

Handle Fourteen Cases In Martin Recorder's Court

**Fines Imposed At Monday's
Session By Judge R. T.
Johnson Were \$360**

Fourteen cases were handled by Judge R. T. Johnson during a session lasting until 12:45 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Martin County Recorder's Court. Fines imposed during the day amounted to \$360 and there were several road sentences meted out. Solicitor Clarence Griffin was back at his table after being absent last week while undergoing hospital treatment.

Proceedings: It appearing to the court that a reconciliation had been effected, Judge Johnson suspended judgment upon the payment of the cost in the case in which Columbus Williams was charged with non-support.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, R. Jester Williams pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a license and violating the liquor laws. He was adjudged guilty as charged in the warrant and was fined \$140, plus costs. He loses his driver's license for a year.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Charles Leon Clemmons was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$35 fine and costs. The defendant is to remain of good behavior and violate no criminal law for one year.

Willie J. Roberson entered a plea of nolo contendere in the case in which he was charged with resisting arrest and being drunk and disorderly. He was adjudged guilty of resisting arrest and drew six months on the roads. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to remain of good behavior for two years.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Willie L. Thigpen was fined \$25, plus costs. In a second case against him, Thigpen pleaded not guilty of an assault. He was adjudged guilty, but the court suspended judgment upon the payment of court costs.

Charged with speeding, careless and reckless driving, Thomas J. Purvis pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty as charged and drew ninety days on the roads. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of a \$50 fine, plus costs and on the further condition that he surrender his driver's license voluntarily for six months.

Smith Thomas was sentenced to the roads for three months for violating the liquor laws. Given a six-month sentence in a similar case last January, the court invoked that sentence and the second is to begin at the expiration of the first.

The case in which Jesse Fields was charged with violating the liquor laws, was not pressed.

General Coffield, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with assaulting a female, Llewellyn Barber pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$35, plus costs. Notice of appeal was given and bond required in the sum of \$100.

Pleading guilty of non-support, Lawrence Wiggins was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and \$8 a week for the support of his wife and children.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Geo. Leslie Armstrong and Irvin Michael Baer were each required to pay the court costs.

County Young Man Gets Bachelor Of Arts Degree

Sherrod Rawls of Robersonville was one of seventy-one seniors receiving the bachelor of arts degree in commencement exercises marking the close of the summer school at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson Tuesday night. The college had issued 122 degrees at the close of the spring term last May 28.

Martin County was also represented in the graduating class last spring.

Roanoke Lockers To Enlarge Local Plant

ANNIVERSARY

The Martin General Hospital here had its first anniversary yesterday, the event passing without ceremony. The staff and all employees continued at their posts and with operations going forward as usual.

While no official statement was released, the institution had a very successful year, and enters upon its second period in a better position to serve this section.

Two Accidents On County Highways

No one was hurt, but property damage estimated at \$500 or \$600 resulted in two automobile accidents on Martin County highways yesterday, it was reported by Patrolman R. P. Narron.

William Henry Bullock, colored of RFD 1, Oak City, lost control of his 1948 Chevrolet in a curve on the road leading by the W. E. Dunn farm near Oak City, the machine turning over and causing about \$200 damage. It was the second spill for Bullock in the past two years. While he escaped uninjured yesterday, he was badly hurt in his first accident and spent some time in the hospital. Bullock was driving toward the river road about 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning when he looked away from the road and the car went out of control, it was said.

Driving from his home, 147 Lafayette Avenue, Staten Island, New York, James Wynne, colored bar tender, was en route to Greenville, but when he reached here on U. S. 17 he took the wrong end of U. S. 64 and traveled toward Plymouth. He was retracing the route when he lost control of his 1951 Buick and ran it into a high dirt bank about 200 yards beyond Gardner's Creek. Wynne and his traveling companion were not hurt, but damage to the car was estimated at \$300 or more. Wynne told the investigating officer, Patrolman R. P. Narron, that he (Wynne) turned out for a parked car and lost control of the car.

Tobacco farmers are being advised to properly light their car trailers with reflectors as a precaution against accidents during the tobacco marketing season.

Two Teachers Join Faculty

Principal B. G. Stewart has announced the appointment of two teachers to the Williamston High School faculty to fill posts made vacant by resignations late in the summer.

