

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

Fines at Session on Monday Morning Amounted To \$340.00

Holding the Martin County Recorder's Court in session less than two hours Monday morning, Judge J. Calvin Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson cleared eleven cases from the docket and continued one or two until next Monday. Fines imposed during the short session amounted to \$340. Comparatively few spectators were in court.

Proceedings: The defendant, proving to the court that he was accepting his responsibility, the case charging Richard Broadnax with non-support was dismissed.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Tommie Griffin had his case continued under prayer for judgment until next Monday.

Charged with the larceny of an old battery valued at \$2.50 from a Williamston filling station, James Willis Lloyd pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

Mack Erasmus Fleming, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, pleaded guilty and was fined \$15 plus the costs.

Adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence, Leo Hooker was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$4 a week during the next twelve months to Luvonia Lawrence for the support of the illegitimate child. Unable to meet the financial terms of the judgment, the defendant was moved out Tuesday to serve the road term.

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

Pleading guilty of speeding, Sam W. Walters was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. It was recommended by the court that no driver's license be issued the defendant for six months.

Columbus Ward and Henry Harrell, charged with possessing materials for the manufacture of liquor, the possession of illicit liquor and manufacturing liquor, were each fined \$100 for possession and sentenced to the roads for three months on the manufacturing count. The road terms are to begin on August 23, the court requiring the two defendants to post bond in the sum of \$150 each for their appearance on August 23.

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Tobacco Buyer Hit By Lightning

Archie Ellis, popular buyer for the Export Tobacco Company on the market here last season, was painfully but apparently not seriously injured when he was struck by lightning while working out of doors near Wilson last Monday afternoon.

Knocked unconscious, he was hospitalized and quickly recovered from the shock. He was left with a noticeable limp in one leg, but he was said to have been able to get off to Georgia where he is now on the tobacco market in Douglas.

Held In Jail For Attempted Rape

Charlie Razor, Robersonville colored man, is being held in the county jail in default of \$1,500 bond for allegedly assaulting and attempting to rape Delora Simmons, 14-year-old colored girl, in Robersonville last Saturday night. He is booked for trial in superior court next September. The child is a daughter of Razor's housekeeper, one report said. He was arrested shortly after the alleged assault and placed in jail by Robersonville officers.

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.

First Sales Average Over \$50 In Georgia

Prices Said To Be Ranging From 15 To 65 Cents

Early Reports Point To A Price Average of About \$55 For This Belt

Gardener P. H. Brown, experimenting after a modern fashion with various plants and vegetables, was telling about an unusual bean. When he had finished telling the dimensions and before he could say it had not stopped growing, Farmer Will Hardison of Farm Life, fearing he had not heard the specifications correctly, insisted that the dimensions be repeated. "The bean," Mr. Brown said, explaining that it was an oriental variety, "measures some twenty inches in length and has a circumference of several inches." The grower added that it looked more like a gourd, but that it was really supposed to be an oriental bean.

Name Hardison To Farm Agency

Appointment of R. J. Hardison of RFD 1, Williamston, to a three-year term on the Farmers Home Administration County Committee for Martin County was announced today by J. B. Slack, State Director.

Mr. Hardison succeeds Albert T. Gurkin whose term expired June 30. Also on the Committee are W. J. Beach of Hamilton and Garland H. Forbes of Everett. A committee of three serves in each agricultural county throughout the nation in which the agency makes farm ownership and operating loans. Appointments are scheduled so that a committee always has two experienced members.

The Martin County Committee has an important place in making supervised credit available to local farmers, according to James C. Eubanks, County Supervisor.

Before any money can be borrowed through the agency an applicant must have the approval of the County Committee. In the case of farm ownership loans, the farm to be purchased, enlarged or improved must also be approved by the committee. "The members know agricultural conditions in the county, are often familiar with the farm the applicant plans to operate," Mr. Eubanks explained.

In addition to approving loans the committee cooperates with the County Supervisor in overall administration of the program in the county. Periodically they review the progress of borrowers to determine whether they have reached a financial position that would enable them to refinance their loans through private lenders. A farmer who is eligible for credit from regular lending sources is not eligible for a loan from the Farmers Home Administration.

