

## Fines Amount To \$210 In Session Of Court Monday

### Judge J. C. Smith Returns To Bench Following a Month's Absence

Returning to the bench after an absence of more than a month, Judge J. Calvin Smith virtually cleared the docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Two civil actions were carried over and one or two criminal cases were continued by mutual consent. The court is now just about caught up with its work and a lighter schedule is expected during the coming months.

Working before a fair-sized audience, Judge Smith called thirteen cases and adjourned the session about noon after collecting fines in the amount of \$210.

Proceedings: Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case in which John Wesley Whitfield was charged with hit-and-run driving and damaging property. The defendant pleaded guilty.

Adjudged guilty in the case charging him with reckless driving, Leon Powell was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended on condition that the defendant pay the costs and \$200 into the court for V. B. Hair, the prosecuting witness. The defendant's license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year. The case grew out of a highway accident on Highway 64 between Williamston and Jamesville several weeks ago.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Nathan H. Mobley was fined \$25 and required to pay the court costs.

James Arthur Bowers, pleading guilty of speeding, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Garland Thomas Roberson, charged with reckless driving, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20, the court taxing him with the costs.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty in the case charging George Herman Moore and Belmont Moore with reckless driving. They were adjudged guilty of violating the rules of the roads, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs. Belmont Moore appealed to the higher courts and bond was required in the sum of \$50.

Ernest Stallings, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25 and required to pay the court costs.

Robert Gee pleaded not guilty in the case charging him with bastardy. He was adjudged not guilty of failing to provide adequate support for his illegitimate child.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with assault, Smith Edward Dolberry was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

James Rufus Taylor was fined \$35 and taxed with the cost for assaulting a female.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, James H. Taylor pleaded guilty of having illegal liquor in his possession. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Paul D. Roberson, and the court fined the defendant \$40 and required him to pay the costs.

James Sanders Simmons, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, was fined \$40 and required him to pay the costs.

## CHANGES

A recent ruling by the State attorney general has made it necessary to change election registrars in at least two of the precincts in the county, County Board of Elections Chairman Sylvester Peel announced this week. The attorney general ruled that a notary public could not serve as an election official, and Mrs. Joseph W. Griffin was named to succeed Miss Edith Stallings as registrar in Williamston No. 1 precinct. Oscar S. Anderson is a notary public, too, and S. H. Grimes was named to succeed him as registrar for Williamston's No. 2 precinct.

The new registrars will hold the books open for new registrations at the previously announced places, B. A. Critcher's office for No. 1 precinct, and Harrison and Carstarphen's office for the No. 2 precinct. Saturday, May 11, is the last day for registration.

## Saturday Is Last Day To Register For May Primary

Saturday, May 11, is the last day to register for the May 25 primary and subsequent elections. Reports from several of the registrars indicate that few names have been added to the registration books since they were opened on April 27.

The registration is not a new one and those persons who participated in a primary or general election since 1940 will not find it necessary to register again to participate in the voting on May 25. Those persons who have become 21 years of age since the last election or who will have attained that age on or before the general election next November are among those eligible to register and participate in the approaching primary. Newcomers who have maintained residence as long as four months in a precinct are eligible to register and vote, provided they have been in the State for one year. Quite a few servicemen who have returned home and who were not 21 years of age

before they entered the service are eligible to register now, and many who have moved into the various precincts of the county since the last election are eligible to register. A person who has moved from one precinct to another and lived as long as four months in his adopted precinct should have his name transferred if he would qualify to vote in the primary.

Registrars for the thirteen precincts in this county: Jamesville, Clarence Stallings; Williams, Lee D. Hardison; Griffins, S. Oscar Peel; Bear Grass, J. Rossell Rogers; Williamston No. 1, Mrs. Jos. W. Griffin; Williamston No. 2, S. H. Grimes; Cross Roads, J. S. Ayers; Robersonville, A. R. Osborne; Gold Point, Harry Roberson; Poplar Point, Slade White; Hassell, D. R. Edmondson; Hamilton, Jesse Everett; Goose Nest, Lawrence Hyman. Registration places in Williamston are in the office of B. A. Critcher and Harrison and Carstarphen.

## MAKE PLANS

Meeting in the agricultural building last week-end, the Martin County Triple A committee and community committee discussed plans for measuring tobacco crop lands in the county this season. The community committee were asked to make plans in their respective areas. While no definite plans were advanced, it was announced that all land planted to tobacco in the county would be measured.

It was also explained that "spot" checks would be made by representatives of the State and county committees.

