

## Judge J. C. Smith Has Fifteen Cases In County's Court

### Defendants Fined Total Of \$325 At Session Last Monday Morning

In a comparatively short session, Judge J. Calvin Smith called fifteen cases, imposed fines in the sum of \$325 and meted out several road sentences in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. No large crowd attended the session which lasted hardly until noon.

Proceedings: The case charging James Biggs with non-support was not pressed with leave.

Charged with assaulting a female, Stewart Brown was adjudged not guilty.

Pleading guilty of improperly parking his car on the highway, Orange Peel was fined \$20 and required to pay the costs.

Traveling north at about a seventy-mile per hour clip, Louise Bareise, 21 Taylor Street, Newark, N. J., and Mock Haut, 136 Washington Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut, were each fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. Picking up their trail in Beaufort County on U. S. Highway 17, Patrolman Titus Martin overtook them just a few miles from Williamston, and the two men were carried right on into court without delay. It is one of the few times that speedsters were caught, cited to the courts and tried at the same time within a few minutes following a law violation.

Pleading not guilty of operating a motor vehicle with improper lights, Jesse V. J. Peel was adjudged guilty. He was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Raleigh Albert Leon Jones, charged with speeding, was fined \$15 and required to pay the court costs.

Charged with drunken and reckless and careless driving, Lewis Thomas Taylor, young white man who was wounded in the heart while in service in France, pleaded guilty of drunken driving but not guilty of reckless and careless driving. He was found guilty as charged, and Judge Smith sentenced him to the roads for one year. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and the court costs, and on the further condition that he pay \$200 to the prosecuting witness, Millard Warren, for damage done to the Warren car. The defendant's license was revoked for one year.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Harold Edmondson, Willis Peel McKeel and Slade J. Revels, pleaded guilty and each was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Drunk and disorderly, George Watson pleaded guilty when his case was called and he was fined \$25 and taxed with the court costs.

Entering a plea of not guilty, James Pritchett was adjudged.

## Enters Local Hospital Tuesday for Treatment

Mr. Wilson G. Lamb, taken suddenly ill last Saturday night, entered the local hospital Tuesday afternoon for treatment. His condition is much improved, but it could not be learned when he would be able to return to his home on Smithwick Street.

## JUSTICES

Messrs. R. T. Johnson and James S. Ayers, Jr., have been recommended for the offices of justices of the peace here by B. S. Critcher, president of the Martin County Bar Association, and Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the Martin County Democratic Executive Committee. Their appointments by the governor are expected within a short time.

Johnson was active as a justice of the peace in Pitt County for several years before he came to Williamston several years ago as telegrapher for the Coast Line. Both have agreed to carry on the work only until Mayor J. L. Hassell is able to return to active duty, it was reported.

## Predict Price Of About 37 Cents For 1947 Leaf Crop

Hardly before the seed were put into the ground, predictions were forthcoming relative to prices for the 1947 tobacco crop.

Fred S. Royster, president of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, said recently that the outlook is not "pessimistic." He offers to explain away, partly, at least, the slump in late season prices, bases his not "pessimistic" view for 1947 on the fact that England has not used all of its four billion dollar loan advanced by the United States some time ago. The warehouse association head went on to say that consumption is expected to hold to record or near-record levels this year.

On the other side of the picture, the British loan does not have the meaning it was given when the loan negotiations were

## JURY

A bill introduced by Senator Hugh G. Horton in the legislature this week would repeal the special act abolishing trials by juries in the Martin County Recorder's Court. To save time and reduce expense the jury system was eliminated by special legislative act two years ago. It was pointed out at that time that those defendants wishing jury trials could appeal direct to the higher courts without any great inconvenience.

Few members of the county bar commented on the proposal, and court and county officials said they knew nothing about it until the bill was placed in the legislature's hopper.

## To Help Prepare Income Tax Forms

Beginning next Monday, John D. Lilley, deputy collector for the U. S. Department of Revenue, will be stationed at designated places in this county to assist income taxpayers in preparing their tax returns. The deputy points out that all persons making over \$500 in 1946, including minors, are required to file a federal income tax return.

Beginning Monday the deputy will be at Brown's store in Jamesville from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Tuesday: Terry Brothers Store, Bear Grass, 8:30 a. m. until noon; and Manning and Gurkin's store, Farm Life, 1:00 to 5:30 p. m.

Wednesday, the 19th: Post office, Everetts, 8:30 until noon; and Whitfield's store, Cross Roads, 1 to 5:30 p. m.

Thursday, the 20th: Asa Johnson's store, Hamilton, 8:30 until noon; and Johnson's store, Gold Point, 1 to 5:30 p. m.

Friday, the 21st: Court house, Williamston, all day.

Monday, the 24th: Ayers' store, Oak City, 8:30 until noon; and Edmondson's store, Hassell, 1 to 5:30 p. m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25 and 26; post office, Robersonville.

From Monday, March 3 to the 15th: Post office, Williamston.

