

Judge J. C. Smith Collects \$125 In Fines Last Monday

Criminal Action Grows Out Of Controversy Over Cart Path

Calling twelve cases, Judge J. Calvin Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session until noon last Monday before clearing the docket for the day. Fines collected at the session amounted to \$125, the reduction in the number of cases and decreasing revenue indicating that the business of the court is entering its usual spring-summer slump. However, business in the court continues to hold up well compared with past records at this season of the year.

A fairly large crowd was present for the proceedings last Monday, but interest seemed to center in a case brought by Ed Jones against Richard Jones, involving trespassing on a short cart path claimed by the prosecuting witness. A civil action is pending in the superior court at the present time in which Ed Jones is suing to keep his cousin, Owen Jones, off the path. Ed Jones went to Greenville and employed Albion Dunn to prosecute the case. The defendant, Richard Jones, son of Owen Jones, pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and Judge Smith suspended judgment upon the payment of the court costs.

Other proceedings in the court last Monday:

The case charging Cleveland Godard with non-support was not prosed.

A continuance under prayer for judgment until next September 9 was allowed upon the payment of the court costs in the case charging Nemi Moore with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes.

The case in which LeRoy Roberson was charged with violating the landlord-tenant law was not prosed.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Paul R. Perry was fined \$20 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with reckless driving, Summie Council through his attorney, Sam Worthington of Greenville, pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged not guilty.

James Russell Clemmons, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Russell Joseph Dickens pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost. The court recommended that his driver's license be suspended for ten days.

William Howard James, charged with speeding pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, the court taxing him with the costs.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with speeding, William Alexander Fischer was fined \$25 and taxed with the court costs. Judge Smith recommended that his driver's license be revoked for ten days.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Theodore Sandy Brown pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and taxed with the court costs. Judge Smith recommended that no license be issued the defendant for a period of twelve months.

In the case charging LeRoy Godard, disabled war veteran, with speeding, the defendant pleaded guilty and the court suspended judgment upon the payment of the court costs. It was pointed out to the court that the defendant lost a leg in France.

Bonner Rally And Barbecue Tuesday

Extensive plans have been made for a big rally and barbecue at the Swanee River Club, Gold Point, next Tuesday evening for the advancement of the candidacy of Herbert Bonner for representative from the First Congressional District.

No formal program has been announced for the event, but reports state that 30 hogs are being barbecued for the large crowd which is being invited to the free supper to be served between 6 and 9 o'clock that evening.

The rally, as far as it can be learned, will just about mark the close of an intensive political campaign in this county.

Candidates for Commissioner



Very little talk has been heard about it, but the race for county commissioner, after all, will possibly have a more direct bearing on the affairs of most Martin County people than either of the other two contests on the May 25 primary ballot. Pictured

above are Joshua L. Coltrain, left, the incumbent of Williams Township, and Leslie W. Hardison of Jamesville, candidates for Martin County commissioner from the Jamesville-Williams District. It is the only county commissioner contest this year, but the candidacies are subject to a county-wide vote.

Sam Bundy Resigns As School Principal

RAINFALL

Heavy showers falling since last Sunday have all but interrupted farm work and many other activities in this section. Nearly three inches of rain fell from Sunday up until last Thursday afternoon here, boosting the total for the first fifteen days to 3.44 inches. Last month 3.87 inches of rain fell in this immediate vicinity.

The rains have had very little effect on the river at this point so far, and no flood warnings had been received up until late Thursday. The stream is about six inches below its banks and was on a stand Thursday afternoon.

Russell H. Teel Dies In Hospital In Massachusetts

Funeral For Williamston Native In Cambridge Saturday

Russell H. Teel, native of Williamston, died suddenly in a Cambridge, Massachusetts, hospital last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health for six years, but was thought to be getting along as well as usual until he was fatally stricken following the evening meal Wednesday. Apparently he had been in the hospital a very short time because in a mother's day message to his mother here he said he was getting along all right.

