

Thirty-One Cases Heard Monday In The County Court

Several Get Time on Roads; Fines Imposed Amounted To Over \$300

Thirty-one cases were cleared from the docket in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when the tribunal was in session until about 4:00 o'clock. Several defendants received road sentences and fines, imposed during the long session, amounted to \$330.

Alleged to have deserted his wife and three children, James Roy Moore was picked up when he rode down from Brooklyn in a new 1950 Buick car. He pleaded not guilty when charged with non-support. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for two years. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$40 a month for the support of his family during the next two years.

Charged with drunken driving, Nathaniel Augustus Mobley was found not guilty.

Final judgment was entered in the case in which Albert Williams was charged with drunken driving. The defendant paid a \$100 fine and the costs.

Pleading guilty of an assault, Willie Frank Dean was fined \$5, plus costs.

Charged with bastardy, Haywood Harris pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$10 a month for the support of his child during the next two years.

Pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Paul Manning was found guilty of simple assault and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Melvin Ward with assaulting a female.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Johnnie Matthews Williams pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the road for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$15 fine and costs. He is to remain sober for two years.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Johnnie Godard was charged with assaulting a female.

Pleading guilty of careless driving, Ben Long Stevenson was fined \$10, plus costs.

Entering a plea of not guilty, Henry William Bowen was adjudged guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus costs.

Anna Woolard pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws and was sentenced to Woman's Prison, Raleigh, for six months, the court suspending the prison term upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. She is not to violate any liquor law during the next five years.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Lee Andrew Hardison with failing to report a motor vehicle accident.

William Henry Harrison, charged with careless and reckless driving, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence is to begin at the expiration of a two-year term imposed in Pitt County where he was convicted of stealing an automobile some time ago.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging David Stancill with an assault with a deadly weapon. Stancill, pleading not guilty, was

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Marriage Licenses Issued In County

Marriage licenses were issued in this county during the past few days to the following:

Simon E. Perry, Jr., and Mildred Moore of Williamston; David Rhodes Rogerson and Polly Rachel Peele of Williamston; Joseph E. Wynn and Emma Jean Bowen, both of Williamston; and David Brown and Edna Strickland, both of Robersonville.

Tobacco Sales Near Four Million Mark

Average Of \$57.05 Reported For The First Twelve Days

J. P. Taylor Company Back On Market After One-Day Absence

Tobacco continues to bring the high dollar on the Williamston market, late figures showing that the price average is holding above the \$57. per hundred-pound figure and that daily averages are holding firm.

The market Tuesday sold 304,638 pounds for an official average of \$58.15. Sales yesterday amounted to 283,584 pounds and the official average was \$57.40. More inferior tobacco was on the sale yesterday, accounting for the slight variation in the average price figure.

Through yesterday the market had sold 3,580,364 pounds for \$2,042,770.21, or an average price of \$57.05. At the close of the sales today the poundage will fall under the four million mark by a little more than 100,000 pounds. The market will go over the four million figure early Friday morning, reports from Sales Supervisor Paul Page state.

The J. P. Taylor Company, the large independent buyer, was not on the market here or any of the others in the belt Tuesday. Buyer Thomas was missed, but the day's average held firm, and things were sailing high and fast when the selling organization was restored to its capacity yesterday. The Taylor company reported that tobacco was accumulating so rapidly at its plants that it could not be handled, that much of the tobacco is damaging. With a day's holiday and the reduced selling time the glut is being eased.

It could not be learned when the five and one-half-hour selling period would be restored.

Farmers do not agree on the amount of tobacco that has been marketed. Some say it is about

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Reopening Cancer Detection Center

Dr. C. W. Bailey, chairman of the public relations committee for the Edgecombe-Nash Medical Society, today announced that the regular weekly Cancer Detection and Diagnostic Clinics would be resumed Wednesday, September 6, 1950; after being suspended during the month of August.

These clinics will be held each Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 p. m. to 3:00 p. m. on the second floor of the Municipal Building. Registrations are held on Wednesday morning. These clinics are being held by the Edgecombe-Nash County Medical Society, in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Residents of this section of North Carolina are urged to attend these clinics. Those persons living beyond 20 miles from Rocky Mount can secure priorities by writing to the Cancer Control Center, Municipal Building, Rocky Mount, N. C., which will assure them of an examination the day they attend. All persons 40 years of age and over are eligible to attend this clinic without charge.

