

Little Gambling Headquarters In Elm Street Home

Eight Defendants Bound Over To County Court At Friday Hearing

Gambling in an Elm Street home, climaxed by a murder the early part of this month, was aired in Justice Chas. R. Mobley's court here last Friday evening when eight defendants were bound over to the county court for trial. Five of the eight, previously maintaining they had gathered at the home of Dave Melton just to talk, pleaded guilty and probable cause of guilt was found in the other three cases.

Although Melton pleaded not guilty of operating a gambling den, strong evidence was offered, indicating that he had maintained over a fairly long period a little gambling den or headquarters. Witness after witness, some of them explaining they did not gamble there on the night of May 5 when James Evans fatally shot William Henry Everett, Jr., testified that they had played the popular game of "skin" at the Melton home this year or last year.

After Melton pleaded not guilty, Paul Slade was called as the first witness. Asked what he was doing there that night, Slade said, "just gambling," and named Dave Melton, Bennie Williams, Andrew Wiggins, Leon Outlaw and William Henry Walston. Other witnesses called in the gambling case against Melton were Leon Outlaw and William Henry Walston, each testifying he had gambled in the Melton home and with Melton. Justice Mobley, finding probable cause of guilt, placed Melton under a \$200 bond for operating a gambling den and a \$100 bond for gambling. Bonds were arranged. Bennie Williams, Leon Outlaw, Paul Slade, William Henry Walston and Andrew Wiggins pleaded guilty and each was required to give bond in the sum of \$100. William Henry (Shorty) Brown and Walter Jones pleaded not guilty, but evidence tended to show that while they were not in the game on the night of May 5, they had patronized the den on previous occasions and they were booked for trial, the justice requiring bond in the sum of \$100 each.

Several of the witnesses, testifying at the murder hearing on May 7, declared they were not gambling, that they had gathered at the Melton home just to talk. Nothing has been said about perjury charges, but it is apparent that the evidence offered at the two hearings is conflicting.

James Evans, held in the county jail for the wilful murder of the Everett boy, is said to have admitted he was in the Melton home gambling. According to officers, Evans said he lost his money gambling and was kicked out of the Melton home, that he went and borrowed more money and after he lost that, he was beaten by Melton and kicked out again. Evans borrowed a shot gun and returned, apparently to shoot Melton. Unable to gain entrance, Evans shot through the window, striking and fatally injuring Everett who was an innocent bystander, looking on at the game.

Melton, pleading not guilty of operating a gambling house, was found guilty by Judge R. T. Johnson yesterday and was fined \$100, plus costs.

Bennie Williams, Leon Outlaw, William Henry Walston, Paul Slade and Andrew Wiggins.

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MANEUVERS

There was no official schedule, but servicemen from all over staged impromptu maneuvers in and around Williamston over the week-end. It was reported that between 75 and 100 servicemen, including guardsmen, sailors and marines, invaded the area during the period. All went well until early yesterday morning when a car loaded with sailors, crashed into a parked car on the main street here, injuring several badly.

Crowd See Guardsmen Off To Camp Stewart



Pictured above is part of the crowd, estimated at several hundred, that gathered to see the Martin County unit of the National Guardsmen off to Camp Stewart, Ga., early this month. Williamston's High School Band was there along with friends and relatives of the young men from all parts of the county. (Photo by Royal)

First Polio Case Of 1951 Reported In County Friday

The first polio case in the county this year was reported last Friday, the health department stating that Little Brenda Lou Rogers, three-and-one-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rogers of Bear Grass Township, had fallen victim of the disease. No official report could be had immediately, but it was learned that the case was not a severe one, that the little victim was getting along very well in North Carolina Convalescent Hospital, Greensboro.

Taken ill on or about the ninth of this month at her home on RFD

County Persons At Cancer Clinic

Twenty-seven persons, including one from Hamilton, attended the cancer detection diagnostic clinic in Rocky Mount last week.

The clinics are held each Wednesday at the Cancer Control Center, Municipal Building, Rocky Mount, and Martin County citizens are invited.

