

## C. B. Williams Pleads Innocent In Peanut Case

### Probable Cause Of Guilt Found And \$2,000 Bond Required

Probable cause of guilt appearing, C. B. (Candy Cake) Williams, young colored man, was bound over to the superior court for trial in connection with the wholesale theft of peanuts from a local warehouse last January. Justice Chas. R. Mobley fixed bond in the sum of \$2,000 and Williams, unable to arrange bond, was returned to jail. Williams, said to have left here soon after the case was "broken" last January, was arrested in Virginia last week and returned here.

Williams, through his attorney, Edgar Gurganus, pleaded not guilty. Attorneys E. S. Peel and Clarence W. Griffin represented the private prosecution at the hearing.

Williams, said to have denied having any knowledge whatever about the theft which possibly added up to 500 bags of peanuts, was definitely identified as one of four men who borrowed the truck from Julius Williams, aged colored man of Bertie County. The truck was stopped soon after it left the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse the morning of January 25, and seventy or seventy-one bags of peanuts were recovered.

Williams, charged with aiding and abetting in the thefts, is at liberty in \$1,500 bond along with William Henry Brown and Oscar Burnette. Williams, at the hearing held in the courtroom last evening, said C. B. Williams came to his home on January 23 and asked him about hauling some peanuts. Julius Williams explained that it was mighty late, and that the lights on his truck were out of order. The younger Williams talked with his partners and told the older man they would see him later. Young Williams, according to the older man, returned the following night, borrowed the truck and drove it away. Julius Williams explained that he did not see it any more until it was parked back of the police station here.

On cross examination, the older Williams again identified the younger man, and said there were three boys with Williams, that they talked nice and seemed to talk nice he lent them his truck.

William Bonds, the only other witness called by the State, also identified Williams, explaining that Williams and two others boys went to his home on or about January 23 and that he showed them where Julius Williams lived. He said that C. B. Williams did not return to his (Bonds') home on Saturday night before the theft was discovered the following morning.

The case, one of the largest thefts reported in this county in years, has been continued in the courts since last March, pending the arrest and return of young Williams.

## Transferred To A Local Hospital From Richmond

A patient in a Richmond hospital since June 20, Mr. Henry D. Harrison was transferred by ambulance to a local hospital Sunday. He stood the trip well and continues to hold his own, but he is not able to have company. Mr. Harrison suffered an attack at his home here June 20.

## TOBACCO CARDS

Tobacco marketing cards are being mailed to farmers in this county this week, preparatory to the opening of the markets on Thursday of next week.

Unofficial reports declare that several hundred cards have already been delivered to farmers who called for them in person at the office of the county agent. It is apparent that much Martin County tobacco has been and is being moved to the border markets. Some good sales and some sales that were not so good have been reported by Martin farmers visiting the markets to the south.

## Thirty Car Caravan Will Roll Next Friday Morning

Sponsored by the Williamston Boosters in cooperation with the several warehouses here, the Williamston Tobacco Market caravan will roll through much of this county next Friday morning, it was announced by Ed Grady, executive secretary of the sponsoring organization.

Plans, while not completed to the last detail, are shaping up rapidly for the tour. Approximately thirty vehicles are definitely lined up for the trip, and the event is expected to be one of the largest to run their route in years. The tour will feature brief programs by Professor J. Butler and his Green Wave Band. There will be special favors and a brief message at each of the several scheduled stops.

## SCRAPPINGS

With sixty percent of the harvest already completed, about thirty percent of the remaining tobacco farmers scrapping the fields for the final tobacco "pulling" this week. It is fairly certain that most of the remaining ten percent will complete the harvest next week, leaving a few stragglers with a little of the crop to be housed the following week.

## Prices Climb On Georgia Markets

Average prices by grades continued steady to slightly higher last week for Georgia-Florida flue-cured tobacco. Volume of sales was heavy, however, several markets were out of "block" by the end of the week. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports quality of offerings was lower compared with the previous week.

