

## Large Liquor Still Wrecked Tuesday In Martin County

### Two Men Arrested And Third One Escaped Federal and ABC Officers

An illicit liquor distillery, believed to have been about the second largest ever set up in this county, was wrecked early Tuesday night by federal and ABC officers from this and Pitt County in Bear Grass Township about one-half mile off U. S. Highway 17.

Locating the plant early Tuesday morning, Chief ABC Officer Joe H. Roebuck planted two men, Officers Cecil Bullock and Joe Smith, there to watch the still while he made arrangements for a general round-up. Pitt County ABC Officers James M. Ward, Brinkley Lilley and King were called, and Ward and Lilley joined the other two at the observation post. Federal Officers Jack Gaskill, Moses Harshaw and another ATU officer from Elizabeth City moved in to assist in the raid.

During the meantime, officers at the observation post arrested C. Griffin and Willie Gray Lilley, young Beaufort County colored man, and a third man whose identity could not be learned, escaped. Other detailed plans for the raid were called in and the officers, using walkie-talkies, moved in to wreck the plant well after dark.

Officer Roebuck said the plant was equipped with a six horsepower upright boiler, two 200-gallon capacity wood stills, six 50-gallon doublers, two 100-gallon coolers, two 100-gallon superheaters, forty-one 200-gallon capacity hogheads or pickle barrels containing more than 8,000 gallons of mash. The officers poured out 144 gallons of white liquor all packed in one-half gallon jars and apparently made the night before. There were forty-five cases of one-half gallon empty fruit jars on hand. The raiders also found twenty-one bags of sugar, eight 100-pound bags of coals, fifteen bags of coke, a pitcher pump, a power water pump and other equipment.

Given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Taylor in Washington yesterday morning, the two men caught at the still were placed under \$200 bonds and they are to appear in federal court at Washington in April for trial.

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## Church Schedules Mid-Winter Rally

The mid-winter gospel rally of the Church of Christ will be held at the Roanoke Christian Service camp near Washington for three days, beginning January 20.

Theme of the rally will be "What Will Thou Have Me To Do" and it will open Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock. Leaders of various churches will speak on different aspects of that topic in seven different sessions during the three-day meeting, it was announced.

The women of the Old Ford Church will sell sandwiches and coffee Wednesday and the women of the Beaver Dam Church will sell them on Thursday.

The Rev. Garland Bland will be song leader, and Mrs. Eva Woodley will be the pianist.

The rally will end with the Thursday night session, when R. L. Gardiner delivers the closing sermon.

### TAX LISTING

Tax listing in this township is going forward fairly rapidly. List-taker C. M. Cobb stating that approximately 1,000 owners had listed their holdings up until last evening. There are about 2,500 names on the list in this township.

The list-taker said that car and hog values were dropping, but that other properties were showing an increase to maintain an over-all gain of moderate size.

The list-taker for this township is located in the treasurer's office in Williamston's town hall.

## Fertilizer Plant Addition



Despite unfavorable weather and other adverse factors, construction work continued to go forward on the addition to the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Division, Mathieson Chemical Company on Roanoke River here. The addition is a part of a quarter-million-dollar expansion and modernization program being handled by the company at its local plant.—Photo by Royal Studios.

## Chas. A. Warren Died Near Gold Point Wednesday

### Funeral At Home Friday Afternoon At 2:30 For Retired Farmer

Charles A. Warren, retired farmer and highly respected citizen of this county, died suddenly at his home near Gold Point Wednesday morning at 7:00 o'clock. Although he had been in declining health since last September he was thought to be getting along very well following recent treatment in a Rocky Mount hospital. He attended to business in Robersonville Monday and was getting along very well until Wednesday morning when he complained of hurting in his chest and died a short time later.

Mr. Warren was born and spent most of his life in Pitt County, moving to Martin and locating on the farm about four years ago. He was 64 years of age, and was a member of the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County. He was the son of the late Joe and Jackie Ann Whitehurst Warren.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Rena Brown, of Pitt County; six children, three sons, Hassell Warren of Gold Point, Edgar and Troy Warren, both of Robersonville, three daughters, Mrs. Mack D. Mobley of Robersonville, Mrs. Vernon Brown of Gold Point, and Miss Jo Ann Warren of the home; three brothers, L. F. Warren of Robersonville, and Jerry and Henry Warren, both of Greenville; two sisters, Mrs. Kelly Whitehurst of Bethel, and Mrs. Floyd Whitehurst of Portsmouth.

