

Killer Released In \$1,000.00 Bond At Hearing Tuesday

Bond Quickly Arranged for Clyde Tyner Who Shot Rufus Taylor

Charged with the murder of Rufus Taylor, 50-year-old Negro near Williamston last Sunday evening, Clyde Tyner, 65-year-old colored man, was released in \$1,000 bond at a preliminary hearing held before Justice of the Peace Charles R. Mobley in the county courtroom late Tuesday afternoon. Tyner pleaded not guilty, and his bond was signed by Wm. Hubert Biggs. The defendant made no statement and only one witness was called.

Taylor, shot in the pit of his stomach, died at 9:00 o'clock in a local hospital, three hours following the attack which took place in the living room of the Tyner home on the Prison Camp road.

Before he died, Taylor told Sheriff M. W. Holloman that Tyner had ordered him to leave his home, but declared he did not know who or why anyone should have shot him.

Sheriff Holloman, the only witness called at the hearing, said in investigating the attack, he found Tyner on his porch, that Tyner admitted shooting Taylor, adding that Taylor had been there through the day and that he had asked him to leave.

All the reports coming from the scene of the attack are not in close agreement. However, it is fairly certain that Taylor was creating a nuisance, and that he was asked to leave the home and return to his own on the Ross farm back of the Southern.

Taylor said that Tyner's daughter, Clyde, was in the room when her father shot him with a 12-gauge gun. Clyde was quoted by the sheriff as saying that she left the room when Taylor and her father started quarreling. It was the first time that any evidence had been offered, indicating there had been a quarrel between Taylor and Tyner.

Admitting that the charge against Taylor was a serious one, Justice Mobley before allowing bond, pointed out that the attack took place in the defendant's home, and that it had been aggravated by the victim.

It has been alleged and officers have substantiated the rumors, (Continued on Page Eight)

Large Docket In Recorder's Court

Idle for two weeks while the superior tribunal was in session, the Martin County Recorder's Court resumes its work next Monday with a crowded docket facing it.

Up until late yesterday afternoon, fifty-five cases had been scheduled for trial. Twenty defendants are charged with speeding, six with operating overloaded trucks on the highways, one each for non-support, assault with deadly weapon, simple assault, violating the liquor laws and resisting arrest. Eight are charged with violating the motor vehicle laws, six with drunken driving, five with careless and reckless driving and three with larceny.

The court is certain to be in session all day, and it is possible that several cases will be continued.

Draft Delinquent Taken by the FBI

Delinquent since last December when he failed to report for a pre-induction physical examination, John Williams, colored, was picked up by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in Pittsburgh, Pa., a few days ago, the Martin County Draft Board was notified this week.

Williams also failed to report when called for final induction, it was learned.

Williams was originally from this immediate section. His case is now pending.

The only other delinquent in the files of the county draft board is Alonzo Hassell Wilson, Jr. His last known address was 206 White Street, Williamston.

Mayor And Commissioners Enter Municipal Primary

The town's municipal election line-up started taking definite form, but the old proverbial political pot was far from the boiling point yesterday morning when the incumbent mayor and members of the town board of commissioners announced their candidacies. Receipts were issued for the usual \$5 filing fees.

All's been mighty quiet on the political front here, causing some to believe that few others, if any, will get into the biennial municipal election contest before the filing time closes at 6:00 o'clock in the evening of April 3. To date, there has been certainly no concerted action for a crowded primary election on April 13.

During the meantime, little interest is developing in the registration for the biennial voting here. Registrar S. H. Grimes announced that only two new names were added to the books on the first day of registration last Saturday. There are two more Saturdays for registration.

All the officials filed their candidacies with Clerk C. M. Cobb yesterday morning. Commissioner N. C. Green for his twelfth term, Commissioner K. D. Worrell for his fourth, and Commissioners David Moore, Leman Barnhill and W. O. Griffin for their third terms. Mayor Robert H. Cowen signed up for his fourth term.

GOOD FISHING

Seine fishing in the Roanoke at Jamesville is setting a new record, Mr. C. C. Fleming, owner-operator said late yesterday. Herring catches have been averaging from one to two thousand each dip, but rock have been limited in number, the fisherman stating that only one or two are being taken in a full day's operation. The perch run is increasing fairly rapidly and more rock are expected shortly.

