

County Court Fines Total Almost \$1,000

Eighteen Cases Heard By Judge Johnson Monday

Alleged Liquor Law Violators Account for Most Of The Income

The Martin County Recorder's Court literally hit big pay dirt last Monday when fines, amounting to \$990, were imposed. Most of the amount was accounted for by alleged liquor law violators. Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled eighteen cases, clearing the docket before noon. Caught manufacturing illicit liquor at a large plant in Griffins Township a short time ago, Kneizer and David Williams were each fined \$300, plus costs. Twelve-month sentences were suspended upon the payment of the fines, and the defendant are to violate no liquor laws during the next five years. The fines were first fixed at \$400 each, but Judge Johnson reconsidered and lopped off \$100 for each of the defendants.

Other proceedings in the court last Monday:

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, carrying a concealed weapon and discharging firearms, Levi Council pleaded guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was fined \$50, plus costs.

The case charging William Earl Clark with non-support, was not passed.

Charged with violating the school attendance law, Essie Beacham was found not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Leamon Roebuck was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with hit-and-run driving and operating a motor vehicle with improper brakes, Isaiah Perkins pleaded guilty of operating the vehicle without proper brakes and was fined \$5, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Dennis Taylor was fined \$10, plus costs.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly and an assault, Charlie Whitehurst pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and simple assault. He was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading not guilty of forcible trespass, Elmer Rogers was found guilty and drew twelve months on the roads. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$500.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Clyde R. Edwards was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. He appealed and \$200 bond was required.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Tom Armstead was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$200 fine and costs. The defendant is to violate no liquor law for two years. Daultry Armstead, a second defendant in the case, was adjudged not guilty.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Paul Harrell with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Charged with failing to yield (Continued on page six)

Farm Bureau Will Meet Here Friday

Meeting in the courthouse Friday evening of this week at 7:30 o'clock, the Martin County Farm Bureau will discuss the tobacco and peanut situation, and hear a report on the State Convention held last month in Asheville.

In a letter received this week, Congressman Herbert Bonner said he expected the passage in the House of a bill allowing an increase in the acreage to be planted to edible peanuts. However, the proposal faces strong opposition in the Senate. He added that passage of a bill could be expected within fifteen or twenty days.

INSTRUCTIONS

Special notices are being received by forty Martin County young men, instructing them to report for final induction on Wednesday, March 14.

Seventeen of the young men are in the Williamston area. Some of the others have scattered all over the county since their pre-induction tests some weeks ago.

Senate Committee Inspects State's Mental Institution

Deplorable Conditions Are Found During Unannounced Inspection

Raleigh—We don't need more buildings for our mental patients, we need trained personnel and adequate treatment. With these, enough patients can be cured and sent home to give room to take care of new patients. That's what Dr. Leslie Hohman of Duke Hospital, a consultant at the State Hospital at Raleigh—Dix Hill—told members of the Senate Committee on Mental Institutions. The senators were making an unannounced visit to Dix Hill, trying to see conditions there under everyday circumstances.

The brought out several things: 1. We are sponsoring "super jails" to take care of mental patients, giving mostly custodial care and following the medieval practice of merely locking mentally ill away from their fellow man.

2. Despite more than \$10,000,000 appropriated for permanent improvements at Dix Hill, many of the quarters are in disgraceful disrepair.

3. We are providing very little treatment for patients and for trained personnel—most of the workers being mere caretakers, or watchdogs.

4. There is practically no recreation, not even checker boards, for most patients.

5. They can be cured—at least a big percentage of them—and sent back to society to live near-normal lives.

The last is the most important of all. Legislators orate about leaving mentally ill in jails and appropriate more money to build more rooms at a sort of "central prison" for the mentally sick.

But Dr. Hohman says that 25 to 40 percent of patients can be cured, either with modern methods of shock and other treatment or by surgery.

When we arrived, unannounced, at the Hospital, breakfast was over and the wards were getting their daily cleaning—bed linens, bathrooms and floors.