The clinics are operated in cooperation with the State Board of Health and the Martin County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the examinations are free to persons 35 years and older. Appointments may be arranged by writing to the center in Rocky Mount.

Edenton Gives 191 Pints Of Blood

Cherry Point—For the third time, the small detachment of Marines stationed at the Outlying Field, Edenton, North Carolina, answered the call for blood donors in the Chowan County area.

Major T. R. Boutwell, Commanding Officer, together with 50 Marines, traveled to the Edenton Armory last Friday to donate their blood to the Red Cross Bloodmobile, which periodically stops at Edenton.

The quota for the Chowan County area was set for 175 pints of blood. This marks the sixth visit by the mobile blood unit to Chowan County. On its last visit 191 pints were contributed.

County Boy Soldier Of The Week At Fort Bragg

Pvt. R. J. Perry, Martin County young man, has been selected twice as "Soldier of the Week" at Fort Bragg. "It is a privilege to have him in our company," Sgt. Adkins of the 322nd Signal Battalion Corps, said in commenting on the honor received by Pvt. Perry.

Farm Income All Set To Reach A New High Record

Defense Secretary Marshall Makes Good Impression At Hearing

Washington, D. C.—(Special)—Despite dire prospects painted by many groups, the American farmer will do all right in 1951. His net income will probably set a new record—topping even the record year 1947. But that doesn't mean he will have more buying power this year than in 1947. He will probably have less. Each net dollar will represent less buying power.

But considering the whole situation, the average farmer will not have a bad year, even if the buying power of each dollar is down, for he will earn more dollars than usual. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics points out that the farmer, while he might have a relatively prosperous year, is suffering from the current inflation more than many groups.

He is paying higher prices for all non-agricultural items and his income isn't rising in equal proportion to the national income. Thus, BAE says, while the farmer will earn more dollars net, this year, he won't have much more than usual in buying power. So the picture isn't as bright as some might conclude, on first discovery that farm income is to set a new record, or come close.

The Senate hearings over General Douglas MacArthur proved one thing beyond all others: Senators, just like the people, are easy prey to emotionalism, irrational thought and propaganda. When General George Marshall finished testifying last Monday, he was warmly praised by most Senators sitting in on the investigation. Yet when he first began, practically everyone suspected him of some sort of double-dealing.

The points Marshall brought out, and which had a clearing effect, seemed to be the cause of Mr. Haislip's cattle losses.

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Station Robbed In The County

Using a pair of bolt cutters, robbers clipped the front door lock of Manson Council's filling station-store near Hassell in this county early last Thursday morning and carried away merchandise valued at approximately \$150, it was announced by the sheriff's office.

Included in the loot were twenty-five cartons of cigarettes, forty pairs of overalls, pants and a few other items. Another Council store, five miles away, was robbed the week before.

Final Report Shows Drive Way Over Top

A final report released during the week-end by Mrs. Herbert Whitley, county commander, shows the 1951 cancer fund drive way over the top in Martin County.

Up until last week-end, \$1,626.21 had been raised and reported. Twenty dollars were added by the Woman's Club and Colonial Stores to the Williamston amount, boosting it to \$798.72, and then Mrs. Herbert Highsmith reported an additional \$193 to the Robersonville amount, boosting it to \$293 there. Handling the drive by herself, Mrs. Highsmith, it is quite apparent, took top honors in the county when she reported the largest amount for any canvasser in the county. Through her efforts, Robersonville exceeded its quota.

The cancer fund in this county now stands at \$1,839.21, an amount \$339.21 in excess of the quota. Mrs. Whitley again expresses her appreciation to all those who had a part in the drive just ended.

Cattle Die Of Poison Cherry

By D. W. Brady, Assistant County Agent

A pasture tour to Robert Haislip's farm near Hassell this week discovered the trouble with his cattle he had diagnosed as bloat. Sam Dobson, Pasture Specialist, along with a few farmers visited a fine Ladino clover pasture and herd of beef cattle owned by Mr. Haislip. The Ladino had taken the blame for causing the deaths of two fine Hereford heifers.