## Ask Supplies For Victims Of War

While the appeal is being directed especially to members of women's clubs, the general public is being asked to donate certain types of supplies for little school children in Europe's war-torn countries. They are asking for such minor items as chalk, pens, pencils, erasers, writing pads, crayons, blunt scissors, note books.

Club members are being asked by the local organization president, Mrs. P. B. Cone, to deliver them to the club building at the regular meeting next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The public is asked to leave them at the Pioneer Shop.

Similar collections are being made throughout the United States and it is certain that the supplies will be of great help in the youth program overseas.

## Great Demand For Red Cross Aid In Hospitals For Vets

Local Chapter Asked To Raise \$2,500 For Current Year

Called upon to lend an ever increasing aid to veterans in rehabilitation centers and in hospitals, the Red Cross this year is asking the American people to contribute sixty million dollars to maintain the organization in handling its varied phases of operation.

The Martin County chapter, comprising the townships of Jamesville, Williams, Griffins and Bear Grass and Williamston, is being asked to raise \$2,500, an amount hardly half the usual quota for the chapter.

Fund Chairman Claude B. Clark, Jr., a World War II veteran, is now making plans for the canvass which is to get underway the early part of March.

Handling the fund raising task for the past several years, Bill Spivey and J. C. Manning have already agreed to assist him in handling the canvass this year. The chairman is appealing to others to volunteer their services, or at least, respond when called upon to help promote the drive. Plans for handling the 1947 drive will be tentatively formulated this week, and the chairman hopes to complete arrangements to launch a quick drive in early March.

At the present time the Red Cross is maintaining its services in more than 100 veterans' hospitals in addition to its other work in several parts of the world. It is extending aid to the hungry in foreign lands, including the distribution of drugs and medical supplies.

Here at home the organization is handling more claims for World War veterans than a year ago, and the demand from the

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## Denies Attacking Poultry Dealer

Arrested last week-end and placed in the county jail, Allen Brown, Jr., Russell Ampey and Lester Saunders, three young colored men, deny attacking James L. Bond and William H. Harrell, poultry dealers, in Robersonville early last Saturday evening.

Saunders, admitting that he was at the scene of the attack, states that he was knocked down and out before Bonds was stabbed in the heart. He was said to have been drinking. Ampey declares that he was a spectator, and his story apparently centers to deny attacking the young Bertie County man who with the aid of Harrell, his half-brother, was loading poultry on a big truck back of the Robersonville Poultry Company's store. As far as it could be learned the weapon used in the attack has not been found, but Chief Wm. Smith with the aid of other officers are still searching for it.

Removed to Duke Hospital, Bonds underwent an operation on his heart and was reported yesterday to be getting along very well. It is believed he will be able to identify his assailant.

It is estimated that farmers in this county earned approximately \$30,000.00 under the soil conservation program provisions for 1946. The office stated that 856 applications had been prepared and forwarded to Raleigh, that an additional were pending completion in the office in this county.

## Mrs. Jordan To Be Transferred

Mrs. Alvis R. Jordan, manager of the local employment office is leaving Williamston February 15 to accept a position in the Rocky Mount Employment office. Mrs. Jordan will report to her new office February 17. As yet no successor has been named to fill the vacancy locally but Mrs. Frances B. Harrell will serve as temporary supervisor.

Mrs. Jordan regrets leaving Williamston and wishes to express her appreciation to the people for their support of the local office and hopes that this same support will be accorded her successor.

## License Issuance Record High For Month of January

### Forty-one Couples Married In County During The Past Month

The issuance of marriage licenses last month in this county set a new high record for January, according to a report coming from the office of Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger. It was the first time in the history of the license bureau that the issuance exceeded the count of forty other than those reported in December months.

Forty-one licenses were issued last month, sixteen to white and twenty-five to colored couples, as follows:

White: Albert Jones and Madie Lee Shepperd, both of Jamesville.

Jesse Bazemore of Windsor and Mariam Grimes of Williamston.

Roy Leggett and Carrie Dell Mendenhall, both of Williamston.

William Jennings Etheridge of Hassell and Sarah Lois Everett of Robersonville.

Thurman Perry and Anna Elizabeth Roberson, both of RFD 1, Williamston.

Joseph S. Beach and Madeline Bailey, both of Williamston.

Roy Howard Edmondson and Bernice Marie Matthews, both of Robersonville.

Charlie Edward Flanagan of Hobgood and Magdalene Price of Hamilton.

Elvin G. Squires of Tarboro and Christine Scott of RFD 1, Oak City.

William Warren Tuten and Eunice Ray Beach, both of RFD 3, Williamston.

Bonnie Allen Terry of Williamston and Bessie Mizelle of Windsor.

Donald Stout and Bertha Bullock, both of Williamston.

Aaron Peel and Eleanor Perry, both of Williamston.

