### Local Man Before **Courts of County** At Least 22 Times

Clyde Silverthorne Sentence ed To Serve 10 of Past 20 Years On Roads

twenty-one times and while there | The first of the markets will marketing conditions and offer is no way of telling, it is fairly open the new season in Georgia plans for avoiding congestion in certain that he has been in the and Florida on Thursday, July 24, the markets. The group also took morning at 10:30 o'clock when justices' courts at least fifty or followed by the Border Belt mar- a strong stand about mixing tomore times since he returned kets on Thursday, August 7.

Records in the clerk of court's office show that he has frequented the recorder's court more than any other one defendant. Isaac Ampey, colored man, ran Silverthorne a close race until about the latter part of 1940 when Ampey admitted he was no match for his competitor and withdrew without again entering the court.

His service record and illness, feigned or unfeigned, drew sympathy for a long time, but the law stepped in for the first time in December, 1927, and a long, drawnout muddle was started.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Silverthorne was tried in the county court on December 20. 1927. The case was continued under prayer for judgment. Six months later, almost to the day, he man was in the courts charged with being drunk and disorderly. The case was again continued under prayer for judgment for four weeks. Returning four weeks later, Silverthorne was given a 30-day suspended road

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, he was carried into the county court again on September 30, 1930, and his case was nol prossed or literally dismissed.

In February, 1931, he branched booked for the alleged violation of the liquor laws. He was sentenced to the roads for nine Represent Club months and appealed to the superior court. His case was continued at the March term, that year, but in June he was sentenced to the roads for six months. menths by appealing. On or about the latter part of June he was hustled off to work the Edgecombe County roads.

Clyde had not been back home very long before he was in the courts again, but the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly was nol prossed on May 31, 1932.

In November that same year he was booked for being drunk and disorderly and resisting an officer. He drew twelve months on the roads, but the sentence was suspended for two years. In April, 1933, and long before the suspension period had expired in the November 10, 1932, case, Silveran identical charge. He drew six months on the roads, the court suspending the last two.

While he may have run afoul of the law and aired his cases in the J. P. courts during the period, J. P. courts during the period, Silverthorne steered clear of the Jaycees To Hold county courts from 1933 until July 7, 1936. Booked for being drunk and disorderly, Silverthorne had his case continued a week and on July 21 he was sentenced to the roads for 30 days. dance of the local Junior Cham- of the town's principal streets, He dodged execution of the sen- ber of Commerce will be held Jenkins' Barbershop is scheduled was lifted a short time ago, has when molasses was unloaded by tence at that time by asking per- here Friday evening of this week, to move to its new location on found its way back to the illicit the carload someone will move

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#### TO ISSUE NEW TYPE OF LICENSES NEXT TUESDAY

drivers' licenses next week. Ex- stall the new officers. port for the new type licenses. | music for the dance.

### Local Tobacco Market To Albemarle Union Receive Bids For Open Season August 25th

along with all others in this belt, control the auction sales. The will open the 1947 marketing sea- schedule calls for a a four-hour son on Monday, August 25, a date belt at the start, but the selling almost one week later than the time will be limited to three and Said to have been shell shock- opening last year. The lateness one-half hours after the Middle ed, Clyde Silverthorne, white of the crop in this section was the Belt opens on September 15. man, returned to Martin County main factor supporting the later Sales will be limited to 400 bas- sionary Union will hold a convenafter World War I to launch out opening, it was explained by the kets an hour and the maximum on a petty crime career that has fifteen-man committee meeting weight per basket will be 250 Church on Wednesday of next broken all records in the courts in Raleigh last Tuerday. The pounds. The committee appeal- week, reports from the convenof this county. Haled into the committee was made up of five ed to the Federal Grading Service tion president, Rev. Elmore Turncounty courts on twenty or more men representing the growers, to again administer the selling er, stating that a large attendance different occasions, Silverthorne five representing the warehouse- regulations, and it is likely that and a good meeting are expected. has tested the patience of five men and five representing the such an arrangement can be efcounty judges and no less than buying companies. It was the fected three superior court judges dur- first time that the Tobacco Asing the past quarter century. He sociation of the United States had tinue functioning, is expected to and lists several prominent speakhas been in the county courts not determined the opening date. name a sub-committee to study

ing dates, the committee adopted questionable practice.

