

Judge J. C. Smith Imposes Fines In The Sum of \$510

Kinston Man Fined \$125 For Drunken Driving Last Monday

Handling twenty-three cases in a session lasting from 9:30 a. m. until almost 1:00 o'clock p. m. last Monday, Judge J. C. Smith imposed fines in the amount of \$510, and meted out one or two road sentences for good measure. The regular meeting of the court attracted a fairly large congregation, and was highlighted by a warning from the jurist against the brazen custom followed by some in interfering with or giving lip service to officers in the performance of their duties. Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuted the docket and scored convictions in nearly every one of his cases.

Giving over to the "big" court, Judge Smith and Solicitor Roberson will not convene their tribunal again until the last day of this month.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with bastardy, Edward Nicholson had his case continue under prayer for judgment until the first Monday in September, 1947, the defendant to pay \$12.50 a month for the support of his child and \$94.50 medical bill.

Charged with assaulting a female, Jesse Warren pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the costs. The court also stipulated in its judgment that the defendant is not to be publicly drunk for two years.

Leonard Boston pleaded not guilty when he was arraigned on a trespass charge. The court, however, adjudged him guilty of assaulting another with a deadly weapon, and he was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. He appealed and bond was fixed in the sum of \$200.

James "Bone" Scott, charged with simple assault, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and taxed with the cost.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly and an affray, Warren Griffin pleaded guilty of an affray and was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

Tom Rhine was sentenced to jail for ten days and fined \$25 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with interfering with officers while in the performance of their duties. Rhine, denying he was even around when the officers arrested a man and he was alleged to have paid the officers lip service, had served several days in jail prior to his trial.

Harold Sparrow, Kinston man with a long record of trips before the courts in Lenoir County, pleaded not guilty when he was charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$125 and taxed with the cost. The court recommended that the defendant be issued the defendant for two

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Foreign Policy Causing Concern

America's foreign policy as voiced by President H. S. Truman in a public address last Wednesday, is causing much concern throughout the world.

After the Allies had dumped 700 million dollars in Greece during the past two years, President Truman proposes sending more millions there along with military forces. Turkey is to share in the hand-out also.

Directed full force toward Russia, the speech was made just as Secretary Marshall and others started negotiations for a peace for Germany.

Opinion on the President's message is divided, but most of the lawmakers are withholding comment until they can study the text and hear from public reaction. Some of the lawmakers see in the President's message steps pointing toward war with Russia. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee started studying the message behind closed doors yesterday morning. Secretary of State George Marshall is planning to explain the message to Stalin in person.

RED CROSS MILK FIGHTS HUNGER



BANDAGES HIDE SKIN IRRITATIONS, the result of years of inadequate and unbalanced feeding, on a young boy from Pisek, Czechoslovakia, as he drinks his ration of buttermilk provided by the American Red Cross. More than \$3,000,000 worth of supplies are being distributed in that country to halt disease threatening 3,200,000 youngsters. (International)

Politics Discussed by Non-Partisan Group

Offer Support To Young Candidates In Town Primary

Courthouse Meeting Suggests Open Action In Town's Politics

Moving to create more interest in the approaching municipal primary election and to develop more concern for the town's political affairs, a group of about forty young men met in the courthouse here Wednesday evening for a general pow-wow. Withholding any voiced opposition against any group or policies now in effect, the group expressed the opinion that a reorganization of the town's political and fiscal affairs should be effected, and went on to offer its support to the candidate, any candidate, who would take the lead.