The buildings are kept clean, but the men's quarters are in disgraceful disrepair.

The floors are all concrete, for sanitary reasons. But most of the male patients were barefooted. I know it is impossible to keep shoes on a lot of the boys, but it breaks your heart to see them wandering over cold, sometimes damp, concrete floors barefooted.

This, however, is a very minor thing compared to the conditions of the mattresses, the walls, and the boys themselves.

The mattresses and bed linen are kept clean. But the mattresses are mere thin cotton wads not much thicker than an old-fashioned quilt—or two new ones. (Continued on page eight)

Town Board Will Hold Regular Meeting Monday

Meeting in regular session next Monday evening, Williamston's Town Commissioners will make arrangements for holding the biennial primary and general election for the selection of town officials for the new term beginning in June. Little other business is on the calendar at this time.

Large Boat Docks At Local Wharf With Fertilizer

Former Great Lakes Passenger Vessel Converted To Freighter

The Vermont, one of the largest boats ever to come this far up the Roanoke River, unloaded a 1,500-ton fertilizer material cargo at the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company here this week, setting a new delivery record.

The one-time palatial passenger boat was converted by its present owners into a cargo carrier after service on the Great Lakes. Owned by the W. E. Valliant Company of Cambridge, Maryland, the boat now is in operation between Savannah, Georgia, and Baltimore, handling special cargoes between the two points. Scheduled to dock at the Georgia Point the latter part of this week, the boat picked up its fertilizer cargo in Baltimore and pulled out of the harbor there at 6:00 o'clock last Saturday evening. Waiting four hours in Albemarle Sound for day to break Monday, the captain admitted it was a rather hectic trip up the Roanoke with the large boat. After straightening out a few curves a bit, the boat docked at the fertilizer plant about noon that day.

Employees of the plant worked around the clock unloading the cargo, and the boat pulled out early yesterday morning for the Georgia port where it will pick up more than a thousand tons of paper.

Officials of the company had a survey made of the river, and the captain said he bring the boat in all right. He made the inward trip all right, but no report on the outward run could be had immediately. The boat, measuring 281 feet in length and 36 feet in width, offers navigators a problem when they ply the Roanoke in it. However, H. M. Sherman, president of the company who met the boat here this week, said they

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Men From County Entering Service

Corporal Clyde L. Quinn of the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force recruiting service stated today that two men have volunteered for the service from Williamston and vicinity recently.

Samuel Roebuck enlisted in the U. S. Army for three years and was sent to Fort George E. Meade, Maryland for basic training. Robert E. Swain enlisted in the U. S. Air Force for four years and was transferred to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas where he will receive indoctrination into the Air Force.

Corporal Quinn said anyone wishing to volunteer for the Air Force should see him and get their name on the Air Force list as soon as possible.

Corporal Quinn further stated the need for young women of the ages 18 to 34 in the Woman's Army Corps and Women of the Air Force. Members of these branches may receive Technical School Training in such career fields as Weather Observation, Finance, Stenography, Photography, Laboratory Technicians, Dental Laboratory Technician and many other career fields. If you are a high school graduate, with no dependents less than 18 years of age of high physical and moral qualities contact Corporal Quinn at the Post Office in Williamston from 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. on Mondays and Fridays for further information.

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GOOD FISHING

Good fishing is being reported at Jamesville, an indirect report received here late yesterday stating that the fishermen were taking up to 150 herring in their drift nets.

C. C. Fleming, fishery operator, is making ready to start seine fishing possibly some time about the middle or latter part of this month.

Fishing at this point was reported a bit slow Tuesday evening and yesterday.

Will Ask Bids Shortly For National Guard Building

Proposals Would Outlaw Pari-Mutuel Betting At Race Tracks

Bids on the construction of a motor storage building for the Martin County Unit of the National Guard will be asked shortly, according to unofficial information received here this week. It was learned from State officials of the National Guard that money is available for the project. The building, measuring 52 by 92 feet, will be constructed on concrete blocks. It was explained that the structure is for storage only, that an armory possibly will be constructed at a later date.

