

Thirteen Cases In The County Court Saturday Morning

Two Lose Licenses For Alleged Drunken Driving; Fines Total \$420

During a short session, Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled thirteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Saturday morning. Fines added up to \$420. The session attracted very few spectators.

Proceedings:
Pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, Aaron Council was fined \$200, plus costs.

Pleading not guilty, Essie Ruth Beacham was adjudged guilty of disorderly conduct and 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.

Havert Carney pleaded guilty of violating the liquor laws and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Booked for speeding 75 miles an hour, Armando DeFillippis, a special police officer of Plainfield, New Jersey, was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading not guilty of careless and reckless driving, Lawyer Bell was adjudged guilty. The court suspended judgment upon the payment of the costs.

Pleading guilty of speeding, Cecil G. Hopkins of Everetts was taxed with the court costs.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Golden Williams pleaded guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Booked for drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Johnnie Hogard pleaded guilty and was fined \$125, plus costs.

The speeding case against Lee E. Addeman of Accoquan, Virginia, was not pressed.

Pat E. Cucci of Melrose Park, Illinois, was taxed with the court costs for speeding.

Adjudged guilty of not supporting his three illegitimate children, Willie Spruill was sentenced to the roads for six months. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$5 a week for the support his children. The defendant denied fatherhood of two other children in the family.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Robert L. Sim-

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Joins Enterprise Staff This Week

Miss Verdalee Norris, a native of Sanford and Elon College graduate, joined the staff of The Enterprise this week, and immediately drew all kinds of assignments.

Verse in the newspaper profession, Miss Norris was a member of the Daily Times staff in Wilson several years and came here from Siler City where she was associated with Radio Station WNCA.

During her stay in Wilson she was active in the Junior Woman's Club, the Red Cross and Girl Scouts work, and served as president of the Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Switching From Peanuts To Corn In Relief Movement

Advised that marketing cards would have to be used in handling peanuts for Christian Rural Overseas Relief the committee advancing the relief project in this county switched from the goobers to corn at a meeting held last Friday evening.

The drive to gather in at least 1,200 bushels of corn is now underway, and non-farmers are being asked to make cash contributions to finance the purchase of additional corn and pay the freight and other expenses. Arrangements have been made with the various dealers and shellers in this county to receive corn direct from the farms, and all are being urged to get behind the movement and help the county reach its goal. Sixty counties in this State have already or are in the process of loading freight cars

Officers Of Young Democrats



Perfecting a new organization at a recent meeting held in the Murray Cargill American Legion Post hut in Robersonville, young Martin County Democrats named their officers for the new year. Pictured above, left to right, Billy Harrison of Rocky Mount, State president; Donnie M. Hardison, vice president of the county unit; Ralph Mobley, secretary and treasurer, and Robert H. Cowen, president. Precinct officers have been named and a meeting of the organization is to be held shortly.

Final Tobacco Sale Here November 14th

Market Shooting At Eleven And A Quarter Million

Recent Sales Ranged From 56,000 To Nearly 100,000 Pounds

Unexpectedly observing today—Armistice Day—as a holiday, the Williamston Tobacco Market is extending its season an extra day with the final sale scheduled for Friday of this week, it was announced by a member of the board of trade yesterday. The season was scheduled to end on Thursday of this week, but several patrons asked for the later closing, and the new schedule was adopted.

Sales are holding up fairly well, but it is fairly certain that all of the crop in this area will be ready for market by Friday. Yesterday the market sold 59,368 pounds for an average of \$46.56, the lowest price figure since election day.

Through yesterday the market had sold 11,143,626 pounds for \$5,616,389, an average of \$50.40 per hundred pounds.

A review of the markets in the entire belt as prepared by the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture, follows:

Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco sold for about the same average prices by grades last week as for the preceding week. The Federal-States Market News Service reports gross sales for the week amounted to 21,276,187 pounds and average \$48.37 per hundred. This average was the lowest so far this season and \$3.01 under that of the previous week. Volume declined around 4.4 million pounds from the week ending at 47,620,178 pounds for an average of \$51.25. Quality of marketings was lower.

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Representatives Of Mutual Agency Make Study Here

Inspect Fertilizer Plant And Observe Various Operations

By Verdalee Norris

Eight Frenchmen and two Filipinos arrived in Williamston Monday afternoon for a two-day stop in their 56-day tour and study of fertilizer retailing and distribution in the United States under the Mutual Security Agency program of technical assistance.

Accompanied by two interpreters and a MSA field service director and consultant, the observers were greeted by officials of the Standard Fertilizer Company who are directing their studies in the Williamston area.

