

Judge J. C. Smith Has Large Docket In County's Court

Collect \$880 In Fines And Sentence Several To Prison Camps

With what is believed to be the largest number of regular cases ever scheduled for trial on its docket, the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday worked until almost dark before shaping up its business for adjournment. Fifty-five cases were on the docket, ten of which were continued for one reason or another. Two others were carried over when the defendants called for jury trials. Most of the cases continued will come up again next Monday while the jury trials were scheduled for the first Monday in January.

While no record fines were imposed, the court last Monday collected right at \$880 and meted out several road sentences, running up to twelve months.

Judge J. C. Smith was on the bench and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuted the docket before a comfortably filled courtroom.

Proceedings: The case charging Guy Whitfield with disposing of mortgaged property was not proessed or dismissed.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, LeRoy Everett, colored, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

The case charging Joseph Hoover with an assault with a deadly weapon was not proessed, but is subject to be reopened.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting a minor, William Lanier failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

Frank Williams was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Maintaining his innocence in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, William Arthur Bell was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25 plus the trial costs.

Romulus Moore, found guilty over his plea of innocence, was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs for assaulting another with a deadly weapon.

Charged with an assault, Ornerd Lyons failed to answer when called and papers were issued calling for his immediate arrest.

Pleading guilty, Mack W. Williams was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs for drunken driving. The court recommended that his license to operate a motor vehicle be suspended for twelve months.

Dallas Whitley was sentenced to the roads for ninety days for larceny and receiving.

Assaulting a female, M. C. Lawrence was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost. He pleaded not guilty. In a second case, charging him with a similar offense, he was adjudged not guilty.

Saint Leon Swain, charged with being drunk and disorderly and indecent exposure, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

James Matthew Swain failed to answer in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. (Continued on page six)

COMPLAINT

Moving out of range of town officers, children are shooting a few fireworks in several parts of the county. The practice has been reduced to a low minimum, but Wednesday afternoon a complaint reached the sheriff's office from Bear Grass where the youngsters were said to be blowing the lid off the crackers and the recent legislative act banning the sale, possession and shooting of fireworks.

A farmer contacted the sheriff's office this week and asked if it would be all right to shoot a few fireworks if he went to the back side of the field. Such precaution will hardly invite an arrest, but there is still a law against shooting fireworks anywhere in North Carolina.

Abandon Petition To Add West End To Williamston

The circulation of a paper, petitioning for the addition of the West End to Williamston, was dropped, temporarily at least, last Monday night when about twenty-five citizens of the community met in the West End Baptist Church and discussed the proposal. A movement, advanced in accordance with a special act of the last North Carolina General Assembly, flopped more than a month ago when it encountered an overwhelming opposition. At that time, the town authorities deemed it best to withdraw and left future action entirely in the hands of the affected districts.

More recently a petition was advanced and circulated by West End citizens themselves. While the last Monday night meeting decided to leave the issue rest a while, the action apparently did not block the way for reconsideration.

Son Of A Former Local Minister To Be A Bishop

Rev. William Jones Gordon To Hold High Post In Alaska

Rev. William Jones Gordon, son of the late Rev. William J. Gordon who was rector of the Church of the Advent here for several years, has been named Bishop of Alaska, but his consecration will be delayed at least until next May 6, his thirtieth birthday. The minimum age limit one must reach before entering upon the duties of the high church position is thirty years, and his consecration or, about next May 6 will make him the youngest bishop of Protestant Episcopal Church in America. He is succeeding the Rt. Rev. John Boyd Bentley who has been named vice president of the National Council of the Episcopal Church in charge of the overseas department.

Graduated from the University of North Carolina and completing his work at Virginia Seminary, he was ordained a deacon of the church in January 1943 and immediately entered upon his new work in Seward, Alaska. About a year later he was advanced to the priesthood and reported for duty at Point Hope within the arctic circle.

