

Armymer Move In And "Take Over" Cafe in Jamesville

Four Soldiers In Court After Attacking Owner And His Son

On leave from Camp Lee, Virginia, last week-end, four young armymer, led by Gilbert F. Davenport, a Martin County boy, literally took over Clark's cafe in Jamesville last Saturday evening and landed in Justice Chas. R. Mobley's court in Williamston an hour or two later.

Davenport, Odum A. Denefli and Sam Minerbimi were charged with disorderly conduct and were fined \$10, plus costs. John A. Dolak, the fourth soldier in the group, was charged with assaulting Luther Saunders Clark, Jr., with a pool cue stick and he was booked for an assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was arranged in the amount of \$100 for his appearance in the Martin County Recorder's Court.

Going to the cafe dance hall, the boys asked some of the girls to dance with them. Refused, the boys are alleged to have started throwing beer bottles across the floor. Clark, Sr., owner and operator of the business, tried to restore order and he was immediately floored and attacked by two or more of the group. When young Clark started to the aid of his father, Dolak planted the cue stick on his head, leaving a cut that required several stitches, it was reported.

Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Deputy Raymond Rawis were on a mission to Oak City at the time of the attack and before they could answer a call for help, the boys moved out and were arrested a short time later by police on Williamston streets, and carried before Justice Mobley.

It was reported that some of the boys cursed and threatened each other during the preliminaries held in Justice Mobley's office.

In the county court, a plea of guilty of simple assault was taken, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Little or no new evidence was offered in the county court, but unofficial reports maintain that a pistol was waved around a bit inside the cafe, and that Dolak was attacked as he was leaving the cafe and making ready to drive out of Jamesville. The young soldier was carrying his right arm in a sling, and one report said his elbow had been injured. He told nothing about the attack on him, and the identity of his attacker was not disclosed, making it appear that there was more to the trouble than was aired in open court.

College Alumni Meet January 31

Former students and graduates of Atlantic Christian College will get a chance to meet eastern North Carolina's number one beauty when they meet in Williamston Thursday night, January 31, to form the Martin County chapter of the Atlantic Christian College Alumni Association.

Miss Jenny Lazzo, queen of tobacco land, will attend the meeting which will be held at the Williamston Women's Club. It was announced today.

Miss Lazzo, a freshman at ACC, was chosen queen of tobacco land at the Richmond, Va., tobacco festival. Before that she was named queen of the Southern AAU Swimming Meet in Wilson.

Speaker for the Dutch supper meeting which begins at 7 o'clock will be Arthur D. Wenger, assistant to the president of Atlantic Christian College. Wenger will be presented by James E. Fulghum of Wilson, president of the ACC Alumni Association.

Also attending the meeting will be Miss Ann Bullock of Wilson, secretary and treasurer of the alumni, and J. P. Tyndall, professor of science at ACC who is serving as the association's anni, and J. P. Tyndall, professor of science at ACC who is serving as the association's anniversary plate chairman.

Atlantic Christian College, this year, is celebrating its 50th birthday.

Fertilizer Company Expands Operations

Will Manufacture Chemicals For Its Insecticide Plant

New Unit Schedule To Go Into Operation About Middle Of April

The Standard Fertilizer Company is expanding its operations at its local plant to include the manufacture of chemicals for insecticide brands, according to unofficial information gained here this week. The local plant is a division of the Mathieson Chemical Company of Baltimore.

Awarded a contract a short time ago, the J. B. Harte Construction Company of Atlanta has already started work on the plant addition which is tentatively scheduled to go into operation about the middle of April. No cost figures could be had, but it was learned from one source that the plant will be one of the most modern in the country, that it will manufacture the basic ingredients both in liquid form and with a dust base. It is predicted that the plant when placed in operation will be an important factor in relieving the shortage that has plagued users of insecticides in this section for several years.

The plant, designed for three-shift operations, will employ approximately twenty-four men in addition to those handling the operations in the already established mixing plant.