The group, with Robert Cowen as chairman-spokesman, considered drafting a ticket then and there, but it was decided to look to the open field first, waiting for any citizen to enter the primary. In the event no candidates are filed within a reasonable time, a committee named by the chairman, will contact prospects and literally draft them for a commissioner's post or mayor. Herbert Taylor, Leman Barnhill, J. D. Page, J. C. Cooke and Jack

Several potential candidates, adhering to a policy of modesty, considered it more democratic to look to the open field first. After a reasonable wait with no candidates entering the race, they assured the group that they would file for the position. The names of quite a few potential candidates were mentioned, but they were withdrawn when it was decided to wait for action in other quarters. No official announcement has come from any of the present board members relative to their future plans. Mayor John L. Hassell is quoted as saying that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself, explaining that ill

Mrs. William Gordon To Speak Here Monday

Mrs. William Gordon will speak in the local Episcopal Church Monday night, March 17, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Gordon is a former resident of Williamston, the wife of Rev. William Gordon who was rector of the Church of the Advent for several years. Mrs. Gordon will be accompanied here by Mr. Gordon.

Prisoner Of War Writes To Former Local Employers

Prefers America To Running Around Own Country Without Food

Writing to his former employers, Messrs. D. M. Roberson and employees here last December, Andreas Wittmann, former prisoner of war stationed in the camp here for a while, declared that he preferred being here than running around in his own country with a hungry stomach.

The former prisoners recalls in the following letter his travels after leaving here more than a year ago:

Few months ago I arrived home and met my parents included other relatives. As I remember I left Camp Williamston for Camp Butler in January instant year. For short time I lived there and in February I traveled further to the North. Then I was stationed in Fort Eustis, Virginia. That Camp was a "special project center" for extra selected German FW. There I attended democratic courses, especially in history. After I had finished that democratic school I traveled by train to Camp Shank, which is placed in the State of New York. There we were told to leave the continent of America soon. A week later we traveled from that spot to New Jersey City. With a steamboat we crossed the Hudson Bay and entered Upper Bay. Beautiful a sight we had to Upper Manhattan and its skyscrapers. The first in my life I had seen Empire State Building, one of New York's superb beauties. At midnight we left on a ship of the Coaldale Victory Class the harbor of New York for the journey to Europe.

The first days on sea were very stormy (the weather changed and the sky was cloudy) and I got made, that is seasick. Never I was seasick in my life before those days. This sickness had befallen me so worse, that I changed to be a madman. Really I didn't eat anything for whole three days. Afterward I recovered slowly of that sickness and my appetite was again very hearty. I ate everything I could get

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Jurymen Selected For April Court

Thirty-six Martin County citizens were drawn by the county commissioners at their first Monday meeting for jury duty during the two-week term of Martin County Superior Court convening in April.

The names of those drawn are listed by townships:

First Week
Jamesville: H. E. Daniel, Griffins: Kenneth Harrington, Bear Grass: Cushing Bailey, J. C. Rawls, Sr., Geo. R. Taylor, Williamston: R. E. Kimball, Tilden: B. Green, H. P. Mathey, Dillon: Cobb.

Robersonville: A. R. Johnson, W. Henry Coburn, V. A. Page, Poplar Point: W. S. White, Hamilton: Robert A. Edmondson, Jr., H. L. Purvis, Goose Nest: Roland Sills and H. R. Smith.

Second Week
Jamesville: Ernest C. Hayes, Vernon Davis, Vance Price, Williams: W. J. Gardner and G. C. James, Bear Grass: S. H. Mobley, Williamston: L. T. Harden, A. T. Perry, J. S. Gurganus, V. T. Moore, Cross Roads: Alton H. Stalls, Robersonville: B. C. Chesson, H. L. House, Jas. E. Keel, Cecil B. Powell, Hamilton: W. R. Davenport, R. E. Rackley and S. M. Ewell.

O. L. Whichard Dies In Parmele

O. L. Whichard, prominent Parmele citizen died at his home there last Thursday night, March 6th. Seventy-two years old, Mr. Whichard was in ill health for several months.

The last rites were conducted at the grave in the family cemetery near Parmele Saturday at 3 p. m. by Rev. W. U. Howard. Surviving is a brother, J. H. Whichard of Portsmouth, Va.

