

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

### Still Some Doubt About the Provisions Of the New Safety Law

Judge J. Calvin Smith called eleven cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, the number including several violations directly or indirectly affected by the new highway safety laws. His driver's license revoked prior to July 1 of this year, a defendant, through his attorney, maintained that the new law should not be applied in his current case in which he stands charged with operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked. The defendant, C. B. Gould, pleaded guilty of driving a motor vehicle without a license, and not certain about the applicability of the new law to the case, the court continued the action under prayer for judgment until August 11.

The session, lasting hardly two hours last Monday, attracted a comparatively small number of spectators. Fines and forfeitures for the day amounted to \$240.

Proceedings: The \$100 bond pledged in the case charging David Hix Harrell with operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license was revoked, was forfeited, the court discharging the surety upon the payment of \$50. The charge still stands against the defendant, and papers were issued for his arrest.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, David B. Guzik was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and had his driver's license revoked for one year.

The case charging Arthur Nicholson with trespassing, was dismissed, but is subject to be reopened.

Pleading guilty of obtaining board-room and not paying, Chas. Bullock was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the trial costs and \$54 to Mrs. Della Cowen, operator of a boarding home in Williamston.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly and aiding and abetting in larceny, Hudson Best was adjudged guilty on the first count only, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the case costs.

Willie James Roberson, charged with the larceny of a "stray" pint of liquor, pleaded not guilty. His plea failed to stand up under the bombardment of Solicitor Paul D. Roberson and the defendant was sentenced to jail for a day and directed to pay the court costs.

Charged with drunken and careless and reckless driving, Marvin Macon Ross pleaded guilty of careless and reckless driving. The plea was accepted by the solicitor and Judge Smith sentenced the defendant to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine. The court recommended that the defendant's driver's license be revoked for two years.

Pleading guilty in the case in which he was charged with op-

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## House Burned In County This Week

A small tenant house, occupied by the Bullock family and owned by Don Johnson, was burned on the Johnson farm in Poplar Point last Monday afternoon.

According to reports reaching here, one of the Bullock children, about a 5-year-old lad, went into the kitchen in mid-afternoon to cook something to eat for himself and accidentally fired the building. The little chap told a sister, a few years older than he, what he had done and left the burning building.

Fearful of punishment, the little fellow ran away and hid for a while it was thought possible that he was burned. He showed up a short time later, however. The fire, causing a gallon of gasoline used for ironing to explode, spread quickly and it was impossible to save anything from the house. The occupants lost everything they had except the clothes they were wearing.

## Women's Names Placed In Jury Box For First Time

Their names placed in the jury box for the first time, it is quite likely that one or more women will be drawn for jury service in September by the Martin County Commissioners at their regular meeting next Monday. Whether any of the fairer sex will qualify and serve is another matter, and it is possible that no women's names will be drawn next Monday.

Purging the jury list not so long ago, the commissioners, working over the tax books for their respective districts, placed several thousand names in the jury box pool. Since comparatively few women listed property and got their names on the tax books, the authorities resorted to election books and telephone directories. An exact count could not be had but it is estimated that the names of several hundred women are in the jury pool. It was also learned

that the names of several hundred colored citizens were placed in the pool, and it is quite possible that mixed juries will follow in the county, both as to sex and race.

While the dictates of the law are being met to provide mixed juries in this county for the first time, a special jury of six good and true men and women acted in a guardianship case in the county a short time ago. The guardianship hearing was not scheduled in the regular courts, and three women, Mesdames H. L. Barnhill, G. G. Woolard and E. Ross Froneberger, were called upon to pass judgment as members of the six man-woman jury.

The commissioners are slated to draw thirty-six jurors for the September court, meaning that possibly the names of two or three women will be in the list provided the chance ratio is maintained in the drawing.

### TOWN MEETING

Meeting in regular session next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock Williamston's town commissioners are slated to study the proposed budget for the new fiscal year and handle routine duties. No advance report on the budget figures has been released, but the general opinion is that no increase in the tax rate will be necessary to finance the town's operations during the new period.

A new schedule of privilege or Schedule B licenses, ranging from 50 cents for shoe shine stands to \$100 for theaters, will be discussed at the meeting along with several newly proposed ordinances.

