

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

### Mother of Nine Children In The Court For Selling Bootleg Liquor

Twenty-five cases were handled in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Saturday morning by Judge R. T. Johnson. In the absence of Solicitor Clarence W. Griffin, Attorneys Robt. Cowen and Chas. H. Manning prosecuted the docket.

Fines, imposed during the half-day session, added up to \$480. Interest in the proceedings centered around a bootlegging charge against a mother of nine children, all of whom were declared to have been of doubtful parentage. Proceedings:

Pleading guilty of speeding, Jesse David Price, Jr., of RFD 2, Williamston, was fined \$10, plus costs.

The cases in which Henry G. Edmondson and William Thomas Culipher were charged with operating motor vehicles without drivers' licenses, were not prosecuted.

Charged with drunken driving, Albert T. Lilley was found not guilty.

Pleading guilty of driving a motor vehicle while his operator's license was suspended, Delmus D. Williams was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, William Jasper Page was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. The defendant loses his operator's license for a year.

Roosevelt Bunch was sentenced to the roads for six months for assaulting a female. The court suspended the sentence upon the payment of a \$10 fine and costs, and the defendant is not to assault his wife during the next two years.

John Henry Cooke of Tarboro, pleading guilty of drunken driving, was fined \$200, plus costs. He loses his operator's license for three years.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, James Arrington was found not guilty.

Charged with issuing worthless checks, G. B. Whitfield pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for 90 days in each case, the court suspending the road term upon the condition he pay the court costs and the amounts of the checks. He appealed and \$200 bond was required in one and \$150 bond in the other.

William R. Taylor was sentenced to the roads for six months for an assault with a deadly weapon after he pleaded guilty. The road term was suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine, the prosecuting witness's doctor's bill and court costs.

James Thomas, charged with bastardy, was found not guilty.

James Bradley and Edward (Ted) Scott, pleading guilty of deadly weapon assaults, were each fined \$25, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Mary Lee was sentenced to woman's prison in Raleigh for six months. The prison term was suspended and the defendant placed on probation for two years after the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant agrees for officers of the law to search her premises at any time and without a search warrant during that period.

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## Red Cross Bloodmobile To Make Visit On September 4

An urgent call was issued today by Dr. James S. Rhodes, Jr. chairman, for at least two hundred volunteers to meet the American Red Cross Bloodmobile unit when it makes the regular quarterly visit to Williamston on Thursday of next week.

Chairman of the blood bank for this county, Dr. Rhodes explained that withdrawals had been unusually large on the home front, and that the supply was just about exhausted a few weeks ago. The minimum quota is 150 pints, and all that and more will be needed if the regional bloodbank in Norfolk is to continue to meet the demands on both the home and Korean fronts.

Dr. Rhodes explained that eight persons, while giving a transfusion in June, had pledged another pint in September, and that 84 others had pledged to give blood in December. "While we are not urging those who signed to give another pint in December, to help us out next week, it is physically possible for them to do so, and their help will be appreciated," he added.

Attorney Edgar Gurganus is heading the recruiting work, and the blood bank chairman is assisting him. It is asking a lot of the recruiters to go out and seek volunteers. Those who can and will help maintain the valuable program, are asked to contact either of the recruiters or call the Red Cross office and sign up. The bloodmobile will be at the Legion Hut in Williamston from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., September 4.

## BRING THEM IN

Mayor Robt. Cowen issued an urgent call today to all boys who were issued Little League uniforms to get them turned in to the managers of their team at the earliest possible moment, hinting that if it is necessary for the officials to call on the boys personally and individually they might take the uniform and cap. Those boys who get their uniforms turned in this week may keep their caps as souvenirs of the season.

Aside from the need to get the uniforms back into league possession, it is pointed out that failure to get his uniform back early will bar a boy from playing next season and hamper operation of the Little League here.

## Ten County Men Leave for Army

Ten Martin County young men left today for final induction into the armed forces. Traveling by regular bus, they reported to Raleigh where they are being assigned to various camps for basic training.

The original call was for eight men, but two were listed as delinquent and they were added to the group.

Names of those making the trip, White

Willie Ray Williams, RFD 2, Robersonville.

William Robert Harris, RFD 1, Robersonville.

Rufus Sylvester Wynne, RFD 3, Williamston.

Clifton Ward Gurganus, RFD 2, Williamston.

Ernest McKinley Cabe, RFD 1, Oak City.

Colored

Jesse Bland, Jr., Williamston.

Woodrow Spruill, RFD 3, Williamston.

Robert Earl Bowen, RFD 1, Williamston.

Charlie W. Barker, Williamston and Hogansville, Ga.

Columbus Bill James, Williamston and Norfolk.

