

Twenty-four Cases Handled Monday In County Court

Fines Amounted To Only \$240 But Several Road Terms Were Imposed

Judge R. T. Johnson handled twenty-four cases in the Martin County Recorder's court last Monday, imposing fines in the amount of \$240 and sending several defendants to the roads.

Proceedings:
The case in which Warren Leggett was charged with violating the school attendance law was not pressed with leave.

Jimmy Boston, charged with larceny, was ordered arrested when it appeared to the court that the defendant had failed to comply with the terms of a previous judgment.

The case charging Jos. Roberson, colored, with violating the health laws, was dismissed.

Pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, Norman Barnes was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. He loses his driver's license for sixty days.

Pleading not guilty, Elonzer Perkins was adjudged guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus costs. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$150.

Beamon Briley was found not guilty of drunken driving.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Milton Ricks, Jr. was charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Thomas L. Reeves, Lonnie Bullock of Hobgood, Carson Overton, Thomas Clayton Carson, James Billy Rawls, Senth Nathan Tucker, Ceaser Corbett, Carl Woodley Copeland and Harry Hoffman were each taxed with the costs.

The case in which William Henry Whitfield was charged with violating the health laws was dismissed.

John Cherry pleaded not guilty of an assault, but his plea did not hold up and he was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. A 90-day road sentence previously imposed in a similar case and suspended, was invoked, the latter to run concurrently with the first.

Adjudged guilty of possessing stolen goods, Sylvester Beach was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. The road term was suspended upon the payment of costs, and the defendant is to violate no criminal law during the next two years.

Hugh Ellis Moore, pleading guilty of careless and reckless driving, was fined \$15, plus costs.

Harry Edward McNulla, pleading guilty of speeding, reckless driving and failing to heed a siren warning, was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. The defendant was first sentenced to serve sixty days on each count.

Russell Brown, charged with bastardy, failed to answer when called and his arrest was ordered by the court.
Charged with drunken driving, Cecil E. Williams did not answer when called in open court and his arrest was ordered.

Enrollment In Local Schools

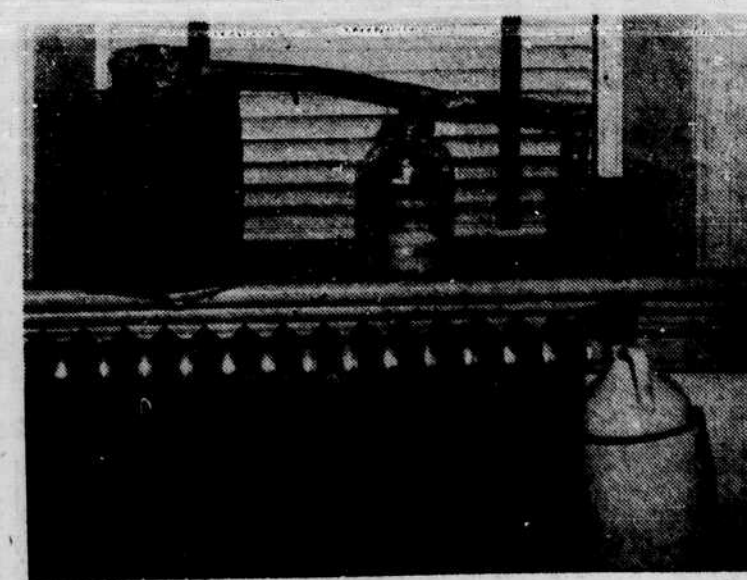
Enrollment figures, although battered by a fairly heavy migration to defense centers, continue to hold their own in the local schools, according to a report released this week by Principal B. G. Stewart for the fifth month.

At the end of the fourth month, 637 pupils were enrolled in the school. The over-all count was the same at the end of the fifth month, but there was a variation in the count total. As of this week there were 238 pupils in the high school and 799 in the elementary school, the high school dropping five from its roll while the elementary department gained five over the fourth month count.

There were 1,048 pupils enrolled in the local schools a year ago at the end of the fifth school month.

Attendance in the schools here is holding up very well, Principal Stewart said.

Take Baby Still In County



Taken in a raid near Oak City a few days ago, the four-gallon capacity baby still was set up for a picture in the Martin County sheriff's office last week-end. Made of copper, the still could turn out about a pint of raw liquor from each charge.

Vernon Langley, Former Resident, Dies In New Bern

Funeral Services Will Be Held Friday Afternoon In Kinston Chapel

Vernon C. Langley, a native of Wilson County and a former Williamston resident, died in his sleep at his home in New Bern early this morning. He had been in declining health for a number of years.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Langley, he was born in Wilson County 78 years ago, and spent most of his life there.

After farming in his early life, he engaged in the mercantile business until declining health forced his retirement.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Mamie Brown of Jamesville. She died some years ago, and since that time he had made his home with his children. After spending a year here with his son, Carlyle Langley, Jr., he moved last April to make his home in New Bern.

