

## Record Number Of Speeders Carried Into County Court

**Fines Add Up To \$200 And Cost Amount To \$991 At Monday Session**

Alleged speeders had their regular convention in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday when Judge H. O. Peele presided, imposing sentences in the amount of \$200. Forty-three cases were booked and the costs added up to \$991.5. The cases, accumulating during the two weeks the court was idle while the superior tribunal was in session, are believed to have set a record figure.

Many of the speeders were rushing back home following vacations spent in Florida. There were one or two from as far away as Minnesota and Iowa, and others were found closer home.

Pleading guilty of speeding in excess of 65 miles an hour, the following were fined \$10 and taxed with the court costs: Owen Victor Gallentine of Edenton Marine Base, Samuel Harold Armour of White Plains, N. Y., Leon Steinberg of Lawrence, Long Island, N. Y., George Ross Goldner of Westburg, N. Y., Mary C. Dettleson of Excelsior, Minnesota, Charles A. Dickenson of Hamburg, N. Y., William A. Riggott of Charleston, S. C., Nathan Kruppnick of Paterson, N. J., Steve Elias-Stevenson of RFD 1, Williamston, Arthur Rollins of RFD 2, Robersonville, James Edgar Myers of Williamston, Linwood Earl Woolard of Washington, William Thomas Nagel of Wierton, W. Va., Edgar Lee Savage of Williamston and Edward L. Boyd of RFD 1, Pinetown.

James A. Outerbridge of Chantute Field, Illinois, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs for speeding 60 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone. George Loris of Jersey City, N. J., was also fined \$25, plus costs, for speeding 70 miles an hour.

The following, charged with speeding but not in excess of 65 miles an hour, were each taxed with the costs:

Silas N. Greenberg of New Haven, Conn., Cleveland Manning of Williamston, Wilford W. Smith of Cherry Point, Adolph Volker of Hillside, N. J., Joseph Edward Fair of Camp Lejeune, Lloyd Calvin Sullivan of Scranton, Pa., Sol Rose, a private detective of Jamaica, N. Y., William Robert Walker of Orlando, Fla., Alfred G. Scattergood of Villanova, Pa., Woody Leslie Pritchett, Fleet Post Office, New York, Anthony J. Seminaia of Belmont, Mass., Jas. Howard Dodd of North Canton, Ohio, Jesse Glenn Moore of Robersonville, Donald Ray Palmer of Waterloo, Iowa, Wm. O. Griffin, Jr., of Baltimore, George V. Moody of Poplarville, Mass., Frederick George Moore of Cherry Point, Betty Jean Bell of Elizabeth City, Jos. R. Harrell of RFD 4, Windsor, John Paulous Johnson of Norfolk, James Edward Davenport of Tarboro, Mary H. Morris

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## Robersonville's Pow-Pow Robbed

Breaking through the front door, robbers entered the Pow-Pow snack bar on the outskirts of Robersonville sometime during Tuesday night and carried away about \$2 in cash, a box of cigars and a carton of cigarettes.

The robber threw his weight against the door, tearing away part of the facing to gain an entrance. The piccolo was damaged, but the money box was not reached.

## Child Suffers An Attack Yesterday

A three-year-old colored child, Annie Delores Ampley, suffered an unusual attack at her home in Robersonville Township yesterday morning. The early symptoms pointed to polio, but a later diagnosis dismissed the case as being polio, according to reports reaching here this morning.

The attack victim was unable to walk or even sit up soon after she was stricken, but by late yesterday afternoon she became active again.

## Candidates For County Judge



Much interest is centering in the contest for judge of the Martin County Recorder's Court with Herbert O. Peele, incumbent (left), and Henry S. Everett, of Robersonville, in the race for the office.

## Early Care For Mentally Ill Is Important Need

Many In Mental Hospitals Could Have Been Saved By Early Treatment

Mary Jane Ward, author of "The Snake Pit", declared today that many of the people now in mental hospitals could have been saved by early treatment.