Basic materials will be shipped in large quantities direct from the source, and the insecticide ingredients will be processed, manufactured, mixed and packaged ready for distribution to the users, it was explained.

In addition to the plant for the manufacture of the insecticide ingredients, the company is enlarging its storage space considerably and tanks will be installed for storage of the liquid materials.

Fred E. Sherman, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, young man and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, recently came here with the company as assistant plant superintendent and he will be in charge of operations of the company's insecticide division, was announced. Mr. Sherman was on the Carolina football squad, playing in the backfield, until a knee injury forced his retirement.

Sociology Class Makes Field Trip

Accompanied by their teacher, Principal C. B. Martin, members of the Robersonville High School sociology class witnessed the proceedings in the county court Monday, stopping briefly to inspect various offices and make a "pop" visit in the Enterprise office. The twenty students, making the trip, listened intently to the court proceedings and were quick to grasp the workings in the various offices visited by them.

The names of those making the trip: Pauline Warren, Hazel Taylor, Mertie Harrison, Annel Ayers, William Taylor, Dick Matthews, Roy Ballard, Travis Warren, Hester Martin, Richard Harrison, Jack Taylor, Melvin Copeland, Naomi Bryant, Cecile Oakley, Jean Brown, Patsy Roberson, Peggy Wynn, Peggy Johnson and Frances Smith.

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Mr. Bullock explains that he plans to make a comparatively small purchase and is inviting other interested farmers in this county to accompany him on the trip. Those interested should contact Mr. Brady or Mr. Bullock.

Minor Accidents Seven Injured In Auto Accident on U. S. Highway 64

Five of the Injured Able To Leave Hospital After Treatment

Seven persons were injured, two of them badly, when two cars crashed on U. S. Highway 64 in "Dead Man's Curve" a short distance this side of Garner's Creek this morning at 6:45 o'clock. Both cars were demolished, Patrolman Carl Gilchrist of Plymouth saying that both cars were wrecked beyond repair and that the property loss would possibly exceed \$1,500.

The injured included: James H. Oden, Sr., 47, broken leg, cuts and bruises about the body; Robert Turner King, 26, broken left leg and possible internal injuries; Carl Willoughby, 45, cuts about the head and knees and leg injuries; James Oden, Jr., cut on the mouth, leg and neck injuries; Burt Johnson, 40, head and leg injuries and a possible wrist fracture; Henry Abrams, 27, face lacerations and leg injury; Solomon Adams, 45, head cut, chest and ankle injuries.

Investigating the accident, Patrolman Gilchrist said that King, David Best's 1941 Chevrolet was ditched on the old Robersonville-Everetts Road Sunday morning, but Patrolman Parker said the damage was small.

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ROUND-UP

Eight persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail here during the past week-end. Four were charged with public drunkenness, and one each for violating parole, drunken driving and assault. The eighth one was detained for Bertie County authorities.

Three of the eight were white and the ages of the group ranged from 19 to 47 years.

Special Livestock School In The County On February 5

Extension Service specialists out of Raleigh in cooperation with the Martin County farm agent's office personnel will conduct a special livestock school in the Martin County Courthouse next Tuesday, February 5, beginning at 10:00 o'clock, it was announced this week by Agent Tom B. Brandon.

After explaining the nature of the school and briefly renewing the importance of livestock in this county's farm program, Agent Brandon will turn the program over to the State College specialists.

A. V. Allen will discuss feeding and management of sheep at 10:15 o'clock, and H. D. Quisenberry will outline the marketing of beef cattle, sheep and hogs at 10:45 o'clock. Marketing is recognized as an important factor in the successful handling of stock, and Professor Quisenberry's talk, along with the others, can mean much to the farmers.

At 11:15, Professor Allen will discuss feeding and management of beef cattle. Following the lunch hour, Jack Kelley at 1:15 o'clock will discuss feeding and management of hogs. D. D. Brown will close the meeting with a discussion topic of "The Place of Livestock on the Farms of Martin County."

The short school is indeed timely, and a large number of farmers are expected to attend.