## Cub Tractor Will Be Demonstrated Here August 7th

### Machine Is Especially Designed For Use On The Smaller Farms

Design of International Harvester Company's new, small, low-cost Farmall Cub tractor has been arranged by Jenkins Equipment Company for Thursday, August 7th, on the plot in front of Williamston Lumber Co., on Highway No. 17.

An invitation to inspect and "get the feel" of the all-purpose Farmall Cub, which will make modern farm tractor power available to approximately 3,000,000 farms having small acreages, is extended to agricultural education leaders, extension services, county agents, local service clubs, farmers, farm youth organizations, businessmen, industrial workers and all others interested in the economy and efficiency of this small tractor.

Commenting on the Farmall Cub after "getting the feel" of its operation Mr. Bazemore of the Jenkins Equipment Company, said:

"The Farmall Cub represents the latest step in the evolution of farm mechanization. Its developments readily meet the power requirements of the nation's 3,000,000 farmers having an annual gross income from farming of \$400 or less.

"Designed specifically for use

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## Auto Burns In County Monday

A 1937 Chevrolet car belonging to Earl Bellflower of Poplar Point was destroyed by fire near Ballard's Bridge late last Monday night.

The owner was driving the car when the gas supply became exhausted. He left the car parked in the road and went to Beddard's station for gas. When he returned the car had burned. It is thought that a short circuit in the wiring system fired the car. The property was insured, it was learned.

## Reopening Hotel Dining Room On Friday Morning

### New Management Advancing Renovation Program From Top To Bottom

As part of a complete renovation program, the new management of the George Reynolds Hotel here is opening its dining room to the general public on Friday morning of this week, offering a varied menu in a home-like setting and in a strikingly friendly manner. "While delivery has been delayed on a few items, we are prepared to open the dining room and offer a real service," Manager Chas. J. Brady said yesterday. The dining room, recently done over, is equipped with new furniture and venetian blinds cover the windows.

The kitchen, undergoing extensive alterations and re-equipped with modern utensils, will have the direct supervision of the management, assisted by Mrs. Horace Johnson. During the period he operated the Vance Hotel in Henderson Mr. Brady gained quite a

portion of a dining room and hotel, and he has just about completed preparations to maintain that reputation.

Taking over the hotel just a few weeks ago and after it had been neglected necessarily as a result of the war, Mr. Brady with the cooperation of the new owners, Messrs. Sid Mobley and R. L. Coburn, has gradually advanced a modernization program. The lobby, while necessarily limited in size, is equipped with the most modern furniture and fixtures, making it very inviting and unusually comfortable. And it compares in looks with the best of the lobbies, offering a home-like and cozy appearance.

The renovation program is steadily being advanced in all parts of the building, and most of the rooms have been done over. New mattresses, the best to be had, have been installed and occasional chairs have been placed in all the rooms. New furniture is expected shortly.

Traveling men, after maintaining their headquarters in other places during the past several years, are gradually returning here to find a hotel equipped and operated to their liking, and local people are convinced they can recommend the hotel to their traveling friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Brady pointed out this week that while many improvements had been handled, he was still working to give Williamston one of the best hotels in this section. He has just about completed his staff, including Harry Edmondson, World War II veteran, as night clerk, dietitian, waitresses, bell boys and maids.

## Purchases Ray's Camp On Gardner's Creek

Ray's Camp, opened years ago by Mr. J. D. Ray and recently operated by Bob Brown of Oak City, was purchased a short time ago by Mr. and Mrs. Whittington of Scotland Neck.

### WINNER



Miss Angela McLawhorn, first winner of the Jaycees' beauty contest here Wednesday evening, is to compete for "Miss North Carolina" at Wrightsville in August.

