

Twenty Cases Are Handled By Three Justices Of Peace

Judges Hassell, Johnson and Ayers Busy During The Past Few Days

Justices John L. Hassell, R. T. Johnson and J. S. Ayers combined to help clean up a little crime wave that swept this community during recent days. Some fairly big cases came up for trial, fines ranging up to as high as \$50. One defendant, Clarence Earl Stevenson, was bound over to the December term of superior court under bond in the sum of \$500 for allegedly raping Earline Edwards. Other cases handled by Justice Johnson follow:

S. Howard Harrison, failing to stop at a road intersection, was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs. Charged with disorderly conduct, Elmer Rodgers was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs. Facing the court the next day on a drunk charge, Rodgers was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the trial justice suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs.

Charged with hunting out of season, Raymond Fagan was fined \$50 and Arthur Green was fined \$25, each paying \$5.85 costs.

Charged with cutting the upholstery in a truck owned by W. L. Cobb Construction Company, Roosevelt Wiggins was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Noah S. Roberson, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes and lights, was fined \$15 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Noah T. Roberson was taxed with \$5.85 costs for failing to dim lights on a motor vehicle.

Raymond Earl Modlin was taxed with \$5.85 costs for failing to stop at a road intersection.

Justice Hassell handled the following cases:

Roosevelt Mackey, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$5.50 costs.

Publicly drunk, Herbert Rives was required to pay \$11.50 costs.

Charged with simple assault, James Ridley was assessed \$5.50 costs.

Olivia Johnson was required to pay \$6.50 costs when carried into court on a disorderly charge.

Drunk and down, James Gilmore was taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Jesse Rascoe, charged with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Drunk and disorderly, Roosevelt Bunch was fined \$5 and required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Samuel Gorham, drunk and disorderly, was taxed with \$8.50 costs.

Clotée Watson, publicly drunk, was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the jail term upon the condition that she remain out of Williamston for one year and pay \$9.50 costs.

Faring Justice J. S. Ayers this week, Columbus Berry, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5 and taxed with the costs.

The fines imposed in the three courts amounted to \$145 and the costs totaled \$131.95.

X. T. Keel, Sr. Dies In Hospital

Funeral services are being conducted at the home, 818 Hill Street, Rocky Mount, this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for X. Theophilus Keel, Sr., who died late Tuesday in Duke Hospital following an illness of several weeks. Dr. T. M. Grant, Methodist minister, is conducting the service, and burial will be in Pineview Cemetery there.

Mr. Keel was born in Pitt County 74 years ago and located in Rocky Mount in 1908 where he was prominent in the mercantile and real estate business for years.

He was married to Mary Frances Hardison of Jamesville in 1908 and they observed their golden wedding anniversary at the Durham hospital two weeks ago.

Surviving are Mrs. Keel, a son, X. T., Jr., of Carpinteria, Calif., a daughter, Miss Macy Keel of the home; a brother, Chas. H. Keel of New York; and a sister, Mrs. J. M. Highsmith, of Robersonville.

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.

Reading from left to right, Joyce, ten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manning, Williamston, Arthur, Jr., six, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gurganus, Williamston, and Nancy Lee, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Corey of Williamston.

Dismisses Inspection Cases In Court Here

REGISTRATION

Books will be opened Saturday of this week in all of the thirteen voting precincts in this county for the registration of new voters. Those persons who registered in or since 1940 or participated in an election since 1940 will not find it necessary to register again.

The books will be open each Saturday beginning this week and continuing through Saturday, October 23.

Any person, 21 years old or older and who does not have his or her name on the books, is directed to his precinct registrar if he would participate in the November 2 election.

Mrs. Jos. Griffin and Mr. S. H. Gimes are registrars for the two Williamston precincts.

Quarter Million Are Repatriated

Refugees and displaced persons to the number of 256,000 were repatriated or resettled during the first year's work of the International Refugee Organization, according to a recent report from Geneva. Not all of these persons, the report said, were moved by the IRO itself. This was true notably of more than 50,000 persons resettled in the United Kingdom under British migration programs. Altogether the IRO handled 138,000 cases.

