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## Fourteen Liquor Cases Called In Recorder's Court

### Fines Imposed at Monday's Session Added Up To \$700.00

Alleged violators of the liquor laws went into their second "convention" within a month on Monday when fines, amounting to \$700, were imposed by Judge R. T. Johnson in the Martin County Recorder's Court. Special undercover agents of the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Board enforcement division returned as witnesses.

One of the cases was not pressed, and all but two of the other defendants in the thirteen cases pleaded guilty. One was continued for the defendant.

In addition to eleven cases docketed by the special agents, county officers booked three of their own. The second "convention" did not attract very much attention, one observer saying that possibly some of those at the first meeting were too busy carrying on their trade to attend court.

Novella Bonds, before the court on a repeat performance, pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws. In one case she was taxed with the costs. In the other she was fined \$100 and taxed with the cost. She is to violate no liquor law during the next five years, and if she does and conviction follows she is to serve six months in the woman's prison. She also agreed to keep her home open to ABC officers for searches without warrants, and is to have not more than one pint of legal and no amount of illicit liquor in her possession at any one time.

Simon Jenkins, pleading not guilty of violating the liquor laws, was adjudged guilty. He was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. He is to violate no liquor law for five years. He appealed to the superior court and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Boss Gaynor, before the court on two counts, pleaded guilty. In one case he was taxed with the costs and in the other, he was sentenced to the roads for six months, suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. He is to violate no liquor law for five years.

The case in which Minnie V. Gaynor was charged with violating the liquor laws, was not pressed.

Mary Jane Payton, back in the courts again for violating the liquor laws, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to woman's prison for (Continued on Page Eight)

## Scouts Had A Wet Time In New Bern

Martin County Boy Scouts, attending the big camporee over in New Bern last week-end, had an enjoyable time but admitted it was on the "wet side."

Williamston's Troop 27, led by Joe Clayton and Eddie Daniels, won a red ribbon, and Troop 29, led by Charles Hudson and Mack Byrum brought back a white ribbon. Joe Clayton called for a second grading, and it is possible No. 27 will get a blue ribbon.

Those making the trip from here were, Charles Hudson, Mack Byrum, Wm. Ray Bunting, Doug Abernathy, Sherwood Coltrain, Marvin Donaldson, Joe Clayton, Eddie Daniels, Henry Handy, Billy Biggs, Roy Rogers, Farran Wheeler and Don Skinner, Jr.

Some of the Scouts were forced to take shelter in New Bern when their camp site was almost washed out. They were housed in New Bern.

## Large Crowd Witnesses Religious Play Sunday

"The Everlasting Arms," a three-act religious play written and directed by Floyd E. Clark, was presented in the high school auditorium here Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock by students of Johnson Bible College, Kimberlin Heights, Tenn.

A large crowd witnessed the play which was well received.

## Start Urgent Cancer Fund Drive In County This Week

In answer to repeated urgent appeals, a group of volunteers last week-end agreed to launch the annual cancer fund drive in the county this week.

While no chairman has been named, Miss Irene Tetterton and Mrs. Chas. I. Harris Monday contacted volunteers in the various districts and pleaded with them to carry the appeal to the general public. Progress is being made, and it is hoped to complete the campaign within the next ten days or two weeks.

It was explained by representatives of the North Carolina Cancer Society that a nursing hospital for advanced cancer cases had been opened in Lumberton for North Carolina, that the Society had obligated to raise between \$75,000 and \$100,000 for the project this year. The hospital has sixty beds and was recently opened to receive incurable cases. It was also explained that the American Cancer Society is making

### LITTLE LEAGUE

Williamston's Little Baseball League is expected to take definite form when club managers and coaches along with officials "buy their players" at a meeting to be held in the grand jury room this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The managers have been allowed so much "money" for the purchase of players and some keen competition is in prospect.

Returning to Hamilton to engage in business, Mr. Norman Everett has resigned as secretary of the league, and Mr. Marion Cobb is taking over his duties with the league.

## Plead Guilty Of Armed Robbery

L. D. Hatchell, 32, and Arthur Earl Chadwick, 18, were sentenced to prison by Judge Henry Stevens in Halifax County Superior Court Monday for armed robbery. A true bill in a kidnapping case against the two was returned by the grand jury, but that was not pressed. Hatchell was sentenced to serve from five to seven years, the sentence to run concurrently with a 60-year term he is now serving for murder in the second degree. Chadwick, who had only seven months to serve when he broke out of the Halifax Prison farm, was sentenced to serve five years.

The two men on March 6 bummed a ride with the Rev. Grady Haynes, Baptist minister of Hobgood. They took him out of his car and tied him to a tree and left in his car. An alarm was sounded, and Patrolman R. P. Narron picked up their trail in Williamston and ran them down a few miles out on the Washington highway.

## Train-Car Wreck At Crossing Here

No one was hurt and damage was said to have been limited in a train-auto accident at the Elm Street crossing here last Saturday.

R. E. Rackley, Hamilton man, said he saw the box car at the crossing, that he thought it was stationary when it was moving slowly. He crashed into the side of the car, one report said. He was driving a 1937 Olds.