Monday afternoon C. G. Crockett, manager of the Standard Fertilizer Company, assisted by others of his staff, conducted an informal seminar in which the observers questioned them on the technical phases of fertilizer plant operation, financing from producer to user, and plant expansion.

With one of the observers acting as spokesman, the group covered a wide variety of technical questions in the two-hour session. In spite of rapid manner of coverage and the use of two languages, the meeting was relaxed and informal and often punctuated by laughter.

Following the session, officials of the local fertilizer company entertained the observers at supper.

Tuesday morning, the observers were taken on a tour of the irrigation and insecticide divisions of

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Local Youth Has Operation On Arm

A main nerve body injured when his arm was broken during the football game with Scotland Neck on October 31, Wilbur Stewart, underwent an operation in Duke Hospital last Saturday morning.

While the outcome of the operation cannot be determined immediately, reports from his doctors are said to be encouraging. So badly injured was his arm, the youth, could not move his fingers after the break was set.

Mrs. Stewart continues in Durham with her son. He hopes to be able to return home in about two weeks.

NEARING GOAL

The Farm Bureau membership drive is nearing its goal of 2,050 members in this county, according to a report released last Friday evening by Secretary Mayo Hardison. A total of 1,845 members was reported at a meeting of the canvassers held in the agriculture building.

The drive will be closed at a meeting to be held on Friday evening of this week, it was announced.

STORAGE

With nothing to lose and with the possibility of gaining, farmers in this immediate area yesterday started storing peanuts in government warehouses here. Approximately 200 bags were delivered the first day the house was open. Heavy rains today are delaying deliveries.

Farmers are paid the loan rate, a price about one cent below the support figure. If the price falls below the loan rate, the farmer is not responsible. If the price advances he stands to gain the advantage.

A large portion of the crop has already moved into the open market in this section.

Hold Funeral For Robt. L. Edwards

Funeral services were held in the Biggs Funeral Chapel here yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Robert Lee Edwards, 58, who died at his home in West End last Saturday night at 11:20 o'clock. Elder W. E. Grimes, assisted by the Rev. J. Don Skinner, conducted the rites and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Apparently in his usual health earlier in the week, Mr. Edwards suffered a stroke of paralysis last Thursday and never regained consciousness. He suffered a second attack and died a short time later.

The son of the late Robert Lee and Lydia Hardy Edwards, he was born in Williamston July 3, 1894. He spent his early life on the farm in Poplar Point and following service in World War II he located in Williamston, engaging in the tobacco business and more recently in the livestock trade.

When a young man he was married to Snowdye Elizabeth Keel who died in 1939. One son, Julius E. Edwards, of Norfolk, survives that union. His second marriage was to Minnie Bell Harris who survives with two sons, Bobby Gene and Eddie Lee Edwards, of the home. Also surviving are a brother, Frank Edwards of Poplar Point; two sisters, Mrs. W. R. Nicholson and Mrs. Eli White, both of Williamston; seven half-brothers, Lester, Oscar, Leon, James, Asa Tom, Joseph Saunders and Billy Saunders Edwards; a half-sister, Mrs. Melvin Wynne, of Williamston and two grandchildren.

Announce Birth And Death Of Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Haslip of West End announce the birth and death of a daughter in a Washington hospital Monday morning. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery here yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Prize Winners At The County Fair During Past Week

Sponsored By Two Civic Clubs, Fair Paid Out \$777 In Premiums

While no big money was involved in any one department, many exhibitors found it profitable to participate in the Martin County Fair, sponsored here last week in the Carolina warehouse by the Williamston Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, Spiked by Assistant County Agent Sam Tuten and with the cooperation of hundreds of others, the sponsors out on a creditable fair, and it is believed they opened the way for even bigger and better events in the future.

With little outside help of a professional nature, the sponsors went ahead and gained the cooperation of local talent from all parts of the county, a few entertainers coming from nearby counties. The crowds were up to expectation and the commercial exhibitors were well pleased with the response.

The fair paid out a total of \$777.25 in premiums and had ample funds to finance the entire \$1,000 premium list.

In the livestock department prizes went to the following: First, Lester Bryant, \$15; Martin County farm, \$20; Mrs. J. W. Bell-flowers, \$10; Mrs. J. B. James, \$10; Martin County farm, \$12; Thad Harrison, \$10 and C. E. Jenkins, \$15. Second prizes went to: Lester Bryant, \$5 and \$10; Thad Harrison, \$6; J. B. James, \$6; Martin County farm, \$8; Mrs. J. W. Bell-flowers, \$6; Milton Biggs, \$10; and James Bell, \$10. Third prizes in the department went to Mrs. Horace Ray, \$4; William Moore, \$4; Frank Cherry, \$6; Horace Ray, \$4; and James Biggs, \$5.

