

Judge Calvin Smith Calls Fifteen Cases In Recorder's Court

Slightly Indisposed, Jurist Holds Court In Session Only Two Hours

Calling fifteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court Judge J. Calvin Smith, slightly indisposed, held the tribunal in session hardly two hours last Monday. But he shucked out the urgent business and carried a few cases over until next Monday and the first Monday in April for trial.

Proceedings: Charged with being drunk and disorderly and damaging personal property, Chas. E. Hassell, World War II veteran, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. The defendant, admitting he imbibed a bit too freely, explained he was trying to get to his home in Jamesville when he entered a parked car at a filling station and unintentionally took charge.

The case charging Charlie Cherry with operating a taxi without a chauffeur's license, was continued until April 1.

Charged with bastardy, Hardy Smallwood failed to answer when called, and papers were issued for his arrest.

A continuance was granted until next Monday in the case charging Willie Mack Bryant with drunken driving.

Pleading guilty of bastardy, Charlie Bennett, Jr., was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of the costs and on further condition that he pay \$10 a month for the support of his illegitimate child. He is to be regularly employed during the two-year suspension period.

The case charging Walter Godard with non-support was continued until next Monday.

Charged with violating the compulsory school attendance law, Stanley Ayers was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of the costs and on the further condition that the defendant send his sons, Warren and Joe, to school regularly.

Charged with disorderly conduct and an assault, Harrell Asby pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Pleading not guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, James E. Brooks was adjudged guilty and drew six months on the roads. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$40 fine and costs. The defendant is not to be publicly intoxicated during the suspension period of one year.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Curtis and Willie B. Yarrall, brother veterans, pleaded guilty. They were sentenced to the roads for four months each, the court later suspending the sentences upon the payment of \$40 fine and case costs.

Luther Vernon Chesson, charged with speeding, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs. His case coming up for further judgment, Leonard Mobley, colored man charged with bastardy, was directed to pay \$10 a month for the support of his illegitimate child and report to the court on the first Monday in next December.

Similar action was taken in the case against J. J. Cogdell who faces a charge of bastardy.

Two civil actions, reflecting the acute housing shortage in Robersonville and involving ejectment proceedings, were heard.

Larger Stocks Of Tobacco On Hand

Stocks of all types of leaf tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers in the United States and Puerto Rico on January 1, 1946, totaled 2,810,037,000 pounds, 6.6 percent above stocks on January 1 of the preceding year when there were 2,636,251,000 pounds. Larger flue-cured and burley stocks accounted for the major portion of this increase.

Flue-cured holdings were 2.3 percent larger than on last January 1. Stocks totaled 1,496,895,000 pounds as compared with 1,463,499,000 held at the beginning of 1945. Sales of the 1945 flue-cured crop between October 1 and January 1 brought around 470 million pounds into stocks. Reported holdings showed an increase over the previous quarter of 241 million pounds. Of the 1945 crop, estimated at 1,175 million pounds, only a very small portion remained to be marketed after January 1, 1946.

Mayor Hassell Returns From Washington Hospital

After receiving treatment for high blood pressure in a Washington hospital for about ten days, Mayor John Hassell returned home yesterday. He is feeling better and expects to be out and about in a few days.

The regular meeting of the town commissioners was postponed last Monday night on account of the mayor's absence, but no date for the session has been announced.

Activities Fast Returning To Normal Along Roanoke Here

Virtually at a standstill for months on account of flood waters, activities on and along the Roanoke River in this section are rapidly returning to normal with the expectation that they will be considerably increased when the herring and rock fishing season gets under way in the next ten days or two weeks. It was pointed out that during the past three months, the river was in flood stage 67 days.

Logging firms, almost idle since the latter part of last November, are returning to the river lowlands and tugs and barges are again traveling the stream. Closed down for months, the large lumber plant of the Saunders and Cox company is now operating on a regular schedule, one report stating that several barge loads of logs had been brought down the river during the past few days.

Unable to maintain operations in the lowlands, an Elizabeth City mill shifted its loggers to the hill sides

and trucked logs over the highways a distance of nearly 80 miles for several weeks. The company's barges are now returning to the river and normal operations are anticipated during the next few weeks, at least.

The winter season now nearing an end possibly offered the greatest obstacles encountered by plants depending upon the lowlands for their raw materials than any other one in several years.

