

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Twenty-Seven Cases In His Court

Fines Imposed At Last Monday Session Of County Court Exceed \$600.

Calling twenty-seven cases, Judge J. Calvin Smith presided over one of the longest sessions of the Martin County Recorder's Court held in recent months. A large crowd gathered for the opening and most of them remained until the last case was called shortly before 5 o'clock that afternoon. Several road sentences were meted out and fines, totaling more than \$600, were imposed. Solicitor Paul D. Roberson acted in the prosecution of nearly every one of the cases called and tried.

Proceedings: Pleading not guilty, Ed Rawls was adjudged guilty of violating the liquor laws and he was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending all but the first ten days upon the payment of a \$40 fine and costs. The court also ordered him to have no intoxicating liquors in his possession and to destroy his ABC coupon book. He was given until the first Monday in November to start serving the ten-day jail term but the delay was allowed only after bond in the sum of \$250 had been posted.

Restitution of check having been proved, the court suspended judgment in the case charging A. C. Leonard with issuing a worthless check. Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and assaulting a female, Elton Hodge pleaded guilty of assaulting a female and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Entering no plea in the case charging him with larceny, Burley G. Nelson was adjudged guilty and drew a 90-day road sentence.

James H. Thomas, pleading guilty of non-support, was ordered to pay \$15 a month for the support of his child and give bond in the sum of \$100. The action was continued under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in January, 1946.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct, Roy Boston was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Joe Davenport, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$65 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

M. M. Mills was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost for speeding.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Russell Sherrod was adjudged guilty and fined \$10 plus the costs.

Charged with driving a mule and wagon while he was in a drunken condition, Lawrence Andrews was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending all but the first four of the term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant, the court ordered, is not to be intoxicated in a public place during the next year.

The case charging Henry Pitt with an assault was continued until October 8.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, William Tyson was adjudged guilty of allowing his car to be operated with improper brakes. He was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

G. J. Barnhill, charged with indecent exposure, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

The case charging Simon Jenkins and Dora Lee Jones with fornication and adultery was not pressed when it was proved that the defendants are now married. In a second case, the couple was charged with violating the liquor laws, and both pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending all but the first ten days of the term for one year upon the payment of a \$40 fine and costs. She was also adjudged guilty and was sentenced to jail for sixty days. All but the first two days of the term was suspended upon the payment of a \$40 fine and cost. Neither defendant is to have any intoxicating liquors or ABC coupons in his or her possession during the next year.

Buck Council was found not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

Adjudged guilty of assaulting an other with a deadly weapon, Charlie Little was fined \$40, taxed with the cost and directed to pay the Ward

IN TOKYO BAY

Robert McClaren, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClaren, is stationed on the battleship Mississippi, one of the more powerful U. S. Navy units which went into Tokyo Bay and assisted in the landings at Yokosuka.

The Mississippi which followed the Missouri, Admiral Halsey's flag ship, carries the name of the ship on which Commodore Perry entered those same waters in 1853. The Mississippi state flag, displaying the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy, fluttered from the main mast. The McClaren family lives on Route 2, Robersonville.

FARM BUREAU

The annual Martin County Farm Bureau membership drive launched last week is making splendid progress. Representatives of the organization declared at a meeting in the courthouse Wednesday evening. Only a few of the membership canvassers have been added to the list. Officials are confident that the drive will exceed 1,600 members this year. Realizing the need for a strong organization in the postwar period, farmers are willingly supporting the Farm Bureau, it was explained. Quite a few new membership canvassers have volunteered their services and the drive is going great.

Another meeting of the membership committee is being tentatively called for Friday night of next week.

Tobacco Sales Here Near Three Million Mark In Eleven Days

All Grades Of Offerings Get Good Attention From Companies' Agents

Despite the large amount of damaged tobacco on the local market yesterday, sales were completed in the regular time of about three hours. Although the damaged tobacco slowed the sales it did not reflect in the prices or the general average. The market sold 270,986 pounds for an average of 44.12.

With only eleven selling days since the market opened on August 21, the market has sold right at three million pounds. Yesterday's sale brought the official total to 2,918,884 for the season.