The son of Mrs. Bettie Mobyé Teel, of Williamston, and the late James A. Teel, he was born at the old home on West Main Street here on March 17, 1892. When a young man he went to Petersburg, Va., where he engaged in the insurance business for several years or until he entered the first World War. Following the close of the war he located and married in Cambridge where he engaged in an interior decorating and paint business. At the outbreak of the current war he volunteered for work on defense projects, but he was forced into virtual retirement on account of declining health.

Accompanied by his wife he visited here two years ago and was planning to return for another visit this spring.

Surviving are his widow, mother and one brother, Val L. Teel, of Williamston.

Funeral services will be conducted in Cambridge Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and interment will follow in the Cambridge cemetery. His niece, Mrs. Thurman Matthews, and Mr. Matthews, left here early Thursday to attend the last rites.

BANK HOLIDAY
Local banks will observe Mecklenburg Independence Day next Monday, May 20, as a holiday.

Several Teachers Resign Positions In Local Schools

Principal And Teacher Applications To Be Taken Up Saturday

Meeting in called session Thursday noon, Williamston's local school committee accepted the resignations of Principal Sam D. Bundy, Mrs. Jessie E. White and Sam Edwards, high school teachers, and Miss Patsy King, eighth grade teacher, and perfected its organization for the coming year. Robert L. Coburn continues as chairman with Ray H. Goodman, Sr., and Claude B. Clark, Sr., as members.

In his letter of resignation, Principal Bundy explained that he planned to locate in Farmville where he was considering an offer as secretary of the tobacco board of trade and other duties. He also pointed out that he had been unable to find a home here since he succeeded E. G. Bourne, resigned, during the 1944-45 term.

Professor Edwards is resigning to accept the principalship of the LaGrange High School.

Mrs. White, who planned to withdraw from the teaching profession after a long number of years of faithful service, and Miss King stated that they accepted positions to help relieve the teacher shortage in the local schools during the emergency. The resignations were accepted, the board expressing its appreciation for the work handled by the volunteers. All other teachers were re-elected, it was learned.

Recessing until Saturday morning, the local board is scheduled to consider applications for the principal's position and two or more of the teacher openings along with plans for adding new courses to the curriculum.

The meeting Thursday morning was the second held during the current term, but in its reorganization the board is expected to schedule regular monthly meetings with planned inspections of schools' activities and properties at certain intervals.

THAT MAN

A partial survey of grocery stores in this immediate area shows that bread consumption has been decreased very little in the face of pitiful appeals coming from the starving millions across the seas. That's bad for the hungry, but what's far worse is a report stating that a family had purchased 1,000 pounds of white flour to make certain of its supply.

In the face of the pathetic stories that man, in the eyes of the world, is the meanest man humanity will ever have to tolerate.

Expect Big Vote In District For Primary, May 25

Review of Congressional Vote In 1942; Many Contests Slated

Preliminary reports, many of them admittedly based on guesses, indicate that something approaching a record vote will be cast in the First Congressional District in the May 25 primary. While Martin has only one strictly county contest, other counties in the district have races which along with the congressional card will draw the voters to the polls in numbers.

Martin County has a potential voting strength of about 6,500 voters, according to reports coming from ten of the thirteen precincts. No reports apparently can be had from Bear Grass, Gold Point and Poplar Point. It is estimated 6,500 electors will participate in the primary on Saturday, May 25. No contest was held in this congressional district two years ago, but in 1942, Martin County cast only 3,143 votes, a number about 1,500 below the record cast in the 1940 general election. It is now estimated that the vote next week will push on toward 3,750 or possibly 4,000.