Only Four More Days To Get Chest X-rays

There are only four more days to get free chest X-rays, and unless there is a marked increase in the number of persons reporting to the mobile X-ray units there'll be quite a few cases of tuberculosis in this county undetected at the close of the current survey.

Two More Days

No One Was Injured And Property Losses Were Fairly Small

No one was hurt and property losses were reasonably small in a series of motor vehicle accidents on the highways in this county during the past week-end, according to reports released by Patrolmen B. W. Parker and R. P. Narron. Several serious accidents were reported in other counties in this section, it was learned. At least two smashed vehicles were pulled through the county by wreckers during the period.

With two beers in his belly, Elonzer Perkins of RFD 3, Williamston, could not quite make a safe passage over the bridge at Abbot's Mill on Highway 125 about 11:00 o'clock last Friday night. Going off the bridge sideways, Perkins literally hid his 1937 LaSalle down an embankment. Perkins said a tire blew out, causing him to lose control of the machine. Explaining that he had consumed just two bottles of beer at Scott's place in Williamston, Perkins was detained for alleged drunken driving. Investigating the accident, Patrolman Narron said the damage to the car was negligible, adding that it would hardly exceed \$25.

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Firemen Called To Grass Fire Saturday Morning

Local firemen were called to the Clayton Crofton home near the old Whitley home on Highway 125 last Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock when a grass fire went out of control and threatened to spread to a wooded area. No damage was done.

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Local Bankers Promoted

W. Clyde Griffin, Left, and Herman A. Bowen, Right, Recently Promoted by the Branch Banking and Trust Company

Two local bankers, W. Clyde Griffin, left, and Herman A. Bowen, right, were recently promoted by the Branch Banking and Trust Company directors in session at the home office at Wilson. Mr. Griffin moves up to cashier and Mr. Bowen is now a vice president, after serving as cashier for a number of years. Mr. Griffin has been with the bank for more than seventeen years, and Mr. Bowen has been with it since the branch was opened here in 1930.

The response to the direct mail appeal is believed to be fair, it was learned, the chairman renewing their appeal to all to support the drive during the last days of the drive which ends on Thursday of this week.

A high spot on the radio shows, planned in connection with the drive, was the appearance of Mrs. Joseph Raymond on the Sunday program. Mrs. Raymond is the former Miss Sylvia Robinson of Marblehead, Mass.

Leaves For Air Force Base In San Antonio

Volunteering for service, Archie Perry, young local merchant, left last Friday to report for duty in the Air Force at San Antonio. Mrs. Joe Robertson is managing his grocery on Liberty Street.

Mrs. Pennie Webb Died Saturday At Bear Grass Home

Mrs. Pennie Roberson Webb died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Kelly Moore, on the Harriett L. Harrison farm in Bear Grass Township last Saturday morning at 4:15 o'clock. She had been in declining health for several years, but her condition was critical hardly more than one week.

A daughter of the late Jesse Roberson and wife, she was born in Bear Grass Township 79 years ago on March 26, 1872, and lived in that section all her life. She was married in 1900 to Lawrence Webb who died twenty years ago. Following her husband's death she had made her home with the children.

She was a member of the church at Macedonia for a number of years, and the pastor, the Rev. Preston E. Coker, conducted the funeral service at her late home Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

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Restraining Order In Jamesville Elections

Order Hearing In Lumberton Before Judge W. J. Bone

E. L. Martin, plaintiff, in his case against Mrs. Mae Waters, Clyde Glass and W. J. Holliday, obtained a temporary order from Judge Paul Frizzelle in Snow Hill last Saturday afternoon, restraining the defendants from holding a general municipal election in Jamesville on Tuesday, February 5. Whether the order will be dismissed or made permanent is to be decided by Judge Walter Bone at a final hearing to be held in Robeson Superior Court the latter part of this week, possibly on Thursday or Friday. The final hearing was tentatively scheduled to be held in Lumberton when it was learned that Judge Bone, presiding over a term there, had not planned to return to his home in Nashville for the week-end.

