD 2, Williamston.
Louis T. Alston, RFD 1, Robersonville.
Henry Amos Bryant, RFD 1, Palmyra.
Robert Raynor, RFD 1, Oak City.
William Joseph Barber, RFD 1, Jamesville and Elizabeth City.

Aged County Native Dies In Winterville

Mr. J. S. Whitehurst, native of this county and prominent retired farmer, died at his home in Winterville at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning following a long period of declining health. Suffering a stroke of paralysis last Monday, he never regained consciousness.

Mr. Whitehurst was born in Martin County 87 years ago. He was married to Miss Hattie Roebuck of this county 64 years ago and spent most of his life in Cross Roads Township. In 1933 he moved to Winterville where he had since made his home.

Besides his widow he is survived by the following children: Mrs. M. N. Moore of the home, Mrs. Jap Stox, Claude and Vernon Whitehurst all of Winterville, Mrs. John G. Coltrain, Mrs. Reuben Bailey and Messrs. Bob and Willie Whitehurst, all of Williamston; forty-two grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Whitehurst was a devoted husband and father, and had many friends in his native and adopted communities.

Funeral services are being conducted in the late home this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock and interment will follow in the family plot in the Winterville cemetery.

Local Youth Awarded The Combat Infantry Badge

With the 103rd (Cactus) Division in Austria—Pfc. Mack Luther Peel, Jr., 403 Park Street, Williamston, N. C., has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for outstanding performance of duty with the 103rd Infantry Division in ground combat against the enemy. He is serving with the 410th Regiment of the Cactus Division.

Concludes Successful Meeting At Hamilton

The Rev. Mr. Crosso recently completed a successful revival meeting in the Methodist Church at Hamilton. A new member was added to the church roll, and the congregation is anxious for the minister to make a fourth visit there next year, the pastor, Rev. Thos. H. House, said.