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## Thirty-two Cases Heard on Monday In County Court

### Fines and Costs Imposed In Amount of Over \$1,000 By Judge Manning

With Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuting the docket, Judge Chas. Manning called thirty-two cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday morning and recessed the tribune within two hours. Fines amounted to \$715 which with the costs represented more than \$1,000 in revenue for the short meeting. Eighteen of the cases involved speedsters.

Proceedings: The case charging Victoria Hassell with forcible trespass was dismissed.

Adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Elbert Carson Nye was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Chas. James Spain, Jr., with operating a vehicle without an inspection sticker.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Willie B. Cannon was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and had his driver's license revoked for a year.

Johnnie Moye was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs for public drunkenness.

William Crandell pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and was fined \$25 plus costs.

Riley Everett, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25 and required to pay the court costs.

Charged with failing to give the right-of-way on the highway, Sanford Gilliam was adjudged not guilty.

Pleading not guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, James Wiley Brown was adjudged guilty and was fined \$25 plus costs.

Pleading not guilty of violating the health laws, Henry Spruill was adjudged guilty and he was sentenced to the roads for two years, the court ordering the man be placed in a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients.

Ed Goss, Jr., and Horace Hodge pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws and each was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of \$50 fines and court costs.

Pleading guilty of simple assault and being drunk and disorderly, William Lanier was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Madison Lee Glenn pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Van Cotanche with operating a motor vehicle without an inspection sticker.

## Car Dealers Boost G.M. Cancer Fund

Concluding a very successful drive a short time ago, General Motors car dealers in the nation last week presented one and one-half million dollars to Mr. Alfred Sloan for the promotion of research in cancer through the Sloan Foundation and the Sloan-Kettering Institute.

Reporting the movement to alleviate the suffering of millions, Mr. John Henry Edwards, local Chevrolet dealer, said that dealers in the Carolinas-Georgia-Florida district contributed over \$100,000 to the fund to hold third place among the districts in the nation.

The fund raised by the car dealers for cancer research in addition to the regular nation-wide cancer program, was presented to Mr. Sloan in New York last week by representatives of the dealers. Mr. Chas. H. Jenkins, local dealer, was one of the representatives from this district to attend the presentation program.

## MEETING

The local recreational committee is scheduled to meet in the office of the mayor tonight.

## Make Plans For Red Cross Fund Drive In the Chapter

Meeting with a group of canvassers and other citizens in the office of the county superintendent of schools this week, Garland Woolard, chairman, made preliminary plans for advancing the annual Red Cross Fund Drive in the Martin County Chapter, starting the first of March.

The chapter is being asked to raise \$2,704 this year or about the same amount raised last year and about one-third the sum raised during the peak war years.

Succeeding C. B. Clark, Jr., as fund drive chairman, Mr. Woolard is directing an appeal to all the people in the chapter to help push the drive over the top during the first days in March. Mr. Woolard pointed out that outside the war years, the Red Cross had spent far more money in the chapter than the chapter had raised. Thousands

of dollars were sent into the county to help relieve those who suffered losses during tornadoes and in flood relief. The chairman also pointed out that the organization is carrying on in other parts of the nation, extending relief to storm victims and others who have experienced catastrophes and adversity. In addition to that work, the organization continues to extend a service to people right in the chapter, and that load is far greater than the public generally realizes. Last year the several districts made the following contributions: Jamesville, \$237; Williams, \$52; Bear Grass, \$149; Grifins, \$175; Williamston, \$1,587; colored schools: Dardens, \$50; Jamesville, \$30; Williams, \$38; Poplar Point, \$17; Bear Grass, \$20; Biggs, \$22; Woolards, \$32; Burroughs, \$16; Smithwick, \$12; and Williams, \$111.

## PEANUTS

Martin County has been allotted 20,710 acres of peanuts for 1949, the office of the county farm agent was advised this week. Individual allotments, prepared by the state office of the Triple A in Raleigh, will be forwarded to the growers within the next few days.