## Announce County School Closings

Five of the county white schools—Williamston, Oak City, Hamilton, Hassell and Farm Life—will complete the 1945-46 term on Friday of next week, it was announced today by the office of the superintendent. Three additional white schools—Jamesville, Robersonville and Everetts—will close the term on the following Monday, and Bear Grass will end its year on May 24.

All colored schools will end the term on Monday, May 20.

No formal graduation programs will be held this year since the eleventh grade pupils in most cases will return next fall to continue their studies in the twelfth grade. However, three pupils—one each in Bear Grass, Williamston and Robersonville—are graduating and will receive their diplomas. The awards will be made without fanfare, it was learned.

It is possible that several of the schools will hold informal entertainments to mark the close of the term, but in most cases regular classes and examinations have been scheduled right up to the last day.

## One Drunk Before Mayor For Trial

Apparently caught with their supply short when the liquor store closed with little or no advance notice, the habitual drunkards remained on the dry side and out of the courts last week-end. Justice J. L. Hassell said yesterday that only one drunk, Clyde Silverthorne, was in his court. The defendant was required to pay \$9.50 costs.

Several other cases were on the docket, however. Victor Marvin Hayden of Los Angeles was taxed with \$6 costs when he lighted a spot light on his car and directed it on the left side of the road.

Vance Price was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs for operating a motor vehicle with improper lights.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, Normal Hollis was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

## Bookmobile Makes Last Trip To The Schools Next Week

### Summer Schedule Will Go Into Effect Middle Of Next Month

The county bookmobile will make its last trip to the schools this term next week, it was announced today by the district librarian, Miss Elizabeth House. Teachers are urged to have all regional library books ready for the bookmobile when it makes the trip beginning next Monday. The librarian also announced that many new books will be available when the bookmobile makes its first trip on the summer schedule about the middle of next month.

The schedule for next week follows:

**Monday, May 13**  
Williamston Elementary school, 9; Edward's Service Station, 11; Hamilton in front of bank, 11:30; Hamilton school, 12:30; Gold Point, Johnson's Service Station, 1:35; Robersonville Public Library, 2:30.

**Tuesday, May 14**  
Hassell Post Office, 9:30; Hassell School, 10; Edmondson Service Station, 10:40; Oak City School, 11:15; Oak City, Barrett's Drug Store, 1:30; Smith's Store on Palmyra Road, 2:15.

**Wednesday, May 15**  
Williamston High School, 9; Everetts, School, 10; Everetts, Ayers School, 11:30; Robersonville High School, 12:30; Robersonville Elementary School, 1:30; Parmelee Post Office, 3:00; Cross Roads Church, 3:30.

**Thursday, May 16**  
Griffin's Service Station, 9:30; Farm Life School, 10:30; Corey's Cross Roads, 12:30; Bear Grass School, 1:30; Bear Grass, Terry Bros. Store, 2:30; Wynn's Service Station, 3:30.

**Friday, May 17**  
Jamesville School, 9:30; Jordan's Store, Daudens, 10:30; Browning's Store, 11:30; Popular Chapel Church, 12:45; and Jamesville, Brown's Store, 2:00.

## Two Thousand At Bureau Barbecue

Approximately 2,000 persons were present for the Martin County Farm Bureau's annual barbecue held in Williamston week before last, it was announced by T. B. Brandon, secretary, this week. The meal cost \$1,009.29, it was learned. Preparing a bill of cost, the secretary listed the following expense:

Six bushels of corn meal, \$17.75; 2,000 paper plates, \$10.30; soft drinks, \$56.40; pickles and dressing, \$40.62; bread and cabbage, \$33.26; ice, \$7; 3,333 pounds of dressed meat, \$831.00, cooking and vinegar, \$180; spoons, \$16.39, janitor, \$7. The ladies of the Piney Grove Baptist Church served the meal, including the cooking of the cornbread and preparation of the other items, for \$70. The total amounted to \$1,210.19, but the nearly 200 pounds of surplus barbecue was sold for \$200.90.

Developing into such a big event, the barbecue will be held in larger quarters next year.

## Reviews Work Of Club Members In County Last Year

### Club Women Are Donating Food For Starving In Foreign Lands

Martin County home demonstration club women did effective work on the home front, the home agent, Miss Elizabeth Parker, stating that the 234 members made many garments and repaired 468 others, in addition to their work in preserving foods and aiding programs directly or indirectly connected with the war effort.

The club women made 500 garments for the Red Cross, knitted eighteen sweaters and donated 500 other garments to the organization.

Preservation of foods figured prominently in the club program during the period, the home agent stating that 26,000 quarts of fruit were canned along with 32,000 quarts of vegetables and 19,000 quarts of meat and fish. The club members also brined 41 gallons of vegetables, dried 465 pounds of fruit, 316 pounds of vegetables and stored 22,000 pounds of vegetables.

