

## Fifteen Cases In Recorder's Court At Recent Session

### Judge Johnson Imposes \$430 Fines And Metes Out Road Sentences

Fifteen cases were handled by Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin during a session lasting until almost 1:00 o'clock in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$430, and several road sentences were meted out.

Vigorously denying that he was cruel to an old mule which fell in a pond and drowned, Johnnie Williams of Goose Nest was found guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

The case in which Raymond E. Evans was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license was not pressed.

Charged with drunken and careless driving, Wilton Laverne Godard pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty of illegal parking on a highway, the defendant was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Carroll E. Price, charged with public drunkenness pleaded not guilty. He was fined \$10 and required to pay the costs.

Simon D. Moore, charged with an assault, was adjudged guilty of a simple attack and was fined \$15, plus costs. In a second case, Moore was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. He was adjudged guilty over his plea of innocence, and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The court suspended the road sentence upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs on condition that the remain of good behavior for six months. He appealed and \$100 bond was required.

Pleading not guilty of violating the liquor laws, Clyde Coburn was found guilty and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$75 fine and costs. The defendant is to violate no liquor law during the next two years.

Willie Williams, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, Willie Briley was fined \$50, plus costs.

Charged with an assault, James C. Powell pleaded guilty and drew ninety days on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

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## Club Perfecting Its Organization

Chartered only a short time ago, the local Rotary Club is rapidly completing its working organization and plans are being advanced for active participation in the over-all programs, President Chas. I. Harris said during the regular meeting held on Tuesday of this week.

Chairmen and committee members have been named, and the first regular meeting of the board of directors is scheduled next Tuesday night in the home of President Harris. Edgar Gurganus was named chairman of the club service committee; John Miller, Jr., heads vocational service committee, and Dan Sharpe is chairman of the international service committee.

Past District Governor H. B. Spruill of Windsor and Governor Olin Broadway of Henderson attended the meeting this week.

## Delay Observance Of Anniversary

Planned and handled exclusively by friends, the annual anniversary celebration of the opening of Brown's Community Hospital here 12 years ago, has been postponed from the last week in July to the 15th of September. Mr. Daye Daniel, one of the original sponsors of the annual event, pointed out that the celebration was deferred owing to the busy season now being experienced by the farmers in this section with the harvesting of the tobacco crop.

## Constructing Many Tobacco Barns In County This Year

According to unofficial reports, Martin County tobacco farmers are building a record number of curing barns this year. It has been conservatively estimated that more than 350 new barns will be made ready for use in handling the current crop, beginning next month.

While a few of the barns are replacements, most of them are being built to care for the acreage increase allowed this year. The new barns are scattered all over the county from the lower part of Jamesville to the upper part of Goose Nest Township. Some farmers are building as many as three new barns, but single units

are predominate in the current building schedule.

Costs are said to be varying from \$750 for the cheapest and smallest type to \$1,500 or more for the largest and latest models, including curing equipment.

A few farmers are building what have been termed experimental barns where hot air is forced into the top of the curing room. Most of the barns are being equipped with oil burners, but a few farmers are still holding to the old type where wood is used in the furnace.

At least seventeen curing barns were destroyed by fire in this county last season.

### COMPLETED

The tobacco acreage check has just about been completed in this county, and unofficial reports state that approximately 300 farmers exceeded their allotments, the excess averaging from one-tenth to about one acre. Most of the farmers, or about 225, are cutting down the excess while the others are planning to pay the penalty.

A few farmers, having no allotment, planted tobacco this year, knowing their poundage would be subject to the penalty.

## Need For Blood Donors Is Urgent

While the response from various civic organizations in the chapter, including Ruritan, Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees, Women's and Rotary clubs, is very encouraging, comparatively few individuals have volunteered so far to give a pint of blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its second visit to Williamston on Thursday of next week, according to Recruiters V. J. Spivey and Wheeler M. Manning.

Last March, 185 pints of blood were put into the blood bank. A large amount of that has been returned to this chapter for use in emergencies in several cases and much has been sent to Korea. Those who donated a pint of blood in March can give another pint without any strain, it was pointed out. They are asked to support the cause along with new volunteers.