Surviving besides his son in Williamston, are a son, Erwin Langley of Kinston; a daughter, Mrs. Leon Griffin of Pinetops; two brothers, James C. and William Langley of Elm City; a sister, Mrs. Wiley Colette of Elm City; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Langley was a member of the Wilson Methodist Church for many years, and was active in its support down through the years. The Kinston Methodist minister will conduct the funeral service in the Edwards Funeral Chapel in Kinston Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Interment will be in the family plot in the Elm City Cemetery.

Robert E. Smith Gets Promotion To Sergeant

Fort Campbell, Ky.—Robert E. Smith of Williamston, North Carolina, has been promoted to Master Sergeant from Sergeant First Class in Battery "B" of the 690th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Campbell.

POULTRY SHOW

A poultry specialist of the N. C. State College Extension Service will conduct a poultry school in the courthouse, Williamston, commencing at 2:00 P. M. next Monday, February 11th.

The specialist will review all major phases of poultry and egg production, including turkeys and will cover such new developments as Newcastle disease control; infrared heat lamps; the feeding of antibiotics and the use of new chemicals in controlling parasites. The school will be divided into four discussion periods. The fourth period will be a free-for-all discussion of any individual problems which anyone may wish to present.

All poultrymen, regardless of the number of birds owned, either commercial or small "home use" flocks, are invited to attend. It was announced by S. A. Tuten, Assistant county agent.

Calling Seventy Persons for Jury Duty Next Month

Two-Week Term Superior Court To Open Monday, March 17th

Seventy Martin County citizens have been drawn for jury duty during the two-week term of superior court, opening on Monday, March 17. Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill is scheduled to preside over the term which will hear cases of both a criminal and civil nature.

Two murder cases are already on the docket along with several aggravated assault actions.

Nine of the citizens drawn by the county commissioners at their regular February meeting are to find their way to the grand jury where they are to serve for twelve months.

Names of the jurors drawn for service include:

First Week

Jamesville Township: J. D. Price, James W. Jones, Oscar Davenport, H. B. Gaylord and William Beacham.

Williams Township: Floyd Moore and Jack Hardison.

Griffins Township: Richard S. Corey, Ira T. Hardison, N. R. Daniel and Archie B. Griffin.

Williamston Township: D. C. McLawhorn, C. F. Godard, LeRoy Savage, L. Tom Letchworth, W. H. Carstarphen, Garland Cowen, F. M. Barnes, W. J. Miller, Sr., Jos. W. Griffin, W. Clyde Manning and H. B. Holloman.

Cross Roads Township: C. C. Bailey.

Robersonville Township: Thomas Whitley, John R. Bynum, Charlie Warren, T. L. Roebuck, Herbert Johnson, A. T. Weiss, Whit Briley, Norman Wilkinson, Ervin A. James and J. H. Roberson, Jr.

Poplar Point Township: Asa Harris and R. H. Harrison.

Hamilton Township: James Whitfield, Mrs. Myrtle S. Smith, Turner Ward and Johnnie Scott.

Goose Nest Township: E. V. Smith.

Second Week

Jamesville Township: Hugh M. Martin, H. E. Daniels and Geo. L. Hardison.

Williams Township: Henry F. Williams.

Griffins Township: B. R. Manning, Raleigh B. Lilley, Thomas L. Griffin, W. Jesse Griffin, A. C. Roberson and Otis Wainwright.

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Livestock School Here Successful

Specialists, representing the State College Extension Service, conducted a successful livestock school in the county courthouse here Tuesday.

The representatives discussed all phases of livestock production, pointing out that more livestock is needed to balance the farm program in this county.

Between 75 and 100 farmers were in attendance during the day.

Pupils Here Raise \$1,316 For March of Dimes Fund

Taking over where the primary pupils' report ended, the local white elementary school, aided a tiny bit by an apparently indifferent high school group, moved ahead to build up the strongest support ever accorded an infantile paralysis fund drive in this county, according to reliable but unofficial reports released here yesterday.

No report is yet to be had from either of the county fund chairmen, but the elementary and high school here raised \$542.27 during the drive to boost the total for all of the school departments to \$1,316.54. The amount is believed to have set a new high record for the young folks in answering the appeal of little victims.

Top honors in the drive shifted from Miss Sue Henderson's fourth grade to Mrs. Mildred Crawford's fifth grade when the second report was released yesterday. The fourth grade up until that time was holding top position with a

Arrest Convicts In County Town Late Last Night

Four White Men Returned To Prison Camp Early This Morning

Four young white men—George Small, 19, of Florida, Chas. Cain, 18, Joe Swink, 19, of Lincoln, and Frank Moore, 18,—were arrested in Hamilton late last night following their escape from a prison camp in Gates County last Tuesday afternoon. Three of the convicts, serving from six months to four years, were taken into custody by Patrolman R. P. Naron, and Harry Stubbs Peel, Hamilton man, took the other one into custody a short time later.

