

Thirty Cases In Recorder's Court Monday Morning

Judge Chas. Manning Long On Road Sentences This Week

In a session lasting until about 1:00 o'clock Monday, Judge Chas. H. Manning reached into the bag and pulled out a number of road sentences. In addition to the "time" sentences, fines were imposed in the amount of \$340.

Proceedings:
Continued and literally kicked around since last July 31, the assault charge against Harvey Lee Mooring was cleared from the calendar. The defendant was sentenced to the roads for three months, suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

Pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Nymphus James was adjudged guilty and drew six months on the roads.

Robert Jones, colored, was fined \$15, plus costs, for an assault with a deadly weapon. He pleaded not guilty but apparently could not support his plea.

Pleading guilty of non-support, Willie O. Person was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$12 a month for the support of his family. He is to reappear for further judgment the fourth Monday in October, 1951.

Caught twice in one day for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Eli Carr was doubly fined \$25 plus double costs.

Joe Lanier, charged with an attempted assault, pleaded guilty and drew sixty days on the roads.

Charged with assaults with deadly weapons, Mary Glenn Taylor and Flossie Whitehurst were adjudged not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Prim Sherrod with an assault.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Ernestine Williams was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the sentence to be suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Pleading not guilty, William Henry Bryant was found guilty of bastardy and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and \$3 a week for the support of his child.

Mildred Graham was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with violating the liquor laws and being publicly drunk, John Rawls, RFD 2, Williamston, was found guilty of being publicly drunk and was fined \$25, plus costs.

George Spruill pleaded guilty of bastardy and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$15 a month for the support of his child during the next two years.

Kelly Moore was fined \$25, plus costs, for being publicly drunk. He pleaded not guilty.

Charged with violating the liquor laws and being publicly drunk, Joe Bland was found not guilty.

James A. Warren appealed to the higher courts when he was fined \$50 for allegedly violating the liquor laws. Bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Raymond Albritton was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with the possession of (Continued on Page Eight)

LITTLE NOTICED

The United Nations' fifth anniversary was little noticed here last Tuesday. No program was planned and if there were any prayers, they were silent ones.

A lone United Nations flag waved from a short pole in the yard of the county agriculture building, but rain kept it inside most of the day. The American flag waved proudly along the main street, but alone.

Harvest Festival Queen



Crowned queen of Williamston's third annual Harvest Festival, Miss Jean Carol Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Griffin of Griffins, is pictured with Mr. A. Sweatt, executive director of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the event. The queen received a dinner ring and other gifts.

Tobacco Market To Close Next Tuesday

9,640,624 Pounds Are Sold Locally So Far This Year

Income More Than a Million Dollars Greater Than In 1949

Williamston's tobacco market will close the current season at the end of sales next Tuesday, October 31, it was announced by the Tobacco Board of Trade yesterday. And it goes without saying that the market is closing one of its best, if not the best, seasons in all its history.

After handling more than 100,000 pounds on Monday of this week, the market reported only small sales Tuesday and yesterday. The warehousemen explaining that by next Tuesday all farmers in this section will have marketed their crop.

Through yesterday the market here had sold 9,640,624 pounds for \$5,528,099.96, an average of \$57.34 per hundred pounds.

Last year the market sold 8,910,898 pounds for \$4,371,162, an average of \$49.05.

The total money received this year, exceeding last year's receipts by \$1,156,937.96, is believed (Continued on page six)

Club To Sponsor Halloween Party

Williamston's Women's Club will sponsor a big Halloween party in the Planters Warehouse here Saturday night, beginning at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced today.

Extensive preparations are being made for the event and hundreds are expected to attend and participate in the special program.

There'll be bingo, fishing, apple bobbing, fortune telling, penny pitching, a cake walk, doll show and quite a few surprises. The club members will maintain a food booth. Prizes will be given for the best costumes. A 10-cent admission fee will be charged.

Benjamin Johnson Died In Oak City Tuesday Morning

Funeral Service Held There Yesterday Afternoon for Prominent Citizen

Benjamin Louis Johnson, prominent county citizen and a leader in the Oak City Community for many years, died at his home there early Tuesday morning following a long period of declining health. He was very active in managing his farming operations until about two years ago when feeble health forced his retirement. He was confined to his home most of the time during the past five months and his condition was critical for about ten days, death being attributable to the infirmities of his advanced years.

The son of the late Joshua L. and Martha Daniel Johnson, he was born near Gold Point in Robersonville Township 87 years ago on May 26, 1863, and spent his early life on the farm there. In 1905 he located in Oak City where he operated a mercantile business for about ten years or until he found it necessary to be out of doors much of the time on account of his health.

Mr. Johnson, championing worthy causes and exemplifying high ideals and Christian character in his daily walk through life, served his community in many ways, including years of service as a member of the local school board, and as a member of the Conoho Primitive Baptist Church the greater part of half a century.