## Tobacco Averages \$44 Per Hundred Down In Georgia

### Stabilization Corporation Is Taking About One-fifth Of Offerings

During the first week of sales on the Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco markets cutters and better quality lugs were from \$1.09 to \$5.00 per hundred higher than opening week last year. However, the United States Department of Agriculture reports that most leaf grades, primings, nondescript and poorer quality lugs were lower. Leaf grades were from \$1.00 to \$13.00 off. Lower quality lugs and primings were from \$1.00 to \$4.00 down. Losses on nondescript ranged from \$5.25 to \$8.50. The lowest qualities showed the greatest losses. While an occasional basket brought \$60.00 the practical top was \$54.00. Prices on a few baskets of nondescript ranged as low as \$2.00. Although the cigarette type grades were higher a few were averaging slightly under the Commodity Credit Corporation support price. Among the leaf grades that were lower were some that generally go into the export trade.

The quality of the offerings was unusually high. It was even better than the exceptionally good sales of opening week last year. The tobacco was lighter bodied, and there were more good to choice qualities. The baskets were graded principally as fair to fine lugs, and low to good leaf and cutters.

Receipts by the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation of tobacco that did not bring the support price were fairly heavy amounting to approximately 17 percent of sales. The deliveries slackened considerably on Friday, however, as buyers became more familiar with the support prices. Sales began on July 24 and for the two day period ending the 25th amounted to 15,661,526 pounds at an average of \$43.92. Although this average was \$1.45 lower than the record opening week of last year, it was the second highest opening week in the history of the Belt. The volume was around 11 million pounds

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## Find Dynamite Planted Under Home Thursday

Four sticks of dynamite were found planted under the home of Mandy J. Dempsey, colored, 118 Griffin Street, here Thursday morning.

Officers are investigating, but no explanation for the presence of the explosive has been advanced, the occupant of the home declaring that she knew no one who was mad with her.

## Jaycees Hold Big Pageant and Dance Wednesday Night

### Misses McLawhorn and Chesson Win First Places In Beauty Contest

With J. Paul Simpson serving as master of ceremonies and Miss Marjorie Gray Dunn presiding as "Miss Williamston of 1946," this immediate section's 1947 beauties were selected at a big pageant and dance here Wednesday night. The pageant, held in the high school auditorium, attracted a capacity house, and the dance was well attended in the gymnasium.

It has been a long time since so much rare beauty has been assembled in one place and the judges, all from out of town, found their tasks extremely difficult.

In the senior beauty contest Miss Angela McLawhorn, winner of the 1946 Harvest Jubilee Festival in Reidsville, won first place in the contest here. She gets a free trip to Wrightsville the 15, 16 and 17 of August and will compete for "Miss North Carolina." Miss Lucy Andrews of near Williamston was second, and she is to receive a free trip to the Coastal Festival at Morehead City on August 28 and 29. Miss Thelma Carrow of Williamston, placing third in the senior queen contest, gets a trip with all expenses paid to the Harvest Jubilee Festival in Reidsville September 6 and 7. There were 21 entries in the senior contest and the first place winner, Miss McLawhorn, was crowned by Mayor Robert Cowan, Messrs. Pat Patterson of Washington, Hampton Brett of Windsor, Quillen Ward of Rocky Mount, Marvin Roberson of California and Oscar Roberson of Robersonville served as judges of the contest.

In a field of 26 entries, Little Miss Constance Chesson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Chesson, took first place in the junior queen contest. Little Miss Cherry Garris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garris, was second, and Little Miss Linda Lou Sutherland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G.

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## Two More Wrecks On County Roads

Two minor highway accidents, one involving a stolen car, were reported in this county this week. One person was slightly hurt and a property damage estimated at \$600 resulted, according to information gained from Patrolman W. E. Saunders who made the investigations.

Driving a 1946 Chevrolet coupe, alleged to have been stolen in Greenville about 11:00 o'clock last Monday night, Raleigh Coburn, Greenville white man, wrecked it near Gardner's Creek on the Jamesville-Williamston Highway shortly after midnight Tuesday morning. Slightly hurt, Coburn was carried to the clinic at Plymouth where he was treated and later discharged. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200.

Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Theodore (Dock) Taylor slowed down his vehicle, a 1946 Dodge bakery truck, on Highway 64, a short distance west of Williamston, and it was struck from the rear by a highway truck driven by James Robert Rawls. No one was hurt. Patrolman Saunders said that the damage to the bakery truck was approximately \$100, that repairs to the highway truck would cost about \$300.