In a statement issued in connection with Mental Health Week, May 2 to 8, Miss Ward pointed out that "if we are to benefit from the medical profession's ever-growing ability to prevent and cure mental illness, we must provide adequate facilities for practice, for further research and for training."

"For several years," she said, "many of us have known that the medical profession has developed treatment procedures that are effective if provided early in the acute phase of mental illness. The remarkable results from this early treatment naturally stimulated more interest in the possibilities of prevention. Preventive treatment facilities are still very limited but there has been enough work in this field to indicate that a large percentage of mental illness cases can be prevented from becoming serious enough to require hospitalization."

"There has been more publicity about prevention and early treatment than there has been about new procedures for the long-established cases, but recent experimentation has demonstrated the value of providing medical treatment for patients formerly regarded as being eligible only for custodial care."

"Although the widening of psychiatric research has removed the ultimate solution of mental illness from the realm of wishful thinking, the advance of medical knowledge places an increasing responsibility upon the general public. If we are to benefit from the medical profession's ever-growing ability to prevent and cure mental illness, we must provide adequate facilities for practice, for further research and for training."

"Relatively few of us are in a position to offer professional services or large financial contributions, but all who are interested can contribute significantly to the mental health educational program."

"Again and again during the past year I have heard doctors and political leaders say there isn't a great deal any one professional

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## Badly Burned At Home Yesterday

Bernice Hamilton, 35 years old, was critically burned in her little shanty home on the G and H mill yard here shortly before noon yesterday. Suffering some kind of an attack, she fell on the stove, badly burning her left arm and leg and literally cooking her left hand. It was reported that possibly the left hand would have to be amputated.

It was the second or third time that she had suffered similar attacks and had fallen against stoves, it was said.

She was removed by ambulance to Duke Hospital this morning.

Wife of Cleve Hamilton, fireman at the mill, she came here about a year ago from Pamlico County.

## Little Business On The Town Board's Agenda

Little business, other than that of a routine nature, has been placed on the calendar for discussion at the regular meeting of the Williamston town commissioners next Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock, according to information gained from Clerk C. M. Cobb today.

## INSPECTION

Motor vehicle inspection, inaugurated this week on a voluntary basis, is meeting with general approval here and throughout the State, according to preliminary reports. Quite a few owners are having their cars inspected in the garages in this county, it was said.

During the first two days, approximately ten thousand cars were inspected in the State.

## Politics Warming Up In The County

The first outward sign of action in politics on a State level was reported in this county yesterday when the appointment of Joe R. Winslow, Robersonville Township farmer and member of the Martin County Board of Elections, to the managership of Alton Lennon's campaign for the United States Senate was announced. A few others, including Hugh G. Horton, Williamston attorney, were said to have been active in Lennon's campaign here yesterday.

Considering with the meetings in the Lennon camp was a meeting of the W. Kerr Scott committee in this county last evening. No detailed account of the meeting was released, but the session was attended by Henry G. Shelton, former district highway commissioner from Edgecombe County, and a number of business men and farmers from several sections of this county.

Politics on the local level is also warming up, and considerable interest was reported in the candidacy of Albert S. Peel, local man, for the second district solicitorship at meetings held in Robersonville and Hamilton early in the week.

## Mental Health Week Observance

Whereas, the period of May 2-8 has been designated as Mental Health Week in North Carolina, and

Whereas, there is an urgent need for an arousal of interest on the part of the general in the serious problem facing our State and nation, and

Whereas, there is an inadequate program and only meager facilities for helping and caring for the mentally ill,

I, therefore, proclaim May 2-8 as Mental Health Week in Williamston, and most earnestly urge all its citizens to work for and support all programs, looking to the relief and better care of the mentally ill, to be provided in the various institutions of our State.

This 28th day of April, 1954. Robt. H. Cowen, Mayor of Williamston.