Williamston's tobacco market, | rules and regulations designed to selling day on the markets in this

### Last Quarter Liquor Sales Third Highest

7,802 VACCINATED

Completing a special drive to offer protection against typhoid, Health Officer Jno. W. Williams said this week 7,802 persons had been given the vaccine, that several hundred more are expected to visit the regular clinics and health department office for vaccine injections.

The health officer stated that vaccinations against typhoid and other diseases would be handled from 1 to 3 o'clock every Wednesday in Robersonville, from 1 to 3 every Friday in Hamilton, and from 9 to 12 every Saturday and from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock every week day except Saturday afternoon in the health department office at William-

## At Convention

Business and professional leaders from all sections of the Unitgaining an advantage of three ed States, Canada, Alaska and Hawaii will descend upon Chicago Sunday, June 29, for the 32nd annual convention of Kiwanis Internatioal

Some 10,000 persons are expected to attend the five-day meeting, which will be based on the service organization's administrative theme for this year, "Build for Peace, Patriotism and Opportun-

Special features have been planned for wives of Kiwanians ume. in attendance, while a teen-age canteen will be established for boys and girls.

The local Kiwanis club will be represented at the convention by Delegates W. H. Carstarphen and thorne was back in court, facing L. Bruce Wynne, who will be accompanied by their wives, and who left Thursday for Chicago by motor. They plan to return on or

## Banquet Friday Barbershop Moves To

The second annual ladies' and installation night banquet and mission to enter the State hospital at which time the Jaycees' state Harrison Street next Monday. liquor trade, ABC Officer Joe H. forward to develop a racket. of the local club and their guests. Roses's store and the old Harri-In addition to the state presi- son Brothers property. dent, John "Buddy" Redmond. The business is the first to lo-

with A or B. Persons whose gym. Henry Williams and his road Street.

### Total Of \$3,546,133 Spent For Liquor Since July, 1935 his address will be hed much interest, no doubt.

Sales Last Quarter \$10,000 **Greater Than They Were** One Year Ago...

Legal liquor sales reported for the three months ending last March 31 in this county were the largest for any first quarter on record, according to an official audit just recently released by the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. The sales, exceeding those of the corresponding period in 1946 by more than \$10,000, were the third largest reported since the stores were Road Mystery opened in July, 1935.

The audit shows that \$192,829,45 was spent for liquor in the county's four legal liquor stores during the first three months of this ported for January, February and solved.

stores, for the first quarter in away and reported to the patrol 1946 and the first three months in radio station. In the absence of

this year fo	ollows:	
	1946	1947
W'mston .	96,894.40	\$100,153.25
R'ville	45,315.60	48,233.00
Oak City	21,383.60	25,756.70
J'mville	18,828.10	18,686.50

\$182.241.70 \$192,829.45 Taking in \$192,829.45 gross, the (Continued on page seven)

Location On New Street

Unable to find a spot on either lotte, will speak to the members known as the alley between terday.

concrete brick.

# Meets July 2 In Improved Road In

National City Church Pas- J. S. Hill Company Low tor To Address Delegates Wednesday Morning

The several churches composing the Albemarle Christian Mistion in the Everetts Christian

The convention program is beng centered around the theme. "Marching Forward With Christ,"

scheduled to get under way that Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville baccos in one basket, and urged minister, leads the devotional ser-In addition to fixing the open- the farmers to discontinue the vice. Mrs. George Taylor, Jr., will welcome the delegates, and Mrs. J. Walter Lollis, secretary of the convention, will read the minutes. The host church is preparing a program of special music for both the morning and afternoon ses-

> Rev. J. Warren Hastings, pastor of the National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C., is to deliver the morning sermon at 11:50 o'clock. His topic will be Under Divine Order." Rev. Hastings is a prominent national figure in the denomination and his address will be heard with

> Following the announcements, he host church will serve a picnic lunch at 12:45 o'clock.

> With Rev. John Goff presiding, Rev. F. A. Lilley will lead the atternoon devotional and Miss Etta Nunn will deliver a missionary dent of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, will address the convention, speaking on the theme, "Forward Through Higher Education," the convention adjourning at 3:40 following reports by various leaders.

