

## Judge J. C. Smith Calls Nine Cases In County's Court

**Tribunal In Session Until  
After Lunch Hour  
Clearing Docket**

Violating the conditions of a judgment imposed by Judge J. Calvin Smith, Alton "Buck" Raynor, young white man of Plymouth, was ordered to serve two six month sentences on the roads in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Raynor was convicted last April in the court for drunken driving. He was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and sentenced to the roads for a term of six months. The road term was suspended on condition that he violate no law. In July, Raynor was carried into court for alleged driving while his operator's license was revoked and drunken driving. He was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and given a second six month sentence on the roads. Apparently willing to give the defendant another chance or overlooking the first suspended sentence, the court suspended the second road sentence on condition that he violate no law. Last Monday, he was charged with having violated the terms of the judgment, and his immediate commitment was ordered, the court ruling that the two sentences were to be served concurrently.

Following a precedent established in previous cases, the court did not recognize drivers' license or permits issued in the armed forces, and Johnnie Williams was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs. Williams, declaring that he thought it was all right to drive with the service license even though he had no civilian permit, has had adverse luck following his discharge from the service. The young colored man fell off a load of hay several months ago and broke a leg.

Joe Thompson and Linwood Bland faced the court on charges of drunken driving and being drunk and disorderly. Both pleaded not guilty and Thompson was adjudged not guilty. Bland, found guilty of simple trespass, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road sentence for one year on condition that he pay the costs.

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## Funeral Thursday For Mrs. Bullock

Funeral services were conducted at the home Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Besie Woolard Bullock who died at her home near Bear Grass last Tuesday night at 11:50 o'clock. Mrs. Bullock, 58 years of age, had been in declining health for about five years, and her condition had been critical for almost two weeks. W. A. Brown, of the Rehoboth Pentecostal Church in Bear Grass Township, conducted the last rites, and burial was in the "Woodland" cemetery, near the home.

Mrs. Bullock, daughter of the late Hardy and Alice Virginia Woolard, was born in Beaufort County and lived all her life near the Martin-Beaufort boundary line.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mark Terry, of West Palm Beach; a brother, Wiley Martin Woolard, of near-Williamston, and two grandchildren.

