

## Twenty-Six Cases In County's Court Saturday Morning

### Fines At Recent Session Added Up To Slightly More Than \$250

Following a period of little activity, the Martin County Recorder's Court reported an increase in business during its regular session last Saturday morning. Twenty-six cases were called and fines imposed during the morning added up to \$255.

Proceedings: Clarence Purvis, 21-year-old colored Robersonville man who had been in the court previously on careless and reckless driving charges, was sentenced to the roads for six months when he pleaded guilty to a similar charge last Saturday morning. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs. He lost his operator's license for a year.

Pleading not guilty to being drunk and disorderly, Paul Manning was adjudged guilty and fined \$15. His costs.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Leslie T. Latham was found guilty of failing to stop before entering a highway and was taxed with the costs.

Richard B. Harrison of RFD 3, Williamston, was fined \$15, plus costs, for speeding 70 miles an hour.

George Williams, Jr., adjudged guilty of an assault, was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs and on the further condition that he remain of good behavior for twelve months.

Charged with assaulting a female, Ervin Brooks was adjudged guilty of assaulting a minor and was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and cost. He is not to molest any member of Robert Pierce's family in the future.

Emmett Sanders was sentenced to the roads for six months for an assault and non-support. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and \$5 a week for two years for the support of his family.

Willie Moore was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for resisting arrest.

The case in which O. K. Harris was charged with issuing a worthless check, was remanded to the Justice courts.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Robt. E. Whitehurst was adjudged not guilty.

The case in which Lester Saunders was charged with breaking and entering was not prosed.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Clifton Meaty Matthews was adjudged guilty of following another vehicle too closely and was taxed with the court costs.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Roy Claude Joyner was fined \$100, taxed with the costs and lost his operator's license for a year.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court cost in Council was charged with hit-and-run driving.

The case, charging Thomas P. Skoud with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was not prosed.

Charged with and pleading guilty of speeding, Vernon L. Gurganus of RFD 2, Williamston, Jasper Dail of Washington, Estel N. Browner of Frazer, Ky., Jerry E. (Continued From Page Seven)

## Organize Movement For Overseas Relief

### SUMMER CONCERT

Tomorrow evening (Wednesday) at 8:30 the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School will present its annual Summer Concert on the all-weather tennis courts at the high school grounds.

A number of former members of the band will take part in the concert and a varied program is being finished off for the event. Most of the numbers are of the lighter kind. There will be several marches and one of the local favorites, "Red Rhythm Valley," is on the list.

The concert is absolutely free and the public is invited. Since it is outdoors the audience may move at will.

## Causes Of Motor Vehicle Accidents Listed In Order

### Discourteous Acts Lead To Two-Thirds Of All Road Wrecks

Drivers who have operated a car for 10 years or longer without an accident have an important thing in common. They are courteous and considerate of others who use the highway.

An analysis recognized by the Institute for Safer Living shows that in more than two-thirds of all traffic accidents involving fatalities, a discourteous act was the actor principally responsible for the accident. Discourteous driving in one form or another accounts for an estimated 25,000 motor vehicle deaths each year.

The Institute holds that disregard of the rights and well-being of others on the highway is discourtesy. Safe driving principles and practices are designed to protect motorists and their property. Therefore disregard of these practices is discourtesy. For example, the driver who weaves in and out of traffic is just discourteous as a pedestrian who shoulders his way along a crowded street forcing others to side-step him or risk being jabbed with an elbow.

However, shouldering ones way through motor vehicle traffic is much more dangerous. A pedestrian may risk getting a smash on the chin by an irate person's fist. But the weaving driver is risking a nimpact with some 3,000 pounds of unyielding steel.

The following are listed by the Institute as being the most common acts of driving discourtesy, and ones which most frequently lead to injury or death:

1. Driving at excessive speed or exceeding lawful speed limits.
2. Passing on hills or curves.
3. Following other cars too close.