Little progress was reported this week but nets are being made in large numbers preparatory to launching large-scale operations within the next few days. C. C. Fleming, owner-operator of the commercial fishery at Jamesville, stated that arrangements were about complete for opening the season there about Monday, March 18. We will hardly start before that date, and it is possible we will wait a few days after that, depending on conditions," Mr. Fleming said this week.

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Recent Letter Says Louis Holliday Died On December 7, 1942

County Young Man Shipwrecked And Taken Prisoner At Corregidor

Last week Mrs. E. E. Baker received further information concerning the death of her brother, Louis T. Holliday, machinist's mate first class, United States Navy, who was on the U. S. S. Finch and died in World War II. The information was received by Lt. Cdr. David Nash, of New Jersey, and P. M. Leonard O. Bellstrom of Portland, Oregon.

Lt. Cdr. Nash who collected data for the Navy reported Louis died Dec. 7, 1942, instead of May 3, 1943, as had been previously reported by the Navy Department. December 7, 1942, has now been accepted as the official date.

Mr. Bellstrom who was on the U. S. S. Finch wrote Mrs. Baker the following letter:

Dear Mrs. Baker, In regards to your letter of the 19th I will answer to the best of my ability the questions you have asked me.

I first met your brother Louis shortly after I reported aboard the U. S. S. Finch for duty, about September the 19th 1941. There were a number of times that your brother and I worked together on the different machines that are in the engine room on the U. S. S. Finch.

After the war was declared Louis stayed in the engine room to stand guard and repair if necessary, while I was assigned to man a gun on the weather deck. Louis had the harder job of the two of us.

After the ship was sunk by a bomb, which exploded close to the ship, the crew was ordered to Corregidor to different duties. Louis and I were assigned to guard the Navy tunnels. Louis was guarding Tunnel No. 7 and I guarded the entrance to Queen's Tunnel until Corregidor surrendered. I saw Louis every day on Corregidor. After the surrender I lost track of him until we met at the prison camp at Cabatuaana in the Philippines.

Louis and I were in the same barracks until a detail or the detail that Louis and I were on, that went to Hotten Camp, Manchuria. After we arrived in Manchuria, I found out another for a few days. I found out he had been put in the hospital there in the prison camp. On the ship going to Manchuria, I knew that he was sick but didn't know just how sick he was. While on the ship I did what I could for Louis. Also on the train from Tusan, Korea, to Hotten, Manchuria, I did all that I could for Louis even though I was a little sick myself. On the night of Dec. 7, 1942, Louis passed away and two days later was buried. I helped carry Louis to where he was buried.

While in the Philippines Louis talked a lot about his sister and father and I kept encouraging him as much as I possibly could to keep up his morale, even though mine was low. I guess everybody's morale was low at that time but we had our hopes and that is what kept a lot of us going.

Sincerely, Leonard O. Bellstrom. Louis was the son of the late W. H. Holliday and Mrs. Beulah Holliday of the State Hospital in Raleigh.

County Man Discharged By Army Last Sunday

Luther Cleveland Modlin, electrician's mate, first class, was discharged from the Navy at Camp Shelton, Va., last Sunday.

In the Navy six years and five days, the young man wears the American Area, Victory, Asiatic-Pacific Area, Good Conduct and European Area medals and holds the Purple Heart Award.

Firemen Called To Grass Fire At Wicket's Inn

Local firemen were called to Mickey's Inn last Tuesday morning at 10:15 o'clock when a grass fire threatened several of the tourist cabins there. No damage was done

County Marriages In February Make Record For Month

Twenty-eight Licenses Issued By Register Of Deeds During Period

Issuing twenty-eight licenses in February, the Martin County marriage license bureau is well on its way toward establishing a record business for 1946. More licenses were issued in the first two months of this year than in any of the corresponding months on record. Five more licenses were recorded last month than in any other February, the 23 issued in February, 1934, being the nearest figure to the 28 recently recorded. In no month last year were there as many licenses issued as there were in February of this year.

Licenses were issued last month, eight to white and twenty to colored couples, as follows:

White
Charles Bagley, of Mackeys, and Mildred Ayers, of Williamston.
Royce High and Nellie Williams, both of Oak City.

Gordon C. Price and Mae Moore, both of Jamesville.
William Forrest Chiswell, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Marguerite Cooke, of Williamston.