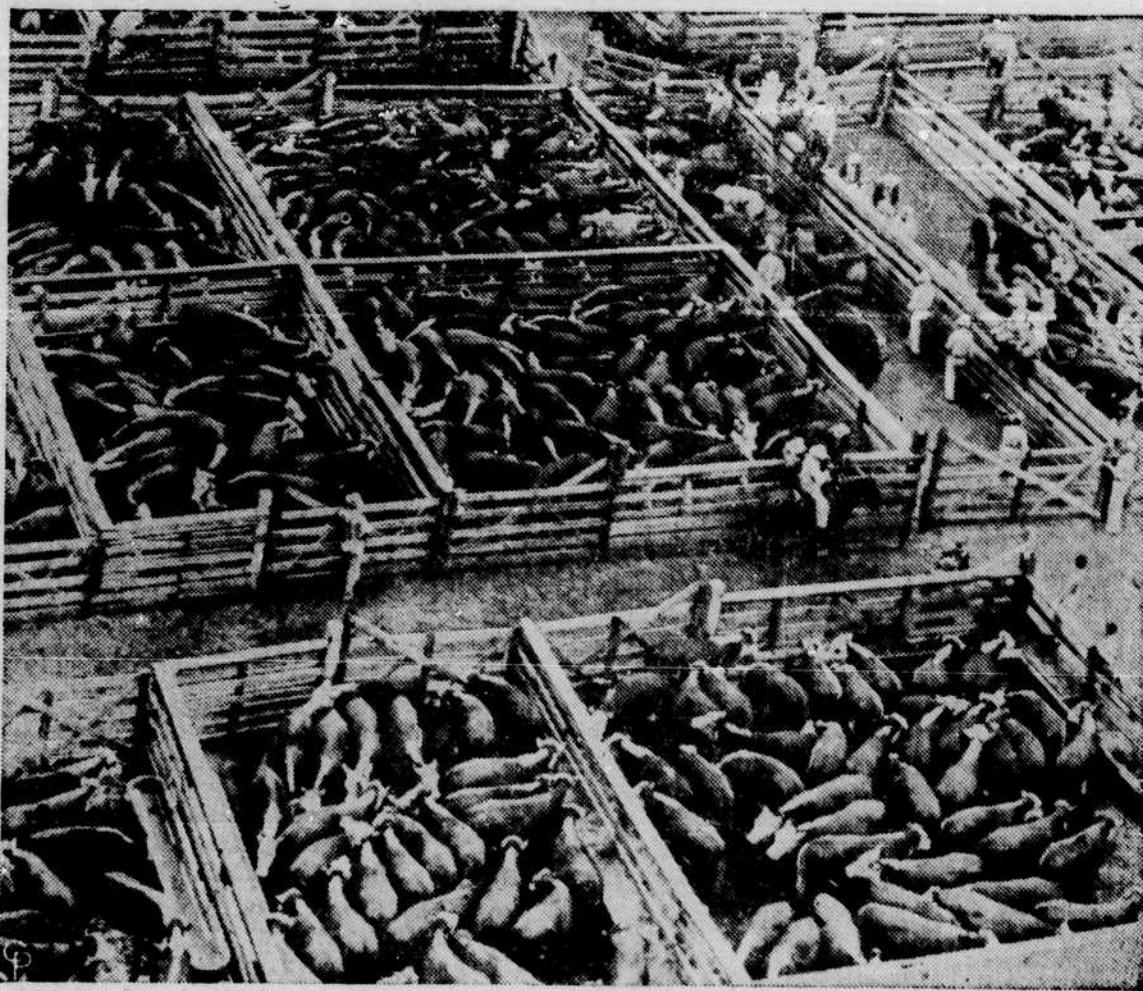
## Open Meeting In Church Sunday

The third in a series of revival meetings in Williamston will get under way in the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday morning. The pastor, Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, will conduct the first of the services Sunday and Rev. Paul B. Nickens, Plymouth minister, will occupy the pulpit beginning Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A meeting was closed in the Methodist church here week before last, and the Christian church is ending a two-week meeting Friday night of this week.

Unusually large crowds have been attending the services, and the Baptists are extending a cordial welcome to members of all denominations and others to worship with them in their meeting next week.

## CATTLE FILL PENS AS MEAT CONTROL IS DROPPED



BUYERS FOR MAJOR MEAT PACKING FIRMS sit on fence rails at the Kansas City, Kansas, livestock market bidding for the first control-free cattle since price ceilings were lifted by the President. Early bids went as high as \$24 for grades which, under OPA control, had been sold for \$18. (International Soundphoto)

## Lower Attendance Figures Reported In County Schools

After holding to an average figure of slightly more than 97 percent during the first month of the current term, attendance tumbled during recent days in the schools of this county, it was learned from the office of the superintendent this week. It was estimated that more than 600 pupils were absent some days, the average daily attendance falling to around 90 percent.

Speaking before a meeting of county principals and other school authorities held in Robersonville's Wilson Hotel last Monday evening, Superintendent J. C. Manning stated that the 97 percent attendance record established in the first month of this term was possibly the best in years.

Turning to prisoner of war labor for the past two years, farmers held their children at home by

the hundreds during recent days to help with the peanut harvest. The prisoners were moved away months ago and other labor was not available in sufficient numbers to handle the task. So far, sickness and other drawbacks have not materially affected the attendance record, and school authorities are hopeful that a marked improvement will follow once the peanut harvest is completed. Very few pupils are being held at home to help with the cotton harvest, it was learned.

