

Twenty Cases In Recorder's Court Saturday Morning

Man Gets Two Years For Violating Health Law; Fines Total \$420

Twenty cases were handled in the Martin County Recorder's Court in a little over two hours last Saturday morning. One defendant was sentenced to the roads for two years for alleged violation of the health laws. Judge R. T. Johnson imposed fines in the sum of \$450.

Proceedings: Adjudged guilty of drunken driving, Jetson Bonner Gurkin, former State highway employee, was fined \$100, plus costs. He lost his operator's license for a year.

Pleading not guilty, Jimmie Howard Stencil of Newport News was found guilty of speeding and was taxed with the costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Lester Cotton was adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle on the wrong side of the road and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Lonnie Bell Crisp of Washington was fined \$50, plus costs, for speeding 75 miles per hour.

The case in which Thurman Hyman was charged with resisting arrest, was remanded to the justice court.

Jasper Woolard was found not guilty of drunken driving.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Henry Rose Sykes was fined \$25, plus costs.

Charged with drunken driving, Daniel Howerin pleaded guilty and was fined \$100, plus costs. He lost his operator's license for a year.

In the case of Francis Thomas and Nellie Mae Thomas, the wife pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws and was sentenced to Woman's Prison for six months, the court suspending the sentence upon payment of a \$100 fine and costs. She is to violate no liquor law during the next two years. The case against the husband was not pressed.

Bonzie Caton was fined \$10, plus costs, for public drunkenness.

Pleading guilty of violating the health laws, Daniel Jones was sentenced to the roads for two years.

Charged with an assault and support, Theodore Watson was sentenced to the roads for six months. The court suspended the road sentence for two years on condition that the defendant pay \$12 a week for the support of his family and the court costs.

John T. Campbell, Jr., of Washington, was fined \$25, plus costs, for speeding 70 miles an hour.

Judgement was suspended upon the payment of the court costs in the following speeding cases:

James Floyd Wilson, Jr., of RFD 1, Bethel, Jesse Franklin Williams, Jr., of Wilmington, Garland E. Ross of Ahsokie, Jos. B. Hardison of Aprahoe, James B. Smith of Portsmouth, Thomas R. Wolf of Baltimore, and Charles Button, address unknown.

Takes Over Management Of Local Coffee Shop

W. E. Morton, for several years associated with the Colonial Stores organization, will take over the active management of Wier's Coffee Shop, recently purchased by Skinner, James and others. Experienced in the business and well known here, Mr. Morton will enter upon his new duties Sunday, it was announced by the owners.

SPECIAL

He has promised not to "steal" the parade, but A. Corey, Martin County nominee for the State House of Representatives, will be one of the features in the harvest festival march here tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock when he rides a Hoover car.

The cart, all but extinct in this county, was borrowed from a Pitt County farmer who has kept it for years as a grim reminder of the early thirties.

Big District Rally In County October 23

JUDGE SHARP

Miss Susie Sharp, the first woman superior court judge in North Carolina, will preside over the two-week term of the Martin County Superior Court, beginning November 17, it was announced this week.

Judge Sharp has served with distinction for several years, but it will be her first official visit to this county when she reports on the 17th from her home in Reidsville. The court will handle civil cases only.

Mrs. Geo. Brown Died In Hospital Saturday Morning

Funeral Held Monday Afternoon In Community Christian Church

Mrs. Mattie Elizabeth Brown, 54, died in a local hospital last Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock following a second heart attack. She had been a patient in the hospital since suffering a first attack about a week ago. Prior to that time she was apparently in good health.

Mrs. Brown was born in Parmelee February 2, 1898, the daughter of the late Henry D. and Eliza Nelson Coburn. Following her marriage in 1912 to George L. Brown, she made her home in Bear Grass Township a few years before moving to Blackstone, Virginia, about thirty-two years ago. After a short residence in Virginia, the family returned to Bear Grass, later moving to the Mary Cherry farm near Williamston where she had since made her home. She was devoted to her family and was a thoughtful neighbor and friend.