In 1907 he was married to Miss Sallie L. Worsley who survives with one son, N. W. Worsley of Oak City; two daughters, Mrs. James L. Johnson of Washington and Mrs. J. L. Hassell of Oak City; one brother, C. S. Johnson of Robersonville.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elders W. E. Grimes, E. C. Stevenson and Robbins. Interment was in the Oak City Cemetery.

STILL PENDING

Contracts for the construction of a new colored high school building here, an addition to the local white school and a gymnasium in Robersonville are still pending, it was learned today.

Considered too high, the bids received some months ago are being held in abeyance until changes can be made to bring the costs in line. Representatives of the county board of education were in Raleigh yesterday to discuss the proposed changes, but approval was delayed by the illness of a representative of the State Planning Commission.

Native Of County Dies In New Bern

Mrs. Della Coltrain Perkins, native of this county, died in the Neuse Forrest Convalescent Home near New Bern Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock. She had been in declining health for months.

Mrs. Perkins was born in Williams Township, this county, 79 years ago, the daughter of the late John and Nancy Griffin Coltrain. She married in 1892 to Dave R. Perkins who died in 1924. She had made her home in Pitt County for about forty years, and was a member of the Robersonville Primitive Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers, and interment was in the Perkins family cemetery near Stokes.

Surviving are a son, Church L. Perkins of Greenville, a daughter, Mrs. J. R. James of Stokes; one grandson; two brothers, Ira Coltrain of Jamesville and James H. Coltrain of Williamston; and two sisters, Mrs. Walter Mobley and Mrs. A. F. Lilley of Williamston.

TO VISIT HERE

Christopher Crittenden, director Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, will make an official visit in this county next week.

Call Eight Cases In Justice Court In Past Few Days

Man Placed Under Bond In Robbery-Assault Case By Justice Mobley

Willie Moore, young colored man, was placed under \$750 bond by Justice Chas. R. Mobley here last Tuesday in the case in which he was charged with robbing and assaulting "Peg" Northern with intent to kill. Unable to arrange bond, Moore was returned to jail to await trial in the superior court in December. It was alleged at the hearing that Moore, claiming Northern owed him a quarter, knocked the one-legged man down, took his victim's pocket knife and left a 15-stitch gash around his head. It was also alleged that Moore pulled \$3 from Northern's pocket.

Murray Wallace, charged with assaulting his wife, was booked by Justice Mobley for trial in the county court. Bond was arranged in the sum of \$100.

Justice R. T. Johnson heard the following cases:
Charged with improper parking on the highway, Ernest C. Mooring, Jr., was found not guilty.

Erah Ayers, charged with being drunk on the highway, was taxed with the costs.

Jim Jarman was taxed with \$7.85 costs for being drunk on the highway.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper equipment, Samuel Manning was found not guilty.

William Brown was taxed with the costs for an affray.

Welton Arnold, charged with an assault, was bound over to the county court in \$200 bond. Alleged to have threatened the life of his wife and other members of his family, the defendant was also placed under a \$200 peace bond for two years.

Receive Bids On Road In County

The J. S. Hill Construction Company of Washington was low bidder on a road project in this county, it was announced following a meeting of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh Tuesday. The company submitted a bid in the sum of \$56,449.40. No official statement has been released, but the bid calls for the grading of the road leading from a point a short distance from Everetts about eight and one-half miles through Bear Grass to Corey's Cross Roads.

A previous bid on the project was rejected when the commission ruled it was too high.

Bids on 35 projects were received by the commission this week. The total was \$2,818,179.97, an amount \$114,220.08 below engineers estimates.

Draw Jurymen for Recorder's Court

Thirteen county citizens were drawn this week for jury duty in the recorder's court next Monday when John Hayman will be tried for assaulting his wife and H. L. Roberson will be booked on a drunken driving charge.

Names of the jurymen are: Jamesville Township, R. L. Waters.
Griffins Township: H. Thomas Daniel, N. S. Roberson, Carlyle Manning and Aubrey H. Gurganus.

Bear Grass: Jos. S. Holliday, Collins H. Gurganus and Warner Bailey.

Williamston: U. V. Bunting, Heber T. Selby, W. H. Harrison, R. A. Critcher and Horace A. Ray.

Victim Of Wreck Is Reported Improved

Critically injured in an automobile accident early last Sunday afternoon near Hassell, Mr. James Henry Lilley was reported to be getting along fairly well in a local hospital this morning. His condition is much improved, one report stated.

District Legion Plans Big Armistice Day Event Here

The Third District of The American Legion will hold a District rally and Armistice Day celebration here on Friday November 10th, beginning at 2:00 p. m., it was announced this week.

The program includes a reception for distinguished guests, public speaking, banquet free to all Legionnaires holding 1951 membership card, and a mammoth street parade with Military units, Legionnaires, several high school bands and firing squads taking part. The festivities conclude with a dance with the public invited. Music will be furnished by an out-

standing orchestra.

Many top Legion officials have been invited to attend the celebration which was set for November 10th so it would not conflict with Armistice Day Celebrations in local Legion Posts.