During the year, twelve homes were painted and pumps were installed in fourteen. Several members had cabinets built into their kitchens and several homes were wired for electricity.

Of the 2,406 farms in the county, 1,230 families were contacted by extension workers, including the agents, neighborhood leaders and at community meetings.

During National Home Demonstration Week this week, Club women are being asked to contribute one quart of the following, meats, vegetables and fruits for the United Nations Rehabilitation Relief Association program which is urgently needed in so many areas where millions are now facing starvation. If there are others who would participate in the worthy cause, they are asked to contact the home agent. The drive for food for the starving will continue through this month, Miss Parker said.

## \$1,249.15 Raised For Cancer Fund

Making a final report this week, County Chairman Robt. L. Coburn said that \$1,249.15 had been raised for the National Cancer Fund in this county, that the amount exceeded the quota by \$249.15.

According to the report, the fund was raised in the various districts, as follows: Jamesville, \$75.17; Williams, \$37.03; Griffins, \$65; Bear Grass, \$117.47; Williamston, \$454.33; Cross Roads, \$59.58; Robersonville, \$261.43; Poplar Point, \$26.45; Hassell, \$30.28; Hamilton, \$45.81; Goose Nest, \$76.60.

Every district in the county except one exceeded its quota, one of them more than doubling its original goal.

## County Delinquent Tax List Smaller

The current Martin County delinquent tax list, recognized as the smallest in years and years, carries the names of 177 property owners and an unpaid amount in the sum of \$1,619.55.

Colored property owners in two townships, Bear Grass and Poplar Point, paid off to a man. In one or two other districts, there were as few as two delinquents.

Last year there were 183 delinquent accounts amounting to \$1,709.46. The delinquent list and unpaid accounts, by townships: Jamesville, 29 and \$168.65; Williams, 2 and \$6.50; Griffins, 6 and \$105.19; Bear Grass, 2 and \$33.65; Williamston, 49 and \$260.06; Cross Roads, 7 and \$133; Robersonville, 40 and \$338.09; Poplar Point, 2 and \$95.63; Hamilton, 16 and \$123.82; Goose Nest, 22 and \$364.96.

## Leader Of Students At College In Greenville

Miss Emily Roberson of Parmelee was recently commissioned a leader of Methodist students on the campus of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, it was announced this week.

## Large Number Of Marriage Licenses Issued In County

### Issuance Last Month Largest For Any April On Public Record

Thirty-three marriage licenses were issued in Martin County last month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, the number being the largest for any April on record. The issuance was just three less than the number sold in the previous month, and the March issuance was the largest since December, 1941, when there were 41 weddings in the county. For the first time this year, more licenses were issued to white than to colored couples, but the count was very close. Seventeen licenses went to white and sixteen to colored couples, as follows:

**White**  
John Wieting, Marlin, Texas, and Betty Mayo Everett of Palmyra.

William J. Griffin and Tillie Gray Griffin, both of Williamston. B. F. Roughton of Norfolk and Frances Girvin of Jamesville. Samuel Killebrew and Mamie Harrell, both of Oak City.

William H. Revels and Susie Edmondson, both of Williamston. William Ronald White and Anne Lindsley, both of Williamston.

Albert S. Beach of Kinston and Annie Mae Davis of Hobgood. Thurman H. Matthews and Reba Teel Cooke, both of Williams-ton.

Lorey H. White and Annie Waters Chesson, both of Williamston. James H. Watson of Washington and Ruth Clayton, RFD, Washington.

Garland Pierce of Windsor and Elsie Edmondson of Williamston. Lonnie Hardison and Daisy Mae Mizelle, both of RFD 3, Williams-ton.

Sutton A. Burroughs of Williamston and Norfolk and Rosalee Miller of Rocky Mount.

James Perry of Williamston and Stella Barber of Jamesville. Joe Grant Ballard of Robersonville and Doris Tripp of Stokes.

Wiley Leaston Winstead, RFD 3, Nashville, and Theasua Madeline Baker of Rocky Mount.

Vernon Hardee and Bernice Ward, both of Robersonville.

**Colored**  
Grady James and Eva Rogers Land, both of Williamston.

Johnnie Everett and Janie Jones, both of Oak City.

William M. Long and Annie Mae Dempsey, both of Williams-ton.

Lester Carr of Oak City and Naomi Moore of Hamilton.

Willie Bazemore and Ruth Bunch, both of RFD 1, Windsor.

Rudolph Brown and Eloise Williams, both of Williamston.

James Frank Finch and Marie Little, both of Williamston.