Rain or no rain, fair or foggy, tobacco continues to roll in faster than it can be handled either by the warehousemen or the purchasing agents. The New Carolina, the Planters and Roanoke-Dixie are completely filled and the Farmers will probably start receiving tobacco just as soon as yesterday's sale is cleared from the floors.

Competition both among the foreign and domestic companies continues strong and ceiling prices are being paid for most all baskets with the exception of the damaged tobacco.

Owen Clyde Bricker Dies Suddenly Here

Owen Clyde Bricker, expert craftsman and builder, died suddenly at a main street boarding house here Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock, the victim of a heart attack. Medical aid was summoned but he died before it could reach him.

Mr. Bricker, well liked here and a sincere and hard-working craftsman, worked all day Tuesday, and seemed to be in his usual good health. Wednesday morning he explained that he was not feeling well, that he was suffering with a pain in his chest. Thinking it was indigestion, he went to the kitchen of the boarding house and took a dose of baking soda. He then went to the front porch and sat down in a rocking chair. He was stricken a few minutes later and fell forward off the porch, carrying the chair with him.

He was born in Anson County about 67 years ago and farmed there for a number of years, later entering the building trade. He came to Williamston two years ago and was associated with F. F. Birmingham, local contractor, since that time except for a short period spent his brother in Oklahoma. Mr. Bricker made many friends during his stay here, and possibly would have retired, but he wanted to contribute his bit during the war and continued at his post of duty.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Morgan of Peachland; a brother, Howard Bricker of Oklahoma, and a sister, Mrs. Lillie Cathey of Carey.

The body was removed from the local funeral home yesterday for Peachland for the last rites and interment.

Williamston High Has Athletic Club

In a mass meeting Wednesday Williamston High School students organized an Athletic club under the sponsorship of Principal Sam Bundy.

The following officers were elected: President, Roddy Everett; vice president, Louise Griffin; secretary, Dorothy Peele; treasurer, Hugh Horton, Jr., and reporter, Louise Hines. The selection of cheer leaders will not be made until after a meeting of the officers is held to complete plans for a successful athletic program.

The enthusiasm evidenced by the student body promised a fine year from the standpoint of athletics.

Rationing Board Releases Hundred And Twelve Tires

Applications For Thousand Tires Pending; 398 September Quota

The demand for automobile tires has been greatly increased since gas rationing was lifted, a report from the county rationing board office this week explaining that there are right at 500 applications pending for an estimated 1,000 tires. The passenger car allotment for September is only 398 tires. With a demand for 1,000 to start with, the tire shortage will certainly be aggravated by the receipt of more applications between now and October.

One hundred and twelve tires were allotted by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday, 73 for cars and 39 for pickup and heavy trucks.

Passenger car tires were issued to the following:

W. M. Baker, State Highway Patrol, J. M. Dixon, Javen D. Leggett, J. R. Williams, Albert D. Williams, J. R. Griffin, Elbert Tice, J. V. Andrews, Walter Oakley, C. A. Hough, J. R. Leggett, J. E. Johnson, J. V. Moye, W. K. Roebuck, A. W. Harrison, J. Carl Griffin, W. J. Beach, L. A. Croom, J. F. Flanagan, Mrs. Alice B. Tyson, Thomas L. Johnson, Mary S. Gray, P. T. Norwood, Robert G. Hicks, S. H. Mobley, J. A. Ellis, J. C. Rawls, Lucy F. Griffin, Fenner Silverthorne, S. E. Parker, J. D. Hardison, Sylvester Lilley Estate, John C. Gurganus, V. T. Moore, A. P. Barnhill, A. R. White, W. O. Abbit, Hyman Clark, Ophus Bailey, Urban Lilley, R. G. Rogerson, Anoxles Peel, D. B. Laatham, W. A. Gurganus, W. Lewis Manning Estate, Henry Oakley, W. C. Windley, H. L. Riddick, Jodie Peaks, Hubert Vernal Lilley, M. E. Roberson, W. J. Ward, R. E. Taylor, P. L. Lee, L. H. Davenport, W. S. Gurganus, W. H. White, Ben Biggs, James McGilbert Rawls, C. T. Flanagan, W. T. Andrews, Garland Bailey, P. M. Ange, William A. Leggett, Paul D. Roberson, I. B. Roebuck, William D. Cratt.