## Registration For May 29th Primary Begins Saturday

No New Registration of Old Electorate Required This Year

The registration books for the May 29th Democratic primary will be open to new electors on Saturday of this week, it was announced today by Martin County Board of Elections Chairman C. D. Carstarphen. The registrars will be at the polling places or designated spots on each of the three coming Saturdays to receive new names. Registrations may be effected by special appointment on other days between May 1 and 15, it was explained. Saturday, May 22, the books will be opened for the challenge of any names wrongfully placed there. The question of party affiliation may be discussed also with the possibility that names may be removed where there is definite proof of a change in the registrant's party.

The books are to be open on each of the three Saturdays—May 1, 8 and 15—between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and sunset, and between 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. on May 22 for challenge of voters.

No new registration has been ordered, meaning that all those who voted in the last State election or whose names are on the books, will not find it necessary to register again. The registration is for those who will have attained their 21st birthday on or before next November 2, and those who have moved into the county from other areas since the last election.

It is estimated that a thousand or more are eligible to register in this county, and they are invited to see the registrar in their respective precinct and get their names on the books.

The names of the precinct registrars and the places they are to keep the books open as follows: F. C. Stallings, Jamesville, at town house and home, Grady Godard, Williams, at No. 30 Station, S. Oscar Peele, Griffins, at Jim Manning's store, J. P. Patters, L. Bear Grass, at home, Wendell Peele, Williamston No. 1, at courthouse, S. Harcum Grimes, Williams.

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## House-To-House Safety Appeals

In their spare time members of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol are to take safety appeals directly to the homes in this county.

The members of the patrol, making home calls at every opportunity, are to seek the cooperation of the residents. The householders will be asked to bend every effort to keep motor vehicles under their supervision within the speed limits. They will be asked to comply with all State motor vehicle laws to prevent accidents resulting from improper passing, following too closely, failing to stop at marked intersections, and parking on highways. The patrol members will ask that the mechanical condition of motor vehicles be checked occasionally.

Parents will be asked to guard against their children playing in the streets and highways and to stress care when their children cross highways and streets. Care in bicycle riding on the highways will also be asked to report all accidents and to cooperate in every way possible with the patrol in curtailing accidents and the maiming and killing on the highways.

## Child Recovering From Small Dose of Kerosene

Little Jackie Lee, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee of Bear Grass, was reported to be getting along all right this morning after taking a small quantity of kerosene yesterday afternoon.

The little girl was playing in the packhouse and got hold of a small glass of kerosene held in readiness to start fires there. She was removed to a local hospital where her stomach was pumped out.

## Native Of County Died In Hospital In Rocky Mount

Clarence Albert Moore Had Been In Hospital For Fifteen Weeks

Clarence Albert Moore, native of this county, died in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday afternoon at 12:35 o'clock. Suffering a heart attack while conductor on a freight train between Weldon and Kinston the middle of last January, he was removed to the hospital and had been a patient there since that time.

The son of the late Wm. Anthony Moore of Homewood, S. C. and Fannie Hardison Moore of Jamesville, he was born in Jamesville Township 59 years ago on June 5, 1894.

Quite young when his parents died, he was reared in the home of an uncle, Henry Hardison, who survives. After spending his early life on the farm, he lived with relatives in Georgia and South Carolina a few years. He pitched ball in the old Coastal Plain League several seasons. His first marriage was to Miss Jane Holliday, who survives.

In 1920 he went with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and located in Portsmouth, and for the past twelve years had run on the Weldon-Kinston line as conductor.

Surviving are his widow, the former Mrs. Alice McCotter of Vandemere, and who makes her home now in Portsmouth; a son, Garland H. Moore, by his first marriage, of Portsmouth; a half-brother, Bill Moore, of Homewood, South Carolina; four steps-sons, and two nephews and a niece.

When a young man he joined the Skewarkey Masonic Lodge here, and was a member of the Christian Church for a number of years.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Snelling Funeral Home in Portsmouth Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Masonic section of Greenlawn Memorial Park, Portsmouth.

