

## Judge Has Thirty Cases In County Court This Week

### Fines Collected At Session Amount To \$650 Without Speeders' Levies

Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson handled thirty cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court before recessing for lunch and the week at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Fines were collected in the sum of \$650. No fines were imposed on speeders for the first time in several years. If the practice of fining speeders had been in effect, the income from the record this week would have been boosted by \$165.

**Proceedings:**  
The cases charging David Woolard and Bessie Williams with disorderly conduct and Leonard Walston with bastardy were not pressed or dismissed.

At the conclusion of State's evidence in the case charging James Clark with aiding and abetting in larceny, defense counsel made a motion for a directed verdict of not guilty. The motion was allowed.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving and speeding, Willie Aaron James was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs.

Geo. V. Drones pleaded guilty of drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, and was sentenced to the roads for nine months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$125 fine and costs. His driver's license was revoked for a year.

Charged with drunken driving and resisting arrest, Wm. A. Cherry pleaded guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his driver's license for a year.

Entering a plea of not guilty in the case in which he was charged with interfering with an officer in the performance of his duty.

## Many Applicants For Census Jobs

Unofficial reports indicate that there will be an ample number of applicants for census jobs in this county this year. Heretofore, the number of census workers was hardly sufficient to handle the task in this county.

At least thirteen applicants for the two crew leaders positions went to Washington Tuesday from this county to take the examinations, one report said. Included in the list were, H. H. Cowen, Jr., O. S. Anderson, Mrs. Eloise Bennett, Mrs. Evelyn Manning, Frank and C. D. Carstarphen, John D. Lilley, Mrs. Sarah Copeland, Mrs. Oswald Stalls, Mrs. Parker Peel, Evan Griffin, H. M. Ainsley and Clarence Stallings.

Thirty-one questions were asked, and those applicants answering 20 will be eligible for crew leaders and others answering ten or more will be eligible for the enumerator jobs. An examination for enumerator jobs will be held some time next month, it was learned.

Census takers are to start their work in early April, either on the first or third.

## PAVING

Awarded a contract last fall, the Nello Teer Company of Durham, is expected to start resurfacing Highways 64 and 17 within Williamston's town limits and surfacing of several blocks on North Smithwick and on Liberty Street here within the next week or ten days, possibly sometime next week, according to information reaching here today.

An asphalt plant is being erected between here and Windsor this week to handle the projects here and others in Windsor and also on the

## Attend Picture Premiere At Local Theatre



The mother, sister, nephew and nieces of General Frank Armstrong were here last Sunday for the first showing in North Carolina of the picture, "Twelve O'Clock High," the story of which was based on General Armstrong's record in World War II. General Armstrong, a native of Hamilton, made his home here with his grandparents, the late James A. Hobbs, Martin County Superior court clerk, and Mrs. Hobbs. In the picture are, left to right, Noah Hardison, theater manager; Officer W. F. Haislip, Mrs. Jesse Roberson in the ticket box; Mrs. Frank Armstrong, Sr., Miss Betsy Vallentine, Mrs. Itimous Vallentine, Miss Mary Hobbs Vallentine, and Itimous Vallentine, Jr.

## World Day Of Prayer Will Be Observed Here Friday

World Day of Prayer, an international institution, will be widely observed in various churches in this county at 4:00 o'clock on Friday of this week.

Services in Williamston will be held in the Church of the Advent and Williams A. M. E. Zion Chapel.

The same program, with variations, will be used in all the meetings around the world. It was prepared by Michi Kawai, graduate of Bryn Mawr and leader in founding a national Y. W. C. A. in Japan.

There will be a fifteen minute

program of music broadcast from the tower of Memorial Baptist Church at 3:45, by the organist, Mrs. J. M. Ward, if the chimes are repaired by Friday.

Mrs. Henry Griffin is leader for the service at the Church of the Advent. Mrs. Nora Cherry Slade will conduct the service at Williams' Chapel A. M. E. Zion.

The offerings will be used in the work among foreign students in American colleges, in colleges in oriental countries, to distribute Christian literature in foreign lands, in work with American Indians, share-croppers and agricultural migrants.

## TRAVELER

Mr. Robert Rawls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rawls of Bear Grass, sailed Wednesday, February 15, from Brooklyn, New York for a trip to Naples, Italy. He expects to return about April 15.