The young minister's father died a few months ago in Leaksville where he endeared himself to people of all faiths and where he carried on a truly effective work for many years. Appreciative of his noble work, members of the congregation, as a memorial to his memory, started a movement to purchase a home for his widow, the former Miss Anna Clark of Scotland Neck. The movement was hardly launched before members of civic clubs and members of other church organizations, irrespective of creed, volunteered their support and contributed funds as a token of respect and regard for the minister.

Car-Truck Crash On County Road

No one was hurt but property damage estimated at \$225 resulted when a log truck and an automobile crashed on U. S. Highway 17 near the Bear Grass Road intersection shortly before noon last Monday.

Driving an empty log truck belonging to the Jeffries and Smith Lumber Company of Washington, north on the highway, James Beard started to pass a car. Realizing he could not make it, Beard dropped back and cut his machine sharply to the right and ran off the highway. The driver lost control and the truck turned back to the left side of the road and blocked the road. Mrs. Frank Williams of Edenton, driving south, could not stop in time to avoid a crash, the bolster on the truck tearing into grill and radiator of the Williams car, causing about \$200 damage.

The accident was investigated by Patrolmen Rowe, Saunders and Parker.

Candidate Makes Good Impression On County Voters

R. Mayne Albright Spends Day In The County This Week

Making a tour of every one of North Carolina's 100 counties in the interest of his candidacy for governor, R. Mayne Albright and Mrs. Albright, too, made a good impression on the voters during their visit in the county on Tuesday of this week.

Strange as it may seem, the candidate did not discuss politics extensively. He pointed out that this was no speaking tour, explaining that he wanted to get to the grass roots, meet the people on the streets, in and around business houses and filling stations and listen to what they have to say and what they expect of their state government.

The candidate was of the opinion that "forever" is a mighty long life for a sales tax, and touched lightly on a few other matters, more or less, in the political limelight just now. Mr. Albright admitted that one of the candidates, holding close to the political machine, would get a lot of votes, but Albright, with a warm reception already scored in fifty-three of the one hundred counties, declared that he was encouraged.

Traveling in a car and trailer, "The Challenger," the Albrights were greeted by Mayor Robt. Cowen and Attorney E. S. Peel. The campaigners are completing their initial work in this section of the State and will return to their home the latter part of this week for Christmas.

Although he is young—just 38 years old—the candidate is experienced in politics and state affairs. He is an overseas veteran of World War II and was director of the State Employment Service for several years.

"This is a new political era—a time for new ideas and new leadership toward new goals," the candidate said as a challenge to the old-line political machine, adding that he was for "planned progress and clean politics."

It is no little task to carry a political campaign into 100 counties, but the candidate and Mrs. Albright apparently are holding up well under the strain, and enjoying it, too.

While the candidate was making individual contacts, Mrs. Albright was a guest of the Woman's Club at its regular meeting last Tuesday evening.

Place Man Under Peace Bond Here

Thurston Davenport, county merchant charged with threatening the life of James Rodgers on at least three different occasions, was placed under a \$750 peace bond following a hearing before Justice R. T. Johnson here last Tuesday evening. A goodly number of witnesses were questioned by the state and the defense attorney.

According to state's evidence, Davenport threatened Rodgers last March 23 when they argued over an account Rodgers supposedly owed Davenport. Last September Davenport was alleged to have threatened the man's life when he went to the Rodgers home complaining against the Rodgers chickens scratching on his property. Rodgers said he went into the house, leaving Davenport talking. Last Sunday, Davenport is alleged to have tried to wave Rodgers down and again threatened him. Rodgers said he drove to Bear Grass, that Davenport followed him and argued with him there.

The defendant appealed to the county court and the trial is scheduled for next Monday before Judge J. C. Smith.

Christmas Seals Printed By Billions This Year

Approximately five billion TB Christmas seals were printed for sale in the United States, Canada, England, Newfoundland and Bermuda this year.

Martin County citizens who received seals by mail and who have not remitted are asked to do so at once, as every effort is being made to complete the drive and go over the county's \$2,500 goal.

