

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

### Drunken and Reckless Drivers and Speedsters Monopolize Docket

Judge J. Calvin Smith called thirty cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, the list including ten cases charging defendants with speeding on the highways. Drunken and reckless drivers and speedsters almost monopolized the docket which kept the court in session until 1:00 o'clock that afternoon.

Fines amounted to \$855, including \$250 imposed for speeding. In addition to the fines, several defendants were sentenced to the roads, one for nine months in the case in which he was charged with drunken and reckless driving.

The proceedings: Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs and checks in the case charging L. H. Hamm with issuing worthless checks.

Charged with drunken driving, Willard Whitley was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for one year.

At the conclusion of the state's evidence in the case charging Russ and Eva Perry with assaulting a female, the defense counsel made a motion for a directed verdict of not guilty as to Eva Perry. The motion was allowed. The other defendant was adjudged guilty and he was fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading not guilty of assaulting a female, Delbert Leggett was adjudged guilty of simple assault and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Jasper Rollings was found not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon.

Pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, Walter Leon Atkins was fined \$50, plus costs. In a second case, Atkins pleaded guilty of drunken driving and he was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and the court recommended that his license to operate a motor vehicle be revoked for one year.

Charged with drunken driving, Harry Lane Cline pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs, the court recommending that the defendant's driver's license be revoked for one year.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and failing to report an accident, C. D. Beauchemin pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty only of operating a motor vehicle without a license, the defendant was fined \$35 and taxed with the costs. Vance Ozell Davis, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, failed to answer when called and papers were issued for his arrest.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Mayo Andrews was sentenced to jail for five days and directed to pay a \$25 fine and costs. Charged with failing to report a highway accident, Richard Earl O'Mary pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

The case charging Mandy Bow- (Continued on page six)

## Hamilton Signs Power Contract

The Virginia Electric and Power Company is to furnish power and light for the Town of Hamilton for the next twenty years, in accordance with the terms of a contract signed by Mayor R. F. Everett at the direction of the board of town commissioners in a meeting there Tuesday evening. The company will supply the town wholesale.

Material is being ordered and the company is to start constructing several miles of line from Spring Green to a sub-station on the outskirts of Hamilton. It is planned to make power available there within thirty or sixty days. A ten-year contract has been signed with Oak City, and the company is to build a line from Speed, but it will be possibly sometime next year before the project can be completed.

## 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 it is 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.

### TOBACCO SALES

With at least two-thirds of the crop already marketed, it is now a fairly well established fact that farmers with inferior tobacco will be left holding the proverbial bag, while those with good tobacco will make more money. Selling the last of his crop yesterday, a farmer said he averaged more than \$850 an acre. So many others are averaging \$200 and less per acre. Prices held at about the usual level on the market here the first three days of this week when three-quarters of a million pounds were sold for an average slightly above \$46 per hundred. Fairly light sales are in progress today, but heavy sales are expected for tomorrow and next Monday.

## Charged With Not Having His Motor Vehicle Inspected

### Fifteen Cases Handled By Justices of Peace Here In Past Few Days

The first cases in which defendants were charged with not having their motor vehicles inspected in accordance with the law, were booked this week by Justice of the Peace R. T. Johnson for trial in the county recorder's court on Monday, October 4. Substantial fines are imposed by statute in most motor vehicle law violations, but what action will be taken in the inspection cases is yet to be determined.

LeRoy Rodgers was the first man booked in this county for allegedly violating the inspection law, and Justice Johnson referred the case to the county court. Similar charges are pending against William Griffin and LeRoy Goe.

Other cases handled by Justice Johnson include the following: Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging H. E. Leggett with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment.

Publicly drunk, James Moore was taxed with \$7.85 costs. Ben Edwards was required to pay \$6.85 costs for being publicly drunk.

Justice John L. Hassell handled the following cases: Publicly drunk, W. C. Chapman, William Brown, Joe N. Phelps, Herman Spruill and Sam Simmons were each fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Jonah Clemmons was fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.50 costs on a disorderly conduct charge. Charged with issuing a worthless check, Wallace C. Moore was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the \$5.48 check and \$5.50 costs.

Arthur McNair and James Mariner, charged with public drunkenness, were each fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

## Highway Workers Speedsters Have Discuss Problems Another Day In The County Court

### Propose Program To Wipe Out Inequalities and Lift Low Salaries Up

Meeting with members of the general assembly from several counties and a few special friends, officers and members of the State Highway Employees Association informally discussed some of their problems here last evening. The employees, digging into their own pockets, furnished a delicious meal which was served under the direction of Captain John Delbridge and his assistant Captain Arthur Sessoms in the prison camp dining room.

