

Judge J. C. Smith Tries Score Cases In County Court

Fines Imposed At The Session Total \$748.70; One Defendant Appeals

Disposing of twenty of the twenty-three cases on the docket in Martin County Recorder's Court Monday of this week, Judge J. Calvin Smith collected over \$700 in fines. One defendant demanded a jury trial and another entered an appeal to higher court.

Proceedings: Judgment was suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$25 and costs in the case charging Walter Clayton Hall with speeding.

Booker T. Williams, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the county jail for sixty days and assigned to work the roads, but the court suspended the road term upon the payment of \$25 and costs and upon the further condition that the defendant does not operate a motor vehicle for a period of thirty days.

Joe Walter Williams was adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence and was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with drunken driving. The defendant appealed through his attorney and bond was fixed in the sum of \$100.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$25 and costs in the case charging Sherwood Linwood Johnson with speeding.

Charged with speeding, Robert Dors Manning pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the road term being suspended by the court upon the payment of \$25 and costs.

Fred Walter Carter pleaded guilty to the charge of speeding. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

Joseph D. Wynne, charged with improper parking, made a motion to remand the case to the J. P. court for compliance with judgment. The motion was allowed by the court.

Pleading guilty to the charge of operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license, Billie J. Davis had judgment suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$25 and costs in the case charging Max Reginald Bedford with speeding.

Charged with drunken driving, Jesse S. Fulford pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended in his case upon the payment of \$100 and costs. The court recommended that his operator's license be revoked according to law.

Thomas Peel pleaded guilty to the charge of operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$25 and court costs.

Adjudged guilty of an assault, Ruth Gorham drew a six months sentence in the Woman's Department of State Prison in Raleigh but the term was suspended upon payment of costs and upon further condition that the defendant does not visit or be in the house occupied by Ken Manning for a period of two years.

William Mobley pleaded guilty to a charge of operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of the court.

Charged with drunken driving, Forest Saunders pleaded guilty. Judgment was suspended in the case upon the payment of \$100 and costs. The court recommended that his operator's license be revoked.

John Henry Williams, pleading not guilty on a charge of assault on a female and non-support was found guilty only of assault. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Sam Roberson was adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence in the case charging him with operating a motor vehicle without an operator's license and was taxed with the costs.

Pleading not guilty to a charge of non-support, William Jasper Page was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the county jail for a period of six months and assigned to work the roads. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of \$25 and costs.

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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.

Top row, left to right, Pain, seven, Kinky, five, sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Wheeler, Williamston; Jean, ten, Carolyn, six, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Coltrain, Williamston; Janie, twelve, Lou Vena, ten, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rogerson, Williamston; Bottom row, Billy, seven, Judith, three, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thrower; Edgar, nine, Bob, six, sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shuller, Williamston; and William, nine, Polly, five, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Bunting, Williamston.

NO PAPER TUESDAY

It being impossible for the staff of The Enterprise to observe the general holiday next Monday and produce a Tuesday edition of the paper at the same time, the management announced today that there would be no issue of The Enterprise printed next Tuesday. Regular publication schedules will be resumed on Thursday, July 8.

Mrs. Geo. Griffin Dies In Hospital In Washington

Funeral This Afternoon At 3:30 In Smithwick Creek Church

Mrs. Jimmette Manning Griffin, 53, wife of Geo. C. Griffin of Griffins Township, died in a Washington Hospital Tuesday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock following several years of declining health and about ten days of serious illness.

Born, January 4, 1895, Mrs. Griffin was the daughter of the late Hamon James and Della Daniel Manning. She was born and spent her entire life in Griffins Township where she was known and loved by all as a devoted wife and mother and a good neighbor. A member of the Smithwick Creek Primitive Baptist Church she adhered closely to its teachings, leading a humble and consecrated life.

Thirty-two years ago she was married to Geo. C. Griffin, prominent farmer of Griffins Township and a member of the Martin County Board of Education.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Griffin is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Milton James of Williamston, Janie Sue Griffin of the home, and Mrs. Tommie E. Morris of Newport News, Va.; three sons, James Harrell Griffin, Washington, D. C., a member of the armed forces, Leon Earl Griffin of the home, and Geo. C. Griffin, Jr., of Williamston.

Funeral services are being held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at Smithwick Creek Church.

Official Count Cuts Johnson Lead to 112

Meeting in the courthouse on Tuesday of this week the Martin County Board of Elections canvassed the vote in the second primary, June 26, and found that the official vote for Charles M. Johnson was 1640 and for Kerr Scott, 1529 in the governor's race.

