

## Judge J. C. Smith Imposes Fines in The Sum of \$430

### Regular Session of Court Completed Before Noon Monday

Resuming work after a one-week holiday while the superior court was supposed to have been in session, Judge J. C. Smith called twenty-three cases in the county recorder's court last Monday. Several of the cases were continued until next week. Working before a medium-sized audience, Judge Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson completed the trial about noon. Fines were collected in the amount of \$430 and several jail and road sentences were meted out.

With a nasty record behind him, Arthur Council was back in the courts, this time to answer to a drunken driving charge. Judge Smith first sentenced him to the roads for twelve months, but he reduced the term to thirty days and slapped a \$100 fine on the defendant, the costs to be added. No license to operate a car is to be issued Council for one year. Council has run down and killed one person and injured another.

Turner Carter Leggett, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and taxed with the costs.

The cases charging Robt. Martin, William Stokes and Goldie Williams with assaults with deadly weapons, were continued until next Monday.

Pleading guilty in the case charging her with drunken driving, Fannie C. Shelton was fined \$50, taxed with the costs and had her driver's license revoked for one year.

The case charging Raymond Carney with carrying a concealed weapon was not propped with leave. Carney was recently sentenced in the federal courts for robbing the Pollockville post office and no move will be made to return the man to this county for trial until he has served the federal sentence.

John Riddick and Johnnie P. Williams, both charged with reckless driving, were each fined \$40, sentenced to jail for a day, taxed with the costs and had their operators' licenses revoked for ninety days. Both defendants pleaded guilty.

Howard Turner Andrews was sentenced to jail for a stay of two days, fined \$25, taxed with the cost and is to have no operator's license issued him for six months in the case charging him with driving a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with speeding, David Laughhouse pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for sixty days.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Charlie Bell was charged with speeding.

Meivin Gray Williams, charged with larceny, was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the term and placing the defendant on probation.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Clarence H. Ashford was charged with speeding.

In one of two cases in which John Henry White was charged with being drunk and down and indecent exposure, the court suspended judgment on the first count, and sentenced him to the roads for six months on the second. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the cost and on the further condition the defendant violates no criminal law for one year.

The cases in which Cleveland Baker, John Edwards and Thurman Harrell are charged with

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## GRIM TOLL

The National Safety Council reports that there were 24,400 deaths in automobile accidents during the first nine months of the present year. The total is 30 percent above the comparable 1945 period, the increase resulting primarily from the high totals the early months of the year. The total, however, was 13 percent below the 1941 period.

## Sponsor Petition Favoring Public Library for County

A new angle and one that's gaining support rapidly, was instituted in the movement to build a living memorial to Martin County's war dead when members of the Reviewers' Book Club, a department of Williamston's Woman's Club, recently adopted a resolution to sponsor a petition to the War Memorial Committee, requesting consideration of a county-wide library and youth center.

"After much discussion it was decided by the members that this type of memorial would not only commemorate in a dignified manner but would also extend free educational and recreational opportunities to just about every home in the county," one of the club representatives was quoted as saying.

## RAINED OUT

The peanut market was just about rained out this week when picking operations were suspended. Only a few hundred bags of peanuts, all of them picked before the recent rains, have moved to the market here this week, and little activity is predicted on the market within the next week or ten days even with favorable weather existing.

Prices, according to the last reports, are holding right around ten cents a pound, a few of the top quality offerings bringing as much as ten and one-half cents.

## Bear Grass Club Elects Officers

Holding their November meeting a few days ago, the Bear Grass Home Demonstration Club elected new officers, made plans for a bazaar and discussed the Achievement Day program which will be held on Saturday, December 7.