Unit Chairman C. F. Gore of Weldon presided over the session and introduced the officers of the association and special guests. District Commissioner Merrill Evans, H. G. Horton, E. S. Peel, Dr. V. E. Brown, prison physician, T. J. McKim, district highway engineer, and his assistant, Mr. Miller, Otis Banks of Raleigh, and Representatives A. Corey and Wayland Spruill made timely and brief remarks.

Mr. Earl Crump, association president of Weldon, reviewed the problems of the workers and explained that the association was formed two years ago to promote the interests of the group, to make the system more efficient and to work for a better state.

"Some things need adjustments," Mr. Crump declared, explaining that it was a bad state of affairs when an underpaid group of employees have to pay five or ten thousand dollars to lobbyists to represent them. "But I believe that such an expenditure is unnecessary," he said, adding that he feels certain the lawmakers will recognize the highway workers' problem and do all they can to help solve those problems.

He explained that there are two groups of highway employees. One group is under the budget commission and the other under the highway commission, that some requests for salary adjustments are granted and some are refused.

"Men have been working for the highway commission for ten and fifteen years and have not yet reached the maximum pay scale provided for their classifications," Mr. Crump said, adding that he had been working with the department 23 years and had just reached the maximum allowed under his classification.

He declared that Raleigh should not have the same man for personnel director and assistant director of the budget. "We think it very necessary to have a separate personnel director, that some of the inequalities be eliminated and that some provision should be made whereby eligible employees could get a certain percentage raise each year until the maximum in his classification is reached.

## Week Of Missions At Local Church

The local Memorial Baptist Church will be host to nine other churches in this immediate section during the Roanoke Association Week of Missions, beginning next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Stewart B. Simms said this morning that sizable numbers are expected from the West End, Hamilton, Everetts, Piney Grove, Riddicks Grove, Jamesville, Cedar Branch, Robersonville and Plymouth churches for each of the five evening services, and that the public was invited. The special services here are a part of a series being conducted during the week throughout the Roanoke Association.

The Baptist program at home and abroad will be reviewed by prominent speakers, followed by a forum led by the host church pastor. Special music will be included in the program each evening.

A tentative list of the speakers Monday night, Sept. 20—Rev. R. K. Redwine, State, convention worker in North Carolina. Tuesday—Rev. Lowell Spivey who is on N. C. State Missionary Board.

Wednesday—Rev. Buell Wells, home missionary working in Kentucky. Thursday—Rev. J. C. Powell, foreign missionary working in Africa.

Friday—Rev. Stanley Smith, home missionary working in Florida.

## Speedsters Have Another Day In The County Court

### Driving 80 Miles An Hour, Woman Fined \$100 Last Monday

The speedsters had another day in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when ten were called before Judge J. Calvin Smith. The defendants included a U. S. diplomat who was on his way from Chile to London, and a woman from New York who was fined \$100 for speeding eighty miles an hour on the county highways.

Charged with speeding and reckless driving, Vernon Doyle McLean of Goldsboro was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. It was the defendant's second offense and it is likely that the department of motor vehicles will ask that his license be revoked.

Herbert Calvin Mack of Raleigh was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost for speeding.

Don Ceity Smith of Staley, N. C., failed to answer when called on a speeding charge, and papers calling for his arrest were issued.

Pleading not guilty, Albert James Miller of Kinston was adjudged guilty and he was fined \$15, plus court costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding and reckless driving, Thomas Lee McDaniel was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Thelma M. Wheat in a hurry to go from Washington, D. C., to "Little" Washington for a wedding, pleaded not guilty when charged with speeding. She maintained her speedometer was slow. She was adjudged guilty and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Curtis Fitzhugh McMahan of Aberdeen, Md., was fined \$15, plus costs, for speeding.

Mrs. Irvin Cantor, charged with speeding eighty miles an hour, was fined \$100 and required to pay the court costs.

Walter Roberson Wise, Jr., apparently in a hurry to get from Bayonne, N. J., to college in Durham, was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost for speeding.

Robert E. Kramer, U. S. diplomat who was driving a station wagon from Miami to Washington, D. C., was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs. He was said to have been en route from Chile to London on a diplomatic mission, and that he handled his case very diplomatically.

Fines imposed on the alleged speedsters amounted to \$250.

## Review Appeal In Frank Green Case

At an informal hearing held in the Justice Building, Raleigh, yesterday morning, State Commissioner Hathaway Cross reviewed the Frank Green appeal case. The hearing was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Wynne, Mrs. Velma Bailey, Attorneys Clarence Griffin and E. S. Peel and Messrs. Leslie and Luther Hugh Hardison.