Poor attendance was reported in nearly every school in the county, including both white and colored. The recent record is in marked contrast with the figures released during the first few days of the current term when the daily attendance figures ranged as high as 99 percent or more of enrollment.

## District Democratic Rally Here Monday

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists and pedestrians flitted with death on the highways of this county but miraculously managed to stay out of the accident record's death column. One person, a little boy, was painfully hurt in one of two accidents reported by members of the highway patrol.

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.

41st Week			
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge			
1946 2 1 0	300		
1945 5 1 0	450		
Comparisons To Date			
1946 99 76 3	23,650		
1945 53 27 6	10,450		

### Homecoming At Sweet Home Church Sunday

Home Coming will be observed at the Sweet Home Christian Church, Sunday, October 20th. The pastor, Rev. Preston E. Cayton, will deliver special sermons at both the morning and night services.

The Bear Grass trio will sing at both services. The public is invited.

Closing a series of services there Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Cayton will open a meeting in the Fair View Church of Christ next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Services will be held at that hour during the week, concluding the following Sunday.

## Prominent Party Figures Planning To Attend Rally

**Meeting Will Be Held In  
The County Courthouse  
At 3:30 O'Clock**

After a week of intensive campaigning in western North Carolina this week propounding the doctrines of the party, Democratic party leaders will invade the eastern congressional districts next week, striking the First District next Monday when they are to hold their pow-wow in the Martin County courthouse at 3:30 o'clock.

Despite little interest in politics in this district as a result of little competition and the fact that the election next month comes in an off-year, party chiefs and other politicians are expected to attend the meeting from each of the counties in the district. The meeting is open to all Democrats.

No formal program has been announced and Elbert Peel, chairman of Martin's executive committee, stated yesterday that a definite list of speakers for the event had not been released.

Senator Josiah Bailey is not expected, and Senator Clyde R. Hoey apparently chose to strike his blows in the west. Former Governors Cameron Morrison, J. C. B. Ehringhaus and J. M. Broughton are participating in the campaign but it could not be learned if any of them would come this far east during the pre-election drive.

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## Nine Cases Called By Judge Hassell In Past Few Days

**Fines And Costs Amount to  
\$90 In Justice Of  
Peace Court**

While there has been a marked decrease in activities in Judge J. C. Smith's county court during recent weeks, Justice John L. Hassell continues to have a brisk business in his court here. During the past few days he handled nine cases or as many as were docketed in the county court last Monday.

Handling five cases at one sitting, Justice Hassell reported fines in the amount of \$35, the costs boosting the income of the local court to \$90 since last weekend. Seven of the nine cases on the justice's court docket were cleared with final judgments while two others were sent to higher tribunals for trial.

Proceedings:

Charged with disorderly conduct, Jay Gardner was fined \$5 and required to pay \$9.50 costs.

David H. Smith was fined \$10 and taxed with \$6 costs for operating a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the road.

Jesse Gardner, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$9.50 costs.

Charged with simple assault, Edward Davenport was ordered to pay \$5.50 costs.

Ade Roberson was fined \$5 and taxed with \$9.50 costs in the case involving him with disorderly conduct.

Charged with disorderly conduct, L. G. Modlin was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Troy Lee Haynor, charged with speeding, was bound over to the county court for trial, Justice Hassell requiring bond in the sum of \$50.

R. B. Spruill was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6.50 costs for disorderly conduct.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, John B. Clay was bound over to the county court for trial. Bond in the sum of \$50 was required.

## Announce Hours At Youth Center

The Recreation Center will open Friday night at 7:30 and close at 11:00. The hours for Saturday afternoon are from 2:30 to 5:00 and Saturday night from 7:30 to 11:00. On Sunday afternoon the center is open to teenagers from 2:30 to 5:00 and from 8:30 to 10:30 Sunday night.

A Halloween Costume ball is being planned for October 26th. A prize will be given to the girl with the most attractive costume. It is rumored that on Sadie Hawkins day Lena, the Hyena, will visit the center.

