

## Twenty-Three In Recorder's Court On Speed Charge

Judge H. O. Peele Imposes Fines In Amount Of \$230 Monday

The speeders had their day in court again last Monday when twenty-three were charged with making haste at clips ranging from fifty-five miles an hour in a truck to ninety miles an hour in a car. Judge H. O. Peele imposed fines in the cases in the amount of \$230, only a few of the defendants escaping with nothing but court costs taxed against them.

Proceedings: Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost when Hillton Eugene Clark of RFD 1, Robersonville pleaded guilty of driving 50 miles an hour in a 35-mile zone.

Claude H. Ellison of Newport News was fined \$25, plus costs, for speeding 75 miles an hour.

Pleading guilty of speeding 70 miles an hour, Bernice Vernice Myles of Richmond Hill, N. Y., was fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

John Edward Suckles, mowing'em down at the rate of 75 miles an hour, was fined \$25, plus costs. He is from Maysville, Kentucky.

Charged with speeding 65 miles an hour, Joe Mobley of RFD 2, Williamston, was taxed with the costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs when James Alex Ellis of Smithfield, Va., pleaded guilty of speeding 56 miles an hour in a truck.

Pleading guilty of speeding 70 miles an hour, George William Cobb of Norfolk, John Wiley Reese of Swanee, Georgia, and James Arthur Connolly of Miami were each fined \$15 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with speeding 80 miles an hour, careless and reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, William Quincy Carraway of Greenville pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

Robert Evans of Greenville was (Continued on Page Eight)

## Department Gets Call To Everetts

Williamston volunteer firemen were called out yesterday morning at 1:45 o'clock when an automobile fire threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bullock in Everetts. Damage was limited to the interior of Mr. Bullock's Ford auto.

Mr. Bullock drove the auto into the carport about 11:30 o'clock and retired. About 1:30 o'clock he heard the horn blowing and looked out to see the fire leaping almost to the ceiling of the carport. The gears were engaged and the owner of the car could not get to the shift lever. "I could not push the car out and it seemed no one would ever come to help," Mr. Bullock said. When it looked as if the fire would spread to the home, a call for the fire department was made. During the meantime, neighbors heard the call for help and they pushed the machine into the street with the aid of a truck.