Representing the opposition and victims of the accident in which Green ran down and killed and maimed innocent parties at the intersection of the Bear Grass and Washington Roads early last year, Mr. and Mrs. Wynne and Mrs. Bailey declared they did not think Green had paid his debt to society. The supporters of the appeal offered no evidence.

The commissioner explained that Green will have completed his sentence next August, that it was the commission's policy to hear appeals for parole after a prisoner had served so much of his time, that he thought it advisable to parole the man now and supervise his conduct for two or three years.

A petition, carrying a goodly number of signatures and opposing the parole, is being forwarded to Raleigh.

## Mr. Davenport Continues Ill In Local Hospital

Mr. Chas. Davenport continues ill in the local hospital where he has been a patient for several weeks.

## County School Enrollment

The following figures offer a comparison of preliminary enrollment figures in the county's nine white schools for the 1947-48 and current terms, and show a slight downward trend in elementary enrollments and an increase in the high school figures, the latter offsetting the loss with thirty to spare:

	1947-48 Term			1948-49 Term		
	Ele.	H.S.	Total	Ele.	H.S.	Total
Jamesville	336	96	432	320	109	429
Farm Life	135	58	193	135	55	190
Bear Grass	280	68	348	270	74	344
Williamston	746	166	912	770	185	955
Robersonville	432	160	592	428	181	609
Oak City	213	117	330	201	120	321
Hamilton	155	155	310	165	165	330
Hassell	60	60	120	75	75	150
Everetts	231	231	462	195	195	390
Totals	2588	665	3253	2559	724	3283

## Small Enrollment Gain Reported In County's Schools

### Most White Elementary Units Lost But Most High Schools Gain

Despite a decrease in the elementary school enrollment, Martin County's nine white schools added enough pupils to their high school rosters to show an overall increase of thirty pupils this year over the opening figures last term. The preliminary figures show fairly heavy losses in five of the elementary schools and from medium to fair-sized gains in four others, leaving the preliminary enrollment figures 29 below the opening figures last year. In the high schools, there was an increase in the enrollment figures in all but one, Farm Life reporting the small loss of three pupils. The gain in the high school department was 59.

Discussing the enrollment for the current year, school officials are of the opinion that enrollment in the county's schools has about reached the saturation point with the possibility that variations will be more marked in future years.

With their total enrollment for the first days of the term standing at 3,283 pupils, the white schools are being overshadowed in number by reports coming from the county's twenty-one colored schools. Accurate figures for comparison are not available, but it is fairly certain that the enrollment in the colored schools this year showed the largest percentage gain of any year in the history of the school system. At the present time the colored schools hold a numerical advantage of 179 pupils, the elementary count exceeding that in the white schools by 593 pupils with the colored high school enrollment trailing that in the white schools by 414.

The preliminary enrollment figures in the twenty-one colored schools follow:

Biggs, 107; Burroughs, 69; Corcey's, 46; Cross Roads, 62; Dardens, 108; Gold Point, 138; Hamilton, 221; Jones, 62; Oak City, 207; White Oak, 83; Whichard-James, 89; Salsbury, 107; Everetts, 221; Robersonville, 348; Rogers, 117; Williams, 101; Jamesville, 93; Smithwick, 52; Bear Grass, 59; Williamston high school, 154; Williamston, elementary, 671; Parmele, high school, 156; Parmele, elementary, 191, a total of 3,152 in the colored elementary schools and 310 in the colored high schools, or a grand total for all the schools of 5,711 in the elementary and 1,034 in the high school departments.

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J. D. Woodson, one of the quartet, was booked in Virginia in 1944 for grand larceny. He was sent to a detention home and ran away. In April of the following year he was booked and fined for robbery. In September of that same year, 1945, he was booked for grand larceny in the same city of Richmond. Two years later on

## Minor Wreck On Road Near Here

Taking his eye off the road just for a few seconds to view the scenery to the side, Garvie L. Harrell of Hobgood ran his 1937 GMC panel truck into the rear end of a 1946 Dodge truck driven by Blythe D. Pierce of Hamilton on N. C. Highway No. 125 about two miles out of Williamston last Tuesday morning at 8:00 o'clock. No one was hurt. Damage to the Harrell truck was estimated at \$100 by Patrolmen Naron and Powers. No damage was done to the truck driven by Pierce.

Pierce had stopped his truck for a school bus and was just before moving again when the Harrell truck plowed into his vehicle.

