

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

**Imposes \$420 Fines And
Metes Out Road Terms In
His Last Session Monday**

Holding his last session as judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court, Judge J. Calvin Smith last Monday called twenty cases, imposed fines amounting to \$420 and meted out several road sentences. The retiring jurist handled his last case shortly after noon, closing his docket book a few minutes later at 12:30 o'clock.

Only a fair-sized crowd was present for the judge's last session, but the jurist called his "shots" as he saw them right on through the last case.

Proceedings:
The cases in which Thad G. Briley was charged with speeding and C. M. Ward with an assault were not proseed.

Charged with careless, reckless and drunken driving, Dewey E. Hardison was adjudged guilty of careless and reckless driving and was fined \$25 plus costs.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Elmo Ray Woolard was adjudged not guilty.

Francis Thomas, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle with a driver's license and with improper brakes, Arthur Lee Brown was fined \$135 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Ernest W. Bunting was adjudged guilty of violating the "rules of the road" and the court suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs.

Pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, James Ball was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs, the court ordering the gun confiscated and destroyed.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Robert Earl Shepard pleaded not guilty. The court adjudged him guilty of hit-and-run driving wherein damage was less than \$25, and he was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The sentences was suspended upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs, the court directing the defendant not to drive a motor vehicle for thirty days.

Ellie Davis was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

In the case charging Sol Hardy and Mary Lee Dickens with an assault, Hardy, pleading not guilty, was adjudged guilty and sentenced to the roads for four months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$15 fine and costs and on the further condition that he remain away from the premises of Mary Lee Dickens and Letha May Hardy. The Dickens woman pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Letha May Hardy pleaded guilty and she was fined \$25 plus costs.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Robert E. Willoughby was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

William Jones, Jr., pleading guilty of an assault, was sentenced to the roads for four months. The sentence was suspended and the defendant was directed to pay a \$20 fine and costs and stay away from Rosella Barber.

Charged with the larceny of a small hog from I. T. Coltrane, James Blount and Columbus Knowles pleaded guilty. Knowles drew six and Blount four months on the roads. Leon Thigpen, charged with aiding and

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Add More To Fund For Europe's Needy Youth

The fund for hungry children in the war stricken countries was increased by \$15.50 this week when the Standard Fertilizer Company donated \$10 and a friend sent in \$5.50. The fund now stands at \$1,181.22. Mrs. N. C. Green, the treasurer, announced yesterday.

Sixteen Youths Left Here Today For Fayetteville

**Expected To Return To
Their Homes In County
Friday or Saturday**

Sixteen Martin County young men left here this morning by regular bus for Fayetteville where they will undergo pre-induction tests at an army recruiting center, according to unofficial information gained at the bus terminal. Several of those making the trip underwent similar tests during the draft in force for World War II.

Nine of those called to report for the pre-induction tests are colored and come along with the seven white men from all parts of the county.

Only two of the eleven county men reporting for pre-induction tests at the Durham Recruiting Station several weeks ago passed. A call has been received in the county, directing two men to report to Raleigh on Monday, November 29 for final induction. It was learned unofficially that one of the men has married since he registered, but it is not yet certain if his marital status will have any bearing on his draft standing.

It could not be learned if the recruits who left today would complete their tests in time to return tomorrow or Saturday.

Names and addresses of the men called to report for the preliminary tests, follow:

Jesse Bryant Black, Col., RFD 2, Robersonville.

Durward Ray Braynt, w, RFD 1, Bethel.

Richard Allen Rease, Col., RFD 2, Williamston.

James Curtis Stanley, Col., RFD 1, Robersonville.

Luther Waddell Stallings, Col., RFD 2, Williamston.

Bradford Adolph Staton, Col., RFD 1, Jamesville.

Richard Randolph Thompson, w., RFD 1, Palmyra.

Warren Saunders Nicholson, w., RFD 3, Williamston.

William Ruffin, Col., Jamesville.

Harold H. Reddick, w, Williamston.

Hurtford Smith, Col., Oak City.

Albert Turner Peele, w, RFD 3, Williamston.

Delmar Gray Manning, w, RFD 1, Williamston.

Johnnie Smith, Col., RFD 1, Oak City.

