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OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY

Another Day In The County Court

Fifteen Fined Total of \$315 By Judge J. C. Smith Last Monday

Speedsters on the highways in this county had their day in Judge J. Calvin Smith's court last Monday. Fifteen defendants were called during the morning and afternoon sessions, and fines were imposed in the sum of \$315. Several other cases were continued until early August and one or two defendants, charged with speeding, failed to answer when called last Monday.

Most of the cases originated over the long July 4 week-end when tourists turned on the speed in trying to get to and from their vacation spots.

Judge Smith this week reduced the minimum speeding fine from \$25 to \$15 under normal conditions, but heavier fines were imposed when the defendants were found guilty of traveling in the higher speed brackets. Some of higher speed brackets. Some of Find Stolen Car of the fines ranged up to \$50 when it was alleged that the speedsters were running in excess of 70 miles

Those cases carrying \$25 fines originated before a general reduction of \$10 in the fines was adopted by the court, it was explained. The speeding cases included the

Garland E. Warren, Roberson-

ville, \$25 and costs. Thurman Riddick Harrell, Ed-

enton, \$25 and costs. Rush F. Herring, Cherry Point, \$25 and cost.

John T. Trimble, Red Bank (N. J.) attorney \$25 and costs.

David Weinblatt of Asbury Park, N. J., failed to answer when against him and his bondsman.

Floyd Allen Whitfield, Hamilpleaded not guilty.

Arthur Edison Watts, Durham, Don Gilliam. \$15 and costs.

ersonville, \$15 and costs. Mrs. E. B. Hicks, Wilson,

William Gerald Edwards, Ral-

eigh. \$15 and costs.

James William Steele, North Wilkesboro, \$50 and costs. The defendant in this case was alleged to have been driving in excess of

West Williams Byrum, Edenton, \$15 and costs.

George E. Richards, Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, \$25 and costs. George H Collins, Mt. Rainer

Maryland, \$25 and costs. W. H. Heidenreich, Charlotte

\$15 and costs.

One of the cases continued for trial in August charges a 63-yearold Virginia woman with traveling along at about 80 miles an hour. Bond in the sum of \$125 was posted for appearance in the county court on August 2.

Democrats Prove More Modest

Philadelphia.-Sen. Alben Barkley of Kentucky did not predict a Democratic victory in his keynote address to the party's national convention this week

Barkley said the Democrats deserve to win in November, but he declared at the outset:

"We shall not follow the example so egotistically set by our onponents from this rostrum three short weeks ago, by announcing the result of the contest four months in advance."

Many speakers at the recent Republican convention said a GOP victory in November is as-

Minister Directing Camp on First General Rain Pamlico For Two Weeks

Rev. John W. Hardy leaves Sunday afternoon to direct a junior camp at Camp Leach for two corded by Hugh Spruill at the weeks.

The following young people of Williamston are planning to at- 1.22 inches today and pointed out Expeditionary Forces in World tend the camp, Bobby Coburn, that it was the first rain of any War I, died in Walter Reed Hos-Calvin Chesson, Harry James, consequence since the 1.72 inches pital, Washington, D. C., this Anne Gresham, Lee Handy, Mar- fell on May 30. Less than a quar- morning at 2:50 o'clock after a tha Dunn Kimball. Patricia Tay- ter of an inch of rain fell during long illness, it was announced by lor, Ann Peel and Sarah Everett. the first thirteen days in July. the White House early today.



The Enterprise takes much pleasure in presenting another in a picture series of this section's "citizens of tomorrow" far none has rigured 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, Curtis, seven, son of Mr. and Mrs D. W. Elks, Everetts; Jane, nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Peele, Williamston; Fletcher, eleven, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Thomas, Williamston; Bottom row, Peggy, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hughes, Williamston, Joel. six, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Williamston, and Tommy, five, son of Mr. and Mrs W. C. Griffin, Williamston,

Parked on Street

Stolen from the owner, Dan Peel, back of the Central Cafe here last Saturday night, a 1939 Ford sedan was found parked on Railroad Street last Tuesday morning. The machine had been driven about 500 miles and apparently had not been damaged.