## Lions To Sponsor Broom Sale Here

Giving value for every penny received and directing every penny into channels for the needy blind, the local Lions Club will conduct a community-wide broom sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Extensive plans are being rapidly completed for the sales event, one of the largest ever scheduled in this section.

The club members will canvas the community, carrying their goods from door to door, reminding the purchasers that value will be received for every penny spent for a broom or door mat and that the proceeds will go to the needy blind.

It has been explained that all blind labor is employed in making the brooms, and that the factory's output is handled almost entirely by Lions Clubs throughout the State.

The regular brooms sell for \$1.50 each and the heavier brooms, designed for store, warehouse and factory use, sell for a slightly higher price. The door mats sell for \$2.50.

## Police Officers Arrest Two Here In Forgery Case

### One Defendant Admits Stealing Cars In New York and Boston

A lead is believed to have been established in a series of crimes, some of them thought to be grave, here last Saturday afternoon when police arrested James Lloyd, 34-year-old New York Negro, on a forgery charge. Police and FBI agents are checking with New York and Boston police, and the net was said late yesterday to be tightening rapidly on Lloyd.

While the FBI was checking Lloyd's record, local police were working on one of the most baffling forgery cases they had ever handled. Lloyd drove into this section last Tuesday in a Cadillac stolen in New York. He met with Willie Andrew Russell, Georgia Negro who served in Korea a year and who came here to work with a pulp wood logger, "Buster" Brown from Georgia, Saturday afternoon, Lloyd, who, according to local officers, has a page full of aliases, hired Russell to forge a check on Brown's account. The check, written in the sum of \$85, was made out to Lloyd who went to the Martin Supply Company to make purchases and get the remainder in change. The store manager, not knowing the man, suggested they visit the bank. The assistant cashier recognized the signature as that of Mr. Brown, and Lloyd met the identification requirements. Lloyd then made the purchases at the store, took the change and paid Russell \$10 for preparing the instrument. Russell bought a pair of shoes.

Officer Chas. R. Moore, hearing about the transaction, contacted Mr. Brown on Oak Street, and low and behold, he was quoted as saying that the signature was his. However, a close inspection disclosed a fault, and Brown said he had not issued such a check. Lloyd was arrested a short time later, and he involved Russell who was described by FBI Agent Chas. Still as being an expert in forging signatures.

Lloyd is said to have admitted stealing a car in Boston and leaving it in a New York City parking lot, and then continuing the trip south in the stolen Cadillac which is being returned to the owner today. Lloyd also admitted stealing money from an employer in Boston, but denied any knowledge of a rape case which the FBI is investigating in Boston. Lloyd explained that he left the Boston car in the parking lot when the lot operator asked for identification.

Friday afternoon about 1:45 o'clock, William Edmond Early started to turn off Highway 44 about two miles from Oak City toward Tarboro into his farm when Grover C. Whitley started to pass in his 1951 Ford. No one was hurt, Patrolman B. W. Parker said, and damage to the Early Dodge pick-up was limited to about \$30. Damage to the car was estimated at \$200. Patrolmen Parker and Register made the inspection.

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Riding his bicycle east on Williamston's West Main Street about 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning, (Continued on Page Six)

## Several Vehicle Wrecks In County During Week-end

No One Badly Injured And  
Property Loss Held To  
Nominal Amount

Six motor vehicle accidents were reported on the highways and streets in this county during the past several days. However, no one was badly hurt and the property loss was held to a nominal amount.

While there was no wreck, the heaviest loss resulted when the 1951 Buick, belonging to Mrs. Arline B. Coltrain of 141 Lake Road, Newport News, and driven by her husband, C. B. Coltrain, caught fire and burned in the Farm Life community shortly before noon Sunday. The car caught fire from a brake lining that ran hot, Cpl. M. C. Byrum said.

The first in the series of wrecks was reported one mile east of Gold Point on the Huskinaw Swamp Road at 10:30 o'clock last Thursday night. Driving toward the swamp, Joe Edward Hudson lost control of his 1948 Chevrolet in a curve and turned the machine over. The driver was not injured and damage to the car was estimated at about \$50 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

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## Women's Circle Sponsors Contest

The Hattie Edmondson Circle of the local Christian Church is sponsoring an unusual contest this week. Advanced all in fun, the contest will pick the most henpecked husband in town, it was explained. The winner will be determined by the number of one-cent votes he received before Saturday evening of this week.

Fifteen jars have been placed in a local drug store, carrying the name of each contestant or victim. The standings are determined and posted each day by the sponsors.

The names of those in the contest include, Messrs. Bob Newell, Joe Vann, Bruce Wynne, Clyde Manning, Frank Margolis, Exum Ward, Bill Spivey, Rush Bondurant, Marvin Baker, Bill Thrower, "Blue" Manning, J. D. Page, Sam Zemon, Milton James and David Davis.