## Hunting Licenses Now On Sale In The County

The new 1947-48 hunting and combination hunting-fishing licenses are now on sale at various dealers throughout the county. Warden Bill Abbott announced this week.

There's no change in the license fees for the new season. County resident licenses sell for \$1.10; state hunting licenses cost \$3.10, and combination hunting-fishing licenses for the State, \$4.10. Fishing licenses cost \$1.10 but are necessary only where artificial bait is used.

## A Slight Decrease In Post Office Receipts Reported

For the first time in a long time, postal receipts at the Williamston post office are showing a slight decline in volume, according to a report just recently released by Postmaster W. E. Dunn for the second quarter. The decrease is not very large, but it is of sufficient size to indicate that the use of the postal system as a means of communication has passed its peak in this immediate section for a while, at least. That the decrease reflects a decline in general business cannot be established as a fact.

While postage stamp sales last quarter fell to \$7,742.37 as compared to sales of \$9,215.28 in the second three months of last year, the office is still doing a pretty good business for a town this size. Stamp sales held up very well during the early part of this year,

but started weakening in February, lost nearly \$500 in March, and barely held their own in April. Then in May, there was over a \$300 loss followed by a \$200 decline in June. The nearly \$800 gain last January over the same month in 1946 helped hold stamp sale receipts this year to within \$305.50 of those reported for the first six months last year.

The money order business handled by the local office continues to hold to a right big figure and is on the increase, according to the postmaster's report. The business dropped last quarter by about \$900 below the \$68,904.21 reported for the second quarter in 1946, but April, May and June of this year recorded sales \$12,017.10 greater than the \$58,053.95 reported in the corresponding months of last year.

## Army Deserter Is Located In State Prison Camp Here

### Serving Sentence And Facing Desertion And Bigamy Charges Now

Deserting the Army about three years ago, Frank S. Cherry, young Martin County white man, has since that time aggravated his standing with the law and the future is anything but bright for him.

Month after month and year after year, the young man successfully evaded service in the Army, and nothing was heard from him until a short time ago when he was arrested and convicted for an alleged crime in Guilford County. He was sent to State's Prison in Raleigh and later farmed out to a road prison camp near Hillsboro. His past record was brought to light when he was identified by fingerprints under the name of William Luther James.

Working on the case, Martin County officers learned that the man deserted his wife and child in this county, took the assumed name and went to High Point

ports stating that he is expecting another heir by his last marriage. Even before he had served many months for the Guilford County crime, the federal authorities stepped in to claim him, but it could not be learned whether he'll be allowed to complete the term he is now serving before he is called to answer in the Army desertion case.

To further aggravate his almost hopeless predicament, the young man is almost certain to face a bigamy charge in this county, sooner or later.

The young man's arrest just about clears up all the service desertion cases in this county, it is believed, and so far as it can be learned no one from the county has been prosecuted for desertion.

## Jos. Godard Dies Near Jamesville

Joseph Godard, retired farmer, died at his home near Jamesville, last Tuesday evening at 6:00 o'clock. A victim of TB, he had been in declining health two years or more and he had been confined to his bed for about twelve months.

The son of Mrs. Lenora Hardison Godard and the late Louis Godard, he was born in Jamesville Township on December 17, 1894, and lived and farmed there all his life. When a youth he joined the church at Fairview.

He was first married to Miss Novella Whitfield and two sons, Leslie and Joseph Godard, Jr., of Jamesville, survive that union. His second marriage was to Miss Gladys Bembridge and she survives. He also leaves two brothers, Sam and Walter Godard, both of Jamesville.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. A. F. Lilley, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial will be in a new cemetery on the old home farm.

### ANOTHER LOSS

A fifth tobacco barn burned in the county this season last Monday when fire destroyed one filled with good quality tobacco on Paul Hyman's farm near Hamilton. The barn was equipped with oil curners.

It was reported that the leaf had been "killed out," and it is thought that the curing equipment, meeting little resistance, ran the mercury to a high point, setting the barn on fire.

## New River Bridge Placed; Riveters to Start Work Soon

### Expect Opening Some Time During Month Of October

Progressing slowly but steadily, work on the Roanoke River bridge project here is tentatively scheduled for completion some time in October, one report stating that traffic may start moving over the new structure possibly in September.

