

Handle Nineteen Cases In County Court On Monday

Several Defendants Sent To Roads; \$425 In Fines Are Imposed

Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled nineteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Holding the tribunal in session until late afternoon, Judge Johnson meted out several road sentences and imposed fines in the amount of \$425. Several jury trials held the court in session longer than would have been the case, it was pointed out.

Proceedings: Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost when Thomas J. Purvis was adjudged guilty of an attempted assault with a deadly weapon.

Finding Collins Smith not guilty of assaulting a female, the court ruled that the prosecution was frivolous and malicious and not in the public interest, and ordered Rosia Lee Daniel, the prosecuting witness, to pay the court costs. Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Annie Purvis was sentenced to jail for thirty days, the court suspending the jail term upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs.

Walter Freeman, pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was found guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Charged with drunken and hit-and-run driving, Thos. S. Griffin pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty he was fined \$200, taxed with the costs and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for one year. He appealed to the superior court.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Tom LeRoy Pitt was sentenced to the roads for six months, Judge Johnson suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendant was placed on probation for two years.

Charged with drunken driving, Willie Bullock carried his case to a jury and was found not guilty by the following jurors: Geo. L. Cooper, E. S. Mears, Noah H. Harrison, Lester Keel, Russell Griffin and F. U. Barnes.

Elmer Rodgers, charged with larceny, was found not guilty. Pleading guilty of the larceny of \$18.90 worth of soy beans from Farmer Jack Roberson a short time ago, John A. and Booker T. Mizelle and Jas. Andrews pleaded guilty and were sentenced to the roads for six months. The road terms were suspended upon the payment of the court costs and reimbursing the farmer for his loss. The defendants are to remain of good behavior for two years.

Charged with speeding 55 miles an hour in a 35-mile speed zone, James R. L. Jenkins of Williamston was fined \$10, plus costs.

Maintaining he knew nothing about an excess amount of liquor being hid around his premises, Harvey Perkins, alleged "big man's" bootlegger was found guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. The defendant is to violate no liquor law during the next five years. Perkins admitted ownership of two pints of liquor, but maintained he knew nothing about the other six and one-half pints found on his property.

Jesse Mayo was fined \$25, plus costs, and James Powell was fined \$35 and taxed with the costs for operating motor vehicles without driver's licenses.

Pleading not guilty, Brad Bagley, charged with driving 55 miles per hour in a 35-mile zone, was found guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Robert Everett, colored man who recently completed serving a 5-year sentence for beating a jailer nearly to death in another county, was sentenced to the roads for six months for an assault with a deadly weapon and an additional six months for resisting arrest.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Jesse Jones was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Carrying his case to a jury, J. Busick Taylor was found not guilty.

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Call Eighty-Two For Pre-Induction Tests

P. T. A. MONDAY

The Green Wave Band of Williamston High School will present the program at the Williamston P. T. A. meeting in the High School auditorium Monday evening. The meeting will open at 7:30 and the program will start at 8:00.

The band will present four numbers including some to be used in the concert of April 5, and there will be numbers by four ensemble groups. Anyone not desiring to attend the business session is invited to drop in at 8:00 for the band program.

The first ensemble group will be a clarinet quartet, including Sarah Manning, Gloyd Stewart, Harriet Ward, and Bobby Coburn. In another clarinet group are: Sally Roberson, Mary Carolyn Leggett, Jean McLawhorn and Joyce Ann Cowan.

A trumpet quartet, Bobby Clayton, Don Parsons, John Rogers and Calvin Chesson or David Davis will present a number followed by a trumpet trio, Raymond Roberson, Marie Peele and Ralph Parker or Mary Lib Britton. Jean Mobley will serve as accompanist. Mr. Herbert Carter of E. C. T. C., Greenville, will be here to judge the ensembles, if possible.

A Band Parents Club meeting is to follow the program.

Few Contribute To Ward TV Fund

In answer to an appeal for funds to help finance the purchase of a television set for Ward 13 in the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, several local people have made contributions, Mayor Robt. Cowen said yesterday.

Mrs. W. E. Old, former Williamston resident, has promised the boys, most of them North Carolinians returned from Korea, that she with the help of people in this area would equip their ward with a TV set. There are thirty-two wards and people in Norfolk and other sections of Virginia and North Carolina had purchased and installed television sets in most of them.