## Officers Flee Woods Ahead Of Attack By Wood Ticks

Chief ABC Enforcement Officer Joe H. Roebuck and his assistant, Cecil Bullock, were chased out of the woods in this county yesterday afternoon when thousands of chiggers, siding with the moonshiners, staged a meaningful attack. Officer Bullock said one bath and an alcohol rub offered some relief, but he had to repeat the treatment several times, and late in the day he was still picking the varmints off himself. The officer admitted he and his fellow officer were not long getting out of the woods and to town.

A flare-up in the illicit liquor business since the opening of the tobacco markets last week is keeping the officers busy. Before the chiggers staged their all-out

## Holiness Church Creates District For This Section

### The Rev. J. W. Berry Now Local Pastor, Succeeding The Rev. Downing

In its 42nd annual conference held at Falcon last week, the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church created a new district with Williamston as its headquarters and including the following churches, Williamston, Belhaven, Wade's Point, Bethany, Rehoboth, Bethel, Farmville, Greenville, Jamesville, Pinetown, Robersonville, Roper, St. Paul, Swan Quarter, Wakelon, Windsor, Washington. The conference now has five districts in the State.

The new district has for its general evangelist, W. M. Hudson, and Thad White as its local evangelist. J. W. Butler, director of the East Carolina College Alumni Association, is public relations director.

Williamston and this district figured prominently in the conference. Two new churches, Robersonville and Jamesville, were admitted, and several Williamston young men were recognized. The Robersonville church was organized about a year ago and has Samuel Whichard for its pastor. Mrs. A. F. Simmons heads the Jamesville church which was organized a few months ago.

King E. White, local young man who completed his training at the Holmes Bible College in Greenville, S. C., was ordained as a minister, and he is accepting his first full-time pastorate at the Darlington church near Roanoke Rapids.

Admitted to the conference on ministerial license were Thad White and Samuel Whichard, both of Williamston.

The Rev. J. W. Berry, a minister for the denomination for thirty-eight years, has been assigned the Williamston pastorate, succeeding the Rev. E. W. Downing who, after a stay of one year here, is transferring to Kingston. The Rev. Mr. Berry, completing a four-year pastorate at Falcon, preached his first sermon in the local church Sunday, and will move his family here this week, possibly tomorrow. The minister and Mrs. Berry have eight children, seven sons, four of whom are married, and a daughter.

The local church was well represented at the conference which was described as the best ever held in the State by the denomination.

## Lost Two Fingers Cleaning Machine

While cleaning a meat grinder just before closing for the day, O. S. Green, employe at the Roanoke Locker plant here on North Houghton Street, lost two fingers, the index and middle ones on his left hand, late last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Green was dismantling the machine and joggled the power switch to loosen a part that was stuck. The man's hand slipped and the meat flew from the two fingers. It was necessary to amputate them at the middle joint. He is recovering from the shock in a local hospital and expects to be out today or tomorrow.

## Firemen Called Out On Saturday

Volunteer firemen were called out here last Saturday at 1:25 o'clock when the White Sheet Metal and Iron Works' asphalt kettle caught fire at the Williamston Storage Company's large storage house just off Washington Street at the foot of Morrison and Peel Streets.

The asphalt caught fire when the heating unit pushed the temperature up to more than 500 degrees. No material damage was done other than to the asphalt which boiled out of the pot.

## Bear Grass Girls In Amateur Event

The Rogerson sisters, Misses Janie, Grace and Louvenia, of Bear Grass won second place in an amateur contest that was held in Riddick Stadium at State College last Tuesday night. Janie and Louvenia sang "Wait Til the Sun Shines Nellie" and did a chorus girl act with that song. They were accompanied by Grace at the piano. The act was concluded by Grace playing her own version of "Down Yonder."

"The girls won \$20.00 as second prize. Mrs. William May Pierce of Winterville won first prize, which was \$30.00.

The contest was sponsored by the N. C. State Grange and the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation. It was arranged so that it would entertain and provide a better program for the farm people during their stay at Farm and Home Week.

## Tobacco Sales Hold To 50-Cent Average

### Market Cleared Block Early On Friday Morning

### Increased Poundage Ex- pected Latter Part Of The Week

Described as being a bit jumpy the first two days of the season, tobacco sales on the local market struck a firm level yesterday and pushed on to the highest average of the season. Alone, the price average is nothing to boast about, but tobaccoists say and many farmers agree that when quality is taken into consideration, the price is equally as high as it was last year.

The great trouble with the tobacco price outlook, according to many farmers, is that the best of their crops is being marketed now. Last year during the early part of the marketing season, the growers were marketing their poorest quality tobacco for a price equally as high as the current income figure. Prices gradually climbed as the season progressed, but farmers are of the opinion that the average will hardly hold throughout the season to the 50-cent figure now prevailing.