The new club officers are: Mrs. Thurman Ange, president; Mrs. Marie Biggs, vice president; Mrs. W. S. Gurganus, assistant vice president; Mrs. Jay Lilley, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Walter Wynne, assistant secretary-treasurer and reporter. Project leaders include, Mrs. R. L. Leggett, clothing; Mrs. W. S. Gurganus, family life; Mrs. Lester Bryant, home poultry; Mrs. Gilbert Rogerson, food and nutrition; Mrs. John Jackson, health; Mrs. Thurman Ange, home beautification; Mrs. J. C. Rawls, Jr., home furnishings; Mrs. Walter Wynne, home gardens; Mrs. Noah Rogerson, food preservation; Mrs. Walter Wynne and Mrs. Jay Lilley, recreation; and Mrs. Thurman Ange and Mrs. N. R. Rogerson, song leaders.

The home agent, Miss Elizabeth Parker, explained that the Achievement Day program on Saturday, December 7, would be offered jointly by the home demonstration and 4-H clubs. The home demonstration clubs are planning a bazaar for that date, and all members are being asked to contribute canned foods, eggs, lard, pork, ham, aprons, dish towels, pot holders and other items that will sell.

Following the collection of \$6.05 in annual dues, the members witnessed demonstrations by Miss Parker in braided and hooked rugs. The agent explained how different materials, including discarded and worn clothing, can be used to advantage.

The hostess, Mrs. Walter Wynne, served cold drinks and cookies.

## Seal Sales Going Forward Rapidly

The sale of TB Christmas seals is going forward rapidly in nearly every section of the county, Chairman Chas. H. Manning said this morning. "We are getting a liberal response to the direct mail appeals," he said, adding that the bond sales were setting a new record in Williamston.

The chairman explained that no seals would be offered for sale by the white school children, that no street sales were contemplated this year.

## Martins To Open Basketball Play On December 2nd

County Enters Two Semi-Pro Teams In Goobar Belt League

Play in the "Goobar Belt" League, a semi-pro basketball league recently organized by former college and rising court stars, will get under way next Monday night when Woodland meets Williamston in the high school gym here and Roanoke Rapids plays Jamesville at Jamesville.

The starting line-up for the Martins will probably include Ronald White and Earl Roberson in the forward positions, Dubose Simpson at center, and Breezy Beard and W. B. Gaylor in the guard roles. Others who will see considerable action include, L. W. Cone, Charlie Brown, S. C. Griffin, Jr., Jack Manning, Ernest Mears and Virgil Wobbleton.

Scheduled games for Jamesville and Williamston:

Monday, December 2: Woodland at Williamston and Roanoke Rapids at Jamesville.

Wednesday, December 4: Williamston at Conway and Jamesville at Windsor.

Monday, December 9: Williamston at Colerain and Jamesville at Rich Square.

Wednesday, December 11: Rich Square at Williamston and Colerain at Jamesville.

Monday, December 16: Roanoke Rapids at Williamston and Jamesville at Conway.

Wednesday, December 18: Williamston at Jamesville.

Monday, December 30: Conway at Williamston and Windsor at Jamesville.

Wednesday, Jan. 1: Williamston at Windsor and Jamesville at Woodland.

Monday, Jan. 6: Williamston at Rich Square and Jamesville at Colerain.

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Colerain at Williamston and Rich Square at Jamesville.

Monday, Jan. 13: Jamesville at Williamston.

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Williamston at Roanoke Rapids and Conway at Jamesville.

Monday, Jan. 20: Windsor at Williamston and Woodland at Jamesville.

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Williamston at Woodland and Jamesville at Roanoke Rapids.

Monday, Jan. 27: Woodland at Williamston and Roanoke Rapids at Jamesville.

Wednesday, Jan. 29: Williamston at Conway and Jamesville at Windsor.

Monday, Feb. 3: Williamston at Colerain and Jamesville at Rich Square.

Wednesday, Feb. 5: Rich Square at Williamston and Colerain at Jamesville.

Monday, Feb. 10: Roanoke Rapids at Williamston and Jamesville at Conway.

Wednesday, Feb. 12: Williamston at Jamesville.

Monday, Feb. 17: Conway at Williamston and Windsor at Jamesville.

Wednesday, Feb. 19: Williamston at Windsor and Jamesville at Woodland.