Amounting to 23.75 percent, the reduction this year represents 5,806 acres. Last year it is estimated that 26,516 acres were planted to peanuts in this county.

## Peanuts Stolen In The County

Nine bags of seed peanuts were stolen from the farm of J. W. Bellflower, Jr., on the old river road between Hamilton and Palmyra last week-end, officers stating today that they had been unable to establish a lead in the case.

Stored in an old tenant house, the peanuts were missed when the owner sent a boy there to get some empty bags. Leaving only five bags, the thieves carried the nine bags of goobers on their backs about 250 yards across a field to a path leading to the highway, near Smith Brothers' store.

Several suspects were questioned, but the evidence was not sufficient to warrant an arrest.

## Auto And Train In Crash Here

John T. Davis, colored man of Robersonville, escaped injury but considerable damage was done to his car when he drove into the path of a freight train at the Washington Street crossing near the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here yesterday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. Investigating the accident, local officers stated the damage would approximate \$150.

Davis, going from the business district, said he saw the train but thought it was standing still. The train was backing down the track.

## County People Called As Witnesses In Case

A goodly number of Martin County people has been called to appear as witnesses when the patent rights case of Smith against Mayo is called in the federal court at Raleigh next Monday.

The list could not be learned, but one report stated that Messrs. Joshua L. Coltrane, Irving Coltrane, Noah Roberson, J. E. King, M. L. Rael, P. H. Brown and Slade White were among those summoned to appear in court as witnesses next Monday.

## County Allotted Few Acres Irish Potatoes

Martin County's 1949 Irish potato allotment has been placed at 45 acres. The allotment is considerably below the figures reported in past years. However, more recently the county has limited its commercial potato crop.

Beaufort leads the producing counties with an allotment of 3,325.5 acres.

## Speedsters Caught Literally Aiming Auto On Highway

### Eighteen Speedsters Are Fined \$355 In County Court Last Monday

Eighteen alleged speedsters were in the county court last Monday, the court setting a new high record for any one week in many months. Judge Chas. A. Manning imposed fines in the total amount of \$355.

One defendant, flying low at ninety miles an hour, was said to have been literally "aiming" his car down the highway, whizzing by other vehicles as if those vehicles were tied.

Another defendant, pleading guilty and admitting the patrolman was only doing his duty, explained that he took his eyes off his rear view mirror for about the first time since he left Florida on his way north. "He was just a congenial and clever fellow," an officer declared.

Another defendant was employed by the motor vehicles bureau in New York, and while she admitted the speeding charge she made it quite plain that a warning would have been greatly appreciated. It was explained that if such a procedure was followed it would be just about as well for the patrolmen to remain at home and chop wood.

All of the defendants pleaded guilty as charged except one. Barthold George Miller of Amsterdam, New York, pleaded not guilty. He was found guilty and fined \$15 plus \$22.05 costs.

Jesse E. Miller of Miami pleaded guilty of driving ninety miles an hour and he was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs.

The other defendants, pleading guilty, were fined \$15 each, as follows:

William H. Diana of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Jacob Goodman of Millford, Mass.; Frances Kart of Brookline, Mass.; Abraham Mendelson of New York City, Robert Spillman of Edgemere, Long Island, New York; Roy B. Wright of Ridgefield Park, N. J.; Howard Lawrence of South Glen Falls, N. Y.; John Daniel Roberson of RFD 2, Robersonville, Lawrence E. Tarr of Portland, Me.; Joseph Gersten of Glen Falls, N. Y.; Elise S. Gottlieb of Jamaica, N. Y.; Gerald Fisher of Flushing, N. Y.; Ralph T. Wickersham of Toughkenamon, Pa.; Marvin Boyce Roberson of Robbins, N. C.; Howard Javitz of Long Beach, N. Y.; Reginald C. Fraser of Alpena, Mich.

Most of the defendants posted bond and forfeited it without benefit of trial.