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DELINQUENTS

Five Martin County young men were announced delinquent by the draft board this week, one report stating that their names are being turned over to the District Attorney General's office for investigation. Some of the men have been delinquent since February of last year.

The names of those listed as delinquent are: Willie Lee Williams, Octavius Robertson, Lester Williams, William Berry and Willie Crandall, Jr. The young men can save themselves serious trouble by contacting the Martin County Draft Board office immediately.

Wm. Henry White Died At His Home Early Wednesday

Funeral At Macedonia This Afternoon For Retired Farmer-Merchant

William Henry White, retired farmer-merchant and well known county citizen, died at his home in Bear Grass Township at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. He had suffered heart trouble for almost two years and his condition had been critical for about one week.

The son of the late John Robert and Fannie Lassiter White, he was born in Bear Grass Township 58 years ago on September 28, 1891, and spent most of his life there on the farm. In later years he engaged in the mercantile business.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Flossie Velma Peaks; one daughter, Mrs. Claufia Rawls of Bear Grass; two sons, William Henry Rawls, Jr., of Bear Grass, and William Ronald White of Princeton, N. C.; three brothers, Albert, Lonnie and Johnny White all of Danville, Virginia; three sisters, Mrs. Mamie Wobblenton of Williamston, Mrs. Hattie Robertson of Danville, and Mrs. Annie Ayers of Bear Grass Township.

Mr. White was a member of the Church of Macedonia for a number of years and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Funeral services are being conducted at the church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. P. E. Clayton of Edenton, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Enrollment About Same In Schools

Opening-day enrollment figures in the local schools yesterday held to about the same level reported a year ago, according to a report released by Principal B. G. Stewart. The count this year was only thirteen larger than it was at the beginning of the 1949-50 term.

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Sixty County Men To Report Monday For Examinations

Two Bus Loads Scheduled To Leave Here For Center at Fayetteville

Sixty Martin County young men are scheduled to report here Monday morning for a trip to an Army receiving station in Fayetteville where they will be given physical examinations. Leaving here at 7:00 o'clock that morning, the registrants are slated to undergo the examinations and return that evening.

It is possible that a few out of the city will ask for transfers at the last minutes, meaning they will go to a receiving station from another section later.

No detailed information could be gained about the registrants slated to report to the center next Monday. It is believed, however, that about two-thirds of them are young white men. It is also believed that about five out of six have reported for physical examinations on previous occasions. Several of the group are known to have served in the armed forces since 1946, but they are subject to recall since they served less than twelve months.

While most of those called to report come from the 24- and 25-year-old groups it is understood that several 22-year-old men are being included in the first contingent to move out of this county in about five years.

Ten-Year Period Personal Savings

Americans since 1943 have been saving a smaller percentage of their income, the last reports available showing that in 1949 only 2.2 cents were saved out of each dollar of disposable personal income.

In 1940, the American people saved 4.3 billions of dollars out of a personal income of 75.5 billions. In 1941, the savings amounted to 10.2 billions, or about 11 percent of the personal income for that year. The savings peak was reached in 1943 when 39.1 billions of dollars were saved out of a total personal income of 132.4 billions, the savings ratio running up to 29.5 percent.

Last year there was a personal income of 191.2 billions, but the people saved only 4.3 billions, or a mere 2.2 percent and the amount saved in 1940.

POSTPONED

A special meeting of Martin County's young democrats, scheduled in the courthouse last evening, was postponed when the "youngsters" failed to show up and establish an operating quorum. Five faithful followers or leaders in the party were at the meeting, and they decided to call another session for next Monday night at 7:30 in the courthouse.

All young democrats are invited to attend the meeting and participate in the business program, including the election of officers and delegates to the State meeting in Asheville the latter part of next week.

County Farm Bureau Opens Annual Membership Drive

Meeting in the county courthouse recently, farm leaders, including a number of women, formulated plans for advancing the annual Farm Bureau membership drive.

Alonza Edwards, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, and John I. Eagles, former assistant farm agent in this county and now field representative of the organization, briefly addressed the meeting, pointing out the accomplishments of the federation and the need for a strong organization.