Mr. Rawls, who holds a civil service position, has made several trips overseas, including six trips to Japan and seven trips to Germany.

## Open First Aid Station Tuesday

The Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross will open an emergency first aid station at the WANI Highway Patrol Radio headquarters near here next Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Colonel C. R. Tolar of the patrol and Jeff B. Wilson, director of the State Highway Safety Division, will attend the formal opening along with Red Cross workers and others, including patrolmen. The public is invited.

All members of the patrol are now qualified to render first aid in emergencies, and the Red Cross chapter is equipping the station with first aid kits and other materials.

The chapter is in need of several army blankets, and anyone having a surplus blanket is asked to contact the secretary, Mrs. Edna L. Bondurant at the office in the City Hall or Chapter Chair-

## Perry Infant Dies In Hospital Here

The one-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon A. Perry, Jr., died in the local hospital early last Tuesday morning.

Last rites were conducted that afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the Gurkin Cemetery at Lilley's Hall in Griffins Township. The mother is the former Miss Daisy Maude Lilley of Griffins Township.

## Hassell Observing World Prayer Day

The annual World Day of Prayer will be observed at Hassell Christian Church Friday afternoon at 3:30. The Everetts and Oak City groups are participating in this program.

The program will be brief, but rich in thought and fellowship. The public is cordially invited, Rev. Olin Fox, the pastor, announced.

## Top Rate Pictures Booked By Theaters

Local theaters currently are showing quite a few of the top rate pictures, their schedules following closely the releases in the large cities.

Early this week four-star pictures were on the screens at the Watts and Viccar Theaters, and other widely acclaimed films are booked, including "Battle Ground" at the Viccar, beginning Sunday,

## New Schedule Of Fines Tentatively Adopted By Court

### Eleven Speeders Get By With Costs In County Court Last Monday

Eleven speed law violators, carried into the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday, got away by paying only the costs, but it has been pointed out that the court still holds no brief for speeding and that the levying of fines is still discretionary. However, since the court costs in speeding cases are fixed by statute at \$22.05 in this county and since those costs appear to some to be unusually high, the court has unofficially announced a new schedule of fines.

Motorists cited to the court for speeding between 55 and 65 miles an hour will be required to pay only the \$22.05 costs. Those clocked at a speed between 65 and 70 miles an hour will be subject to a \$15, plus costs. Speeders in the 70-to-75 miles bracket are subject to a \$25 fine and costs. The fine is fixed at \$50, plus costs, for speeders clocked between 75 and 80 miles per hour. Speeders caught traveling faster than 80 miles an hour are subject to a \$100 fine, plus costs.

It is also pointed out that drivers exceeding certain speeds are subject to lose their operators' licenses when carried into court.

There were eleven defendants in speed law cases before the court last Monday, and all of them were required to pay only the costs.

Most of the defendants pleaded guilty, and those who maintained innocence were found guilty. The names of the defendants include: Jos. E. Andrews, Arthur J. Edwards, Wm. S. Taylor, E. R. Woolard, L. R. Taylor, Guss Overton, Lewis Syverheimer, J. R. Vastine, Wm. Papas, Maurice H. Barber and Gradis Hines.

## Makes Perfect Scholastic Record In New Mexico

Warren B. Pope, son of Mr. John E. Pope of Williamston, was one of thirteen graduate students at New Mexico A & M to make a perfect scholastic record during the fall semester recently ended, it was announced this week by

## Judge Moore Dies Suddenly at Home In Winston-Salem

### Funeral In Church of the Advent Here Saturday For Town Native

Judge Clayton Moore, Williamston native and former North Carolina superior court judge, died suddenly at his home in Winston-Salem this morning. Few details of his death could be learned here immediately, but one report said he had been suffering with an incurable ailment, that the family learned of his illness through a note.

The son of the late James Edwin and Jane Sykes Moore, he was born in Williamston 61 years ago on April 29, 1888. After attending the local schools he studied law at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Receiving his degree there, he returned to Williamston and practiced law until he went on the superior court bench in 1927. During the meantime he represented Martin County in the State House of Representatives and the second district in the State Senate several terms. He figured prominently in civic, political and religious affairs in the county and section, serving on the Vestry of the Church of the Advent here for a number of years and as county attorney for several terms.