Gross sales for the week ending August 7 totaled 46,680,255 pounds and averaged \$51.52 per hundred—\$1.11 under last week and the lowest since the two-day opening week. Sales for the season reached 165,410,895 pounds averaging \$51.94. For the same number of sales days last year 150,731,638 gross had been sold for an average of \$50.96.

Higher average prices were shown for nondescript marketings and most lower quality leaf grades. Increases were mainly \$1.00 to \$3.00 a hundred pounds. Better quality offerings remained generally unchanged. Several losses of around \$1.00 were noted.

Prior and low quality leaf tobacco showed an increase in percentage. Predominating sales were poor to fair leaf, fair lugs and nondescript.

Stabilization Corporation receipts under the Government loan program amounted to around 1.2 percent of gross sales for the week. For the season August 5 deliveries amounted to 4,933,319 pounds or 3.3 percent.

August 12 has been set as the closing date for Quitman and Habersham, Georgia and Jasper, Florida.

## Youth Baffling County Officers

A 16-year-old colored youth, Jiffton Earl Brown, is baffling county officers.

Leaving a daring crime trail in his wake, the boy has been booked for various law violations across the county, the record extending into surrounding counties.

Treated as a juvenile delinquent, Brown has escaped or evaded officers at least four times. He slipped through the fingers of county officers several weeks ago, and more recently he escaped from Hoffman Training School three times.

Last Wednesday night he broke into E. W. Elks' place of business in Robersonville and allegedly stole seven cartons of cigarettes. It was reported that he had stolen shoes and other clothing from homes in the Robersonville area.

Given a preliminary hearing held before Justice H. S. Everett last Thursday, Brown was booked for trial in the superior court next month. Unable to arrange \$500 bond, he continues in the county jail.

Those participating in the tour this year are being asked to report to the warehouse center at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. The caravan is to start rolling not later than 9:00 o'clock. The first stop will be made in Hamilton at 9:25 o'clock. The remainder of the morning schedule follows: Oak City, 9:55; Hassell, 10:25; Gold Point, 10:45; Everetts, 11:15 and on into Williamston for lunch. That afternoon the caravan will get going at 1:45 o'clock and adhere to the following schedule: Bear Grass, 2:00 o'clock; Farm Life, 2:35; Jamesville, 3:25 and Dardens, 3:55 o'clock.

The public is invited to make the tour, and an invitation is extended to the people of the several communities to take off a few minutes for the programs.

## Jaycees Taping Vehicle Bumpers

The Williamston Jaycees have come up with an idea that promises to make the automobile bumper something more than a device for bending fenders. With the application of reflective tape, the bumper becomes an effective means by which night-time accidents can actually be prevented.

The "Lite-A-Bumper" program currently promoted by the Junior effort to reduce the hazard of night driving on our streets and highways—which anyone will agree, are hazardous enough at best.

Endorsed by local safety authorities, the reflectorization program merit the support of every motorist. Anything that will aid night-time visibility on the highways will help reduce one of the great dangers of motor travel. The end purpose of such a campaign is to help save lives.

The secret of the reflective tape used by the Jaycees in their program is in its construction—thousands of tiny glass lenses, embedded in plastic, which serve as a multitude of tiny mirrors, reflecting the headlights of oncoming cars.

The red reflective tape applied to the rear bumpers "lights up" cars and trucks that are parked or stalled along the street or highway—even when their tail lights are not operative.

Four times as many errors of judgment were made upon seeing a truck, for example, with tail lights only, as when seeing a truck with tail lights combined with reflectorization.

For all speed and lighting conditions, much less time—hence shorter distance traveled—is required for a motorist to detect the motion of a reflectorized vehicle than a non-reflectorized one.

The small fee of \$1.00 for each reflectorized bumper under the new program is a worthwhile investment which affords immediate benefits to motorists, as well as eventual benefits to the kids on the bikes.