Working on a meager lead, local officers late Tuesday arrested Julius Sylvester James, cafe worker, and charged him with the theft. The case was turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and James, 21 year old, was given Dies Of Accident a preliminary hearing before a U. called and papers were issued S. Commissioner in New Bern yesterday. Placed under a \$500 bond, he was returned to jail and will ton, \$25 and costs. The defendant be tried within a month or six Accompanied by his brother

Wilbur, James wrove to Ports mouth Saturday night and visited Leaving there they went to Tarboro and returned here about 2:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, deserting the car on Railroad Street.

They were accompanied home from Portsmouth by Arthur Lee James, another brother, and James Burnett. Officers questioned the two and they said that Julius explained he had borrowed the car from a friend. The described the car and later identified the Peel machine as the one they had ridden in. When confronted with the facts, Julius ad-

Inspection Lane **Attracts Vehicles**

Facing an August 31 deadline, owners are rushing to have their vehicles inspected in the lane now operating on Warren Street here. Fairly long lines are forming for the inspection but this morning a drizzling rain halted the inspections, one report stating that the

will not be reopened here until late Tuesday afternoon. August 31.

els up to and including the year drowning. model 1936, and motor vehicles of The boy who lived with his paryear models 1947 and 1948 are to ents on the Beach farm about a be inspected on or before the 31st mile from Hamilton was swimof next month. Unless the owners ming with two other youths. Parof those model vehicles in this ticulars of the drowning could not county have them inspected be- be learned immediately. fore next Wednesday, they'll The drowning was the third rehardly be able to meet the dead- ported since last April in the line unless they go to lanes in Roancke along the Martin County other sections.

The first general rain to fall in this section since May 30 was reriver bridge here last night and early this morning. He reported mander in chief of the American

RATTLE

While plowing his peanuts earlier this week, Farmer Si-, mon Lilley said he heard a rattle reminding him of cured peanuts ready for stacking. The vines were so dry they actually rattled as the plow hit against the vines.

The farmer added that the dry weather had ruined his corn, that tobacco prospects on his Griffins Township farm were very dishearten-

Injuries Tuesday

Isaac Nichols, well-known coun weeks in Raleigh before Judge ty colored citizen, died in a local hospital last Tuesday afternoon of

> bile-bicycle accident on July 5. Funeral services will be co in Williams Township Sunday af- conviction. ternoon at 2:00 o'clock and interment will be in the family ceme-

driven by George H. Manning late constitute loss of license on first in the night of July 5 The victim offense. During 1948, there have was said to have been riding a been a total of 48,253 convictions bicycle without any light. Thrown in this class. from his bicycle, Nichols suffered a broken leg and a skull fracture. The car driver said he was meet- to 14,951 total speeding offenses ing another car, that he did not for this year. see Nichols who was riding on the

too late to avoid striking him. victimized to the tune of about 37; passing on hill, 36. \$1,000 by flim-flammers several

Youth Loses Life While Swimming

Arthur Williams, 16-year-old here until next Wednesday and River near the Hamilton wharf

The body was recovered early All motor vehicles of year mod- this morning near the scene of the

Since May 30 Recorded General Pershing **Died Early Today**

General John J. Pershing, com-

Causes 479 to Lose Licenses In June Democratic Party

Total for Last Month Drop- Dissention Reported Before ped 30 Below June Of Last Year

Raleigh.—During June 479 motcause of drunken driving, bring-

victions were 30 less than for June of last year, when 509 persons were convicted.

of 795 motorists lost their driving tirety and about half of the Alaprivileges during June because of traffic law offenses and practices convention in protest over the detrimental to Highway Safety. adoption of a civil rights program Revocations totaled 636 and suspensions 159

State; 42 driving drunk and mis-11 for larceny of automobile; 33 ing habitual violators of the traffic laws; 11 for speeding over 55 18 for two offenses of speeding over 55 miles per hour.