In the individual farm and home exhibits, Mrs. Lester Bryant took first prize of \$40, Mrs. Jay Lilley was second, receiving \$30. Mrs. Gilbert Rogerson was third, receiving \$30, and the fourth award, \$15, went to Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

In Department C—field crops, prizes were announced as follows: Tobacco—Frank Hudgins and Williamston FFA chapter, \$3 each; Peanuts—Mrs. W. T. Gurkin, \$9, and Williamston FFA Chapter, \$3; Corn—W. W. Griffin and Joe

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Busy Week-end Chasing Fires

Williamston's volunteer firemen were kept busy last week-end chasing grass fires and answering other calls. Rains, falling early yesterday morning, offered relief for awhile, at least.

There was a grass fire near the Carolina Warehouse but no general alarm was sounded. The week-end rush started early Friday night when a 220-volt switch box caught fire in the Sunny Side Market. C. T. Roberson, discovering the fire, broke through a door and put it out, and firemen were advised to turn back.

Saturday morning there was a call to the Ben Wilson home on Andrews Street where bedding caught fire and smoked up the entire house. Members of the family tore the greater part of a window sash away when they threw the burning clothing out the window. Using a small hose, firemen knocked the fire out.

Firemen made three trips to a grass-woods fire back of the grammar school Sunday afternoon and evening. On the last trip, the firemen hooked up a large hose line to a hydrant and wet down a large area.

Switching from the open, fires of undetermined origin did considerable damage to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byrum Smith on Ray Street yesterday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock. The fire, for the most part, was confined to a clothes closet, but the entire house was smoked and water aggravated the loss which will run possibly between \$750 and \$1,000.

Firemen, moving both trucks to the area, found it difficult to locate the fire, but after tracing it to the closet they had it under control in a matter of minutes. A large hose line was laid, but it was not needed.

Prominent Business Man Died Yesterday

Hold Funeral In Church Tomorrow For Ben F. Perry

Well-Known Local Man Had Been Ill Only A Few Days

Benjamin Franklin Perry, prominent business man and a leading county citizen, died in a local hospital Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock following a short illness. Apparently enjoying perfect health, Mr. Perry suffered a slight heart attack about ten days ago, but dismissed it as being a slight attack of indigestion. He continued his work during the week, looking after his farming interests, and went to a local barbershop Friday afternoon where he suffered a more severe attack and was removed to the hospital where repeated attacks were suffered. He never rallied following a last attack suffered early Monday afternoon.

He was born in Bear Grass Township 68 years ago on July 22, 1884, the son of the late Simon and Glendore Griffin Perry. He spent his early life on the farm following his marriage in 1906 to Miss Sarah Elizabeth Peel located in Everetts where he was associated with M. W. Ballard and Company for five years, entering business for himself, he operated a mercantile firm there until 1924 when he moved to Williamston, built a store of his own on Washington Street and conducted an extensive business until 1939 when he sold out and partially retired. Since that time he was associated on a limited basis with the Woolard Furniture Company and later with Hellig Myers Company, reserving time to enjoy life and look after his farming interests in the county.

Always friendly and apparently never experiencing a dull moment, he enjoyed life to the fullest. When a young man he joined the church at Macedonia, moving his membership to Everetts and finally to Williamston. He was devoted to the church and maintained an almost perfect attendance record upon its services, contributing liberally to its support and program. Holding membership in the Masonic Order he was also active in its work and programs for many years. While never aspiring to public office or undertakings, he was always faithful in advancing the best interests of his fellowman and community.

Surviving besides Mrs. Perry are two daughters, Mrs. B. F. Cox of Raleigh and Mrs. Thomas H. Morris of Galax, Virginia, eight grandchildren; two brothers, W. Amos Perry of Williamston, and Dr. Bridgeman Perry of Hope-well; and a sister, Mrs. Alice Garrett of Lenox, Georgia.

Funeral services will be conducted

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Jaycees Planning Christmas Project

At their regular meeting last Friday night the local Jaycees received high praise from acting President George Corey for their fine work during the Harvest Festival and the Martin County Agriculture Fair.

After a delicious meal served by the ladies of the Methodist Church, the members of the club settled down to the transaction of business and made tentative plans for their largest project of the year, the Christmas Activities Program. This program includes the large Christmas Party for the underprivileged children of this county, a party to which the Jaycees look with pride and enthusiasm each year, and the erection of the Nativity Scene which has won State-wide acclaim. The chairman and committees are at present on the planning board and will be released during the first of next week.

The Jaycees ask that the people of this community start now saving their old toys and be prepared to give them to the needy through the Jaycees this Christmas.