James Roscoe Council, Col., RFD 1, Bethel.

Dillon Augustus Wyrne, w, RFD 3, Williamston.

Picker and Baler Wrecked by Blast

Last Tuesday night persons or parties unknown went to the farm of Mr. Arthur Perkins in Beaufort County and completely wrecked a peanut picker and hay baler with dynamite. Owned by E. E. Glover of near Washington, the peanut picking equipment was moved into the field of Mr. Perkins, preparatory to peanut picking operations planned for the next morning.

According to Sheriff Rumley of Beaufort County both the picker and hay baler were completely wrecked by the heavy charge of dynamite. Although officers in the adjoining county have been working diligently on the case, no arrests had been made through yesterday.

TYPHOID CASE

Typhoid fever, all but wiped out in this county by prevention methods constantly practiced down through the years, reared its ugly head in Poplar Point Township a few days ago, according to information just released by the health department.

The victim is a white mother, the health officer stating that the case seems to be a very mild one and that she is responding to treatment. It was pointed out that the victim had not been immunized against typhoid.

The case is the second one to be reported in this county in eight years.

One Of The Floats In Recent Peanut Festival Parade



Pictured above is one of the main floats in the parade held as a part of Williamston's first Peanut Festival. Entered by the Williamston Peanut Company, the float carries the junior queens, Little Misses Jackie Leggett and Mary Emma Peel, and Junior King Kenneth Manning, and attendants. It is estimated that ten thousand persons lined the streets and crowded into positions on house tops to witness the parade as it moved down the business streets.

Twenty-One Cases Heard By Justices Of The Peace Here

**Fines and Costs Levied By
Two Trial Justices Total
More Than \$200**

Handling twenty-one cases in their courts during recent days, Justices R. T. Johnson and John L. Hassell imposed fines amounting to \$80 and levied costs boosting the total to \$201.20. In addition to the twenty-one cases, the justices sent several others to the higher courts for trial.

Cases handled by Justice Johnson included the following:
Charged with failing to stop at a road intersection, John Henry Rogers, Moses L. Anthony, C. F. Joyner, W. R. Jones and Moses Hudgins each were taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Lawrence Owens, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, was adjudged not guilty.

Eugene Rawls was fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs for the alleged illegal use of a spot light.

Charged with hunting with unplugged guns, Charlie Hoard and Sidney R. Lewis were found not guilty.

Charged with violating the hunting laws, Chesterfield Morning and George Peel were each fined \$10 and taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Haywood Spruill and Tank Bennett were each fined \$10 and required to pay \$6.85 costs for all.

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Minor Road Wreck Near Here Monday

No one was hurt but damage, estimated at \$150, resulted when the cars of Sarah Wobbleton and Cleo Daniel crashed on U. S. Highway 17 a short distance south of here last Monday noon.

Miss Wobbleton was driving her 1948 Chevrolet south when Daniel's 1941 Chevrolet, traveling north, swerved and sideswiped the Wobbleton car.

Patrolman B. W. Parker made the investigation.

Charged with operating a car on the wrong side of the road, Daniel was fined \$10, taxed with the cost and ordered to pay \$65 for repairs to the other car.

TO SPEAK HERE



Dr. John D. Messick, president of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, will address a meeting of the Martin County Council of the Parents-Teachers Association in the Williamston High School auditorium next Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock. Dr. Messick is one of the leading educators in North Carolina and the public is cordially invited to hear him.

Anti-Rat Drive Is Progressing

The Anti-Rat Campaign which has been underway here for some time was reported this week to be progressing satisfactorily but officials are mindful of the fact that there may be isolated spots in the area where rats are still thriving and these trouble spots can be the source of supply for another rat infestation of the town if they are not located and cleaned out.

Sanitarian Hack Gaylord, who has been representing the Health Department in working with the anti-rat campaign, said today that anyone who knows where rats are located in the town should call the health department so that steps can be taken to kill out the rodents which have escaped the drive against them. Generally, he said, the public has cooperated splendidly in searching out rat burrows on their property.

The type of rats infesting this section usually lives underground but will have an entrance to its den where it can be seen, usually under a box or some other object on the ground.