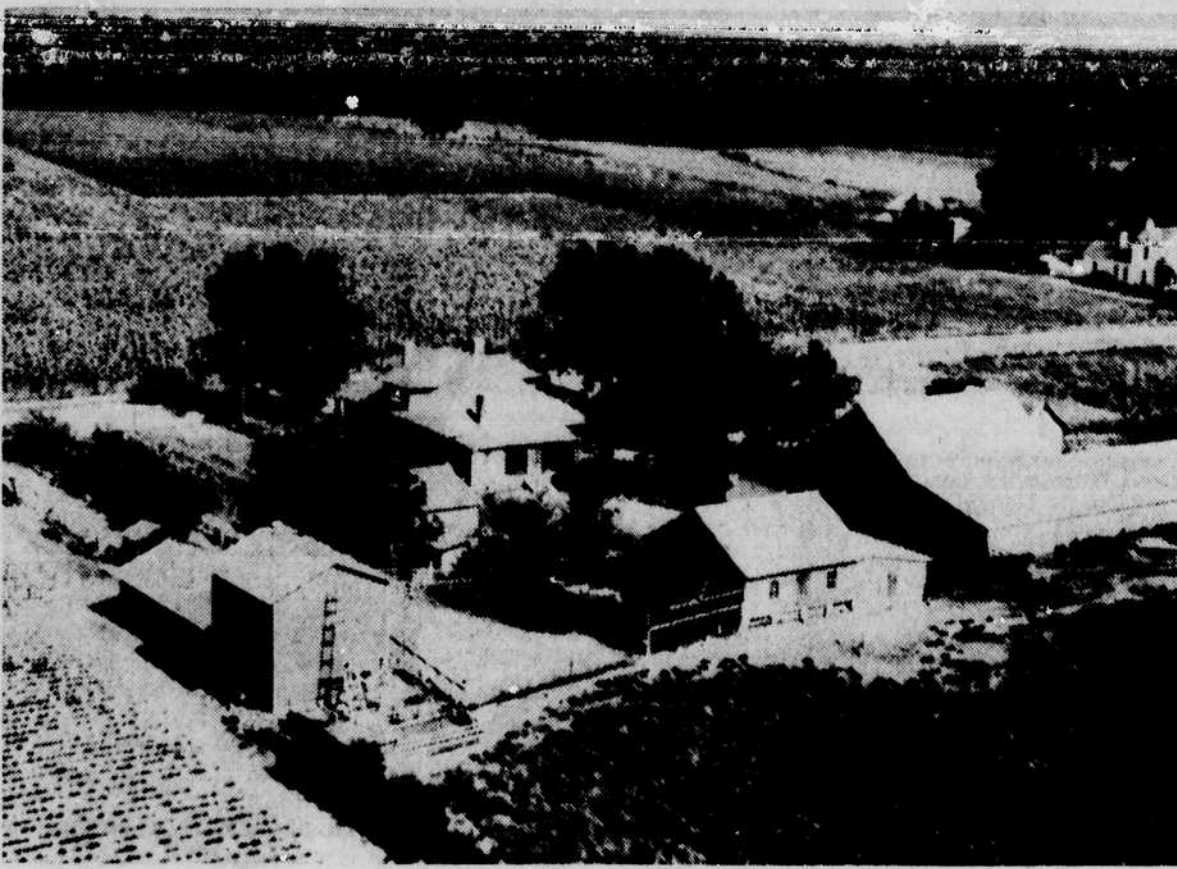
## Two Local People Hurt In Accident

Mrs. John R. Peel and Mrs. Joe Gray Corey, local residents, were painfully but believed not seriously injured in an automobile accident on Highway 64 near Co-neto last evening about 6:00 o'clock. Mrs. Peel suffered a sprained ankle, bruises and shock, and Mrs. Corey suffered bruises and possibly a cheek bone fracture. They were hospitalized in Tarboro overnight, and are expected to return home today.

Mrs. Peel was driving home when another motorist left his side of the road and crashed into the left front and side of her 1953 Pontiac. Both Mrs. Peel and Mrs. Corey were thrown out of the car.

Both cars in the accident were said to have been damaged beyond repair.

## Aerial Photo Of Martin County Farm Home



The mystery farm picture this week looks a bit familiar, and is thought to be in the Smithwick's Creek section, but the publishers will have to wait for official identification from readers. The picture is the eleventh in a series taken by an aerial photographer at random over the county a few weeks ago. The picture last week was identified as the Everett farm where Johnny Holiday lives on the Hamilton-Williamston road. Original photographs may be had by the property owners at the newspaper office. The Everett farm was identified by Miss Sarah Raynor.

## Farmer Sells His Tobacco Crop for \$1335.36 an Acre

By D. W. Brady  
Assistant County Agent

Mr. Samuel Clark who lives near Robersonville on Mr. J. T. Powell's farm sold 2210 pounds of Dixie Bright 101 tobacco per acre for \$1335.36 per acre on 7.3 acres. Mr. Clark says he is not ready for any new varieties of tobacco that he is entirely satisfied with Dixie Bright 101. His crop last year did not do bad either. He said he sold 1976 pounds per acre for \$1177 per acre in 1953.

He related his general operation of his tobacco crop: His rotation consists of peanuts, corn and cotton and tobacco. Mr. Clark says he especially likes to plant tobacco behind cotton and next best corn. He planted 2.8 acres of cotton this year in a rotation and made 1520 pounds lint cotton plus 300 pounds of seed cotton. Mr. Clark makes over 2000 pounds of peanuts per acre in his rotation.

Mr. Clark says he planted his tobacco in 3 1-2 foot rows 20 inches

in the drill on April 27th. He plowed three times leaving his tobacco on a bed or ridge. He likes to top his tobacco medium low and begins topping when he first sees the button, going over the topping operation about four times before completing the job. He keeps the suckers pulled and says this is very important to making weight and quality. Mr. Clark stated it is very important to leave this variety of tobacco on the stalk until it is dead ripe or until it looks like it is fixing to burn and then pull the leaves that are ready—to pull otherwise will cause it to cure "slatery".

His tobacco averages about 5 pounds weight after being topped out. The nature of his soil is medium sandy loam type. On this soil he used 1200 pounds of 3-9-6 with no top dressing. Several other farmers have said they have produced more pounds per acre and sold tobacco for more dollars per acre this year than they have ever done.