## Taxi Driver In Court For Assault

Charged with assaulting Clayton Wilkins with a lug wrench near here last Saturday afternoon, Hubert Everett was bound over to the county court for trial later that day by Justice Chas. R. Mobley. Bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Everett was said to have asked Wilkins for money for pushing the Wilkins car. An argument followed and Everett planted the lug wrench on Wilkins' head, making a seven-stitch gash and almost fracturing the skull. Everett claimed at the hearing that Wilkins had a knife in his hand.

## Minor Accident On The Street Here Saturday

No one was hurt and damage estimated at about \$50 resulted when a pick-up truck driven by Farmer Major Gardner and a 1947 Ford driven by James E. Barber hooked bumpers on South Houghton Street near Raynor's station here last Saturday afternoon. Officer Tom Chesson made the investigation.

## Seek Train Load Of Farm Produce For War Victims

### W. Mayo Hardison and Mayo Little Elected To Head The Project

An organization, advanced in the name of suffering humanity in the wake of war and destruction overseas, was perfected at a meeting of representative citizens held in the Martin County courthouse last Thursday evening.

Known as "CROP"—Christian Overseas Relief Program—the organization is being reactivated in this county in answer to urgent appeals coming from the suffering millions in Korea and other war-torn countries where starvation and want still hover over millions as a result of war and other disasters.

Farmer W. Mayo Hardison of Poplar Point was elected chairman and Mr. Mayo Little of Robersonville was unanimously named co-chairman for this county at the last Thursday meeting. The Rev. W. B. Harrington of Farm Life was elected vice chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth P. Harrison, secretary, and D. V. Clayton, treasurer. S. A. Tuten, assistant farm agent, and Larry L. Hodges, agriculture teacher in Williamston, was named commodity chairman. The Rev. John L. Goff of Williamston is to head the speakers' bureau.

The township directors include: V. B. Hairr, Jamesville; C. L. Daniel, Williams; Stephen Manning, Griffiths; Noah Rogerson, Bear Grass; J. W. Saead, Williamston; Garland H. Forbes, Cross Roads; Sam T. Everett, Robersonville; Mrs. Ben James, Poplar Point; J. H. Lillard, Hamilton, and John Hassell, Goose Nest.

In answer to appeals from Korea, supported by personal letters from American servicemen who are witnesses to the hunger and want in the wrecked countries overseas, the national organization has already gone into action to help relieve the suffering and rehabilitate the homeless and penniless in Korea along with thousands of dozens of hatching eggs to Korea in recent weeks. It is the goal of the national organization to ship between forty and fifty trainloads of food and supplies overseas between now and the last of November.

Martin County is being asked to load a car of peanuts, but any farm product will be accepted, it was explained. Prospects are bright just now for a good peanut crop, and it is believed that the organization can collect a car of the goobers without too much trouble. It has been pointed out that the peanuts are very large, and that the removal of even a few hundred bags will help the program at home and mean the difference between life and death for many in Korea.

The little group meeting in the courthouse last Thursday and representing the farm organization, the ministry, civic organizations and others, discussed the task. While the fall outlook is not too encouraging, it was reasoned that this county can well afford to donate a carload of farm produce.

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## Two More Curing Barns Are Burned

Two more tobacco curing barns were destroyed by fire in this county last week-end, pushing the barn fire count so far this season to five.

Farmer Lewis Barber lost a barn near Dardens on the Daily Hill farm last Friday, and Farmer C. C. Fleming lost a barn on the Ball Gray farm near Jamesville Saturday. Fleming had insurance on his barn and tobacco.

Up until the 12th of August of this year, seven curing barns had been burned in this county, the count running up to eleven before the season was spent. Seventeen barns were destroyed by fire during the 1950 curing season.

## Republicans Know They Have Tough Battle To Fight

### 'McCarthyism' Will Be One Of The Issues For Democrats

Washington—The Republicans, now tightening their belts for a real fight against an unpredictable opponent, realize that this year's election will be no cakewalk as some had believed earlier. The harmony strokes pulled off by the brains of the Democratic party in Chicago have clearly demonstrated to the Republicans that the senior major party is readying on aggressive and confident campaign.