The four men jumped off a truck in Chowan County late Tuesday afternoon and escaped. Wading in water up to their waists, the four hid in a swamp for a few hours before coming out and stealing a 1951 Chevrolet which they abandoned near Harrellsville where they stole a 1952 Pontiac. The Pontiac was ditched and abandoned near Spring Green in this county yesterday morning between 3:00 and 3:30 o'clock. The car was found later in the day and returned to the owner.

Last night the four were seen walking toward Hamilton and a search was started. About two hours later they were taken into custody in Hamilton where a goodly number had volunteered in the search.

Questioned in the courthouse here, the four said they would not have surrendered if they had had anything to eat. "We were hungry and tired," the boys said, adding that they were about ready to surrender.

They were returned to prison early this morning.

Board Of Health Holds Meeting

The Martin County Board of Health held one of its infrequent meetings here last evening in the grand jury room. Most of the board members were present.

Going into executive session, the board did not disclose its discussion or any action taken.

ROANOKE RISING

Fed by general rains throughout the entire basin and little controlled, as yet, by the Buggs Island dam, the Roanoke is on another rampage, according to Bridge-keeper Hugh Spruill.

The river is expected to crest at 30 feet at Scotland Neck Saturday and climb to a point right at twelve feet at this point next Tuesday. The stream is now well over the banks here.

It is expected the river will reach its highest flood stage since February 21, 1948, when it climbed to 11.6 feet in November, 1949.

Let Contract For Drainage Project In Martin County

A contract for draining Ross Swamp, located for the most part in Robersonville Township between Highway 64 at Collier Swamp and the Parmele-Hassell railroad, was let last Saturday to the Hill Construction Company of Washington along with another contract for clearing approximately eighty acres of land.

Messrs. J. R. Winslow, Rufus Taylor and Henry B. Roberson, member of Martin County Drainage District No. 2, opened the bids and they declared the Washington company the low bidder.

The Hill company submitted a bid of 13 cents per cubic yard for moving an estimated 189,585 cubic yards of dirt, and a bid of \$124 per acre for clearing eighty acres of land. While the total may vary to some extent, the combined cost will run right around \$34,566.05 for the actual drainage and clearing.

The bids, numbering three, ranged from the low up to 17.9 cents for moving the first and \$145 an acre for clearing the approximately eighty acres of land. The high bid was submitted by a Columbia firm.

Although costs have increased, the bids opened last Saturday by the commission were less than those submitted on the Bear Grass or Martin County Drainage Project No. 1. The cost on the Bear Grass job was based on a rate of 14.9 cents for moving dirt and \$125 an acre for clearing.

The bids were said to be favorable and the commission awarded the contract, reports stating that the contractor plans to start work within the next two weeks.

Party Nominees Win Jamesville Election

Write-Ins Make Big Dent In The Voting Tuesday

Although independent candidates made a big dent in the vote, especially in the mayoralty race, the regular Democratic nominees scored a victory at the polls in Jamesville's unique municipal election on Tuesday of this week.

Ordinarily recognized as being tantamount to election, the action in the primary last January 14 was threatened during the last three hours of the election Tuesday when a write-in vote started piling up. By the time the polls closed at 6:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, almost as many votes had been cast as were counted in the primary, and while the independent vote did not threaten the regular ticket it was not treated lightly. Little or nothing was said about a movement to threaten the regular ticket, but such a movement developed and both the regular party nominees and the independent candidates settled down to serious politicking.

In the race for mayor, Arthur Wallace Lilley, the regular party nominee, polled 99 votes or about seventeen more votes than he received in the January 14 primary. Leslie W. Hardison, depending on write-in votes, polled 55 votes, according to unofficial reports.

The unofficial vote for the regular party nominees for town commissioners was listed, as follows: Tilman Coltrain, 139; J. Oscar Davenport and O. Wendell Hamilton, 116 each; Royal Gurganus, 113, and Phillip C. Blount, Jr., 112.

The write-in vote for commissioners was listed, as follows: E. L. Martin and Luther Hugh Hardison, 21 each; Bennie Styons, 16; James Smithwick, 13, and James Long, 2.

A consent judgment handed down at the last November term of the Martin County Superior Court provides for the newly elected officers to take over the affairs of the town as soon as they qualify. Appearing before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne in the courthouse here yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, four of the newly elected commissioners, R. E. Gurganus, Wendell Hamilton, Oscar Davenport and P. C. Blount, Jr., and the newly elected mayor, Arthur Wallace Lilley, subscribed to the oath of office. Tilman Coltrain qualified a short time later.