A taping station for applying the reflective tape has been arranged at Belk Tylers lot (old bus station lot) and will be manned by a crew of Jaycees members Saturday August 1 from 8:30 to 6:00 p. m.

## Final Plans Made For Band Concert

Final plans were completed over the week-end and a full rehearsal held last night in the band room for the Summer concert of the Green Wave Band of Williamston High School, to be presented in the ball park here on Thursday evening of this week at 8:00 p. m.

The band will be stationed on the infield of the baseball diamond facing the grandstand so that the grandstand as well as bleachers may be used by the audience.

The program contains a varied fare of music, marches, overtures, pop tune, rhythm novelty, etc., to suit the taste of all. The program is without charge and the public is cordially invited.

The annual picnic of the band and band parents will be held on Tuesday, August 18, on the high school grounds, it has been announced.

## Funeral Held At The Home Sunday For Mrs. Bennett

### Prominent Citizen Died At Her Home Near Williamston Saturday

Funeral services were conducted at the home near Williamston on the McCaskey Road Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock for Mrs. Fannie Malissa Bennett who died there last Saturday morning at 9:50 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some time.

A daughter of the late John and Lucy Knox Bland, she was born in Pitt County 55 years ago, and spent her early life there. She was first married to Henry Harrison, and her second marriage was to Frank C. Bennett, well-known farmer and warehouseman before his death a number of years ago.

Locating in this county near Williamston following her marriage, Mrs. Bennett had made many friends in her adopted community, and played the role of a devoted mother and wife and a thoughtful neighbor.

Surviving her second marriage are two daughters Mrs. Halford House of Robersonville, Mrs. Harry Smith of the home; four sons, Ronald and Gene Bennett of the home, Frank Richmond Bennett and Melvin Bennett of Raleigh; three stepchildren, Jasper Bennett of Williamston, Garland Bennett of Norfolk, and Mrs. G. L. Graham of Atlanta; eight grandchildren; and one brother, Hosea Bland of Oak City, and a sister, Mrs. Thelma Rogers of Robersonville.

The Rev. T. E. Walston, pastor of the Williamston Methodist Church, conducted the funeral service, and interment was in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

## Loans Available To Stock Raisers

Emergency livestock loans, authorized by recent legislation, are now available to eligible farmers in North Carolina. J. B. Slack, Farmers Home Administration State Director, announced today.

These loans will be made to established producers and feeders of cattle, sheep and goats, provided they have good records to obtain needed credit from other sources to continue their normal operations. Such loans will not be made to carry on commercial feed lot operations, to refinance existing debts except for payment of current incidental bills, or to enable a borrower to start livestock operations.

Special livestock loans will bear 5 percent interest and may be made for periods up to 3 years. Borrowers will be expected to repay the loans as rapidly as they can. Each loan must be secured in the full amount by the personal obligation and available security of the borrower. The Government will not require present creditors to subordinate their lines, but borrowers will be expected to obtain standby agreements from their present creditors so they will have a chance to work out of their difficulties. Also, present creditors must be willing for a portion of the borrower's livestock income to be paid on the Government loan.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taff Benson has designated the Farmers Home Administration as the agency to handle this emergency credit program, and has made Administrator R. B. McLeish administratively responsible for it at the national level. However, all loans must be approved by the special livestock loan committees appointed by Secretary.

To serve as a temporary State special livestock loan committee for North Carolina, Secretary Benson has named the following: J. B. Slack, State Director, Farmers Home Administration; D. S. Weaver, State Director of Extension, and G. T. Scott, Chairman, State PMA Committee. This temporary committee was named in order to speed up processing of applications for assistance. Application forms may be obtained at any county office of the Farmers Home Administration. They may be filed with the local county FHA supervisor or directly with the state special livestock loan committee.

