

Charge Operators With Having No Drivers' License

Judge Harris "Get Tough" Policy To Go Into Effect Shortly

The business of operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses is in for some tough going in the future, Judge R. T. Johnson warned in the Martin County recorder's court last Monday when fifteen alleged drivers' license law violators were brought before him.

The warning came after pathetic appeals were made, but anyone entitled to the right to operate a motor vehicle can easily get the necessary license and those who can't qualify should not be allowed to drive, it was pointed out.

It is understood that quite a few are allowing their driving permits to expire, while a few in the court this week admitted they had never had a license. The court advised that no further warning will be given, that a \$25 fine is to be expected as a minimum, plus court costs.

Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Jas. H. Hunter was fined \$25, plus costs.

James C. Clark, pleaded not guilty. He was found guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Leslie A. Griffin was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The suspension was granted on the further condition that the defendant surrender his operator's license voluntarily for six months.

Other defendants, charged with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses and who were taxed only with the court costs, include:

James Edward Wood, Wm. M. Browning, Charlie Lorenzo Moore of Jamesville, J. T. Bailey, Clyde Williams, colored, M. S. Taylor, B. C. Bray, Ponce DeLeon Sykes, Kathleen Griffin, James C. Clark, Gladys Whichard and Hughie Fields.

Wilson Griffin was taxed with the cost for allowing an unlicensed operator to drive a motor vehicle.

The court will not meet next

Funeral Held For Ralph B. Mizelle

Ralph B. Mizelle, 30, resident of Williamston, Route 2, in the Batts Crossroad community of Beaufort County, died at his home Tuesday morning following a critical illness of three months. He was born in Beaufort County, a son of Jesse E. and Della Cratt Mizelle. He attended the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Sunday School class. Survivors are his parents; two brothers, E. D. Mizelle of Route 1, Washington, N. C.; Jesse I. Mizelle of Newport News, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. William Thompson and Mrs. Marvin Little of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Lester Harrison of Route 1, Bath, Faye and Zylphia Mizelle of the home. Funeral services were held at the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church near Batts Crossroad Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Charlie D. Hamilton, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery, Monday.

GINNINGS

Although it still holds a low third rating in the list of crops, cotton staged a walloping come-back in this county this year, according to a report released this week by the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Up until the first of this month, 2,284 bales of cotton had been ginned from the 1951 crop, as compared with 541 bales ginned up until December 1, 1950, from the 1950 crop. Cotton, once a million-dollar crop in the county, even with its fantastic come-back will gross less than half million dollars this year in Martin County.

Mail Deliveries In Rural Section Sunday Considered

Making every effort to expedite the handling of its largest volume of mail and parcel post, the Williamston Post Office is contemplating deliveries in the rural sections Sunday with the possibility that two trips will be made next Monday. "While we are making arrangements for the emergency deliveries Sunday and a second trip next Monday, we will not order the trips until some time Saturday," Postmaster W. E. Dunn announced, explaining that the volume of mail will determine at the last minute whether the trips are to be made. It was pointed out that if the mail volume is maintained right up to the last minute, the regular

carriers will not be able to handle the volume of mail. Reports from terminals in eastern Carolina declare that the mail volume is so large that trains are operating as many as three hours late, that the jam possibly cannot be cleared until after Christmas.

Postmaster Dunn said yesterday that the office here was handling record mails. On Tuesday, 23,000 pieces of mail were handled, the count being exclusive of parcel post. The count is likely to push toward a figure between 25,000 and 30,000 a day by the last of the week. The volume so far this year is about ten percent larger than it was a year ago.

\$406,982.00

The Nello L. Teer Company of Durham has submitted to the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission a \$406,982.00 bid for widening and resurfacing of U. S. 64 from Williamston to the Washington County line at Welch's Creek. The bid was included in a list of eleven highway projects, the overall cost running slightly less than estimates. The Teer company bid will be given consideration by the commission in a meeting on Friday of this week.