## Nineteen Cases On Docket For Trial In Superior Court

### Two-Week Term of Court Not Expected Attract To Much Attention

The Martin County Superior Court is opening a two-week term here next Monday for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. Judge Walter J. Bone, absent from the bench in this county for several years, is scheduled to return. There are nineteen cases on the criminal docket, but none of them is expected to attract much attention. Court officials are of the opinion that the criminal docket can be cleared in two days, making it possible to start the trial of the civil calendar on Wednesday. Seventeen divorce cases are scheduled for trial the following Monday.

The nineteen criminal cases include the following: Henry Lee Fred Shelby, violating the motor vehicle laws. Shelby was convicted in the county court last December. He appealed and in March the case was continued. He failed to appear last June and now the case is scheduled for trial next week.

William Howard Cherry, drunken driving. He appealed from a lower court judgment. Joe Walter Williams, drunken driving, appealed from the county court.

John Markland Coulbourn, speeding, appealed from the county court. W. F. Copping, speeding, appealed from lower court. Simon D. Moore, removing property on which a lien existed, appealed from lower courts.

George Green and Ananias Thompson are charged with stealing billfolds, containing \$160, from the premises of Sadie Ruffin at Star Light Inn on August 7. The two are also charged with being drunk in public.

Thomas Rogers is facing a manslaughter charge as a result of an attack made on Moses Harrell in Goose Nest on June 12. Bill Winbush is charged with assaulting Johnnie Bryant with intent to kill in Poplar Point on July 17.

The two-year-old manslaughter charge against Goodman Spruill is to be called. Spruill, Hobgood colored man, ran down and killed McKinley Jones, colored child, between Oak City and Hobgood on November 8, 1946. He was apprehended a week ago.

Lafayette Pearsall is charged with attempting to break into the home of Mary Ella Pearsall here on July 17.

L. R. Whitehurst, Wilmer Whitehurst, W. C. Whitehurst, Jr., and Bill Mazingo are charged with breaking into and robbing the store of Tom Clay of merchandise valued at more than \$50 in Parmele on August 19.

James Arrington is defendant in two cases, one for stealing a \$275 outboard motor from Henry Lee Hardison on July 24 and a \$50 cow from Clinton Jones in Williams Township the same day.

Robert and Pearl Rodgers are charged with stealing from R. S. Critcher in his office here last April 15 papers that had been conveyed to Critcher, covering a mule, hogs, auto and household and kitchen furniture, also a mortgage conveyed to Critcher by George Brown, covering auto.

Linwood Strickland is charged on or about June 20 with stealing 165 bales of peanut hay from E. M. Mazingo in Goose Nest. The

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## Soldier's Body On Its Way Home

The body of Clyde E. Mizelle, son of Mrs. Minnie Moore Mizelle Roberson, of Farm Life, and the late Joseph Mizelle of Jamesville Township, this county, is en route home for burial in native soil, according to a message received by the young man's mother yesterday.

No date of arrival was given, but it is likely that the body will not reach the county within four or six weeks.

### REGISTRATION

The registration for the draft passed the 1,600 mark in the county this morning, but with only two more days to go the registration is almost certain to fall short of the predicted count of 2,088.

Up until this morning, 1,589 young men had registered in this county, including 559 World War II veterans, 292 married non-veterans, 622 single non-veterans, 87 eighteen-year-olds, and 29 transients. Of the 1,589 registered, 770 are white and 819 are colored.

The special registration continues through Saturday of this week when all 18-26 year-olds are supposed to have their names on the registration books. Those becoming 18 years of age after that time will register at the draft board office on the third floor of the town hall in Williamston.

## Bureau Reveals Flimflammer Has Record in Courts

### Two Companions Had Been In Courts For Similar Offenses Previously

William Henry Sherman, colored man who did not quite get away with flimflaming in this county the 29th of last month, appears to be an old hand at the game. The FBI, in a report released a few days ago, says he was sentenced to the National Training School for Boys in Washington, D. C., back in 1945 for juvenile delinquency. Less than two years later he was booked for an assault with a deadly weapon in Washington and while confined to jail he was booked for another assault. On March 24, 1948, he was arrested and fined for larceny by trick in Petersburg. Less than two months later on May 31, 1948, he was booked and fined on a flimflam charge in Beaufort, South Carolina. He then moved to this county with three companions and attempted to get money by trickery from O. S. Coltrain and other country merchants. Sherman, arrested and carried into the county court the following day, pleaded guilty and accepted all the blame, drawing twelve months on the roads and freeing his three companions.

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## To Conclude Special Services Friday Night

The pastor, Rev. Jas. I. Lowry, will conclude a series of special services in the Presbyterian church here tomorrow evening, for his topic at that time, "The Gospel of Christian Security." Tonight at 8:00 o'clock the minister will have for his sermon topic, "Division of the Soul."