## Principal In An Accident Here Is Killed In Another

**Navy Man Runs Over Local  
Lad and Later Loses  
His Life**

Chief Commissary Steward Robert B. Johnson, 38, was killed and his wife, the former Miss Sallie Rouse of Grifton, was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Kinston last Sunday night. It will be recalled that Johnson was the driver of the car that ran down Douglas Peel, young local boy, on the main street here the 9th of last month. Johnson, apparently unnerved by the accident here, showed much concern over the boy's condition, but nothing more was heard from him after no charges were preferred against him. The Peel youth was badly battered and bruised and shocked but he was not critically hurt.

Few details of the accident costing the Navy man his life on Highway 11 near Kinston early last Sunday evening have been learned here. Preliminary reports stated that Joseph Dawson, 58-year-old Kinston man and judge of Lenoir County's court, ran into the Johnson car. It was charged that Dawson was drunk at the time and that he was arrested and jailed by Highway Patrolmen T. W. Fearing and V. L. Spruill. Bond was later fixed in the sum of \$2,000 and Dawson's release was effected. During the meantime, a session of the court was postponed, reports reaching here stating that the judge explained he was "indisposed."

The recent development in which a man lost his life and another person suffered a broken back is the second in which Dawson has figured publicly and prominently.

About two years ago he was arrested by the same patrolmen for drunken driving. Carried into the superior court before Judge William Hyslop Sumner Burdette, Dawson gained his freedom and escaped justice on what was described as a technicality. Because he was arrested inside Kinston's city limits by members of the State Highway Patrol without a Kinston officer being in attendance, Dawson was said to have been sent on his way. If a medal was pinned on the defendant at or since that time, it could not be learned, but one report heard here soon after the trial intimated that the arresting officers brought condemnation down upon themselves for arresting a drunken driver and daring to testify against the man who two years later figured in an accident that cost a man his life and possibly maimed another person for

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## Attend Funeral Here On Tuesday

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. J. W. Watts, on Ray Street here last Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Frederick Cresswell, the former Miss Mary Gladys Watts of Williamston, who died suddenly at her home in Alexandria, Va., last Sunday morning. The last rites, conducted by Rev. John W. Hardy, were attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances from two states and the District of Columbia. Interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Among those from out of town attending the service were:

Mrs. Robert Mitchell of Belhaven, Mrs. W. S. Galloway, Mrs. Matt Long and Miss Betty Lou Turnage of Greenville, Mrs. J. L. Spencer of Portsmouth, Mrs. G. M. Roberson of Norfolk, Mrs. F. P. Martell of Berkeley, Va., Mrs. Mabel Turnage of Washington, Messrs. Nelson Snyder and R. L. Kane of Alexandria, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weathersby and Mrs. J. W. Hathaway of Elizabeth City, Mr. L. P. Hornthall of Tarboro, Miss Dana Dibrrell of Alexandria, Miss Martha Hornthall and Mrs. J. R. Everett of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Heydenreich of Tarboro, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thomas of Danville, Va., Miss Daphne Pollock of Raleigh, Mr. Howell Wadsworth of New Bern, Mrs. J. C. Lyons of Chapel Hill, and Mr. Cresswell and daughter, Miss Mary Ann Heydenreich.

## Legionnaires Study Plans For County War Memorial

Holding their regular monthly meeting last Monday night, members of the John Walton Post of the American Legion discussed plans for advancing a war memorial, honoring the men of this county who served in the last war and especially the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

"Ours is one of the few counties in the State that has not, at least, formulated plans for such a memorial," Rev. John W. Hardy, commander of the post, said. Continuing, the commander said, "It was felt that the least we of the county could do would be to find the means of perpetuating the ideals for which these young men had fought and died in order

that Democracy and the Freedoms might prevail. Several types of memorials were discussed, and a committee, headed by W. E. Dunn, was appointed to formulate plans for the memorial."