Notified that a young white year, boosting the total sales from woman was lying apparently unthe time the stores were opened conscious beside U. S. Highway nearly twelve years ago to \$3,- 17, a few miles south of here 546.962.80. It is estimated that Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Debeer and wine sales approximat- puty Buck Holloman conducted a ed \$150,000, boosting the county's several-hour investigation about alcoholic beverage bill for the midnight. Wednesday, Reports first three months of this year to from the office of the sheriff almost \$350,000, not to mention Thursday noon said the officers the illicit liquor business volume, had been unable to make any The sales last quarter are nearly headway with their investigation, eight times larger than those re- that the mystery remained un-

Travelers, seeing the woman Williamston, with sales of \$100,- beside the road with one leg 153.25, accounted for nearly 52 drawn up under her body, stoppercent of the gross business, ped and made a hurried investiwhile Jamesville handled a little gation. Thinking possibly that she less than ten percent of the vol- was trying to "pull a trick" on some one, the traveler whose A comparison of sales, by name could not be learned, drove regularly stationed patrolmen here, the county officers investigated. It is possible that the woman was drunk.

# Everetts Church Griffins Township

Bidder on Project To Cost \$129,616

Bids for the grading, bituminous surfacing and construction of bridges on a road in Griffins Township, running from John A. wick's Creek and via N. T. Tice's and others to Highway 171 in the Farm Life community, were received by the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh last Tuesday. The low bid, submitted by J. S. Hill Construction Company of Washington, N. C., calls for an

expenditure of \$129.616.10. The contract for the project has not been let, but apparently the bid was in line with expectations, and the deal, no doubt, will be

closed shortly Provided the contract is executed ,the contractor will likely start work on the project within the next month or six weeks, a report received here yesterday from the construction company's office stated. It could not be learned when the project is to be complet-

After years of delay, explained away for one reason or another. the project is now nearing real ity, opening the way soon for badly needed and long over-due road projects in this county.

The project in this county was commission last Tuesday at which time 150 bids were received and opened. The Griffins project was the only one listed of its type in this section of the State.

Reports indicate that the bids calling for the improvement of address. Dr. H. A. Hilley, presi- 205.68 miles of road, were lower than some had expected and indicate a return toward pre-war

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### HOT POTATO

Milton James, colored man who was ordered in superior to serve a two-year term. proved to share the fate of the proverbial hot potato. No prison camp captain wanted to hold him long. knowing well the prisoner would prove a greater problem than holding a hot pota-

Helpless as a baby and demanding much attention, the prisoner was removed to the prison camp near here one evening and shuffled off to the Warrenton camp the very next day, leaving Captain John Delbridge wondering what the county officers had against him. James convicted on a liquor law violation charge for the nth time, did not stay long at Warrenton, reports reaching here stating that he was quickly bundled up and passed on to Central Prison, Raleigh. No report has been received from the man since his entry there, but it is fairly certain that he is doing all right.

### Sugar Finds Its Way Back Into Illicit Liquor Trade

president, Ed T. Ellis, of Char- Heretofore the street has been Roebuck for this county said yes-

liquor manufacturing plant in with worm and connections.

during the early part of the war sugar. So far no questionable and then the shocking blow fell and limited, more or less, to legi- sugar dealing has been reported upon the defendant's head. Protimate business until rationing back in the old monkey rum days