Always maintaining close touch with his home town, Judge Moore on his last visit here a few days before last Christmas told friends that he looked forward to his retirement from business and his return to Williamston in about three years.

Resigning his seat on the superior court bench in 1936, he went with the legal department of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Winston-Salem that fall, and moved his family there in May, 1937. During his residence there he figured prominently in the affairs of his adopted city, and rose to the top of the company's legal staff.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Jennie Swanner of Washington. Surviving besides Mrs. Moore are three children, a son, Clayton Moore, Jr., of Winston-Salem.

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## 4-H Council In Meeting Monday

The regular meeting of the 4-H County Council was held Monday evening in the American Legion Hut here. The program was given by the 4-H Clubs from Farm Life and Jamesville, and was appropriate to the month of February. The council voted to put a display in the window of the employment office during National 4-H Club week, March 4-12. The theme of the display will be safety. The council also voted to put a sign on highways seventeen and sixty-four welcoming tourists or visitors to Martin County on behalf of the 4-H Clubs. After a recreational period refreshments were served.

## FREAK STORM

Sweeping out of the west, a freakish wind storm caused right much damage in this area shortly after 8:00 o'clock this morning.

A complete report could not be had immediately, but an out-of-state car was blown off the highway near the river, and a garage belonging to Geo. Harris, Sr., was blown down on East Main Street. On Grace Street, chimneys were blown off even with the roof on the Gurganus and Roberson homes, and Hoke Roberson's tin garage was blown off its foundation, the roof flying into the yards of Herbert Whitley and Chas. Manning. One piece of tin went several blocks. Chimneys also were blown from the B. A. Critcher and H. E. Harrington homes on Watts Street, and the B. S. Courtney garage on School Drive was damaged, locking the car in the building.

Many tree limbs were torn away during the ten-minute

## Reports Say Bridge Over Chowan Will Be Rebuilt

The Chowan River bridge, closed to heavy traffic for months, is to be rebuilt, according to unofficial but reliable reports reaching here. Detailed information could not be had immediately as to dates and traffic routing during the construction period, but action is expected shortly and it is likely that through traffic, at least will be rerouted.

The reports indicate that the battered old bridge will be made into a modern structure.

It is estimated that the two approaches which include everything except the draw span will cost right at \$930,000. The draw span will cost \$250,000, it is estimated, a report stating that the

federal government will share in the cost on a fifty-fifty basis.

The bridge, now hardly wide enough for vehicles to pass on the bridges, is to be 24 or 26 feet wide. It is to have a concrete deck.

It is likely that most of the concrete piling under the present bridge can be used, but that additional ones will have to be driven to take care of the increased width. The old wood deck will be ripped away.

Highway engineers were about to close the bridge to all traffic some months ago, but detailed inspections showed that it was safe for light traffic. Some of the concrete piles were rotting away at the water line, but repairs were made to check deterioration.

## Call For North End Annexation Election

### Delegation Points Out That Proposal Will Be Defeated

#### Officials Say Vote Advisable "In Case Something Should Come Up Later"

Residents in that section lying just outside the northern limits of Williamston are to vote in a special election on the proposal to include that area as a part of the town, the arrangements and date for the election to be determined by the Martin County Board of Elections.

In special meeting of the town officials last Monday night it was decided to call the election, one of the commissioners explaining that it possibly would be advisable "to get a record vote in case something should come up later." The official did not elaborate on his statement, and its full purport or meaning was not revealed.

It is now fairly well understood that the town is not trying to high pressure any group to gain support for the annexation plan. It is now fairly clear that the officials contemplate a progressive program and that they want to know if the areas just outside the present limits care to participate.

While the meeting Monday night had no direct bearing on the outcome of the annexation plan, a fairly large delegation appeared before the commissioners. Several of the group, while voicing no opposition to calling an election, declared that such action would be useless and a waste of money. One delegate suggested that 99 percent of the people in the area would oppose the annexation plan.

"We don't want to pay any more taxes," Delegate Perry pointed out. There was no discussion of other features or problems during the meeting, and the commissioners said they would not inject any issues into the proposal, that if that was the way the people wanted it, there would be no high-powered salesmanship applied, that they would let things take their course.

It was reported that some of those in the delegation appearing before the last Monday night meeting favored annexation, but they made no comment, all agreeing that an election would be the proper way to settle the matter fairly.

