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Fines, Amounting To \$260, Are Collected During Three-Hour Session

Holding his first session of the New Year, Judge J. Calvin Smith called County Recorder's Court last Monday, and completed the scheduled task in about three hours. Fines, amounting to \$260, were collected plete the harvest and make deliveries and several road sentences were imposed. Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuted the docket.

In the first session of the year, 1945, the court called twenty-five cases for trial, but that session followed a week holiday.

Proceedings in the court last Mon-

James Purvis, charged with nonsupport in one case and an assault with a deadly weapon in another, failed to answer when called, and papers were ordered issued for his

In the case charging James Goss with bastardy, prayer for judgment was continued until the first Monday in July upon the continued payment by the defendant of \$5 a week for the support of his illegitimate

The bewhis red case charging S A. Mobley v violating the fire laws was fire disposed of when the court decii the defendant not

The case chaing Lollie Bryant Williams with . support was continued under prever for judgment until the first Monday in July, 1946, upon the payment of the costs by the

Frank Williams, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, failed to answer and papers were issued calling for his arrest.

Called at a previous session to answer a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and failing to answer, Askew Brown and Mark Duggin had not been arrested and the case wa

Lester Bailey failed to answer in

Charged with drunken driving, William Revels pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. Appeal was noted, and bond was required Eleven Of Colored Men Leavin the sum of \$100. The court did not suspend his driver's license pending appeal.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Dallas Godard was fined \$100 and taxed left last Wednesday for pre-induca motor vehicle was revoked for a center. The call was one of the larg-

The case charging Edgar L. Keel county in some time. While the with drunken driving was continued calls for pre-induction tests conuntil January 21.

drunken driving, was fined \$60, tax- vices under Selective Service. Only ed with the cost and had his license one colored youth answered the finto operate a motor vehicle revoked al induction call in the county this

Charged with an assault on a fe- than half a dozen white men will be male, Sam Williams was fined \$20 called for final induction the latter and required to pay the court costs. part of this month. Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Jack Dixon was leaving for the preliminary physical found not guilty.

Solomon and Collisie Lynch and None of them was married as far as Navin Hawkins, charged with as- it could be learned from the records. saults with deadly weapons, were The ages of the boys ranged from 18

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Vets Acknowledge **Christmas Parcels**

Letters, expressing grateful appreciation, were received this week by Mrs. John A. Ward, chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary gift committee, from several patients in a veterans' hospital at Oteen.

One of the letters of appreciation was from a veteran who contracted pneumonia on a long march while held prisoner by the Germans. We later developed tuberculosis and

when he was returned to this country and discharged he was sent to the hospital without going home. "Things are quite different this year from last Christmas as I was in the Belgian Bulge and taken prisoner on January 12," the veteran said, and added, "last Christmas was spent in a fox hole, and I certainly do know how to appreciate the United States here. even if I am not at home."

Another veteran who has lain flat of his back since the first World war, also wrote a letter of appreciation for the gifts he received. The veteran, his head almost white now, said, . it was the least of my thoughts of being remembered . . . and I want to thank you again and again for remembering me so kindly.

Heading the special gift commit-tee, Mrs. Ward collected quite a number of useful gifts in the county just before Christmas, and judging from the numerous letters of appreciation they were well received and

greatly appreciated. Quite a few boys are being rehabilitated and they are enxious to get discarded silk hose which they will make into rugs. The auxiliary is receiving the stockings and will forward them to the proper destinations. Anyone having discarded silk hose are asked to contact Mrs. Ward or any member of the Legion Auxil-

Twenty-Three Cases Increased Activities Reported Farmers Skeptical Called Last Monday On Peanut Market This Week

count of unfavorable weather just harvest is not as far advanced as it local peanut market this week rethan half a crop this season than it ported fairly large sales. A few were did to handle any crop in recent reported last week, but deliveries years. Cleaners have been running totaled several thousand bags on their plants on a limited schedule each of several days here this week, with a longer holiday for Christmas it was learned today.

but some farmers managed to com- peanuts. to the market.