After searching the edge of the pasture and woods, Mr. Dobson discovered several wild cherry sprouts where the main tree had been cut that had been eaten by his cattle. These sprouts coming from the main root system are rich in prussic acid and when eaten by cattle usually proves fatal. This seemed to be the cause of Mr. Haislip's cattle losses.

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Taxed With Costs For Disorderly Conduct

Alexander Horner and his wife, Elizabeth, were taxed with the costs by Justice Chas. R. Mobley in his court here last evening for disorderly conduct.

Install Harrison As Jaycee Head For the New Year

Ladies' Night and Installation Event Observed At Recent Meeting

At the Annual Ladies' and Installation Night held recently in the Woman's Club here, Bernard Harrison was installed as President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1951-52.

Jaycee Pete Austin, acting as Toastmaster, directed one of the most impressive annual meetings ever held by the local club. He started the meeting off by introducing Ernest Mears who in turn presented the entertainment for the evening, The Laryngitis Four, composed of Blue Manning, Evan Griffin, Billy Peele, and Theron Gurganus, the quartet of television fame, rendered three selections which met with hearty approval. Miss Tess Taylor, Billy Peele, and Evan Griffin, accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Ward rounded out the entertainment for the dinner.

After dinner the toastmaster recognized Wheeler Manning who delivered the welcoming address with a response by Mrs. Hoke Roberson.

District Vice President Clarence Winstead was then presented to install the following officers for the coming year: 1st Vice-President Blue Manning, 2nd Vice-President George W. Corey, Secretary Edgar Gurganus, Treasurer Hoke Roberson, State Director James Bulluck, Sgt.-At-Arms Alonza Bland, and Directors J. C. Coltrain, Ernest Mears, Bruce Roebuck, Jesse W. Sumner, J. D. Baldree, and Ed Rowland. Then Jaycee Winstead installed President Bernard Harrison and called on Bernard's wife Edith to pin on his new President's lapel pin.

Edgar Gurganus was pinned as the outgoing President and Jaycee Robert Cowen presented him with a gift of appreciation from the membership.

The meeting was then adjourned and the activities were resumed at the high school gymnasium where the Annual Ladies' Night Dance was held.

The guests were as follows: Williamston; Kiwanis President Bill Spivey and wife Ester, Lion President James Bulluck and wife Blanche, Woman's Club

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Consider Selling Legion Hut Here

No official information could be had, but it was reliably learned that the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion is considering selling its hut here on South Watts Street.

Members of the post were asked by special correspondence if they would favor the sale of the property for a price of not less than \$12,000.

It was rumored that the post leaders are interested in more spacious quarters with ample space to hold fairs, carnivals and similar events.

A representative of the Lions Club, asked if his organization was interested in purchasing the Legion property for a Boy Scout building, said he knew nothing about the plan.

Get Report From Former Player

Calling Mr. Jimmy Taylor, local tobaccoist who is on the Maryland markets, Jefferson Grant, former Williamston baseball player, inquired after his old friends here.

Remembered here as an able outfielder and a promising young man who accompanied Art Hauger to this section, Grant made many friends in this section.

In World War II, he was wounded and lost one of his legs. Last reports indicated that the second leg would have to be amputated shortly, but the young man continues of good cheer and would like to hear from his friends. Letters will reach him at 2234 Savannah Terrace, Washington, D. C., Mr. Taylor said.

Two Badly Injured In Series Of Accidents

KILLED IN ACTION



Cpl. John H. Garrett, son of Mr. Carl R. Garrett of Williamston and the late Mrs. Toye Bell Berryhill Garrett, was killed in action in Korea on April 30, the Army announced last week.

William T. Baker Died at His Home Friday Afternoon

Last Rites Held At Biggs Funeral Home Sunday Afternoon

William Thomas Baker, retired commercial fisherman, died at his home on East Main Street here last Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He partially recovered from a stroke of paralysis suffered last October, but was confined to his home most of the time. His condition was critical following a second stroke suffered ten days ago.