She was a member of the Community Christian Church near Williamston for a number of years, and the funeral service was conducted there Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. Russell Smith of Columbia. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Surviving are seven sons, Joseph H. Brown of Norfolk, George Lee Brown of Detroit, Ernest E. Walter W. Jesse Reuben, Harvey Dell and Hubert Saunders Brown, all of Williamston; four daughters, Mrs. Russell Holiday, Mrs. Seth Roberson, Nellie Faye and Bettie Ray Brown, all of the home community; five brothers, H. E. Coburn of Portsmouth, William Henry Coburn of Robersonville, H. C. Coburn of Newport News, M. H. Coburn of Blackstone, Va., and Hubert Edward Coburn of Church Roads, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Elmer Stevenson of Hamilton, Mrs. Ira Watson of Church Roads, Va., and Mrs. Garland Bishop of Hopewell, and twenty-four grandchildren.

Common Carnival Leaves Victims

The Harrison Greater Shows, rated one of the most common carnivals in America, left a goodly number of victims here last week-end. Open robbery was charged to the gypsy outfit and gambling took a heavy toll. One reliable estimate placed the ill-gotten tool in the thousands of dollars.

Some money was recovered by officers, but hundreds were fleeced and they did not complain. A fairly sizable check was literally snatched out of a "sucker's" hands, but it was recovered when the law moved in.

It is expected that an appeal will be directed to the county commissioners at their next meeting, urging action that will outlaw carnivals of the type that victimized hundreds of unsuspecting people here last week.

While the outfit carried away thousands of dollars, the county received a meager \$100 in taxes and the sponsors cleared about \$300.

Circulate Quarter Million Books In Bookmobile Areas

Third Grade Borrower Says She Values Library Service Very Highly

Miss Elizabeth Copeland, regional librarian, this week reviewed the operation of the Beaufort-Hyde-Martin bookmobile, and submitted a letter from a third grader, expressing appreciation for the library service.

Miss Copeland said: A quarter of a million books! That is how many were circulated last year from the Regional Bookmobile to the people of Beaufort, Hyde and Martin Counties.

For eleven years this traveling library has carried books to the people of these three counties each month. Regardless of the weather, the Bookmobile makes its run on schedule. People borrow as many books as they like absolutely free. There are no fines and no fees.

The present Bookmobile is wearing out. It is inadequate for an up-to-date library service. The Regional Library is faced with the problem of purchasing a new Bookmobile which will cost several thousand dollars. The service has out-grown the converted Chevrolet truck now making the rounds. The rural people need and deserve a modern "library-on-wheels." That is what they hope to buy.

Beaufort, Hyde, and Martin Commissioners recognize the need and are doing their part. They have appropriated money to help purchase a new Bookmobile. But it is not enough.

BHM Trustees are asking the people of these three counties to help raise the rest of the money. It is the first time in its history that the Regional Library has asked anything of the people it serves. This is a special request for this year only.

All money collected will remain in these three counties. None will be sent outside or be spent for any other purpose. If more than enough money is raised, it will be placed in a sinking fund for a future bookmobile.

This entire library service has been and will continue to be free-of-charge. Any person may borrow as many books as he likes and keep them as long as he desires.

That the people are grateful for this service is proven by the great use they make of it. In contributing to a new Bookmobile, they will be buying something for themselves. They will be able to see how their money is spent. They can see it on the roads of this region and have the satisfaction of knowing they helped pay for it.

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Luncheon Planned For Mr. Morrison

Scheduled to address the annual harvest festival here tomorrow afternoon at about 3:45 o'clock or immediately after the big parade, the Honorable Cameron Morrison will be entertained at a special luncheon in the Woman's Club at 1:00 o'clock. Officials from the county and the several towns in the county will be special guests of the Boosters at the dinner.

Mr. Morrison is leaving his home in Charlotte today and will continue here tomorrow morning after spending the night in

ROUND-UP

Fourteen persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail during the past week-end, the activities on the crime front having shown a slight increase over the business reported in similar periods during the past few weeks.

Eight were booked for public drunkenness, two for assault and two for disorderly conduct, and one each for breaking and entering and drunken driving.

Six of the fourteen were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 16 to 69 years.