## Crowded Day In Hamilton Church

Offering \$20 for each person above the normal attendance upon the Baptist Sunday School in Hamilton, Mr. Don G. Matthews got results Easter Sunday. Having a normal attendance of about 150, the Sunday school counted 333 present on the 18th, and when the figuring was completed, Mr. Matthews turned over \$3,660, the amount to be applied on the construction of a new parsonage for the popular minister, the Rev. C. L. Gatling.

While the Sunday school did not hold to the maximum figure last Sunday, there were 183 present, placing the school right up in the ranks of the large church schools in this county.

Construction work on a nice seven-room brick veneered home for the pastor is going forward rapidly, and the Matthews and other individual contributions are almost sufficient to finance the project, according to reports reaching here yesterday.

The attendance on the contest Sunday is believed to be about if not the largest ever reported by a Sunday school in this county.

## Continues Seriously Ill Following An Attack

Mrs. Annie Rainey continues critically ill following a stroke suffered at the home of her daughter, Mr. Jen Green, here on Marshall Avenue early Monday morning. Apparently in her usual good health when she retired Sunday night, Mrs. Rainey suffered the attack before getting up Monday morning. She had not regained consciousness this morning.

## STINGING ATTACK

James Lee, Hamilton young man, is a keeper of bees. A short time ago the bees staged a stinging attack on the chickens of P. L. Lee, the young man's father who lives next door.

An unofficial report maintains that the bees wiped out just about all of Mr. Lee's sizable flock of prize chickens.

## Sixty-Nine Cases In The Recorder's Court

Fines Add Up To \$810 At Regular Meeting Monday

The regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners has been postponed from Monday until next Tuesday, it was announced today. The chairman, Mr. John H. Edwards, will have to be out of the county on Monday, it was explained. When they meet Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock the commissioners will study the first in a series of departmental budgets—the one for the welfare department. Very little other business is scheduled for consideration during the session, according to J. Sam Getsinger, clerk official to the board.

## Call County Men For Pre-Induction

Twenty-four young Martin County men are being called to report next Tuesday for pre-induction examinations at the army center in Raleigh. They are to report to the draft board office in the town hall here at 6:00 o'clock that morning and travel to Raleigh by regular bus. Several of the twenty-four are being transferred to other boards for the physical examinations.

The names of those called include: White: Robert Alonzo Taylor, Jr., of Williamston who is being transferred to Morgan City, Louisiana; William Simeon Daniels of Jamesville, Reginald Francis Rodgers of RFD 1, Williamston, Bryant Taylor Rogerson of Williamston, Parley Thomas Rawls of Williamston, James Edgar Myers of Williamston who is transferring to Durham, Dallas Vernon Purvis, Jr., of RFD 1, Bethel, James Rosell Rogers, Jr., of RFD 2, Williamston who is transferring to Raleigh; John Robert Modlin of RFD 1, Jamesville, Jesse Wilcox Taylor of RFD 3, Williamston, Wilton Edward McLawhorn of RFD 3, Williamston, Wilton Allen Knox of Williamston who is transferring to El Paso, Texas, and Eli Merion Wynne of RFD 3, Williamston.

Colored: Mack Cherry, Jr., of RFD 1, Bethel, William Clyde Brown of RFD 2, Williamston, Henry Odell Close of Oak City, Joseph William Parker, Jr., of RFD 1, Hobgood, Moses Lee Bell of Oak City, Simon Louis Short, Jr., of RFD 1, Oak City, Haywood Lawrence, Jr., of Robersonville, Walter Milton Harris, RFD 2, Williamston and Winston-Salem, Lennell Jones of Williamston, and Vanda Bill Godard of RFD 2, Williamston.

Adjudged guilty over his plea of innocent, Dennis O. Hamilton was fined \$100, plus costs for drunken driving. He loses his operator's license for a year.

Jesse Archie Council was adjudged not guilty of drunken driving. The state turned and reportedly charged a defense witness with perjury.

Pleading not guilty, Walter B. Rose was adjudged guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$100, plus costs. He appealed and bond was required in the sum of \$200.

Charged with driving a motor vehicle while his license was revoked, Clarence Blount Ayers pleaded not guilty. He was adjudged guilty and was fined \$200, plus costs.