The local market blocked last Thursday, but the floors were cleared early Friday, and sales continue fairly light. However, increased offerings are expected the latter part of this week, and since next Monday is a market holiday, it is likely that there'll be a full sale on the floors for Friday.

Through yesterday, the local market had sold \$25,398 pounds for an average right at the 50-cent level.

During the first three marketing days last season, the local market sold 489,738 pounds for an average slightly under 50 cents per pound.

A report from the market today maintained that the buyers seemed more interested in their tasks, and that tobacco was easier to sell than it had been last week.

The following report released by the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture, reviews the activities on the markets in the entire belt during the first two days of the current marketing season:

Higher average prices were paid for most grades of Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco during the first two days this year as compared with opening week last year. According to the Federal-State Market News Service quality of marketings was lower.

Most gains in grade averages amounted to \$1.00 to \$3.00 a hundred pounds. Only a few grades were steady to lower, most of these being lower quality leaf offerings. A few baskets of better quality tobacco sold as high as \$71.00. Some poorest non-descript went for \$5.00.

Sales for the two-day period, August 21-22, grossed 14,405,462 pounds and averaged \$50.06 per hundred. The average was \$1.57 (Continued on Page Six)

## William H. Gray Died Late Friday In Robersonville

### Funeral Held Sunday For Prominent Officer and Civic Leader



William H. Gray, popular chief of police for Robersonville for many years and a well-known county citizen and leader, died at his home in Robersonville late last Friday night following a long period of declining health.

## Discuss Disaster Loan Program At District Meeting

### No Great Demand For Such Loans Anticipated In This Immediate Area

The Farmers' Home Administration's District five, composed of 22 north eastern counties, held a meeting in Williamston last Friday to discuss the policy for Disaster loans in this area. Personnel conducting the meeting were J. B. Slack, State Director, R. W. Turner, State farm management specialist, Herman Riggle, Chief of the PL Division, and Marion C. Holland, State field representative.

It was pointed out at this meeting that there would not be a great demand for disaster loans in this area, but there may be individual cases that would need this type assistance. Loans may be made to qualified farmers for the purchase of feed for livestock where the 1952 feed crops were destroyed because of the drought, to seed pastures damaged, or for the replacement of livestock lost because of the lack of feed and pastures. Also, 1953 loans may be made for farming operations where a substantial loss was sustained in farm income because of the disaster. However, it must be kept in mind that any farmer applying to the FHA for disaster assistance must meet certain eligibility requirements. Among these are: 1-he cannot secure the required loan from other credit agencies at a reasonable term, 2-he has sustained a considerable loss due to drought, 3-the loan can be repaid from net cash farm income, and 4-security can be given to assure the Government they are protected in the loan. (Continued on Page Six)

## Colored Schools Open Tuesday

The several thousand colored school children in this county will report for work at 1:30 o'clock next Tuesday it was announced by the office of the superintendent of schools this week. The several thousand white children will report the following day, September 3, for registration, it was announced last week.

The teachers in the colored schools will hold a county-wide meeting in Williamston on Saturday, September 6.

All teachers have been assigned and the plants including several new ones, are being made ready for use.

## Officer Recovers Nearly \$1,800.00

Stolen from a merchant in Conetoe last Saturday, nearly \$1,800 in \$100 bills was recovered by Deputy Sheriff Raymond Rawls early that evening when he arrested Charlie Harrell, young white man, in Oak City.

Originally of Oak City, Harrell was arrested for public drunkenness. Searching the man's clothes, the officer found \$1,783.90 in cash. Harrell was jailed in Oak City and officers started an investigation. The sheriff of Edgecombe was notified and they went to Conetoe where Harrell worked for Jesse Whitehurst who had not missed any money. Going to his hiding place, Whitehurst found his pocketbook and the eighteen \$100 bills missing. The owner identified the pocketbook and the money was turned over to him. Harrell was later turned over to Edgecombe authorities.

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## PEANUTS

Varied reports are being received on the prospective yield of the current peanut crop. However, the outlook, for the most part, is encouraging and all indications point to a better-than-average crop both as to quality and quantity.

Farmer Simon Perry said he pulled up a bunch last week-end and counted 115 nuts on it. Other farmers have counted between 40 and 50 to the bunch, while still others counted between ten and fifteen to the bunch.

## ROUND-UP

Nine persons, four white and five colored, were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. Following a period of comparatively little activity, the sheriff's office said business almost doubles during the period compared with the previous week-end records.

Three were booked for drunken driving, two for assault, and one each for larceny, forgery, breaking and entering and issuing a worthless check. The ages of the group ranged from 16 to 39 years.