The officers found and captured an apparently fairly new plant

The State Highway Patrol of Goldsboro, the eastern vice cate on the new street and marks years, but the officer, assisted by Tuesday afternoon, a short dis-committee is for holding the meeting on Thurs-Safety Division will start issuing president, will be here for the the conversion of a backlot into Deputy Roy Peel, last Tuesday tance from Robersonville in the composed of three members from day night of next week when imthe new type of motor vehicle event, and he is scheduled to in- a business thoroughfare. The found two barrels of sugar beer general direction of Parmele, the three sections of the State, and a portant problems relating to the shop may be reached from three at a plant in the river swamp officers found and wrecked the chairman, the state chairman this local tobacco market will be disaminer Boyce will be in the Mar- The banquet is to be held in directions; through the passage- near Poplar Point in Hamilton second plant of the day. It was year being Bob Howard of Wil- cussed. tin County courthouse Wednes- the Woman's Club at 7:30, and way between Roses's and Dard- Township. It was the first sign of equipped with a 50-gallon capac- mington. The main purpose of The delayed announcement, day to issue the first licenses to the dance is scheduled to get en's store, by the Lindsley Ice sugar found at a liquor still in ity oil drum for a still. The oper- the committee is to see that each calling off the meeting, was nethose drivers whose names begin underway at 9:30 in the school Company plant and from Rail- this county in several weeks, Mr. officers said, explaining that mo- es to sugar, the officers explain- tative to compete for the title of the Boosters committee chairman Wheeler Martin this week was renames start with other letters will orchestra of Rocky Mount have The shop was just recently con- lasses will continue to be used ing that they found two barrels of "Miss North Carolina" at the was unavoidably detained in an- ported to be improving and it is be notified publicly when to re- been engaged to furnish the structed of concrete block and mainly in the manufacture of the molasses mash and one barrel of state-wide contest to be held in other town and could not return possible that he will be able to illicit spirits. However, the more sugar beer.

### Charge Parents With Has Twenty-Three Neglecting Children Court This Week

### Take Action When Neighbors Appeal To The Governor

Griffin's store almost to Smith- First Charge Of Its Kind **Ever Aired In Courts** Of This County

> In one of the first cases of its kind ever heard in the courts of this county, a mother and father were sentenced to prison by Judge J. Calvin Smith in the county recorder's court last Monday for allegedly contributing to the delinquency of their children. The action was taken after neighbors had appealed by letter to the governor, explaining their plight and begging for relief from a condition that has plagued the community year in and year out for a long, long time.

The husband-father, Clyde Silverthorne, was sentenced to the roads for a period of eighteen months, and court was hardly over before the convicted man was crated for delivery to the camp at Halifax. The wifemother, Bessie Silverthorne, was sentenced to serve nine months in woman's prison, Raleigh. Judge Smith suspended her sentence for two years on condition that she send the children to school reguone of 32 subjected to bids by the larly during school terms and "cooperate with the county welfare and home demonstration departments to the end that her he more conducive to the rearing of her children, and a cleaner house and surroundings maintained and further that defendant supervise activities of her children and give them proper discipline and instruction."

The case, called after Judge Smith had suggested that spectators withdraw from the courtroom, attracted quite a few people, many of whom had been the inevitable victims of the man's rantings, verbal attacks and hreats over a long period of years. Few withdrew from the courtroom, however, and the trial and finding no evidence of foul was under way without further play, they ruled that no formal

Going to the bar without counsel, Silverthorne, experienced in the courts, offered a strong desel, Silverthorne, experienced in fense, but the good neighbors tore it from under him, leaving the defendant high and dry and without a leg to stand on. He pleaded guilty when charged with disord- lowing job openings is available tence to run concurrently with City Hall: Salesman, stenograph-

five of his nine children's delinplea of not guilty. Asked about truck driver (logging), laborers the defendant said, "you can't charge me with that on account told me I had to stop cussing," ficers while he was under arrest. must pass a physical examination For thirty minutes or more incriminating evidence was offered Sugar, on the list of scarcities exacting manufacturers will use by five or more state's witnesses,

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Committee Vice Chairman

To be sure, no supply of unused in the swamps, including a 50-gal- merce, was recently appointed to of the Tobacco Boosters, ansugar has been found at an illicit lon capacity copper still complete serve as eastern vice chairman of nounces.

### **PATROLMAN**

T. W. Fearing, State Highway Patrol corporal, is to be stationed in Williamston, according to unofficial information received here this week. Succeeding Cpl. W. T. Simpson, resigned, Cpl. Fearing has been a member of the patrol for about eight years, and comes to his new post from Kinston where reports state that he has ably handled his duties as a patrolman.

A native of Elizabeth City, Cpl. Fearing married Miss Catherine Morton, formerly of Williamston. The officer was here Wednesday looking for living quarters.