Honorable Cameron Morrison Speaks Tomorrow Afternoon

A. Corey To Ride Special Cart In Mammoth Parade

Ten Bands, Many Floats And Sixteen Princesses To Be In March

"We are rapidly forming one of the largest and best parades ever seen in this section, and with fair weather the annual Williamston Harvest Festival event Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock will surpass all past events." Al Sweet, executive secretary of the Williamston Boosters said today.

All plans are complete for the big event which was opened last evening with a street dance for the colored citizens. Fifteen or more firms and clubs are rapidly making ready special floats for the parade which will feature two outside specialties, one by Chestertic and the other by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

Cold weather all but froze out the dance last evening, but the orchestra hovered in the Heilig-Myers Furniture store and the dancers shortened the schedule. There were few spectators.

Mr. A. C. Davis, retired postal worker of Rocky Mount and the man who portrayed "Uncle Sam" and led the national inaugural parade in Washington in January, 1949, will lead the parade here tomorrow, it was announced today.

A. Corey, county nominee for the State House of Representatives, will drive a special Hoover Cart model, following officials from the county and the various towns in the county.

The Honorable Cameron Morrison, 84 years young, will address the festival crowd at the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets. The former Governor and United States Senator is still going strong, and is looking forward to his visit in the county tomorrow. He plans to remain over for the party rally in Robersonville Thursday.

Edwards Military Institute of Salemburg is sending its band here for the parade, making ten bands all lined up for the march. The band includes two local boys Wilson Knox and John Leslie (Tomnie) Cooke.

There'll be sixteen princesses in the parade, all riding in convertibles with chauffeurs, with Miss Barbara Ann Harris who is Miss North Carolina for 1952, riding the Jaycees float. It was announced yesterday that Miss Alice Partin will represent Scotland Neck in the beauty contest which will reach a climax at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow night when the festival queen will be named and crowned by Miss Patricia Taylor, queen of the 1951 event. Dean Hudson and his orchestra will play for the ball.

The parade, almost certain to be a mile long, will form on Beech, Ray and Watts Streets and Marshall Avenue, and start moving promptly at 3:00 o'clock. It will

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Inspect Fire-Fighting Equipment Here Friday

Accompanied by their teacher, Miss Peggy Barrow, and several patrons, members of the Jamesville fourth grade inspected Williamston's fire-fighting equipment last Friday.

The boys and girls had been studying fire departments and they were literally bubbling over with timely questions. Most of the pupils wanted to know how fast the trucks would run, while others inspected the equipment right down to the last wrench or tool.

Firemen Called Out At Noon Last Friday

Starting from a spark, fire caused only slight damage to the boiler room roof at the Sunny Side oyster bar at 12:35 o'clock last Friday afternoon. Firemen, answering the call, found the fire out on arrival there, the owner, C. T. Roberson, explaining that it was checked with a bucket of water.

Edgecombe-Martin REA Paying Off Its Obligations

More than \$236,000.00 in principal and interest has been repaid to the Rural Electrification Administration by Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation since receiving its first loan of construction funds in 1936, according to Mr. John W. Eubanks, President of the Cooperative's Board of Directors.

Mr. Eubanks stated yesterday that since the cooperative's formation sixteen years ago a total of \$129,423.39 had been repaid on the principal and \$106,665.90 had been paid in interest on loans received from the government.

Moreover, according to Mr. Eubanks, \$15,508.90 of these amounts has been repaid to REA ahead of the schedule called for in the cooperative's mortgage-loan contract.

"In the past," Mr. Eubanks said, "we have always publicized the amounts of the loans we have received from the government. We believe the public, as well as our members, is interested in these loans. We also feel that the public would like to know how progress in paying the loans off."

Tobacco Sales Pass Ten Million Figure

Sale On Monday Among Highest Of Season Here

10,003,122 Pounds Sold to Date For Average Right At 51 Cents a Pound

Tobacco sales on the Williamston market went over the ten million-pound mark yesterday with the average standing right close to \$51.00 per hundred pounds. The ten million-pound goal, tentatively set up just before the season opened, has been advanced to the eleven million-pound figure.

Following that record sale of 407,086 pounds recorded on Monday of last week, sales have continued to hold up unusually well. Last Friday more than 300,000 pounds were sold for an average above \$53.00 per hundred. Yesterday, the sales added up to 234,188 pounds, the average, standing right at \$54.00 per hundred, being among the highest recorded on the local market this season.