By supporting the bloodmobile program, any person in the chapter is eligible to call for as much blood as he may need and without cost. The blood is not only available to those who donate a pint or more but it also may be had by any person in the local Red Cross chapter, it was explained. The value of the program has been firmly established, and it is hoped that between 250 and 300 persons will support the program next Thursday.

## County Girl On Television Show

Miss Hazel Mobley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mobley of Bear Grass and a student nurse in a Baltimore hospital, recently appeared on a "Nurses' Talent-Tussle" program arranged by Station WAAM.

Dressed in a cow-girl outfit, she played a guitar and sang "Beautiful Brown Eyes." A few days later she was recalled and sang "On Top of Old Smoky", receiving the grand prize, a costly wrist watch.

## Recruiting Office Open Until 8:00

The recruiting sergeant will remain at the Williamston Post Office until 8 o'clock Thursday, July 12th, for those who have had pre-induction exams and want to enlist before the July 15 deadline. These enlistees must be on their way to Raleigh Friday morning to beat the deadline as the 15th is on Sunday and the Raleigh office will be closed, and none of this type of enlistment will be accepted Monday, July 16th.

## Large Decrease In Yam Acreage

The smallest sweet potato crop since 1881 is indicated for North Carolina this year.

Based on reports as of July 1, the cooperative Crop Reporting Service of the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture yesterday estimated this season's sweet potato crop at 4,400,000 bushels, a drop of 35 per cent from last year's production, and 39 per cent less than the 1940-49 average.

Growers indicate only 40,000 acres of sweet potatoes will be harvested in the State this year, which is 41 per cent less than the 1940-49 average of 67,800 acres, and the smallest acreage devoted to this crop since 1888.

Difficulty in disposing of last year's crop, disappointment with prices received, and increased acreages for cotton, tobacco and peanuts, are the reasons cited for the sharp decline in sweet potato production this year.

A yield of 110 bushels per acre is in prospect, compared with 115 bushels per acre harvested last year.

## Local Group Makes Good Catch Monday

Going out in the Gulf Stream off Morehead City last Monday, a group of local fishermen made a nice catch. They landed 60 king mackerel, 1 amberjack, 5 bonita and black fish.

They were aboard the "Sea Raven," Captain George Purifoy. Included in the group were K. P. Lindsley, Sr., K. P. Lindsley, Jr., J. W. Watts, John Watts, J. S. Whitley and John Whitley.

## Jos. D. Manning Sues To Recover \$7,500 Damage To His Racing Dogs

### Native of This County Died Sunday Afternoon In Pitt County

Joseph Daniel Manning, native of this county, died at his home near Falkland in Pitt County at 7:45 Sunday evening. He had been in declining health for about two years, but it was thought his condition was little changed when he suffered an attack and fell out of a chair in the yard at his home about 5:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

He was born in Williams Township, this county, 63 years ago, the son of the late Joseph and Nannie Stewart Manning, and spent the early half of his life on the farm there. He moved about thirty years ago to Greene County, and after farming and engaging in the timber business, he made his home in Wilson and Edgecombe Counties, locating near Falkland about seven years ago.

About twelve years ago he was married to his brother's widow, the former Daisy Walker of Washington.

Surviving besides his widow are four step-sons, Eugene Manning of Tarboro, William W. Manning of Old Sparta, Roderick Manning of Charlotte and Linwood W. Manning of Rocky Mount; two step-daughters, Lucille and Rachel Warren Manning, both of the home; two brothers, John and William L. Manning, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Reddick, all of near Williamston.

He was a member of the Baptist Church and the Rev. Mr. Lanier, Tarboro Baptist minister, conducted the funeral at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Interment was in the Tarboro cemetery.

### BOUNTIFUL

What is believed to have been a record yield in this county, forty-eight bushels of wheat were produced per acre by Farmer L. P. Lindsley on his Conoho farm this year.

The yield, reported following the harvest last week, averages about 26 bushels per acre more than the State production. The farmer planted sixty acres to the crop and harvested right at 2,880 bushels.

## Several Divorce Cases Filed In Superior Court During Past Few Days

Claiming three of his greyhound racing dogs were injured in an automobile accident in front of the Central Filling Station on Main Street here last May 21, T. J. Daniel, former Florida resident, this week filed a damage suit in the Martin County Superior Court to recover \$7,500.

