

## Judge H. O. Peele Had Forty Cases In County Court

### Fines Imposed During Long Session Monday Added Up To \$260

Judge H. O. Peele held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session until late in the afternoon Monday before clearing forty cases from the docket. Considerable time was spent in hearing one or two cases, but others were handled quickly. Solicitor Clarence Griffin prosecuted the docket.

Fines, imposed during the long session amounted to \$260, most of the income being traceable to motor vehicle law violations.

Proceedings:  
Adjudged guilty of issuing a worthless check, George Bryant was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. Notice of appeal was given and bond was required in the sum of \$100.

Judgment absolute was ordered in the case in which Jesse Beach was charged with an assault. Charged with drunken driving, Raymond Williams was adjudged not guilty.

Henry Price, Sr., faced the court on three counts. One case in which he was charged with larceny of property valued at about \$500, was remanded to the justice of peace courts for corrected judgment. The case will make its appearance later in the superior court. Pleading guilty in the other two cases, Price was fined \$25 each for violating the liquor laws and allowing an unlicensed operator drive a motor vehicle.

Clyde Long Brooks was taxed with the costs for speeding 65 miles an hour.

Johnny Clayton Andrews, pleading guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, was fined \$25, plus costs. Pleading guilty of speeding 68 miles an hour, James Edward Andrews was fined \$25, plus costs.

The case in which James Edward Taylor was charged with failing to stop for a traffic sign, was remanded to the justice of peace courts for trial.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs in the case in which James Woodrow Revels pleaded guilty of speeding.

James Edward Andrews was fined \$25, plus costs, for speeding 68 miles an hour.

Pleading not guilty, Willie Speller was adjudged guilty of an assault and the court taxed him with the costs.

Charged with speeding 50 miles in a 35-mile zone, James Cepha Rawls pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, he was fined \$25, plus costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs when William Curtis Little pleaded guilty of speeding.

Henry Clyde Price was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Pleading guilty of an assault and carrying a concealed weapon, Kelly Myrick was sentenced to the roads for ninety days.

At the end of the state's evidence in the case charging L. W. Cobb with an assault with a deadly weapon and being drunk and disorderly, the defense made a motion for a directed verdict of not guilty. The motion was allowed.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Walter Corey was adjudged guilty of assaulting a female, and was fined \$10, plus costs.

Pleading not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Floyd Lanier was adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin the third Monday in November.

### Teacher Resignations In Jamesville School

Two teacher positions in the Jamesville schools were made vacant this week when Mrs. Carson, head of the music department, and Mrs. Janet Tyson Kennedy, seventh grade teacher, tendered their resignations.

They commuted from their homes in Greenville last year, and it is thought they resigned to accept employment nearer home. The positions have not been filled.

## Making Plans For Second Annual County Fair Here

Preliminary plans are well advanced for holding the annual Martin County Fair in Williamston this fall. Manager Fletcher Thomas announced following a recent meeting of the executive committee. The committee is made up of members of the Williamston Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, the sponsoring organizations.

Planned to raise funds to complete the construction of the Boy Scout Hut on South Smithwick Street and other projects sponsored by the two clubs, the fair is being planned a more extensive scale this year, Mr. Thomas explained.

Sub-committees have been named, and with the experience gained last year, the sponsors are certain they can improve on and

offer this section a bigger and better fair this fall. "We want to improve every department, especially the farm and home departments," Mr. Thomas pointed out, adding that he has already been assured a stronger support by various clubs, organizations and individuals in making the fair a successful one.

The entertainment program is being advanced on a much larger scale than the one last year, but the event, from one end to the other, will pass minute inspections, it was declared.

Progress in planning the event will be announced from time to time. During the meantime, exhibitors are asked to make plans for their exhibits and to join wholeheartedly into the project.

## Silas House Died Early Wednesday In Robersonville

### Funeral Being Held At His Home There This Afternoon

Silas House, prominent county citizen and retired Robersonville business man, died at his home there yesterday morning at 7:00 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He had been confined to his bed for about a year, but Tuesday evening he was thought to be feeling better than usual and slept well until about 6:30 o'clock Wednesday morning when he suffered a relapse and died a few minutes later.