Martin County and the several towns therein will receive \$11,144.82 in intangible taxes within the next two or three weeks. No division of the taxes has been reached, but possibly more than half will go to the several town treasuries. As far as it could be learned the income from intangible properties; that is, tax on notes, bonds and bank balances, is about the same as it was last year.

Eleven Hundred Motor Vehicles Inspected Here

Owners Rush To Get Cars and Trucks Through Lane Before Deadline

Working to beat the August 31 deadline, an estimated 1,100 owners carried their motor vehicles through the inspection lane here during the eight days ending yesterday afternoon. Approximately 40 percent of the number failed to pass inspection on the first trip, but most of the defects were remedied and were approved later the same day.

Local garages were literally swamped with work during the past few days, repairing defective parts and adjusting lights and brakes. Yesterday, the garages were literally blocked and quite a few cars unable to have the necessary repairs made, will have to wear the red stickers until the inspection lane is reopened here on Tuesday, August 31. Of course the owners may carry their vehicles to other lanes during the meantime, but that is not necessary since the red sticker will be recognized until the lane is reopened in this county.

While a complete check is impossible just now, it is estimated that one out of three vehicles has been inspected, that a majority of the models prior to and including those for 1936 and also those for 1947 and 1948 have been inspected.

The eight-day inspection period ending here yesterday saw more vehicles go through the lanes than in any other period.

Truck owners are being advised of the law requiring turn signal lights, and in a few instances the vehicles have already passed inspection. It was explained that no turn signals are required on pickup or small trucks or on trucks without stake bodies. However, when loads are placed on large trucks or trucks with stake or other types of bodies blocking the view for hand signals, the vehicle must be equipped with proper turn signals.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Highway accidents on Martin County highways have grown out of the normal count and pushed on into the epidemic stage, but they, more or less, are being accepted without any notion of a quarantine of any kind. The second fatality was added to the record last week, the victim apparently having invited death when he failed to display a burning light on his bicycle. While the current figures lead those of last year in three columns, the number killed now stands at one less than the figure entered in the record during the first 29 weeks of last year.

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.

29th Week			
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge	1948	2 3 1	\$ 1,175
	1947	2 6 0	600
Comparisons To Date			
	1948	76 40 2	16,175
	1947	63 29 3	13,800

Will Try To Fly Rocket Ship 1700 Miles Per Hour

Plan To Go Up About Sixteen Miles in the Air To Try For Speed

The Air Force disclosed recently that Capt. Charles E. Yeager, the 25-year-old test pilot who first creaked the supersonic speed barrier, will try to fly the XS-1 rocket plane up to 1700 miles an hour 2 1-2 times the speed of sound.

Air Force spokesmen said they still don't know how much faster than sound the XS-1 can travel. With the help of engine modifications, the hope to fly the needle-nosed experimental rocket ship higher and faster than any humans have ever flown.

The hazardous tests presumably will be made at the Muroc, Calif., experimental center, where Yeager made the first super-sonic flight in the XS-1 on October 14, 1947.

The flier may try to hit an altitude of 80,000 feet, almost 16 miles above the earth, where the rarefied air makes the speed of sound practically constant at about 660 miles an hour.

Air Force scientists believe fliers can safely venture up to at least 100,000 feet without danger of injury from cosmic rays. Above that altitude they believe the increasing density of the cosmic rays might be dangerous.

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Opening Modern Coffee Shop Here

Enlarging and completely renovating the building between the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse and the FCX at the intersection of Washington and Houghton Streets, Mr. and Mrs. John Wier are opening a modern coffee shop there next week, it was announced today.

Open house will be observed Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to visit the coffee shop for an inspection of the plant. The regular opening is scheduled for Tuesday morning at 6:00 o'clock, the owners-operators stating that the doors will be open from that hour until 12 midnight each day.

Sparing no costs, the owners are opening a business strictly modern in every detail, including all new equipment of the latest type. The shop is equipped with a horse shoe counter with a seating capacity of 47 customers, large ice cream and drink boxes. The kitchen, built to modern specifications, is fully equipped and supported by a large store room. The kitchen equipment includes gas ranges, steam table, modern dish washers and other materials.