While the Democratic candidate is not known in all parts of the nation, and lacks the great military reputation enjoyed by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, he has a record for drawing large numbers of voters to the polls, and is admittedly a dangerous opponent. He has already begun to hit hard at General Ike, showing that he is out to make 1952 campaign a lively one.

The Republicans still have a tremendous backlog of "time for a change" sentiment to draw upon, and they have the known personality and popularity of Eisenhower. Now they must work out a campaign program which matches or outperforms the Democratic campaign effort. It seems that results obtained in the actual campaigns will decide this year's election. Should General Ike swing more to the Left, on such issues as civil right? Should he concentrate on scandals and corruption and inflation, and leave that hot potato alone? There are many questions.

Ike's inner circle knows the General could perfect his speech-making technique. They are confident he will find himself and hit his stride in the stretch campaign drive, even though he disappointed some in his swing through the West, prior to his nomination. The Republicans still feel that Ike is the favorite and that he will win, but they also know that they can lose if they don't come up with an effective, hard-hitting campaign.

President Harry Truman, who (Continued on Page Eight)

## Cattle Poisoned On County Farm

Believed to have been poisoned, two cattle have died and several others continue ill on the Foy Rogerson farm near Robersonville.

Investigating the cattle deaths, Sheriff M. W. Holloman and Deputy Raymond Rawls said they found some arsenate of lead in the pasture, but that it could not be traced to its source. The cows died Sunday.

## Nothing Heard From Chevrolet Stolen Here

No trace has been found of the 1950 Chevrolet stolen from Attorney B. A. Criteer on Main Street here last Wednesday evening. The attorney, leaving his key in the ignition switch, parked his car in front of the Guaranty Bank and went to the movies. The car was gone when he left the show.

## Annual Tobacco Motorcade In This County Thursday

Williamston's annual tobacco motorcade, arranged by the Boosters in cooperation with the Tobacco Board of Trade and business men, will start rolling promptly at 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning of this week. A special invitation is being extended to all local business men and others to take part in the special tour of the county.

The motorcade will be led by Williamston's High School Band and Sales Supervisor Blue Manning, along with A. L. Sweatt of the Williamston Boosters. While the schedule could not include every community in the county, the motorcade will reach most of them during the day.

## Five Car Wrecks On County Roads During Week-End

### Only One Person Injured And Property Damage Is Limited To About \$500

Only one person was injured and property damage was limited to about \$500 in a series of five motor vehicle accidents on the highways in this county during the past few days.

Cars, driven by Bobby Brady and Booker T. Lloyd, sideswiped each other on the Huskinaw Swamp road leading off Highway 64 early last Wednesday night. Only one was injured and the total damage hardly exceeded \$25, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Driving toward Williamston last Thursday morning, Jos. Ambridge Febre of Belhaven applied brakes on his 1950 Chevrolet pick-up truck to avoid hitting a car that was turning off Highway 17 into the Skewarkey road. The brakes locked, causing Febre to lose control of the truck which went into a field and turned over. Febre suffered a broken collar bone and bruises about the body. Damage to his truck was estimated at \$100 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made this investigation. The other machine went on its way without stopping.

Clifton Columbus Jones, driving his 1946 Dodge pick-up truck toward Williamston on Highway 125, lost control of the machine when it struck a slick spot in the road near the Everett farm, went out of control and turned over. Jones was not hurt and damage to his truck was estimated at \$50 by Patrolman B. W. Parker and Travis Register who made the investigation.