One Person Hurt In Car Accident In Martin County

Property Loss Estimated At \$1,575 In Series Of Five Wrecks

One person was painfully but believed not seriously injured and a property loss conservatively estimated at \$1,575 resulted in a series of five motor vehicle accidents in this county during the past few days.

The first in the series was reported at about 12:15 o'clock last Wednesday morning when Kenneth Earl Craft, 18, was returning from Tarboro to his home in Oak City and ran into and killed a mule loose on Highway 44. Ownership of the mule could not be determined immediately. Investigating the accident, Patrolman B. W. Parker estimated the car damage at \$300.

Driving his father's 1941 Chevrolet, Howard Ray Moore lost control of the machine on a curve on a rural road near the Fate Everette farm in Robersonville Township and turned it over three times after sliding sideways down a ditch for about 150 feet. Moore and his two companions were not injured. Damage to the car was estimated at about \$400 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

On a dirt road leading off Highway 64 not very far from the highway radio station, James Arthur Rogers, colored of RFD 2, Williamston, lost control of his 1941 Ford and ditched the machine, causing about \$75 damage, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Driving east on Highway 64 at Gardner's filling station, Philip Cherry of Windsor swerved his 1950 Studebaker sharply to the left to avoid crashing into a barricade across an abandoned section of the highway. The car turned over, causing about \$450 damage, according to Patrolman Carl Gilchrist who made the investigation. It was about 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning and Cherry said he could not see very well on account of smoke and fog, adding that he was on the barrier before

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Mrs. James Terry Passes In County

Mrs. Caddie Whitaker Terry died at her home in Bear Grass Township Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. She had been in declining health for two years or more, but was critically ill only a short time.

A daughter of the late Martin and Sallie Wynne Whitaker, she was born in Bear Grass Township 68 years ago and lived in that community all her life. She was married in 1902 to James R. Terry who died in 1941. Surviving are a son, Jesse G. Terry, of Scotland Neck, and a daughter, Mrs. R. N. Farmer, of near Bear Grass.

She was a member of the Rose of Sharon Free Will Baptist Church for a long time and funeral services will be conducted there Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Charles Hamilton, pastor, of Fountain. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

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FUNERAL HERE



Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Christian church here for Benjamin F. Perry who died in a local hospital yesterday afternoon following a few days' illness.

Green Wave Band Will Go To Wake Forest Saturday

Extra Practice Sessions To Be Held This Week To Work On Drills

The Green Wave Band of Williamston High School has accepted an invitation to be one of the two high school bands appearing in Groves stadium at Wake Forest at the Duke-Wake Forest football game on Saturday of this week, it has been officially announced.

Head majorette Jackie Harris of the Wake Forest College Band was head majorette of the Williamston band last season. Jackie will welcome the Williamston band to Wake Forest and it will be on the Wake Forest side during the game, it is reported.

The band has been allotted seven minutes for a drill routine on the field prior to the game and a lot of work lies ahead for Director Jack Butler and his charges this week as Williamston never takes its visits away from home lightly. They must feel that they have a good show worked up or they don't go.

The following information is released by Mr. Butler who suggests that parents clip the data and keep it handy in order that they may know how to help the young musicians get ready for the trip: Extra rehearsals will be held at 6:00 p. m. on days announced to the band members.

Uniforms are to be cleaned, if necessary, shoes shined and green socks put within handy reach.

Lunch will be taken by band members Saturday. (Two may pack together. Warm clothing should be worn and an extra pair of dry socks carried along if rain threatens.

Band members should get plenty of rest during the week as Saturday.

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Pair Raises Nearly \$2,000 For Special Scout Project

Sponsored jointly by the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs with Fletcher Thomas as general manager, the Martin County Fair, held in the Carolina warehouse here last week, raised nearly \$2,000 for the Boy Scout building project. The "take" at the fair boosts the building fund to about \$12,000, leaving approximately \$3,000 to be raised for the project upon which construction has been started at the corner of Smithwick and Railroad Streets.

The quarters taken at the fair gate added up to \$1,258, the Saturday receipts amounting to \$387. The Virginia Shows paid the fair \$271. Exhibitors, arranging attractive displays, paid \$1,698 for their space. The bingo game grossed \$1,050, and premium list ad-

vertising brought in \$720, making a gross total of \$4,997. Expenses, including \$777 premiums, printing and advertising \$571 and general items, \$1,725, amounted to \$3,073, according to unofficial and incomplete reports.

Few events, advanced here in recent years, have attracted more attention and greater cooperation. Members of both clubs entered into the undertaking wholeheartedly, and representatives of the farm and home agents' offices did a splendid work along with the various clubs.

In the last of the entertainment features, the Rogerson sisters, Misses Jeanie and Louvenia, won top prize Saturday evening. It is planned to sponsor another fair next year.