The committee will meet in the Legion hut at 7:30 next Monday night to advance plans for a memorial. Interested citizens, other than members of the committee or Legion, are invited to attend and participate in the discussions at that time, the commander said. The meeting this week decided to have a Dutch supper Armistice Day at 7:30 that evening in the hut. A good speaker is being booked for the event, and every service man in the county is invited to attend.

## Meat Now Moving To Markets In Quantity

### Prices Soaring To Record Levels In Stores Of Nation

**Shortage Greatly Relieved  
Day Decontrol Went  
Into Effect**

Following a shortage that pushed close to starvation over a period of several weeks, beef started to the nation's markets in large volume the very day decontrol went into effect. Reports state that beef moved out of storage to the retail shops immediately, and cattle receipts in the big slaughtering centers were above normal after holding to the lowest point in years.

Hog prices gained as much as ten cents in a single day, jumping from about \$15.30 to \$26 a hundred on some markets. Cattle prices went to as high as 35 cents in Chicago for best offerings in a hurry, and the market continued firm even though deliveries were heavy. Indications early in the week pointed to full relief within ten days, but locally and in many other centers relief was almost instant. It will be possibly two or three weeks before western beef starts moving into this area, but the native supply plus several carloads from Kentucky will more than take care of the gap.

Two carloads of fine beef cattle were shipped here early this week from Kentucky, the shipment coming ahead of decontrol. Two other carloads are in transit, and price increases are to be expected.

"There are plenty of cattle in the country, and I believe the supply will take care of any tendency toward run-away prices," D. M. Roberson, owner-manager of Slaughter's House, said yesterday. He explained that there will have to be a period of adjustment, but within a reasonable time, prices will be in line, in his opinion.

The hog situation is not so favorable, according to the stockman. "It will be at least a year before the supply can be built up," he said, explaining that there were right many hogs in the west, but not enough to go around. He advised those persons having any yard at all to stretch it as far as they can.

While retail prices pointed upward, reaching record levels in some of the larger cities, there was a fairly wide discrepancy even from store to store. Prices ranged from 65 to 80 cents for sirloin steaks in local stores, while in the cities it went as high as \$1.25 a pound. In those cases where the price ranged around 65 cents, the latest livestock figures were not involved, meaning that a marked increase can be expected.

Local hog prices are believed to have been about the top for the country. Feeder pigs have been selling for as much as 35 cents, a figure set mostly by farmers who were stocking their peanut fields. Dressed hogs, moving to the retail stores were figured at 50 cents a pound. It is the general opinion that the local hog market will continue "tight" with the possibility that it will be relieved slightly when farmers start moving hogs out of the peanut fields the early part of the year.

### TOBACCO

Clearing a fairly large block last Tuesday, the local tobacco market reported fairly light sales on Wednesday and Thursday with prices holding fairly firm. The floors were cleared fairly early on the two days following the block.

Through yesterday the market had sold 9,286,208 pounds for an average right at \$51.00 per hundred pounds. Fair large sales are anticipated Friday and on Monday of next week.

## Over A Hundred Pupils' Names On First Honor Roll

**Student Must Get An A On  
Each Subject To Gain  
Recognition**

The names of 104 pupils appear on the first honor roll for the current term in the local schools, Principal B. G. Stewart explaining that the student must earn an "A" rating on each subject to have his name appear in the list. The list is for the first six-week period, ended recently.

The names follow, by grades:

Second Grade: Paul Barber, Carolyn Beauchemin, Nancy Britton, Ann Darden, Emma Jean Godard, Peggy Godard, Henry Handy, Jimmy Hardison, Ann Harrison, Mary Lou Jennings, Blanche Manning, Allan Modlin, Joseph Murphy, Jane Peele, James Rogers, Gene Silverthorne, Billy Taylor, Floyd Thomas, Billy Thornton, Clayton Weston, Mary Lee White.

