

Expect Court To Continue Through Friday Afternoon

Incest and Drunken Driving Cases On Docket Still Awaiting Trial

Bogged down for the second day in the murder case brought against Clyde Tyner and with an incest and several drunken driving cases on the docket awaiting trial, the current term of the Martin County Superior Court is almost certain to last through most of tomorrow afternoon.

The court, presided over by Judge Jos. W. Parker of Windsor, has encountered one snag after another, spending part of Tuesday and most of yesterday trying two cases, one involving drunken driving and the other involving arson.

The trial of the assault with a deadly weapon case against Harry Stokes, young colored man, came to an unexpected end Tuesday shortly before noon when counsel chose not to place the defendant on the stand. It was evident that the defendant did not want the jury to know that he had been convicted in two assault cases previously. Following arguments by counsel and Solicitor George Fountain, Judge Parker briefly charged the jury, and a verdict was returned a short time before the court recessed for lunch at 12:00 o'clock.

When prayer for judgment was made, the case and Stokes' record were reviewed in detail. But Judge Parker considered the assault on Frank Wilson was aggravated, declaring that Wilson was morally not blameless, that he should have realized that he could be shot for running around with another man's wife. The jurist definitely took a stand against the practice of those who would break up a home, declaring that Wilson's attention was not showered on the estranged wife just as a matter of accommodation. Wilson and any other man who runs around with another man's wife takes a calculated risk.

It was fairly evident that the jurist had little sympathy for Wilson even though the attack cost the man his left leg. However, the prosecution pleaded and went on to point out that Stokes' wife was not there in his behalf and could not be called by the prosecution. It was also pointed out that in addition to having his means of livelihood impaired, the victim of the attack owed hospital bills amounting to around \$500, and was without sufficient funds to finance the purchase of an artificial leg.

After pondering the issues, Judge Parker sentenced Stokes to the roads for twelve months, ordering execution of sentence suspended and the defendant placed on probation for three years. He directed the defendant to pay the court costs. The defendant is also to pay \$50 now, \$100 on or before December 1, 1953, and \$100 by June of next year for the benefit of the hospitals. "Wilson can pay the remainder," the judge ordered.

A verdict of not guilty was directed when the State completed its evidence in the case in which James Wilson was charged with breaking into the Hayes School here last April 2. It was revealed by the evidence that some clothes belonging to Wilson had been found in the boiler room, that no evidence of breaking was offered and no intent to steal had been advanced.

Considerable time was spent hearing the case in which Will Roberson was found not guilty of (Continued on Page Five)

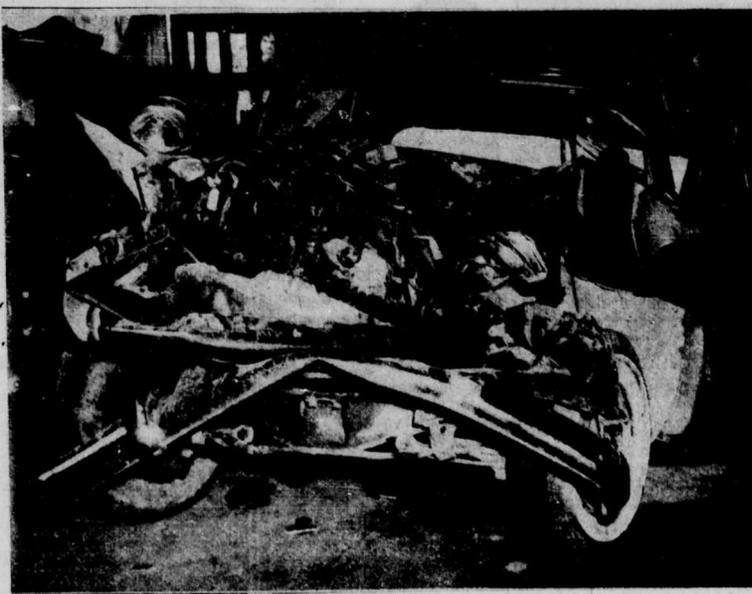
Well Represented At Cancer Clinic

Martin County was more than well represented at the 150th cancer detection clinic held in Rocky Mount's municipal building.