Official count as tabulated Saturday night at the Enterprise office was to take one vote from Johnson and add one to Scott in Bear Grass precinct. The vote there officially is 155 for Johnson and 89 for Scott, giving Johnson a majority of 112 in the county instead of the 113 figure unofficially listed.

Harvey Roberson Dies Suddenly In Office Wednesday

Operator Of Public Oil Company In Robersonville for 26 Years

Harvey L. Roberson, one of Robersonville's most prominent and outstanding citizens died suddenly in the offices of his oil station in Robersonville Wednesday morning at 9:15.

Shortly before he died Mr. Roberson had been talking to Mr. N. C. Everett and when he went to open his safe in an adjoining office. Although a physician attended him soon after he collapsed he died within fifteen minutes. His death was attributed to a heart attack.

Back in 1942 Mr. Roberson's health began to decline and in 1943 he was confined to his home and bed for approximately three months. He suffered from anemia constantly after that and his general health had been uncertain for several months.

Sixty-four years old, Mr. Roberson was the son of the late B. H. and Chloe Frances Coburn Roberson. He was born in Gold Point and in early life associated himself with the firm of W. A. Roberson and Company in Robersonville. With the liquidation of this business he and the late J. M. Highsmith formed a partnership and built the Trio Theatre and organized the Public Oil Company. This partnership was dissolved soon thereafter, Mr. Highsmith taking the theatre and Mr. Roberson the oil business, continuously operating it since 1922.

An outstanding leader in the business, civic and religious activities of Robersonville and Martin County, Harvey Roberson was an affable character. He knew no stranger and always had a friendly greeting for his friends and acquaintances. Kind and generous he was admired and recognized as a natural leader by his townsmen and the citizens of the county.

Mr. Roberson was a member of the Robersonville Christian church which he joined in 1913. He was also a charter member of the Robersonville Rotary Club and an active member of the Concho and Rainbow Gun Clubs.

In 1912 he was married to Miss Lena Parker who survives along with two sons, Dixie Dan Roberson, now in school in New York; Rodney Roberson of the home; a grandson, Richard Roberson; five sisters, Mrs. C. A. Roberson, Mrs. (Continued on page eight)

Mrs. A. T. Griffin Dies in Goldsboro

Mrs. A. T. Griffin, wife of a native and former citizen of this section, died at her home in Goldsboro at 3 p. m. Monday, June 28. Funeral services were held Tuesday from the St. Paul Methodist church at 4:40 p. m. Interment was in the Willowdale cemetery in Goldsboro.

Surviving are her husband; one brother, John F. Barwick, Griffon; two sisters, Mrs. L. B. Roberson, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. W. F. Harper, Goldsboro; five children, Mrs. R. B. Kirkwood, Bennettsville, S. C., E. A. Griffin, L. B. Griffin, S. C. Griffin, A. T. Griffin, Jr., and W. B. Griffin, all of Goldsboro.

Mr. Griffin was born and reared in Griffins Township. When a young man he ran for sheriff of Martin County and was defeated by just a few votes. Soon afterward he moved to Goldsboro where he married Mrs. Griffin, the former Miss Susan Winifred Barwick.

Attending the funeral from this county were T. C. Griffin, R. T. Griffin, W. O. Griffin, J. E. Griffin, Mrs. D. M. Roberson, Mrs. Jack Hardison, S. C. Griffin, Irving Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Continued on page eight)

Block Of Smithwick Street Being Paved

The block of Smithwick Street between Railroad Street and Marshall Avenue is being filled in and will be paved as soon as possible, it was announced yesterday by Mayor Bob Cowen.

Smithwick Street is the oldest as the Hamilton road. The new project will result in the paving of all of the southern end of the street and add much to the convenience of motorists attending the local Christian church as the street has been washed and rutted badly at the point where the paving is being placed.

Tobacco Market To Open Here On Thursday, Aug. 19

Tolerance Of 50 Pounds Is Allowed In Pile Weight Limit This Year

The Williamston Tobacco Market, and others in the Eastern Carolina Belt, will open Thursday, August 19, according to announcement by the 15-member Flue-Cured Marketing Committee following a meeting in Raleigh Tuesday of this week.

The markets in the Georgia-Florida belt will open July 22, in the Border Belt August 3, Eastern Carolina Belt August 19, Middle Belt, September 2, and Old Belt September 13.

Selling time on all belts was fixed at five hours a day, with the selling rate at 400 piles of leaf per hour.

While the maximum weight per pile remains at 250 pounds, a tolerance of 50 pounds per pile for tobacco sold by farmers is being allowed this year.

The tolerance is being allowed as a benefit to farmers who have grades weighing over 250 pounds but less than 300 pounds. Under it, the committee said, growers will be spared the weighing, handling and auction charges that formerly were imposed on the over-flow of grades falling within the more-than-250-and-less-than-300 bracket. There was some complaint about this last year.