The funeral will be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. John White, pastor of the Oak Grove Christian Church, assisted by the Rev. Ralph E. Ferguson, Baptist minister of Robersonville. Interment will be in the Bethel cemetery.

His nephews, Calvin Warren, Roy C. Whitehurst, Marvin Whitehurst, Hoke Roberson, Tom Purvis and Clifton Everett, will serve as active pallbearers.

## Will Dedicate Hayes School

Dr. Charles E. Stewart, noted educator, will deliver the principal address next Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock when the new E. J. Hayes school building is dedicated here.

Dr. Stewart, a graduate of Howard Law School, Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary and Chicago Musical College, has served as a member of the faculties of Morgan State College, A. and T. College, and dean of the theological department, Wilberforce University. He has held several prominent pastorates, including those at St. Paul, A. M. E., Raleigh, Old Emmanuel A. M. E., Portsmouth, and is now serving the Israel A. M. E. Church in Albany, New York.

Elaborate plans are being made for the dedication, and the school officials are extending an invitation to patrons and other friends to attend and hear Dr. Stewart.

### PLANT BEDS

Farmer Herbert (Skippy) Cowen was among the first, if not the first, farmers in this section to seed a 1953 tobacco plant bed. He sowed several hundred yards of bed last week-end and added to the yardage this week.

Quite a few farmers are now seeding their beds, but the task will hardly get under way on any large scale before next week and the week following, weather permitting, of course.

Although the acreage is being reduced about eight percent, most growers are seeding about the same size beds seeded last season.

## Case Blows Up In The County Court

Mad enough to kill one another during a meaningful argument last Saturday night, James Bell and William Earl Ballance, local young colored men, had cooled off considerably when they went into the county court this week.

At a preliminary hearing held before Justice Chas. R. Mobley following their arrests last Saturday night, Ballance declared Bell had hit him in the face with a brick. When Bell was called for trial in the court this week, Ballance said he did not know who struck him, and Bell was freed.

It was not brought out in the trial, but one reliable report declared that Bell, after allegedly striking Ballance with the brick, went to his home for an axe with murder in his heart.

Ballance, at liberty in \$500 bond, is scheduled for trial in the Martin County Superior Court next March, and it remains to be seen whether Bell will have cooled off enough to declare ignorance about who shot him in the hip with a .22 caliber rifle.

## County Youth Has Part In Exercises

AT SEA, Jan. 6 (FHTNG)—Participating in the largest training exercise held by the Pacific Fleet since World War II, aboard the radar picket destroyer USS Frank Knox, is James W. Terry, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Terry of RFD 2, Williamston, N. C.

The vessel is a unit of the 26-ship task force, composed of cruisers, destroyers, destroyer escorts, submarines and service support ships. They are shooting at surface and air targets; repelling simulated enemy submarine and air attacks; exercising at replenishment and refueling underway; and executing intricate battle maneuvers.

The ships left from West Coast ports yesterday. The two-week operation will be broken by a visit to San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 10 and 11.

Rear Admiral Herbert C. Hopkins, USN, is in command of the exercise.

## Manufacturer's Profits Up in '52

The government has reported that manufacturing corporations showed net profits after taxes of \$2,600,000,000 in the third quarter of 1952.

A joint report of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission said this figure was unchanged from the first and second quarters of the year. The total was slightly above the \$2,500,000,000 profits after taxes in the third quarter of 1951.

The report estimated that sales of the 25 manufacturing industries classified dropped off to \$60,700,000,000 compared with \$61,400,000,000 in the second quarter of 1952.

The report showed iron and steel company profits before taxes in the third quarter were up 63 per cent over the second quarter. The increase after taxes was shown as 15 percent. The agencies said this reflected partial recovery of the industry from last summer's steel strike. Profits were still reported below the levels of 1951 and early 1952.

The largest decline in profits before taxes in the third quarter was 43 per cent for the motor vehicle and parts industry. The report said this resulted from the impact of the steel strike.

### Independence Set To Greet The Trumans

Independence, Mo. — President Truman and his family will receive a hometown welcome January 21, when they return from Washington.

Mayor Robert P. Weatherford, Jr., has appointed a committee of 50 to plan the affair, which has the approval of Mr. Truman.

Plans call for a delegation to welcome the family upon arrival in Independence by train and provide an escort to the Truman home at 219 North Delaware.

Several days later a dinner will be held to honor the Trumans.

Maj. Gen. E. M. Stayton, retired, a friend of Mr. Truman, suggested a simple welcoming ceremony.