Two cars, a 1942 Ford driven by Joseph Allen Brakes, colored of RFD 1, Washington, and a 1946 Pontiac, driven by James Rawls, colored of RFD 2, Williamston, had a regular accident duel on Highway 17 near the Robert Lee Perry farm Sunday morning about 1:00 o'clock. Brakes said because of a defective steering gear he was operating his old Ford in the middle of the highway, driving toward Washington. Rawls, thinking Brakes was going to make a left turn into a sideroad, started to pass. Brakes pulled back to his right about that time, and the Pontiac hit the Ford in the rear, knocking it some little distance down the highway. After tearing out of the road ditch, the Ford swerved to its right and "attacked" the Pontiac, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation. "It was the first time I ever investigated an accident."

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## ROUND-UP

Eight persons were arrested and detained in the county jail last week-end. Three were booked for being drunk and disorderly and another three were charged with plain drunkenness, and one each for being absent from the armed forces without leave and another with an assault.

Five of the eight arrested were white, and ages of the group ranged from 16 to 39 years.

## Mexicans Making Study Of Insecticide Manufacturing

### Senior Enrique Guerrero and Ing, Octavio Mauero of Mexico City, Mexico, are spending several days here studying the latest methods employed in the manufacture of insecticides.

Business associates of Mr. Bob Johnston, chemical engineer for the Mathieson Chemical Company, the visitors are making detailed observations of the manufacturing processes and methods employed at the Standard Fertilizer Company, a division of the Mathieson Corporation.

The visiting engineers came to the local plant after conferring with Dr. E. W. Constable, State chemist in Raleigh, a few days ago.

These men are associated with the Sanidad Agrícola Mexicana, S. A., the first Mexican owned

## Denies Knowledge Of 1919 Killing In Martin County

### Formal Charge In Case Is Held In Abeyance Pending Man's Illness

Buried deep in the old criminal files in this county for thirty-three years, the murder of George Brown, young colored man, at Hickory Grove Church near Williamston on the second Sunday in May, 1919, came to light again recently, but Sheriff M. W. Holloman said yesterday that no formal charge had been lodged against the alleged killer and that possibly the case will never be called for trial.

Climaxing an argument on the church ground back in May 1919, Robert Beason Harris, an adopted son, shot and fatally hurt George Brown. Witnesses recall the incident and Sheriff Holloman said they were ready to testify against the accused.

Picking up a lead a short time ago, the officer followed it to Winston-Salem Sunday where he found Harris, alias Robert Williams, a helpless invalid in Kate Bettings Hospital. Harris or Williams, according to the sheriff, talks with difficulty and has little or no use of any of his faculties. The accused denied any knowledge of the killing, declaring he never saw a fellow by the name of George Brown, that he could not recall ever having had a fight.

Harris admitted he knew many people in this county, that he had relatives here. He also admitted that he last visited this section in either 1948 or 1949, but the man would smile a little when denying any knowledge of the old crime.

Sheriff Holloman said that action in the case is being delayed pending the outcome of Harris' condition.

Immediately following the fatal assault, Harris was said to have run away and officers were never able to trail him, and the case was lost sight of until a short time ago when an anonymous letter advising the sheriff here that the killer was in a hospital there.

Admitting that he was reared in this county, Harris, now 57 years old, said he left in 1919 and went to Hertford where he spent a few months before going to Norfolk. In 1922 he left the Virginia city and located in Winston-Salem where he worked in the Forsyth hospital until January of this year when he suffered a stroke of paralysis and was placed a short time later in the hospital as a patient. Asked why he left the county, Harris was quoted as saying, "I just picked up and left."

Sheriff Holloman is continuing his investigation, but future action depends on the outcome of the man's condition, the officer said.

## Two Escape From Burning Building Friday Afternoon

### Tenant House Destroyed by Fire In The Poplar Point Area

Sammy L. and Richard Earl Oakley, 3, barely escaped fire deaths last Friday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock when their home burned on the Ballard farm in Poplar Point. Minutes after they were removed from the burning home, the roof fell in the room where the five-year-old tot was sleeping and his smaller brother was playing with a pet puppy, unconscious of any danger.