Persons from Everetts, Jamesville, Hamilton and Williamston were at the clinic for examinations, it was announced by Dr. J. Allen Whitaker, chairman.

The clinics are held each Wednesday in the municipal building without cost to persons forty years old or older. The clinics are supported by the various cancer societies.

Vehicle In Which Two Lost Lives



Two persons were fatally injured and four others were hurt when the 1953 Plymouth pictured above, crashed into a freight truck near Bear Grass last Friday afternoon. The top of the radiator rests near the windshield and the back of the front seat was pushed almost to the dash board. —Photo by Royal.

Chairman Named To Head County Cancer Fund Drive

Robert H. Cowen, Williamston mayor, has been named to head the cancer fund drive in this county.

Considerable delay has been experienced in launching the drive in this county because a chairman could not be found. Martin is the only county in North Carolina that has not yet responded to the call, and those leaders recognizing the importance of the drive, are anxious to keep the county in good standing.

A quota of \$2,200 has been assigned the county. Last year approximately that amount was raised.

A bit reluctant to accept the

task, Chairman Cowen is directing a public appeal to the people of the county to support the drive and take an active part in raising the fund.

It is estimated that more than 100 Martin County persons have received free examinations in district cancer clinics, the cost of which in paid clinics would have amounted to more than the county is now being asked to contribute to the fund. Direct aid has been extended to patients within the county, while a portion of the money raised was sent to state and national headquarters to support research and maintain a home for cancer patients in the State.

COME ON OUT

"Come on out and take part in the fun at the playground," is the invitation being issued to youngsters in this area by Recreation Director Roger Thrift and the recreation committee.

Director Thrift opens the playground program at 4:00 in the afternoon at the high school athletic park and keeps it going until about 6:00.

He reports that the number of boys and girls participating in the program is growing steadily. Equipment is expected shortly to add more variety to the program but already they have something to keep everybody busy.

Turns Car Over Near Gold Point

Driving toward Robersonville on Highway 903 about 7:00 o'clock Tuesday evening, Donald Earl Bunting of Oak City lost control of his 1951 Ford, the machine leaving the road and turning over in Farmer Durant Beach's peanut field near Gold Point.

The car was driven away under its own power. One report stated that a tire was badly damaged during the drive back to Oak City.

Bunting was not injured but he was said to have been jarred up a bit and got some dirt in his hair. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300.

Jamesville Cannery Will Be Open Twice A Week

Professor V. B. Hair has announced that the Jamesville cannery will be open each Monday and Thursday afternoon and that cans will be available for those needing them.

Used mostly by housewives and farmers in the Jamesville section, the cannery has rendered a valuable service each summer.

Martin Farmers Are Entitled To Dividend Checks

Payment Delayed On Account Of Incomplete Address And Information

Approximately 230 Martin County farmers and others immediately surrounding the county have tobacco dividend checks awaiting them, according to a report released a few days ago by the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation in Raleigh.

The checks, adding up to a total of several thousand dollars, have not been delivered on account of incomplete addresses or other information not immediately available to the corporation.

The county agent's office in this county has examined the list and picked out the names of Martin County farmers from the thousands of other names. Those whose names are listed below have checks waiting for them, and friends who happen to see the names of those who have much information as possible, not received their dividend checks are asked to advise them to get in touch with the corporation in Raleigh or contact the county agent's office for help.

The following information is necessary: Identification card, pink agreement and receipt. If this information can't be had, the applicant is asked to submit as such as copies of warehouse bills for the years 1947, 48 and 49; copies of settlement memorandums describing tobacco delivered to Stabilization Corporation for these years; Marketing quota number for those years; correct name and present address; names of landlords or tenants for the years.

Those persons whose names are listed below are entitled to distribution checks. The names and addresses given at the time tobacco was sold for the years 1947, 1948 and 1949.