High water, due in the first of the week, is not expected to hamper fishing operations at Jamesville very much if any, depending on wind directions, Mr. Fleming said.

Continue Hearing In Assault Cases

Declaring they were trapped and assaulted in the Cedar Hill church in Rodgers' Town, near Williamston on the night of March 17, Leta Woolard, 13, Janie Odessa Brown, 14, and Mary Elizabeth Woolard, 15, offered confusing evidence at a hearing held before Justice Chas. R. Mobley in the county grand jury room last evening during a two-hour period.

Following a scheduled choir practice that evening, the three girls said they were standing in the church talking about all other choir members had departed, that Warren Chester Rodgers, Willie Harrison Mann, LeRoy Little, Leon Rodgers and Thomas Brown, rushed into the church, locked the doors and turned out the lights. Mary Elizabeth Woolard, the youngest in the group, told at the hearing that she was criminally attacked by Leon Rodgers. The other two alleged they were assaulted.

Other witnesses, standing in and around a store just across the road from the small church, said the lights were not turned off, that they heard no cries for help. The prosecuting witnesses said benches were overturned, but the janitor said he found everything in order after the alleged attacks. Sheriff M. W. Holloman is continuing his investigation, and Justice Mobley recessed the hearing until a later date.

Unique Distillery Found In County

Raiding in Bear Grass Township, almost in sight of the little town itself, ABC Officers J. H. Roebuck and Cecil Bullock found a liquor still, the like of which is seen only once in a lifetime, according to Officer Roebuck.

The plant, concealed along a branch, was equipped with an eight-foot long coffin type copper kettle, measuring about eighteen inches in width and having a capacity of about two hundred gallons. The coffin type kettle has been found in this county before, but not one of such size as the one wrecked last Monday afternoon. There were three 400-gallon capacity beer boxes, and the officers poured out about 500 gallons of mash. The kettle was fired with oil burners.

Going into Poplar Point Township Tuesday, the officers for the first time in months found and wrecked a crude plant, equipped with a 50-gallon oil drum kettle. They poured out two barrels of beer.

Mrs. Aaron Smith Died Tuesday At Home of Daughter

Funeral In Robersonville Church On Wednesday Afternoon at 3:00

Mrs. Lizzie Rose Smith, widow of Aaron Cartwright Smith, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Davenport, in Robersonville Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. She had been in declining health for about a year, but was getting along as well as usual until Monday morning when she suffered a heart attack, resulting in her death the following day.

She was born in the Gold Point Community of this county 75 years ago on October 4, 1877, the daughter of the late James Linwood and Jonnie Grimes Ross. Except for a short time spent in Blackstone, Virginia, she lived in this county all her life. She was married in 1895 to Mr. Smith who died twenty-five years ago, leaving her with a large family. With a strong faith and a bright outlook on life, she met the challenge presented her, never complaining about the difficult periods and troubles that confronted her. Even though preoccupied with her own tasks, she always found time to lend a helping hand to others and willingly played the role of a thoughtful and kind neighbor. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a true Christian, one who, despite her multitudinous duties, always found time to attend religious services and support noble ideals and worthy undertakings.

Surviving besides her daughter with whom she made her home, are three sons, Roy C. Smith of Richmond, James E. Smith of Newport News, and Milton Smith of Washington; four brothers, (Continued on Page Eight)

TONIGHT AT 8:15

The annual spring concert of the Williamston High School Concert Band will begin tonight at 8:15 o'clock in order that persons attending other meetings tonight may have an opportunity to get to the concert.

There will be a 10-minute intermission about mid-way the concert and late-comers may be seated during this period. The Music Department of the school and the Band Parents Club are sponsoring the concert to promote increased understanding and appreciation of instrumental music among the students and the public. A varied program is planned.

Dam Or No Dam, Roanoke Asserts Itself

Dam or no dam, the old Roanoke is threatening to assert itself along the banks in this area during the latter part of this or early next week, according to advance reports received here today.

The United States Weather Bureau in Raleigh is predicting a 29-foot crest near Scotland Neck, meaning that a 12-foot peak is to be expected at this point sometime during the day Sunday. At noon today the river stood at nine and one-half feet on the gauge. Flood stage is figured at ten feet.