## REGISTRATION

Books for the registration of new electors for the November 2 election will be opened in the thirteen precincts in this county on Saturday, it was announced this week by C. D. Carstarphen, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections. The books are to remain open on the following two Saturdays, but registrations may be handled by appointment on other days in the week.

Little interest is being shown in the coming election in this county, and a small registration is anticipated. Those who have registered for previous elections will not find it necessary to register again.

## Painfully Hurt In Car Accident

Fred Gilbert Cherry of RFD 1, Williamston, was painfully hurt in an automobile accident early yesterday morning on the road running from the Eason Lilley home to the Holly Springs-Farm Life road. It is possible that he suffered a fracture of the left shoulder.

Cherry was riding with Wilton Laverne Godard of 1832 Brambleton Avenue, Norfolk. Godard lost control of his 1941 Chevrolet in a curve and ditched the machine, causing about \$200 property damage.

The two victims were unable to get out of the car until help passed that way about 6:00 o'clock yesterday morning.

Godard said the wreck happened about 1:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, and Cherry gave the time as being about 3:00 o'clock that morning.

## Jurors Drawn For Special November Session Of Court

Tribunal Will Hear Only Civil Cases Beginning November 22nd

Seventy-two Martin County citizens were drawn by the board of commissioners in the regular October meeting for jury duty during the special term of Martin Superior Court, beginning November 22. The court, scheduled to run for two weeks, will hear civil cases only.

No jurist has been assigned to hold the term of court, but it is likely that Judge Malcolm Paul, special judge of Washington, will preside.

Thirty-six jurors are to serve the first week, as follows: Jamesville—Mrs. Annie Mae Lilley and M. T. Hardison, Williams—Alton Bell, Bear Grass—James E. Peel, M. R. Roberson, J. B. Rogerson and Dennis Beach.

Williamston—W. M. Baker, Melvin R. Wynne, Horace Ray, Dennis H. Leggett, James Russell Bullock, William E. Leggett, J. D. Willoughby, F. W. Sparrow, Mrs. Daisy Purvis, Kelly Davenport, R. J. Allen, R. G. Slade and William H. Griffin.

Cross Roads—John Rhodes, Sr., Winford Mobley and A. D. Wynne, Jr.

Robersonville—L. A. Croom, R. J. Langley, R. H. Taylor, Hugh Roberson, R. E. Taylor, Jr., Blaine W. Cargile, James A. Roebuck and Cecil Keel.

Poplar Point—L. S. Edwards, Hamilton—Spencer Raynor, Thelma Reeves and William Scott, Goose Nest—J. A. Stalls.

Second Week  
Griffins—Oscar B. Roberson, S. J. Lilley and P. E. Getsinger. Bear Grass—John W. Gurganus, J. D. Leggett, Oliver Harrison, Jr., Mrs. Kneezier Harrison, Williamston—W. H. Tarkington, G. W. Mills, Leslie K. Roberson, Cecil Brown, J. Herman Biggs, W. C. Bunch, M. D. Corey, L. H. Leggett, R. W. Bondurant, Mack W. Ange, John D. Everett, H. A. (Continued on Page Eight)

## PAVING

Following a break in the schedule, the White Paving Company, handling a sub-contract, will resume paving work on local streets the week of October 18, according to information coming from Mr. White yesterday.

Approximately twenty-four blocks of streets are now ready for the pavers, and it is possible that curb and gutter on others will have been completed by that time.

Just now the Rea Construction Company is preparing Church and Sycamore Streets for the pavers. (Continued From Page Six)

## Fifth Polio Case Reported In the County This Season

Martin County's fifth polio case of the season was definitely diagnosed in a local hospital late yesterday, and all indications pointed to still another case in the Robersonville area, according to preliminary reports heard here late last night.

His throat affected and possible his respiratory system damaged, William Biggs Howard, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis (Gurney) Howard of Beech Street Williamston, was removed by Biggs ambulance to Duke Hospital early last evening. He was accompanied to the hospital by Miss Mary Taylor of the county health department. No late report on his condition could be had here. The child was taken ill earlier in the week and entered the hospital Monday.

A Robersonville child was removed to a Greenville hospital late yesterday, preliminary reports declaring that all indications pointed to polio.

Just now there are five children in various hospitals being treated for polio or what appears to be polio. One, a Stokes child, has returned to its home in the county following hospital treatment. Charles Hodges, recovering from the disease, is expected home shortly from a Greenville hospital. Robert Jones, now a patient in a Greenville hospital, is expected to transfer soon to Duke in Durham or to the polio hospital in Greensboro soon. A Hines child was said to continue in a Greenville hospital.