Peanuts are moving to the market dition.

fixed, but the prisoners are being moved out to Butner in fair-

a few of the surplus ones will be

made available for farm jobs at

various times. Regular farm

labor contracts are being cancel-

Fast month 719 prisoners

worked 5,215 hours on farms, the

farmers paying \$1,564.65 for the

labor. Very few prisoners have

worked in agriculture this

have been moved from the camp

recently, 59 going out yesterday

Fifteen County Men

ing Last Wednesday Came

From Farms

month, and it is understood that less

Eleven of the fifteen colored youths

tests this week came from the farm.

to 24 years, eleven of them being

called this week for the pre-induction

Jimmie James, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Nathaniel Brooks, RFD 1, James-

Eddie Mack Briley, RFD 1, Rober-

Willie James Dickens, Oak City.

Lorango Elisha Taylor, Parmele.

Romulus Moore, Jr., RFD 3, Wil-

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Discharged after long periods of

Young Veterans Return

James Russell Clemmons, RFD 2

Horace Davis, Williamston.

onville and Portsmouth.

Robersonville

only eighteen years old.

Quite a few surplus prisoners

ed, it was said.

to Camp Butner.

prior to and since the holidays, the is in this county. Buyers state that Agriculture Secretary Calls than usual, and yet they have been The weather has not been very able to keep up with the crop movefavorable during the past few days, ment by storing comparatively few

Prices while hardly as strong as Approximately 90 percent of the holding up well and sales bringing rop, it is estimated, has been har- around ten and one-half cents on an vested and marketed in this county, average are being reported with the but some farmers declare they will price climbing to as high as eleven not be able to complete the task be- cents in a few cases. Buyers comfore some time in February and pos-sibly not before March in a few cases. peanuts in a wet and damaged con-

Complete Plans For MOVING PRISONERS Infantile Paralysis No date for closing the prisoner of war camp here has been Fund Raising Drive

ly large numbers. It was learned this week that no more pris-County People Are Asked To oners would likely be made Contribute \$2,120.00 available for agricultural jobs in This Year this county. Some prisoners are remaining here for use in industrial jobs, and it is possible that

paralysis are just about complete for tobacco is used largely in the manuthis county, Chairman L. Bruce facture of cigarettes Wynne announced yesterday. The Chairman Wynne said.

less than the total raised in the 1945 crop. drive. Chairman Wynne is confident that the amount can and will be rais- acres, including this general increase ed without great difficulty during and previously-authorized increases panding here and quite a few the drive ending January 31.

chairman in Robersonville, County allotment of 1,120,000 acres. Chairman Wynne next Monday will mail out approximately 450 letters should provide a crop of about 1,- ket, but business is forging ahead dethe case charging him with drunken driving.

Cet Pre-Induction to citizens in various parts of the county. The chairman is depending on the answers to county. The chairman is depending last year's crop of 1,175,000,000 A brief but for the answers to county. on the answers to carry the drive to- pounds. Test At Fort Bragg ward its goal, but special appeals will be made to and through the schools, it was explained. The distance of the distance of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed tobacco during the war had experience of the could not import American flue-curbed not be a could not import American flue-curbed not be accordance. ward its goal, but special appeals

successful conclusion. Last year, for flue-cured tobacco.

the chairman explained. est answered by registrants in this tinue fairly large, comparatively few