Third Grade: Joyce Baker, Jane Baxby, Julian Bates, Jane Gray, Biggs, Jon Clarke, Betty Fagan, Carstarphen, Joseph Clayton, Billy Dudley, Sandra Gardner, Grady Godard, John Clinton House, Phyllis Jones, Jane Manning, Sandra Margolis, Bobby Parham, Billy Partin, Rodney Pittman, Vivian Pate, Jeannette Raynor, Annette Rogers, Billy Simpson, Iverson Skinner, Eline Smithwick, James Herbert Ward, Jr., and Faye White.

Fourth Grade: Mary Elizabeth (Continued on page eight)

## Painfully Burned In Accident Here

Mrs. J. D. Harrison was painfully burned at her home here early last Monday morning when she spilled some kerosene on her clothes and caught fire a short time later when she struck a match to start a fire in the stove. One of her arms and a sizable place on her back were burned.

Mr. Harrison, hearing her scream, grabbed a blanket, threw it around her and pushed her down in smothering the fire. Had it not been for his quick action it is believed she would have been fatally burned.

Removed to the local hospital immediately for treatment, Mrs. Harrison was resting very well Thursday afternoon.

## Few Registrants In Martin County Saved From Draft

**No More Men To Be Called  
Until Early Part Of  
Next Year**

An estimated two dozen and possibly more Martin County men got a stay of induction this week when the Army declared a draft holiday until the early part of next year. Three white men were scheduled to report from this county this week for final induction and nine colored men were to report on the 31st. It is estimated that about a dozen more men would have been slated for compulsory service during November and December had the holiday not been called. It was explained that the holiday applies to calls for both pre-induction and final induction.

Only seven white men have reported for final induction since last June, a draft holiday in July and August saving others from immediate call into the service. No colored men have left the county for final induction since before the first holiday.

The three white men scheduled to leave this week missed the draft by only two days.

The recent action promised to figure in Congressional debate if the War Department should ask a further extension of the Selective Service Act beyond next March 31, its present expiration date.

Foes of the draft argued vainly when the issue was up last spring that with the Army in the process of reducing from 1,550,000 to 1,070,000 this fiscal year, volunteers alone would meet the need for replacements. One argument on the other side was that the draft law was necessary to spur enlistments.

The War Department's action will halt the draft machinery entirely for the rest of the year; the Navy has received no men by induction since last May.

The War Department said in an announcement that its action was based on Secretary Patterson's "expressed intention to keep the Army a volunteer one insofar as possible and to induct men only when induction absolutely was required to enable the Army to fulfill its commitments."

Accordingly, Maj. Gen. W. S. Paul, War Department Director of Personnel and Administration, notified Hershey that "September enlistments in the regular Army, as well as inductions through Selective Service, have exceeded the expectations of the War Department," and added:

"There is further evidence that the trend of enlistments will continue to exceed the numbers which hitherto had been anticipated the last quarter of this calendar year."

The holiday means that physical examinations will have to be repeated for some registrants.

## Principals Meet In Robersonville

Meeting in the Wilson Hotel, Robersonville, last Monday evening, Martin County school officials, including the principals, discussed routine matters and heard reports on various school activities. It was pointed out that attendance figures averaged 97 percent of enrollment in all the schools, as a whole, for the first month.

The meeting ruled that all men teachers in the county were eligible for membership in the principals' club, and a special invitation is being extended them.

Miss Lissie Pierce, supervisor of the white elementary schools, announced that special reading demonstrations were being scheduled, that the first would be held in the Williamston and Oak City schools next week.

The club will hold its next meeting in Oak City on Monday, November 11.

## Announce Revival In The Rehoboth Church

Rev. J. Floyd Williams, local minister, will open a series of revival services in the Rehoboth Pentecostal Holiness Church near Bear Grass next Monday night, October 21, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.