### Youth Loses Life In Swimmin' Hole

Daniel and Staton Mill Fond, a few miles from here, last Wednesday noon. The body was dragged from about twelve feet of water at 3:30 o'clock by Farmer Lucian J. Hardison who used a

Accompanied by his brother, Roosevelt, 18, and a friend, Jesse Brown, 20, Charlie went to the swimming hole between the highway bridge and the old mill dam. Bonds could not swim and was wading around when he stepped into deep water, the witnesses stating that he made frantic efforts to save himself. Neither the brother or Brown could swim very well and they were unable to rescue him.

Bonds, son of George Bonds and wife, lived on the Staton farm

about two miles from here The drowning was the first reported in the county this year. County officers, called to the inquest by a corner's jury would

## Listed By Office

the roads for thirty days, the sen- office on the third floor of the case costs. the one imposed in the other case. er, engineer, clerk, service sta-Charged with contributing to tion attendant, cook, veneer lathe operator, circular head saw operaquency, Silverthorne entered a tor, cut-off saw operator, fireman, not sending his children to school, (railroad, highway, logging, sawmill, and building).

In answer to many inquiries of the 'stature of limits'." The about foreign employment, the court ruled out the time limita- State Employment Service has 320 tions, and there was little doubt job openings listed for work in about his having neglected the Korea with the U. S. Corps of Enchildren. But he fought the gineers. The jobs call for a wide charge and called arresting offic- variety of workers, ranging from ers to task, shaking a finger in highly trained engineers and their direction and shouting, "You other professional men to skilled mechanics in various constructhe defendant going on to say tion and building trades. Age that he had been cursed by ofgiven by the army.

### Market Boosters Postpone Meeting

A mass meeting, scheduled to have been held in the county courthouse, Thursday night, June Ernest Mears, president of the 26, at 8:30 o'clock, has been postlocal Junior Chamber of Com- poned, R. Edwin Peele, secretary

the 1947 State Beauty Pageant | Tentative plans are being made

in time for the meeting.

# Cases In County

#### Fines And Forfeitures Run Income Up To Nearly \$500 On Monday

Idle while the superior court was in session last week, Judge J. Calvin Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson found an accumulated docket waiting for them when they resumed activities in the recorder's court last Monday. Judge Smith, calling twenty-three cases, held the court in session until 3:30 that afternoon. Fines amounted to \$370 and one defendant forfeited his \$100 bond to boost the court's income for the day to \$470. Proceedings:

The case charging Vernon Andrews with non-support was nol prossed.

Having pleaded guilty at a previous session in the case charging them with the theft of a truck generator, Whit Moore Donald and John Earl Edmonds were discharged upon the payment of the trial costs. The young men were placed on probation in the superior court when they pleaded guil-Charlie Bonds, 16-year-old col- ty of house breaking and larceny. ored boy, was accidentally drown- The case had been continued under prayer for judgment pending the disposition of charges aired in the superior court.

Linwood Powell, charged with larceny and receiving, failed to appear and his \$100 bond was ordered forfeited.

James Thomas Rogers, pleading guilty in the case in which he was suspending the sentence upon the rial costs.

Charged with gambling and an sault with a deadly weapon, Alex Horne pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Alex Bunch was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the case

William Wright, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, failed to maintain his plea of innocence and drew sixty days on the roads. The sentence was suspended by Judge Smith upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the trial costs.

George Perry was sentenced to he roads for ninety days after he was adjudged guilty of assaulting another with a deadly weapon. Judgment was suspended upon erly conduct and was sentenced to at the N. C. State Employment the payment of a \$25 fine and the

> Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Frank Brown was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the sentence for a term of two years upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the costs and on the further condition that the defendant molests no person desiring to fish at Gardner's Creek. The defendant is not to be intoxicated off his premises during the period of

> suspension. Charged with an assault, James H. Crabtree pleaded guilty of a simple assault and the court suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs. In a second case charging him with an assault, the defendant pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the case costs. It was brought out during the trial that the defendant's wife called her daughter, instructing her to leave

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### Start Construction On Smithwick Street Home

The Claude J. Goodmans started construction work on a sixroom, one-story home on North Smithwick Street this week, Building Inspector G. P. Hall announcing that a permit calling for a \$9,000 structure had been

### IMPROVING IN HOSPITAL

A patient in Duke Hospital for return home in about two weeks