Mrs. Rowland Bunting, who has been teaching in the county for several years, will teach English and French.

Miss Jean DeWitt of Apex will be an instructor in science and civics. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, class of '51 and is highly qualified for the position here, Principal Stewart said.

Negotiations are under way with another prospective teacher but the contract has not been closed as yet, Mr. Stewart said.

Health Center About Complete

Construction work on Martin County's public health center is nearing completion, corner of Harrell and Ray Streets here. Equipment for the center has been purchased and other details for making the project ready for occupancy are being handled as rapidly as possible.

No moving date for the department from the town hall to the new quarters has been fixed, but occupancy is expected sometime during the month of September, according to one report.

Plan To Increase Its Facilities And Size Of Building

**Work On Expansion Project
Slated To Get Started
Immediately**

Plans have been completed for expanding the operations of the Roanoke Lockers, Inc., plant here on the corner of North Haughton and Grace Streets, according to information gained this week from Manager Eddie Barefoot. Work is tentatively scheduled to get under way within the next few days, it was stated.

The size of the building will be increased by 22 to 77 feet, the addition to be attached to the rear of the present structure.

The number of individual lockers is to be increased by approximately 350, giving the plant a capacity of 861 lockers. It was also explained that the addition to the building will house a smokehouse where meat can be smoked in the old-fashioned way with burning hickory wood. The present room used for curing meat will have its capacity doubled.

When the new plans are completed, the plant will be in position to handle a complete job, Mr. Barefoot explaining that they'll take a slaughtered animal and process it in its entirety. Provision is being made for the immediate installation of a 600-pound lard processing unit. The unit, located in a room to itself, has a capacity of 600 pounds every four hours. Completely automatic and equipped with a gas burner, the lard-rendering machine is designed with a water jacket to insure perfect cooking, Mr. Barefoot said.

Heretofore, the plant processed meat, but the customer found it necessary to "try" the lard elsewhere and there was no provision for smoking meat in the old-fashioned way.

The enlarged plant will be in a better position to serve the people of this section, especially those farmers and others who prefer not to gamble with the weather at meat curing time.

Mr. Barefoot said that he did not know just how long it would take to complete the enlargement project, but that work would be started without delay. New machinery has been ordered, and if no obstacles are encountered, the enlarged plant should be ready for operation sometime in November.

The present plant is operating at capacity, and the owners, anxious to meet the needs of this section, are going ahead with the enlargement and modern plans.

Costly Fire In County Tuesday

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the large combination pack barn and stables on the Gilbert Worthington farm near Robersonville early Tuesday morning. An unofficial estimate placed the loss at \$7,500.

More than 4,000 sticks of tobacco, all farming equipment and two mules were housed in the building, and nothing was saved, according to reports reaching here.

BAND PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Green Wave Band and the Williamston Band Parents Club will be held on Monday afternoon at 6:30 in the ball park, and plans have been completed for one of the biggest in the history of the band.

All band parents as well as band members are expected to come and bring their baskets and a business meeting will follow, in the grandstand or in the high school auditorium. The picnic was moved up one day to avoid a conflict with the circus here Tuesday.

Funeral Saturday In Farm Life For Sgt. Jas. H. Ellis

**Promising Young Man Lost
His Life In Korean
War Last January**

Funeral services will be conducted at the home in the Farm Life Community of Griffins Township Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Sgt. James Harrell Ellis, promising young man, who was killed instantly in action in Korea last January 15. The Rev. W. B. Harrington, his pastor, will conduct the service. Interment will be in the family cemetery near the home.

The son of Nat G. and Pruey Hardison Ellis, he was born in Griffins Township on July 6, 1928, and spent most of his life on the farm there. After attending the Farm Life High School, he volunteered for service in 1947. Completing his enlistment, he continued in the reserve and returned to his home, accepting employment with the Roberson Packing Company. A few months later in 1949 he located in Richmond and was employed by the Colonial Stores organization there until he was called back into active service in September, 1950. He reported to Camp Hood, Texas, and in less than three months was transferred to Japan. Three weeks later he moved on to Korea, reaching there shortly before last Christmas, and reporting for front line duty almost immediately.

His body was returned to the States a short time ago and is scheduled to reach here from New York tomorrow. It will be removed to the home tomorrow afternoon.