William Henry Brown and Mattie Muriel Simmons, both of Williamston.

Samuel Manning and Clydia Mae Rogers, both of RFD 2, Williamston.

Alton Clay Roberts and Mildred Clemmons, both of RFD, Williamston.

Bob Lynch and Iner Jenkins, both of Robersonville.

James Henry Rodgers and Narcissus Sprull, both of Williams-ton.

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## Lumber Destroyed By Fire Tuesday

Fire of undetermined origin burned about \$300 worth of lumber and several barrels of gasoline and kerosene on the farm of Joe Purvis, colored, near Oak City last Tuesday night. Purvis at the time was attending a meeting of deacons in the Long Chapel Baptist Church at Hobgood.

The home was saved when neighbors saw the fire and rushed there to confine it to the pile of lumber which the farmer was planning on using for the construction of a packhouse.

## Urge Voluntary Cut In Use Of Electricity

### Freight Shipments Ordered Curtailed By The Railroads

#### Temporary Suspension Of Train Schedules Here Appears Likely

The shortage of fuel resulting from a strike in the soft coal mines was brought home to this section this week when the Atlantic Coast Line placed a virtual embargo on all freight movements with the possibility that all train schedules for this immediate area will be suspended temporarily.

The embargo order is effective as of 12:01 a. m. Friday, May 10, and rules out all but a few items. According to information received by the local freight office of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, shipments will be limited to livestock, and other perishable goods, including peanuts. Provisions also will be made to move coal, gasoline, fuel oil, kerosene, lubricating oils, food for human consumption, and certain feeds. Hay and straw are not to be handled. Other items not under embargo include medicines, surgical instruments, hospital and sick room supplies, newsprint, newspapers and magazines, printing inks and a few other items. Automotive equipment and parts, furniture and other non-perishable items will not be accepted for shipment by the railroad company under the embargo, it was learned.

No official announcement has been made by the power company, but unofficial reports state that some of the VEPCO's large generating plants have already switched to oil, but it is not known how long power can be made available under the makeshift plan. One official of the company has been quoted as saying that no curtailment was anticipated in this section because of an arrangement to secure power from hydro-electric plants of other companies which are not affected by the coal shortage. Barring unforeseen difficulties, he was quoted as saying, no brown-out will come to this area.

Commenting on the seriousness of the coal shortage, R. H. Goodmon, manager of the local VEPCO offices, said following a conference with company officials in Richmond this week that rationing (Continued from page five)

## Draw Jurymen For Court Next Month

Twenty Martin County citizens were drawn by the county commissioners in their recent meeting for duty as jurymen in the superior court convening on Monday, June 17, it was announced by J. Sam Getsinger, clerk to the board.

Judge Walter Bone of Nashville is returning to preside over the term which is scheduled for one week for the trial of criminal and civil cases.

Names of the jurymen drawn for duty:

Jamesville: Julian Fagan and C. D. Griffin.

Griffins: J. R. P. Griffin, W. Marrow Lilley and Archie T. Roberson.

Bear Grass: A. B. Ayers. Williamston: Joe Roberson, Jr., John G. Coltrain, George A. Harris, J. B. Taylor Sr., E. G. Wynne and W. L. Mizelle.

Cross Roads: G. H. Forbes and W. S. Leggett.

Robersonville: C. X. James and Lester House.

Hamilton: Belmar Hardison. Goose Nest: John L. Hassell, H. A. Early and L. H. Hux.

## Evangelist Begins Work In District

Harvey C. Bream of Cincinnati, recently entered upon his duties as evangelist for the several member churches in the Roanoke District, Disciples, it was announced this week by C. C. Coltrain, chairman of Griffins Township. The evangelist's first work was in the Phillippi church in Washington County.

## OPERATION

A patient in Howland Ward, Duke Hospital, for the past several weeks, Little Miss Peggy Harrison of Bear Grass continues quite ill. Late reports state that she is slated to undergo an operation just as soon as her condition permits.

The patient little victim of some type of anemia sent word back this week that friends had been very good to her, that she received additional gifts during the past few days, \$25 from Bill Cherry and \$25 from the Macedonia Ladies' Aid, and that she was opening a bank account with the Branch Bank here and saving every penny to help pay her hospital bill and get well.

## USES Office Here Reports Activities

During the month of April, 1217 persons visited the local Employment office, Mrs. Alvis R. Jordan, manager, announced today. Of this number 1088 were veterans. Approximately 50 percent of the total reception contracts were made by persons who are engaged in self-employment.