4-H Club Members Hold Achievement Program Saturday

Miss Joan Carol Coltrain Is New President Of The County Council

The Reverend J. Don Skinner, Pastor of the Williamston Presbyterian Church, was principal speaker at the Annual 4-H Club Achievement program held in the courthouse in Williamston last Saturday. He encouraged club members to take their Club work seriously and to view their 4-H Achievements not in terms of awards won but in personal value received. He pointed out that often the individuals to whom 4-H club work had rendered the greatest service did not indicate its worth to them later in life when the practices and good habits learned through Club work were put into use.

Jimmie Knowles, President of the 4-H Club County Council, presided. The program commenced with a devotional given by Crissie Gurkin and Bobby Gurkin, members of the Farm Life Junior 4-H Club. Songs were led by Joan Carol Coltrain, Council song leader.

The following special activity reports were made: 4-H summer camp, Murl Griffin, Jamesville; 4-H Farm and Home Electric Program, Corrone Bryant, Williamston; 4-H Club Week, Joan Carol Coltrain, Farm Life. Special guests introduced by Caroline Wallace, Jamesville, were Miss Edith Rogerson of Bear Grass, former outstanding Martin County Club member, and Robert W. Parker of Macesfield, past president of the State 4-H Club Council.

Achievement certificates were presented to club members who had satisfactorily completed a year's club work. County championship awards were made as follows:

Dairy foods team demonstration, Joyce Whitfield and Janice Whitfield, Robersonville; clothing, Caroline Wallace, Jamesville; dress revue, Lynette Haislip, Oak City; food preparation, frozen foods, dairy foods (Individual), arm and home electric, Joan Carol Coltrain, Farm Life; junior canning, Catherine Rogerson, Bear Grass; garden, Jean Bailey, Everetts; meat animal production, Corrone Bryant, Williamston; maintenance, Jimmy Hopkins, Farm Life; dairying, Jimmie Knowles, Jamesville; field crops, Lewis Gurkin, Farm Life.

A. L. Jameson, representing the V. E. P. Co. presented certificates to Joan Carol Coltrain and Corrone Bryant for achievement in the 4-H Farm and Home Electric program.

E. Ross Fronberger, representing the Williamston Lions Club. (Continued on Page Six)

Re-Elected To The Soil Conservation Committee

J. Linwood Knowles, prominent Martin County farmer of the Dardens Community, was re-elected to the Martin County unit committee of the Coastal Plain Soil Conservation district in an election last Thursday. He was without opposition and polled a unanimous vote. He is to serve three years, succeeding himself. Urbin Rogers and C. A. Roberson are the other members of the committee.

Urging Eighteen Thousand to Have Chest X-Ray Made

Tuberculosis Check To Get Under Way In County On January 11

Mass chest X-ray Survey has been found to be the most effective method yet developed for finding early tuberculosis. It is for this reason that the Martin County Health Department, in conjunction with the Tuberculosis Association of the County, and the North Carolina State Board of Health, is sponsoring a case-finding program.

Tuberculosis Statistic data of North Carolina Board of Health reveals that approximately 10,000 persons at this time have some type of tuberculosis. This figure represents a much smaller incidence of the disease than ever before recorded. The death rate as recorded in 1949 reveals 956 persons dying in North Carolina. In 1950 there is about 757. North Carolina has shown a gradual decrease in mortality rate since 1920 at which time it ranked second in the leading cause of death. At present the disease ranks number eight in the leading cause of death. Improvement in incidence of death rate indicates a vigorous attempt to eradicate the disease, and it is known that more vigorous attempts will have to be made to completely rid the state and nation of this disease. In Martin County there are about 27 known cases of tuberculosis, many of whom have been treated in tuberculosis sanatoriums and returned in an arrested state to useful living.

It is for the above reasons that your county health department will execute a thorough case-finding program by encouraging 18,000 citizens to get their chest X-rayed. Your health department will not be able to do this alone. Every individual must consider himself a potential tuberculous case and have himself X-rayed in order to be sure. It must be emphasized that tuberculosis is like a house on fire in that it can only be put out when it is discovered early. The most likely people to have tuberculosis are those between fifteen and forty-five years of age. This does not mean to exclude younger or older groups and especially do we find tuberculosis in people of old age.