Possessed of a pleasing personality, he was a friend to everyone, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a member of the Piney Grove Baptist Church for five years, and was active in its support.

He was an only child and is survived by his parents.

Motor Chapel To Make Stop Here

On Monday, August 27, "The Madonna of the Highways," a Catholic motor-chapel will begin a two-weeks' preaching mission in Williamston. The mobile chapel will be located on U. S. Highway 17, in the southern section of town, near the junction of U. S. 64. The chapel is coming at the invitation of Father Thomas A. Williams, who ministers to the Catholics here. Its purpose is to build up good will among all groups, to promote prayers for peace, and to explain the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The program will begin each evening at 7:15 with patriotic and religious music. This will be followed with a half-hour question and answer period. At 8:15 there will be a sermon on one of the eternal truths. Some of the subjects will be: "How Can I Be Saved," "Who Is Christ?", "How Can I Be Forgiveness," "The Church and the Bible," etc. Religious questions are welcomed. Those written out and dropped in the question-box one night will be answered the next. The Fathers want to be of service to anyone with religious difficulties.

Father John F. Roueche, a native of Salisbury, N. C., and chaplain in the armed services from 1941-1946, is pastor of the trailer-chapel. Associated with him in the work is The Reverend Thomas Kerin of Wake Forest.

All the people of this community will be welcomed to attend the nightly services. Religious motion pictures in sound will be shown each evening. Among these are "The Life of Christ," "The Lord's Supper" in color, and others. There will be no charge, no collection of any kind. Free souvenirs will be given all those who go through the chapel.

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Long Hot Period Is Finally Broken Here

The long hot period, gripping this section with little relief along the way since about the middle of June, was broken, temporarily at least, late yesterday when a rain and electrical storm swept this way.

All Concrete For Buggs Island Dam Has Been Poured

**Completion of Project In
Its Entirety Expected
In Early 1953**

The huge Buggs Island Dam across the Roanoke River near Boydton, Virginia has been completed insofar as the pouring of concrete is concerned.

The last cubic yard of concrete was poured Monday afternoon of this week, and it was recorded that 700,000 cubic yards of concrete had been used in the last three years to make the dam.

The dam which is approximately four miles long, of which the concrete span itself is approximately one half mile, will have a 22-foot roadway across the top, and ramps leading to the roadway at the top of the dam soon will be carrying traffic, project officials said this week. Huge earthen dikes to retain the water will lead off for thousands of feet from either end of the concrete portion of the dam.

The colossal concrete structure is as high as a 14-story building and contains area-ways and tunnels through its interior where all types of intricate machinery has been installed for control of the various water gates. Actually, the top is 144 feet from the river bed. Already the waters of the Dan and Roanoke Rivers are beginning to back up behind the Buggs Island Dam, but it will be 18 months before the reservoir is completely filled.

Although the actual pouring of concrete has been completed, the entire job is by no means finished. At one time there were 1200 men at work, and at the present time there are between 300 and 400, and they will continue to be at work for almost two years longer.

The power house is now under construction, and the power units must be installed; and the immense lake area behind the dam, containing 88,000 acres and extending about 35 miles up one river and 28 miles up the other, must be completely cleared and the highways raised, power lines relocated and railroad tracks raised. For instance, the long bridge across the two rivers at Clarksville is to be raised 42 feet, an intricate engineering job of itself. Most of the clearing work has been handled already.

The House of Congress this year appropriated \$16,000,000 for further work on the dam, and the Senate appropriated \$17,000,000, and the bill is now in conference to decide exactly how much will be set aside for the work. All of this must be done before the lake area can be completely filled, and it will be at least another year after that before electricity is generated at the dam, says the resident engineer for the Corps of Army Engineers, Fred L. Geis. Further work also depends on the appropriations of Congress. It is estimated after the \$16,000,000 or that it will take approximately \$17,000,000 of this year is spent \$12,000,000 to complete all of the work so that flood control will be possible sometime during 1952 and the power units may be turned on in early 1953.

But already the Buggs Island Dam has become one of the show places of Virginia. Since construction was begun in 1947, more than 1,000,000 visitors have come to the spot to see the work, and this was not a guess; they have actually been "clocked" at the reserved section from where the dam is viewed.