At the moment there is no chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, but the town officials are planning to contact one of the two or both the present members of the election board and ask them to go ahead with the arrangements for holding the election. Notice of registration must be given thirty days before the books are opened. The registration is to be limited to those citizens living within the affected area. It is possible that a vote can hardly be arranged within the next two and one-half or three months.

West End, where a similar pro-

## DIES SUDDENLY



Judge Clayton Moore, Williamston native, died suddenly in Winston-Salem this morning at 8:00 o'clock. Funeral services will be conducted in the Episcopal church here Saturday.

## Child Is Fatally Burned at Home

Shelia G. James, four-year-old daughter of Joseph and Lucy Hooker James, was fatally burned at her home here on East Main Street last Thursday, dying about ten hours later in a Washington hospital. Although most of her clothing and hair on her head were burned away, the little girl remained conscious until a few minutes before she died, friends stating that she called to her daddy almost until the end.

Taking a chair, the child climbed to a shelf, got a box of matches and was in the living room while her mother was attending to another child in the kitchen. The mother called and Shelia said she would join them. A few seconds later the child ran to the mother, her clothing and hair in flames. The mother burned her hands badly trying to beat out the fire.

A few days before the tragedy, the mother had reprimanded her daughter for playing with matches and firing a lamp shade.

The child's death was the second of three reported in the family in recent weeks. The father's son by a former marriage, died in a New York hospital a few weeks ago, and James' mother, Mary

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## Booked For Not Dimming Lights

O. D. Woolard, young man, was taxed with \$5.85 costs when he appeared in Justice R. T. Johnson's court here Tuesday night on a charge of failing to dim his car lights.

While it is unlawful not to dim vehicle lights when meeting vehicles, quite a large number fail to obey the law. Possibly some are unmindful of the small obligation to the safety of others and the mandates of the law, while

## Plans Go Forward For Annual Fund Drive In County

### Quotas Assigned In Martin County Chapter

Plans are just about complete for launching the annual Red Cross fund drive in the Martin County Chapter on Wednesday of next week. Chairman G. G. Woolard announced this morning. Township chairmen are being contacted today, and an appeal is being directed to all the people to get behind the movement and help reach the \$2,372 goal without delay.

The five townships comprising the chapter are being asked to raise the following amounts: Jamesville, \$250; Williams, \$50; Griffins, \$250; Bear Grass, \$250; Williamston \$1,612; and the colored citizens in all five townships, \$460.

While the organization has done no work of a sensational nature such as disaster relief in this county during the past few years, it has assisted many individuals in various ways, and the national organization has handled an effective work in disaster areas during the past year. In fact, the national treasury has just about been depleted in meeting needs of disaster victims in almost half the states during the past year.

Only last year the organization spent several thousand dollars aiding the victims of a tornado in Johnston County. It was reported that Johnston had not met its quota in the past two years, but that the people there recognize the value of such an organization and that the current quota of \$14,000 will be more than subscribed.

Mecklenburg County has a goal of more than \$100,000, while the quota in this chapter is among the smallest in the State.

Sunday will be Red Cross Day in the various churches, and ministers are being asked to appeal to their congregations for support of the fund drive.

Chairman Woolard will announce his township chairmen and canvassers within the next day or two, and the public is being asked to support them in every way possible.

## Youth Meeting In Church Here

Sunday evening, Feb. 26, at 6:00 o'clock, Rev. C. F. Hirsch will be at the Williamston Methodist church to talk on, "Boy and Girl Friendships." There will also be a discussion period in which the boys and girls may ask questions.

Every young person in town from the age of 15 to 23 who is not in a youth meeting at that hour is invited to be present.

Rev. Mr. Hirsch is a very young man himself and is fully aware of the problems of youth and wholly sympathetic with them.

The youth center will be open this week on Friday evening from 8:00 to 11:00; Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 (for children); Saturday evening 8:00 to 11:00; Sunday evening from 9:00 to 10:30 o'clock.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways are gradually aggravating the accident record as compared with the cold facts and recordings of a year ago. The record is being aggravated in every one but one of the four columns, and in that instance the score is even at zero.

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.

7th Week				
Year	Week	Accidents	Inj'd	Killed
1950	3	4	0	\$ 800
1949	3	2	0	500
Comparisons To Date				
1950	22	11	0	\$ 3,300
1949	19	7	0	\$ 2,100