> Of the \$3,026.83 raised last year, \$115 was spent in transporting coun- levels. ty victims. More than \$100 was spent there is a small fund in hand for

emergencies. The National Foundation, coming to the aid of victims in this State, Names and addresses of the men contributed nearly three-quarters of a million dollars to the emergency hospital at Hickory and the permanent hospital in Charlotte during the past two years. Over \$200,000 was contributed to the hospitals and spe-

cial cases last year. When the infantile paralysis epidemic struck this State year before M. Levin of Williamston, died at his agency. They plan to handle Chryslast, the National Foundation acted home in Philadelphia last Sunday lers and Plymouths. without delay in relieving condi- morning at 6 o'clock, friends of the tions. The contributions from the family were advised here this week. pleting the construction of a garage National unit have been far greater Mr. Finzimer, 89 years old, had been than the amounts raised in the State in declining health for several years. and turned over to the organization. Funeral services were conducted

this county to meet and pass its quota and interment was in Mt. Sharon Farmers Sell Over and establish solid claims for the Cemetery, Philadelphia. treatment of any cases developing in (Continued on page four)

Whaley turned to the superior court

this week and asked for a regular al-

lowance and alimony without a di-

vorce. The husband based his suit

A hearing has been scheduled be-

fore Judge W. C. Harris in the Wash-

ington Country Superior Court to

have a tentative allowance fixed.

No report on the hearing could be

Accident Friday Evening

Lee Thomas, local young man, was

slightly bruised and shocked when

his car turned over near the Midway

filling station in Bertie County last

Friday evening. Julian Jackson, his

companion, was not hurt. The car,

a Ford sedan, was damaged consid-

erably, one estimate placing it at

on two years of separation.

Slightly Injured In Car

had immediately.

Britton and Rudolph Saunders have returned to their old positions with **Court For Alimony** the Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Company Commenting on his return here, After her husband, Oliver Whaley, Mr. Britton said it certainly felt good filed for a divorce last fall, Verna

ervice in the armed forces, Clarence Wife Files Suit In

To Old Positions Here

SPRINGTIME

to be in civilian clothes again and

back at his old job.

After offering the coldest December in ten years the weatherman did an about face and brought springtime in January, pushing the mercury well into the seventies here and causing flowers to bloom this week. Spirea bushes, without leaves, showed their snow-white blooms and several gardeners pulled their tools from the storerooms and started making ready for

planting. Old-time residents declared they had never seen the like since they were born. The high temperatures renewed the spring fever for many.

Over Increase In Tobacco Acreage

For Ten Percent Addition To Previous Allotments

called for in the 1946 tobacco allotments by Agriculture Secretary Clinton Anderson, representative farmers in this county immediately declared they were skeptical about the motive underlying the call for an inthey were before Christmas are crease. Some of those questioned following the announcement declared that someone was behind the order, that they saw in the action a flying wedge to whittle down tobacco prices. Others said they could not tell what was behind the announcement, but they expressed the wish that no increase would be granted

It was pointed out that Martin farmers lost tens of thousands of pounds of tobacco last year on account of the labor shortage, and they added that the prospects on the labor front are not very encouraging for this year. It is quite certain that German prisoners of war will not be available at harvest time next summer, and hardly more than one out of ten returning soldiers are going back to the farm, it was pointed

The ten percent increase in acre-Plans for the annual drive to raise age, Secretary Anderson pointed out money for the fight against infantile was ordered primarily to provide tobacco needed for export. Flue-cured

The increase will be made effecdrive will center around direct mail tive through a 10 per cent addition solicitations and in the schools, to each grower's acreage allotment for 1946 as determined under pre-This county is being asked to raise viously-announced provisions of the \$2,120.00, an amount nearly \$1,000 government's program for the 1946

The allotments will total 1,250,000 in some individual allotments. The changes are to be expected during Aided by Mrs. Glenn Norman as new total compares with last year's the coming months. The expansion

schools last year did an able work hausted their stocks. Other countries Cobb and Russell Griffin are remodand Chairman Wynne believes they were forced, he said, to reduce their by the pool room on Washington

Individual donations made by mail stantial quantities of this type of to- their business from the Tar Heel an act of the last legislature, increas- hearing, the defendant, Willoughby, ranged from \$1 to \$25, most of the bacco will go abroad from the 1945 apartment building stores. contributions being in the amount of crop, an extremely large demand refive dollars, and free will offerings mains unfilled and will remain unhas rented the store now occupied. The constituted members, R. L.