Man Denied Bond In Rape Attempt Case At Hamilton

J. T. Briley Denies Charge At Hearing Held Here Tuesday Evening

Charged with assaulting Larine Raynor, 15-year-old Hamilton colored girl, with intent to commit rape, J. T. Briley, 33-year-old Negro, denied the charge at a preliminary hearing held in the county courthouse Tuesday evening. Finding probable cause of guilt, Justice Chas. R. Mobley ordered the farmer returned to jail without privilege of bond.

Without a lawyer, Briley is at a disadvantage in instituting habeas corpus proceedings, and there is some doubt if he could finance a bond were on allowed. During the meantime his wife and five small children face an uncertain future on a farm a few miles from Hamilton on the Palmyra road. It was reported that a sixth addition to the family is expected.

Taking the stand, the youthful victim said Briley placed a pistol or some instrument to her back, and told her to walk back of the old telephone office near the Slade, Rhodes Company store on Hamilton's main street about 9:00 o'clock that night, that he threw her to the ground and tried to assault her when her brother and several other young boys threw bricks and charcoal, frightening him away. Pointing out that Briley did not hurt her, the girl said he offered her \$5 but she would not accept it. She declared she was afraid to cry, explaining that Briley had threatened to kill her if she did.

Briley, cross examining the witness, asked if she had not made a mistake in identifying him as her attacker. She said not, and later described the clothes he was wearing.

Briley left his cap and coat at the assault scene when the boys got on his trail, it was learned. Dennis Raynor, 14-year-old brother of the victim, said he saw Briley holding his hand over the girl's mouth back of the telephone office, the witness adding that he threw a brick at Briley who ran.

Another witness, Johnny Council, 14, said he saw the girl and Briley at the side of Slade, Rhodes Company store, that she was trying to pull away from him, that he went up the street and told her brother. He added that he later saw Briley run from behind the store when the brother and other boys went there.

Other witnesses most of them identifying Briley and substantiating the testimony already offered, included, Roosevelt T. Taylor, Ervin "Tiny" (Sheppard) Brown, Claude Salsbury, Fred Howell, Herman Rogers, and Gene Green, the latter claiming he threw a piece of charcoal at the alleged attacker.

Jamesville Youth Champ Hog Raiser

Roy Moore, young Jamesville Township farmer, has established an excellent claim to the title of champion hog raiser in this area. Starting out with pigs six months ago, Moore sold them recently to the Robersonville Packing Company for \$19.50 per hundred, or \$491.40.

It is unusual to raise a top hog in a six-month period, the young stockman said. The ten hogs weighed 2,320 pounds.

Although an expert in the business, Moore is giving up hog raising and making ready to enter the armed services next month.

Fifteen Men Will Leave Tomorrow For Army Center

Next Final Induction Is For Thirty-seven Men On April 7

Fifteen Martin County young men are scheduled to leave here tomorrow for final induction into the armed forces. Traveling by regular bus schedule, the group is to report to the center in Raleigh.

The next final induction call falls on Tuesday, April 7, when thirty-seven men are to report. The call will be met in its entirety, but the draft board will have to scrape the bottom of the manpower barrel to do it, according to one report. The group is certain to include mostly 19-year-olds, it is understood. It was also learned that eleven of the fifteen scheduled to report tomorrow are in the nineteen-year-old group, but most of them will be twenty next month. All of them will have reached their twentieth birthday not later than June.

Pre-induction calls, one for 76 and the other for 37 men, for April have been cancelled.

The names of those scheduled to report tomorrow morning for final induction include nine white and six colored men, as follows:

White
Wayland Alton Bunch, RFD 1, Palmyra.
Harvey Dell Brown, RFD 3, Williamston.
James Billy Rawls, RFD 2, Robersonville.
John Reginal Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston.
Bobby Charles Rogerson, RFD 3, Williamston.
Stephen Edwin Manning, RFD 1, Williamston.
James Archie Wynne, RFD 1, Williamston.
William Ashley Mizelle, RFD 2, Williamston.
Clarence Clifton Williams, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Colored
James Matthew Moore, RFD 2, Williamston.
Robert Dalton Bell, Williamston.
Smith Marshall, Jr., Robersonville.
Willie Rudolph Bonds, Williamston.
Archie Lee James, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Theodore Parker, Oak City. Parker was listed as delinquent for a time, but he appeared recently and is being sent for induction without the benefit of a pre-induction physical, it was learned.