A review of the vote cast in the district's fourteen counties for the three candidates for congress four years ago follows:

	Bonner	Blount	Edwards
Beaufort	3,937	405	50
Camden	860	298	40
Chowan	937	357	139
Curry	1,361	385	96
Dare	822	17	9
Gates	670	231	133
Hertford	1,491	300	78
Hyde	1,008	388	31
Martin	2,448	664	56
Pasquotank	2,400	367	104
Perquimans	924	309	818
Pitt	4,856	3,030	948
Tyrrell	352	71	18
Washington	1,262	251	56
	23,328	7,073	2,575

J. C. Leggett, Jr. Dies In Hospital

J. Claude Leggett, Jr., two months old, died in a Greenville hospital Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock. A victim of heart trouble, the infant was removed to the hospital when he was two weeks old and had been there since that time. During the past two weeks he had been getting along very well, but suffered another attack early Thursday morning. He was born on March 18 and besides his parents is survived by a sister, Martha Vick Leggett.

Funeral services will be held at the graveside in Woodlawn Cemetery here Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock by the family pastor, Rev. B. T. Hurley.

4-H Club Council Plans Box Supper

The approximately sixty members of the Martin County 4-H Council will hold a box supper in the Bear Grass gymnasium next Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock to raise funds for the 4-H club camp to be held in Virginia next month. Miss Garnette Crocker, assistant home agent and club leader, announced today. The public is invited.

Club boys and girls are holding their third recreational program in the Oak City gymnasium Friday evening of this week.

Colored School Plans Exercises

Special exercises, including an address by Dean J. B. McRae, State College for Negroes, Fayetteville, will be held in the local colored school Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Principal Edgar J. Hayes announced. No graduation exercises will be held this year, but promotion cards will be distributed to the pupils next Monday morning, the last day of the term.

The several school clubs held their anniversary program Wednesday noon, and a special program was booked for Thursday night, including dramatic and glee club exhibitions and one-act plays and a musical program.

Boys Turned Back When They Report For Pre-induction

New Law Rule Out Teen-Age Group and Delays Call For Others

Approximately fifteen Martin County white men, called to report for pre-induction examinations, missed a trip to the reception center at Fort Bragg last Wednesday by only a few hours. Just a short time before Congress extended the draft law for forty-five days, Selective Service issued instructions delaying the processing of all men. Teen-agers have been eliminated from the draft, meaning that only four in the group scheduled to leave last Wednesday are now subject to call, and most of them will be ruled ineligible, it is believed. One recently became a father. Another had not reported he was a father, and still another was physically unable to report.

Volunteering some weeks ago, two young men, William Cleopheus Myers and James Alphonso Ward, possibly would have escaped service for about two more years had they decided to take their turn in the draft.

Names of the men called to report last Wednesday and their addresses follow:

- Henry Harold Williams, Jamesville.
- John Fleming Thigpen, Williamston.
- Clifford Neville Mobley, Oak City.
- Gordon Manning, Williamston.
- Noah Saunders Roberson, RFD 1, Williamston.
- Cyril Harvey Gardner, Robersonville.
- Arthur Nichols Brown, Jr., RFD 1, Palmyra.
- William Stanley Warren, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Johnnie Pittman Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston.
- Daniel Marvin Perry, RFD 1, Jamesville.
- Russell Earl Keel, Robersonville.
- Daniel Martin Jones, RFD 3, Williamston.
- William Archie Johnson, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- John Donald Price, Jr., Jamesville.

Election Board Member Resigns

Alvin W. Hasty of Robersonville this week resigned as a member of the Martin County Board of Elections, it was learned Wednesday from E. S. Peel, chairman of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee. In his letter of resignation, Mr. Hasty explained that on account of the illness in his family he would not be able to handle the duties. He was appointed a member of the board by the State Board of Elections just a few months ago.

Up until Thursday noon, the Democratic Executive Committee had not recommended a successor, but various politicians in the county had been consulted, it was learned.

It is quite likely that the position will not be filled immediately, that Chairman Sylvester Peel and Republican Member Wade Vick will handle the duties of the board without assistance during the coming primary.

Chauffeurs Must Get Licenses By June 30

Safety Examiner Boyce of the North Carolina Highway Patrol stated this week that chauffeurs must apply for and have their drivers' licenses by June 30, that no extension will be allowed.