Nearly 600,000 persons remain in dependent status under IRO care. This is only a little more than 100,000 fewer than last year, though more than twice that many persons moved out. New refugees have entered, many of those eligible but uncared for last year have been accepted in camps and there is no excess of births over deaths in the camps.

Of 51,439 persons repatriated during the year, nearly three-fifths went home to Poland and 4,500 returned to Yugoslavia, but few went back to any other eastern European country.

Some of the displaced persons and refugees are not returning to their former homes but are entering the United States under a special act of Congress. The first shipload of these will sail from Bremerhaven, Germany, in about two weeks. In order to be eligible to enter this country they had to have their livelihood guaranteed by relatives, friends or employers. Many guarantees came from farm industries, including dairies.

Ten Thousand Die In Car Accidents

Pedestrians killed in traffic accidents last year numbered 10,300, according to figures compiled by the National Safety Council. This was almost one-third of the total of 32,300 traffic fatalities that occurred during the year. The council also estimated that about 220,000 pedestrians suffered non-fatal injuries during the past calendar year.

Speedsters Have Another Reunion In County Court

Treated So Nice By Arresting Patrolman, Defendant Pleads Guilty

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One defendant, W. L. Smallwood of Windsor, was booked twice for speeding and pleaded guilty on both counts. In one case he was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs. In the second case he was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs, the court recommending that his operator's license be revoked according to law. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$50, the court recommending that the license be suspended during the appeal period. Smallwood was charged with running fifty miles an hour down Robersonville's main street to figure in one case, and then speeded down U. S. 64 to figure in the second case.

Don Ceitz Smith of Staley, Chatham County, was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs for speeding.

Roy Well pleaded guilty of speeding and was fined \$15, plus costs.

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Dorothy H. Stone of Highland Park, Illinois, pleaded guilty of speeding and was fined \$15 plus costs.

Raquel Bonifasin, Spanish woman of Miami, pleaded guilty of speeding and she was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs. One of a party of three she entertained court officers with her Spanish conversation.

Humberto Medrano of Havana, Cuba, was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for speeding.

Joe Henry Taylor of Newport News was charged with speeding and failing to stop at a road intersection and he was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

The gruesome business of killing, maiming and damaging on Martin County highways this year continues to trail the record established in the first forty weeks of 1947. 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.

Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge			
40th Week			
1948	2	0	\$ 700
1947	2	0	300
Comparisons To Date			
1948	97	56	\$21,350
1947	102	50	\$22,590

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Dewey Has Not Won Election

Contrary to claims and wild reports, Tom Dewey has not yet won the presidential election, and according to some reports from the agricultural west, there's some doubt if he'll win it November 2. An Illinois farmer said recently, "It would certainly be an ungrateful group if the farmers, of which this state is largely composed, were to forget the 8-cent corn and 10-cent hogs they tried to live off during the last Republican administration. A report from Nebraska says, "On a national basis, the Dewey forces are entirely too optimistic."

Army Secretary To Speak At Peanut Festival Next Friday

Three-Day Event To Get Underway Here Thursday

Kenneth Royall Will Speak From Reviewing Stand On Main Street

Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall has accepted an invitation to deliver one of the main addresses during Williamston's first annual peanut festival which opens here next Thursday afternoon with a program by the United States Marine Corps band from Cherry Point. The head of the U. S. Army wired his acceptance yesterday and extensive preparations are already underway to entertain the noted speaker and the large crowd expected here. The Secretary will speak from a reviewing stand near the City Hall on Main Street, and his address will be broadcast over the Williamston Tobacco Market radio network at 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon, October 15.

The Secretary's address topic has not been announced, but he is expected to discuss several important topics and touch on politics.

While the Army Secretary's address will highlight the program, other big events are being planned for the three-day festival. The Cherry Point Marine band will feature the opening day program with a concert Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock on the main street. Following the band concert a baby parade will move down the main street with white and colored children under six years of age participating. Seventy-four children have already been entered in the parade and contest.

