

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

Fines and Forfeitures At Short Session Monday Amount To \$425

Judge J. Calvin Smith handled sixteen cases in the county's recorder's court last Monday, the session lasting about three hours. Fines imposed and collected at the session amounted to \$425, exclusive of forfeitures reported in several cases.

The civics class of the Bear Grass High School witnessed the proceedings.

Charged with drunken driving, J. Carl Kelly pleaded not guilty and the case was continued for the defendant until next Monday.

The case charging Dalton Brown with an assault with a deadly weapon was remanded to the justice of the peace court for completion of the warrant.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, General Columbus Freeman was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and the court recommended that his license to operate a car be revoked for one year.

W. C. Warbritton, pleading guilty of public drunkenness, was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

Lena Warbritton, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with speeding, Robert W. Hedeman failed to answer when called and papers were issued against his bondsman and for his arrest.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Richard Bowen was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

Herbert G. Vogelsang, Buffalo bank president, pleaded guilty of speeding and was fined \$25, plus costs.

L. H. Hamm and Ben Roberson, charged with issuing worthless checks, pleaded not guilty. At the conclusion of the state's evidence, defense counsel made a motion for a verdict of not guilty as to Roberson. The motion was allowed, and judgment, as to Hamm was continued until the first Monday in September.

James Clinton Council was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. He entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

Thomas "Boo" Saunders, charged with the possession of illicit liquor, pleaded guilty and was fined \$40 and required to pay the costs.

Pleading guilty of larceny and receiving, Arthur Taylor was sentenced to the roads for four months, the court suspending the term upon the payment of a \$30 fine and costs. The defendant, under the terms of the judgment, is to violate no criminal law during the next two years.

Herbert Lacy, adjudged guilty in the case charging him with non-support, was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term on condition that he pay \$50 now to his wife.

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Larger Crowds Attend Services

Attendance upon the special services under way this week in the local Baptist church continues to increase with each succeeding service and interest in the meeting is mounting. The first in the series of special services was held last Sunday evening, and near-record crowds were present for the services by last evening. The attendance upon the morning services at 10:00 o'clock almost doubled, it was stated.

Volunteers are conducting a nursery in the basement of the educational building for the little tots whose parents would attend services morning or evening. The public is invited to make use of the service and attend the preaching services.

The pastor, Rev. Stewart B. Simms is conducting the services and Mr. John D. Homes of Raleigh is directing the song service.

CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow." So far none has figured prominently in public affairs, but as future citizens they have a tremendous assignment to handle in a muddled world. Certain they'll do a better job than has been done or is being done, The Enterprise presents the youngsters as the one great hope for the future.

Reading from left to right: Top row, Brownie, three, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Roberson, Williamston; Eddy Gene, five, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harrell, Oak City; Nancy, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roberson, Williamston; Bottom row, Eliza, four, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Roberson, Williamston; Dicky, four, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harris, Williamston, and Joyce Ann, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Long, Robersonville.

DOWNWARD

A further decline—slight, to be sure, but definite—in local post office receipts was reported for the first quarter of this year, according to information released this week by Postmaster W. E. Dunn. At the same time a drop of several thousand dollars was recorded in the money order business handled by the office.

During the first quarter of last year, stamp sales amounted to \$8,921.19. In the first quarter of this year the sales dropped to \$8,250.06, a decrease of \$671.13.

The money order business dropped from \$68,065.06 in the first quarter of last year to \$62,782.96 in the corresponding period of this year, a decrease of \$5,282.10.

Reviews Work Of Legion Auxiliary During Past Year

Report Made To Meeting In Windsor Recently By The Secretary

The Auxiliary of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion handled an effective work during the past year, according to a report read before a district meeting by the secretary, Mrs. Edna Laughinghouse, a few days ago in Windsor.

No worthy causes were turned down, the auxiliary extending aid to all groups and for every movement, in addition to handling its regular work.

The auxiliary now has 56 members, the report explaining that it had met all its obligations, including donations, as follows: Central Fund, Oteen Hospital, \$24; Central Fund, Fayetteville Hospital, \$12; educational loan fund, \$5; and Hospital Memorial Library Fund, \$2.75.

