

## Liquor Law Charges In Court's Spotlight

### Ten Liquor Cases Heard On Monday By Judge Johnson

Fines Amount To \$470;  
Two Defendants Draw  
Long Jail Terms

A concerted drive against the illicit liquor business, while hampered in some communities for some peculiar reason or reasons, had its first big climax in the county court Monday. Nearly all the thirteen defendants involved in the ten liquor law violation cases found the going pretty rugged. The fines totaled \$470 and two defendants, a man and his wife, drew twelve months on the roads and in prison. Another defendant, in addition to a \$200 fine, had his automobile confiscated for sale.

Working in close cooperation in most cases, county officers, ABC officers and police are rapidly pushing the drive against the illicit liquor traffic into high gear. They are mapping plans of strategy, and the public is cooperating in the movement, it was learned. Judge Raymond T. Johnson handled the following cases in addition to forty-nine others in the Recorder's Court Monday:

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Jesse Warren and Joe Moore were each fined \$10, plus costs.

Entering a plea of not guilty, Archie Council was found guilty of violating the liquor laws and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine, plus costs. The defendant is not to be convicted of a liquor law violation within the next five years.

Edward Persons was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs for violating the liquor laws.

Charged with possession of and transporting illicit liquor—about two gallons—S. L. Godard, colored man of RFD 3, Washington, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$200 fine and costs. The defendant is to start serving the road sentence if he is convicted of violating any liquor law within the next five years. He appealed to the higher courts and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Matthew Gurganus, pleading not guilty of violating the liquor laws, was found guilty and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the condition that the defendant pay a \$100 fine and cost and violate no liquor law during the next five years. He appealed to the higher courts and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Bonnie Terry, Lonnie Davis Cherry, Jos. Daniel Lilley and Dewey Adams, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, were each fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

John Bonds pleaded not guilty of violating the liquor laws. Adjudged guilty he was sentenced to the roads for twelve months. His wife, Boveella Bonds, pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws.

## County Board To Meet On Monday

Meeting in regular session next Monday, the Martin County commissioners will take their first peep at a proposed departmental budget for 1951-52, and go on to handle routine business and review the county road program with highway representatives.

No advance report has been released, but the county welfare department is slated to go before the commissioners with its proposed budget. If the trend of recent years is maintained, a slight increase in the department figures can be expected.

### NEARS GOAL

Since Chairman John H. Edwards released his report early this week, the Red Cross Fund Drive has moved within \$125 of its \$4,057 goal, it was learned Tuesday. It is now hoped that late contributions will come in to push the drive over the top. Those who did not make a contribution or those who'll add a bit to their original donations are asked to forward it direct to Mr. Edwards.

While the drive this year is \$1,000 greater than the one in 1949, demands on the organization have been increased, not to mention extra expenses in handling the blood bank program.

## Cross Roads Over The Top by Large Margin In Drive

### Chairman Bailey Says People Rallied To Support And Exceeded Goal

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Jos. W. Bailey, the people of Cross Roads rallied willingly and very liberally to carry the 1951 Cancer Fund Drive over the top for a large margin. With a goal of \$75, the people there went ahead to exceed that figure by \$32.67.

Aided by Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Johnny B. Wynne, Chairman Bailey carried the drive to just about every nook and corner and declares he was greatly impressed by the willingness of so many people to act in behalf of suffering humanity.

Chairman Bailey reported the following contributions amounting to \$107.67:

Taylor's Service Station, \$5; J. B. Wynne, \$1; Mrs. V. G. Taylor, \$10; H. P. Mobley, \$1; H. S. Hardy, \$2; Mrs. G. W. Taylor, Sr., \$5; J. H. Wynne, \$1; Mrs. Lawrence Coltraine, 25c; Mrs. Alton Sialis, 75c; Mrs. Jesse Keel, \$5; D. C. Peel, \$1; Mrs. Mary Everette, 25c; Lorraine Wynne, 50c; Mrs. Will Crawford, 25c; W. N. Cherry, 25c; Mrs. Paul Bailey, \$1; Mrs. Jack Leggette, 15c; Mrs. Herman Williams, 50c; Mrs. W. C. Bullock, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Peel, \$5; Mrs. J. S. Ayers, Sr., 50c; Mrs. John Stalls, 25c; Mrs. Mack James, 50c; Mrs. Pattie Faulkner, 50c; Mrs. Clarence Faulkner, 50c; Lewis Wynne, \$3.50; Barnhill Supply Co., \$10; G. G. Bailey, 50c; Mrs. John Peaks, 25c; Mrs. John Cherry, 10c; Mrs. Oscar Daniel, 50c; Mrs. Floyd Stalls, \$1; M. D. Ayers, \$1; Mrs. L. A. Clark, \$1; C. B. Riddick, 50c; Mrs. Eula Biggs, 50c; Mrs. Dallas Biggs, 25c; Hubert Clark, \$1; A. R. Roberson, \$1; Mobley Service Station, \$1; J. W. Bailey, \$5; Mrs. Ida Clark, \$1; Mrs. Alton Keel, 50c; Mrs. Ida James, 50c; Mrs. Thurman Wynne, 27c; Mrs. George Whitehurst, 50c; Paul Dixon, 50c; Fred Silverthorne, \$1; Hugh Leggette, \$1; Nathan Bullock, \$1; George Wynne, \$1; Joseph Wynne, \$1; S. T. Wynne, \$1; J. S. Whitehurst, \$1; Winfred Mobley, \$1; B. W. Williams, \$1; R. F. Whitehurst, \$1; Mrs. Leman Mobley, \$1; J. L. Wynne, 50c; Mrs. Tom Wynne, 50c; Mrs. Herbert Roebuck, \$1; Mrs. Gaston James, 50c; Simon Rogers, 50c; W. L. Ausbon, \$1; Paul Leggette, \$1; Mrs. Dave Ausbon, \$1; Mrs. J. E. Leggette, 25c; Henry W. Leggette, \$1; Mrs. William Leggette, 40c; William Biggs, 25c; C. C. Whitaker, 25c; Arthur Ayers, 25c; C. B. Ayers, 25c; Chester Taylor, \$1; Frank Bailey, \$1; Geo. Keel, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beach, \$5; Delmus Williams, 25c;

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While the vote for mayor was exceptionally small when compared against the poll count, Ernest Bunting polled 31 votes and J. H. Ayers, retiring mayor, got two write-in votes. J. F. Crisp polled 52 of the 72 votes cast to succeed himself as treasurer.

The new board of commissioners and the vote for the five men are: J. H. Hopkins, 47; H. M. Ainsley, 43; M. C. Liverman, 43; W. W. Tyson, 33; and H. W. High, 28. Minton Beach, Sr., got 21 write-in votes; Wiley Bunting, 13; and E. N. Harrell, one for places on the town board.

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## Farewell Dinner Given Guardsmen And Their Guests

### General J. Van B. Metts Addresses Group Here Last Evening

After paying tribute to first sergeants, Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts reviewed the history of the National Guard and went on to point out the value of the organization to members of Battery C, 150th AAA Battalion and their honor guests at a farewell dinner held in the American Legion Hut here last evening.

The General, introduced by Mayor Robt. Cowen, said it was one of his few visits from the office in Raleigh, but that he was happy to come here, adding that while the guardsmen had gone into federal service earlier this week he still considered them his children.

The officer, still going strong despite his advanced years and a service record dating back to 1916, had a fellow feeling for the seventy-eight young men who are making ready to enter service for an indefinite period and an uncertain part in an uncertain world.

Back in 1916, the officer was in the Mexican Border service, leaving a wife and two children and his business. His mission accomplished there he returned just in time to return home, sell his business and go into World War I. "There was a feeling of depression," the General admitted, explaining that a spirit within dispelled the depression, that he thought about duty and lost self-consciousness as he moved forward into battle.