Truck tires were issued to the following:

A. E. Manning, Joe Bell, Johnnie T. Holliday, Jack Everett, B. S. Courtney, Rufus Lynch, William A. Peel, Harris Plumbing and Heating Co., Manning's Laundry, C. W. Johnson, W. I. Skinner and Co., Williams Lumber Co., G. and H. Builders Supply Co., Williamston Package Mfg. Co., W. M. Baker, Lindsey Ice Co., R. J. Hardison, J. B. Gentry, and Williamston Supply Co., R. L. Ward, S. B. Brown, D. C. Peel, H. H. Worsley, C. W. Copeland, Town of Williamston, J. S. Ayers, A. T. Gurkin.

Program Planned For Young People

The Memorial Baptist church is co-operating with the plans of the Southern Baptist Convention to observe Intermediate Emphasis Week beginning Sunday, September 9th, and continuing through the following Sunday, Sept. 16th.

"We are including not only those young people strictly within the Intermediate ages of 13 through 16," declares the Rev. Ira D. S. Knight, pastor of the church. "But also those bordering 12 years old who will be promoted into the Intermediate Department the first of October and those of our regular young people, ages 17 and 18."

"A number of special activities are planned for the week. We want to get off to a good start Sunday morning with a breakfast together in the church basement at 8:45 with all the young people planning to remain for Sunday School and the morning worship service where they and their parents will be honored in the service. We are especially inviting all parents of the young people to be present at that service, too."

On Monday evening, at 8, the young people are invited to the home of Mrs. J. E. King for a period of fellowship together, including an open discussion to be led by Mrs. Knight, and a social period.

Friday evening at 8:45 there will be a hamburger fry on the back lawn at the home of Dr. Biggs with games and fellowship. Special services the following Sunday morning will climax the week's activities.

All young people of this age group who have no other church preference are being invited by the pastor to take part in these activities.

Route Three Youth Aboard Shangri-La

James Stanton Whitehurst, aviation machinist's mate, third class, Route 3, Williamston, is serving on the aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La, which is part of the powerful Pacific fleet completing the first stages of the occupation of Japan.

The Shangri-La had a prominent role in the air strikes against Japan homeland just prior to the surrender.

WOUNDED VETERAN TAKES A BRIDE



HIS LEFT LEG MISSING AND HIS RIGHT in a cast, Pfc. Alfred Smith, of Hohenwald, Tenn., and his bride, WAC Cpl. Faith Woodbury, are shown with their attendants after their marriage at Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga. Smith was wounded by shrapnel during the battle of the bulge. The bride will continue her duties as medical technician at the hospital. Shown in the group are (l. to r.): the bride, the groom; Cpl. Elina Sillanpaa, Baldwinville, Mass., maid of honor; the chaplain who performed the ceremony; and Sgt. Fred Couch, Hohenwald, Tenn., best man. Couch lost his arm in Luxembourg.

County Young Man Saves Companions In Danube River

Sgt. Edward L. Martin Earns Silver Star As Member Of 45th Division

Sgt. Edward L. Martin, Jamesville young man, was recently awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action.

The citation accompanying the medal reads in part:

"Edward L. Martin, 34671776, Corps of Engineers, Sergeant (then Corporal), Company C, 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 26 April 1945 near Stepperg, Germany. Sergeant Martin was working with his squad on the far bank of the Danube River when an artillery shell landed close by and throwing the occupants into the water. In spite of the enemy fire falling in the area, Sgt. Martin unhesitatingly dove into the fast flowing river and swam to a drowning infantryman. After towing him to safety, he again swam out and assisted an officer to shore. Sergeant Martin's courage and quick action saved the lives of two fellow soldiers and reflected credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the military service from Jamesville, North Carolina."

Sgt. Martin is the son of Mr. J. F. Martin and the late Mrs. Martin of Jamesville. He attended school at Jamesville High School and Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. Prior to entering the service, he was employed by the Carolina Pulp Co. of Plymouth, N. C.