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Returned Here In Non-Support Case

Julius Eborn, facing his second non-support charge in less than a year, was returned here yesterday from Princess Ann, Virginia, for a reckoning in Judge J. C. Smith's court next Monday.

Seventy years old, Eborn was returned here from Virginia, and when he was booked for trial about a year ago he was directed to pay \$25 and costs and so much each month for the support of his wife and children. He paid the \$25 and costs and returned to Virginia, ignoring the other terms of the judgment.

Deputy Murray Holleman went for the man last Sunday but Eborn evaded him. Princess Ann officers took him into custody Tuesday and turned him over to the county officer yesterday.

Native of County Died In Raleigh Monday Afternoon

Funeral Service For Rufus T. Coburn Held Wednesday Afternoon

Rufus Theodore Coburn, native of this county and successful Raleigh business man, died at his home in the capital city last Monday afternoon. He had been in declining health following a heart attack suffered last January, but the end came unexpectedly.

Mr. Coburn was born in the Gold Point section of this county on December 10, 1883, and came to Williamston when a youth to work with his brother, Gus Coburn, in the mercantile business. He later formed a business partnership with F. K. Hodges, late of Williamston, and several years later started traveling for a shoe company. He was a son of the late James Coburn and wife, and was recognized as one of the most successful salesmen in the country for many years. In addition to his duties as salesman he was instrumental in opening and operating shoe stores in a number of North Carolina towns and cities.

Mr. Coburn was married on (Continued on page eight)

New Librarian For B.M.H. Unit

The board of directors of the B. M. H. Regional Library Association through its president, Rev. John L. Goff, Williamston, announced yesterday the coming of a new librarian, Miss Virginia McDonald, on May 15.

Miss McDonald has her Master's Degree in Library Science and has just resigned her last post, as a librarian for the federal government. It was Miss McDonald who set up the huge library when Fort Bragg was expanded at the beginning of the war. She had the unusual distinction of being given a check for \$10,000 and sent to New York to purchase the books. She accomplished this feat within ten days and the library was circulating books within three weeks.

Mrs. Ford S. Worthy, who has served as librarian since Miss Elizabeth House became a staff member of the North Carolina Library Commission, has continued to expand the service until it is now serving nearly four thousand registered borrowers, besides the schools and libraries in the area. Beginning from scratch the library now has over fifteen thousand volumes and its Bookmobile covers more than one thousand miles per month in the counties of Beaufort, Hyde and Martin. The Board of Directors is hoping that the counties will increase the appropriations for the coming year in order to continue this growth so that the remotest sections of the area may continue to have more and better books.

Cancer Fund Drive Brought To Close In Martin County

Goal of \$1,500 Exceeded By Nearly \$150, Chairman Reported Today

The annual Cancer Fund Drive was brought to a successful close in this county yesterday, Mrs. Chas. I. Harris, county commander, and Mr. Dan Peel, chairman of the fund raising campaign, stating that the \$1,500 goal was exceeded by approximately \$150.

The funds are being turned over to the North Carolina Cancer Society for promotion of research work in the relentless fight against the disease.

Seven of the eleven districts exceeded their assigned goals and the colored citizens helped considerably in pushing the drive over the top, Chairman Dan Peel said.

The drive was handled by volunteers who did a good job in the various districts, as follows: Jamesville, Mrs. Leslie Hardison; Chas. L. Daniel, Williams; Woman's Club, Williamston; W. B. Harrington, Griffins; A. B. Ayers, Mrs. J. D. Wynne, Mrs. James Russell Cherry, Mrs. Pete Mendenhall, Mrs. Claudia Rawls, Mrs. LeRoy Harrison, Mrs. Kneizer Harrison and Mrs. Henry White, Jr., Bear Grass; Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Cross Roads; Chas. Gray, Robersonville; Mrs. Nat Johnson, Goose Nest; Mrs. E. R. Stewart, Hamilton; Mrs. LeRoy Taylor, Poplar Point; and J. W. Eubanks, Hassell.

Handling the drive among the colored citizens and schools and organizations, Chairman Mary Gray also did an effective work, adding \$156.72 to the fund.