"There are individuals who have problems in life, and whether they be in agriculture, business, love or home, we must realize that we are part of a great nation and that we must protect that nation and our own lives," the General said, adding that he knew it was hard to leave. He referred to the cases of disappointment following thoughtful study of appeals, "but if I had let one out, all should be let out," General Metts said, adding that he had done the best he could and was ready for the criticism.

The speaker touched briefly on the uncertainties of life, pointing out that one could leave home after breakfast with the intention of returning for lunch, but be run down by an automobile and never return. "Or you may miss being hit and return," he countered, adding that he was not saying everyone would not come back.

Touching briefly on the current emergency, General Metts said we must be strong, declaring that if Russia gets Korea and Formosa it would have an opening to our poor defense, and we can't afford to lose the opportunity to

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## Enter Into Contract For Oak City School

### PURPLE HEART

Pvt. Owen McNeal, young colored man of the Hassell section and son of Sylvester McNeal, was recently awarded the Purple Heart at the 155th Station Hospital, Yokohama, Japan, it was announced this week by Headquarters, Yokohama Command, APO, 503.

McNeal, the first county colored man to become a casualty in Korea, was wounded action a short time ago, according to reports reaching here.

## Williams Almost Doubles Its Goal In Recent Drive

### Red Letter Day On Cancer Moore and Workers

With a quota of \$35, Chairman Floyd Moore and his workers declared a red letter day over in Williams Township, one of the smallest in the county, and almost doubled the goal for their district in the Cancer Fund Drive just ended.

Turning to the churches, most of them with small memberships, Chairman Moore found a strong support in the drive. The Sunday school members and friends contributed all of the \$64.00 raised there except \$6.50 which was placed in the collection cans at various stores and filling stations.

The contributions were recognized, as follows: Holly Springs Methodist Church Sunday School, \$26.28; Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday School, \$10.22; Fairview Christian Church Sunday School, \$10; Siloam Methodist Church Sunday School, \$9; Bethlehem Methodist Church Sunday School, \$2.

Making his report to the county chairman, Mr. Moore said he was grateful to the church leaders and friends who gave such loyal support in making the campaign a success. He was quoted as saying, "I wish it were possible to thank each and every one personally, but since that is hardly possible, I hope all will accept my humble thanks as expressed in this way. And I am truly thankful to God that we have men and women living with that kind of spirit, making them willing to labor and give of their time, money and service in the name of suffering humanity."

## Home After Long Stay In Hospital

After a stay of fourteen months in the orthopedic clinic at Gastonia, Little Miss Jeannette Lee returned to her home here on Rfodes Street this week.

An invalid since birth, the young girl, after years of treatment, is now able to get around with aid of steel braces and a crutch, reports stating that she is getting along splendidly.

## Weight Limits For Trucks Discussed In County Court

Interpretations of the recently enacted law controlling truck weight limits were found a bit confusing in the county court here this week.

Three cases in which defendants were charged with operating trucks with overloads came before the court, and two of them were continued for rulings.

While the law limits the weight to certain figures on certain types of roads, it is claimed that provision is made to exceed those limits when a load originates on or ends on a road where there are certain weight restrictions.

Lawrence H. Wiggins, in a little different case, was literally caught in the middle. Driving a truck admittedly loaded in ex-

## Guardsmen Leave Here For Georgia Monday Afternoon

### Loading Guns, Generators And Other Equipment Here This Afternoon

The Martin County unit of the National Guard is packing up and making ready to leave for Camp Stewart, Georgia, next Monday. A definite hour of departure has not been released, but the 82 enlisted men and officers are expected to board two special buses, ten private cars, two trucks and a jeep shortly after the noon hour and travel to Wilmington where they will join three other units and entrain for the Georgia Camp. They are to reach their destination early Tuesday morning.

Heavy equipment, including two 90-mm guns, radar van, generators and other mobile equipment are being loaded on flat cars this afternoon. In addition to the mobile units, the guardsmen are filling a railroad car with other equipment, including kitchen utensils, stoves, ammunition and so on.