His wife, the former Mildred Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jackson of Dunn, has made her home in Portsmouth, Va., for the past two and one-half years. She is employed by the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Sgt. Martin entered the armed services in April, 1943, and has been overseas since the early fall of the same year. He had hopes of returning to the states with the same group that he was stationed with from the beaches of Sicily to the birthplace of the Nazi Party in Munich, Germany, but was slated for duty in the Ninth Division of the Third Army. He is now busy helping train the occupational troops in Ingolstadt, Germany.

Upon his recent transfer, Sgt. Martin received the following letter from his Commanding General: "It is difficult to leave an organization after living and working in it as long as you have. It is even more difficult for those of us who remain to express our emotions at your leaving. 'Through your efforts and by (Continued on page six)

ROUND-UP

After tackling the liquor business at its source for months, ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistants shifted to the retail end recently and rounded up twenty-two alleged violators, according to his monthly review just recently released for August.

Only one liquor plant was wrecked during the period, the officer stating that 500 gallons of beer and five gallons of liquor were poured out. Five persons were convicted in the courts, and jail sentences, totaling 20 days, were imposed along with substantial fines.

Liquor Sales In County Continue To Increase

WARNING

Farmers throughout the Bright Belt are being warned by all tobaccoists and warehousemen not to grade and market their tobacco too hurriedly due to the extremely bad weather that has prevailed during the past week. Damaged tobacco retards sales and is a detriment both to the farmer and to the warehousemen.

Tobacco growers are asked to keep their tobacco as dry as possible and to market it only when fairly early sales are assured. Damaged tobacco has been in evidence in large quantities at all the markets in the Belt and tobacco growers are being urged to use every precaution to keep their tobacco from rotting or molding.

County Soldier Tells About Troubles GIs Find In The Service

Pfc. Eli Manning Writes Dad To Describe Graphically The Life Of A Soldier

Writing to his father, E. H. Manning, Route 1, Williamston, Pfc. Eli H. Manning, now stationed in Germany, gives a detailed account of his life in the army from the time he entered the service at Fort Bragg until the date of his letter, a few weeks before the surrender of the Japanese.

The letter follows: September 28, 1944. I was inducted into the army at Fort Bragg, and stayed there for 13 days in which time I got a week-end pass to go home.

On October 12 I was put on a train going south. I didn't know where we were going until early on the morning of the 13. We were told we were going to Camp Wheeler, Ga., seven miles from Macon.

Macon was a pretty nice town. Not too large but large enough to have recreation for the men at Wheeler. We arrived at Wheeler about 2:00 p. m., the 13th of October and I was assigned to A Company of the 15th Battalion. Later I was transferred to D company. I remained in D company until I left Wheeler in February of 1945.

I thought my infantry basic training was awfully rough but I realize now that it was a picnic to what comes after basic is finished.

I never knew what army life was like in the States with a regular outfit. We never were allowed 3 day passes although we did get week-end passes from 6 o'clock Saturday evening until 6 o'clock Monday morning. Gee, the boys that trained in a regular division must have had a lot of fun.

I left Camp Wheeler on the second of February and was due in Fort George G. Meade the 12th. That gave me a nice little stay at home.

I'll never forget those nine days. I should say wonderful nine days. I had at home with my friends and family. They were the days every soldier dreams about but seldom sees.

I got to Meade on time and stayed there about ten days. While I was there I got a pass and saw Uncle Luke and Aunt Nancy who live in Washington. I also got a week-end pass and spent the week-end with my Buddie and next door neighbor, Verlin Griffin. We also visited my cousin, Cairo Lilly, and his sister, Thelma, at Arlington Farms, Va.

Verlin came into service the same time I did and was put in the Navy and was stationed at Bainbridge Training Station at that time. He's in Virginia now.

I left Meade and went to a P. O. E. that I can't name here and from there I got a pass to see New York. Then it came. We were alerted. "Moving out tonight at nine thirty." We loaded on the train and went down to the dock and there we were served coffee and doughnuts by the Red Cross. They were good!

That brought us up to the point of (Continued on page three)

Local Man's Brother Dies In Pueblo, Col.

Harry Jarman was notified Wednesday of the death of his brother, W. D. Jarman, at Pueblo, Colorado.

Mr. Jarman left his native Onslow County about 35 years ago to go in the hotel business. At the time of his retirement about six years ago, he was recognized as one of the leading hotel men of the south.