James Oakley, the farmer, and other members of the family were housing tobacco several hundred yards away at the time and they could not see the four-room house owned by Clayton House of Hamilton. Clifton Scott, who lives on the same farm and who was helping house the tobacco with the Oakleys and others, went by the home en route to a store for cool drinks. He saw the children playing in the road and advised them to seek shelter from the rain. When Scott returned he found a tricycle left in the road by one of the children. He got out of his car and started to carry the tricycle into the yard and saw the fire break through the roof. He ran into the house, snatched up the two children and carried them to safety, the roof falling in a few seconds later and before any saved any furniture could be saved.

The little dog perished in the fire. The origin of the fire could not be determined, but lightning had knocked out the lights in that section and it is believed the wiring in the home was damaged, possibly causing the fire.

"We had no insurance and lost everything we had," Mr. Oakley said, adding that he and his family were appreciative of the help tendered by neighbors and other friends following the fire. The loss on the contents was estimated at \$1,600. No estimate on the house loss could be had immediately.

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## Man And Mules Stunned By Bolt

L. W. (Jake) Cullipher was stunned and two mules were knocked down by lightning on the Ballard farm in Poplar Point Township last Friday morning about 11:00 o'clock. Mr. Cullipher was knocked flat, but quickly recovered, reports stating that he apparently suffered no ill effect from the blow. One of the mules went to his knees and quickly recovered while the other animal was "out" for several minutes before getting back to its feet.

The farmer was under a tobacco barn shelter with the mules, and said that the lightning was flashing so thick and fast he was reminded of a fourth of July fireworks display. "It was flashing about six feet from the ground in all directions," he said.

Several other people were in the dry barn and felt only minor shock, it was said.

## Returns Home From The War Theater In Korea

After a stay of nineteen months in Korea, much of the time spent in the thick of the fight there, Cpl. George Leslie Godard is back home in Williamston.

The young man landed on the West Coast a few days ago and arrived in Williamston during the week-end.

## U. S. Foreign Trade Now Showing Decline

U. S. exports and imports of the normal commercial variety will tend to decline in the second half of 1952 and will close the year below the peak levels reached in 1951, according to foreign trade experts of the government. The volumes attained last year were \$15,000,000,000 in exports and \$11,000,000,000 in imports.

## Marine Detained In Martin County

### Alleged to have been absent from his base at Camp Lejeune, Charles Raycke, Jr., was arrested near Hamilton early last Thursday evening, but not until he had led officers through woods and swamps a distance of several miles.

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## County Boys Get College Degrees

Edgar Ferrell Smith of Robersonville and Russell Manning of Oak City were awarded degrees at Wake Forest College's annual summer school commencement exercises last week.

The Bachelor of Arts (B. A.) degree was presented to Manning.

The Bachelor of Science (B. S.) degree was given to Smith.

A graduating class of around 35 students received diplomas.

## Telephone Manager Transfers To Kinston

Manager of the local exchange for the Carolina Telephone Company for the past several years, Mr. W. E. Thornton has been transferred to Kinston where he will take over the managerial duties sometime soon. His successor for the post made vacant here is believed to have been named but has not reported as yet and no announcement has been made by the company.

Mr. Thornton will move his family to Kinston as soon as he can find living quarters.

## FEW STILL

There has been little activity on the illicit liquor manufacturing front in this county on recent months, according to a report filed a few days ago by ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck.

Last month six stills, one copper, were destroyed, the officers pouring out 2,900 gallons of mash. Two and one-half gallons of raw liquor were confiscated. Four persons were arrested, tried and convicted. Road terms added up to 24 months and fines totaled \$100.

In June, the officers wrecked four stills and poured 1,600 gallons of mash.

## URGENT CALL

An urgent call was issued today by Secretary Al Sweatt of the Williamston Boosters for small apartments and rooms for tobaccoists who'll start arriving here over the week-end for assignments on the local market.

Mr. Sweatt said that the need is urgent, that much difficulty is being encountered in finding living quarters. Anyone who has a small furnished apartment or room they can spare during the tobacco marketing season is asked to contact the Boosters in the Watts Theater building.