In addition to the television project, Mrs. Old makes regular visits to the ward, doing little favors as a token of appreciation for their part in the Korean war. Her son, "Buster" continues in Korea. Others who would like to work with Mrs. Old on the project are asked to make contributions to Mayor Cowen or send them direct to Mrs. Old at Apt. C, 700 Raleigh Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Would Abolish Secret Sessions

A joint resolution putting the General Assembly on record as opposing the holding of executive or secret sessions was introduced in the House this week by Rep. Joe Warren of Caswell.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, and it was predicted freely that it would die in committee.

Warren's resolution states: "The General Assembly hereby disapproves the practice of any committee of either House of the General Assembly, or any committee meeting jointly, holding so-called executive or secret sessions."

"The people back home don't like these 'executive sessions,'" Warren said. "They're raised more fuss about them than anything else."

"It's not democracy. Members of the Legislature shouldn't be ashamed to let the folks know what they're doing about public matters."

"I'm not afraid for the people to know how I stand on any issue before the Legislature."

Men Scheduled To Leave Here Early Friday Morning

Fairly Certain Some of the Group Will Be In Line For March Final

Eighty-two young Martin County men—fifty-seven colored and twenty-five white—have been called to report for pre-induction tests. Traveling in two special busses, the group will leave here early tomorrow morning for Fort Bragg, and if everything goes well they will return late tomorrow evening.

A final induction call is pending, and it is likely that some of those passing the tests tomorrow will be in line for final induction on March 14.

The names of those called to report for pre-induction are listed below, but several of the men are being transferred and actually no more than 75 will make the trip from here tomorrow.

White
Harry Otto Jarman, Jr., Whitfield Evans Mallory, Earl Benjamin Forbes, Curtis Lee Thompson, Clifton Ward Gurganus, James Carroll Lilley, Golden Horton Barber, Ernest McKinley Cabe, James Haywood Williams, William Harold Wynne, Otis Howell, John Wilson Marsteller, Carroll Eugene Price, Ralph Gray Mendenhall, Melvin Gray Williams, Charlie Eugene Godard, Jesse David Price, Jr., Bennie Clifton Williams, John Curtis Farmer, William Jennings Bryant Reason, James Robert Williams, Thurman Ray Flanagan, Edward Lee Coltrane, Robert Alonzo Taylor, Jr., Cecil O'Neal Bowen.

Colored
Chas. Lindbergh Clemmons, Calvin Jones, Robert Earl Bowen, Andrew Fields, Columbus Roberson, John Ben Roberson, Robert Lewis, Clarence Earl Roberson, Sylvester James, William Davis Rogers, James Felton Brown, Arthur Lee Taylor, Askew Council, Norman Lee Stade, Melvin Bryant, James Earl Ruff, William Austin Green, Alonza Daniel, Wallace Earl Davis, David Garland Perry, Levy Glen Hill, William I. Price, Marvin Rudolph Williams, Leodus Whitehurst, Robert Bonner, Weldon Boston.

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New Record For Crossing Ocean

A new record for crossing the Atlantic—seven hours and forty-eight minutes—was set recently by a veteran commercial pilot, Charles F. Blair, Jr. The forty-one-year-old American made the non-stop flight from New York to London in a souped-up Mustang fighter plane. His average speed was 450 miles per hour. The previous record of eight hours and fifty-five minutes for the 3,500-mile flight was held by a four-engine Boeing Stratocruiser. Although he was aided by a 130-mile-an-hour tail wind, Mr. Blair said, "I still didn't make the time I expected to."

Restoring Church In Czechoslovakia

The famous Church of John Huss, in Prague, is being restored almost one a day, and unless the trend is checked there'll be one of the worst accomplishments at the end of this year ever in motor vehicle history. 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.

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His address is: "Pvt. Thurman G. James, 151st OPS Det., 51st AAA Brigade, Camp Stewart, Ga."

Entering the service a short time ago, Pvt. Thurman G. James, brother of Mrs. Charlie Ward of Robersonville, was recently assigned to Camp Stewart, Ga. In a recent letter, he said that he was getting along all right, but between the lines it could be seen that he missed the old home a bit, if not a great deal. Pvt. James said he was enjoying the county papers, and would like to hear from other acquaintances in the service and from friends back home.