District	Quota	Amt Raised
Jamesville	\$ 100	\$ 72.00
Williams	35	41.84
Griffins	75	118.20
Bear Grass	75	88.85
Williamston	600	666.43
Cross Roads	75	54.56
Robersonville	300	212.66
Poplar Point	30	34.60
Hassell	35	41.24
Hamilton	75	59.00
Goose Nest	100	103.16
Colored Citizens		156.72

Contributions made by colored citizens and schools were reported by Chairman Peel, as follows: Biggs school, \$2.55; Corner Stone Baptist Church, by Mary Mizelle, \$18; Williamston Colored High School, \$11.74; E. B. Andrews, 50 cents; Mount Pilgrim (Continued on page eight)

Military Funeral For Gun Victim

A military funeral was held at the home of his aunt in Williams Township Tuesday afternoon for Lewis Riddick, young colored man, who was shot down and killed in cold blood by Abraham Fonville on Washington Street here early last Saturday morning. Rev. Chance conducted the services and a detail from the American Legion Post No. 68 officiated at the graveside in the family cemetery near the old home.

The services were attended by a large crowd.

Next Saturday Last Day To Register For Primary

After getting off to a slow start on Saturday May 1, new registrations for the primary on May 29 are showing some gain, according to incomplete reports coming from several of the thirteen registrars.

Handling less than a dozen registrations the first Saturday, the two Williamston registrars have boosted the total to about 45. Cross Roads reported only two so far, and an unofficial report said that one of the precincts had added no new names at all.

The registration books will be open Saturday of this week for the last time before the May 29 primary for registrations. They'll be open the following Saturday but only for challenge.

Those veterans who voted in the general elections while they were in service and did not register with their respective registrars must register to participate in the primary on the 29th. The ruling does not apply to those veterans who registered and voted before entering the service.

Most of those registering so far are transferring from precincts within the county, while quite a few came in from other counties and states. The list also includes quite a few veterans who are registering for the first time.

Brief History Of Village And City Delivery Service

Service Inaugurated Back In 1916 Recently Expanded Here

Expanding the city delivery service here last week, Postmaster W. E. Dunn delved into the record and pulled up a few interesting bits of history in connection with the service.

His brief review follows: "Village Delivery was inaugurated at the Williamston Post Office in April 1916 with two Village Carriers, Jesse S. Ambers and Roger A. Critcher. While Jesse S. Ambers was in military service during World War One his route was served by temporary carrier, Joe Roebuck. Kate Philpot was appointed Village Letter Carrier October 2, 1918, replacing Roger Critcher and served continuously until she was retired May 31, 1941. Jesse S. Ambers also served continuously except for service in World War One until he was retired in 1945.

"The delivery service was changed from Village Delivery to City Delivery July 1, 1936.

"Leslie T. Fowden, Jr., succeeded Kate Philpot and served until he was transferred into the office as clerk in 1946. His tour of service was broken by military service in World War Two.

"During World War Two the two routes were served by Ben F. Gurganus and Clyde D. Anderson. Ben F. Gurganus resigned to enter military service, June 30, 1947, Joseph Gurganus succeeding him.

"The city delivery service was extended to 268 additional families on May 6, 1943, requiring the (Continued on page eight)

County Mum Gracely Ill In Hospital

Mr. John Davenport, well-known Hamilton citizen, was reported gravely ill in a Raleigh hospital this morning. He had been in declining health following a stroke suffered on May 9, of last year, and he suffered a second stroke yesterday, pneumonia developing a few hours later.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The nineteenth week is gradually gaining the title, "Wreck 'em Up Week." No less than four wrecks have been reported in that week during the past three years. Back in 1946 there were six wrecks and five injured in the 19th week. Last year there were five wrecks and one injured. This year, the count was reduced to four wrecks and no injured. Some improvement!

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

19th Week	Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge
1948	4 0 0 \$ 1,105
1947	5 1 0 1,300

Comparisons To Date	Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge
1948	54 20 1 \$10,565
1947	49 26 3 10,725

FOR COUNTY JUDGE



Although county politics have received scant attention so far, there are several interesting and important contests to be decided by the voters on Saturday, May 29. One of the contests features the two gentlemen above, Chas. H. Manning, young Williamston attorney, and Judge J. Calvin Smith, of Robersonville, who are in the race for judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court.