MINISTERS MEETING AT MOSCOW CONFERENCE



HERE'S THE FIRST PHOTO of the opening session of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers Conference in Moscow where an attempt will be made to write peace treaties with Germany and Austria. At the extreme left is Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov; U. S. Secretary of State Geo. Marshall is at right. Aides and other diplomats between them are not identified. The picture was radioed from Moscow. (International)

Funeral Service Held Wednesday For Mrs. Lilley

Died At Home of Her Son, J. Hoyt Lilley, Early Tuesday Morning

Funeral services were conducted at her late home Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Emma Louisa Lilley who died at the home of her son, J. Hoyt Lilley, in the Farm Life Community of Griffins Township at 2:40 o'clock Tuesday morning. Her pastor, Rev. M. L. Ambrose, conducted the last rites and interment followed in the Roberson Cemetery near the home.

Mrs. Lilley had been in declining health for some time, and her condition had been serious for quite a while. The daughter of the late James Asa Simpson and Sallie Simpson Hardison, she was born in Griffins Township 79 years ago. She lived there all her life, and was one of the section's oldest citizens. In early womanhood she was married to Jesse Lawrence Lilley who died some years ago.

Mrs. Lilley was a member of the church at Maple Grove for a number of years, and was highly respected by her neighbors and other friends. Besides her son with whom she made her home, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Louis Roberson of Williamston and Mrs. Clyde Lassiter of RFD 1, Jamesville, and a half-brother, Ed Hardison, of Williamston.

Some Influenza Cases In Schools

Influenza, reaching epidemic proportions in some sections of the State, has been reported only on a very limited scale in the local schools, and it is hoped that the school will escape the full force of the disease.

Principal B. G. Stewart said yesterday that there were 80 pupils absent that day, that possibly no more than fifteen or twenty of that number were victims of influenza. Some of the others had colds and remained at home, while still others remained out of school to plow and help plant Irish potatoes.

Just About \$400 Reported In Tobacco Drive To Date

Approximately \$400 has been raised and reported in the drive to raise about \$1,100 among Martin County farmers to support the Tobacco Associates, Incorporated, an agency recently created for the promotion of tobacco exports. Only parts of three townships are covered in the report, it was pointed out Thursday, but a completion of the canvass is expected over the week-end.

Working in Williamston, M. Luther Peel reported approximately \$130 in hand with the promise of considerably more. In Robersonville, Reuben S. Everett raised and reported \$100.27 and J. R. Daniel, working in the same township, raised and reported \$52.10. Bear Grass, up until that time had raised \$99.05. H. U. Peel reported \$43.55, Wheeler Roger-

Three Manslaughter Cases Before Courts

PIVOT PIER

Starting shortly after 5:00 o'clock last Tuesday morning, forces of the Bowers Construction Company poured the last of 300 tons of concrete into the Roanoke River Bridge Pier here at 8:30 o'clock that evening.

The operation, one of the largest engineering feats undertaken in this section in quite some time, was handled without a hitch. Working right on through meal hours, the men and machines did a masterful job. The large force pump delivered the concrete from the shore to the pier without faltering.

Ragland To Die Friday Morning

Otis Ragland, sentenced by Judge Henry Stevens in superior court here last December to die for criminally attacking Mrs. Floyd Moore in her home near Williamston last November, is scheduled to enter the gas chamber at State's Prison in Raleigh Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Called to answer for the heinous crime, the young colored man was denied a new trial when the State Supreme Court reviewed his case last month. Governor R. Gregg Cherry has not acted to stay the execution, and the condemned man, one of eight to break out of the Martin County prison camp in early November, will die by asphyxiation according to schedule.

Six tickets to the execution have been issued to the sheriff's office here and that many are planning on witnessing the execution, including Mr. Moore, husband of the attack victim. The witnesses plan to leave here about 7:00 o'clock Friday morning for the execution at 10.

Red Cross Drive Making Progress

The annual Red Cross Fund Drive is making splendid progress in this chapter, according to a report released Thursday morning by Chairman Claude B. Clark, Jr. At that time Williamston canvassers had raised and reported \$1,056.10 of its \$1,335 quota.

The Biggs School \$29 contribution is the only one so far to go over the top, but encouraging reports are expected this week-end from other districts.