Taxi drivers, operators of for-hire trucks and common carriers of passengers or property must have special licenses, it was explained. The office for issuing licenses in this county is open each Wednesday and Saturday in the courthouse.

Car Stolen In Atlanta From Former Residents

The Cadillac sedan belonging to Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Walker, former Williamston residents, was stolen in Atlanta last Monday night, friends learned here this week.

Army-Navy Inductions Delayed By Order Of Selective Service

Registrations Likely To Go Unchallenged In County

Registration books will be opened on Saturday of this week in the thirteen political precincts for the challenge of names improperly listed, but it is quite likely that not a single name will be challenged. Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, stated a short time ago that during his eighteen years of service as chairman not a single registration had been challenged.

It is fairly well established that there are technical irregularities in some of the registrations, but not certain how the votes will be cast none of the campaign managers is expected to question those irregularities and the voters are not expected to take the initiative.

Comparatively few new electors were created in the recent registration, according to reports from ten of the thirteen precincts, but if the long precedent of acceptance of the registration is broken, then the challenge will center

around those names. Ten precincts reported a total of 231 new registrations recently, as follows: Jamesville, 31; Williams, 6; Griffins, 17; Williamston No. 1, 41; Williamston No. 2, 43; Cross Roads, 6; Robersonville, 51; Hartsell, 13; Hamilton, 14; Goose Nest, 9. No reports could be had immediately from Bear Grass, Poplar Point and Gold Point.

Nearly one-fourth of the names added to the books in Williamston's two precincts were put there by colored citizens. Unofficial reports maintain that a meeting of colored leaders was held in the county last week, that an outside leader attended and urged members of his race to boost the registration among the colored population. Not certain of his politics, one colored registrant was said to have asked his employer if he did right by registering as a democrat, the registrant explaining that he did not wish to do anything against him.

Nine Defendants In Mayor's Court Here This Week

Doctor Bound Over To County Court Following Wild Ride Last Week

During a period of limited activity, nine defendants were carried into Justice John L. Hassell's court here during the past few days. Two of the nine were bound over to the county court for trial.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of either alcohol or some narcotic, Dr. Edward Early, Jr., was bound over to the county court for trial in \$100 bail. The charge was lodged against the defendant by local police after a wild ride on Washington Street here last Thursday evening. After missing one or two cars by inches, the defendant struck one or two others and stalled his car on a cement block near Duk Inn, one report declaring that instead of ducking in pedestrians ducked out of the way, going in all directions. No one was hurt, but considerable damage was done to the defendant's car.

Other proceedings in the mayor's court:

Charged with creating a disturbance at the colored school, Essix Wilson, Clarence Earl Stephenson and Lewis Freeman were fined \$2.50 and required to pay \$8.50 costs each.

Leo Hooker, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with failing to stop upon entering a main highway, James Albia Williams was taxed

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Continues Critically Ill In The Hospital

His condition becoming serious following months of declining health, N. S. Riddick was removed last week-end to a Washington hospital for treatment. Although he was slightly improved Thursday noon, his condition is still regarded as critical.

MORE CHECKS

Representing 1,029 applications, 1,537 checks have been delivered to Martin County farmers in recent months under the provisions of the Soil Conservation program for 1945, it was announced this week by the office of the farm agent. The checks amount to \$29,945.84, and range in amount from \$1 to about \$150.

There are approximately 300 applications pending, the office explaining that payment was expected in most of those cases within the near future.

MEETING

Meeting in special session here next Tuesday afternoon, members of the Martin County Board of Education will discuss plans for rebuilding the colored school destroyed earlier this week in Everetts. The school authorities will also study the proposed budget for the next term, and discuss other school business, it was learned today.

County Young Man In Vehicle Wreck In Japan Recently

Pfc. Simon Perry Suffered Extensive Cuts And Face Bruises

Pfc. Simon A. Perry, Jr., Martin County young man who is soldiering over in Japan, was badly but not seriously hurt in a motor vehicle wreck in Osaka, Japan, the first of this month, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Perry, on RFD 3, Williamston, this week.