During the month, 50 veterans were placed in industrial employment in the area of the local office which comprises Martin and Bertie Counties. On April 30th the fiscal count of the active application file revealed that 143 persons had registered with the Employment Service during the month and indicated their availability and desire for employment. In order to place these workers in suitable employment, the local office is in need of orders from all employers, most particularly in the better type jobs.

Employers in this section have been in general very cooperative, said Mrs. Jordan. However, there are still too many who are not dealing with us. If employers would realize that we have the best type of help available for almost any kind of job, if they would realize what we are up against and place all orders with us, we could not an even better job of replacement.

Employers are urged to have their plant approved to give the veterans "on-the-job training." Information may be received from the local Employment office.

Those veterans engaged in self-employment who wish to file a return of income and expenses may contact representatives of the local office for information.

Mrs. Jordan announces that effective Monday, May 6th, all Employment Service offices will observe office hours from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Monday through Friday rather than the old schedule of 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

## Alleged Violator Is Returned Here

Willie Savage, young colored man, was returned here from Halifax County Tuesday for obtaining money and clothes under false pretense, and is being held in jail in default of bond.

Thought to be a native of Suffolk, Savage came to Williamston several months ago and worked on various construction jobs. Last Monday he went to the home where his former employer, J. C. Block, roomed and obtained three suits of clothes explaining to the landlady that his "boss" had instructed him to get the clothes and take them to the cleaners. Prior to that time he had obtained \$60 in cash from Edward Early.

As soon as he got the clothes, Savage boarded a bus immediately for Weldon where he was arrested at the direction of the local police department. He was returned here Tuesday afternoon. Savage claimed he sold two of the three suits of clothes for \$10. All three suits were recovered and it was learned that the man had sold two of them for \$25 to a man in Weldon.

## More County Men Are Called Into The Armed Forces

### Draft Board Unable To Fill The May Call For Final Inductees

More Martin County colored men were called for pre-induction examinations and final induction into the armed forces last Monday and Tuesday. Draft Board officials stating that the final induction call could not be answered in its entirety.

Five men were called for final induction, but only two were available. Charlie Oscar Jones, RFD 1, Hobgood, and Henry Lee Clark, RFD 1, Robersonville, left last Monday for final induction. One of them is 22 and the other is 18 years of age, and both come from the farm.

Twenty-five colored men were called last Tuesday for preinduction examinations. A twenty-sixth one, George Caraway, volunteered and went down with the group for a physical examination.

The names and addresses of those called last Tuesday follow: Clarence Burnett, RFD 1, Palmyra and Portsmouth.

Berlin Briley, RFD 2, Robersonville. James Willis Lloyd, Williams-ton.

Percy Dorsey Evans, RFD 3, Williams-ton.

Thurman Lee Little, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Fred C. Howell, Hamilton. Samuel Wesley Hooper, Jamesville and Washington, D. C.

Andrew Jackson Spruill, Williams-ton.

James Juniof Langley, RFD 1, Jamesville and Robersonville.

Rufus Lynch, Jr., Oak City. Tom Davis, Jr., RFD 1, Robersonville.

David Black, RFD 1, Williams-ton.

Andrew Jackson Everett, Williams-ton.

Lonnie Rodgers, Jr., RFD 1, Williams-ton.

Robert Williams, RFD 3, Williams-ton.

Jasper Lee Chance, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Frederick Anderson Jones, Hamilton.

Nazarine Joseph Griffin, RFD 2, Hampton, Va.

Eli Davis, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City. Lester Griffin, RFD 2, Robersonville.

William Isaac Latham, RFD 3, Williams-ton.

Floyd Peele, RFD 1, Williams-ton.

Randolph Alexander Saunders, Robersonville.

William Baker, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City.

James Shepherd, Jr., RFD 2, Williams-ton.

Andrew Spruill, James Langley and Nazarine Griffin did not report, and Samuel Hooper was transferred to Washington, D. C.

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## Ayers Electric Leases Main Street Building

The Ayers Electric Company and Ayers-Wheeler Plumbing Company have leased the building next to the Enterprise Publishing Company on Main Street, and plan to occupy it sometime next month, it was learned this week. The property was leased from B. A. Critcher, owner.

## TRANSPLANTING

Following a gloomy and almost desperate outlook existing a little over two weeks ago, the tobacco plant situation has greatly improved in this county and it is estimated that possibly 75 percent of a full crop will have been transplanted by the end of this week.

A few farmers completed the task last week, but transplating did not get under way on any appreciable scale until this week. It is not fairly certain that the plant supply will be ample to transplant the entire acreage allotment in this county.

Their plants completely destroyed by blue mold which was described as the most deadly this year than ever, some farmers are turning to their neighbors and finding ample plants to meet their needs.