Thurman R. Pierce, of Hobgood, and Annie Louise Stator, of Scotland Neck.

Paul Graham Swinson, of Williamston, and Sally Gray White, of RFD 3, Williamston.

David E. Whitehurst and Hilda Olivia Rogerson, both of Norfolk.
Simon D. Harrison and Bettie Marie Perry, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

Colored
Edward Allen and Adeline Williams Jones, both of Hamilton.
Noah Brown and Elizabeth Briley, both of Robersonville.

Horace Davis and Alease Slade, both of Williamston.
Hubert Roberson and Daisy B. Crandall, both of Williamston.

John Wesley Durham and Blanche Hooker, both of Robersonville.
Enoch Basnight, 408 Walke Street, Norfolk, and Rosana McNaair, of Williamston.

Philip Worsley and Annie Corey, both of Washington.
Noah Brown and Ida Mae Spruill, both of Williamston.

John Henry Taylor and Louise Cooper, both of Hassell.

Henry Andrews and Annie Mae Andrews, both of Robersonville.
Isaac Thomas Willis and Emily Estelle Leary, both of Jamesville.

Milton T. Outterbridge and Ella Whitley, both of Williamston.
John A. Gregory and Ruth A. Wynn, both of Jamesville.

Henry Carrington and Ruth Keel, both of Parmele.
Simon Battle, Jr., and Lena Mae Vines, both of Robersonville.

James Leathers, RFD 1, Hobgood, and Ethel Mae Little, of Williamston.

Jaosa Purvis, of Oak City, and Dolly Mae Jones, of Hamilton.
William L. Tyner and Mary S. Williams, both of Williamston.

George Henry Keys and Ionia Keys, both of Jamesville.
John T. Perry, of Williamston, and Sylvester Wiggins, RFD 1, Williamston.

Accident Victim Improving In The Local Hospital

Critically injured when struck by a motorcycle on West Main Street here two weeks ago, Dock Kennedy, colored man, is showing some improvement in the local hospital. It was reported this week that he was conscious part of the time and that he was able to take some nourishment.

Grass Fire Back Of The Carolina Warehouse Here

A grass fire burned over a small area back of the Carolina Warehouse here last Tuesday evening at 7:15 o'clock, causing little or no damage. The fire department received a call for help and the volunteers put out the fire in a few minutes.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Following a period of run 'em down and wreck 'em, motorists on Martin County highways slowed down a bit during the ninth week to add only two accidents to the current year record. The drivers were more considerate of human life and limb and were fairly considerate of property, highway patrolmen reporting no one hurt or killed in the county during the ninth week. The death toll for the State in February approximated 100.

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.

Accidents To Date			
1946	2	0	\$ 200
1945	2	0	725
Comparisons To Date			
1946	27	16	\$ 6,400
1945	12	5	2,380

Red Cross Fund Drive Nearly Complete In Several Districts

Although a few of the individual canvassers have been delayed and several of the schools were a bit late in getting started, the annual drive for Red Cross funds is nearing completion in several of the Martin County Chapter districts. Chairman V. J. Spivey announced late yesterday afternoon. Few complete reports had been received up until that time, but several of the district chairmen declared they were making progress, that the people were cooperating splendidly and supporting the drive willingly and liberally, and that they were certain of reaching and passing their quotas shortly.

The only district to report the completion of the canvass is Biggs School, Principal W. V. Ormond announcing earlier this week that \$42.85 had been raised and turned into the organization's treasurer in the chapter. The Biggs School quota was \$40.

First Round In Cage Tournament Brings Record Crowd Here

Robersonville, Bear Grass and Farm Life Win Contests Wednesday Night

Drawing one of the largest crowds in the history of local high school athletics, the annual Martin County High School Basketball Tournament opened the first rounds of play in the local gymnasium Wednesday evening. Estimates placed the attendance between 750 and 1,000, the crowds packing the old wooden structure from stem to stern and from side to side.

Bear Grass pushed two teams to the semi-finals and Robersonville and Farm Life scored victories in the opening rounds of the tourney while the Jamesville and Oak City girls and the Robersonville and Williams-ton boys drew a bye.