Monday, Feb. 24: Williamston

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## Seniors Here To Publish Annual

The Senior Class of Williamston High School has set forth as its project for this year the publishing of an annual. Having secured a contract with the printers, it has been decided that our annual, "Skewarkee," will follow the Indian theme. After holding several business meetings the following officers have been filled:

Editor-in-chief, Louise Hines; Assistant editor, Elizabeth Parker; business manager, Louise Griffin; reporters, Alice Wynne and Hugh Horton; social editor, Dorothy Leggett; art editor, Selma Dickens; sports editor, Charles Sicheloff; testator, Elizabeth Manning; prophet, Elizabeth Taylor; historian, Lucy Andrews; poet, Trulah Bailey.

"We are looking forward to publishing a good annual and we are sincerely hoping that all the businessmen in our town will cooperate and help us."—Alice Wynne and Hugh Horton, reporters.

## Thomas H. Wynne Died Tuesday At Cross Roads Home

### Funeral for Well-Known Farmer Conducted Thursday

Thomas Henry Wynne, well-known farmer and World War I veteran, died at his home in Cross Roads Township early last Tuesday evening following an illness of only a few hours' duration. Getting up shortly after 5:00 o'clock that morning, Mr. Wynne was stricken while putting on his clothes and he never regained consciousness. He had been in declining health for several years, having been partially disabled during a brief service period in the Army during the latter part of 1917 and early 1918.

The son of the late Henry and Sallie Mobley Wynne, he was born in Cross Roads Township fifty years ago and lived and farmed there all his life. In early manhood he was married to Miss Lillie Wynne. A successful farmer, Mr. Wynne was an accommodating neighbor and friend.

Surviving are Mrs. Wynne, two children, Mrs. Linwood Wynne of Cross Roads and Mrs. John Hardy of Norfolk; two grandchildren; two brothers, James H. and Berry Wynne of Cross Roads; seven sisters, Mrs. D. D. Stalls of Williamston, Mrs. Minnie Meeks and Mrs. W. F. Crawford of Everetts, Mrs. Geo. T. Roebuck, Mrs. Eli Everrett of Robersonville Township.

Mr. Wynne was a member of the church at Cross Roads for a long number of years. Rev. J. M. Perry of Robersonville, conducted the last rites at the home Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

## Justice Hassell Has Three Cases

Justice John L. Hassell had only three cases in his court during the early part of this week, the number having dropped considerably since October when as many as a dozen or more defendants were carried before him.

Buck Perry, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and required to pay \$6.50 costs.

Charged with forging the name of Herbert Little to a \$25 check, Perry Little was bound over under a \$200 bond for trial in the higher courts.

Arthur Staton, Jr., charged with breaking and entering and larceny, pleaded not guilty when carried before the trial justice. Probable cause was found, however, and bond was fixed in the sum of \$300. Unable to raise that amount, Staton was returned to jail to await trial.

## Auto Tags Go On Sale December 2

The new 1947 motor vehicle tags will be placed on sale by the Carolina Motor Club agency in the office of Harrison and Carstarphen in the George Reynolds Hotel building, Williamston, on Monday, December 2. W. H. Carstarphen, one of the managers, announced this week.

The plates, black numerals on a yellow background, will be limited one to a vehicle.

Reviewing the 1946 sales through last Saturday, Manager Carstarphen said that 7,100 tags had been sold by his office, that the total income was \$99,065.23, including \$814.51 sales tax collected from those individuals who bought cars from dealers outside of North Carolina. In 1945, 6,579 tags were sold by the office. The 1946 sales were listed as follows: 5,072 for autos, 1,050 for private trucks, 54 for farm trucks, 809 for car trailers, and 115 for commercial trailers. The number of auto licenses this year was 247 greater than the 1945 count.

## Sunday Services In Church At Hassell

Services will be held in the Hassell Christian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Ivan A. Adams, will speak on, "What A Minority." The Christian Youth Fellowship class which was recently organized will meet at the church Sunday evening at 6:30.

## Triple A Election To Be Held Next Week

### Committeemen To Be Nominated At Meetings Monday

### Election of Community Members Will Be Held December 7th

Without any outside help or suggestions Martin County farmers will nominate and elect their Triple A community committeemen in meetings next week, the election of the county committee to follow on Monday, December 9.