A second survey will be conducted from January 11 through February 2, 1952, and will be made by four mobile X-ray units which will be spotted in every community throughout the county. X-rays will be taken of every individual submitting himself for examination free of cost. X-raying will be done without removing clothing and will only require one to two minutes. These surveys will be made for five days a week, six hours a day. Children over four and under fifteen years of age who have been contacts of cases of tuberculosis may be referred for X-rays by public health nurses and private physicians.

Each person receiving an X-ray may expect a report from same in from two to three weeks. If (Continued on page eight)

Recovering From Accident Injury

Badly hurt in an automobile accident about three weeks ago, J. Eber Manning, Martin County man and a member of the Chowan College faculty, continues in a Norfolk hospital for treatment. He was hurt in an automobile collision at Norfolk, according to reports reaching here.

Local Man Continues Gravely Ill In Hospital

Suffering a stroke about two weeks ago after having a leg amputated several months before that, Mr. Claude B. Clark, Sr., prominent local citizen and druggist, was reported gravely ill in Brown's Community Hospital here Wednesday evening. His condition, while serious since the attack, worsened rapidly during the past two days.

Disturbance At Piccolo Center More Confusing

Probable Cause Found And Three Defendants Go To Trial January 7

A disturbance at Jim Bell's piccolo joint near Gold Point on the night of December 8 was left in a highly confused state at the close of a second round of hearings held before Justice Chas. R. Mobley in Williamston Monday evening. Minor charges were handled at the first hearings held a week before, and deadly weapon assaults were aired this week.

The trial justice could get neither heads nor tails to the squabble during the first hearings, and after listening to conflicting evidence heard Monday night he still had not found the true facts or the underlying cause of all the trouble which included two stabbings and a shot gun attack.

Thomas Purvis, young Negro who just got out of the hospital last Saturday, carrying between 50 and 100 shots in his legs, was charged with stabbing Willie James Lawrence. He pleaded not guilty, and then Lawrence came up with a fantastic story. "I was standing beside the counter when Purvis came in, holding no grudge against anyone and having done no one any harm," Lawrence said. Unsuspecting of the attack, Lawrence said he did not act until Purvis raised his hand to strike him with a knife. The prosecuting witness explained that he acted to ward off the attack and was cut slightly in the hand. Lawrence explained that he turned to pick up a piece of stove wood and that Purvis stabbed him in the shoulder, making a wound that required twelve stitches.

Lawrence said Purvis ran out of the store, and the next thing he knew Purvis had been shot allegedly by Jim Bell.

Probable cause of guilt was found by Justice Mobley, and Purvis was booked for trial January 7 under \$100 bond.

Switching from the role of prosecuting witness to defendant, Willie James Lawrence was charged with assaulting Thomas Purvis with a pen knife. Purvis, switching places with Lawrence at the preliminary hearing, said he was in the floor dancing, that he went to the piccolo to play another record, declaring that fights were in progress "all over the place." While standing at the piccolo, Purvis declared he felt something sting him in the leg. "I turned and saw Lawrence running, and I hit him in the chest," Purvis declared, maintaining that he had no knife and that he did not stab Lawrence. Purvis said he ran out of the place when he saw Jim Bell reach down and come up with a shot gun, explaining that he was fired upon as he ran across the road.

Lawrence was booked for trial in the county court on January 7, Justice Mobley requiring bond in the sum of \$100. Jim Bell was next called to answer for the shot gun attack on Thomas Purvis. Called to the stand again, Purvis, a young Negro who lives near Hamilton, declared the attack was not provoked, that while others were allegedly fighting all over the place he was attending to his own business. He explained that because Bell was a friend of Lawrence and because he (Purvis) had hit Lawrence in the chest, Bell took up the trouble there with a shot gun. On cross examination, Purvis denied having collared Bell and backed him against the wall. Purvis also denied he had been stabbed with an ice pick by one Katie Frances.

Bell, pleading not guilty, did not take the stand, but on the Purvis evidence, Justice Mobley found probable cause of guilt and booked him for trial in the recorder's court January 7. Bond was required in the sum of \$100. Reports from the Bell amusement center declared that all was quiet there last week-end.