Questioned In Dual Robbery

Hugh Morton Gray, Robersonville man, was detained yesterday for questioning in connection with a dual robbery at the Pow-Wow, a snack bar, just outside the western limits of Robersonville.

The place of business was entered nearly two weeks ago when a few boxes of cigars, several cartons of cigarettes and several dollars in change were stolen. The second entry was made early this week, and the owner reported to the sheriff yesterday. In the last laid, the robber broke into the piccolo and removed twelve or fifteen dollars in nickels, dimes and quarters. Entry was gained each time by key, Sheriff M. W. Holloman said.

Gray was said to have made several purchases this week, paying off with nickels and dimes. When questioned he said he won the money in a poker game, but after being granted immunity he would tell nothing about the game, the officer said.

Chapter's Red Cross Fund Moves Toward \$5,000 Goal

The encouraging pace set earlier in the month is being maintained, and the Red Cross fund drive in the Martin County Chapter continues to move toward its \$5,000 goal, Fund Drive Chairman W. Iverson Skinner announced yesterday.

No where has the solicitations been completed and reported, but without exception the preliminary reports place the drive ahead of the one last year at the corresponding period, and with most of the communities and districts showing substantial gains over the 1952 figures, Mr. Skinner explained.

At noon yesterday, fund drive treasurer, Mayo Hardison at the W. I. Skinner Tobacco Company offices, stated that \$1,869.16 had been raised and reported to him by canvassers in the town here.

One of the most encouraging reports received so far came from Mrs. Edna Bondurant who is heading the drive in the town's residential areas. With hardly more than two-thirds of the canvassers reporting, nearly \$500 had been raised in the residential sections, she announced. If the ratio is maintained throughout the drive, the goal will be easily reached, Mr. Skinner said.

No complete reports have been received from Jm'esville, Griffins, Williams or Bear Grass, but Messrs. Arthur Wallace Lilley, Floyd Moore, Pete Hardison, and A. B. Ayers, heading up the drive in those districts, say they are making progress and expected to have the drive completed shortly.

Since the last report, Mr. Hardison said \$690.11 had been added to the fund, including the following:

N. C. Green, canvasser—Williamston Peanut Co., Harrison Oil Company, Williamston Motor Co., and Williamston Supply Co., \$50 each; Branch Bank, \$55; J. Paul Simpson Insurance Agency, \$15.

W. I. Skinner, canvasser—Rose's Store, \$17.35.

V. J. Spivey, canvasser—Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company, \$20.00.

The Office of Defense Mobilization has announced further details of plans for the distribution and use of gamma globulin, which is being made available by the Red Cross for use in preventing paralysis in poliomyelitis.

Parents whose children have been exposed to polio are to contact their family physician, after determining if the situation warrants, will obtain the necessary supply of gamma globulin from the state health officer or the nearest county health department and administer it to the exposed child. As in the case of measles, the gamma globulin is furnished by the Red Cross free, leaving only a charge for its administration.

In making the announcement of plans for its distribution, Office of Defense Mobilization stressed these factors: Gamma globulin used under very special circumstances will help minimize the crippling effects of polio. One inoculation of gamma globulin will not last a child throughout the entire polio season, but will afford partial immunity for about five weeks. The polio season usually extends over a period of approximately ten weeks during June, July and August.

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EXCEEDS QUOTA

Poplar Point, one of the smaller townships in the county, has exceeded its quota in the current Red Cross fund campaign, according to a report released yesterday by Mrs. Ben James, chairman of the township.

The goal and amount raised were not released.

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SOLD FOR \$100

Williamston's old police car, badly worn during more than two years of service and badly battered in two or more wrecks, was sold at auction here yesterday noon for \$100. Only one bid was submitted and the car went to Wheeler M. Manning.

Some difficulty was encountered in moving the 1950 model from the auction block in front of the town hall.

Olive Grower In Talk To Rotarians

Stopping by last Tuesday noon to make up a meeting, Mr. B. E. Glick, olive grower and packer of Corning, California, made an interesting and informative talk to the local Rotary Club.