## Highway Patrol To Maintain Master Radio Station Here

### Military Draft Not Affected By Truce In Korea

### Authorities Say End Of The Shooting Means No Let-Down In Cold War

Washington.—Military authorities are hastening to make it clear that young men of draft age may expect no deferment because of the Korean truce.

Draft quotas may even be increased within a year, according to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Director.

At the same time, servicemen present and future have been given assurance that men in uniform will not be used as labor battalions in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Korea.

Combat Readiness This assurance comes from the White House itself to put an end to talk originating in a State Department press conference by Secretary John Foster Dulles that combat troops now in Korea might be used in the rebuilding of that war-devastated land.

The report that Mr. Dulles appeared to be thinking in that direction shocked Congress and the Pentagon into immediate expostulation. Legislators jumped to their feet on the floor of the Senate. The Pentagon registered surprise and disapproval.

Although the impression was given at the Dulles conference that the White House backed the plan, the official statement disputes that and explains that United States armed forces remaining in Korea will give only "technical assistance" to the South Korean Government.

"The primary mission of our military personnel there is defense," the statement declared. "They are going to be rested, trained, and kept in a high degree of combat readiness."

Just how the wires between the White House and the State Department became crossed on this issue is not clear. But there was no doubt among those attending the Dulles press conference that he envisaged South Korean reconstruction as a proper and healthy necessity for United States forces, with the new Korea a propaganda show-place of the free world.

The White House statement, denying any such intention came on the heels of protests from both Republicans and Democrats on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Draft Due to Continue But as far as legitimate military service is concerned, teenagers may expect business as usual. High military authorities are taking particular pains to quash any wishful thinking that the end of the Korean shooting means a letdown in the cold war.

Quite the contrary, they say. Even if a peace should develop out of the truce, they hold no hope of any escape from military service for those who become draft eligible.

This appears to blight the prospect held out by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson last July that a truce might mean draft call reductions of 5,000 to 6,000 a month within 90 days after the signing.

It apparently means that the military men don't see it that way at all, for shortly after this came Maj. Gen. Louis B. Hershey's statement to the contrary. "Pinch in Manpower He feels it would be unfortunate to let young men believe their plans for the future hinge on the truce. I would tell these young people that Congress has placed a two-year obligation on them, and they are going to live up to it."

Even the most optimistic manpower experts in the Defense Department look for a sharp pinch in service manpower within 40 months. Selective Service officials, watching the potential defense manpower pool steadily ebb, see the pinch as arriving even sooner, at least within the fiscal year 1953-54.

A sharp pinch, such as General Hershey has forecast, would require either a new presidential directive on draft standards or a change in the draft laws.

## HOME ECONOMIST



Miss Doris Strickland entered upon her new duties as homes for the Virginia Electric and Power Company here last week. A native of Halifax, Miss Strickland, following her graduation from Weldon High School, entered East Carolina College, Greenville, and received her B. S. degree in home economics there last May. Since that time she has been receiving training in Richmond for her new duties. Heading up the work in the Company's Albemarle District, Miss Strickland will gladly assist house wives in handling electrical appliances and working with groups and dealers in staging demonstrations in electrical equipment.

## Minor Accidents On County Roads

No one was injured and property damage was limited to a few hundred dollars in a series of three or four accidents on the highways and streets in this county last week-end.

Mrs. Clarence Britton was making a right turn off Highway 64 just west of Williamston last Thursday afternoon during a rain when her 1947 Oldsmobile was struck by a 1951 Dodge driven by Mrs. Lillian Ruth Haislip. Mrs. Britton was said to have suffered a slight neck injury. Damage to the Olds was estimated at \$50 and that to the Dodge at \$150.

Driving south on Highway 17 about eight miles out of Williamston early last Saturday afternoon, Harvey Williams applied brakes on his 1950 Pontiac and the machine skidded and turned over. The car came to a stop on its top, but the driver was not injured. Damage to the machine was estimated at \$400.