Signing up more than 2,300 members last year, this county is being asked to sign up only 2,000 members this season. The drive is on with most of the old canvassers on the job with several new ones. Heading the drive are, C. L. Daniel, Mayo Hardison, Lester Bryant, D. V. Clayton, Reuben Everett, S. T. Everett, Geo. Griffin, E. V. and E. T. Smith, Dewey Edmonson, Marion Griffin, Garland Forbes, J. B. Whitfield, E. H. Harrell, Elmer Modlin, J. B. Everett and Mrs. Johnny Gurkin. Others unable to attend the meeting pledged their efforts and success for the drive is predicted.

For the first time since it was organized back in the thirties, the organization is to have a women's division in this county. Mrs. Johnny Gurkin was named president at the recent meeting and Miss Elizabeth Parker is serving as temporary secretary.

To Close Registration Books Saturday For Bond Election

Establish Lead In Filling Station Safe Robbery Case

While no formal charges have been preferred against any one, Sheriff M. W. Holloman said last night that a lead had been established in the Mobley and Highsmith filling station robbery case near Robersonville. Five colored men have been arrested for questioning, the officer reporting that fingerprints found on the station cash register were described as those belonging to W. B. Boyd, of Edgecombe County. Boyd is being held in the county jail.

Van R. Page, Junior Grimes and Irving Brady were carried to Raleigh yesterday afternoon where they were subjected to the lie detector test. A report last night at 9:30 o'clock said that the tests had not been completed and the results could not be obtained.

During the meantime officers questioned W. B. Boyd in the county jail. A lead was established when the cars of Page and Brady were seen operating near the filling station on the Robersonville-Stokes Highway last Saturday morning between 3:00 and 4:00 o'clock.

A small iron safe removed from the building and containing about \$100 in cash and checks, not to mention, accounts valued at several thousand dollars, has not been recovered.

Grimes was said this morning to have admitted taking the safe, but up until shortly before noon he had told few of the details.

BICYCLES

Bicycle traffic on the sidewalks in the business districts is developing into a big problem, according to Chief John Roebuck. It is unlawful for one to ride a bike on the sidewalk, but the officer says he hesitates to chase the little riders into the street. The only solution to the problem is for the riders to dismount and push their bikes, the officer explained.

Number Of Cases In Local Courts In Past Few Days

Fightin', Feudin' and Cuttin' Aired Before Justices of the Peace

Fightin', feudin' and cuttin' are back in style according to reports coming from local justice of the peace courts. One defendant waded into a club here on Washington Street a short time ago and wielded a meaningful knife, ripping open one victim and cleaning house. Another defendant, starting out with a pitchfork, changed to a knife and scored bad gashes in his victim.

Another case, involving a family spat, blew up when the prosecuting witness backed water and would not testify against her husband. Justice R. T. Johnson handled the following cases:

Charged with operating a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the road and chasing other motorists off the highway, Robt. Andrews, Jr., was fined \$10, plus costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper licenses and a defective light, Elmer High Boyd was found not guilty on the first count. Adjudged guilty on the second count, he was taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Melvin Moran was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs for operating a truck with improper lights.

In the case charging Elijah

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Authorities Point Out The Need For System Expansion

Town Will Either Go Forward With Program or Backward Without It

Registration books for the special \$200,000 bond election on Wednesday, September 20 will close on Saturday of this week. It is not necessary for anyone who has voted in a town municipal election since 1921 to register again.

The registration, however, should not be confused with the general State registration. In other words one could have voted for county or State officers and would still be ineligible to vote in the bond election unless he participated in a town election or had his name on the town registration books.

Registrar John E. Pope said late yesterday that only three new names had been placed on the books since the registration period opened last week. Those who wish to participate in the bond election and are not certain their names are on the books will find it advisable to check with Registrar Pope at his office on Washington Street not later than Saturday of this week.

Those who have never registered for a town election and wish to vote in the September 20 election may get their names on the books by visiting the registrar's office not later than Saturday of this week. In their meeting this week, Williamston's town commissioners prepared an appeal to the people of the town, explaining in so many words that the town will either go forward with the proposed program or go backward without it. It has been pointed out that the need for an enlarged water and sewer line system is urgent. At the present time, raw sewage is being dumped into open ditches, and in numerous cases owners are having trouble with their septic tanks. Conditions as they now exist are creating a hazard, and the water storage capacity is dangerously inadequate.

