

Tried Thirty-One Cases Monday In Recorder's Court

Fines Add Up To \$415 At Long Session of The County Tribunal

Remaining in session until late afternoon, the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday handled thirty-one cases and imposed fines in the sum of \$415. Comparatively few spectators were on hand for the proceedings. Judge Chas. H. Manning presided and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson prosecuted the docket.

Two jury cases, scheduled for trial in the court next Monday, were continued until July 3 when it was learned that the defense attorney could not be in court that day. N. Russell Everett of Pitt County and Aaron Council, charged with drunken driving, had called for jury trials.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Aaron Brown of Pitt County, was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and lost his driver's license for a year.

Charged with speeding along at 68 miles per hour, Jos. Shanes of Norfolk was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Adjudged guilty over his own plea of innocence, Walter Wilson Knight was fined \$25 and required to pay the costs for an assault. He appealed.

Charged with drunken driving, Grady Joseph Whitaker pleaded not guilty and was found not guilty.

Manuel Edward Harris, charged with violating the liquor laws, was fined \$50, plus costs. Pleading guilty of issuing two worthless checks, George Bryant was ordered to pay the costs and the amount of the checks. The 60-day road sentence imposed in each case was suspended.

Dora Williams was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs for an assault. She pleaded not guilty and was about to prove her case when a defense witness slipped and said she saw the defendant attack her victim with a pop bottle.

Charged with an assault, Chapman Doughty pleaded not guilty, and his son, Joe, pleaded guilty. Adjudged guilty, the father was taxed with one-half of the court costs, and the son was fined \$25, plus one-half the costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Spencer Pippen Bass of Charlottesville, Va., was charged with speeding.

George Phelps was required to pay the costs in the case charging him with speeding. "It is like taking food out of the children's mouths," Phelps was quoted as saying.

Judgment was suspended upon (Continued on page eight)

County's Champion Hog Raisers Take Top Honors In Show



Pictured above are Martin County's champion hog raisers, the two young men taking top honors in the recent fat stock show. They are, left, Darrell Manning, 4-H club member and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Manning of Grif-



fins Township, and Robert Everett of Robersonville. They took top honors with a pen of one in the club and adult competition.

Town Of Everetts Invaded By Robbers Wednesday Morning

Record Registration For Primary Election May 27

A record registration was chalked up in this county during the last three Saturday when an estimated 800 new names were placed on the books, the owners keenly anticipating participation in the primary election on Saturday of next week. Complete reports on the registration could not be had, but registrars in ten of the county's thirteen election precincts reported 708 new names were added to the registration list. It is estimated that the other three precincts handled 100 or more names. It is now conservatively estimated that the names of 7,600 electors are on the registration books in this county.

While there was no concerted drive to boost the number of electors, the large registration during the recent period is traceable to the sheriff's race. Quite a few of the new electors voluntarily said they had been asked to register,

BANK HOLIDAY

Mecklenburg Independence Day will be observed by the banks as a holiday on Saturday of this week. No other business firms or offices will observe the day as a holiday. The banks along with a few other business houses observed May 10, Confederate Memorial Day, as a holiday. The banks will observe their third holiday of the month on May 30, National Memorial Day, when all federal offices will be closed.

Truck Goes Off Road In County

A two-ton GMC truck went out of control, ran off Highway 17 about two miles this side of the Beaufort County line last Monday night at 10:30 o'clock and turned over, hurting no one and causing about \$100 property damage, Patrolman M. F. Powers, the investigating officer, said.

Edgar Nichols Mayo of Lowland, N. C., was driving. The truck, running between 35 and 40 miles an hour, went off the left side of the highway and traveled on the shoulder about 150 feet before turning over on its side. Mayo was accompanied by his wife.

Seven Cases In Justice Courts

Seven cases were heard in local justice of the peace courts during the past few days.

Arthur Nicholson, charged with public drunkenness, was taxed \$6.50 costs in Justice John L. Hassell's court.

In Justice Chas. R. Mobley's court, the following cases were tried:

Jesse Outerbridge, charged with carnal knowledge of a female over twelve and under sixteen years of age, was bound over to the superior court for trial during the one-week term opening on June 19. Bond, fixed in the sum of \$500.

Operating a motor vehicle with improper lights Lorenzo Williams was taxed with \$5.85 costs and directed to have his lights fixed. Drunk and disorderly, Clyde Silverthorne was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the justice suspending sentence for twelve months upon the payment of \$6.85 costs.

In Justice R. T. Johnson's court, (Continued on page six)

J. E. King Reported Improving In Hospital

Entering Duke Hospital last Friday, Mr. J. E. King was reported last evening to be improving, and that he was expected to be able to leave the hospital soon.

Goods, Valued At \$800, Stolen From Four Stores There

County Officers And SBI Agents Working On Slim Leads

Robbers, believed to have been traveling in two groups, invaded Everetts between midnight and 3:00 o'clock yesterday morning and hauled away from four places of business merchandise valued at approximately \$800. The robbers, after raiding four stores, apparently were frightened away when they tried to force their way into Taylor Brothers' Filling station.