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Governor Outlines Program for Town And City Streets

Speaks To Town and County Officials In Ahoskie Yesterday Noon

While pointing out that State Senate Bill 120 or the measure introduced by Senator Junius Powell and passed by the Senate a few days ago could undermine the primary highway system, Governor Kerr Scott in an address to town and county officials of the First Highway District in Ahoskie yesterday declared that the present program was not fair to the cities and towns of the State.

Without saying so in actual words, the Governor strongly intimated that there was a sinister motive behind the Powell bill which would "steal" five million dollars from the primary highway fund. He advanced the opinion that the "hold-the-line boys" in Raleigh had entered into an agreement whereby the towns and cities would help hold the line and block all plans to aid education, hospitals, etc., and be rewarded with five million dollars from the primary highway fund.

The Governor, in one of his best talks, declared that he was interested in all of North Carolina and all the people, that he sincerely believed the towns and cities were not getting a square deal when it comes to building and maintaining streets. However, he explained that the problems was not to be met by borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. "If we are to progress, we must look for additional revenue," the Governor said, "explaining that what was good for one section or group was good for all other groups."

"Industry with a quarter billion dollar potentiality can be expected to come to North Carolina, and you can't afford to stop the progressive movement," Scott said, pleading with the officials to maintain a progressive program, build roads, streets, improve the schools and churches.

He said again that he was against the Powell bill, but that he favored helping the towns and cities solve their street problems, declaring that he would support any plan whereby revenue could be raised to finance the street program. He pointed out that the Farm Bureau in its recent meeting in Asheville and the State Grange had endorsed a program for streets and agreed to support a plan for raising revenue for that purpose.

The Governor said that an extensive study had been made of the problem by the street and road commission, but so far the backers of Senate Bill 120 had not even bothered to contact that commission or discuss the problem with the State Highway Commission.

The Governor said he was aware of the serious problems towns were having in trying to finance street construction and maintenance with property taxes while they were being called upon to pay gas taxes for the primary and secondary road programs. "The towns and cities are entitled to consideration; it is only fair that they be given consideration," the governor declared.

It was apparent that the Governor was speaking in the interest of the towns and cities.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

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Continued Parity Price For Peanut Crop Is Doubtful

Senator Clifton P. Anderson Warns Cost May Bring End to Program

Senator Anderson (D-N. Mex.) predicted this week that peanuts, like potatoes, will disappear from the government parity program unless the cost to Uncle Sam is cut quickly.

Parity is the price level figured by the government to give farmers a fair purchasing power. Anderson, former Secretary of Agriculture, is a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, which held a hearing today to consider a proposal by Senator Hoey (D-NC) to increase 1951 production of peanuts to meet market demands.

Only the Virginia-type of Valencias, the kind you eat, grown mostly in the Carolinas, Virginias and Tennessee, were reported in short supply at this time.

The potato parity program ended with the 1950 crop.

Anderson said "I think the peanut program is going to be killed by Congress in two years unless you get this fixed so it won't cost \$15 or \$20 an acre."

Chairman Ellender (D-La) of the Senate committee said the bill in closed session later this week. Rep. Abbutt (D-Va) urged speed and said clearance of a bill in the house is expected this week.

Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, N. C., representing the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, told the Senate committee "we want to grow more peanuts of the type needed and we want to put less responsibility on the government. We farmers believe you can do anything worth doing if you go at it the right way."

Earlier today, Agriculture Department officials said the 1949 peanut crop meant a loss of \$40,000,000 to the government through Commodity Credit Corporation payments and predicted the 1950 crop loss would be about \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000, in spite of acreage reduction required by law.

Anderson suggested also that Alabama and Georgia be encouraged to grow the edible instead of the oil-type of peanuts, as it is the latter which cost the government money.

"I am anxious to give acreage necessary for the jumbo type of Virginia-Carolina peanuts," Anderson said.

John C. Lynn, associate director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said the federation recognizes the need to revise the present peanut marketing quota legislation and urged approval of changes before the planting season starts. He said the Hoey bill would do the job.

Under that bill, he said, "the acreage allotment would be reduced 300,000 acres below the 1950 national allotment. The Secretary of Agriculture would have authority to add the necessary acres of types in short supply, and we believe that with the improved market situation with regard to oil, coupled with this reduction in acreage from 1950, the Commodity Credit Corporation could avoid any great losses from the operation of this program."