The son of the late Berry A. and Acca Phillips House, he was born near Robersonville, and spent his early life on the farm. He later located in Robersonville where he engaged in the mercantile business for many years. He was married to Ora Taylor of Pitt County in 1912.

Surviving besides Mrs. Taylor are two brothers, Lester and Thomas House of Robersonville.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by Elder Wm. E. Grimes, assisted by the Rev. Wilbur Wallace, pastor of the Robersonville Christian Church. Interment will be in the Robersonville Cemetery.

## Auto Business Still Booming

The industrial history in the United States for nearly four decades has been shaped by the passionate love of the American for his automobile. Nineteen-fifty-two was no exception, and it appears that 1953 will carry on the story.

In a tabulation by the National City Bank of the largest American corporations on the basis of sales in 1952, the 25 largest corporations are shown to have sold \$56,635,000,000 worth of goods. And of this, 42 one-half per cent—or \$24,150,000,000—was credited directly to automotive business.

First-half 1953 has seen automobiles made at a record pace, but now come reports that used cars which must be sold before the dealer gets home with his profit—are piling up on lots. The automobile industry is sure it can sell all the cars it makes this year, but chances are that the second half will see cutbacks in production.

## THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

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

Weeks In'd Killed Damage				
1953	2	1	0	\$ 35
1952	4	3	0	1,850
Comparisons To Date				
1953	111	35	3	\$29,060
1952	137	74	1	45,665

## INTERRUPTION

Scheduled before but postponed to meet an emergency, a two-hour interruption in power service has been planned by the Va. Electric and Power Company for Sunday morning, July 19, beginning about 4:00 o'clock.

Announcing the scheduled service interruption company officials explained that the main circuits feeding most of Martin and all Washington and Tyrrell Counties had to be moved to make room for another unit now being built by the Williamston Storage Corporation, just off Washington Street.

## Enters Hospital At Greensboro

Robert Jacques Kloeti, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Kloeti, was removed to Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital, Greensboro, yesterday morning for treatment of poliomyelitis. Suffering with a virus infection, the little fellow had some polio symptoms, but if it is polio the case is a mild one, doctors said. While he is being confined to the bed most of the time, he is able to walk and has use of all his faculties. There is a tautness of the back muscles, but he is undergoing treatment which will relieve that condition, doctors said. He was placed under a physician's care last week when he ran a temperature at intervals. When the fever returned early this week, he was removed to a hospital where doctors, to be on the safe side, treated the case as if it were poliomyelitis. The transfer to the Greensboro hospital was made yesterday morning.

A report from the Greensboro hospital this afternoon indicated his condition was improved, and it is possible that if he continues to respond to treatment, he'll be able to return home within a comparatively short time.

Miss Milam, nurse in the hospital, said that Jacques already had been taken out of isolation, and that he was getting along just fine, that he was making friends quickly with many of the more than 100 other children receiving treatment in the hospital there.

It could not be learned definitely, but it is possible that his parents will return home shortly.

Health authorities point out that there is nothing to cause undue alarm, and it is not considered necessary to suspend any public activities or close the pool. The most important thing is to have children and adults, too, to limit their exercise schedules and to get proper rest.

## Local Faculty Members Tender Resignations

Two members of the local school faculty tendered their resignations, and it is understood that one of the positions has already been filled. However, officials could not be contacted and details could not be had. Mrs. Sallie Walters, member of the high school English department for the past two years, resigned presumably to accept a position in the Beaufort County school system. Mrs. Ann Carson Cargile, eight grade teacher, also tendered her resignation a few days ago, it was learned.

## Main Street Bus Terminal Closed Here This Week

### Belk-Tyler Company Plans Construction Of Store On Station Site

Williamston's bus terminal, located on Main Street near the Washington Street intersection for a number of years, was closed late Tuesday evening to make room for the construction of a modern store building for Belk-Tyler.

Resident Manager Ernest Mears said yesterday that plans for the store had been completed, that possibly bids would be called for shortly. However, no definite information has been released by the home office in connection with project developments.

The closing of the terminal to bus operations has been pending for some time, but the dead line Tuesday evening left the operators with no place to go. The buses, operated by the four companies, used the site, but the station doors were closed to the public. No tickets were sold and bus express service was continued for the day. Passengers searched around for the best accommodations available.