A suit was started by the plaintiff's wife a short time ago to recover \$15,000 damages alleged to have resulted when the car in which she was sitting was struck by another driven by Harvey Saul Cohen. The dogs were riding in a special trailer attached to the car in which Mrs. Daniel was a passenger.

In the \$7,500 suit, the plaintiff asks \$3,500 damages done to his dog, "This Is My Money". He is asking \$2,000 damages resulting to his dog, "Ben Sumner" and \$1,500 for a third dog, "Tiny Alice". It is said that the owner refused \$7,000 for the first dog while racing down in Florida last winter.

The plaintiff claims that the first two dogs were so badly injured that they had to be killed, that "Tiny Alice", once valued at \$2,000 is now worth no more than \$500.

Daniel, with his wife and dogs, was driving north on May 21 when he stopped his car at the filling station at 4:20 o'clock that morning. He got out of the car and started into the station when Cohen, driving a Chevrolet, crashed into the Daniel car, injuring Mrs. Daniel and several of the dogs.

Daniel is now a resident of Currituck County, and Cohen is attached to the U. S. Naval Station, Charleston.

In addition to the \$7,500 damage suit, several divorce actions were filed in the court during the past few days.

Based on two-year-separation grounds, divorces are being asked in the following cases:

John L. Austin against Lucy May Austin, James Biggs against Mary Lee Biggs, and James E. Godard against Barbara Godard.

## Martin County Scouts Will Hold Swim Meet

The Boy Scouts of Martin County will participate in a swim meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the local pool.

## New Construction At High Peak Last Year

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorist on Martin County highways and streets during the past one-week period ending last Sunday chalked up possibly the most tragic record recorded in any corresponding period in years and years. The last words of a dying child were: "Daddy, please don't drive so fast."

Five lives have been sacrificed in the wake of the motor vehicle in this county so far this year. Nothing will bring them back, but there are nearly six months left in 1951 to drive carefully and protect human life, limb and property.

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.

27th Week			
Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Damage	
1951 5	6	2	\$ 1,200
1950 3	1	0	625
Comparisons To Date			
1951 125	58	5	\$28,870
1950 73	38	0	16,775

## Make Changes In Faculty Personnel

Several more changes have been made in the local teacher personnel, it was announced this week by Principal B. G. Stewart.

Mrs. Ann Beach, seventh grade teacher, has resigned and Mrs. D. G. Glisson has been elected to succeed her. Mrs. Glisson came here from Washington when Mrs. Glisson accepted a position with the soil conservation service.

Orville Robinson of Wilmington has been elected to the vacancy in the science department of the high school department. He succeeds A. J. Abdalla of Selma who resigned at the close of the school year this spring. The new teacher was a member of the faculty at Southport for the past two years and is a graduate of Wake Forest where he received his B. S. degree. Twenty-five years of age, he is now working for his master's degree at East Carolina.

## Reviews Public Health Work In County

By John W. Williams County Health Officer

Location—Martin County—An 85% agricultural county, in the Coastal Plains of Eastern Carolina. Population 28,000, nearly half of whom are colored. There are nine schools for white and nineteen for colored.

The central office for the Martin County Health Department is in Williamston. Furnished substations are in Hamilton, Jamesville, Oak City, and Robertsonville.

Personnel—Eight, five of whom are natives of Martin County. The health officer is from the adjoining county but spent half of his professional life in this county. They are as follows:

Trulah Bailey, graduate of Williamston High School and titled by the Merit System Examination as Typist Clerk.

Mary Louise Taylor, high school graduate, trained in the Emergency Hospital, Washington, D. C., with affiliations, during training, for obstetrics and pediatrics, six months schooling at State University and from time to time has spent periods of training in V. D. and T. B. Centers. She has been with the department since 1942 with 2 years spent in the army.

Mrs. Ethel Moore works as clerk to V. D. investigator and assists in filing. Mildred Floyd, colored, registered nurse in Public Health, trained in Wilmington is a graduate of Williamston High School and has special training in Durham in Public Health work and one week's special work in V. D.

Mrs. Leona DeCato graduate of Jamesville High School, trained as nurse in Roanoke Rapids and has been with Martin County since

1946 after her service of two years in the army. She has, as all the nurses, taken the various short courses of post graduate work such as orthopedic clinic, nutrition, tuberculosis, etc. She obtained her public health training in the Goldsboro Health Department.