### SPECIAL DISPLAY

Sponsored by the local Lions Club, a special advertising novelty display will be maintained in the McLahorn Furniture Store on Washington Street this afternoon and evening and again tomorrow afternoon and evening. Club President Bob Welch announced last night.

A company representative is displaying hundreds of novelty items, and local business men and others are invited to see the display and place orders for calendars and novelties for the coming months and year.

## Call Forty-Four In Martin County For Physical Test

### Group Scheduled To Leave Next Monday For The Center In Raleigh

Calls have been sent out, directing forty-four Martin County young men to report next Monday for pre-induction examinations at the center in Raleigh. They will make the trip to Raleigh by charter bus.

In addition to the call to be answered next Monday, a call for thirty-seven men is pending for January 30. Then there are two pre-induction calls, each for thirty-seven men, for February, the first to be answered on February 5, and the other on February 26. A final induction call, one of the largest received in this county in many months, is to be answered by thirty-five men on February 18.

It was unofficially learned that Selective Service is tightening up on its draft deferments, and judging from the recent calls, both pre-induction and final, the draft is to be stepped up considerably in the next few months.

During the meantime, those young men of draft age who are in college and have not filed proper papers, will find it advisable to do so without further delay, it was pointed out.

The pre-induction call to be answered next Monday includes the names of nineteen white and twenty-five colored men, as follows:

White—Wayland Alton Bunch, Ernest Wilson Bunting, William Nicholas Manning, Reginald Francis Rodgers, Haywood Lindelle Ward, Nathan Perry, Jr., James Truett Stewart, Howard Mallison Ange, John Reginald Griffin, Bob Barber, George Arthur Hugh, Stephen Edwin Manning, Jr., Charles Thomas Griffin, James Archie Wynne, Bryant Taylor Rogerson, Perley Thomas Rawls, William Ashley Mizelle, and James Edgar Myers.

Colored — Lester Williams, Floyd Eugene Peele, William Frank Bell, Willie Clyde Brown, Frank Purvis, Willie J. Reese, Jr., James Matthew Ore, Elbert Martin, Lum Augustus Brown, Leo Land, William Earl Shepherd, William Edward Little, Louis Columbus Short, Thomas Rudolph Green, Charlie Frank Clemmons, William Clyde Brown, Jr., Jobie Parker, Jr., Robert Dalton Bell, Garland Perkins, Jesse Lee Knight, Norman Barnes, Smith Marshall, Jr., Charles Henry Hyman, James Worsley Davis and William Curtis Little.

## Accounting Office Recovers Funds

Comptroller Lindsay C. Warren has advised Congress that the General Accounting Office has collected more than \$816,000,000 since 1941 in funds "illegally or otherwise improperly paid out" by the government.

"Little of this amount would ever have been recovered except for the work of the GAO," Mr. Warren said in a letter he writes to members of Congress each year to acquaint them with the activities of his office.

The GAO is an agency of Congress and its duties include the auditing and settling of accounts and claims. The Comptroller General, appointed for 15 years, can be removed only by Congress.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

During the first eleven days of this year, motorists on Martin County highways and streets piled up the greatest number of vehicle wrecks ever recorded in a similar period. Fortunately no one was killed and none of three injured was hurt badly. The property damage was placed right at \$3,500.

In the first week of 1952 five persons were injured in six accidents and the property damage was estimated at \$3,415.

At least, the motorists, while wrecking more cars, are holding the per-unit damage down to a lower figure than the one recorded a year ago.

## Illicit Liquor Traffic In County Last Year

### Slight Decrease In Manufacturing On Woods Front

### Officers Wrecked Total Of 138 Stills; Arrested Forty-eight Persons

Although it flourished right along with the legal store business, the illicit liquor business in Martin County last year did not measure up to the record established in 1951, according to a report released this week by Chief ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck. In fact, the illicit operations maintained a downward trend for the third straight year, a review of the records reveals.

During last year there were 138 complete liquor manufacturing plants wrecked in this county. In addition to that number, eighteen partial plants were destroyed, Officer Roebuck said. Less than one-fourth of the kettles were made of copper, the officer declaring that the business fell to a record low in using cheap equipment. The ordinary oil drum was used more than any other type container for brewing the poison liquid. In 1951, 151 stills were wrecked, the number dropping from 170 the year before. Shortly before prohibition was abolished, sixty stills were wrecked in the county. The business back in those days was limited to a comparatively small number of operators who turned out the illicit liquor in large quantities.