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Assigned To Camp Stewart, Georgia

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To Start Red Cross Drive Next Monday

Name Leaders To Handle Drive In Five Townships

Chairman Edwards Appeals For Support Of The \$4,057 Quota

Arrangements are just about complete for launching the annual Red Cross Fund drive in this chapter. Chairman John Henry Edwards and his co-chairman, H. P. Mobley, announced today.

In announcing the plans, Chairman Edwards directed an urgent plea to all the people in the five townships, constituting the Martin County Chapter, appealing to them for support in raising the \$4,057 quota.

The drive is to be launched in Williamston's business districts next Monday, and the campaign will be extended into the residential and rural areas a few days later, Mr. Edwards explained.

Solicitors named to handle the canvass in Williamston's business district are:

Messrs. David Moore, Edgar Gurganus, D. R. Davis, N. C. Green, J. Edward Corey, D. V. Clayton, James Bulluck, Wheeler Manning, Homer Barnhill, G. G. Woolard, J. Paul Simpson, J. O. Manning, Jr., C. B. Clark, Jr., W. B. Gaylord, A. J. Manning, Ernest Mears, V. J. Spivey, W. M. Baker, M. L. Peel, Wm. Everett and James Bailey Peele.

Professor Edgar J. Hayes is heading up the drive among the colored citizens here.

Chairman Edwards' said this morning that he is naming canvassers for the rural areas in Williamston, that chairman, already named for the other townships, will name their own co-workers. The drive in the other townships is being headed by the following chairman: Mrs. Canolle F. Rawls, Jamesville; Mrs. Irving Roberson, Williams; Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, Griffins; A. B. Ayers, Jr., Bear Grass.

Williamston's Woman's Club members have agreed to handle the canvass in the residential sections here it was explained. A list of their canvassers is to be worked out by the club and announced later.

Mr. Edwards said that the chapter's quota is slightly more this year than last. He explained that the Korean war had increased demands for Red Cross services, that the Bloodmobile program, going into effect in this chapter the latter part of next month, call for increased funds.

Last year the chapter raised \$2,695.47, but the demands for Red Cross service are much greater, and the 1951 quota is recognized as the absolute minimum to finance the operations during the next twelve months.

The various principals and teachers in the colored schools are pledging the new drive their support, and Chairman Edwards says that with all working together the goal can be reached without the slightest trouble. The leaders hope to complete the drive and have all the contributions in hand by the middle of March.

New Vaccine For Whooping Cough

A new whooping cough vaccine was announced on January 29 by the Medical School of Western Reserve University. The new vaccine, developed by Dr. Louis Pillemer, professor of biochemistry, was reported to have no injurious side effects. The vaccine was produced by placing whooping cough bacteria in a supersonic machine and exposing them to 9,000 cycles per second of sound. When the bacteria exploded, red cells of human blood were added. The blood cells absorbed only the protective properties of the bacteria. Consequently, the vaccine was believed to give complete immunity against the disease.

ABOUT COMPLETE

The preparation of tobacco plant beds is just about completed in this county, according to reports reaching here this week.

More than ninety percent of the beds have been sown, the reports adding that most of the farmers, possibly seventy percent or more, are planting the disease-resistant varieties.

A few plants have come up in some areas where plantings were handled early.

Announce Essay Contest Winners In The Schools

Finals Are Being Held In Schools Here Tonight And Tomorrow

Preliminaries in the county-wide essay contest arranged and sponsored by the Martin County Ministerial Association on the subject, "The Truth About Beverage Alcohol," were completed in the schools yesterday, and the district winners will go into the finals tonight and tomorrow, Chairman E. R. Shuller announced.

The contest attracted much attention among the young people in all the high schools with possibly one exception. It was said that principals and pupils cooperated splendidly in nearly all the schools, that in one place a teacher reportedly challenged the scientific facts, but in all the others the findings were recognized. Supported by eleven churches in the county, the contests have and are making available to the winners approximately \$180 in cash prizes.

While the chairman praised all the schools for their participation in the program, independent reports declared that at least two schools did an exceptionally good job in preparing for the contests, that thirty or more participated in the competition.

The names of the winners are listed in order with prizes of \$10 to the first, \$5 to the second, \$3 to the third, \$2 to the fourth and \$1 to the fifth, as follows:

White
Jamesville: Nell Modlin, Mary Bell Padgett, Shirley Barber, Carolyn Wallace and Hazel Gardner.