The owners are adequately staffing the business to offer prompt service, and a variety of foods, including barbecue chicken and other special plates.

Officers Wreck Small Still In The County

Raiding in the vicinity of Hickory Grove Church in Williamston Township yesterday morning, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy Peel wrecked a small liquor plant, including a 50-gallon capacity oil drum used as a still, doubler and cooler. They poured out two barrels of beer.

Draft Board Named For Martin County

Registration For Draft Scheduled For August 30th

County Board Expected To Meet Soon To Perfect Organization

LeRoy Everett of Hamilton, Chas. R. Gray of Robersonville and Eugene Rice of Williamston, all well known county men, were selected this week to serve as a selective service board for Martin County. The appointments were advanced at a meeting of Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections; L. B. Wynne, clerk of the Martin County Superior Court; and J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools, last Tuesday, but acceptance was not announced until members of the group had personally contacted the appointees.

The board members are expected to meet shortly, perfect their organization and make ready for the registration of young men in the 18-25 age group beginning August 30.

Members of the old draft board were not available for service; in fact, they contributed full measure of service by maintaining an unbroken record from their appointment in October, 1940, until after the end of the war. Mr. Jos. Ayers, one of the old board members, has since died. Dr. Jesse Ward, another member, is not physically able to carry on his regular duties and handle the burdensome work again; and R. H. Goodman explained that extra duties make it impossible for him to serve as a member of the new board.

The appointees to the new board, subject to routine confirmation by higher authorities, explained that the assigned task was one they did not want, but they accepted it for their country.

Getting underway on Monday, August 30, the registrations will continue after a staggered fashion through September 18.

Hershey said that it does not necessarily mean that men will be drafted in the order they are required to register. "It has not been decided yet," Hershey said. No one would predict when actual inductions will begin. But this can not be before September 22, or 90 days after Mr. Truman signed the draft bill making it law.

Eighteen-year-olds, not subject to the 21-month draft, may enlist now in the armed services. By volunteering for one year and then serving a longer period in the reserves they may avoid the draft later. By law only 161,000 of the 18-year-olds may be accepted.

Hershey emphasized that all men 18 through 25, unless they already are in the active armed services, must register.

Whether or not a man is exempt from the draft makes no difference, he said. All must register, unless they now are in the regular

Defendants Bound Over For Trial

Several defendants were bound over to the higher courts by Justice R. T. Johnson when preliminary hearings were held.

Charged with breaking into his estranged wife's home last Saturday night, Lafayette Pearsall was bound over to the superior court for trial. Unable to raise bond in the sum of \$200, he was returned to jail. Charged with assaulting a female in another case, Pearsall was placed under bond in the sum of \$100 for his appearance in Judge J. C. Smith's court next Monday.

Charged with assaulting Pearsall with a deadly weapon and inflicting dangerous knife wounds, J. T. Perry was bound over to the county court under a \$200 bond for trial next Monday.

Recruiter Here Friday Morning

Beginning Friday, July 30, an army and air force recruiting sergeant will be stationed at the post office in Williamston each Friday morning until further notice. Heretofore, the recruiter has been maintaining the station each Wednesday morning.

The sergeant will be glad to discuss any questions concerning enlistment in either the army or the air force. Quite a few eighteen-year-olds are discussing enlistments with the recruiter.

Son of Former Local Residents Loses Life

Little Tommie Rollins, son of Jim and Catherine Faison Rollins, former residents of Williamston, was run down and killed by an automobile in Gassville, Arkansas, a few days ago, friends learned here this week.

The child was three and one-half years old.

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Rains Beneficial To County Crops In Past Ten Days

Tobacco Harvest Delayed In Most Sections During Past Few Days

Fairly general rains, falling in this county during the past week or ten days, have proved greatly beneficial to crops in this county, farmers declaring that the delayed rainfall had headed off a complete corn crop failure and greatly relieved conditions surrounding other crops.