Representatives of the company were contacted twice during the day yesterday, but no official statement could be had from them.

However, rumors were heard from various sources. It was reported that the terminal would be located, temporarily at least, on Washington Street next to the Carolina Warehouse. Accommodations there could not be checked there immediately, but apparently the bus operators plan to use the old Greene Oil Company filling station as an office and waiting room.

Several company officials, including Assistant Traffic Manager Richardson were here most of yesterday, but if they selected a definite location for the terminal, it was not disclosed. Owners of the property on North Smithwick Street just back of the George Reynolds Hotel have contacted the bus company officials in an effort to have the terminal located there. Just how far they have progressed with their plans could not be learned early today.

No concerted action has been advanced against the location of a terminal there, but individuals have pointed out that such an operation would aggravate a dangerous and congested condition already existing in the immediate area. Only recently, town officials proposed to widen the narrow street to accommodate the present traffic needs. The plan to widen the street was abandoned when strong opposition was voiced before a meeting of the town board.

Radio Station  
Moving Studio

Located in the Saunders building on South Smithwick Street since it was first opened, Radio Station WIAM is moving its studios and offices to Williamston's new office building on East Main Street near the post office.

Occupying several rooms on the second floor back of the new building, the station will move tomorrow morning. Chief Engineer McFarland is preparing for the switch and the station personnel and special help will move most of the broadcasting equipment to-night after the station goes off the air.

The business offices will be moved within the next day or two.

## Hearing Held In Seduction Case

Finding probable cause in the case in which Donnie Harold Long stands charged with seduction under the promise of marriage, Justice Chas. R. Mobley at a hearing held here last night, bound the 16-year-old lad over to the Martin County Superior Court for trial at the September term. The prosecuting witness, said to be 18 years of age, is Naomi Bryant who was quoted as saying the offense took place last January. Bond was required in the sum of \$500.

Long is employed by a Robersonville lumber company.

## Georgia Tobacco Markets Holding First Sale Today

### Prices Little Changed From Those Reported On The 1952 Opening

The twenty-three tobacco markets in the Georgia-Florida belt held their first sales of the current season this morning, preliminary reports declaring opening-day prices were little changed from those recorded on the first day of the 1952 marketing season. Producing an estimated 150,000,000 pounds, the Georgia farmers claim they have one of the best quality crops in several years.

Early estimates pointed to an average of about 52 cents for the belt, a figure slightly above the 49.2 cents reported on opening day last year.

Prices were ranging from five to 65 cents a pound during the morning.

A direct report from Mr. E. G. Anderson, warehouse operator on the Moultrie market, gave the official average there for the first two selling hours at \$51.60. Mr. Anderson said that the quality there was only fair, that while there was some good tobacco on the floors, most of the first-day offerings were harvested ahead of the rains. "We are expecting better quality leaf from now on out," Mr. Anderson said at noon today.

Considering the drop of about three cents a pound in the support price, farmers were well pleased with their first sales, Mr. Anderson explained.

A report on early sales at Valdosta placed the general average

## Supply Of Gamma Globulin Limited

The heavy demand for gamma globulin in the fight against measles and infectious hepatitis has been placed in the hands of the National Office of Defense Mobilization, it was announced a short time ago.

The Martin County Health Department has distributed gamma globulin in this county, but its supply has been reduced to just about an absolute minimum. Distribution, according to unofficial but reliable information, will be limited to epidemic areas for the most part.

It has been pointed out that the inadequate response made by the American Red Cross for blood in past months is partly responsible for the limited supply of gamma globulin now. What little gamma globulin is now available is being made available to physicians through the State and county health departments.

## National Guard To Recruit Men

Officers of the local National Guard unit announced today that they are opening an intensive recruiting campaign to build up strength prior to the annual summer camp at Camp Stewart, Ga. from August 15 through August 30th. Radio and newspaper advertising is being planned and cash prizes are being offered to the men in the unit who bring in the most recruits from now until the 3rd of August.

Young men who have had no previous military service are reminded that if they join the National Guard before they become 18½ years of age they will not be subject to the draft. Men who have recently been discharged from the services are reminded that by joining the National Guard they can continue their training at home and get pay and possibly promotion during a time when they are still in the reserve for a period of five years.