Closing dates are usually set by the individual markets according to the flow of tobacco into the warehouses and the committee in session in Raleigh did not consider this subject.

However, the committee did approve of holidays during the regular sales season. These were Labor Day, Armistice Day and the Thanksgiving holidays. The inspection service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture was requested to enforce the regulations.

Fred S. Roys, of Henderson, was re-elected as chairman of the committee and J. B. Rountree of Lumberton was named secretary. The opening day comes 6 days earlier this year, opening last year having been on August 25 which date fell on Monday.

In view of the fact that the tobacco crop in this section is regarded as a week or more ahead of last year in respect to housing, the earlier opening meets with general approval.

Cannery Opens In Jamesville

The Jamesville Community Cannery will be open each Monday afternoon, all day Wednesday, and all day Friday. Number 2 and 3 cans are available at the cannery.

Appointment is not necessary but patrons are requested to be at the cannery before 4 o'clock each afternoon.

Approximately 12,000 cans of fruits and vegetables were canned in the cannery last summer. Indications now are that with favorable weather conditions much more than that will be canned this summer.

Swimming Classes Proving Successful

The swimming classes being conducted at the Williamston Municipal Swimming Pool as a part of the local recreational program are attracting a number of would-be swimmers, it was reported today.

The first two or three instruction periods attracted about a score of non-swimmers and others are showing an interest in the classes which are held each Tuesday and Saturday morning.

Classes are held from 10 to 11 for non-swimmers below 13 years of age and from 11 to 12 for those 13 years or over. Little Bear, local Boy Scout leader who recently returned from two weeks of instruction at Beavard, is in charge of the classes.

Draft Board Membership Likely To Be Entirely New

Although no information has been received here as to who the members of the Martin County Selective Service board will be, it appears now that it will be an entirely new board.

One member of the old board, J. H. Ayers, Sr., of Oak City, has died since the board was disbanded after the recent war. Another, Raymond H. Goodman of Williamston, has definitely declined to serve again. The third member, Dr. Jesse E. Ward, of Robersonville, was out of town today and could not be reached but it is expected that he will also decline to serve for reasons of health and other duties.

Mr. Goodman, serving as vice-president of the Virginia Electric and Power Company and president of the Coastal Plain Baseball League, was appointed by Governor Gregg Cherry on April 9th. He was out of town when the notice of his appointment arrived here but on April 27 he notified Adjutant General J. VanB. Metts, in charge of the draft program in this state, that he would be unable to serve on the revived board. He has not had further word from General Metts or the governor.

While the strain which weighed heavily on the members of the board during the war will not be so evident this time, the work of the board will still require a great deal of time and Mr. Goodman, and likely Dr. Ward, finds it impossible to assume the duties of board member again.

The governor is following the policy of reappointing former members of the various county boards and naming new members only where the old ones are unable to serve.

Seventeen Secure Marriage License In Month of June

Not Since April 1939 Has Issuance To Colored Couples Been So Low

For the first time since April, 1939, the month of June slipped by this year with but one marriage license listed to colored couples. The balance of the 17 issued during last month went to white couples, the largest majority held by them in many years.

While the issuance for June fell below the previous month when 24 licenses were issued, and dropped 16 from June, 1947, when 33 were written, it is not a record as either a high or low figure considering a period of several years. License issued during last month went to:

White
Robert P. Hollar of Greenville and Emma Grace Clark of Everetts.
George H. Wynne and Mamie Estelle Adams, both of Williamston.

Cecil H. Williams of Washington, D. C., and Augusta Lewis of New Bern, N. C.
Sylvester Fuller Bailey and Elizabeth Everett, both of Raleigh.
George Dewey Wade and Ruth Ford, both of Robersonville.

Arson William Hunt of Plymouth and Eunice Jane Phillips of Williamston.
Frank Saunders Weaver and Lucy Marie Andrews, both of Williamston.
Mack VanLandingham of Williamston and Margaret Modlin of Plymouth.

Joe Lawrence Coltrain of Williamston and Anna Louise Taylor of Everetts.
William Joseph Johnson III of Oak City and Billie Frances Whitehead of Hobgood.

James G. Norman of Richmond, Va., and Elsie Mizelle of Jamesville.
Rush W. Bondurant and Edna S. Laughinghouse, both of Williamston.

Daniel Martin Jones and Helen Harrell Grimes, both of Williamston.
M. L. Willford and Barbara Mizelle, both of Windsor.

David B. Green, Jr., of St. Augustine, Florida, and Mary Worsley of Oak City.
Jennis E. Phelps of Washington, N. C., and Verna Speller of Windsor.

Colored
William T. Howell and Reva May Wilks, both of Robersonville.