There was a minor accident in Parmele Sunday night, and another on Williamston's main St., last Saturday. Damage was negligible in each accident and no one was injured, according to unofficial reports.

## Former Resident Killed On Road

Gus Andrews, former resident of the Parmele section, was run down and killed on a highway leading out of Bethel toward Flat Swamp about 10:00 o'clock last Saturday night. Officers are investigating the hit-and-run crime, but no developments had been reported early today.

It is believed that one car struck and knocked Andrews down the road about fifty or sixty feet and left him in the road, and that another car struck him a short time later. Andrews was about 38 years old.

## Robbery Attempt Foiled By Officers

An attempt to break through the rear door of Leder Brothers' store on Main Street here between 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock last Sunday morning was interrupted by members of the night force, according to information released by the police department.

The door was intact at 4:00 o'clock that morning but within an hour, the officers found a glass had been broken next to the lock in the back door.

## Sixteen Called From County To Enter Services

### Two Other Martin Young Men Volunteer And Join Army Today

Sixteen Martin County young men were called a few days ago to report this morning for final induction in the armed forces. In addition to that group, two young men, who had previously reported their military training behind them.

A pre-induction call for ten men is pending for August 25. In September, ten men are to answer a pre-induction call. It was learned, however, that no men are to be called to report for final induction next month.

The names of those volunteering for service include:

Leslie Collins Mouran (colored), and Douglas Clinton Ebron (colored), both of Williamston.

The names of those called, 11 white and five colored, to answer the draft call are:

White Robert Fisher Goff (white), of Williamston, Billy Saunders Allsbrook (white), of Williamston, Elmer Guy Carrow of Williams-

Nathan Bryant Lilley, RFD 1, Jamesville.

James Arnesters Long, RFD 1, Williamston.

Henry Sylvester Sawyer, Jamesville and Stokes.

William Davis Stevenson, RFD 1, Palmyra, and Creswell.

Gussie Shelton Bunting, Robersonville.

James Woodrow Revels, RFD 1, Williamston.

Hubert Cherry Chesson, RFD 3, Williamston and Robersonville.

Gurnie Preston Hughes, Jr., Williamston.

Colored Edward Anderson Chance, Parmele.

Henry Odell Close, Oak City, Forrest Barnhill, Williamston, Charles Henry Fields, RFD 1, Palmyra.

Josiah Lee Jones, formerly of RFD 1, Robersonville, was transferred to a draft board in New York City.

Hughes and Chance did not report and they are being instructed to accompany another group from the county to Raleigh on August 25 for final induction.

## Tobacco Curing Barns Damaged

Two tobacco curing barns were damaged in this county last week-end by lightning and another by fire. The damage was comparatively light in each case, it was said.

Striking a barn on the Mary Cherry farm near Williamston, lightning damaged an oil burner and cracked the foundation of another. Damage there was limited to a few dollars.

Approximately seven hundred sticks of green tobacco were damaged when an oil burner went out of control in a barn on the W. M. Harrison farm in Bear Grass Township last Friday morning. The tobacco was too green to spread the fire, but it was scorched and burned as if it had been struck by a blow torch. A number of sticks were burned in two and a few tier poles were almost charred, but the barn itself did not catch fire. The loss was covered by insurance.

It was planned to erect another (Continued on page eight)

## Badly Hurt In Freak Accident

Turner Hines, 48-year-old colored employee of the Standard Fertilizer Company plant on Roanoke River here, was badly injured in an accident there yesterday noon. He suffered several rib fractures and a back injury, possibly one or more disc fractures, according to an unofficial report.

Hines was pushing fertilizer materials into a hopper when a power digger, driven by Arthur Lee Jones, came up behind him. It is believed the brakes failed or the machine skidded, catching Hines in the back and mashing him against the elevator hopper or shaft.

He was removed by ambulance to a local hospital where he was reported this morning to be resting fairly comfortably.

Three of the sixteen were white and the ages of the group ranged from 16 to 55 years.