Sales are comparatively light today, but early reports maintained that the price was holding firm.

A report for the entire bright belt, as released by the State and U. S. Departments of Agriculture, follows:

Average prices by grades for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco held fairly steady last week. Sales for the week grossed \$1,354,550 pounds for an average of \$52.69 per hundred—\$1.56 under the previous week. Since auctions began on August 21, volume has amounted to 373,223,036 pounds at an average of \$51.27. Quality of offerings was about the same, according to the Federal and State Market News Service.

Around half of the grade averages remained unchanged from the previous week. Gains and losses were equally divided. Most fluctuations amounted to \$1.00 to

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Garage Robbery Here on Sunday

Believed to have gained an entrance through a back window or through a door while employees were working there, a robber entered the Roanoke Chevrolet Company garage sometime during Sunday afternoon or evening and stole ten or twelve dollars from the cash register.

A far as it could be learned nothing else was missed from the building, and the register was not damaged.

Five Accidents On County Highways In Past Few Days

No One Reported Hurt Badly and Property Damage Is Less Than \$1,000

No one was reported badly injured and property damage was estimated at less than \$1,000 in a series of automobile accidents on Martin County highways and streets during the past few days.

Its rear battered in an accident about two weeks ago in West End, Williamston's police car had its front smashed in last Friday night at 10:55 o'clock on the town's west main street when it crashed into the rear of a 1951 Ford driven by Henry Benjamin Roberson of RFD 1, Williamston. The police car, driven by Officer Arthur Perry, was following a line of traffic east on the street when an unknown driver stopped suddenly a short distance east of the underpass. Roy Alton Stocks, Jr., of RFD 1, Windsor, stopped in line, and Roberson stopped in turn, but the police car could not be stopped in time to avoid a crash. The Roberson car was knocked into the rear of Stocks' 1951 Chevrolet, but no damage was done to the Chevrolet. Damage to the front and rear of the Roberson Ford was estimated at \$150 by Cpl. M. C. Byrum of the highway patrol who made the investigation. Damage to the police car was estimated at \$200. The motorist who had made the sudden stop sped away.

It was pulled into the Chas. H. Jenkins lot and the police are now using a pick-up truck lent by the street department.

Mrs. Benjamin Eugene Griffin, of Jamesville suffered what was described as a minor hip injury when the car in which she was riding with her husband went out of control and turned over a short distance beyond Sweet Water Creek on Highway 64 early last Wednesday night. The car struck a soft shoulder and went out of control, Patrolman Travis Register reported following an investigation. Damage to the 1952 Chevrolet was estimated at \$200.

Last Friday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock three vehicles were traveling toward Williamston on Highway 64. Wheeler Brown, driving a 1941 Chevrolet, pulled to the right shoulder to pick up a hitch hiker. Charles Edward Inabinnett of Williamston slowed down his 1947 Chevrolet, and Charles Womack, operating a tractor-trailer loaded with tobacco and belonging to the Taylor Transfer Company of Greenville, plowed into the rear of the Inabinnett car, knocking it about fifty feet across the highway. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker said the brakes on the truck apparently failed. The officer estimated the damage to the Inabinnett car at about \$200. No one was reported injured.

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Local Girl On Editorial Staff Of College Paper

Miss Jane McLawhorn has been named to the staff of the "Tribune," East Carolina College yearbook. She is listed as organizational editor.

Engineers Will Meet In Kinston Tomorrow

Several local members of the East Carolina Engineers Club plan to attend a meeting of the organization in Kinston tomorrow evening. Congressman-elect L. H. Fountain of Tarboro, is to address the group, it was announced.

DROP

The thermometer was struck a sudden and heavy blow here yesterday afternoon and by 6:30 o'clock this morning the mercury had tumbled down to the 30-degree mark. The mercury registered in the sixties yesterday morning.

Fair and continued cool weather was promised for tomorrow.

Maintenance forces were busy yesterday afternoon and last evening placing heating plants in operation.

RURAL FIRE

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed two empty tobacco curing barns, a truck and a number of farm implements on the Clayton House farm near Robersonville early today.