Fairly well convinced that the speed law is one to be enforced, most North Carolina drivers are apparently holding their vehicles within the prescribed limits, and steering clear of the courts.

## Impossible To Make Ends Meet

Representative A. Corey, in addition to his regular duties, is finding it next to impossible to make both ends meet in Raleigh. During his last week-end at home, the Martin County representative submitted a review of his daily schedule and declared that income simply won't offset expenses. His report, showing a 95-cent deficit for last Thursday, follows:

8:00, reading and studying bills; 9:00, receiving and reading mail; 9:30, Conservation and Development committee meeting; 10:00, agriculture committee meeting; 11:00, Proposition and Grievances committee meeting; 12:00, regular session of the House; 2:00, salaries and fees committee meeting; 2:30, finance committee meeting; 6:30, dinner conference and bill studying; 8:30, conference planning next day's work.

Compensation for day's service, \$10.00.

Expense and deductions: Hotel, \$4.50; meals, \$3; income tax, \$1.50; postage, 30c; pro-rata travel cost, 50c; tips, 40c; incidentals, 75c; total expense, \$10.95. Deficient for a day, 95c.

In light of above I do not think many people would expect a member to be enthusiastic in increasing too many salaries.

## Native Of County Dies In Durham

Leland Simpson, native of this county, died at his home in Durham at 5:00 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been in declining health for some time, spending some months in a sanatorium. His health had improved and he returned home a short time ago, reports stating that he was getting along very well until just recently.

The son of the late William F. and Ida Harrington Simpson, he was born near Jamesville about 45 years ago. When a lad of about fourteen years of age he moved with the family to Durham where he was employed in a hosiery mill most of his life.

He was married in Durham and his widow survives with one son, Leland, Jr., two sisters, Mrs. G. W. Merritt of Durham and Miss Cora Simpson of Kinston; a half-sister, of Charlotte, and an aunt, Mrs. Della Askew of Jamesville.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Durham Free Will Baptist Cemetery this afternoon and interment will be in the Durham cemetery.

## Weather Unusual For This Month

The first half of the current month has been among the warmest for any February since 1890, according to a review of weather conditions offered by Mr. Sylvester Peel, who visited here yesterday. The mercury has climbed to the high seventies, offering weather more in keeping with that ordinarily experienced in May.

Sixty years ago, according to Mr. Peel, we had weather very similar to this. Volunteer Irish potatoes came up and it was just like springtime, he declared. The closing days of February that year, however, brought snow and cold weather for a few days. Mr. Peel said, adding that 1890 was one of the best crop years he ever saw.

Flowers are now blooming a full month ahead of schedule and fruit trees are budding out, giving rise to the possibility that cold weather later in the winter will not damage the fruit crop.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Two minor vehicle accidents found their way into the record column during last week to tie the count at 15-all for the first six weeks in 1948 and 1949. Seven of the 15 accidents were reported on the streets of the various towns.

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.

6th Week				
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge				
1949	2	1	0	\$ 25
1948	2	0	0	75
Comparisons To Date				
1949	15	5	0	\$ 1,940
1948	15	2	0	2,375

## Geo. M. Cargile Died In Parmele Late Last Night

### Funeral In Church There On Friday For Retired Western Union Man

George Murray Cargile, 56, died at his home in Parmele Wednesday night at 11:00 o'clock. He had been in declining health for some time, but was getting along very well until that morning when he suffered a heart attack and little hope was held for his recovery.

The son of the late Charles and Angie Bruce Cargile, he was born in Madison County, North Carolina, on July 22, 1892, and spent his early life there. In 1929 he located in Parmele where he served as maintenance superintendent for the Western Union Telegraph Company in this part of the State until his retirement about two years ago.