In the first game of the tournament, the Robersonville and Williamston girls battled nip and tuck all the way, the Robersonville sextet winning 27 to 25 in what was described as the feature on the card that evening. Both teams turned in a thrilling performance with the outcome in doubt until the very end. Robersonville's three forwards, Taylor, Smith and J. Keel shared scoring honors, each accounting for nine points. Lib Taylor, with fourteen points, led the locals and she was followed by Louise Griffin who accounted for ten points.

In the second game of the evening, the Bear Grass boys won easily over the game lads from Oak City. J. Rogerson led his teammates to a 33-12 victory. J. Manning was tops for the losers.

The Bear Grass school forged ahead to clamp a tight claim on the championship when its girls won over the Farm Life sextet by a 33-10 score. J. Harrison and L. Rawls, with 13 and 12 points respectively, dominated the winners' scoring which was supported by a passing attack that was almost baffling at times. M. Harrison accounted for eight of her team's ten points.

After getting off to a slow start, Farm Life's promising entry in the boys' division forged ahead to turn back the Jamesville five by a 28-16 score. The Farm Life boys, averaging right at six feet, controlled the ball on the rebound from the backboards and after the first quarter were never in danger of losing the lead to the scrapping lads from Jamesville. Hardison, H. Roberson and Tice divided scoring honors about equally for the winners, and Ange, Gaines, Perry and Hamilton were close together in the scoring for the losers.

First disqualified, Miss Leona

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Religious Tribute To The Memory Of Late Local Youth

A brief religious tribute will be made to the memory of Lt. Col. Wheeler Martin, Jr., native of Williamston, during the worship hour in the Baptist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the pastor, Dr. Ira D. Knight, announced today. The young man was killed when his plane was shot down in Japan on last March 9, and funeral services were held a year ago next Sunday.

Gets Toe Mashed Slightly In Main Street Accident

Sylvester Beach, young colored boy, got his big toe slightly mashed Tuesday afternoon when he stepped into the path of a car on Main Street near the Smithwick's intersection. He was treated in a doctor's office

Bear Grass reports that the drive was completed in the township Wednesday, that the school there is winding up its canvass today with the prospect that the final report will be ready late today or early Saturday.

Members of the special gifts committee in Williamston had completed most of their assignments late yesterday, and contributions were 100 percent, Mr. N. C. Green, a member of the committee, said.

Stating that the drive was making splendid progress, Willie Bunch, speaking for the colored citizens here, believes their quota will be reached and passed by next Monday.

Commenting on the chapter-wide drive, Chairman Spivey said that approximately one-fourth of the \$3,600 quota had been raised and reported, that possibly reports expected over the week-end would boost the total to within 30 or 35 percent of the goal.

RAINFALL

Slightly more than four inches of rain fell in this immediate section last month, according to Hugh Spruill who keeps the official gauge on Roanoke River here. On an average, rain fell every other day during the month, 1.17 of the 4.08 inches recorded falling during the 24-hour period ending at 8 o'clock February 10.

So far this year just a fraction of an inch of rain in excess of the total recorded in January and February of last year has fallen here.

Local Boy Editor Campus Magazine

Bob Levin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Levin of Williamston, has recently been elected editor of the Carolina Literary Magazine, student publication of the University of North Carolina, and will finish the present term left vacant by the former editor's resignation.

Levin returned to the University in October after serving three years in the Air Corps and will graduate this June. Previous to his enlisting, he held the post of feature editor of the magazine, was night editor on the Daily Tar Heel, college newspaper, and activities editor of the Yackety-Yack, University annual.

The Carolina Magazine won the nation's highest award for college publications in 1942. Since that time, the issue has suffered heavily from inadequate staff, budget cuts, and a scarcity of experienced workers to publish the monthly with any regularity. With a new financial appropriation recently voted for the Magazine, more students are showing an active interest in journalism again, and the campus is clamoring for a better publication. Levin hopes to raise the Magazine to its pre-war standard before springtime.

Editorship of the 100 year old Carolina Magazine is a coveted campus position and one that calls for a sound background in journalism. In his acceptance speech, young Levin promised the campus that he would "do everything possible to turn out a national winner again."

R. L. Humber Enters Congressional Race

Robert Lee Humber, Greenville attorney and widely known in international peace movements, will enter the race for the National House of Representatives from this, the First Congressional District, it was reliably learned here yesterday. However, no announcement had been formally made at that time.

Herbert Bonner, incumbent, filed his candidacy several weeks ago with the State Board of Elections.