Virginia Official Recognizes Claim To Non-Supporter

Father Agrees To Pay His Children's Hospital Bill and Keep

Junius Rappold, young Virginia man who virtually deserted his wife and two small children, this week lost his fight against extradition to this county, but saved himself by agreeing to pay his children's medical bills and so much money each week for their keep.

Carrying his fight against extradition to Governor Tuck's office in Richmond last Monday, Rappold was supported by three attorneys. When Governor Tuck heard the case, he recognized the claim to Rappold and ordered him turned over to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck who attended the hearing with Rappold's first wife.

Rappold's attorneys maintained that their client had not committed any crime in North Carolina, but the governor apparently thought of the two children and ruled against the man.

The hearing, held in the Virginia Senate chamber, lasted for more than two hours. Governor Tuck heard the issues and turned the case over to the attorney general. Rappold made no denials and could offer poor excuses for virtually deserting his wife and children, going to Florida for a fly-by-night divorce and marrying again. The case was aired in detail, and it was apparent that the Virginia officials were impressed by the facts.

After the attorney general was advised that Governor Tuck was honoring the extradition papers prepared in this county by Solicitor Paul D. Roberson, he called for a definite understanding, explaining that an agreement acceptable to Mrs. Rappold, his first wife, could be effected or the man would be turned over immediately to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. After an agreement was reached, one of Rappold's attorneys suggested that his client might become ill and could not meet the payment. "And I guess the children will have to stop eating during that time," the Virginia official was quoted as saying. It was pointed out very plainly to Rappold that he is to have the allowance in the hands of his children each week on Monday. Officers in this county were instructed to advise the Virginia governor's office in the event the payments are not made promptly. The very first time the allowance is not advanced, Rappold is to be surrendered to Martin County officers.

Rappold was advised that should he attempt to flee to another state, he would be classed as a fugitive from justice.

Late last Monday afternoon Rappold was allowed to return to his home in Newport News but continues under bond.

Installing Radio System In County

C. D. Cavanaugh, radio specialist, is installing a two-way radio system for county law enforcement officers. The antenna will be located on the courthouse and the system will be operated twenty-four hours each day by remote control at the Williamston Police Department. Special radios will be installed on the cars of at least three county officers and those operated by police departments in the county.

It could not be learned when the system would be placed in operation.

OPPORTUNITIES

A report released this week by the county welfare department states that there are many opportunities to aid the needy in the county this Christmas season. It was pointed out, however, that the opportunities should be cleared through the welfare department in an effort to avoid duplications and more important to see that no deserving case is forgotten.

A call to the welfare office will clear the way for spreading the cheer program, it was emphasized.

Formulate Tax Plan At Meeting Saturday

HOUSING

The housing shortage, recognized as acute for some time, is worsening, reports stating that it is almost desperate. Lodging is being sought in offices and applications for apartments and houses have more than doubled in number in past few days.

Operators of the Civil Aeronautics Administration control center opening here next month are looking for places to live along with a number of others. Anyone knowing of an available apartment or house for rent is urged to contact The Enterprise office.

Places have been found for the sixteen persons operating the mass TB x-ray survey in the county next month, it was learned.

Award Prizes In Food Conservation Contest In County

Farm Women Can Large Amount of Food During the Past Season

Results of a county-wide food conservation contest for farm families cooperating with the Farmers Home Administration have been announced by J. C. Eubanks, county supervisor for Martin.

Sponsored by the Farmers Home Administration and through the cooperation of the pressure cooker and canning supply companies, prizes were offered to the home maker canning the greatest number of quarts per person in the family, and for the greatest increase in the number of quarts canned in 1947 over the 1946 canning season. For families cooperating with the Farmers Home Administration program for the first time this year, prizes were offered to the home maker canning the greatest number of quarts per person in the family and the family canning the greatest variety of fruits, vegetables and meats.