Harry O. Jarman Died Suddenly At Home Here Today

**Funeral Arrangements In-
definite Pending Word
From Relatives**

Harry O. Jarman, well-known local citizen and operator of a furniture manufacturing plant, died suddenly at his home on Williams Street early this morning, the apparent victim of a heart attack. He was very cheerful when he retired between 10 and 11 o'clock last night after a day in the woods hunting. Receiving no answer when they called him about 6:30 o'clock this morning, members of the family went to his room and found him dead. It is thought that he died about 2:00 o'clock.

The son of the late Nicholas T. Jarman and wife he was born in Onslow County near Richlands on April 11, 1902, and spent his early life there. When a young man he moved to New Bern where he engaged in the furniture business for several years and where he was married to Miss Martha Stocks. He located in Williamston in 1939 and was employed by the Woolard Furniture Company until July, 1944, when he opened a plant for the manufacture of furniture, later building a factory on the Jamesville Highway. Recently he disposed of his plant and was looking forward with interest to entering the service of a well established furniture firm as salesman. During the meantime he was enjoying himself hunting, and it is thought that over-exertion aggravated his condition and resulted in his death.

Mr. Jarman joined the Christian Church when a youth and served as deacon the churches in

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Release Fish In Gardner's Creek

Approximately 10,000 bream fingerlings, measuring from one and one-half to two inches in length, were released in Gardner's Creek this week by District Game Warden Ben H. James, representing the North Carolina Wildlife Commission.

The fish were brought from the State Hatchery near Fayetteville.

RETIRES



After more than thirteen years of able service, Judge J. Calvin Smith of Robersonville is retiring from the bench of the Martin County Recorder's Court. He presided over his last regular session on Monday of this week.

Man Beaten And Thrown from Car

A 30-year-old colored man, giving as his name "Last Chance", was robbed, beaten and thrown from a moving car about ten miles from here on U. S. Highway 17, south, shortly before noon today.

Battered and bruised and with at least four of his ribs broken, the victim of the four gangsters was removed to a Washington hospital in an ambulance.

Few details of the attack could be learned immediately, but Highway Patrolman J. T. Rowe is continuing his investigation.

The victim, thought to be from Virginia, had been in this county gambling in a deserted farm house with four other Negroes from Washington. According to his story, Chance won between \$1,000 and \$1,200 from the other four. They did not like it, and they robbed and beat him and pitched him out of the moving car. Chance says he does not know his assailants but that he could identify them.

It was first reported that several persons had been critically injured in an accident there, and three ambulances were made ready to handle them.

Funeral Service Sunday Afternoon For Jimmy Watts

**Local Young Man Made the
Supreme Sacrifice In
Italy, February, 1945**

Funeral services will be conducted at the home on Ray Street here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for T/Sgt. James W. Watts, Jr., who made the supreme sacrifice for his country in Italy on February 7, 1945. Rev. E. R. Shuller, pastor of the local Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. B. T. Hurley, a former pastor of Stantonsburg, and Rev. John W. Hardy, local Episcopal minister, will conduct the service, and interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

The young man's body, one of over two thousand returned to this country a short time ago from temporary American cemeteries in Italy, is scheduled to reach here about noon Saturday from the distribution center in Philadelphia. The body will be removed to the home where it will lie in state until after the funeral Sunday afternoon.

Sgt. Watts, flight engineer and gunner on an American Air Force bomber, was on a mission over vital German targets on February 7, 1945, when one of the engines on his plane was shot away. The pilot turned homeward and was hardly more than five minutes from a landing field when another engine went dead and the ship crashed. Two members of the crew were killed and others were injured. Jimmy's body was recovered and buried temporarily near Bari, Italy.

The son of James W. and Elizabeth Wadsworth Watts, he was born in Williamston on January 18, 1923. Surviving besides his parents is a brother, John Watts, a student at Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg. When a youth he joined the Methodist Church where he laid the foundation for a moral, wholesome life. He was always ready to overlook the errors of others, and willingly lent a fellow a helping hand whenever he could. The young man was most thoughtful and his letters to this paper and others expressed contentment in the knowledge that he was serving his country and fellowman even though that service called for sacrifice and eventually his life. Jimmy was that kind of a boy who would have had it that way rather than shirk a duty. At the same time he got much out of life in his few short years, ever adhering to the finer and nobler ideals.