In addition to growing about 75 acres of olives, Mr. Glick, with his brother, operates a large packing plant in the Sacramento Valley area. They harvest about 150 tons of olives from their orchard, and are now marketing their product in nearly everyone of the forty-eight states.

There are approximately 35,000 acres planted to the crop in California which accounts for 99 percent of the domestic production. The industry was started back in 1767 but it was not developed commercially until about the middle of the nineteenth century, and not until about 1900 were olives canned like other fruits.

According to Mr. Glick, it requires about fifteen years for an olive tree to reach full production. Some of the trees are known to live for 2,000 years, but they have to be pruned often.

The curing and packing methods were explained to the club members, quite a few never realizing that olives grew on trees and not on bushes. Mr. Glick maintained that the California olive is the best in the world.

Accompanied by Mrs. Glick, he was en route to Florida for a brief vacation.

X-Disease Found In County Swine

It is not believed serious and declared not contagious, but X-disease has been reported in a swine herd in this county, according to a report coming from the office of the county agent late yesterday.

Farmer G. E. Furlow of Hamilton took some hydraulic oil from his tractor and put it in a hog oiler. Three of his choice hogs, finding the oil to their taste, turned the container over and helped themselves, the farmer declaring the hogs fought over it. Now, their eyes have turned white, and they are in a bad way, Agent Brandon stating that if they are not already dead they are expected to die.

The hydraulic oil contained some form of poison commonly found in that used in hydraulic machinery. Regular cylinder oil is used for oiling hog without danger, the agent said.

Court Adjourned For The Term Wednesday Noon

Members Of Bar To Meet Soon To Prepare List For April Court

After working two and one-half days on the civil calendar, the Martin County Superior Court folded its tent and quietly stole away at noon yesterday, leaving more cases on the calendar than it had cleared. Last week the court worked less than four days on the criminal docket, leaving about a dozen cases for trial at later sessions.

The civil court this week attracted very little attention, one observer declaring that the calendar was about the weakest to be placed before the court in years.

Hardly before the regular two-week term was ended, members of the county bar were making ready for a meeting to prepare another civil calendar for the special two-week term to open here next month.

The court this week continued more than half its cases, and final judgments were left pending in a few others, it was learned.

Proceedings not previously reported: A divorce, based on grounds of two years' separation, was granted Iolia Walker in her case against Murray Walker.

The case of Walter R. Evans against Jesse Lawrence Brown was ordered set for trial at the April term.

In the case of Raymond Fagan against Coastal Life Insurance Company, a voluntary non-suit was taken by the plaintiffs. Suing to recover on a \$180 policy, the plaintiff, according to the defendant company, misrepresented the facts. The company offered to return the premiums amounting to approximately \$25.

In the case of Harrison Oil Company against Geo. W. Ayers, the court finding that it involved a complicated account and that the defendant and plaintiff had consented to arbitration of differences, withdrew a juror and ordered a mistrial. C. D. Carstarphen was named to audit the account and report his findings to the court clerk who is to enter the final judgment in the case.

Finding that the plaintiff Haulcy Hardison, held title in fee simple to certain land, the defendants, Roland Lilley and others, (Continued on Page Eight)

New Businesses Will Open Here

Harrison Street is rapidly developing its business district here. With three units already in operation, two more businesses will be opened there within a short time.

Two new buildings, recently completed by Mr. Bernard Harrison near the Jenkins barbershop, will be occupied by the Roanoke Gas Company and the other by Elaine's Beauty Salon. The gas company, maintaining offices in Elizabeth City, Hertford and Plymouth, will open its office here next week and will display appliances. The beauty salon, to be operated by Mrs. Bernard Harrison, will open for business just as soon as equipment can be delivered, it was learned.

Triangle Debates Here Tomorrow

The annual high school triangle debates will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Williamston is debating teams from Greenville and Scotland Neck. Greenville's negative team and Scotland Neck's affirmative will debate in the Williamston auditorium.

The Williamston affirmative team of Harrell Everett and Russell Roberson will meet the Scotland Neck negative team in the Greenville school auditorium and the Williamston negative team of Bobby Perry and Alvin Hardison will go to Scotland Neck to meet the Greenville affirmative team. Miss Maud Thomas is coach of the Williamston team.

The query this year deals with the advisability of forming a United States of Europe.