Many young men have found in the National Guard an opportunity to attend army schools and learn a trade with the army paying their salary while they learn. For example, a young man attending an automobile mechanics school or a radio school, would be paid just as if he was in the army while in school.

Young men who are interested in joining the National Guard are requested to call 3132 or see Ben Selby at the Williamston Water Plant on Sycamore Street.

## Tobacco In This Area Leaf Spot Threatens

### HARVESTER

One of the most unique machines placed in use on a farm in this county is now operating in the tobacco fields on the Holliday farms in Jamesville Township.

Designated "The Thing", the tobacco harvester has promise, and its designer-maker, Jim Brown Holliday, is well pleased with the first operations.

Manned by nine persons, the machine takes the tobacco from the stalk, bundles it for the looper who stacks it away for transfer to a waiting vehicle.

It can harvest between 1200 and 1500 stalks per day, and the work is not strenuous, the workers declare.

## Predicts China's Millions Plan To Revolt Eventually

### Not Satisfied With Communism And Not Interested In Kaisehek

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Washington.—The fate of China and the hardships of China's people, are a lesson for all world students to observe, according to Thai editor Sang-Ad Bangchong-Silpa, now touring the United States as guest of our government. Mr. Silpa has a first-hand knowledge of the Chinese people, for several million Chinese live in Thailand. Many have relatives in China, and at one time Thailand's people lived in what is now part of China.

This newspaper's Washington reporter asked Mr. Silpa whether the Chinese people are today satisfied with Communism. He said: "I don't think they are satisfied with Communism at all. But unless something substantial is offered them, I do not think they will be willing to take Chiang Kai-shek back either."

What is the lesson to be learned from the loss of China? Here is Silpa's answer:

"I think the lesson to be learned is that of all the world's people, the Chinese are the most individual. They don't care for anything but themselves. Ninety-nine per cent of the people believe in the doctrine of Confucius. It's a doctrine of individualism."

"It is actually directly contrary to Communism—black and white really. After two thousand years of believing in Confucius, they turned Communist overnight. Why? The answer is the tremendous suffering of the people. Since the 1911 revolution the people have been badly overtaxed. During the former regime (Kai-shek's) the people were sometimes taxed for ninety-nine years in advance."

"That government was in many places, too corrupt. Sometimes the officials actually sold arms to their Communist enemies, the same arms furnished by American aid. The people were ready for anything to relieve that situation. "But in turning to the Communists, and believing their promises, the people jumped from the frying pan into the fire. No."

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## Rufus S. Wynne Now In Alaska

With U. S. Forces in Alaska.—Pvt. Rufus S. Wynne, whose wife, Christine, lives on Route 3, Box 269, Williamston, N. C., is serving with the 68th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Group in Alaska.

Private Wynne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wynne of Williamston, entered the Army in November 1949.

A graduate of Williamston High School, he was a farmer in civilian life.

Army units in Alaska receive intensive field training while providing security for the northern approaches to Canada and the U. S.

## General Increase In Phone Rentals Allowed Company

### Local Telephone Bills Will Carry Approximately 25-Cent Increase

As of July 13, telephone subscribers in this immediate area will pay approximately twenty-five cents more each month for their telephones, not to mention higher long distance charges. The increased rates were allowed this week by the North Carolina State Utilities Commission, and will add \$537,210 more to the income for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The new rates as announced follow:

Williamston—Private business line, \$8.75; two-party business line, \$8.00; four-party business line, \$7.25; multiple business party line, \$6; private residence line, \$4.25; two-party residence line, \$3.75; four-party residence line, \$3.50; and multiple party residence line, \$3.75, plus 60 cents for each additional five-mile zone beyond the basic area.

Telephone serves in the Robersonville area will carry the following rates: Private business line, \$7.75; two-party business line, \$7; four-party business line, \$6.25; multiple party business line, \$5.25; private residence line, \$4; two-party residence line, \$3.50; four-party residence line, \$3.25; and multiple party residence line, \$3.50.

In the Hamilton area, the following rates are now in effect: private business line, \$7.50; four-party business line, \$5.75; multiple party business line, \$5.25; four-party residence, \$3.25; and multiple party residence, \$3.50.

The rates do not include the federal tax which varies according to the type of line.