After attending the local schools, he studied at Riverside Military Academy at Gainesville, Georgia, and later at Abingdon Academy, Abingdon, Va., where he was graduated in 1939. He later entered State College, Raleigh, and offered his services to his country in 1943 when he was hardly twenty years of age. After his basic training in Mississippi and Texas he flew to Italy, reaching there in July, 1944. He participated in at least twenty missions over enemy territory and his meritorious service earned him the Distinguished Flying

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

After a fairly heavy run for several weeks, the number of accidents was suddenly reduced to zero in the 46th week of 1947. While drivers on Martin County highways last week did not reach the state of perfection, they did drop the number of accidents from nine to two, and both of those were minor ones.

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.

46th Week				
Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge				
1948	2	0	0	\$ 100
1947	0	0	0	00
Comparisons To Date				
1948	127	71	2	\$30,135
1947	121	56	3	27,235

Red Cross Holds Annual Meeting Here Wednesday

**W. H. Carstarphen Succeeds Mrs. John Hardy
As Chapter Chairman**

Holding their annual meeting in the Woman's Club Hall here yesterday noon, directors of the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross heard a report of the work handled during the past year and elected officers for the coming year.

Retiring after an effective work handled for the chapter during the past two years, Mrs. John W. Hardy is retiring and W. H. Carstarphen is succeeding her as chairman. His election was by unanimous vote along with the election of Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, vice chairman; Mrs. Urbin Rogers, secretary, and H. A. Bowen, treasurer.

Forced to resign on account of other pressing duties, Mrs. Victor E. Brown is being succeeded as chairman of the Junior Red Cross by Miss Agnes Beal, assistant home agent. Mrs. Brown ably handled the task during the several years she served the Junior organization. In her annual report she explained that nineteen schools had been enrolled, that 223 gift boxes and other packages had been sent overseas, that other work had been handled and that the treasury has a balance of \$220.11.

Making his annual report, Treasurer Bowen stated that the Red Cross had a cash balance on hand of \$1,266.74, that a few obligations were outstanding, including expenses incurred in caring for the victims of the big truck accident near here on November 1.

In his report to the meeting, Disaster Chairman Chas. Manning stated that the Red Cross had spent \$200 in caring for the wreck victims, that the organization had accepted obligations up to \$700 if the owner of the truck refuses or fails to meet certain costs approved by the chapter officials.

Handling first aid projects, Jeffrey Michaud stated that swimming lessons had been offered, but that the polio stopped the work. At the present time a first aid class is being held for sixteen pupils.

Handling the major work of the organization during the past year, Mrs. Edna L. Bondurant stated that 425 cases had been aided, that there had been 125 referrals, and that 200 had been to the Red Cross office for information. Mrs. Bondurant explained the various types of cases handled, including those of a mandatory nature. She also explained that the organization had rendered aid in hardship cases, that the requests were numerous.

Since the war there has been little work handled in the production division. However, it was explained by the retiring chapter chairman, Mrs. Hardy, that there was a great need in war stricken countries for certain garments. "We had a shipment of woolen materials on hand for eight months, but were unable to have it made into garments, and we finally had to return it untouched," Mrs. Hardy explained. Miss Elizabeth Parker, home agent, accepted the chairmanship of production and will try to promote a program during the coming year.

The following were named members of the chapter's executive board: Mrs. J. C. Kirkman and Mrs. Camille F. Rawls of Jamesville, Mrs. R. J. Hardison of Williams, Mrs. Pete Mendenhall and Mrs. LeRoy Harrison of Bear Grass.

Miss Janet Cox, field service director of Rocky Mount, briefly addressed the group of about twenty-five, pointing out that the Red

Mrs. Annie Roberson Injured In Fall Here

Mrs. Annie Roberson painfully injured herself in a fall at the home of her son, Dallas Roberson, on Williams Street here late Tuesday afternoon. Her hip was badly bruised and the pelvis bone was cracked, doctors stating that it will be necessary for her to remain in bed for several weeks.