Discovering the robberies about 6:00 o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. Buck Ayers notified Sheriff Buck Holloman and all county officers along with State Bureau of Investigation agents went to work on the aggravated case. Only slim leads had been established early today, one report stating that while a few finger prints were found it is thought that the robbers wore gloves.

Reviewing the robberies, Sheriff Holloman said that the robbers went to Harry Hardy's grocery-market, knocked a panel out of the back door, reached in and removed a boiled ham, taken from the meat case, twenty cartons of cigarettes, half dozen cigarette lighters, a card of combs, eight pipes with straight and crooked stems, all valued at \$150.

Using a key or picking the lock, the robbers entered the front door of Louis Wynne's grocery-soda shop and carried away forty cartons of cigarettes, a card of cigarette holders, a card of ball point fountain pens, a card of lipstick, card of ball point flashlights, Jergens lotion and other toilet articles, valued at about \$150, not including approximately 1,200 pennies taken from a cabinet behind the counter.

Ripping the hinges of the front door, the raiders entered Ayers' Mercantile store. Missing were fifty Esquire neckties, two dozen "Town Topic" sport shirts in small and large sizes, a dozen pair of men's and boys' dress pants in blue and brown colors, two dozen blue washable pants, sizes 29 to 42 and with a stock number of 143, twenty to thirty cartons of cigarettes, half-dozen boys' yellow bathing trunks, and about \$4 in cash from a cash register. The iron safe, its main door left unlocked, was damaged when the robbers forced open the (Continued on page eight)

Speaks In Behalf Of Frank Graham For U. S. Senate

Outlines Reasons Why Graham Should Be Returned To Washington

Mrs. Everett Blake, prominent church worker and club leader in Wilson, addressed a women's meeting in the interest of Frank P. Graham's candidacy for the United States Senate in the Woman's Club Hall here yesterday afternoon. Approximately thirty-five women leaders from all sections of the county were present, along with several men.

Mrs. Blake, pinch-hitting for Mrs. C. W. Tillett who had a conflicting appointment in Sampson County, ably and appealingly outlined reasons why Frank P. Graham should be returned to the United States Senate.

"In our religious circles women have prayed for men who could and would work for peace. We have such a man in Frank Graham," Mrs. Blake said, reviewing his work for the masses, for his State and Nation, and his accomplishments along the road to peace in Indonesia.

"He (Graham) has spent his life in the service of his fellow man, working for better health conditions, education, better roads, working conditions, enriched lives in the towns, suburbs and farm, for fair farm prices, and a greater spiritual heritage," Mrs. Blake pointed out, adding that she could not understand why he should be so bitterly opposed. She explained that the charges directed against him were unfounded, that members of the President's Civil Rights Committee, including Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and Bishop Henry Sherrill of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, had explained that Senator Frank P. Graham "stubbornly" opposed FEPC legislation.

Mrs. Blake's brief talk was well received.

A complete list of all those attending could not be had, but among those present were the following:

- Mrs. Leggett Roebuck and Mrs. Ernest C. Edmondson of Hassell; Mrs. D. B. Harrison, Miss Hattie Everett, Mrs. E. T. Smith, Mrs. Henry Early and Mrs. Vannoy Smith of Palmyra; Mrs. R. A. Haislip of Oak City; Mrs. Marvin Leggett and Mrs. Archie T. Coltrain of Jamesville; Mrs. C. Abram Roberson, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Sr., Mrs. Irving L. Smith, Mrs. C. R. Gray, Mrs. I. M. Little, Mrs. V. A. Ward, Sr. and Mrs. C. L. Wil-son of Robersonville; Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Sr., Mrs. Leslie Fowden, Sr., Mrs. George Peele, Mrs. W. O. Abbott, Mrs. Herbert Taylor, Mrs. R. P. Hawes, Mrs. Joel Muse, Mrs. N. C. Green, Mrs. C. A. Harrison, Mrs. Connie B. Clark, Mrs. Irving Margolis, Mrs. F. M. Manning, Mrs. R. H. Clay.

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Unable To Speak Here Next Week

Tentatively scheduled to speak in the courthouse here next week in behalf of Frank P. Graham's candidacy for the United States Senate, the Honorable Cameron Morrison, former governor and United States Senator, said yesterday that he would be unable to return to this county, stating that the serious illness of Mrs. Morrison would not permit him to leave home just now.

"There's no place on earth I'd rather go than Martin County where the people have a noble record for supporting and living by Democracy," Mr. Morrison said. "I consider it a great honor to be invited to Martin County to speak in behalf of one of the greatest men this State has ever produced, but Mrs. Morrison's illness makes it imperative that I remain at home," the old Democratic Party warhorse said.

"Knowing the noble record Martin County has builded, I feel certain a great victory will be chalked up for Frank Graham on May 27," Mr. Morrison said, adding that they had the Smith forces definitely on the run down his way, and that a Graham victory is assured.

Transplant Most Of Leaf Crop In County

DEDICATION

Marking another milestone in their progressive march, Hamilton Baptists will dedicate their new educational building in a special service Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. E. R. Stewart, announces. The building, completed in 1949, is a two-story brick structure, providing thirteen additional rooms.