W. B. Gaylord, Jr., graduate of the Jamesville High School and Campbell College, and completed course in Public Health in 1938. He has had five years experience in sanitation, has taken several short public health courses, served four years in the Army, and has been with the Health Department since 1946. Wendell Maddrey, graduate of the University of North Carolina, and a native of Seaboard, N. C., was loaned to us by the United States Public Health Service, as V. D. Investigator. This type of service we have had for the past couple of years. Dr. John W. Williams, graduate of the University of North Carolina and Maryland in Medicine. After ten years practice in Martin County he moved to Beaufort County and entered the Public Health field. He had one year at Hopkins, where he received a Masters Degree in Public Health. At this time he moved to Louisiana, and returned to this state fifteen years ago. During his 20 years he spent five years as Health Officer in Asheville and ten as Health Officer in Martin County and five years in Beaufort. He has had short courses in different branches of work too numerous to mention.

Work with Premature Infants—Number taken care of: 6. One that

was born in the Martin General Hospital remained there. The six cases we took care of seems a small number and an item that could be easily dispensed with. It is law that the midwife or physician report the birth immediately to the Health Department if the baby weighs less than five pounds. It then becomes our duty to take over and use every effort to get the baby and a member of the household to the hospital designated as being equipped to handle cases of this nature. Phone calls are put in to the different hospitals to learn if there is one there is a vacancy. Nurses call at the home with incubator, proper linen, and enough oxygen to last the trip. Winston Salem has been the longest distance we have traveled. Detailed history is taken from the accompanying member of the household at the hospital. On the return, inspection is made of the home to see that proper facilities are available for the care of the child on its return from the hospital, which is generally from eight to ten weeks at a cost of thirteen dollars per day. This is paid by the Children's Bureau. These babies are visited frequently by our nurses to see that orders are obeyed.

Midwifery control.—There are eighteen midwives registered and have permits to practice in the county. While they are a necessary evil, they are at the same time a very vital part of our county life. Unfortunately, they are old and feeble and require a vast amount of supervision. Once a year they are asked to come to the

Health Center for demonstration and class instruction. This year four of them received "A" Certificates, nine "B" Certificates, and five "C" certificates. At these meetings, lunch is served and they are transported back to their homes. One hundred and eight visits were made to the midwives and many times they were off on calls which required repeat visits.

Maternity.—Number of Pre-natal cases to the clinic: 248. At the clinic the patient's blood pressure is taken, urine examined for sugar and albumin, and all the danger signs of pregnancy looked for. The patient is advised how to recognize untoward symptoms and how to report them. There were 148 nursing visits made. The purpose of these nursing visits is to see that directions given by the clinician are being carried out to get cases in, who have never been to a clinic.

Infants.—Eight hundred and sixty children visited the clinics which are held in conjunction with the prenatal clinics. The child is stripped and examined by physician and although it is a well baby clinic, the mother is urged to inform us of anything that is worrying her as to the progress the child is making. Cod liver oil is furnished and if any little irregularities are found drugs are prescribed and formulas corrected. Immunizations are begun at the age of three months when they receive whooping cough and diphtheria vaccine. The 860 means different children seen; it does not include the subsequent

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## Working For Code Of Ethics In The U. S. Government

### Indications There Are Too Many Seeking Private Gain In Washington

Congress has made innumerable investigations, but one of the strangest started last week. A Senate Labor subcommittee headed by Senator Paul H. Douglas (Dem., Ill.) began hearings in an attempt to develop a "Code of Government Ethics."

The committee struck "pay dirt" immediately in a statement by Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren who—first as a leading member of the House, and since then as the "watchdog" for Congress over government expenditures—has had an exceptional opportunity for close observation of both the good and bad in government.

"The problem of ethics in government," Warren told the committee, "is as old as government itself."

"The rigors suffered by our troops at Valley Forge did not stop a member of the Continental Congress from joining in an attempt to corner the market on desperately needed flour."

"During the Civil War, 'Harper's Magazine' pictured Army contractors and speculators at a banquet of abundance and delight, and Army officers and Treasury agents profiting from the opportunity for graft."

"After the Civil War, the activities of the 'Whiskey Ring' and other nefarious groups touching the executive branch of the government were equaled only by the legislative activities of the railroad lobbyists."