Mr. Cargile, highly respected in his native and adopted communities, was a member of the Parmele Methodist Church for a number of years, and the pastor, Rev. Hilary Worthington and Rev. Sidney Boone, a former pastor now of Rocky Mount, and Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian minister, will conduct the funeral in the church there Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

The body will remain at Wilkerson's Funeral Home in Robersonville until 10:00 o'clock Friday morning when it will be removed to the home where it will remain until an hour before the funeral in the church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Parker; two sons, Winston and Alton Cargile, and one daughter, Barbara Jean Cargile, all of the home; and one sister, Mrs. James Merrell, of Mars Hill. A son, Murray Cargile, Jr., was among the first young men from this county to lose their lives in World War II.

## Farmers Of State Supplement Their Income with Cows

### Martin County Farmers Reported Considering Dairy-ing as Source of Income

Making a survey of small-scale dairying, the Progressive Farmer recently found that quite a few farmers in this State are supplementing their income with cows.

The Progressive Farmer article, as submitted by Farmer Gilbert Rogerson of Bear Grass, reads as follows:

"When our milk route was started . . ." is the way many small dairy farmers begin to tell how they started producing milk for sale. In recent years milk routes have been established by the homes of thousands of Carolinas-Virginia farmers. "When a cash market for whole milk was established at our door, with a check coming every two weeks, we began to think about keeping more cows," they say.

"But there's more to it than just buying milk," they tell you. "You've got to get ready—more good pasture and good feed, and be sure you're buying or raising good cows. And now we're finding that sanitary milking barns and milk rooms are necessary to meet regulations if we are to get the higher Grade A milk prices."

Right now there's so much interest in building dairy barns—especially small 6-, 8-, or 10-cow barns—that members of our Progressive Farmer staff have gone out and visited dairy farmers in several North Carolina counties, to find out just what they are doing and thinking. In the Old Belt tobacco county of Granville, near our Raleigh office, an unbelievably farming evolution is taking place. So we start with Granville.

In 1941, the Pine State Creamery Company put up a milk-collecting station at Oxford. It took some time for folks to find out they had a milk market, and even a tobacco farmer could add "twice-a-month" milk checks to

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## Postal Income Last Year Greater Than 1947 Total

Postal income at the local office reached the highest figure on record last year when stamp sales amounted to \$36,855.82, breaking the record of \$36,831.56 in 1945 by \$24.26, according to information gained a few days ago from Postmaster W. E. Dunn.

After reaching a record of \$36,831.56 in 1945, stamp sales dropped by \$1,363.89 in 1946, but started climbing in 1947 when income was \$35,634.51. The record was established last year despite a decrease of nearly \$700 in the first quarter from the sales recorded in the first three months of 1947. Second quarter sales last year gained considerably over those in the corresponding period of 1947, but the big jump

was noted in the third quarter, the increase amounting to \$1,500.

While stamp sales reached an all-time figure in the post office here, mail order or C. O. D. business dropped from \$328,823.42 in 1947 to \$289,668.31 in 1948, most of the decrease coming in the fourth quarter when the figures fell from \$110,914.71 in 1947 to \$84,053.72 for the last three months in 1948. In only one quarter—the second—did the money order business last year exceed that of 1947 and the gain there was small.

Williamston's \$36,855.82 stamp sales compare with one or two other towns in this section of the State as follows: Plymouth, \$23,762; and Ahoskie, \$35,688.

## Bride And Groom Surmount Problem

After subscribing to the marital vows in the church here, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Manning, Jr., encountered baffling difficulties before starting their wedding trip.

Leaving the church they found their car securely fastened to a wrecker. The driver of the wrecker, offering a polite and well-planned salute, was quoted as saying, "Mr. Blue, I'll take you anywhere you want to go."

The trip was started with a lead car with friends riding in a goodly number of cars falling in line to form a parade behind the wrecker and the bridal couple's auto. The parade moved through the principal streets several times and was finally brought to a halt a short distance from here on the Washington highway about an hour later. There the young couple found that someone had removed the car keys and were advised that the keys would not be produced until the location of the car they were to use on the bridal trip was revealed.

Taking the initiation exercises good-naturedly, the couple explained that the advance car was between Washington and New Bern, and they were then allowed to go their way.