Local Library To Get A Three-Day Holiday

The Williamston Public Library will be close Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Christmas week, it was announced this week by librarian, Mrs. Ethel Anderson.

County Court Holds Extra Long Session

Handled Largest Docket Recorded In Court History

Sixty-seven Cases Cleared During Long Session: \$1,035 In Fines

Handling one of the largest if not the largest docket on record, the Martin County Recorder's Court cleared sixty-seven cases during an all-day session last Monday. Fines, imposed during the session lasting until 5:30 o'clock, amounted to \$1,035, and several defendants drew terms in prison and on the roads.

The list of cases included fifteen in which defendants were charged with speeding. Quite a few others were charged with operating motor vehicles without operator's licenses.

Proceedings: Orange "Sid" Harris was sentenced to the roads for six months for an assault with a deadly weapon and destroying personal property. He pleaded not guilty, but the weight of the evidence was against him.

Charged with violating the liquor laws and being drunk and disorderly, John Hague pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

George Modlin and Samuel Johnson were fined \$10 and taxed with the costs when they pleaded guilty of public drunkenness.

Henry Wiggins was found not guilty of non-support.

Lester Franklin Bailey, pleading guilty of public drunkenness and violating the liquor laws, was fined \$15, plus costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Ellison Barrow was found not guilty.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, Robert Earl Harkney was fined \$10, plus costs.

Oscar Burnett, pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Lucy Mae Coburn was sentenced to woman's prison, Raleigh, for six months, the court suspending the prison term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs and a \$75 doctor's bill. She is to remain of good behavior for two years.

Facing the court on two counts, Joe Roberson was fined \$25 when found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, he was sentenced to the roads for three months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

The case in which Luke Thomas Knight was charged with disorderly conduct was not prosed.

Alexander Dolberry, pleading guilty of an assault, was taxed with the cost.

Charged with issuing a worthless check, John C. Adams pleaded guilty and was taxed with the costs.

The cases in which Wm. H. Brown, James Williams, John Adams, Allen Rascoe and Oliver Bonds were charged with gambling, were not prosed, along with one in which William J. Knox was charged with abandonment and non-support.

Kenneth Earl Bryant, pleading not guilty of careless and reckless driving, was found guilty; the court fining him \$25, plus costs.

Clyde Freeman pleaded guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus costs, and lost his operator's license for a year.

The careless and reckless driving charge against Ivory Doughty was dismissed.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, C. G. Curtis was fined (Continued on page eight)

THIRD AND LAST?

Williamston's fires have the uncanny way of coming in groups of threes. A call, the third in less than ten days, was received Tuesday morning at 11:40 o'clock, and firemen expressed the hope that it would be the last to mar the holidays.

An oil stove went out of control in the home of Mozella Brown on Perry Street, but other than smoke damage, there was no loss. The house belonged to J. E. Hedrick of Jamesville and was just across the town line, and two doors from the lot where the Mobley home was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning.

Many Speeders In Recorder's Court

Motor vehicle operators, allegedly using the highways and streets as speedways, had a convention in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday.

Judge R. T. Johnson taxed most of them with the costs, but fines in other cases ran up to as much as \$50.

John Henry Livesay of Rocky Mount was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. He pleaded not guilty and when the going became tough in Judge Johnson's court, Livesay appealed to the higher courts.

Robert Lee Warren, also of Rocky Mount, was fined \$50, plus costs. He pleaded not guilty and appealed when judgment was pronounced.

Albert Reddick, of RFD 2, Williamston, was fined \$25, plus costs.

Carlton Brooks of Elizabeth City, was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

The following defendants, pleading guilty, were taxed with the court costs:

John Walter Mayo of Clayton; Kenneth Hall Cupp of Washington; Johnnie Hines of Elizabeth City; Charlie Hampton Lancaster of Goldsboro; David Ordway Speir of Bethel, Wm. M. Williams of Hobgood, Carlton Brooks of Elizabeth City, Kader W. Ward of RFD 2, Williamston, Doris L. Moore of Greenville, Shelton Leroy Berry of Norfolk, R. E. Smiley of Wilson, and Arthur L. Greenwalk of Miami.