Rev. C. W. Bazemore of Scotland Neck, Roanoke Association missionary, will deliver the special message. A program of special music and fellowship is being arranged, and dinner will be served on the grounds. The pastor and members are extending a cordial invitation to the public and a large crowd is expected for the special service.

Report Series Of Road Wrecks In County Recently

No One Is Badly Hurt But Property Damage Is In Excess Of \$1,500

No one was badly hurt but property damage exceeded \$1,500 in a series of automobile accidents on Williamston streets and Martin County highways Tuesday and early yesterday morning. No charges were preferred in any of the cases, the drivers accepting responsibility in at least two instances.

Rachel, infant daughter of Petty Officer and Mrs. Harry J. Smiley, 327 Ward Avenue, Norfolk, was bruised but apparently not badly hurt, in an automobile accident on Haughton Street at the Washington Street intersection here about 5:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Betsy Horton, driving her father's Buick south on the street, stopped when traffic stalled ahead of her. Smiley, driving a 1947 Ford, driving in the same direction apparently failed to see the traffic jam and ran into the back of the Buick, causing about \$250 damage to his car and about \$25 damage to the Buick, according to Officer Chas. R. Moore who made the investigation.

At 8:20 Tuesday evening, James Franklin Smith of Cantonville, Maryland, ditched his 1947 Nash sedan at the intersection of Highway 17 and the road leading into Griffins Township at the Old Mill Inn, doing about \$900 damage to the machine. Smith, 42, had the knuckles on one hand skinned just a bit. Driving about 55 miles an hour, Smith was following another car traveling north. Carlyle Stallings, Jamesville man, parked at Coltrain's station, started to drive into the highway but waited for the first car to pass. Thinking the road was clear, Stallings then drove into the road and seeing the car, continued across to the right shoulder.

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Dr. W. C. Mercer Continues Ill In Rocky Mt. Hospital

Suffering an attack while in his office here last Monday afternoon, Dr. W. C. Mercer, local dentist, was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital by ambulance a short time later. Reports from the hospital this morning stated that he continues quite ill, that he was not responding to treatment as well as it had been hoped for.

Firemen Called Out Here Late Last Night

Volunteer firemen were called out here at 10:15 o'clock last evening when an oil stove went out of control and threatened the Sam Williams home on South Sycamore Street.

Throwing a wet blanket over the stove, members of the family carried the stove out and damage was negligible, it was reported.

Black Shank Seen In Several Fields In Martin County

Crop Looking Well Despite Disease and Worms In Some Sections

Overcoming one of the worst plant shortages in fifty years, Martin County farmers by the end of the week will have transplanted more than 95 percent of their tobacco crop, according to reports coming from nearly every neighborhood in the ten townships. A few farmers, delaying a delaying action so as to get plants from their own beds or those of neighbors and other friends nearby, are expected to complete the task in its entirety the early part of next week. If the planned schedule can be maintained, this county will have licked the plant shortage and completed the transplanting task ahead of a normal schedule. Farmers are known to have transplanted tobacco in this county as late as the middle of June.

Crop conditions, as a whole, have been favorable, but there have been drawbacks and obstacles to overcome in addition to the plant shortage. Quite a few farmers went ahead with the transplanting when the soil was mighty wet, possibly too wet. Wire worms have invaded fields in some areas, but black shank is said to be causing serious concern in some areas. Following behind the wire worm, farmers have found it reasonably easy to repair the damage of the pest, one farmer stating that he used less than a potato basket of plants to re-set his crop of six acres.

Black shank has popped up in possibly half of the townships in the county. The disease struck the plants in one bed in Bear Grass before any were transferred to the fields. A farmer, finding the disease in his crop, plowed it all up in Robersonville Township, and went looking for the disease resistant plants. A farmer in Popular Point reported the disease affecting as many as four to six small stalks in a row on his farm. Fearful of the disease, a few farmers delayed transplanting until they could heavy rains early in the week blocked cultivation and the crop along with corn is getting grassy. Pennant plantings are being delayed, and farm work in general is running behind schedule as far as cultivation is concerned.

Everetts P.-T. A. Officers Elected

Meeting last Tuesday evening, members of the Everetts Parents-Teachers Association elected officers for the 1950-51 term, as follows:

Mrs. George Whitehurst, president; Marion Griffin, vice president; Mrs. Edith Martin, secretary; Mrs. Allie James, treasurer. The principal announces that the following teachers plan to attend summer school: G. S. McRorie at Columbia University, New York; Mrs. Marjorie James, Mrs. Beatrice James, Mrs. Josephine Bullock, Mrs. Allie James and Mrs. Margaret Roberson at E. C. T. C. Greenville.

SCHEDULE

Principal B. G. Stewart today announced the schedule of commencement events in the local high school: Class Night, Friday, May 26; Commencement sermon, Sunday, May 28, 8:00 p. m.; Awards Day program, Monday, May 29, 10:00 a. m.; Graduation exercises, Monday, May 29, 8:00 p. m. Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor of First Methodist Church, Wilson, is to deliver the commencement address.