Next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in their respective meeting places, farmers of the county will nominate men to handle the affairs of the Triple A in their districts for the coming year. Every farmer is eligible to participate in the nominations and they are urged to attend and vote. As many men as a community wishes to nominate may be placed on the ticket which will be placed before the farmers in an election the following Saturday.

Nominating conventions, scheduled for 7:30 next Monday night, will be held as follows: Bear Grass School, Everetts School, Oak City School, Farm Life School, Hassell School, Jamesville School, Robersonville School, County House in Williams Township, and agricultural building for Poplar Point and Williamston Townships. The meeting will offer nominations for community committee chairmen, vice chairmen, regular members and first and second alternates, and delegates and alternates to the county convention.

The men nominated next Monday night will be voted on the following Saturday at places to be designated.

The names of the men now serving on the county committee are: J. F. Crisp, chairman; George C. Griffin, vice chairman and Elmer Modlin, regular member.

Names of the community committee members now serving in the various districts follow in the order of chairman, vice chairman, regular member, first alternate and second alternate:

Bear Grass: H. G. Harrison, T. L. Roberson, E. C. Harrison, Ralph Mobley and M. S. Cowan.

Cross Roads: H. L. Roebuck, G. H. Forbes, W. L. Ausborn, J. F. Bailey and J. M. Griffin.

Goose Nest No. 1: J. T. Moore, H. H. Worsley, H. A. Early, J. L. Mizell, and R. N. Turner.

Goose Nest No. 2: Jack Smith, N. L. Hyman, Joe Bunting, Jasper Whitfield and W. B. Cannon.

Griffins: Asa J. Harrison, Clarence Gurkin, Oscar B. Roberson, Howard Coltrain, and J. R. P. Griffin.

Hamilton: D. R. Edmondson, J. H. Lillard, Woodrow E. Purvis, Jesse B. Everett, and Geo. W. Ayers.

Jamesville No. 1: Herbert Sexton, David Holliday, Carl Griffin, Howard Harrison, and Arthur Modlin.

Jamesville No. 2: Leo Gardner, Dan Fagan, David Ange, and D.

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## County Young Man Earns Promotion

Fifth Air Force, Fullauoka, Japan.—Announcement of the promotion to corporal of Simon A. Perry, Jr., Williamston soldier, was made here recently by Col. Hugh A. Parker, commanding officer of the 315th Composite Wing, Fifth Air Force.

Corporal Perry entered the armed forces in September of 1944 and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. A combat infantryman in the Pacific area, Cpl. Perry holds the Purple Heart. He joined the occupational forces in Japan in October of 1945 and was stationed with the 14th Air Service Group before coming to Fukuoka in June of this year.

Corporal Perry is the son of Mr. Simon A. Perry, Sr., Williamston farmer. His present mailing address is 315th Composite Wing, APO 929, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

## Commissioners To Start A New Term In County Monday

### Question of Revaluation Is Scheduled for Consideration

Without a single change in personnel, Martin County's official family, with the exception of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger whose present tenure of office continues for two more years, will start a new term next Monday. All the officials, including commissioners, sheriff, clerk of court, judge of the county court, treasurer, coroner, surveyor, will resubscribe to the oath of office, post their bonds and continue their work with hardly more than a few minutes' interruption. Since the elected officials are continuing in office, it is generally believed that they'll make no changes in the appointive personnel, including the county court solicitor, county home keeper.

Very little business is scheduled for consideration at the meeting next Monday, but the commissioners are expected to discuss current property valuations and decide whether a revaluation should be handled for the tax year of 1947. It is possible that there are some discrepancies in real property valuations, but they will exist even following a revaluation. There has been some discussion about a horizontal increase in real property values, but any such increase would favor the corporations whose listings are handled by a state commission. An increase in real estate values would benefit personal property owners who could expect a decrease in the rate.