Eighteen persons lost their lienses for two offenses of drunken driving. A second drunken driving conviction means mandatory revocation of license for a period of three years. One person lost his license for a third offense the Republicans will know they of drunk driving. The third of- had been in a contest. fense means that the license is revoked permanently, unless at the sins of both commission and omisend of five years the person can sion chargeable to the eightieth prove that he is entitled to have it Republican Congress, announced

privileges for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility. tion in Philadelphia last night,

less driving convictions for 1948. where, that another ticket would Reckless driving requires no revo- be offered. ducted in the Bethlehem church cation or suspension on the first

In addition to the major violations which are cause for revocation or suspension, there were 6, Nichols was struck by a car 623 other violations which do not

Speeding took the greatest toll with 2,696 convictions, bringing

Other offenses: failing to have right side of the road until it was driver's license, 1,301; faulty equipment, 638; improper lights, Nichols was a conservative 356; running through red light, character and was well known by 318; failing to stop when entering members of both races. He was highway, 50; failing to dim lights,

Of the total violators for the month, 5,786 were North Carolinians, and 837 were out-of-stat-

Town Commissioners Meeting Here Tonight

Meeting in special session here this evening at 8:00 o'clock, the inspectors could not write in the colored son of Fate and Mariah town commissioners are expected Carolina by the Woods Hole Oce- street, started to make a left turn Williams, lost his life by drowning to discuss the budget figures for anograph Institute was originally when the Chrysler, traveling into The lane will be maintained while swimming in the Roanoke the new fiscal year, it was an-built for fishing operations on the town, crashed into the side of the er Dan Sharpe.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Except for the figures in the death column, the 1948 motor vehicle accident record is gradually pulling ahead of the recordings of a year ago. There have been more accidents, more injured and greater property loss this year than last.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the adcident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time. 28th Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam're Comparisons To Date 1948 73 37 1 \$15,000 1947 61 29 3

Chosen To Head

Convention Is Ended **Early Today**

In a three-day convention orists in North Carolina were marked by open revolt and bitter shorn of their driving licenses be- charges and countercharges, the nation's Democrats early this ing convictions for 1948, the Motor Vehicle Department announced to head their ticket and defend their title against Thomas E. Dew-The June drunken driving con- ey and Earl Warren, Republicans, in the November election.

The nomination of Truman and Barkley did not come until the The report showed that a total Mississippi delegation in its enbama delegation had deserted the in the party platform.

Three men-Truman, Paul V These included 48 persons McNutt of Indiana and Richard B caught driving drunk outside the Russell, U. S. Senator of Georgia -were offered for nomination. cellaneous; 26 driving after li- McNutt immediately released the cense had been revoked; 24 for Indiana delegation and he polled speeding over 75 miles per hour; very few votes. Russell gathered considerable strength in the Soufor transporting liquor; 14 for be- thern States, but Truman took the nomination on the first ballot after North Carolina split its vote, miles per hour and miscellaneous; 19 for Russell and 13 for Truman. The action of the convention itself caused observers to predict defeat for the Democrats next

November, but President Truman, addressing the throng in the early hours of this morning, directed a challenge to the opposition, indicating that if the Democrats lose, The President, pointing out the

give his application due consideration on Monday, July 26, and let them take a definite stand Three persons lost their driving on the important issues of the day.

Withdrawing from the conven-During June, 348 persons were the Mississippi delegation made it convicted of reckless driving, clear that a meeting of Southern something was destroying much charge the defendants with as-

Seeks New Boat

Reliance, a 2-master Gloucester fishing schooner that was brought to North Carolina to be used in the current shrimp survey off the coast, just couldn't take it when she nosed into 100-Fathom Curve worm. In other cases they are us-Fear, Lookout and Hatteras, and as a result a new or more sea worthy craft is now being sought Hurt In Accident in order that the project may be completed satisfactorily.

W. A. Ellison, field director of the survey, that is being conducted by the U. N. C. Institute of Fisheries research here, stated man, was painfully but no serigreat coral reefs.