James Alexander, Hamilton; Winfield Alexander, Hobgood; C. Andrews Robersonville; J. M. Andrews, Bethel; James Andrews, Robersonville; Johnnie Andrews, Hassell, Lawrence Andrews, Oak City; Will Andrews, Bethel; H. Anthony, Robersonville; Jasper Arrington, Hobgood; James Austin, Robersonville; Henry Ayers, Bethel; S. A. Ayers, Robersonville; W. L. Bailey, Route 1, Bethel; J. D. Baker, Route 1, Palmyra; James Ballard, Robersonville; G. Barkley, Robersonville; James Barnes, Bethel; Hallie Bass, Route 1 Robersonville; Leroy Bell, Bethel.

Ellwood Ballamy, Route 1, Oak City; Zachary Berry, Route 2, Robersonville; Thomas Best, Route 2 Robersonville; Lum Bland Route 1, Oak City; Charlie Bond, Robersonville; Wayne Braxton, Robersonville; Dallas Briley, Robersonville; F. D. Briley, Bethel; H. B. Brown, Route 1, Bethel; Jake

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Tyner Pleading Not Guilty Of Taylor Murder

State Completed Evidence In Case Yesterday; Ten Defense Witnesses

Charged with the shotgun murder of Rufus Taylor, colored man, in his home last March 22, Clyde Tyner, 65, pleaded not guilty when his case was called in the superior court here yesterday afternoon before Judge Jos. W. Parker of Windsor. Taking the stand in his own behalf, Tyner emphatically maintained that he acted in self-defense, declaring that he had been cursed, abused and threatened, and that he fired the fatal when Taylor, reaching in his hip pocket presumably for a knife, started moving in on him.

Solicitor George Fountain announced that the state would work for a verdict of second degree murder or manslaughter. Less than fifteen minutes were spent selecting a jury after the case was called at 3:40 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the defense setting aside all jurors who knew Tyner and the State setting aside the only juror who knew the attack victim.

Without eye witnesses, the State fought an uphill battle at the start, but it was brought out on cross examination that all was not well in and around the Tyner home located about three miles from Williamston on the Prison Camp Road.

Officers Chas. R. Moore, Williamston Police officer and the first witness called by the State, said he accompanied Sheriff M. W. Holloman to the attack scene, that he found Tyner sitting on the porch. Tyner was quoted as saying he had shot a man, the officer explaining that he then went into the room where Taylor was lying on a sofa fatally wounded. The officer said that Taylor knew him, and that Taylor maintained he did not know who shot him. Tyner, moving into the room behind the officer, voluntarily said that he shot Taylor, explaining that he had ordered Taylor away from his home two or three times that day. Taylor was said to have admitted that Tyner had ordered him away.

The officer, after Tyner declared that Taylor had reached into a hip pocket presumably to get a knife, saying that he reached for a knife. The officer quoted Taylor as saying that he was sitting on the sofa and that as he reached into his pocket for a cigarette someone shot him. The officer said he saw no knife.

On cross examination, the officers said Rufus told him he did not know why he did not remain away after Tyner had ordered him to.

The next state's witness, Sheriff Holloman, said Tyner admitted the attack, saying that he shot Taylor with a 12-gauge gun which he carried in his mother's home, 100 yards or more away. The sheriff said he found a knife and some change in Taylor's pocket when he searched his clothes at a local hospital where Taylor died about 9:00 o'clock the evening of the attack.

The State completed its direct evidence by 4:25 and the defense (Continued on Page Eight)

Miss Nora Wright Passes In County

Miss Nora Wright, one of the county's oldest citizens, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ethel Hinson, near Dardens Tuesday. In declining health for a long time, she had been confined to her bed for about two years.

The daughter of the late William and Sarah Waters Wright, she was born in the Dardens community of this county and lived there all her life. She was 86 years of age, and was a devoted member of the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church for many years. Other than several nieces and nephews, she leaves no immediate relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of a niece, Mrs. Adele Tetterton, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist Church. Interment was in the Hinson Cemetery.

County Tax Rate Held To \$1.35 For Year 1953-54

After an all-day battle, the Martin County Commissioners Tuesday continued to hold the county's tax line at \$1.35 per hundred dollar assessed property valuation. Quite a few requests were turned back and retroactive pay allowed school teachers was denied other county employees. However, a \$10-per-month increase, effective at the beginning of the new 1953-54 fiscal year, was allowed county employees straight across the board.