The new bridge, one of the largest of its kind in the State, has been placed and riveters are scheduled to start their work next week. With ten thousand rivets to drive, the riveters are expected to complete their task in about two weeks. The installation of the bridge machinery and electrical equipment will require considerable time. Control houses are to be built and traffic controls are to be installed before the project can be opened to traffic.

Assistant Superintendent Eugene Sandy is completing special construction work on the eastern end of the bridge and the guard rail is being advanced at the rate of about four sections per day.

After completing the bridge construction, 18-inch walk ways are to be welded to each side and a three-inch concrete slab is to be poured on the bridge roadway.

The bridge was fitted into place under the direction of Superintendent Dickson without a hitch, and the particular work was advanced ahead of schedule.

The first causeway was officially opened to traffic twenty-five years ago next month, the event attracting state notables, including Governor Cameron Morrison, and representatives of the Federal Roads Commission. No celebration is scheduled for the opening of the new bridge.

## Alleged Robber Is Out On \$500 Bond

Harold Clark, young white man charged with breaking and entering the Blue Star Cleaners here last April, was released in \$500 cash bond from the Martin County jail on Wednesday morning of this week. He is to be tried at the next term of the superior court convening here in September.

Clark, alleged to have stolen clothing from the cleaning establishment and sold them, was arrested in New York early in July. He has been held in the county jail here since July 4.

## Director Declares High School Band Making Progress,

### Band Parents Club Slated To Meet Next Monday, At 8:15 P. M.

The Williamston School Band is going into the final weeks of summer work with a definite record of achievement behind them. This work has been carried on since the closing of regular school in May. It will not be long before the opening of regular school again, and the young musicians are redoubling their efforts to have some sort of musical program ready at that time. Summer vacations, summer camps, and summer work have kept personnel at a rather unsteady level, but for the most part the students have shown a tremendous interest in the band work, and are to be commended for their efforts. The band is still a long way from the goal of being a polished organization, a process that will take at least two years, but the spirit and effort put forth so far indicate fine results in the future.

There is a regular daily schedule of lessons, section practice, and full rehearsals, and competition between sections for top musical rating of the week, is strong, all of which tends to raise the standard of the group. There are approximately sixty students under instruction, some are further advanced than others, having had their instruments a longer period of time, but it is expected that these newcomers will soon be holding down a place in the regular band. Plans are being made to put a band on the field for the coming football season, although as yet it is uncertain when the band will be ready to perform.

Drum majorette candidates have been under the instruction of Della Jane Mooley and Rose Leggett, both former drum majorettes of the school band. The drum section has been receiving special instruction from Mr. Maurice Moore, and promises to shape into a real group, once experience is gained.

Another valuable organization is taking shape, the Band Parents Club. This club was the backbone of the band in 1946, and bore the main burden of purchasing the new uniforms which are in storage at the present. It is planned to have an important meeting of this group on Monday night, August 4, at 8:15, in the High School auditorium. Parents of band members, and all others who are interested in starting students in fall beginning classes, are urged to attend. Plans for raising funds to purchase additional new uniforms will be discussed, and the organization of activities for the coming year will be worked out. Meyer Levin, president of the Band Parents Club, urges a full attendance at this meeting so that full plans can be formulated.

Following is the list of student personnel taking band work, those in the first band and beginning students are both listed: Clarinets: Sarah Manning, Sally Hardison, Norma Wood, Mary

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## Religious Worker Reports For Work

Miss Margaret Wacaster, recently named director of religious education for the Williamston Memorial Baptist Church, is entering upon her new duties on Friday of this week, Dr. Ira D. S. Knight, the pastor, announced yesterday.

A native of Cherryville, Miss Wacaster is a graduate of Gardner-Webb and Wake Forest Colleges, completing her studies and special training at the latter institution last term. She succeeds Miss Ethel Guest who resigned some time ago and who plans to enter foreign mission work.

Miss Wacaster, a member of the Wake Forest Glee Club, visited Williamston with the club some months ago. She is a very talented young woman and comes to the position here with the very best recommendations. She will make her home with the Bill Harrisons on Houghton Street.