The Reliance, loaned to North nounced this morning by Treasur- famed banks off the New Eng- small truck. Holliday was removland coast. That was back in ed to the local hospital for treat-1918. Since then the old ship has ment. aged considerably and it was her ge plus rotted timbers that made mated at \$400 and that to the car her unsuitable for the rough wat- at \$500 by Officers Saunders and ers oft the capes of Fear, Lookout Rawls who made the investigaand Hatteras.

"We hope to replace the Reliance with a deep sea trawler of the type that now operate with Few Cases Before the fleet off Cape Hatteras during the winter months," said Ellison. adding, "Those boats can really take the rough offshore waters.'

Barge Tanker Unloads Cargo at Local Dock

Fairly definite steps to head off an oil shortage in this section were taken today when a large oil barge, carrying several hundred thousand gallons of oil and out a license, James Malcolm hale measuring possibly 150 feet, tied was fined \$10 and required to pay up at the Sinclair dock on Roan- \$6.50 costs. oke River here.

Speedsters Have CITIZENS OF TOMORROW Drunken Driving Truman-Barkley Disorderly Conduct Gets Legal Standing In County's Court

PEEPING TOM

Sneaking around homes on Simmons Avenue about 3:00 o'clock last Sunday morning. a peeping tom barely escaped with his life when neighbors fired on him with a .22 calibre rifle. The man ran and fell over a bicycle, but he quickly regained his footing and escaped.

Prowlers have been reported in other sections of the town, during the past few nights, and numbers of householders were said yesterday to have brought out their firearms, expressing the determination to shoot to kill.

Army Worms Hit Additional Fields

After laying waste to sixteen public buildings or grounds. cres of pasture on the V. G. Tayor farm in Poplar Point Township last week-end, the army disorderly conduct, several young worm has made its appearance in white men were carried into the fairly large numbers in other sec- county court last Monday. tions of the county, according to a report coming from the office of General Assembly passed the fol-Farm Agent Tom Brandon yes- lowing law: "If any person shall

A. P. Barnhill reported an infes- the law. fields on his farm near Everetts. | county was exempt from that law,

Mrs. Ed Hardison reported that the warrant was amended to

on South Haughton Street here, was then that another law, one

ditch around the infested fields nuisance, or conduct himself in a For Shrimp Study there, and last reports stated that disorderly manner in or around the worm had not troubled clover any public building and grounds Morehead City.—The rugged and lespedeza in nearby fields.

> worm had made its appearance in a corn field near Robersonville.

Here Early Today

Winston Holliday, young white that to date some important ously cut on the head and face oceanography facts have been dis-labout 9/20 o'clock this morning covered on the offshore bottoms. when his 1948 Dodge pick-up of the laws is fairly well substan-For instance, trawlable waters truck was in a collision with a have been found in the center of 1947 Chrysler driven on West Main Street by Bruce Everett.

Holliday, traveling west on the

Damage to the truck was esti-

Justice R. T. Johnson heard sev-Charged with fishing without

license, Leslie Dixon of Farmville was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6.50 costs. Operating a house trailer with-

Operating a motor vehicle with-

Profane Language Permissible Under Law In The County

Defendants Charged With Using Profane Language Freed In Court Here

profane language? Then all you have to do is take a stand on a county highway or road, and let fly all the invectives a forked tongue can spit out and you'll violate no law. The use of profane course, this week when two laws were cited in the county recorder's court, one making it no crim- Early. The defendant was fined limits or act disorderly away from

Charged with using profane language and later with assault and Back in 1913 the North Carolina

on any public road or highway L. P. Lindsley, cultivating some and in the hearing of two or more over two hundred acres of soy persons, in a loud and boisterous here, stated that the worm enter- language, he shall be guilty of a ed an eight-acre field Tuesday, misdemeanor and upon conviction assault and was sentenced to the that possibly other fields were in- shall be fined not exceeding \$50 or fested. Farmer Lindsley, culti- imprisoned not exceeding thirty vating the beans for seed only, days." The law is very explicit, was making ready to poison the but for some reason that can't be back, then the Department can he would call the lawmakers back forms with a five percent DDT easily explained away, Martin and fifteen other counties in the State During the meantime, Farmer were exempted from the terms of

tation in his corn and soybean When it was explained that this

but the agent found it was downy passed in 1941, that was trotted out to defeat common decency Dock Hollis, managing the Tay- and justice. The 1941 law reads,