Howard Coltrain, local building contractor, was badly hurt in a fall on a construction job at the J. C. White home on Liberty Street yesterday morning shortly before noon.

Badly Hurt In Building Fall

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Light Sales Reported On Tobacco Markets

Little Doubt That Prices are Lower Than Last Season

**Increased Sales Are Anticipated
During the Early
Part of Next Week**

Following on of the smallest openings on Tuesday in years, the local tobacco market now in its third day of the current season continues to report unusually small sales with prices holding close to those reported earlier in the week.

It was suspected the first day that prices this year were not up to those received on opening day last year, and official figures eliminate all doubt. While quality figures in the price picture, to be sure, there is also a downward trend in prices. Government figures, based on grades and official reports, show that the 1951 season prices are trailing those of early last year by \$1 to \$5 per hundred pounds, as a rule.

On opening day last Tuesday, the local market sold 302,884 pounds for \$152,819, a resulting average of \$50.45. Yesterday, the market handled only 80,134 pounds for an average of \$47.36. Up until today, the market had sold 333,068 pounds for an unofficial average right at \$50 per hundred pounds.

Sales today, it is estimated will run less than 100,000 pounds, with early morning sales averaging right at \$50 per hundred pounds. No marked increase in sales is expected this week, but heavy deliveries are anticipated next week or just as soon as the farmers can catch their breath following a hectic harvest. In the first two days of the season last year the market here had sold nearly three-quarters of a million pounds for an average right at \$56 per hundred pounds.

A late report from the market this morning indicated that the price trend was some stronger, that there were between 125,000 and 150,000 pounds of tobacco on the floor. One farmer, L. J. Hardison, said he sold the highest-priced tobacco today he had sold in 25 years.

While prices this year are running about \$6 per hundred below the 1950 average, they are slightly higher than those received the first few days in 1949 when they started off at a figure above \$48 and dwindled down to \$41.04 before the first full week was spent. The following government report gives a recognized review of the opening in this belt:

"Average prices paid for most grades of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco on opening day Tuesday, August 21, were lower than on last year's first sales. The Federal-State Market News Service reports the losses in most instances \$1.00 to \$5.00 per hundred. Primings, which were offered in a large volume, dropped generally \$4.00 to \$7.00. Lugs were steady to \$5.00 lower while a few leaf and smoking leaf grades were off \$1.00 to \$5.00. The practical top price was \$65.00 with a few baskets of better cutters and lugs topping out at \$69.00 and \$70.00 a hundred. Some poorer grades of nondescript sold as low as \$8.00.

It was estimated that the general average for morning sales at several individual markets ranged (Continued on page eight)

MEETINGS

Agriculture Department representatives will go to the several communities in this county during the week of September 10 to get grass roots opinions on the present farm programs and suggestions for future plans, according to information coming from the county agriculture building this week.

The Martin County Mobilization Committee will hold a meeting next Monday to complete plans for the community meetings.

King Brothers To Bring Big Circus Here August 28th

**Parade of The Elephants
Scheduled On the Main
Street Tuesday Noon**

Next week's major entertainment note will be found in elephants and clowns, sawdust rings and pink lemonade—the sounds, smells and colorful sights of the big top as the combined King Brothers Circus, one of America's two largest shows, pays its first visit to Williamston next Tuesday to make circus whoopee at two performances beneath acres of canvas pitched at the Williamston Lumber Mill circus grounds on the Washington road.

The big show will come here from Elizabeth City—two caravans loaded with bespangled wonders and marvels, with three great herds of performing elephants—wrinkled old fellows, wiser and niftier than ever, a giant new giraffe—the tallest animal in captivity, great lines of handsome horses and ponies, a baby chimpanzee, a flock of Peruvian caviars, and other strange beasts of the jungles in a menagerie that would make Noah jealous if he were alive to see it.

This season's program presents more new faces and acts than in many a long year, introducing an all-new opening "march," heralded with pardonable modesty as the most elaborate opening pageant ever presented by King Brothers, with great masses of people and herds of animals—both wild and domestic—taking part. A most fitting prelude to the wealth of arctic stars and attractions that follow in the three massive rings, stages, the upper reaches of the big top and the hippodrome track. In all, nearly 200 men and women arctic stars and performers filter in and out of the big top during the two-and-a-half hour program.