"Most of us are too young to remember the odor of the embalming of the Spanish-American War, but we still have vivid memories of the Teapot Dome scandal of the 1920's."

"World War I brought the curse of cost-plus contracts. While defeating the Kaiser, we enriched hundreds of contractors who saw nothing ignoble in wasting millions of the taxpayers' dollars to inflate their miserable 10 per cent."

Despite all this, Warren said, he did not until recently put much stock in the idea of a "code of ethics." It seemed to him that the only real remedy was to put honest men in the government and watch them to make sure they stay honest.

But he has found that "the problem of morality in government grows acute during periods of war and big spending. Sheer size leaves knavery obscured and undetected. The false card is lost in the shuffle."

"This was certainly borne out by the things we in the General Accounting Office saw during World War II. I do not pose as any crusader or reformer, but I could not help being disillusioned by the shockingly low moral standards exhibited by some of those connected with war contracts, on the side of both the contractors and the government."

"The overwhelming majority of government people are honest, capable and conscientious, especially the oldline career employees."

"Likewise, many who come to fense crises are honorable and patriotic. But it is in this class that we find fly-by-night people who come into government for private Washington during war and de-

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## Over Twenty-One Miles Of Streets

An engineer's check, recently completed, shows 21.6 miles of streets in Williamston, exclusive of those thoroughfares in the territory to be annexed just west of the present town limits.

There are 6.37 miles of surfaced streets, 7.45 miles of black top streets, 3.30 miles of concrete paving, and 3.73 miles of highways inside the present town limits. A county road extension is three-quarters of a mile in length.

It is estimated that the town will receive sometime this fall approximately \$15,000 as its share of the Powell Bill money for the maintenance of streets.

## Eighty-Two New Homes Are Built Here Last Year

### Big Rush Is Reported In Construction Of Homes Early This Year

Building construction, holding to a fairly steady increase down through the years with the exception of the World War II period, is believed to have broken all records here last year, according to a report released this week by Williamston's building inspector, G. P. Hall.

Few contracts were let and it is impossible to get accurate figures on the construction costs. However, Mr. Hall estimated the total figure at \$672,100, including the cost of 82 new homes and apartments and fifteen commercial buildings.

Home construction costs were estimated at \$410,350. The cost of the fifteen commercial buildings was estimated at \$266,750. The Texas Company's terminal on Roanoke River topped the list of commercial projects, the construction costs there running in excess of \$75,000. The insecticide mill and storage at the Standard Fertilizer plant possibly held second place while the new home of the Roanoke Chevrolet Company was listed above the average.

In addition to the new construction, residential and commercial repairs to old structures were estimated to have cost \$5,000, pushing the grand total to \$672,100 for 1950.

Since World War II, construction advanced at the rate of between \$250,000 and half a million dollars annually, the inspector stating that 1950 was about the first time that the total construction had exceeded \$670,000.

Commenting on the prospects for 1951, Mr. Hall said that up until this week, all records had been broken, but he hastened to explain that uncertain conditions and the almost certain shortage in some materials are definitely going to cause a marked reduction in building activity on the home and commercial front from now on out.

Through June 30 of this year, permits had been issued for the construction of thirty new homes and six commercial structures which with repairs represent an estimated expenditure of almost one-half million dollars. A greater activity in building construction is reflected in the permits issued during the first six months of this year than during any six months in the history of the town, but with building limitations now in effect, it is fairly certain that the year, as a whole, will not measure up to the 1950 total. Most of the permits issued during the first half of 1951 were recorded in January and February.

No official figures are available but the thirty homes, ranging in cost from \$1,000 to \$25,000, represent an estimated cost of \$235,700.

The six commercial buildings, ranging from \$4,500 to \$105,000, represent an estimated expenditure of \$209,200. Other types of buildings and repairs are figured for the first six months of this year at \$4,750.

The largest expenditure in the commercial or non-residential list

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## Firemen Called To Burning Truck

Just how it started could not be learned, but fire did considerable damage to a pick-up truck belonging to the Williamston Supply Company at 2:55 o'clock here Tuesday afternoon.

The truck, used for hauling wood, was traveling across South Sycamore Street when it caught fire. Damage was centered in the cab and around the wiring system. The fire was brought under control with an extinguisher and water from a small hose line.

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