Since Tuesday the guardsmen have been working as a complete unit on full time. The cooks, referring frequently to cook books, have been preparing the meals which are being served in the legion hut on South Watts Street. Most of the boys declared this morning they are ready to travel.

The roster includes: Capt. Elbert S. Peel, Jr., 1st Lt. Lawrence G. Lindsley, WOJG Needham I. Hyman, M/Sgt. Leslie T. Fowden, SFC Robert F. Gurganus and James D. Rogerson. Sgts. Jesse D. Gurganus and Garland B. Wynne.

Cpls. Benjamin U. Bunting, Cecil D. Coltraine, Joseph F. Davenport, Clayton R. Keel, John D. Mobley, Franklin V. Modlin, Paul H. Peel, Jr., Marion R. Smith, Wallace R. Warren and Melville V. Wynne.

Ptes. Johnnie F. Beacham, Henry Bellflower, Rush W. Bondurant, Jr., Hobson D. Carter, Jr., Robert E. Carter, Charles R. Carver, Reginald Wyatt Coltraine, Alfred S. Craft, Charles D. Edwards, James W. Griffin, Horace R. Gurganus, Hubert Ward Hollis, Hugh G. Horton, Jr., Norwood S. Keel, Lawrence E. Lilley, Joseph D. Lilley, Jr., Alonzo F. Manning, George C. Moore, David C. McLaughlin, Jr., William Robert Peel, Dallas Scott, George Ben Selby, Edward E. Smith, Bruce Whitfield, and John R. Wobblenton.

Pvts. (E-2) William D. Barnes, Dallas A. Griffin, John T. Gurkin, William H. Hopkins, Francis C. Keel, Samuel G. Keel, Murray C. Liverman, Al G. Mills, Noah R. Peel, Jr., George D. Reason, Jr., and Gilbert P. Taylor.

Pvts. (E-1) Shelton E. Bailey, Dennis H. Barber, Lonnie D. Cherry, Herman E. Haslip, Alton M. Harrell, Thaddeus R. Harrell, Cecil G. Hopkins, William T. Johnson, Roland B. Leggett, Jr., Carl M. Manning, William H. Mobley, Elmer Perry, Roland D. Rogers, George W. Williams, Joseph D. Wynne, Jr., and Willie E. Wynne.

The above men are leaving next Monday.

The vanguard, including 2nd Lt. Davis M. VanNortwick, Sgts. James M. Stalls and Frank S. Weaver, Cpl. James W. Bailey, and James T. Perry, left by truck last Tuesday.

## Quartet Has Part In Amateur Show

Four local young men are giving Crosby et al fair warning, for they—Blue Manning, Evan Griffin, Theron Gurganus and Billy Peel—made their debut last night between 10 and 11 o'clock on WTAR's TV station.

Their appearance was a part of the Chrysler amateur hour program, but once Mr. Manning's sly smile registers, it is likely that they'll get a permanent contract to say nothing about their talent.

Reports declare the boys presented a masterful show and were well received. Their rating will be determined by mail response from TV owners.

## County Court Holds Big Session Monday

### LISTLESS

A listless election in the ole home town here next Tuesday, May 8, according to opinions expressed generally during the past few days. Other than a few prankish writings common to just about every election, the small vote is believed in the bag for the nominees of the April 16 primary.

The ticket in the general election next Tuesday carries the names of Robert H. Cowen for mayor, and W. O. Griffin, David Moore, H. L. Barnhill, N. C. Green and K. D. Worrell for town commissioners.

The polls will be open in the town hall from 6:30 a. m. until 6:30 p. m.

## Boy Scouts From County Had Good Camporee Record

### More Than 2,000 Youths At District Encampment Last Week-end

Martin County Boy Scouts made a splendid showing at the East Carolina Council camporee held in Wilson last week-end, according to reports reaching here.