He was born in Williamston 81 years ago on March 21, 1870, and was among the town's oldest natives. When a young man he engaged in the timber business, but in later years he fished commercially, enjoying at that task the out-of-doors and a life free of care. He was employed in the grocery business for a number of years with W. J. Hodges and the late Theodore Roberson, and operated a business at Gardner's Creek and another at Everetts for a few years. However, he always maintained his headquarters near Roanoke River, and few men could predict its capers more accurately than he did.

He was married to Miss Sudie Waters fifty-five years ago and she survives with three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Andrews, Mrs. A. L. Green and Mrs. W. G. Miller, all of Williamston, a half-brother, George A. Harris, Sr., of Williamston; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and the pastor, Rev. E. R. Shuller conducted the last rites at the Biggs Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Badly Hurt When Struck By Train

Robert O'Mary, about 50 years of age, was critically hurt shortly after 10:00 o'clock last Saturday night when he was struck by an east bound Atlantic Coast Line train in Everetts.

It was reported that several ribs were broken and that one of his lungs was punctured. After receiving first aid treatment in a Williamston hospital, he was removed Sunday afternoon to Duke Hospital, Durham, in a Biggs ambulance.

Few details could be learned about the accident, but one report stated that the Cross Roads farmer was worried about a son whom he had not heard from in Korea in six months, and that he had talked about ending his life. It was also reported that he had consumed four boxes of aspirin and walked about 100 feet from the town's main street and took a seat on the end of a cross tie.

Adult Fractures Skull In A Fall From Moving Car

Florida Woman Suffers Extensive Injuries In Accident Monday

Two persons were badly hurt and property damage soared in a series of automobile accidents on Martin County highways and streets during the past few days, according to reports coming from the highway patrol and town police departments.

Willie Ray Bullock, white man, suffered a fracture of the skull, several broken ribs, bruise, and abrasions about the body when he fell out of a moving automobile near Butler's Bridge on Highway 125 between Williamston and Hamilton Sunday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock. Investigating the accident, Patrolmen R. P. Narron and M. F. Powers said they could learn few details. D. E. Johnson was operating the car and stopped to let Mrs. Bullock out, the officers stating that she apparently failed to close the door and that Bullock, in trying to close it after the car was in motion, toppled out. He was removed to the Martin General Hospital, regaining consciousness the next morning.

Mrs. T. J. Daniel of Tampa, Fla., and Memphis, Tenn., was badly hurt at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning at the Central Service station on Williamston's main street. Mr. Daniel had parked his car and trailer against the curb in front of the station and got out to inquire if he was on the right road to Elizabeth City. "I had stepped only a few feet when I heard a crash," Mr. Daniel said. Looking back, the man said he saw his car, a 1949 Ford sedan, and a Ford convertible literally raring into the air. The sedan and attached one-ton trailer loaded with grayhound racing dogs, were knocked about twelve or fifteen feet against a telephone pole. The convertible, owned and driven by Harvey Saul Cohen of New York, had left its side of the street and its left front plowed into the left front of the parked car. Mrs. Daniel's feet and legs were badly crushed when caught between the pole and the open door. It was unofficially reported that one ankle was crushed, the other injured along with leg and knee injuries. She was reported to be getting along very well in Brown's Community Hospital.

Cohen, with several navy companions, was on a 72-hour pass and the group was returning from New Jersey to their station at Charleston. Cohen was not hurt but three of his companions suffered minor cuts and bruises about their faces. Cohen said the lights blinded him, but it is believed he dropped off to sleep. Others in the car said they were sleeping and did not know how the accident happened. Damage to the cars was estimated at between \$800 and \$1,000. Mr. Daniel stating that he did not know whether his dogs were hurt. The animals were sent on to the track at Moyock.

The first in the series of accidents was reported on Williamston's Washington Street at 7:45 o'clock last Thursday morning by Sgt. C. R. Williams. Patrick W.

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NO JUNE CALL

No Martin County young men will be called for final induction into the armed forces next month, according to information coming from the draft board this week. It is not yet known whether there'll be a call for pre-induction examinations, but one isn't likely. Young men are warned, however, that the lull in the draft does not mean the draft is off. More men are still in demand, and millions more will be in uniform in time.