crops can be shipped." Anderson said it is estimated that available, possibly for the operation sell, mayor of the county seat town, \$1,513.43 was sent to the National stocks of flue-cured tobacco held on of a second store here. Foundation. An additional \$500 was July 1, 1946, in foreign countries sent to the emergency hospital at Hickory. Special equipment was to be increased by approximately ganus, brothers, is completing the Kilpatrick, Robersonville dentist, Jas. bought for victims in this county, and 630,000,000 pounds to restore normal construction of a new building on S. Rhodes, Sr., Williamston medical

within the county in aiding needy to be a need for some increase in February a cleaning and pressing personnel. Messrs. Davis, Kilpatrick victims, the chairman explained, and stocks of tobacco held by domestic establishment. The young men, en- and Everett are new members of the manufacturers.

"Even with the proclaimed in-(Continued on page four)

Died Last Sunday

Max Finzimer, father of Mrs. M.

Besides his daughter here he is

survived by his wife, seven daughters and two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Levin and son, Ronny, attended the lates rites.

THE RECORD **SPEAKS**

Motorists, traveling Martin County highways, painted a mighty dark picture for the record during the first week of the New Year. One person, a pedestrian, was killed and two were slightly injured. Others escaped unhurt when their car turned over and landed in a swamp. In the first week of 1945 not a single highway accident

was reported in the county. The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and

for each year to the present time. First Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 3 2 1 0 0 0 1945 Comparisons To Date

Receiving Stations Selected For Victory Clothing Drive

Stations for receiving used cloth- Tarkenton aided by a comminiee ing in the nation-wide Victory Cloth- from the Lions Club, the sponsoring ing Drive have been selected in this organization here, will arrange a Comparatively Heavy Fines 3; and Brive Chairman Bob town-wide canvass in Williamston, Tax enton is directing an earnes

Discussing the 10 percent boost dertaking. Detailed plans for the receiving station. complete, but arrangements have pouring out of the war-torn countries was unusually active in his court

> will be received by the schools in Everett is serving as chairman for that district.

store in Hamilton.

peal to all Martin citizens to support can spare a useful article of old the worthy and urgently needed un- clothing is asked to deliver it to the county-wide collection are not yet | Stories of pathetic conditions are

been made to receive used clothing across both oceans. For instance, in since last week-end. Twelve cases Davenport and Hamilton's store Norway not a single new pair of were handled and comparatively in Jamesville, Manning and Gurkin's shoes has been seen, and the bare- heavy fines were imposed in several store in Farm Life, Terry Brothers' foot have stood in line day and night instances. store in Bear Grass, Virginia Electric in winter weather waiting for a pair and Power Company's office in Wil- of second-hand shoes collected in the liamston, J. S. Ayers' store in Ever- drive some months ago. Little relief etts and Slade-Rhodes Company's is to be expected after a normal In addition to those centers, clothes winter, and the drive now under way Robersonville where Mr. Marvin M. misery at that time. Plan now to

Later in the month, Chairman possible

fashion this coming winter and next Bond in the sum of \$100 was requiris planned to lessen suffering and participate in the current Victory the defendant with \$8.50 costs. Clothing Drive to the fullest extent

Make Few Changes In Business Line-up Here was fined \$5 and required to pay costs in the sum of \$9.50.