Title to a five-acre site on the south edge of the town has been transferred to the State, and it is likely that construction bids will be asked just as soon as attorneys can check and verify the title. The site was purchased for \$2,500 against \$10,000 paid for similar acreages in other towns in the county.

Reviewing the activities of the National Guard unit here, officers said that 79 of the 84 members fired the .30 caliber carbine at the State Highway Patrol's firing range on W. G. Peele's farm near the river last week-end. There are three more scheduled firings, two with the carbine and one with the Thompson .45 caliber submachine. The practices, to be completed by the end of this month, are a part of the National Guard's program of increasing the extent and effectiveness of its training during the present unsettled world situation, it was explained.

Reviews Work In The Legislature Early This Week

Bill Calling for A \$1,000 Bond For Justice of the Peace Delayed

Raleigh—The Senate Monday gave the kiss of death to a bill calling for fire protection for prisoners in jails. The state-wide bill had passed the House despite attempts there to exempt a number of counties. In the Senate, a fourth of the counties had asked exemption last week, but action had been postponed until tonight.

When it came up Monday, Senator Harvey Morris of Mecklenburg made a motion to defer action until Thursday night, but that motion was beaten 21-20. Morris then moved to table the bill and all amendments—killing the bill, for all practical purposes—and that motion carried unanimously. The bill provided that someone should be kept "at or near" all jails to protect prisoners in case of fire.

The Senate passed a resolution suggesting that each session of the United Nations "be opened with a prayer for Divine Guidance." This resolution was sponsored by Senators Hardy Talton of Wayne, Adam Whitley of Johnston, and L. H. Fountain of Edgecombe.

Action in the House was just about as limited. A bill outlawing use of lewd and profane language to a woman on the telephone was amended to include men and children and passed on second reading.

The amendment, sent in by Rep. Roger Kiser of Scotland, was termed "impractical" by Rep. Fred Royster of Vance, and the bill was held over for third reading after objection by Rep. Bob Lassiter of Mecklenburg.

A Senate bill prohibiting fortune telling, palmistry and phrenology was amended to apply only to Halifax county. After more than 20 counties asked to be put under the bill—originally a state-wide measure—it was re-referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A bill requiring all justices of the peace to furnish \$1,000 bond for "faithful performance of their duties" was about to be amended to death—by exempting counties when it was re-referred to the Committee on Courts and Judicial Districts.

New bills introduced included ones to: Allow municipally owned motor vehicles to use sirens and other warning devices outside the (Continued from Page Six)

Tuberculin Tests Made In Schools

Making a survey in the colored schools at Williamston and Parmele recently, county health authorities found a number of tuberculosis cases, the rate ranging up to 27.5 percent in the Williamston school.

Of the 320 pupils tested in the school here, 88 of them or 27.5 percent were affected. Approximately 33 pupils or 14.4 percent of those tested in the Parmele school were affected by the disease, according to Health Officer John W. Williams.

It was pointed out, however, that only thirteen out of the 549 pupils examined had advanced cases of tuberculosis, that ten had moderate cases. The disease was in its beginning in the other cases, it was explained.

Firemen Get Two Calls Last Night

Volunteer firemen were called to the home of Officer and Mrs. Willie Modlin on Park Street last evening at 6:35 o'clock when soot in a chimney caught fire and threatened to spread to the roof. No damage resulted.

At 7:25 o'clock last evening the firemen were called to the Staton home on White Street where an oil stove had exploded. The owners and neighbors put the fire out and there was only minor damage.

Forming long parades, motorists blocked firemen answering both calls.

City-Town Street Hearing Tuesday Before Committee

Proposals Would Outlaw Pari-Mutuel Betting At Race Tracks

Raleigh—The Powell bill handling municipalities some \$5,000,000 in street-building cash is headed for its next-to-last round next Tuesday.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Larry Moore of Wilson said today that a public hearing on the bill would be held by his committee that day.