Walter Lynch, pleading not guilty, was adjudged guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and was fined \$200, plus costs.

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## Two Injured In Auto Accident

Two persons were injured, neither of them seriously, when two cars crashed at the intersection of the Powell road and Highway 903 in Gold Point Tuesday evening about 8:15 o'clock. Property damage was estimated at about \$650.

Leo McGlenn Warren, 35, received a ten or twelve-stitch cut over his eye, and a colored boy riding with Henry Lee Swimpson, driver of the other car, was cut on the head. Two stitches were taken in his head. The victims were treated in the Robersonville Clinic.

Warren was driving on the Powell road and crossed the intersection, the cars crashing just off 903, the investigating officer was quoted as saying.

## Appointed To Places On Education Committees

J. C. Manning, superintendent of Martin County Schools, and Miss Mildred Manning, supervisor of elementary schools in this county, were recently appointed to committee places of the North Carolina Education Association for 1954-55, it was announced by the State office this week.

Manning is a member of the insurance committee, and the elementary supervisor was named to a joint committee of the NCEA-PTA.

## Making Furniture Store Out Of The G. Reynolds Hotel

Lullaby House And McLawhorn Furniture Store Plan Joint Operation

Closing the Hotel George Reynolds, corner of Main and Smithwick Streets here some weeks ago, the owners, Messrs. Coburn and Mobley, have leased the property to the McLawhorn Furniture Company and the Lullaby House.

Remodeling work was started on the building yesterday, and the new tenants plan to occupy the property early in June. All partitions are to be removed on the first floor along with those between the rooms on the second floor next to Smithwick Street, leaving the others for showrooms. The front is to be altered, but the staircase is to be left where it is, according to Mr. D. C. McLawhorn.

Owners of the property where the Lullaby House is now located next to Biggs Drug Store and across the street from the hotel property, are said to have had applications from prospective rentals, but neither the store nor the Washington Street property where the furniture store is now located has been rented, as far as it could be learned.

The Main-Smithwick Street site has been a busy one down through the years. Several of the town's largest firms in years past operated mercantile establishments there. Following the big fire in 1883, part of the present building was constructed in 1890. Mr. George W. Blount operated a store about where the Lullaby House is now located. He left and went to Rocky Mount. About 1892, Biggs and Davenport, a large mercantile firm, closed and Mr. Blount was prevailed upon to buy the property about 1893. A year or two after that, Mr. Blount remodeled the building and opened the old Roanoke Hotel. He operated it until about 1915 when Chas. Baker, who later went to Durham, took over the management. Mr. J. H. Britt assumed the management after Mr. Baker left and he operated it for a number of years as the Britt Hotel. About 1930, Mrs. Carrie Dell Blount Cunningham, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Blount, bought the property where Ann's Specialty Shop is now located, and the hotel was remodeled and enlarged, and Mrs. Grace Swain took over the management. A man by the name of White succeeded Mrs. Swain in the operation of the hotel, and the Bradys followed the Whites, the old institution, after serving thousands of weary travelers for more than half a century, finally dying a slow death.

Just now the Dunning House is serving as headquarters for many traveling business men, but others look to other towns for lodging, some commuting back and forth.

The two last patrons of the hotel were the Whites.

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## Civilian Defense Meeting Tuesday

A special civilian defense meeting will be held in the Scout Hut on South Smithwick Street here next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, and all members of the Lions Club are urged to attend. Other interested citizens are also invited to attend.

Sgt. Lang of the U. S. Army, is to show special pictures of a bomb explosion and other features, W. A. Williams, chairman, said.

## Everetts Club To Sponsor Minsrel

The Everetts Ruritan Club is sponsoring "Good Old Minsrel Days" in the school auditorium there Friday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock.

The cast includes amateurs of standing and a great show is promised.

Funds from the 25 and 50-cent admissions will be used to finance worth-while club projects, it was announced.

Mrs. Andrew Alcox is the director working with the Ruritans.