Tobacco Loan Rate Will Average 43.9 Cents in '48

The average loan rate for 1948 crop tobacco has been set at 43.9 per pound, 3.9 cents above last year's rate, it has been announced by the Agriculture Department in Washington.

Money at a preliminary hearing indicated that Freeman left immediately after the marriage ceremony to accept a job at Virginia Beach. Justice of the Peace Johnson fined W. H. Vanderford of the Robersonville section \$5.00 for failing to halt at a stop sign.

Shortages Plague School Building Work In County

Brick Masons Located This Week To Solve Labor Problem For While

Although plagued by shortages in both labor and material, County Superintendent of Schools J. C. Manning said this week that he is still hopeful that the building program of the county schools can be completed in time for use of the new units when school opens this fall although the race is certain to be close.

Although contractors moved some materials to the building sites of the new high school unit in Williamston, the addition to the high school at Bear Grass and the cafeteria at Robersonville, and the foundations were soon poured, a scarcity of brick masons stalled operations at that point.

Brick masons were located on Tuesday of this week for work on the three projects but a shortage of window frames has developed for the Robersonville and Williamston projects. They are not expected on the building site before early August.

C. B. Mooney and Sons have the general contract for the construction of the Williamston High school unit which is to cost \$40,300 with the heating, plumbing and wiring contracts pushing the total to \$49,010.

C. B. Mooney and Sons, of Edenton, also have the general contract at Bear Grass for \$41,065. It is to be an addition to the present high school building there and is being placed on the site formerly used as a baseball diamond.

The general construction contract for the Robersonville cafeteria is being handled by L. M. Ernest of Greenville for \$13,942. Unless more satisfactory contracts can be obtained, the county will handle the electric wiring, heating and plumbing contract at the cafeteria. Original bids were regarded as too high.

While difficulties are being encountered by the general contractors there has been no indication as to what the situation may be when the sub-contractors get to work on the project. Some types of electrical, heating and plumbing equipment are reported to be available after a spotty fashion. However, minor items of electrical wiring and the heating units will not necessarily prevent the use of the buildings at the start of the school term when the weather will be warm and there will be plenty of daylight for several weeks during school hours.

Leonard Crisp Dies In Emporia

Funeral services will be held from the Scotland Neck Funeral home at 3:30 Sunday afternoon for Leonard C. Crisp, 58, who died in Emporia, Va., Tuesday. Interment will be in the Oak City Cemetery.

Born in Pitt County in 1890, he was a son of the late T. C. and Willie Whitehurst Crisp. Surviving are one son, L. C. Crisp, Jr., with the armed forces in Germany, four brothers, Jesse and Nathan of Oak City, Tom Crisp of Tarboro, George Crisp of Emporia, and several nieces and nephews.

Munday Will Be A Holiday Here

The Fourth of July falling this year on Sunday, the merchants, business houses, manufacturing plants and professional offices as well as all county offices, will be closed all day Monday in observance of the annual Independence Day Holiday.

The post office will also be closed Monday morning. No special programs of observance have been arranged, the matter being left to the individuals according to their choice but it is expected that there will be a general exodus toward the beaches for the two-day holiday.

DIES SUDDENLY



Stricken while in his office, Harvey L. Roberson, operator of the Public Oil Company, died at 9:30 Wednesday morning, victim of a heart attack.

Four Youths Face Disorderly Count

Charged with using profane language and disorderly conduct, in addition to threatening bodily harm, Jean Rawls, V. L. Peel, Samuel and Carroll Rogers of the Bear Grass section were given sixty-day road sentences suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine by each defendant, in addition to the court costs, when they appeared before Magistrate R. T. Johnson here last night.

The warrants were issued at the request of Messrs. J. C. White and "Cap" York who, with their wives and the nine months old child of Mr. and Mrs. White, were at the East Side Service Station last Saturday night when the incident occurred.

The defendants were charged with racing their motor directly in front of the York car and filling it with dust and dirt stirred up by the exhaust. The driver of the car, Jean Rawls, was also charged with reckless driving and he, under a separate warrant, was placed under a \$100 bond for his appearance in the Recorder's Court July 12th.

The defendants, according to Messrs. York, White and Nathaniel Coltrain, operator of the station, cursed and promiscuously used profane language in the presence of the prosecuting witnesses' wives. It was also brought out in the testimony that Rawls drove his car recklessly about the York car and threatened the occupants when they complained.

All the defendants gave notice of appeal and were placed under \$100 bonds for their appearance in Recorder's Court July 12th.

Louis Felton Freeman, colored, was jailed last night when he failed to produce bond in the amount of \$200 on a bastardy charge. The warrant was issued at the request of Ethel Gray Saunders, who later