The new board and mayor are planning to hold their first meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Jamesville school, and perfect their organization. They are to name a mayor pro-tem, clerk-treasurer and decide on a definite day for holding future meetings.

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Call Thirty-Six To Undergo Test At Army Station

No Report Received on The Men who Left County January 28th

Thirty-six young men were called a short time ago to report for a trip to the army station in Raleigh for preliminary induction examinations. The call was issued by the Martin County Draft Board. One transferred in and five transferred to other boards in various parts of the country.

No report has been received on the examinations given about 37 Martin County men who underwent the pre-induction tests in Raleigh on January 28.

The names of those called to report today include:

White

Oscar Taylor, RFD 2, Williams-ton.

Edward L. Bland, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Archie Hertford Padgett, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Gilbert Leonidas Ange, PFD 1, Jamesville.

Raymond Lawrence Modlin, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Samuel A. Roebuck, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Seth Wesley Cratt, RFD 2, Williams-ton.

Bobby Earl Fleming, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Earl Carlton Williams, RFD 2, Williams-ton.

James Edward Rogerson, RFD 3, Williams-ton.

John Linwood Cherry, Williams-ton.

Johnnie Nathan Roberson, Williams-ton.

Herbert Linwood Coltrain, Williams-ton and Berkley, Va.

Stanley Heber Roberson, Williams-ton.

Jos. Raymond Schanzer, transferred to the local board from Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

David Eugene Perry transferred to Norfolk.

Ken Maynard Bunting transferred to Lillington, N. C.

William Saunders Raynor transferred to Chicago.

Colored

Lawrence Turner, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Willie Frank Deans, Williams-ton.

James Dalton Fagan, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Josephus Latham, RFD 2, Robersonville.

Columbus Brown, RFD 3, Williams-ton.

Vernon Staton, Jr., Bethel and Greenville.

William Rulen Hardison, RFD 1, Williams-ton.

John Thomas Cloman, RFD 3, Williams-ton.

Thomas Jefferson Purvis, Hamilton.

Alexander Peterson, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City.

Harry Clinton Griffin, RFD 3, Williams-ton.

Robert Keys, RFD 1, Williams-ton.

Romas Hiawatha Cordon, RFD 1, Jamesville.

General Lee Jones, Oak City.

Alexander Brown, RFD 2, Williams-ton.

Robert Ghee, Jr., RFD 1, Jamesville.

James Ramsey, Jr., RFD 1, Williams-ton.

Curtis Andrews transferred to Washington, D. C.

Jesse Edward Lee, Jr., transferred to Chester, Pa.

The group is expected to re- (Continued on Page Eight)

Mule Wrecks Car Near Hamilton

Driving toward Hamilton on the Oak City Highway at 12:15 o'clock this morning, Robert Smith struck a loose mule belonging to Farmer Ford Pollard. The animal was not hurt but damage to the car was estimated at about \$100.

According to Patrolman R. P. Naron who investigated the accident, the car literally scooped up the mule and hauled the animal a short distance on the hood. Most of the damage was done to the car when the mule kicked a fender while getting off the machine.

NOT CERTAIN

As far as it could be learned here today, it isn't at all certain that Martin County will be represented at the Democratic dinner in Raleigh Saturday evening.

The party's county treasury was depleted long ago and it was decided not to go around and "beg" \$300 to finance the six plates allotted the county. And there have been no volunteers to come up with \$50 to finance a single plate.

Most of the counties in the State have met their quotas, and the politicians are certain to crowd the capital city this week-end.

Jamesville Has New Association

Merchants and other business leaders in Jamesville and community recently perfected a business association and elected L. H. Hardison as president, Tilman Coltrain as vice president, and Alva Roberson, secretary and treasurer.

Designed to promote cooperation among the business people and advance the welfare of both the merchants and the general public, the Jamesville Business Association at its recent meeting discussed various matters. After deciding on a name for the organization, the members agreed on a schedule of dues and scheduled monthly meetings each second Monday. A uniform schedule of closing hours and observance of various holidays was adopted. The new organization also discussed plans for various progress projects, and its members, numbering almost twenty, pledged their cooperation in promoting the interest of the community and its citizens.

Al Sweatt, executive secretary of the Williamston Boosters, assisted in perfecting the organization, it was announced.

Past District Governor Speaks To Rotary Club

Sherwood L. Roberson, past district governor of Robersonville, addressed the regular meeting of the local Rotary Club Tuesday noon. Mr. Roberson, talking about Rotary said that he who serves best profits most.

GINNINGS

Martin County farmers last cotton crop in a number of years, according to a report released a few days ago by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. 394 bales had been ginned. The report shows that 2,394 bales had been ginned from the 1951 crop through last January 14. The crop was more than four times larger than the 1950 production which was limited to only 595 bales.