The bill—introduced by Senator Junius Powell of Columbus and 38 other senators—has passed two committees in the Senate, has been okayed by the Senate itself, and has drawn a favorable report from the House Finance Committee.

Since all other municipal-street-aid bills have been defeated, the Powell bill undoubtedly will get another rubber-stamping by the House Appropriations Committee Tuesday, no matter what anyone might have to say at the hearing.

The Senate Committee on Banks killed the bill calling for outlawing non-par banks—those which make a charge for cashing checks. Representatives of small banks in the State argued at a public hearing this morning that such a law would either put them out of business or force them to become federal reserve banks and thus become no longer taxable by the State.

House action was minor, but the Senate passed a bill calling for a state-wide vote on allowing counties to raise their land tax limit from 15 to 20 cents per \$100 valuation. The bill already had passed the House.

New bills in the House would: Authorize the University of North Carolina trustees to issue \$150,000 in revenue bonds in order to build a baseball field and bleachers.

Outlaw pari-mutuel betting machines in North Carolina—thus eliminating legal gambling at the two dog race tracks in the State, at Moyock and Morehead City.

Authorize use of \$35,000 contingency and emergency funds to finish buying land for the restoration of Tyrone's Palace at New Bern.

Authorize construction of emergency landing strips for planes along highways.

Control commercial entrances to highways.

Adjust apportionment of highway funds to municipalities to take care of cities or towns incorporated after taking of the last census.

Define North Carolina "residents" for motor vehicle registration purposes.

Authorize establishment of permanent weighing stations throughout the State for checking weights of trucks using the highways.

Allow mattress manufacturers to pay a \$500 manufacturer's license tax in lieu of a stamp tax.

Another tax-raising amendment was offered in the Joint Finance Committee session today by Rep. John Unstead of Orange. It would raise the maximum sales tax from \$15 to \$30 on a single article purchase. Revenue Department officials estimated this would bring in an additional \$2,853,645 per year.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists reduced the number of accidents by almost two-thirds on the highways and streets in this county last week, but they injured just twice as many, one of them badly.

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.

8th Week			
Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge	
1951	2	2	\$ 150
1950	3	1	750
Comparisons To Date			
1951	43	12	\$ 9,915
1950	25	12	4,140

Red Cross Drive Off To A Splendid Start

More Than \$1,000 Contributed Here In First Two Days

A preliminary report released yesterday by Chairmen John Henry Edwards and H. P. Mobley stated that the annual Red Cross Fund Drive was off to a splendid start in this chapter, that all indications pointed to a successful conclusion of the drive by the middle of this month.

Seven of the twenty canvassers assigned to advance the drive in Williamston's business district had reported by late Tuesday, Chairman Edwards explaining that contributions up until that time were in excess of \$1,000. "It is fairly apparent that Williamston's quota of \$2,500, exclusive of contributions by the colored citizens, will be reached," Mr. Edwards said.

Quotas, tentatively agreed upon for the other four townships in the chapter, are: Jamesville, \$400; Griffins, \$300; Williams, \$150; and Bear Grass, \$300. The colored citizens in all five townships are pledging \$1,000 to the drive.

Issued Nineteen Licenses To Wed In Martin County

Issuance Is About Normal Size For The Month Of February

Nineteen marriage licenses were issued by the office of Register of Deeds, J. Sam Getsinger in this county during February. The issuance is about normal for the month of February.

Licenses were issued to ten white and nine colored couples during the period, as follows:

White
Cleveland David Griffin of Jamesville and Sophia Jane Beacham of RFD 2, Williamston. Alton Benjamin Stallins of Spring Hope and Rachel Louise Stevenson of Hamilton.

Arthur Maeue Bailey and Peggy Jane Mobley, both of RFD 2, Williamston. Dewey Hoston Whitehurst and Madge Lassiter, both of Edenton. Francis Carroll Keel of Oak City and Comelia Gertrude Melawhorn of Williamston. James Wilford Griffin and Mary Dean Hardison, both of Williams-

William J. B. Reason, Jr., of Jamesville and Mary Gladys Long of RFD 1, Williamston. Linwood O. Price and Mollie O'Neil Padgett, both of RFD 1, Jamesville.