At noon today no definite time had been set for holding the final hearing.

Represented by Attorneys R. L. Cowen of Williamston and L. H. Davis of Raleigh, the plaintiff, in the plea heard by Judge Frizzelle last Saturday, set out, in part:

"The defendants, Mae Waters, Clyde Glass and W. J. Holliday, are residents of said town, county and State, and are pretending to act as the duly appointed members of the board of elections for said town.

"That defendant, purporting to act as the duly appointed and qualified members of the board of elections for said town, called, arranged for, and caused to be held on Monday, January 14, 1952,

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Resolutions By The Farm Bureau

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The group went on record as strongly favoring the continuance of the soil conservation program as it is now constituted, and leveled its guns on those who are trying to block the work of the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation or the Nickels-for-Know-How program. The resolutions will be placed before the proper committees at the State convention to be held in Raleigh February 10-13.

Mr. Daniel briefly outlined the accomplishments of the Farm Bureau, adding that every individual has a definite responsibility in a democracy and should support the farm organization.

Thirty-Nine Go For Pre-Induction

Thirty-nine young Martin County men left Monday for Raleigh to undergo pre-induction examinations for the armed forces. No report on the tests could be had immediately, but most of the men making the trip returned late in the evening.

All of those instructed to report for the trip showed up except one man, William Andrew Lyons, and he was listed as delinquent. The former Martin County man called later in the day from New York, advising that he received his notice too late to get home in time to make the trip. He is now being advised to report for final induction, it was learned.

There is no final induction call to be answered by Martin County men in February, but thirty-seven men are to report on February 7, for pre-induction tests. A second pre-induction call has also been scheduled for thirty-seven men the latter part of February.

Woman Critically Shot By Alleged Lover Near Here

Annie Rhodes, 37, Continues In Serious Condition In Hospital Here

Annie Rhodes, 37-year-old colored woman, was shot and critically hurt on the Leggett farm just off Highway 125 near Williamston shortly after 9:00 o'clock last Friday night. Later reports from a local hospital where she was carried for treatment state that her condition continues serious. She was shot with a pistol either of .22 or .25 caliber, the bullet striking her right breast and penetrating the lung before plowing all the way through her body.

Living with her two small children in a tenant house on the Leggett farm, the woman planned to go to a North Houghton Street store and make a purchase. She was walking along a saw dust trail that connects with a road leading off Highway 125 to the old Davis Graveyard farm when she was attacked. Deserted by her attacker, the woman walked the greater part of a half mile up a gentle hill to the Donaldson store and asked that a taxi be called for her. She was removed to the hospital and the sheriff's office was notified.

Questioning the victim in the emergency room in an effort to get a quick lead, Sheriff M. W. Holloman was told confusing stories. The woman first said that a couple had parked on the lane used more or less extensively for illegitimate love affairs, and that a man in the car shot her. Apparently realizing her condition was critical and not wanting to die with a falsehood on her lips, she later advised the officer that George Cutler, 35-year-old Negro and a fairly frequent visitor in the woman's home, shot her with a pistol. She explained that the last time she saw him was immediately after the attack, that he promised her he would call a taxi.

The woman would tell no more, leaving the officers to guess what led up to the attack. It is fairly certain that Cutler went to the woman's home earlier that evening, and that they quarreled.

Delayed possibly two hours or more before they could establish a lead in the case, officers were unable to get on Cutler's trail until early next morning. It was learned that he hired a taxi to carry him to Washington, leaving here about 2:00 o'clock Saturday morning. They had watched his home on Warren Street where his wife and children lived, but he did not go there. Cutler, a fireman for the Williamston Lumber Company, was supposed to have gone on duty there at 10:00 o'clock Friday night, but a watch maintained there was not fruitful. Sheriff Holloman said that Cutler's lunch pail, containing seven large biscuits, a liberal helping of black molasses and two slices of fat pork, waited for him at his home, but that he never called for it.

Cutler moved his family here from Washington about a year ago. The taxi driver, explaining (Continued on Page Six)

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