The survivors are Harry O. Jarman, Williamston; M. S. Jarman, Pollockville; E. L. Jarman, Verona; C. T. Jarman, Asheboro; J. E. Jarman of Shreveport, La.; Mrs. F. B. Batchelor, Belgrade; Mrs. C. L. Alphin, Dunn, and Mrs. Alfred Jensen, Chirogo.

Total of \$2,190,651.80 Is Spent For Liquor Since Stores Opened

Sales Last Quarter Highest on Record For That Period Of The Year

In war or peace, legal liquor sales, and possibly the illegal sales, too, continue to show gains over previous records, an audit of the Martin County ABC system for the second quarter ending last June 30 placing total sales in the county since the stores were opened in July, ten years ago, at \$2,190,651.80.

During the second quarter of this year, sales amounted to \$102,806.80. Nine years ago, the second quarter sales amounted to \$21,584.05. For the last time in the history of the stores, sales for a second quarter exceeded \$100,000 this year. That figure had been exceeded in five other quarters, but the periods fell during the fall and winter months. The recent quarter sales were the fifth largest on record.

It is unofficially estimated that wine and beer sales, plus the bootlegging business, will about equal the legal store liquor sales. Accepting this estimate at face value, it is apparent that the county's liquor bill for the past ten years approximated four and one-half million dollars, an amount far greater than the total spent for schools, religious activities and many county activities. And the trend continues upward.

The large sales last April, May and June followed record sales for the first quarter of this year. During the fiscal year ending last June 30, legal liquor sales amounted to more than one-half million dollars with profits exceeding \$114,550, for the same period.

A review of the audit for the 1945 second quarter shows that \$73,462.99, or nearly three-fourths of the gross income, was paid to the distillers, that \$4,364.78 was spent to operate the stores, leaving a net income of \$25,374.01 for the period.

According to the audit, the ABC system in this county now has assets in the sum of \$87,501.38, represented as follows: cash, \$24,202.04; inventories, \$55,673.82; fixed assets, \$135.69; and other assets, \$7,489.83. Liabilities were listed as follows: accounts payable, \$8,695.37; due the county and towns, \$52,271.47; reserve for law enforcement, \$17,544.54; and surplus, \$12,000.00. Profits, amounting to \$25,374.01 for the quarter, were reported as follows by stores with a comparison for the corresponding quarter in 1944:

	1944	1945
Williamston	\$10,173.04	\$13,910.52
Robersonville	4,153.11	6,060.71
Oak City	1,570.98	2,760.12
Jamesville	2,078.22	2,642.66

\$17,975.35 \$25,374.01

The profits last quarter were divided, as follows: Martin County, \$11,977.51; State of North Carolina, \$8,738.58; Reserve for law enforcement, \$1,663.54; town of Williamston, \$1,662.97; town of Robersonville, \$706.00; town of Oak City, \$319.94; and town of Jamesville, \$305.47.

Sales, by stores, for the second quarter in 1944 and 1945 follow:

	1944	1945
Williamston	\$43,316.95	\$55,304.10
Robersonville	19,483.65	25,010.95
Oak City	9,215.60	11,468.25
Jamesville	9,082.30	11,203.50

\$81,098.50 \$102,806.80

A review of legal liquor sales and profits, by quarters, from the time the stores were opened in July, 1935, (Continued on page six)

Revival Services To Be Held At Holly Springs Methodist

A series of revival services are to be held at Holly Springs Methodist church beginning Monday at 8:30 p. m. Rev. T. W. Lee, former pastor, will be the guest preacher. The services will continue each night during the week and closing the following Sunday, Sept. 16, with the dedication of the church.

The community is being invited to attend these services.

PARTICIPATES

Dennis E. Warren, seaman, first class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lala F. Warren, Robersonville, RFD No. 3, is serving aboard the battleship North Carolina which is part of the powerful Pacific Fleet engaged in occupying Japan.

Under the operational control of Admiral William F. Halsey, Commander of the 3rd Fleet, the North Carolina, one of the "glamor" ships of the Fleet, assembled with 11 other battleships, 17 aircraft carriers, five escort carriers, 20 cruisers and more than 290 other U. S. ships, to carry out the occupation of the Japanese home islands.