Department Legion officials expected to be present include Commander Hugh Alexander, of Knapolis and Department vice commander J. C. Lamm, Jr., of Wilson.

Legion Posts included in the Third District are located at Hamilton, Robersonville, Williamston, Creswell, Plymouth, Columbia and Oak City.

Twenty-five Leaving For Service In Army

BOARD MEETING

Meeting in special session this evening at 8:00 o'clock, Williamston's town commissioners will try to find a solution to the problem created by high bids received on the proposed sewer line project.

It is impossible that new bids will be asked, or the officials will consider private bids. It could be the authorities will consider altering the specifications. It is fairly definite that every effort will be made to relieve the present condition, that some plan can and will be worked out.

Concert Group To Meet Monday

Final details for the membership campaign of the Martin County Community Concert Association to be held beginning Monday, October 30, are complete according to Mr. B. G. Stewart, President of the Association.

The membership chairman of the Association and the dinner chairman are making a last-minute check-up of all preparations and attendance at the dinner meeting to be held at the Woman's Club on Monday night, October 30 to insure that the drive will be a complete success.

A number of reservations for the dinner have been made and a 100 per cent attendance is expected. The dinner will also be attended by Mrs. Marjorie Lee, representative of the Community Concert Service, who will address the meeting and be present the entire week to assist in the campaign.

The gathering will be entertained by a musical film of about 20 - minutes length, in which famous stars of the concert world have been especially filmed with sound for this purpose.

The campaign will close the following Saturday, November 4, after which no more members can be taken. The artist committee will meet immediately after the final results have been listed and choose the series of concerts from a list including the most celebrated names in the music world. The cost of the memberships will be the regular \$5.00 plus tax for adults, and \$2.50 plus tax for the students. One membership entitles the holder to attend every one of the concerts.

Guard Building Site Approved

A site for a National Guard housing project, including modern armory at a later date, has been tentatively approved by a representative of the U. S. Army, it was learned today.

The Army colonel eliminated all but two sites, one of them being on the Washington Highway and the other in West End.

The site is to be purchased by local units, and the federal and State governments will improve it and construct the buildings, it was explained.

Retires After 62 Years In Service Of The Railroads

John R. Ellison, Former Local Man, Worked In Suffolk Office

An old Williamston man recently retired from the railroad service in Suffolk, and Preston Charles wrote the following story under a Suffolk date line:

Fifteen years ago J. R. Ellison, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad agent for Suffolk, was preparing to retire. The ACL said every employee had to quit work at 70, and he was getting on toward that age.

So, to supplement his pension money after quitting the railroad, he bought a piece of property just across the street from the ACL station on East Washington. The idea was to start a wood and coal yard after he retired and carve out a new career for himself in the business world.

But he didn't have to retire after all. The Federal government took over the railway pension fund and put out a new ruling; any railroader who was willing and able, and his work was satisfactory, could stay on as long as he liked.

So Mr. Ellison stayed on as agent here, not to retire until September 30, 1950—at the age of 82—a little over 62 years after he first started working on the railroad.

His career as a railroader, incidentally, began 1888, when he was a boy of 20. He went to work as a check and transfer clerk for the Norfolk Southern Railway at Williamston early that year and a year later was made agent for the NS at Centerville.

His first job with the ACL was at Williamston, N. C., his home town. He was taken on there as clerk-operator at the handsome stipend of \$30 a month. He served successively as agent at Jamesville and Parmele, then in 1893 or 1899, he isn't sure which, he got a transfer to the transportation department and became a conductor.

A few years of that was enough. "I decided I liked three meals a day and sleeping home nights," says Mr. Ellison. So he took a job that would fill the bill. It turned out to be the post of agent at Suffolk.

That assignment started April 1, 1904, and it never ended for him until he retired. That is, except for one month he spent some years ago as agent at Petersburg. "I took that job," he explained in an interview, "on the condition that they'd keep an extra man on here a while so if I didn't like it I could come back. I didn't, so I came back."

What was wrong with the job? It wasn't the job so much; it was being away from Suffolk.

"I've never lived in a place I liked half as well as Suffolk," he declared. "And I've never seen a place, either, that would suit me as well."

Like most any veteran railroad man, Mr. Ellison declares he loves the work. But unlike most, he isn't at all sure he'd go into it if he had it to do over again.

He went into it because it seemed like a good job at the time, and he had learned telegraphy already from an operator at Williamston. So from then on, it was railroading for him.

All the same, if the choice of work his anything to do with health, railroading has done all (Continued on page eight)

FEW REGISTER

Complete reports could not be had immediately, but judging the trend in those precincts where reports were released, less than a dozen new names have been added to the registration books for the November 7 election.

Those whose names are already on the books do not have to register again, but those who have never registered and those who have registered but moved to new precincts will have to register if they are to participate in the election. Saturday of this week is the last day to register. (Continued on page eight)