New features from the European arenas are in great profusion, including the world renowned Christiani Family of bareback riding champions, with Lucio Christiani, conceded the greatest riding comedian in all circus history. Hugo Zaccini, the man who is actually shot from the mouth of a giant cannon; La Louisa, the sensational aerial star from France; the famous Truzzi, European noted juggler marvel; the Sabatini Troupe, those interpid stars on the high and lofty trapeze—as they zip each other from one side of the big top to the other; the Great Davios, the high-in-the-air thriller; the Ortans Troupe, spring-board acrobatic stars featured beautiful Ortans, billed as "the world's greatest lady acrobat"; the Everardo and the Manual Del Maral troupe of high-perch performers, and the famed Bardman, known throughout the world as "the suicidal aerialist".

Three herds of performing elephants, companies of educated horses and other companies of trained Shetland ponies; groups of educated monkeys, canines, and zebra groups of Liberty Horses, and almost countless other featured displays not forgetting the beautiful Aerial Ballet in which twenty aerial beauties take part, and the sensational menagerie number which features several saddle horses ridden by expert horsemen.

Clowns,—yes, there will be twenty of those funny fellows on hand at each performance together with their clown animals, and a big double sideshow with a congress of human oddities and weird people gathered from all parts of the world.

Performances will be given at 2 and 8 p. m. and for the convenience of circus patrons, a downtown ticket office will be in operation show day at Clark's Pharmacy where tickets for both performances will be sold. (Continued on page eight)

Draft Test Is Flunked By About 62,700 Boys

Of the approximately 163,000 college students who took the first draft aptitude test, given May 26, about 62,700 flunked the examination. A total of 339,056 students took the test on May 26, June 15, June 30 or July 12, but results from the latter tests have not been tabulated.

RADIO FORUM

With Mayor Robt. H. Cowen serving as moderator, Hugh G. Horton and several Negro leaders, including Turner Slade, W. T. Alexander and G. T. Hill, will discuss the petition submitted to the Martin County Board of Education and calling for the end of segregation in the county schools.

The forum, beginning at 4:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon, August 26, will last for about thirty minutes.

Time Is Limited For Vaccinations

Pointing out that the date for opening the county schools is less than two weeks away, Dr. John W. Williams of the county health department, this week said that time is limited for getting children vaccinated.

The law requires children entering school to be vaccinated against smallpox, diphtheria and whooping cough. Most children are vaccinated against diphtheria and whooping cough when they are quite young, but unfortunately a few were not provided the protection in their early years. Vaccinations have been delayed this summer on account of various causes, but the health department is now ready to go ahead with the work.

Children may be vaccinated any day at the health department offices in Williamston's town hall or at one of the clinics in the county. The Robersonville clinic will open next Tuesday and Thursday. No other clinics will be open before school starts, but health authorities will handle all cases reporting to the department in Williamston or to the clinic in Robersonville.

Lightning Strikes Jamesville Church

During a heavy rain and electrical storm, lightning struck the nearly completed Christian church in Jamesville yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. An estimate on the damage could not be had immediately, but one report said it will amount to several hundred dollars. The bolt did not fire the building and damage was limited to a cracked steeple, it was said.

Three young men, Billy Brewer, Edward Lee Martin and Randolph Waters, were painting inside the church at the time but they were not hurt. Two of them were in the vestibule and they were said to have felt a slight shock.

Some damage was reported in nearby buildings, including the A. C. L. station and a home where the lightning entered and burned wires in two.

Two pigs were killed in Farmer Dave Davis's pasture near Jamesville by lightning.

Predict Increase In Price Of Beef

Price officials in Washington said last night they expect to let retail ceilings on many beef cuts increase up to two cents a pound.

But prices for some types of beef, notably hamburger, probably will be unchanged; and a few cuts, such as loins, may go down.

Officials of the Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) said many beef price ceilings will have to be boosted to preserve a profit for the meat industry. A profit margin is required under the new defense production act which provides for price, wage and rent controls.

The officials explained that prices for cattle hides are down 25 per cent below ceiling levels, and tallow is down 33 per cent. Low prices on these two beef by-products will force an increase in meat prices to maintain "the required profit level," they said.