. . he shall be guilty of a misde-A later report stated that the meanor and upon conviction shall be fined or imprisoned in the discrction of the court . . ." The law · Where farmers plan to harvest defines public buildings and a crop for feed they are using ar- grounds as such places as publicly senate of lead to combat the owned buildings; that is, school mansion, capitol, etc. The law was interpreted as not being applicable to such conduct when brazenly displayed in or around a

> filling station. The defendants in the cases a bar this week gained their freedom when the court found the evidence insufficient to support the assault charges.

That the cases are borderline i not brazen or flagrant violations tiated in the statutes which deal with assault. It has been explained that when a person curses an other and causes the second per son to strike the defamer, then the person doing the cursing is guilty of passing the first lick. And when person uses such profane lan-Fairly General guage as to cause fear in another then he is guilty of assault. While there is no specific law

to protect the citizens outside town limits and away from public buildings against abuse and profanity and disorderly acts, the various towns, as a rule, have ordinances making such brazen acts unlawful. During the meantime quite a few citizens are planning tive and urge him to enact a law eral cases in his court here this protection from such common acts mising. as were reported at a filling station near Williamston a short time

Colonial To Open New Store Here Saturday

Colonial Store will open their new store here in the Tar Heel Poplar Point and Hamilton see building on Thursday of next tions, and the crops there and is The boat was formerly used by out proper brakes, George Bryant week. Extensive plans are being a few other sections of the cour the U. S. Navy and is towed by a was fined \$5 and required to pay made for a big opening, it was an- are more promising, reports a

Judge Smith Hears Thirty-One Cases

Defendants Fined Total of \$540 In Sessions Last Monday

Judge J. Calvin Smith handled thirty-one cases in his court last Monday when he held the tribunal in session until about 3:00 o'clock before clearing the docket that afternoon. Fifteen of the thirty-one cases charged speeding. Fines were imposed in the sum of Angry with someone and want \$540, including \$315 for speeding. to bombard him with abuse and Holding no formal session on Monday, July 15, when a general holiday was observed, the court

Proceedings other than those in-

found an accumulated docket fac-

ing it last Monday.

volving speeding, follow: Calling for a trial by jury, Leslanguage and disorderly conduct were given legal standing in this of drunken driving by Jurymen W. G. Thomas, J. Walter Gurganus, Fenner Hardison, Jimmie \$100 and taxed with the costs, the court recommending that his license be revoked for one year. Charged with non-support, Mel-

vin Higgs was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the road term on condition that the defendant provide adequate support for his wife and

Pleading guilty of operating a license, Roy Hollingshead was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

condition that he does not assault

ley on or before the first Monday

Charged with larceny and relor farm in Poplar Point, plowed a "If any person shall commit any to answer when called and papers ceiving, James Willis Lloyd failed were issued for his immediate ar-

Freeman with bastardy was not prossed or dismissed.

Francis Chewning was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs when he was adjudged guilty of perating a motor vehicle without driver's license. One of the two cases charging

Charlie Francis Gray with bastardy was nol prossed or dismissed, but in the second action, Gray was adjudged guilty. He was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and the guaranteed payment of \$5 each week to Ella May Little during the next twelve months for the support of his illegitimate child. The defendant is to remain away from the prosecuting witness for one year.

Charged with reckless driving. Gene Rawls pleaded not guilty.

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Rains In County

The grip held on most of this section by a prolonged dry spell was loosened a bit early last evening when limited but fairly general rains fell. Nothing like a season was reported but fairly general rains fell. Nothing like a Justice Johnson quite a few citizens are planning season was reported in most sections of the county, but in other sections the dry spell nas been which will guarantee all people broken and crops are fairly pro-

In the section from Williamston toward Plymouth and in most of Williams and Griffins and a few bordering townships, the rain came too late to insure a normal production of tobacco and corn.

Fairly heavy rains fell earlier in the week in the Gold Peint