At the present time, all properties in the county carry an assessed valuation of approximately sixteen million dollars. Current values, it is pointed out, are high and possibly inflationary, but to attempt to raise assessed values to correspond with current values would create a problem should deflation strike. However it is generally agreed that assessed values are a bit low, that possibly a ten percent increase in values would effect a drop of ten or fifteen cents in the tax rate.

It is understood the commissioners have the authority to postpone a revaluation until 1948 or 1949, the latter year being the regular period for reassessing real properties.

Williamston's town commissioners, also scheduled to meet next Monday, have no special business scheduled for consideration, Mayor John L. Hassell said this week.

## Winners In Good Health Contest

Miss Mary Lou Coltrain and Julian Mason won the first round in the state-wide oratorical contest sponsored by the North Carolina Good Health Association and conducted in the local high school last Monday. They were chosen from a field of six contestants and will compete with winners from other schools in a district contest to be held in Greenville on Friday of next week. Winners of the state-wide contest will be awarded \$500 college scholarships.

Writing their own speeches, the winners recited them from memory in about ten minutes. Other contestants were: Carrie Dell Peaks, Doris Cullipher and Vance Moore.

The judges were Mrs. J. W. Watts, Mrs. Meyer Levin and Rev. John Goff and they were unanimous in awarding first places to Mason and Miss Coltrain.

## HOLIDAY

Marked by ideal weather, Thanksgiving Day was quietly observed here with only one or two events to mark the holiday. There was a call for the local firemen but police officers reported no arrests and as far as it could be learned there were no highway or street accidents.

With a few exceptions in heavy industry all business activities were at a standstill, but the hunters were in the fields and woods in numbers. Union church services in the Episcopal church were well attended that morning.

## DISCARDED TOYS

Local Jaycees will make a second canvass of the town Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for discarded toys for distribution among less fortunate children. All local people are asked to cooperate. Any one finding toys after the collection is asked to call T. F. Davenport, telephone 201, and the toys will be picked up by special messenger. Rural persons who would have a part in the movement to carry cheer to the less fortunate are asked to leave their toys at the Williamston Motor Company.

Reports indicate that there are quite a few youngsters who face a bleak Christmas because of prolonged illness and deaths in their homes. The Jaycees hope the little tots will not be overlooked.

## Able To Finance Health Program

North Carolina is in its best financial condition in history and can well afford to finance the entire program for increased medical care facilities outlined by the Medical Care Commission, Thomas J. Pearsall, Nash County legislator and member of the State Advisory Budget Commission declared recently.

Speaking in Rocky Mount before a regional meeting of Good Health Association leaders from nine counties, Pearsall denied charges that the proposed medical program is too ambitious and expensive for the State.

"The state can finance this program in its entirety without sacrificing any other essential state activity," Pearsall said. "The construction of additional hospitals, medical training centers and a medical school will return to the state enormous dividends on the investment."

The construction of hospitals to care for the sick and the training of needed doctors and medical personnel is a state responsibility, Pearsall declared. Pointing out that the state now provides for the treatment of mental, T. B., and other similar patients, Pearsall asked this question: "If the state must assume responsibility of caring for these unfortunate people, then isn't it good business for the state to help prevent these conditions from developing?"

## Elm Street Home Damaged By Fire

Starting from an oil heater in the bathroom, fire damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Lewis on Elm Street last evening about 9:30 o'clock. No estimate could be had immediately, but the loss is considerable. The doors and walls in the bathroom and hall were almost burned out and smoke heated and blackened every part of the house and all the furnishings.

Mr. Lewis lighted the stove that evening and he left a short time later to attend the 9:00 o'clock movie. The fire, while confined to a fairly small area, had gained much headway and was burning through the weather boarding when discovered.

## Farm Life PTA Holds Meeting

The Farm Life P. T. A. held its November meeting in the school auditorium with Mrs. J. R. Griffin presiding.

The eleventh and twelfth grades had charge of the program. After the devotionals, a play entitled For Better or For Worse was given.

Mrs. Bryan, director of P. T. A. work in the north eastern district, gave a talk on the objects and aims of the P. T. A.

The meeting was well attended. Mr. Griffin's room had the largest number of parents present.