Arthur Sheppard, charged with

Several Firms Are **Planning To Move** To New Locations

New Firms To Enter Business Here; Home Building Gets Under Way

Held at a standstill during the war period, business is gradually exprogram is still hampered by mater-Anderson said the new allotment ial shortages ad a "tight" labor mar-

A brief but fairly complete review of the expansion program as propos-Anderson said that countries which ed by business for the months im-

Forming a partnership, Dillon in pushing the drive over the top, which continued to obtain supplies eling the store formerly occupied will accept the challenge and ma-stocks far below normal levels. Street and they will open a soda terially help the drive this year to a Hence, a favorable export outlook shop there within the next two Fifteen Martin County colored men the Williamston Elementary School "Foreign countries," the secretary ing, Mr. Cobb is vacating for the alone raised \$212.19 for the fund, and said, "desire flue-cured tobacco both new owners, Wier Furniture Comwith the cost. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for a motor vehicle was revoked for a center. The call was one of the largseriously-depleted stocks. While sub- the structure preparatory to moving Board of Health, in accordance with abetting the alleged violation. Accordance with a cording to evidence of the structure preparatory to moving the structure preparatory t

Elmer Purvis, pleading guilty of men are being taken into the ser-at the theaters in the county amount-at the theaters in the county amount-by the Wier company, and will oc-

Anderson asid there also appears Sycamore and will open in early ton, member-at-large, to the board tering construction work to hasten board. the completion of their building pro- No formal meeting date has been their new building and will operate hold its first session of the year some under the firm name of Blue Star time during this month or in early

Forming a new partnership, Messrs. R. T., J. E., W. O. and Jos. Griffin and Hoke Roberson are making plans for the construction of a new building next to the Blue Star Cleaners to operate an automobile

Mr. W. R. Banks is rapidly com-(Continued on page four)

4,000 Pounds Wool

Delivering 4,200 pounds of wool to a cooperative pool maintained here last summer, farmers in Martin, Beaufort, Pitt, Washington, Bertie, Chowan, Jones, Hyde, Edgecombe and Nash Counties, this week received their final payments. Nearly 200 and Mrs. Janie Mae Wagoner, all of farmers in the ten counties patronized the pool, and received a total of

Four farmers in this county, W. Harrell Everett, W. Robert Everett, D. M. Roberson and J. R. Fisher, sold 853 pounds for \$326.93.

Large Shipment Tobacco Moves In Past Few Days

Fifty-six carloads of redried to bacco moved out of here during the past few days for export. A greater portion of a train load, thirty-three cars, moved out in one day for Norfolk where it is being placed on a

ship for overseas delivery. In addition to the tobacco shipments other produce and manufactured goods are moving in fair sized quantities. Shelled peanuts, bushel baskets, logs and fertilizer are some of the other items moving in carlots

RAINFALL

Despite unusually heavy rains during several months of 1945, the total rainfall for 1945 fell slightly below the ten-year average for this area, according to figures just recently released by Hugh Spruill who keeps an official gauge at the river here.

The December rainfall, the second largest recorded since 1930 for the particular month, was exactly the same as the re-cording for December, 1942. The rainfall for November was 3.22 inches and slightly above the average. But the heavy falls in those months only boosted the total for the year to 44.36 inches, or 1.54 inches below the ten year average and several inches below the normal annual precipitation. In 1944, 46.67 inches of rain fell here.

Add New Members

ed the board membership and made ran over the plaintiff's dog last Oc-

cupy the property as soon as it is county commissioners, John L. Hasand J. C. Manning, superintendent A new firm, composed of Messrs. of county schools, named D. R. Dav Washington Street between Elm and doctor, and LeRoy Everett, Hamil-

gram, are now locating machinery in fixed, but the new board is likely to

Dies In Norfolk

pital last Saturday morning followwere conducted at the home of his o'clock by Rev. M. Elmore Turner.

Burial was in the family cemetery in Bear Grass Township. The son of the late William W. and Cecelia Bailey Williams, he was born

in this county 65 years ago, and moved to Belhaven where he lived a long number of years before moving to Norfolk to make his home. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Gladys Watsisters, Mrs. C. A. Beacham, of Washington, and Mrs. Herbert Eckin, of

AGENCY

Two young army captains, their discharges pending, are contemplating opening a new automobile agency here, according to unofficial but reliable reports heard this week. The young men came here from Rocky Mount and inspected several possible sites for a building, it was learned. One of the sites inspected is located on South Haughton Street. In addition to the auto agency,

the men plan to handle farm machinery and equipment.