Thomas William Dodson and

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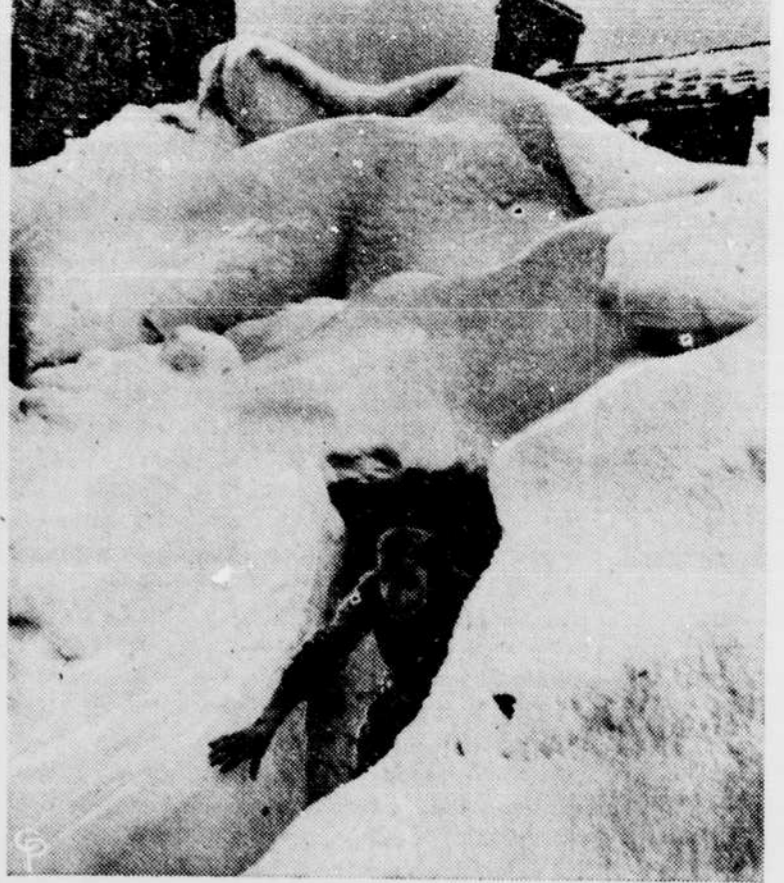
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ACCORDING to an old saying "an Englishman's house is his castle." But now it's his igloo, as demonstrated by this housewife whose only exit from her Peak Forest, England, home is a tunnel cut through a snowdrift that has buried the house. The worst winter blizzards Brit-lishers can recall not only has cut villages off from food, fuel and power, but it has created a national economic crisis. (International)

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### Good Health Association Goes Before Appropriations Committee

Overshadowing all other proposed legislation for the moment, a bill creating a primary election for the town of Williamston was introduced in the State Legislature's House of Representatives by C. B. Martin on Wednesday of this week. A suspension of the rules was asked by Representative Martin and the bill was passed by the lower chamber and sent to the Senate that day. Its passage there is expected immediately and the measure will become law about the middle of March or in ample time for the 1947 elections.

The bill was passed substantially in the form presented earlier in the week, Representative Martin pointing out Wednesday that the date had been changed for the primary from the second Monday before the general municipal election to the fourth Monday before the election. The general election is scheduled this year for May 6, and in accordance with the proposed law the primary will be held on April 14. Registration books are to be opened on March 22 in accordance with general election provisions.

Things are beginning to pop in Raleigh these days, and after six weeks of piddling the legislature is now faced with a heavy schedule. Hundreds of leading citizens from nearly every county in the State went to Raleigh Thursday to appear before the joint appropriations committee in behalf of the State's Good Health Program. James H. Clark, chairman of the Medical Care Commission; Dr. Clarence Poe, vice chairman; Dr. J. Street Brewer of Roseboro; and Dr. Paul F. Whitaker of Kinston spoke in behalf of the measure, while Dr. C. W. Bailey of Rocky Mount, secretary of the self-styled "Fact Finding Committee" which conducted a secret poll among doctors recently to determine their stand on a proposed teaching hospital and expanded medical school at Chapel Hill, led the opposition.

Senator George T. Penny of Guilford County yesterday introduced a bill capping for a statewide liquor referendum. The bill, proposing a vote on November 4, would prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages excepting beer and light wines in the State.

Leaders, defeated in their efforts to have municipalities relieved of taxes on gasoline used in public service, this week proposed a law whereby towns and cities would get more liberal appropriations for the maintenance

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## Scalded In Accident At Pulp Mill Monday

Badly scalded in an accident at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company last Monday night, Mr. Archie Modlin of Jamesville, was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital for treatment.

Last reports stated he was getting along as well as could be expected.

## DEADLINE

March 1, this year, has been set as a deadline for World War II veterans to sign up for agricultural training under the GI Bill of Rights. Quite a few veterans are taking the special training in two vocational agriculture schools in this county at the present time. Others interested in the program are directed to contact the vocational agriculture teachers in their respective communities at once or the County Veterans' officer in the home of Attorney Wheeler Martin, Williamston.

## Dr. Miller Speaks Again On India Friday Night

Dr. George E. Miller will present his second and last discussion in the Williamston Christian Church on Friday evening at 7:45. Dr. Miller was for forty years a medical missionary in India and presents his subject very effectively.

Miss Gladys Whitley, secretary of the Albemarle Christian Missionary Union, will speak to the children at the church on Friday afternoon at 3:30. The public is invited to attend.