The company asked permission to increase its rates to bring in an additional \$2,150,000 annually, or a return of 7.50 percent on its investment of \$33,936,705.

Last April 24, the company was allowed to increase its long distance charges to add \$235,000 to its revenue.

The Utilities Commission, taking the long distance increase into consideration, held the \$2,150,000 request to \$537,210.00. The commission, apparently satisfied no one, the company saying the increase is not enough to maintain expansion, and customers maintaining that the rates are too high, that many will be forced to discontinue the service.

Simultaneously with the new rate schedule announcement, President Hui of the company warned that "it no doubt would be necessary to make further applications for relief to the Commission."

## Returns From The Far East Theater

Long Beach, Calif. (FHTNC)—The destroyers USS James E. Keyes, Eversole and Shelton, and the radar picket destroyer USS Higbee returned here June 28th completing a tour of combat duty in the Far East.

Aboard the James E. Keyes is Bennie E. Cullipher, boilerman third class, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie S. Cullipher of RFD 3, Williamston, N. C.

Operating as units of Destroyer Division 31 with fast carrier Task Force 77 the ships participated in the Naval bombardment and blockade of North Korea.

Leaving the states in Nov. 1952, the ships made brief stops at Pearl Harbor, Midway and Yokosuka, Japan, en route to the combat zone.

## Baptist Hour On Radio Station

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is the featured speaker on the Baptist Hour each Sunday afternoon over Station WIAM, Williamston.

Sponsored by the Baptist churches in this county, the special program, a part of a nationwide schedule, is heard each Sunday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock over the local radio station. The series will continue through September 27, it was announced.

## Disease Causing Much Concern In This County Now

Leaf spot joined other diseases and pests almost overnight to threaten the tobacco crop in this county, reports reaching here yesterday and today declaring that farmers are greatly alarmed over the potential damage and their inability to cope with the most recent threat.

Traced to excess nitrogen in the leaf tissues, the spots appear overnight, striking close to the stem. No larger than a match stem at first, the spot becomes larger quickly and spreads to join other spots, causing portions of the leaf to rot and fall out. Farmers explain that the leaf spot is affecting the curing process and lowering the quality.

The spot, having a brown appearance at first, was noticed in a limited portion of a field by Farmer John Whitley a month ago, but it was not until this week that the spot appeared on an extensive scale, late reports declaring that it was "popping out" all over county and from end of the fields to the other. It is not limited to the leaves or a certain section of the stalk, but extends from top to bottom, it was explained.

If the tobacco is harvested before the spot becomes of any size, the cured leaf shows the damage, one farmer said.

Concerned about the spread of the leaf spot, farmers Henry S. Johnson, Jr., of Hamilton, Ira Rogers of Williamston, W. B. and Paul Harrington, Justus Coltrain of Griffins, J. R. Winslow and Kenneth Roberson of Robersonville, C. U. Rogers of Bear Grass, Mack Bowen, Dan Peel, Reuben Everett, Roy Cullipher and others from various parts of the county have submitted damaged leaves for inspection. Appeals have been made to laboratories in Raleigh and it is fairly certain that the spot is the result of excess nitrogen in the tissue.

It is believed that the hot sunshine following rains some few days ago aggravated the condition. Possibly the cool weather during more recent days also had something to do with the condition. Farmers explained that the harvest schedule has been curtailed as much as fifty percent this week, that the tobacco turned back green.

While other diseases and pests are present in the county, they are fairly well under control for the most part, and are causing no great concern. However, the leaf spot could exact a tremendous toll if it continues to spread as rapidly as it has since the early part of this week, it was explained.

## Change Hour For Bible School Commencement

The commencement for the Bible School being held in the tent, sponsored by Memorial Baptist Church, will be held Friday morning at 10:30 instead of Friday night as was formerly announced.

## LOST?

A new railroad overpass on Williamston's West Main Street apparently has been lost in the political shuffle up in Raleigh.

Faithfully promised and arranged for by the Scott administration, the overpass was just before being included in the meetings when the new administration took over. Nothing has been heard from the project in some time. Lettings on other highway projects are being scheduled regularly, but plans for construction on work in this area seem to have been lost.

It has been learned that the new administration is rushing plans to move the State Highway Patrol radio station to Greenville.