## Man Painfully Stabbed By Woman Here Sunday

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## Native Of County Died at His Home In Bethel Monday

### Funeral There Today For Lewis Ayers, Prominent Bethel Citizen

Lewis Ayers, prominent Bethel citizen and a native of this county, died at his home in Bethel Monday morning at 7:25 o'clock of a heart attack. In declining health for several years, Mr. Ayers had suffered two slight attacks just before and right after Easter Sunday, but his condition was not considered serious and he continued fairly active. Last Saturday he drove over to Tarboro and was thought to be getting along well until about 5:00 o'clock Monday morning when he was again stricken. He told Mrs. Ayers that that was the last.

Mr. Ayers was born in Bear Grass Township 63 years ago on August 22, 1888, the son of the late John H. and Courtney Rogers Ayers. After spending his early life on the farm he became associated with his brother in the mercantile business at Bear Grass, going with M. O. Blount and Sons in Bethel in 1915. A year later in 1916, he was married to Mary Gurganus of this county. After years of faithful service in the Blount organization, Mr. Ayers resigned January 1, 1937, and established the Ayers Funeral Home in Bethel, owning and operating it since that time.

A popular leader in his adopted community, he figures prominently in the community's various affairs. He was a past master of the Masonic Lodge here, and served the town as mayor in 1942-43. A member of the Methodist Church for fifteen years, he was active in religious work and placed a high value on the finer and nobler ideals in life.

Surviving besides Mrs. Ayers are a son, Burton Ray Ayers, of Bethel; two daughters, Mrs. D. H. Jenkins, also of Bethel, and Mrs. Samuel M. Jones of Norfolk; one brother, Elder A. B. Ayers of Bear Grass; one sister, Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, of Williamston; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted in the Bethel Methodist Church this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by his pastor, the Rev. N. W. Grant. Interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery where members of the Masonic Lodge will be in charge of the last rites.

## Many Are Called But Few Chosen By Armed Forces

### To Call Eight Men In The County May 21 For Final Induction

The armed forces are still calling quite a few men from this county but few are being chosen, according to information released by the draft board this week.

Four out of seventeen men answering a preinduction call on April 14 were accepted, but even then the percentage of rejections was not as large as it was the previous month when thirty-five were called and only three passed the preliminary examinations.

For the first time since January, the draft board in this county is to send a group of men to Raleigh for final induction. The call is for eight men and they are to report on Wednesday, May 21.

A call for 25 men has been received, but they are to report for pre-induction examinations. They are to go to Raleigh on Wednesday, May 14.

About half of those reporting for the preliminary examinations recently had been examined before and classified in the 4-F group. One of them passed.

Those making the trip week before last were:

White: Tommy Rogers, Luther Saunders Clark, Bill Roberson, Earl Eugene Hyman.

Colored: Charlie Bullock, Jr., Surry Mack Whitaker, James Bell, Sherman Cecil Andrews, William Jasper Whitley, Jesse Crowell, Edward Caraway, Paul Frank, Jr., William Lawrence, Jr., Willie Mac Hudson, Curtis Lee Parker, Raleigh Perkins, Jr.

Lafayette Bunch, transferred to the board in this county from West Palm Beach, accompanied the group to Raleigh for final induction.

Clarence Bullock, Jr., was transferred from Beaufort, and he too accompanied the group to Raleigh for final induction.

Julius Caesar Hargett was transferred to the board in Greensboro.

## Displaced Family Overcoming Obstacles

### Find Going Tough On County Farm But No Complaint

Coming from a community along the Austrian border in Germany, a displaced family located on a farm in the Dardens section of this county recently, and it goes without saying that the little group of seven—father, mother and five sons—have encountered many obstacles. Even though they could not speak any English, the Joseph Millers are making rapid progress, according to reports reaching here.

Two of the older sons joined their father in logging operations. Blisters in their hands plagued them, but no complaint was heard. Two younger lads are attending school in Jamesville, and while

## Native Of County Parents Teachers Elect Officers At Meet Last Night

### Youthful Band Gives Good Account of Itself In First Program

In a regular meeting held at the high school last evening, the local Parent-Teacher Association elected officers for the new year and heard several interesting reports along with a program by Professor Jack Butler's elementary band. In the absence of the president, D. L. Reynolds, who continues ill, Mrs. John L. Goff, vice president, presided. The Rev. John L. Goff conducted the devotional, and following the reading of the minutes by Mrs. Asa Crawford, the grade roll call was made, the attendance prize going to Miss Rogerson's sixth grade.

Fletcher Thomas, local business man, was elected president of the association for the coming year. Asa Crawford, another business man, was named vice president. Miss Sue Henderson was elected secretary and Mrs. Hoke Roberson, treasurer. The new officers are to be installed at the next regular meeting to be held on May 19.

The association now has 460 members, it was announced, and it was voted to contribute \$60 to the tennis courts, to help clear away the indebtedness.

Principal B. G. Stewart announced that State Supervisor Lassiter of Raleigh visited the elementary school a few days ago and spoke favorably of the program. He explained, however, that no formal rating of the school is to be expected before June or later.