Farm Life: Joseph Lilley, Joseph Griffin, Peggy Lilley, Nancy Guikin and Bobby Perry.

Bear Grass: Evelyn Cowan, Willette Brown, Gerald Elks, Grace Rogerson and Geraldine Bullock.

Robersonville: Patsy Roberson, Hester Martin, Peggy Cherry, Delphia Rawls, Jackie Perry.

Williamston: Ernest Taylor, Betty Lou Dudley, Mavis Savage and Ernest Carraway.

Oak City: Mary Elizabeth Harrell, Lynette Haislip, James Stewart and Joan Leggett.

Colored
Parneto: Walter Davis, Delores Lynch, Floyd Lanier, Peggy Mizelle and Gladys Teale.

Williamston: Shirley James, Sadie Hill, Ernestine Finch, Mattie Ormond and Kenneth Armistead.

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Heir To A Great Fortune Passes

Daughter of Hetty Green, Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks, died recently at the age of eighty. Mrs. Wilks, like her mother, was one of the world's richest women. Most of her fortune came from her mother, whose financial acumen created many million dollars from realty investments and security holdings in Wall Street and by her death in 1916 had reached a total of \$100,000,000. Yet Mrs. Wilks was raised by Mrs. Green in austere surroundings. Since 1926 she had been a virtual recluse.

Hold The Liners Given Tough Blow In The Assembly

Representative Anderson In The Fight For State Education

Raleigh—The long-simmering House exploded Tuesday in the faces of the "no new tax, no new spend" clique that has been in nominal control of the lower chamber up to now.

The fireworks came on education. And when the smoke cleared away, the shaken conservative, "hold-the-line" forces knew that they had a tough fight, ahead.

Rep. Arthur Kirkman of Guilford touched off the shooting with introduction of a resolution calling for the House to go on record as favoring appropriation of sufficient money to operate the schools, pay minimum fuel costs, provide adequate and safe transportation for school children, provide enough school books, and pay teachers a minimum of \$2,200 to \$3,100 for a certificate holder.

Rep. E. G. Anderson of Martin was one of the 77 co-signers of the Kirkman resolution calling for a stand on appropriations for public schools. He voted against postponing action on the bill until Thursday, and voted for suspension of the rules and immediate passage of the resolution by the House.

Seventy-six other representatives had signed the resolution. Kirkman said the folks back home have the idea that the public school program is under attack, and that they should be reassured of these minimum standards—despite the fact that they are above Advisory Budget Commission recommendations.

He then moved for suspension of the rules and immediate passage of the resolution.

Conservative forces—caught by surprise at the move—immediately began filibustering while trying to get votes against the motion. Rep. E. T. Bost of Cabarrus moved to postpone action until Thursday. Speaker Frank Taylor whispered to supporters to "get the boys to beat this motion (for suspension of the rules)."

Bost termed the move a slap at Appropriations Committee Chairman Larry Moore of Wilson. John Umstead of Orange said there was nothing unfair to anyone in the resolution, it just put them on record as to the "debt we owe the children of North Carolina."

Moore saw the move as an evasion of the rules, a slap at the appropriations committee. Others termed it "railroading tactics."

After about an hour of argument, the motion to defer action was defeated, 60 to 51. Then came more argument on suspension of the rules. The vote on this was 62 for suspension and 46 against, but it failed to pass because of a House rule that calls for a two-thirds majority on votes to suspend rules.

Speaker Taylor—with obvious relief—referred the resolution to the Appropriations Committee.

While this was going on in the House, the Senate took up a bill calling for fire protection for persons confined in jails. Passed by the House, the bill calls for someone to be in or near jails at all times in order to take care of prisoners in case of fire.

The bill passed its second reading, but on objection by Senator J. William Copeland of Hertford the bill was held over until tomorrow for its third reading.

Senators C. H. Dearman of Iredell, Wills Hancock of Granville and Julian Allsbrook of Halifax introduced a measure setting up a minimum of \$40 a month retirement pay for school teachers and state employees. In addition, they would be paid an extra dollar per month for each year of service up to 30 years.

Several school teachers visiting the legislature were asked what retirement benefits are now. They said payments ran from \$20 to \$30 per month, but the retiring teacher never knows what the payment will be until she receives her first check.

Sen. Junius Powell sponsored a bill calling for the establishment of a North Carolina Turnpike Authority, which would be empowered.

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