During 1929, the officers, including several federal agents poured out an estimated 100,000 gallons of mash, arrested 67 persons and confiscated four automobiles.

Last year the officers poured out 40,970 gallons of mash as compared with 60,175 gallons of mash destroyed in 1951. The mash was found in crude containers, many of them made at home.

The officers in 1952 poured out 132 gallons of illicit liquor and confiscated about 17 gallons of legal liquor. In 1951 the officers confiscated 266 gallons of illicit liquor and about one gallon of the legal brands.

Forty-eight persons were arrested and charged with violating the liquor laws. Most of them were booked for retailing illicit liquor. Forty-five of the forty-eight persons facing the courts on liquor law charges were convicted. Road terms added up to 324 months and the fines amounted to \$2,740. During the year 1951, forty-three persons were arrested for alleged violations.

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## Homemakers In Meeting Monday

The Williamston Chapter of The Future Homemakers of America held its January meeting Monday night in the home Economics Department. The official opening ceremony was used, being led by the president, Theresa Modlin.

Jean Ward Mobley who had served as chairman of the chapter, was chief speaker.

A most interesting report on the clothes and food which were collected for the adopted family. The acknowledgement from the family was presented to the girls.

Miss Maud Thomas, social studies teacher, was guest speaker for the evening. She presented a most realistic picture of Washington at the time of inaugurations—both past and present. She also included a very interesting list of famous "firsts" connected with various inaugurations of the past. In her closing remarks, she reminded the chapter members that as the new administration goes into office that fair minded citizens will withhold criticism until the new leaders have had opportunity to prove themselves. All members present thoroughly enjoyed the talk and were generous in their praise of the material presented.

Refreshments consisting of flounder sandwiches, cookies, potato chips and punch were served by the third period Home Economics students who are members of the F. H. A. Reported by Faye Peel.

## Thirteen Cases In The County Court Monday Morning

### Quite A Few Cases Continued For Trial At The Next Session

Judge H. O. Peel and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled thirteen cases in the county court last Monday, and continued quite a few others for trial at the next regular session. Most of the cases were contested and the trials held the court in session until about 1:00 o'clock.

Fines were imposed in the sum of \$310, and several road sentences, meted out during the day, were suspended.

Proceedings: The case in which Luther Earl Edwards was charged with drunken driving was not pressed, and the defendant, charged with careless and reckless driving, was found not guilty.

Pleading not guilty, Rodney Hall Botkins was adjudged guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus costs. He loses his license to operate a motor vehicle for twelve months.

Zeph and Bill William Roberson pleaded not guilty of speeding. Adjudged guilty of driving trucks 55 miles an hour, they were taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of hit-and-run driving, Albert Lee Prices was taxed with the court costs.

Charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, Leon Bond pleaded guilty and was taxed with the court costs.

Asa Rogers and James Howell, charged with assaults with deadly weapons, were each sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road terms upon the payment of the court costs. Rogers pleaded guilty, and Howell entered a plea of not guilty in his case.

Pleading guilty of being drunk and disorderly, LeRoy Bunting was fined \$10 and taxed with the court costs.

James Bell, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded not guilty and was found not guilty.

Jos. M. Hardison of RFD 2, Robersonville, pleaded guilty of speeding and was taxed with the court costs.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Gaston James was fined \$200 and taxed with the costs. He loses his license to operate a motor vehicle for two years.

Charged with speeding, Marcellus E. Roberson, Jr., of Robersonville was taxed with the court costs.

## Horton Named To Committee Posts

Senator Hugh G. Horton, representing the second district in the State Legislature, yesterday was assigned to five committee posts in the upper house of the general assembly.

In addition to heading the insurance committee as chairman, he holds membership on the appropriations, election laws, judiciary one, and propositions and grievances.

With Governor W. B. Umstead recovering from a light heart attack in a Durham hospital, the legislature handled comparatively little business during its first week. There has been talk about a \$165 million bonus for war veterans and other matters discussed, but official action has been limited to minor bills to date.

### Local Banks To Have Holiday Next Monday

Local banks will observe next Monday, January 19, as a holiday as a tribute to the memory of Robert E. Lee and his birthday.

### RELIEF FUND

Representative A. Corey in introduced a bill in the legislature yesterday, proposing the creation of a relief fund for peace officers in this county.

Details of the bill have not been made public, but it is understood that \$1 will be added to the costs of each criminal case, the amount to be set aside for the officers in the county.