Bill Robinson and Louise Hollis, both of Williamston. Ben H. Grimes of Salisbury and Dora O'Neil Bailey of Everetts.

Colored
Harry Clinton Stokes and Helen Scott, both of Williamston. Arthur James and Evelyn Howard, both of Williamston. Callie Lynch and Beulah Laatham, both of Williamston. Buntin Randolph of Parmele and Georgiana Harris of Rocky Mount. Willis Edward Franks, Jr., and (Continued on page six)

Critically Hurt In Fall Yesterday

Joe Sam Taylor, 44-year-old retired carpenter-farmer, was critically hurt in a freak accident at his home on the Joe Cherry farm near here yesterday about noon. Preliminary reports stated that he had suffered a fracture of the skull and a broken back.

Mr. Taylor was standing on a ladder sawing off a limb. When the limb fell it struck him on the head, fracturing his skull. He is believed to have broken his back when he fell to the ground and struck the limb.

He was removed to a local hospital where his condition was described late yesterday as critical.

Little New Business On Board's Schedule

Very little new business is on their calendar, and the Martin County Commissioners are expected to have only a short meeting next Monday.

The only new business on the calendar at this time is the drawing of a jury for the special term of superior court convening in April.

Chairman Confident \$4,650 Goal Can Be Reached by March 15th

Completing the drive in Williamston's business district this week, the canvassers are scheduled to carry the campaign into the residential areas next Monday.

Included in the list of canvassers for Williamston's residential areas are: Elizabeth Parker, Mattie Willoughby, Marjorie Lindsey, Edith Stallings, Mary Taylor, Clyde Griffins, C. D. Pittman, Ed Rowland, J. D. Page, Mesdames Connie B. Clark, Chas. Manning, W. B. Gaylord, Bill Abbott, Henry Griffin, J. H. Edwards, Dillon Cobb, Hubert Biggs, Harrell Everett, Horace Ray, C. U. Rogers, I. M. Margolis, Lennie Manning, G. H. Harrison, H. E. Harrington, Samuel Zemon, R. C. E. Gladden, W. H. Coburn, R. L. Ward, Marvin Britton, Joel Muse, W. H. Abernathy, Jack Hardison and Reg Griffin.

Mrs. Camille F. Rawls announced yesterday that her workers in Jamesville Township include Mrs. Simon Barber, Mrs. Clyde Modlin, Mrs. Renda Daniel, Mrs. J. C. Kirkman and Leo Gardner.

Handling the drive as chairman in Bear Grass Township, A. B. Ayers, Jr., announced the following co-workers: W. C. Jones, Harry Wynne and Mesdames Elbert Rawls, J. Price, Hessie Rogers, Roy Ward, Pete Mendenhall, Irving Terry, Harry Wynne, Opheus Bailey and Roland Rogers.

The following co-workers are helping Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, chairman of the drive in Griffins Township: Mesdames Albert Gurrin, John A. Griffin, Gabe Roberson, Rufus Hardison, Carlyle Stallings, Robert Perry, Ben R. Manning and Leonard Coltrain.

Mrs. Irving Roberson, chairman of the drive in Williams Township, is completing a list of her co-workers.

The principals in the several colored schools are handling the drive among the colored citizens, Chairman Edwards explained.

Farmers' Income Tax Information

A special pamphlet entitled, "Your Questions Answered About Farm Income as Related to State Income Tax Liability," is available to Martin County farmers calling at the office of the county agent.

Every person must file an income tax return if he is single and takes in \$1,000, or if he is married and receives as much as \$2,000 gross income. It does not necessarily mean that he will have to pay taxes, but those in the noted income tax bracket must file returns.

The special pamphlet explains all the details, listing the exemptions and pay rate.