Advance Plans For Anti-Rat Campaign

Deliver Bait To County's Schools Next Wednesday

Robersonville Launches Its Drive On Big Scale This Morning

Plans are just about complete for an all-out drive against rats in this county, it was announced by representatives of the health department and extension service yesterday.

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The poison, while not poisonous to cats and dogs, will make some animals sick, and owners will find it advisable to pen or chain their dogs and cats during the campaign.

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Pupils of Eighth Grade Visited In Raleigh Recently

Youths Greatly Impressed By Stories Told by Principal of Blind School

By Doris Peel
Last Friday mornin, 33 of Mrs. George Corey's eighth grade history class went to Raleigh.

During the day we learned many interesting facts about our capital city. One was that Raleigh is the only planned capital city in the Union.

We saw the old Meredith School for girls. This building, a large three-story structure, has been converted into a hotel.

We next went to the Governor's Mansion. Leading to the brick building is a wide brick walk. The bricks for the house and walk were hand made by prisoners at Central Prison many, many years ago. On some of the brick initials were carved which can still be seen.

There is a story that a butler served fourteen governors or fifty-two years in the Governor's Mansion. Since the government will not hire anyone over sixty-five, "Uncle Dave," the butler stayed sixty-five for many years. Every time a new governor would come into office, "Uncle Dave" would turn back to sixty-five years again. When he died about a year ago he was still sixty-five.

In the Mansion there are thirty-three rooms and thirteen bathrooms. In one of the bed rooms there is a bed built especially for a governor and his son. When this governor came into office he had a small son. His wife had died. The small child was very much afraid of the dark; therefore, he wanted to sleep with his father. The governor, who knew his son was a bad bedfellow, did not want to sleep with him. But he wanted to please his son, so he had a bed made that was about as wide as the average bed is long. On this he and his son slept in peace.

While riding over the State campus we saw the birthplace of Andrew Johnson, a small weather-beaten old house. At both ends there is a very wide fireplace which was fashionable in days gone by.

We had lunch in Pullen Park. After lunch we went to the State School for the Blind. We were led into the assembly room where the principal talked to us about the blind. First, he had a boy with only two percent of his vision, play the piano for us. The boy also read, using Braille.

The principal said some very nice things about the people of Williamston. He spoke especially of the peanuts they received from the town about two years ago. He said the children really enjoyed them.

The principal said he had been used to girls and boys in public school coming to him complaining about lost rings or bracelets or tennis shoes, but when he had been in the blind school about one year and a half, a boy came to him one day and said, "I have lost my eye."

The principal, very shocked, asked for an explanation. The (Continued on page six)

Green Wave Band Enters Gallopade In Rocky Mount

Young Musicians "Did The Town Proud" In Elizabeth City Parade

Fresh from their successful invasion of Elizabeth City where they "did the town proud" in the words of one observer, the Williamston High School Green Wave Band is going to Rocky Mount tomorrow morning (Friday) to take part in the giant Gallopade parade which starts in that city at 11 a. m.

The band, its director, Jack Butler, and all who saw it in its parade at Elizabeth City are proud of its job there. The trip was an enjoyable one and high praise was given the young musicians, especially for the drill they put on in the crowded downtown section of Elizabeth City. In executing the "pin wheel" maneuver which takes a lot of space some of the children had to climb over cars and push their way through the crowds but they followed their designated routes and when they had finished and stopped (Continued on page eight)

Hold Pre-School Clinic Next Week

The Pre-School Clinics for the Williamston Schools are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18, from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. Children whose last name begins with any letter from A through M should be brought on Monday, those whose name begins with letters N through Z should be brought on Tuesday.

Mother should accompany their children as they are more acquainted with the children's diseases and vaccinations the children have already had.

No child may enter school next fall unless he is six years old on or before October 1, 1948, and has a certificate from the County Health Director or private physician showing immunization against whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox.

Presbyterians To Install Minister

Rev. James I. Lowry, recently called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian churches—Williamston, Bear Grass and Roberson's Chapel—in this county, will be installed at a special service to be held in the Bear Grass church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Members and friends of all the churches are invited.

The Rev. Sam Zealey of Washington will preach the installation sermon, it was announced.

Prior to the service, a picnic supper will be spread by the members of all the churches at 6:00 o'clock.