The proposed budgets called for an increase in the tax rate, but the commissioners ordered retrenchments. The board of education figures were trimmed by approximately \$3,000, and the regular county budget was rolled back with minor cuts in the funds for operating the county home, and for interest and principal, public welfare administration, old age

assistance, aid to dependent children and aid to the blind. An appropriation of approximately \$2,500 was entered in the budget for aid to the partially and totally disabled who do not qualify for aid directly under the welfare programs.

Hidden for years in other departments, the rate levied for the general county fund reflects for the first time this year the real appropriation allotted for its operation. Held to a set figure of not more than 15 cents in years past, the rate was increased to nineteen and three quarter cents for the new fiscal period by a special provision embodied in a constitutional amendment passed last year.

The budget figures are being altered to fit the recommendations advanced by the commissioners Tuesday, and will be made public shortly.

Ten County Young Men Reported For Service Tuesday

Twenty-two Are Scheduled To Report For Exams On July 14th

Ten Martin County young men, rated among the best group to leave this section in some time, reported to the service center in Raleigh last Tuesday of this week for duty in the armed forces. Their assignments could not be learned immediately, but most of those reporting from this county for final induction were located at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for duty in the army.

Edmond Horace Whitley, formerly of RFD 1, Williamston but who is reported to have moved to the Jamesville area, did not report as scheduled but yesterday papers were received, applying for a transfer to Greensboro.

Two volunteers appeared to maintain the quota of ten men, it was explained. The names of the six young white and four colored men reporting for duty follow:

- White
- Howard Braxton Harrell of Hamilton.
- Edgar Harrell Latham, Star Route, Hamilton.
- Melvin Boyd Copeland, RFD 1, Robersonville.
- James Robert Coltrain, RFD 2, Williamston.
- John Henry (Jack) Edwards, Jr., Williamston.
- Simon Everett Parker, Jr., RFD 1, Robersonville.
- Colored
- Leo Marshall Slade, Williams-ton.
- Paul Baker, Jr., RFD 1, Oak City.
- Joseph James Cross, Williams-ton.
- William Thomas Wallace, Jr., Williamston.

A call has been received for twenty-two men to report on Tuesday, July 14 for pre-induction examinations. Fifteen men are scheduled to report for final induction on Tuesday, July 21, it was learned this week.

Of the approximately forty men reporting for pre-induction examinations last week, only sixteen were said to have passed the tests, according to unofficial information received here.

17th Observance Of Dairy Month

Speaking briefly to the Rotary Club at its weekly meeting at the Switch Tuesday noon, Mr. W. Braxton Pugh, manager of the local office of the Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company, called attention to the 17th annual observance of dairy month. The event was inaugurated seventeen years ago to honor nature's producer of the nearest perfect food — the milk cow, Mr. Pugh said.

Special guests at the meeting were County Commissioners Henry S. Johnson of Hamilton, H. L. Roebuck of Cross Roads, J. H. Edwards of Williamston, J. C. Gurnick of Griffins and C. C. Martin of Jamesville, also Messrs. J. Sam Getsinger, clerk to the board, and Mayo Little of Robersonville.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Modern transportation asserted itself with sudden and tragic fury during the 23rd week in this county, snuffing out the lives of two prominent citizens and leaving five others injured. The value of the silent "stop sign" was advanced in no uncertain terms, but people gripe against and complain about the signs.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

| 23rd Week | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|
| Weeks | Inj'd | Killed | Damage | |
| 1953 | 4 | 5 | 2 | \$ 3,015 |
| 1952 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 875 |
| Comparisons To Date | | | | |
| 1953 | 102 | 32 | 3 | \$27,850 |
| 1952 | 124 | 69 | 1 | 41,910 |

Guard Unit Will Go To Camp Next August 16 To 30

Ten Men Added To Roster Following Return Of Unit Last March

Battery C, 150th AAA Gun Battalion, North Carolina National Guard, has been instructed to pack up for summer encampment at Camp Stewart, Georgia, during the two weeks, August 16 through the 30th. During the meantime, the unit is recruiting additional men to build up its strength and adding new equipment.