County Youth In List Of Prisoners

The name of S/Sgt. Martel Hardy, young son of Mrs. A. L. Hardy of RFD 3, Williamston, and the late Mr. Hardy, was included in the list of war prisoners released by the Chinese Reds to the United Nations in Korea this week. The sergeant's name was heard called over a radio broadcast late Tuesday night along with hundreds of others.

Sgt. Hardy was reported missing on November 11 of last year, and nothing more was heard from him until late last month when his mother received a letter from him under date of September 8, 1951. He stated he was getting along all right in a Chinese camp for United Nations war prisoners.

Up until Wednesday of this week, 3,189 names of Americans held prisoner by the enemy had been released, the list including that of Major General William F. Dean who was reported missing in July of last year.

The list handed the United Nations command this week includes 11,559 names, a figure far short of the estimated 100,000 United Nations personnel reported missing since war broke out in Korea in June of last year.

Martin-Pitt Sunday School Convention

The Martin-Pitt Sunday School Convention will meet Sunday, December 23, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon at Sweet Home Church. Each Sunday school is asked to be represented at the meeting.

Mother and Young Daughter Buried In Cemetery Here

Father In Hospital Asks That Doll Be Buried With Little Accident Victim

A double funeral service was held in the Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Poplar Point Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Mamie Clyde Manning and daughter, five-year-old Mamie Sharon, who lost their lives in an automobile accident a few miles out of Suffolk on the four-lane Portsmouth highway late last Sunday afternoon. Still confined to a Suffolk hospital with serious injuries received in the accident that cost the lives of his wife and their little daughter and injured his son, James Roy Manning, Jr., two and one-half years old, the father requested from his hospital bed that the little doll purchased by him and Mrs. Manning for her for Christmas, be buried with her.

Rev. Marshall Joyner, assisted by Rev. E. R. Stewart, conducted the service, the large crowd overflowing the church where Mrs. Manning held her membership since early childhood. Interment was in double graves, side by side, in Woodlawn Cemetery here. The Hamilton Baptist Choir sang.

Mrs. Manning, 25, was killed instantly and Little Mamie Sharon died early next morning in a Suffolk hospital of injuries received in the late Sunday afternoon automobile accident. Mr. Manning, driver of the Mercury car on the return trip to their home in Portsmouth after visiting relatives and friends here during the week-end, was critically injured, but his condition was reported improved yesterday following an operation. Reports reaching here stated his jaw bone, one arm and one leg was broken, that he was badly cut about the face and head and that one foot was mashed. Suffering a broken collar bone, minor lacerations and bruises, Roy, Jr., asleep on the back seat of the car at the time of the accident, was reported to be getting along very well and would be ready to leave the hospital shortly while it is likely that Mr. Manning will continue there for weeks.

Reports reaching here stated that the Mannings were traveling toward Portsmouth on the extreme right of the four-lane highway, that two cars were in the lanes to his left and a car, driven by John D. Myers, 21, pulled to the left of the two cars to pass, sideswiped a car driven by Chas. C. Carson and swerved right into the path of the Manning car. Manning said he saw the car sideswipe the other machine and then move toward him, but he did not have time to get out of the way.

Mrs. Manning, daughter of Hoyt and Minnie Swain Holliday, was born in this county on June 26, 1926. She made her home in and near Williamston except for a short time spent in the Oak City Community, until she married Mr. Manning nine years ago and located in Virginia. They lived near Suffolk while he worked in the Navy Yard. In 1945 they located (Continued on Page Eight)

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County's yearly accident record was aggravated unmercifully last week when the figures jumped up to show for the year through December 16, 250 accidents, 127 injured, many of them to carry scars the remainder of their days, five killed and a conservatively estimated \$57,760.

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.

50th Week			
Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge	1951	5	6
	1950	6	1
Comparisons To Date			
1951	250	127	5
1950	188	81	3
Note: One person was killed on the highways in this county this week, a year ago.			