Bear Grass reported yesterday that it was nearing its goal, that the drive was virtually certain to go over the top during the week-end.

No other districts have reported so far, but they can be expected to submit encouraging drive accounts shortly.

Returns Home Tuesday From Long Hospital Stay

After a stay of nearly three months in a Rocky Mount hospital for treatment, Attorney Wheeler Martin returned to his home here Tuesday. He is getting along very well.

Pass Budget Bill In Lower House Of Legislature

Passage of Anti-Labor Bill Expected Following Action of Committee

North Carolina's biennial budget, calling for an expenditure of \$311,593,086 during the 1947-49 period, was passed in the lower house of the legislature this week.

Expenditures authorized by the record measure total \$191,692,795 from the general fund, \$117,761,968 from the highway fund and \$2,138,323 from the agriculture fund.

The House also passed the administration-sponsored bill setting up a reserve fund of \$30,000,000 to underwrite salary increases contained in the appropriations budget. This bill transfers \$9,300,000 from the general fund surplus to \$20,700,000 now in the postwar reserve.

As passed and sent to the Senate, the appropriations bill gives the 25,000 public school teachers a pay increase of approximately 30 percent, and other State employees an over-all raise of 20 percent.

A new highway safety program has been given support by a senate committee. The bill would increase the speed limit from 50 to 55 miles an hour, schedule car inspections semi-annually, up the fine on drunken driving from \$50 to \$100 with a provision revoking a driver's license for life upon a third conviction on a drunken driving charge. The fine would jump from \$100 on the first offense to \$200 on the second and \$500 on the third. Speeding and reckless driving would be subject to a \$25 minimum fine, \$50 on a second conviction.

A proposal to let the people have a part in Democracy was thrown out the window Wednesday when a senate committee voted down Senator Chaffin's motion calling for a state-wide whiskey referendum.

While the money measure went sailing through the third reading in the House, the senators followed up the lower body in striking what is recognized as a blow against the common working man. The Senate Committee on Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce, voted 12 to 6 to report the anti-labor bill favorably to the full body. Senator Hugh G. Horton was listed along with those favoring the bill against labor. When the committee took the action it did take, passage of the law was predicted, but Democracy, its voice all but lost in the din of high-handed political maneuvers, appealed for a record of the vote for future consideration.

While a spike was being driven into the hands of labor, a movement to establish an enabling act for the support of Tobacco Associates, Inc., was started in both the House and Senate. The proposed bill would submit the question to tobacco farmers. If a majority of them in an election

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Raid More Stills In Martin County

After a fairly busy schedule followed in February, ABC enforcement officers are continuing to tear down illicit liquor stills in this county.

Fourteen plants were wrecked last month, the officers pouring out 1,350 gallons of cheap beer and over twelve gallons of illicit liquor.

Last week in the Poplar Point section of Hamilton Township, Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistant, Deputy Roy Peel, captured a 50-gallon capacity copper kettle and poured out 100 gallons of beer.

Going into Jamesville Township last Thursday, the same two officers wrecked a 50-gallon capacity copper still and poured out 50 gallons of beer.

Accompanied by Special Agents Mose Harshaw and Mack Gaskill stationed with the Alcoholic Tax Unit of the United States Treasury Department in Elizabeth City, and by Beaufort County ABC officers, the two officers raided along the Martin-Beaufort boundary last Tuesday and wrecked two plants and poured out three barrels of beer.

Commissioner In Ruritan Address

Addressing the regular monthly meeting of the Jamesville Ruritan Club in the high school library there last Monday evening, District Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans of Ahsoske, pointed out that it wasn't likely that Highway 171 a mile from Jamesville to the Beaufort County line would be surfaced in 1947. Possibly the route will be surfaced next year, the commissioner was quoted as saying.

Asked about the possibility of widening some of the "later ridges" used by school busses in Jamesville Township, the road man said that the work was in the 1947 program, that some action is to be expected just as soon as proper equipment can be made available. Approximately thirty members attended the meeting.