The effect of the rains on the tobacco crop has not been fully determined as yet. Farmers state that the crop is turning green, inviting wild growth after the lower leaves had been harvested. Most farmers, however, express the opinion that the rains will help rather than damage the crop. Harvest work, under way on a large scale in this county during the past two weeks, has been delayed in most sections of the county this week, and it is now believed that the harvest and curing work will run from one to three weeks later than was predicted two weeks ago or even no longer than last week.

Favored with timely rains while others were experiencing an unusually dry season, possibly one-half the farmers in the county are getting right along with the harvest. It is expected that quite a few will complete the harvest next week with many more tentatively scheduled to harvest their tips the following week. Some farmers will go well toward the latter part of August before completing the work.

Reports from the early harvest state that the leaf is curing out well, that quality is good but that the weight is below normal. At the same time some few farmers state that their curings are not turning out very well.

Producing an inferior crop last year, most farmers in the county this year are far more optimistic over the present prospects than were a year ago. It is

some seasons, great times, but harvest is completed, the county is expected to go to market with a better crop than it did last year. However, in some sections the crop is bordering on a failure and in those areas the growers are very pessimistic and prefer to talk about the very good prospects for peanuts.

While the rains came too late to materially affect the early corn crop, late corn is looking good, farmers declare.

Abandoned Auto Found In Street

A 1939 DeSoto sedan, registered in the name of Benjamin Fried and loaded down with luggage and trinkets of nearly every description, was found abandoned in East Church Street here Wednesday by Officers Haislip and Rawls.

Reports state that the car was abandoned by a young white couple when it got stuck on Dinah's Hill.

Chief W. E. Saunders said that the car, bearing Georgia state license, had not been reported stolen by Georgia authorities, that he was extending the investigation.

Fried, a Hungarian naturalized in this country in 1945, listed his wife's address as Columbus, Georgia.

Henry S. Johnson Rebuilding Store

Burned out on July 6 for the second time in about three years, Mr. Henry S. Johnson is rebuilding in Hamilton and plans to reopen for business within just a few weeks.

Construction work was started on the 60 by 55 cinder block structure last Monday. A goodly number of workers are employed and the owner hopes to rush the project to completion. It was reported that storage buildings would be provided as soon as possible after the main store is completed.

NO PETITION

No petition carrying names of those persons favoring the inclusion of the names of the Progressive Party candidates for President and Vice President, has been presented to the board of elections in this county. Chairman Sylvester Peel announced yesterday.

Supporters of the Wallace-Taylor candidacies had planned to circulate a petition in this county, but as far as it could be learned today no action has been taken. It has been reported that approximately 30,000 signatures had been attached to petitions favoring a place on the November ballot for the Progressive party. However, there is still some doubt if one-third or required 10,000 signatures will be found acceptable.

A place for a fourth party—the Thurmond-Wright combination—on the November ballot in this State has been virtually ruled out by the time element. The petitions must be in by August 4.

Negro Files Suit In Seating Case

Richmond, Va., July 21—A \$25,000 damage suit was filed today by a North Carolina Negro educator who sought to recover the sum from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and A. S. Lambeth for alleged racial discrimination.

The suit was filed by William C. Chance in Federal District Court. Chance, a resident of Parmele, N. C., said he was "unlawfully" requested to move to a forward coach of one of the company's trains while returning from the Republican National Convention

The complaint said Chance was not molested in his choice of seats until the Southbound train arrived in Richmond. At that point, he alleged, he was requested to move to a coach which was "less comfortable and had less accommodations" than other coaches "solely because . . . he is a Negro."

After refusing to move, the complaint continued, Chance was permitted to retain his seat until the train reached Emporia on the afternoon of June 25. At Emporia, Chance said, "the defendant, Lambeth, unlawfully and falsely swore to a criminal warrant charging that the plaintiff was guilty of being disorderly."

Chance said he was arrested, taken from the train and placed in jail. Lambeth, the conductor of the train, later told the trial justice court of Greensville County, that "he was satisfied by the arrest and imprisonment of the plaintiff" and the disorderly conduct charge was dropped.

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