A recent study of the town's bonded debt and the proposed improvement program with representatives of the North Carolina Local Government Commission shows that the \$200,000 bond issue will not call for an increase in ad valorem tax rate. The sewer rental fee will go a long way in meeting the bond costs, and the expanded system will add about one-third more customers, it was explained. At the same time the current bonded debt of less than \$197,000 gradually will be reduced.

It is estimated that the bonds can be sold for less than three percent, or about one-half the rate of interest most of the old bonds are bearing. When the present system was installed, it was designed to accommodate a town of 1,800 people. As late as 1933, the town was serving fewer than 300 water customers as compared with nearly 1,200 at present. Additions have been made to the system from time to time, but the plant itself has not been enlarged. Just recently the water system was pumping about one-third of a million gallons of water daily, most of it never finding time to get into the storage tank. In other words most of the water is being pumped from the ground directly to the users, and in case of an emergency the storage would prove inadequate and dangerous.

Thousands of dollars are spent each year, adding a few hundred feet to the water and sewer lines, but new master lines are now imperative if the service is to be made available to every home and business in town. The proposed program will meet every need of the town at present, but it will not care for any territory that might be added in the immediate future.

The matter has been given close study and it has been discussed with engineers, health authorities

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Minor Accident Near Everetts

No one was injured and damage was small when a truck skidded into the right side of the car driven by Miss Jean Mobley of Robersonville Monday afternoon at 6:00 about half mile west of Everetts.

Miss Mobley, driving a 1949 Mercury, had stopped on the highway to drop off some friends. A truck coming up behind attempted to stop. Miss Mobley swung her car over onto the shoulder on the right side of the highway. At the same time the truck swung over to the right shoulder in an attempt to avoid hitting the car. The truck hit the right side of the Mercury, denting a front fender.

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Town Board Holds Lengthy Meeting Tuesday Evening

Handle Routine Matters; Fix Police Salary Schedule; Discuss Bond Issue

Holding their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, the local town commissioners discussed various problems for about three hours before clearing the calendar.

In addition to preparing an appeal for support of the proposed water and sewer system expansion program, the authorities handled routine duties, fixed salary schedule for the police department personnel and handled a few other matters before adjourning at 11:00 o'clock.

The police department salary schedule allows \$60 a week for the chief, \$52.50 for the assistant, \$50 for patrolmen, and \$40 for the desk man. The salaries of only two members of the department were affected, the board upping the pay of those two from \$47.50 to \$50 a week to conform to the new schedule. The action was taken after a study of salary schedule in effect in other towns in this section, one report pointing out that the pay here was in line with that received by officers in other towns.

The town's inadequate water and sewer system supported new problems. Approximately 750 feet of additional water lines are to be laid from Sycamore Street down Wilson Street to form a loop in the system at Railroad and Pearl Streets or Railroad and Elm Streets. The territory is win out adequate fire protection, it was pointed out.

School signs were ordered placed at various street intersections, and parking only on one side of Smithwick Street near the tennis courts is to be allowed. To give the National Guard unit more room, the board ordered the old and unused pumping equipment in the municipal water plant building sold.

Jumping for the two parking spaces vacated by the city bus operators on Main and Washington Streets, local cabbies are to use the space temporarily. Following the more than two inches of rain that fell Monday afternoon, the town received a number of complaints about flood waters. A study is to be made of the problem, looking toward a solution.

A light is to be installed in the second block on Morrison Street along with three others, one on West Main at the railroad bridge and two in the new development just off Jamesville Road. Treasurer C. Marion Cobb reported

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More Hospitals For War Veterans

The Veterans Administration expects that six new hospitals will open their doors to veteran-patients by the end of September, setting a new record for activation of VA installations.

The new hospitals, totaling 1,450 beds, come at a time when they're particularly needed, the VA said. Recently, at the request of the Department of Defense, the VA stopped admissions of veterans to all Army hospitals within the United States, except for emergencies. The move, it was explained, was caused by the Army's need for more hospital beds due to the Korean situation.

The six new hospitals represent half of the dozen hospitals the VA expects to open before the end of the year. The remainder have a total of 2,075 beds.

In addition, it is expected that 20 new hospitals will be completed during 1951 and another six during 1952. Altogether, the VA has 55 new hospitals just opening or under contract for construction at the present time.

Two of the new hospitals will be in North Carolina. The 500-bed hospital at Durham, now under construction, is expected to be completed by September 1951. Construction also has begun on the 1,000-bed hospital at Salisbury which is slated for completion about January 1952.

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