## Good Fishing In Roanoke River

Reporting on fishing in Roanoke River at Jamesville, Mr. O. W. Hamilton said yesterday that more herring were being taken than the market could absorb first hand. A few hundred of the fish are being packed, he explained.

While individual fishermen have been busy with their fishing during the warm days earlier in the month, preparations are now just getting under way for seine fishing. The seine operators are getting their nets ready for use and will start operations sometime next month, weather and other conditions permitting.

Local fishermen are busy preparing for the big season.

## Local Boy Handles Task In London

Flying the Atlantic last Saturday, Darrell M. Price, local young man, is handling a special press assignment for the United States Department of State in London. His stories will be broadcast over the Voice of America to Austria, Munich, Berlin and Trieste. It could not be learned how long he will be in London, the assignments ordinarily lasting from two weeks to two months.

While he is in London his wife and little son, Jimmie, are visiting relatives in Hopewell, Va.

## LIMITED HOLIDAY

The post office, banks and a few other business houses will observe next Tuesday, George Washington's birthday, as a holiday. There'll be no mail deliveries either in the town or rural areas that day. Business generally will not observe that day as a holiday, however.

## Charge Juveniles With Robbery of Gold Point Safe

### Recover Less Than \$200 of \$400 Stolen From Safe There Sunday

Three colored boys, Walter Lee Purvis, 17, John Russell Purvis, 13, and Preston Howell, 13, were taken into custody yesterday by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and questioned in connection with the theft of \$400 in cash and checks from the Forbes Service Station in Gold Point last Sunday afternoon.

Operating the station without help during most of the day, Haywood Ross opened the iron safe that morning to make change and did not lock it. That evening when he closed the station he missed the money.

A lead in the case was established when the youngsters started flashing money, and confessions were quickly gained from Walter and John Purvis, but apparently they did not tell the truth all the way.

When Walter Lee was arrested he had \$13 on his person, declaring that John R. stole the money and gave him \$15. He explained that he had spent \$2 but knew where John R. had hidden most of the money. The officers detained John R. and he admitted taking the money, declaring that he worked at the direction of Walter Lee. John R. had no money on his person when arrested. Going to Parmele, the officers took Preston Howell out of school. The little fellow had no money on his person at the time, but he went home and produced \$25 which John R. had requested him to keep for him.

Taking the boys, the officers and Mr. Forbes went to Remus Everett's tobacco barn and there they found \$150 in cash. Walter Lee declaring that John R. hid it there and John R. declaring that Walter Lee hid it there.

The case developed splendidly up to that point, and when the boys were asked about the remainder of the money, they moved about a mile away to another tobacco barn, but only a lone dollar bill was found there. It is possible that someone learned about the hiding place and stole it ahead of the officers or Walter Lee is holding some of it back. It was reported that he had talked about buying a motorbike earlier in the week.

Questioned further, the boys showed the officers where \$46.25 in checks were hidden in the grass back of the service station. It is estimated that \$235.25 is still missing.

The 17-year-old boy is to be carried into the superior court, and the others will be carried into the juvenile court.

## Safe Robbers Are Taken In Norfolk

Four of the five men who allegedly stole into Riverdale store in Bethel last April and carried away an iron safe containing about \$5,000 in cash and checks and a quantity of morphine tablets, were arrested this week in Norfolk. Elmer M. Saunders, Frank White, J. D. Bryant and Clifton Goodwin are being returned to Pitt County to face trial, and the arrest of a fifth party allegedly taking part in the robbery, is expected momentarily.

The safe was found in a woods just off Highway 11 near Oak City after it was carted out of the Bethel store.

## Two Cases Heard By Justice of the Peace

Local justices of the peace handled only two cases in their courts during the past few days to reflect little activity on the crime front in these parts.

Jeff Slade, charged with disorderly conduct, was sentenced to jail for thirty days by Justice John L. Hassell. The jail sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and guaranteed good behavior for one year.

Charged with assaulting a female, David Williams was found not guilty by Justice J. S. Ayers.