Thursday night at 9:00 o'clock Washington Street from Main to the railroad will be cleared and roped off for a street dance. Billy Peele's Tune Toppers and Bob Taylor's string band will furnish the music for the dance which is to last until midnight.

Prior to Secretary Royall's address Friday afternoon, the big parade, featuring high school bands, floats and organizations, will form at 1:30 o'clock and march down the main streets. The Washington High School Band, Williamston High School Bands, both white and colored, and the Pinetops Colored High School Band will participate. Katie Leggett, "Miss Williamston of 1948", will preside over the Boosters' floats. Members of 4-H clubs, Boy Scouts and others are planning to participate in the parade.

Friday night at 8:00 o'clock a conference football game will be played by the Robersonville and Williamston High School teams on the high school field here. There will be no admission charge, and everyone is invited to be the guest of Williamston's Boosters.

The Saturday program will be announced later.

Williamston's first annual peanut festival is being sponsored by ninety-five business firms and individuals, and promises to be a big event.

More Entrants In Baby Contest

Fifteen new contestants were listed this week by chairman of the Baby Parade and Contest, Mrs. H. O. Peel and Mrs. James Bullock.

The new entrants are John Kelly Gay, 4; Hazel Maye Moore, 3; William Harrington, 2; Julia Askew, 18 months; Fenner Hardison, Jr., 9 months; David Clifton Roberson, 4; Michael Harrison, 3; Nancy Carolyn Woolford, 3; Peggy Gurganus, 2; Peggy Anne Gurganus, 2; Mary Bess Elliott, 4; Roberta Elliott, 5; Ella Martin Gaylord, 4; Cora Jane Pyce, 4; and Judy Thrower, 3 1-2.

Co-chairman Mrs. James Bullock announced today that in the event of rain the contest will be held in one of the warehouses.

Marine Band To Have Part In Local Peanut Festival

The Cherry Point Marine Band, one of the crack bands in the State, will participate in Williamston's Peanut Festival, the arrangements committee was advised yesterday by Major General Field Harris, Commanding Officer of the Marine Corps at Cherry Point.

Engaged at other points during the other two days of the festival, the band will not be able to participate in the big parade on Friday afternoon of next week, but the band will give a concert Thursday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 o'clock. The program will be broadcast over Williamston's Tobacco Radio Network. If the weather is unfavorable, the program will be moved to the Planters Warehouse.

Plans for the big three-day peanut festival are shaping up rapidly, according to reports coming from the various committee chairmen. A goodly number of business firms are planning to enter floats in the Friday parade which promises to be the biggest thing of its kind ever undertaken here.

A detailed program is now in the making and will be released the early part of next week.

Will Issue Call For Pre-Induction Tests

Eleven Men Are To Report Next Week To Durham

List Will Be Drawn Tonight By Draft Board According to Ages

Preparing to send its first contingent to army camps next month, the Martin County Draft Board, meeting here this evening, will draw eleven men to report for their pre-induction physical examinations at the Durham Recruiting Station next Wednesday, it was learned this morning. Notices, instructing the eleven men to report for the preliminary physical examinations, will be placed in the mails late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

No order numbers are being assigned to registrants, but the men will be drawn according to their ages. The registrant who will not become 26 years of age on or before November 29 is right in line to be called if he has no dependents or other valid claims to deferment or a lower classification in the eyes of the draft.

A date for final induction has not been announced, but the call will hardly be issued before sometime in November. The pre-induction examinations will hold for at least 120 days, meaning that those eleven men slated to report to the Durham station next Wednesday may be called any time during four months without undergoing another physical test.

Not certain of the farmer registrant's status until proper affidavits are submitted, the board is expected to draw the first men from the group of single men without dependents.

Attending a district meeting of draft officials in Edenton this week, Miss Mildred Everett, local board secretary, was advised that few deferments are to be expected on account of occupation. In other words, the peacetime draft law virtually rules that skilled workers subject to the draft can be replaced, and that a single farmer without dependents must show that he is almost indispensable if he is to escape the draft.