Introduced by Miss Mary Whitley the elementary band of forty-nine members, appeared in their first formal program, and the promising musicians gave an unusually good account of themselves. The band is adding two new, and incidentally, costly instruments, an alto clarinet and a bass clarinet.

## Suffers Broken Leg In Fall From A Mule

Romas Lee, colored farmer, suffered a broken right leg in a fall from a mule on the King farm over in Williams Township last Friday. He is receiving treatment in a local hospital. The break was said to have been a bad one.

Following over-night treatment in the Washington County Hospital, the two Reason lads and Satterthwaite and Phelps were removed to a bone specialist in a Norfolk hospital.

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## County Boy Rated Number One As Inventor In Korea

With the 25th Infantry Div. in Korea—"Number One Inventor" is the name given Cpl. Purlie J. Modlin, Jamesville, N. C., by the men of Battery C, 69th Field Artillery Battalion, in Korea.

Corporal Modlin, an electronics engineer in civilian life, has done everything from manufacturing door latches to repairing cameras, in addition to his regular duties in the battery's fire direction center.

The versatile corporal has fixed a three-quarter-ton truck so that it can be used as the fire direction center when the unit is on the move. It saves stopping to set up

a tent and the center can get into action immediately after arriving in a new area.

When Modlin isn't fixing something, he is busy making a "picture diary" of his tour of duty in Korea. He has taken over 500 feet of 8-mm. movie film and hundreds of still photos.

The corporal processes the still films himself in a lab he pieced together in his spare time. He has made a contact printer from a tin can and wood. The chemicals were sent from the U. S.

"It's the old story," says Modlin, "war seems to be a necessity, and necessity is the mother of you-know-what."

Operating on a shoestring, so to speak, the Millers went into debt to set up housekeeping on the Charlie Hough farm near Dardens. Their earthly possessions, costing only \$150, include just enough crude chairs for each member of the family. There are no floor coverings and one entire

room of their new home is bare from wall to wall. The little time left from gainful employment is devoted to house repairs and similar projects.

Neighbors and other friends are lending a helping hand, but the language barrier has made relationships difficult, and while some members of the family get a bit disheartened in their strange surroundings they have not been heard to complain about hard work or any hardship.

The Millers are believed to be the first displaced family to be located in this county. They were brought to this county by the Catholic service. The family attends services in Williamston.

## Parents Teachers Ten Limb Fractures And One Fatality In Highway 64 Accident

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Mr. Reason and four other victims in the two-car, head-on collision, suffered a total of ten limb fractures, according to a report released by Patrolman Carl Gilchrist and Cpl. M. C. Byrum, the investigating officers.

Ernest Earl Reason, 7, suffered fractures of both legs above the knees and head injuries. Luther Reason, Jr., 8, had his left leg broken above the knee and his knee cap was broken and almost crushed. He also suffered lacerations, according to first reports.

In the second car, James Henry Satterthwaite, 57-year-old Roper colored man, suffered fractures of both legs and lacerations. His companion, Willie Phelps, 39, also of Roper, had both legs broken and his left knee cap broken and crushed. He also suffered internal injuries, a hole was knocked in his head and his nose was broken.

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## Flare-Up In Road Accidents During Past Several Days

### Four Wrecks Reported In Addition To Fatal One Near Dardens

Following a period of little activity, accidents flared up on the highways and streets in this county during the past few days. In addition to one near Dardens in which a young man was fatally injured and four others badly hurt there were four, more of less, minor accidents on the highways and streets during the week-end.

There were said to have been ten limb fractures in the Dardens accident, one or two victims suffering at least three. In another wreck, a victim suffered a bad fracture of his left leg, and in addition to that one victim had a shoulder bone split at the joint.

A preliminary review of the week-end carnage shows one was killed, eight others injured and an estimated \$3,600 property loss in five accidents.

All five accidents were reported between 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon and 11:00 o'clock that night.

The first in the series was the accident at Dardens.

Thirty minutes later, Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy of Williamston were thrown out of their car when the machine went out of control on the slippery road near Robersonville. Mrs. Hardy was painfully bruised and shocked, but was able to continue to her home following hospital treatment. Mr. Hardy, driving the Plymouth car, received a shoulder injury. No estimate on the car damage could be had immediately.

At 6:00 that evening, Clarence Purvis, 20-year-old colored farmer of Cross Roads, lost control of John Alfred Griffin's 1949 Pontiac between Everetts and Robersonville, and the machine turned three flips. Stopping on its side in a field, the car pinned Purvis underneath, breaking his left leg just above the ankle and mangling his foot. Apparently thrown out on the first turn, Griffin, Everetts filling station operator, suffered three broken ribs and a split shoulder blade. He was able to continue to his home following treatment in the Robersonville Clinic. Purvis continues in the hospital. Damage to the car was estimated at \$600 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation. Charges of speeding and reckless driving are pending.

Parker said he did not know anyone was following him when he was finally stopped and booked for speeding and careless and reckless driving. Riding with Parker, a companion said he knew little about what was going on, that he was kept busy holding on with all his might.

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## Speeder Tries To Out