Since its return last March following twenty-three months of active duty in Georgia and New Jersey, the guard unit has been maintaining regular weekly drills at its headquarters in the municipal water plant on South Sycamore Street. Following the reorganization in March, the following young men have joined the unit:

Calie S. Biggs, Rt. 3, Williamston; Marcellus Bullock, Jr., 717 Rhodes St., Williamston; James H. Coltrain, Rt. 1, Robersonville; Tommy W. Gardner, 116 Edgewood Ave., Williamston; (Continued on Page Eight)

Firemen Called Out On Tuesday

After going more than two months without hearing the fire siren, Williamston's volunteer firemen have been kept on the run during the past two weeks. At least eight calls have been answered during the recent period.

The last call, following three handled over the week-end, was answered at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when a tractor caught fire near the Williamston Packing Company plant on the McCaskey Road. Blazing out of control, the fire was checked with a chemical, recently added to the department's fire-fighting equipment. Commenting on the effectiveness of the new chemical, one volunteer said the fire was checked so rapidly he did not even see it go out.

Liberalize Loan Plan For Peanut Farmers In 1953

Price Support For Definite Types To Be Announced At Later Date

Washington, June 17—Loans on this year's peanut crops will be available to individual producers and cooperatives beginning at harvest time, the United States Department of Agriculture announced today. Other provisions in the department's price support program for the 1953 peanut crop follow:

Farm-storage and warehouse-storage loans will be available to (1) individual producers who are in compliance with marketing quotas and acreage allotments in effect for 1953-crop peanuts, and (2) cooperative associations whose members are in compliance with marketing quotas and acreage allotments.

In loans of farm-stored peanuts, the Commodity Credit Corporation will make an allowance for shrinkage and grade loss while the peanuts are in storage; and in loans on warehouse-stored peanuts the CCC will absorb the shrinkage and grade loss. The effect of this provision is to reflect to producers a larger portion of the 90 per cent of parity support price than in 1952, when the shrinkage and grade loss was deducted by CCC from the support price.

The only deductions from the support price this year will be the regular CCC service fee for making loans, the federal-state inspection fee, and (in the case of loans on warehouse-stored peanuts) warehouse fees other than receiving charges. Loans that are repaid by producers and cooperatives will bear interest at the rate of four per cent a year.

The program for 1953-crop peanuts also provides that any properly constituted and approved cooperative desiring to handle, store, and market peanuts for its producer members will be eligible for CCC loans. Last year, the loans to cooperatives were made only to three associations (Growers Peanut Cooperative, Franklin, Va.; Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association, Gorman, Tex.; and GFA Peanut Association, Camilla, Ga.), one in each of the three major producing areas.

In making loans to a cooperative, the cooperative will be free to establish its own advance payments to producer members, and the CCC will not specify the minimum sales price at which the cooperative may sell peanuts acquired from producers. The only restrictions on the cooperative will be those necessary to assure the repayment of its loans from CCC. Loans on 1953-crop peanuts will be available to individual producers and to cooperatives from the time of harvest through January

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Miss Lib Cherry Contest Winner

Before a record attendance, Miss Lib Cherry of Bear Grass was chosen Miss Williamston at the annual beauty pageant sponsored by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce. The high school auditorium was packed for the event which attracted twenty-one entrants in the pageant and twenty-two little misses in the Sweetie Pie contest which was won by Little Miss Becky Roe-Luck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Roebuck.

Miss Cherry will represent Williamston at the annual Miss North Carolina pageant to be held at Morehead next month.

Miss Evelyn Warren of Robersonville was second place winner in the pageant, and Miss Jean Mabley of Williamston was third.

In the Sweetie Pie Contest, received after several years, Little Miss Deborah Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hopkins, was second place winner, and third honors went to Little Miss Mary Ann Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Williams. The event was the most successful one ever staged by the local Jaycees. Special entertainment featured a solo by Miss Frances Smith, of Robersonville, accompanied in the piano by Sarah Manning.