High school and college students (Continued on page three)

NEVER FAILS

It just never fails. Once Fire Prevention Week is proclaimed, the local fire department is called upon. This time, the first call came later in the week than usual.

Firemen were called out yesterday morning at 7:00 o'clock when a motor on an ice cream cabinet stuck and threatened the Hitching Post soda shop on South Sycamore Street. The motor was burned out, but there was no other damage, firemen reported.

Record Salsbury Will In Superior Court This Week

Mrs. V. Bettie Salsbury Remembers Church and Several Friends

Her last will and testament re-recorded in the office of the Martin County Superior Court clerk this week, Mrs. V. Bettie Salsbury remembered relatives, her church and a number of friends, bequeathing to them personal property valued at \$6,000.

The main will, listing in minute detail her wishes, was dated June 25, 1948, and the codicil was dated August 23, 1948, reports stating that the personal property in the home will remain intact for the present.

Expressing the wish that her husband be looked after and cared for the rest of his material life, and good compensation be allowed the one who looks after him, Mrs. Salsbury bequeathed her earthly possessions, as follows:

Nancy Bet Davis, niece, furniture, watch and \$500 bond.

Rusha Lancaster, half-sister, picture, furniture and other items.

Mrs. Clara Morton, sister-in-law, picture.

Mary Frances Petty, great-niece, large diamond ring, furniture and \$1,500 in government bonds.

Virginia Davis Aldridge, china, furniture and small diamond ring.

Robert and Williams Davis, nephews, \$5 each.

Mrs. Elizabeth Petty, niece, silver and china and furniture.

John Allen Davis, nephew, \$500 bond.

James Allen Lancaster, nephew, \$500 bond.

Benjamin Davis, half-brother, marble statue.

Mrs. Julia Cherry, sister-in-law, silver tray.

Frances Cherry, silk quilt.

To the following friends she willed the listed property:

Bettie Davis Rogers, bookcase and books.

Mrs. Mabel Cullipher, furniture.

Mrs. LeRoy Taylor, silverware.

Mrs. Bryant Taylor, crystal and furniture.

Ellen Taylor, cut glass.

Janie Moyer Taylor, Emma Equ Taylor and Mary Anna Taylor, \$500 bond each.

Mrs. Louallie Peel, furniture, and vase.

Miss Lucille Davis, cutglass.

Mrs. George (Ruth) Haislip, vase.

The Spring Green Primitive Baptist Church, near Hamilton, where Mrs. Salsbury was a faithful member for many years, was given five shares of American Telephone and Telegraph Company stock, valued at approximately \$150 per share on the current market.

Lucille Powell, colored, is to receive bed clothing, clothes and curtains.

Any other items not covered in the will are to be sold or given to her best friends, Mrs. Salsbury said in the will codicil.

Mrs. Elizabeth Petty of Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. LeRoy Taylor, RFD 1, Williamston, were named executrices.

Given Road Term In Federal Court

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Guilford Brown, Martin County man, was sentenced in federal court at Washington yesterday to a year and a day in prison. The prison term was suspended upon the payment of a \$400 fine. Brown's fine was first placed at \$500 but was later reduced, according to reports reaching here.

I. J. Riddick, Fawn Little and Chas. Williams, co-defendants in the case, gained their freedom when charges against them were not pressed or dismissed. The four were charged with possessing materials for the manufacture of and manufacturing illicit liquor.

Defendants in the case charging them with robbing the bank at Columbia week before last drew prison terms ranging up to twenty-five years.

Cars In Accident Near Jamesville

Approximately \$175 damage resulted but no one was hurt when two cars crashed at a filling station on U. S. Highway No. 64 between Jamesville and Dardens late last Monday afternoon.

Rev. Claud Winstead, RFD 1, Jamesville, was driving his 1940 Ford from the filling station into the highway just as James Walter Barnes, RFD 1, Williamston, starting in his 1937 Ford. The Barnes car, traveling toward Jamesville, plowed into the preacher's car.