Assuring his parents that he was getting along all right, the young man said, in part:

"I had a wreck with a jeep today and I was cut all over the face. They carried me to the hospital and it took seventeen or eighteen stitches to close the wounds. I bled like a stuck pig for a while, but the bleeding soon stopped, and I think I will soon be all right."

"I was a bit worried for a while because I thought I would have to pay for the jeep. I knew if I did I would be in the Army twenty-two more months trying to earn enough money to pay the bill."

"I was out on the Osaka Highway looking for some fellow on patrol. It was raining and the road was slippery. My jeep started skidding and plunged into a Japanese truck parked on the highway. The jeep turned all the way around and threw me out. No one was in the Japanese truck and I was the only one hurt."

"Don't worry over me because I will soon be all right. The doctor said that he could probably take the stitches out Saturday."

"Tell everyone 'hello'. And I'm hoping to see all of you soon."

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Return To Washington

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Saunders are returning to their former home in Washington this week after living for a long number of years in Williamston while Mr. Saunders was principal owner and operator of the Saunders and Cox Lumber Company.

The many friends of Mr. Kim, as he is familiarly known to his acquaintances here, regret to see him and Mrs. Saunders leave.

Congress Extends Draft Act At Last Minute this Week

Drafting of Teen-age Group Ruled Out By Law Late Tuesday

Acting just a few hours before the law was to have expired, Congress last Tuesday night continued the Selective Service Act for 45 days until July 1, but the extension was accompanied by amendments which virtually destroy the effectiveness of the system, according to observers in Washington. No clear picture of the draft status could be had immediately following passage of the measure, but teen-agers and fathers were eliminated as potential draftees, it was pointed out.

The processing and induction of men into the armed forces was halted by a Selective Service order issued late Tuesday by Major General Lewis B. Hershey who did not know at the time what action Congress would take. Calls for pre-induction and final induction are being delayed pending receipt of additional instructions by the draft board here, Chairman R. H. Goodman said yesterday.

Reluctantly signing the measure late Tuesday night, President Harry Truman said it was a "bad bill," but he reasoned that it was the lesser of two evils, the other being no draft at all.

Hershey, in later instructions to draft boards, said that youths 18 and 19 are still required to register for the draft but cannot be inducted until they reach their 20th birthday.

Although the legislation permits the induction of men 20 through 30, Hershey said that those 26 and older will continue to be deferred.

"Calls will be filled with men in the age group 20 through 25," his telegram said.

More detailed instructions are being prepared and will be forwarded as soon as possible, it said.

The bill was the work of the House. That chamber refused to accept a simple extension resolution passed by the Senate and wrote in the induction bans.

The Senate was forced to take up the revised measure under pressure to meet the deadline: It had only two alternatives. Either it had to accept the House proviso or allow the act to expire. It reluctantly chose the first course.

General Hershey did not like the bill, but he pointed out to the President that chaos would result if the act were allowed to die.

The law not only covers an important segment of Mr. Truman's war powers, but it guarantees veterans the right to return to their jobs after their discharge.

The extension provides that only men in the 20-30 age bracket can be inducted. Selective Service said this pool numbers only 72,000 men and that a large percentage of these would have to be rejected for physical reasons.

Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said the bans would force the Army to keep "non-volunteers"—draftees—in the Army longer, probably two years in.

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Named Directors Warehouse Group

Two Martin County tobaccoists—Bob Edmondson of Williamston and Robert Adkins of Robersonville—were named directors of the Eastern Carolina Warehousemen's association at a meeting of the organization held in Kinston Wednesday. U. H. Cozart, Jr., of Wilson, was named president of the association for the coming year.

The warehousemen adopted unanimously a resolution endorsing tobacco acreage control and pledged their support to the referendum scheduled to be held in July. "The termination of acreage control would terminate in economic disaster," the association declared in shaping its resolution to be distributed to warehousemen in the belt.