The Apache and Eagle patrols of Williamston, Wolf patrol of Jamesville and Wolf patrol of Robersonville won blue awards while the Iroquois, Beaver, Wolf and Owl patrols of Williamston, Cherokee patrol of Robersonville, Eagle patrol of Jamesville and the Bob White patrol of Hamilton received red awards, it was announced.

Enough food and other material to carry an army for at least a week was consumed during the nation's largest district Boy Scout Camporee.

Figures on the amount of food and other essentials were released today by Ralph Mozo, Executive of the East Carolina Council, of the Boy Scouts of America, just as Wilson settled down after having 2,300 Scouts descend on it for the annual two day encampment.

The size of the Camporee has never been surpassed in this country except for the National Scout Jamboree.

More than 20,000 gallons of water were consumed by the youths during the encampment. They also drank 1,200 gallons of milk, and 10,348 bottles of soft drinks.

Ice cream was a main sideline with the encampment also. The Scouts dipped into enough of the frozen stuff to a purchase price of \$602.00.

Other statistics showed that they ate 433 bags of popcorn, 538 loaves of bread and 40 dozen small cakes.

In order to cook their meals and to have other types of fires, the Scouts used up 49 cords of firewood.

The Scouts were in camp in an area covering about 21 acres near Wilson's Municipal stadium. The large tent city sprang up overnight and disappeared just as quickly when the encampment was completed last Sunday.

During the time that the boys were in Wilson they hardly ever left the camping area as they found their time so well budgeted by the Camporee officials that it was all taken up with events.

The youths came from 21 eastern North Carolina counties and 10 times that many towns in the eastern half of the Tar Heel State.

## Local Young Man To Attend Patrol School

George A. Lessard, local young man, has been selected to attend the N. C. Highway Patrol school opening in Chapel Hill next Monday. Seventy-seven men, chosen out of 100 applicants, are to report at that time, it was announced.

There are openings in the school, beginning in June

## Forty-Nine Cases Handled By Judge Raymond Johnson

### Day's Fines Exceed \$1,300 And Several Defendants Get Road Sentences

Idle for two weeks while the superior tribunal was in special session, the Martin County Recorder's Court resumed its sitting last Monday with its calendar weighted down with cases. Before quitting late in the afternoon, Judge Raymond D. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin had handled forty-nine cases, the fines running up to \$1,310 while several defendants received road sentences. Thirteen cases were continued, but the court is expected to catch up with its work next Monday, reports stating that comparatively few new cases have been added to the docket in recent days.

Proceedings: Adjudged guilty of non-support, Dallas Johnson was directed to pay \$10 weekly support, costs and a doctor's bill. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$300.

Rufus Spain was fined \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. After fining Booker Talgererro Staton \$25, plus costs, for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, the court remitted the fine.

Joe Ellison of RFD 1, Bethel, was taxed with the costs for speeding.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, George Bonds was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He is not to assault his wife during the next two years, and if he does the road sentence will be invoked.

The case in which John Fuller was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was continued under prayer for judgment until May 28.

Matthew Crowell was sentenced to the roads for four months for assaulting a female. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs and guaranteed good behavior.

Ernest Bellamy, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and Adolphus Cotton's \$43 doctor's bill.

Charlie Manning, colored, and Moses Spruill, pleading guilty of trespassing, were each fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. In a second case in which he was charged with resisting arrest, Spruill was found not guilty.

The case charging Raymond Hyman with bastardy was not prosed.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, C. Roosevelt Mobley was found not guilty, and Rubin Harrison, pleading guilty, was taxed with the costs.

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

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Geo. John Jones was found guilty of illegal passing and was fined \$10, plus costs.

John A. Warren, pleading guilty of drunken driving, was fined \$25, plus costs.

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## Suffers Broken Leg In Accident

Phillip Ray Tyson, World War II veteran and farmer of the Oak City section, suffered a broken leg in an unusual accident on his farm Tuesday morning.

The young farmer was trying to catch a mule in the stable when the animal ran against him and broke Tyson's left leg. The victim, suffering a broken leg previously, was removed by ambulance to a veterans' hospital, Fayetteville.