Mrs. Ira Jones, RFD 1, Williamston, won first prize, an all-American pressure canner. Mrs. Jones canned 456 quarts of fruits, vegetables and meats for her family of four which was 167 quarts more than she canned in 1946.

Mrs. V. U. Bunting, RFD 2, Williamston, won second prize, a pressure sauce pan. Mrs. Bunting canned 753 quarts of food for her family of seven, an increase of 143 quarts in 1947.

Maggie Knight, RFD 1, Robertsonville, won first prize for families cooperating with the Farmers Home Administration for the first time in 1947. A Foley food mill, two dozen quart jars and two dozen lids and rings were her reward. She canned 495 quarts of food for her family of four.

Hazel Jones, RFD 1, Oak City, received a Foley flour sifter, a blending fork and food chopper, one dozen quart jars and two dozen lids and rings. She canned 402 quarts of food for her family of four.

The contest was open to the 150 farm families on the Farmers Home Administration program. While all the families entering the contest have done excellent work in food production and conservation some have been more outstanding in amounts canned as well as quality and variety. All (Continued on page six)

CORRECTION

Announcing the holiday schedule for the schools in this county, The Enterprise made an error. Closing at noon on Friday of this week, the schools will reopen at the usual hour, Thursday, January 1, and not on Monday, January 5, as was first announced.

OPEN NIGHTS

Beginning next Monday, Williamston stores will remain open each evening until 9:00 o'clock until Christmas.

X-Ray Is Certain Way Of Locating Early TB Cases

Even Small Symptoms Apparent When Films of Chest are Developed

More than 50,000 people in the United States die each year from tuberculosis. Furthermore, half a million people are estimated to have the disease in active form.

Of these cases, only half are known to health authorities. The other quarter million are unreported cases and constitute a grave threat to the health of the entire population.

They are a threat because tuberculosis is a communicable disease, spread by people with open cases. The unreported, or "unknown," cases are the chief source of infection. Frequently, people with early tuberculosis do not realize they are ill because of the symptomless onset of the disease, yet they are not only losing their own health but may be transmitting their disease to others.

These unknown cases must be found if tuberculosis is ever to be eradicated. In other words, the unknown case is a source of infection to others and must be located. Precautions can then be taken to prevent the spread of the disease while the individuals affected are placed under treatment.

We know how to find the unknown cases of tuberculosis. They can be found by chest X-rayings apparently healthy people over 15 years of age. The X-ray is the most important aid in finding tuberculosis for it can detect the presence of the disease even in that early stage before the symptoms are apparent.

With the development of X-ray equipment, using small films, it has become possible to X-ray large groups of people within a short period of time.

Throughout the country the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliated state and local associations are cooperating with official health departments in mass X-ray examinations to screen out the unknown cases. When suspicious shadows are found on the films in these mass examinations, further X-rays must be taken and tests made before a definite diagnosis of tuberculosis can be reached.

Mass X-ray examinations are a practical way of finding unknown tuberculosis and wherever such programs are planned they should receive the wholehearted support of the people of the community. Experience has proved, too, that the majority of cases found in these mass X-ray programs are (Continued on page five)

Justice Hassell Hears Five Cases

Justice of the Peace John L. Hassell handled five cases in his court the early part of this week and imposed fines in four of them.

Charged with disorderly conduct, George A. Purvis was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6.50 costs.

Martha Speight and Dorothy Williams were each fined \$5 and required to pay \$6.50 costs for an affray.

Operating a motor vehicle without brakes, George Lewis Hyman was fined \$10 plus \$7 costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the road and with improper equipment, Robert E. Bonner was fined \$10 and required to pay \$8 costs.

Robert Williams, drunk on the highway, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of \$10.50 costs.

LICENSES

A real last-minute rush is on for driver's licenses in this county. Examiner Boyce handled more than sixty applications Wednesday and a large number of licenses will be issued in Robertsonville on Friday of this week to those persons whose last names begin with the letters A or B, and in Williamston half a day next Wednesday.