CONTINUES QUITE ILL

According to reports heard here late yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Sylvester Peel continues critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Griffin, in Griffins Township.

APPROVED

The proposal calling for a special election to determine the wishes of the qualified voters on the question of levying a special 20-cent tax for expanding the course of study in the Williamston High School was formally approved by the State Board of Education in session at Raleigh yesterday, according to information received here.

Given approval by the county boards of education and commissioners, the proposal will be submitted to a vote of the people on a date to be fixed by the county board of commissioners. The matter is tentatively scheduled for consideration when the board meets in special session here on March 13.

Four Cars Figure In Road Accident Near Here Tuesday

Two Boys Painfully Hurt In Second Accident Short Time Later

Two persons were painfully hurt and several others were scratched and bruised slightly in a series of motor accidents on U. S. 64 near here last Tuesday evening. Gilbert Hopkins, suffering a shoulder injury and a bad cut on one finger, and his thirteen-year-old brother, Gordon Hopkins, bruised and skinned almost from head to foot, were removed to Brown's Community Hospital here for treatment. Victims of another accident earlier that evening did not report for medical attention.

The first of the accidents was reported close to Bethlehem church in Williams Township about 7:30 that evening. Nathaniel Coy Hardison, colored man, was driving toward Williamston when he stopped to keep from running over a loose horse, said to belong to Farmer Joe Johnson. W. J. Miller, Sr., driving behind Hardison, stopped within a few feet of the Hardison car. James W. Jones, third in line, also stopped, but a fourth car, driven by William Alexander Holliday, plowed into the Jones car which plowed into the Miller car which, in quick order, plowed into the Hardison's or the No. 1 car.

Several of the cars were "welded" together in the crash and had to be broken loose by a wrecker.

Investigating the accident involving the four cars, Patrolman Whit Saunders said that they were meeting traffic, that the drivers were either blinded or they realized they could not turn out and miss the cars stopped in the highway.

Damage to the cars was estimated by Patrolman Saunders, as follows: Hardison's 1940 Tudor Ford, \$50; Miller's 1941 Plymouth, \$250 to \$300; Jones's 1940 Chevrolet, \$350, and Holliday's 1940 Ford, \$350.

Two hours later, Gilbert Hopkins, 17, lost control of his father's 1940 Ford and ran it off the highway a short distance this side of Sweet Water Creek. The car, its accelerator hung, according to Hopkins's version of the accident, turned over and came to a stop about thirty yards from the road. The machine, damaged to the extent of about \$300 or \$400, stopped in an upright position with its front heading toward Williams.

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Congressmen Vote Against Housing

Of the thirty-two democrats voting to cripple the Administration's housing program by killing subsidies to provide homes for war veterans, one-eighth of them were from North Carolina, according to an unofficial but reliable tabulation of the "secret" vote taken in the National House of Representatives early this week. Those listed from North Carolina in the opposition were Barden, Doughnut, Durham and Ervin. It was pointed out that many of the other congressmen did not participate in the vote, that the bill to provide a \$600,000,000 subsidy housing program for war veterans was defeated 161 to 92.

While the congressmen in Washington were voting against the housing program, many of them at the bidding of one of the most powerful lobbies ever to hand around Washington, Martin County boys returning from overseas declare that fine hotels and other buildings are being constructed for officers in foreign lands.

Nylon Supply To Be Short For While Yet

In New York the other day, manufacturers and wholesalers tried to spell out the facts on hose for women. They were not very cheerful. The net result of all their statistics seems to be just this: in 1946, hosiery production will run only ten pairs per woman against the expected 14. This despite a super-effort by nylon. The 1946 nylon production is expected to reach thirty million dozen pairs, some three times above that of 1941. About 90 percent of all nylon yarn produced by DuPont is going to the hosiery industry. Moreover, some 171 manufacturers are making nylon stockings today who never made them before. But production of rayon stockings this year will be only about a third of what it was during the war, according to the New York meeting. The shortage is the real reason for the bleak stocking outlook for 1946.

County Young Man Recently Discharged From The Army

After serving seventeen months in the Army, thirteen of the number overseas in the European theater, Garland C. Tice, son of Mr. Noah T. Tice, of Griffins Township, was discharged from the Army at the Pherson Separation Center, Georgia. He wears the Combat Infantry and Distinguished Unit badges and the Good Conduct Medal and the European Theater service ribbon.