Justice Hassell Has Dozen Cases In His **Court Since Monday**

Are Imposed In Several Instances

Following a big round-up by local fficers during the first few days of

Charged with reckless driving and operating on the wrong side of the road, Russell Thompson was bound over to the county court for trial. ed. In another case, Thompson was charged with disorderly conduct, the court imposing a \$20 fine and taxing

James Thompson, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$20 and equired to pay \$8.50 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct. James Henry Hill was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs. Ben Ward, facing a similar charge,

was fined \$5 and required to pay disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and

taxed with \$8.50 costs. Percy Tyner was fined \$5 and required to pay \$9.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly con-

Charged with disorderly conduct, Alonza Biggs was fined \$20 and tax

ed with \$7.50 costs. Following an inspection of local barber shops, M. C. Whitney, State nspector, cited Eddie Watts Brown James Ridley and B. F. Little to the courts for alleged violation of the state barbershop laws. Brown was charged with operating an unsanitary shop, without a certificate of registration and without a health certificate. He was sentenced to the roads for 30 days on each count, the court suspending the sentences upon the payment of \$5.50 costs and on the further condition that he comply with the regulations. Ridley, charged with operating an unsanitary shop, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of \$5.50 costs. Little, facing the same charges as faced by Brown received the same judgment.

Indicted by C. W. Moore for operating a motor vehicle and causing damaged to personal property, to-To Board of Health wit: one dog, G. L. Willoughby of Hertford County was bound over to Hertford County was bound over to the county court for trial. Bond in the sum of \$50 was required. G. S. tober 25 and did not stop. The animal has been in a dog hospital since

Bridal Party Has Hectic Trip Home

Fred Hardison, young son of Mr and Mrs. R. J. Hardison of near here, and his youthful bride had a hectic trip home during the holidays from Texas where he is stationed in the Navy. The trip attracted the attention of Mack McKay, Salisbury Post writer, and a few of the incidents were listed by him in the Post a few days ago. Commenting on the story, Hardison said that McKay did not mention minor troubles such as flat tires. "We lost count of them after we had six," he declared. The Post story follows:

Charles Barger, Jr., ART 3-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Barger, 915 Lincolnton road, and Fred Hardison James Henry Williams, a native of of Williamston (a former Duke this county, died in a Norfolk hos- tackle) and a navy buddie of Charles Jr.), and his new bride, are willing ing a long illness. Funeral services to testify that buying a car and tryare conducted at the nome of his ing to get home for Christman in such weather as we had Sunday, ington, Wednesday afternoon at 2 Monday and Tuesday is a big order , and not at all a swell honeymoon ride for newlyweds, Hardison

Hardison gave \$1,100 for a car at Corpus Christi, Texas, and as they were driving homeward, they were the victims of a freak accident. They left Corpus Christi last Friday.

They met a car in Alabama driven by an army officer, the car ran over a tire tool that had been lost on the road, flipped the tire tool and it sailed through Hardison's radiason, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Maggie tor. They bought a new radiator, \$5,894.58, the price averaging close Sawyer, of Elizabeth City; and two cost \$60 (had to send to Meridian, Miss., to get one, delay 1 1-2 days) . . After they got started again and had driven about 20 miles, a Negro drove his car into the rear of Hardison's car at a stop light hitting it so hard that the motor was driven forward, and forced the fan through the new radiator. The Negro took them up to a bank and drew out \$100 and gave it to Hardison. They were getting short of spare cash. . Then when they hit Georgia and found poles and trees cluttering up the highways, they were about ready to give up . . . at one stage they drover round a tree in the rand and. stuck up in a field . . . several sailors came along and they all nicked up the car and carried it back on the road . . . They arrived at the Barger home here at 8:30 Christmas

night, the Hardisons resuming their

trip to Williamston at once.