Four of the early victims apparently are improving, it was said.

## Fifty-Four Cases In Martin County Court

Fines Amount To Nearly \$1,300 In All-Day Session

Cases Had Accumulated During Two Weeks Big Court Was In Session

Except for a brief interruption caused when two attorneys clashed, the Martin County Recorder's Court moved rapidly to clear fifty-four cases from its docket last Monday. The cases had accumulated while the superior involved alleged violation of the speed law. Fines were imposed in the amount of \$1,290, including \$230 assessed against the speeders.

Proceedings other than the speeding cases follow:

Pleading guilty of issuing a worthless check, Charles M. Scott was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending execution of sentence upon the payment of the check and the court costs.

Charged with drunken driving and operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, William Henry Pearson failed to sustain his plea of innocent and he was fined \$125, plus costs. He loses his operator's license for a year. The case in which Lola Mallory faced a liquor law violation charge, was not pressed.

Pleading not guilty, Johnny James Reeves was adjudged not guilty of violating the liquor laws.

John Anderson Warren pleaded not guilty when he was charged with drunken and careless and (Continued From Page Six)

## Nominees Named For Agriculture Committee Posts

Election Ballots Are Being Mailed To Farmers In County This Week

At least one hundred and thirty Martin County farmers were nominated at special conventions held recently for places on the various community Agricultural Stabilization Conservation committees. Ballots are being mailed to farmers this week and they are being asked to get them back into the office in the county agriculture building not later than October 18. Ballots, returned by mail, must be postmarked not later than October 15.

The ASC mailing list is limited in this county and those farmers, including sharecroppers and tenants, may get ballots by calling at the office in the agriculture building.

Comparatively little interest was shown in most of the nominating conventions, but in a few sizable crowds were present.

At least ten persons were nominated at each of the recently held conventions. The many polling the greatest number of votes will be the community committee chairman. The next in line will be the vice chairman, and the next will be a regular member of the community committee. The fourth and fifth in the list will serve as first and second alternates. The chairmen will serve as delegates to the county convention to be held on October 19 when a county committee will be named. Vice chairmen will serve as alternates to the county convention.

Farmers are asked to vote for any five of the nominees in their respective districts. The names of those nominated at the recent conventions follow by districts:

Jamesville 1: Paul Barber, Clarence Barber, Elwood Brown, Carl Griffin, Leonard Holliday, Arthur Wallace Lilley, Garfield Mobley, Arnold Modlin, Herbert Sexton and F. C. Stallings.

Williamston 1: David Ange, P. M. Ange, Seth Davis, Dan Fagan, C. G. Gurkin, Elwood Holliday, Joseph Holliday, Marvin Jones, J. L. Knowles, Grover Lilley, Clarence Sexton and David Scott.

Williams 1: M. Bennett, Reginald Coltrain, Wendell Griffin, W. D. Gurganus, Marion Hardison, R. J. Hardison, Paul Harrington, Joe Manning, James H. Perry and Howard Tyre.

Griffins: J. Leonard Coltrain, LeRoy Griffin, McDonald Hardison, Pete Hardison, Raleigh Lilley, B. Frank Lilley, Sr., Carlyle (Continued on Page Eight)

## Funeral Held For Mrs. Rogerson

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4:00 at the home on West Main Street for Mrs. John L. Rogerson who died in a local hospital Monday night at 10:05 o'clock. The Rev. J. Don Skinner, her pastor, assisted by the Rev. Z. T. Piephoff of Graham, a former pastor, conducted the rites. Interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Rogerson, a native of Renova, Pennsylvania, had been in failing health for some time, but was apparently getting along well Sunday evening when she was visiting in the home of a neighbor and suffered a heart attack. She was a charter member of the local Presbyterian Church, and members of the board served as active pall bearers.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Cliving Hease of Robersonville, and Miss Mary Rogerson of Williamston.

## Little Activity On Potato Market

After getting off to a good start early in the week, the local sweet potato market reported little activity today. Opening at about \$2.75 per bushel, the market received sun-cooked potatoes and the price dropped to as low as \$2.45 and \$2.25 per bushel.

More than 2,000 bushels were handled by the market during the first two days, and with the appearance of cooler weather heavier deliveries are expected later this and next week.

## Civil War Diary of Docton Warren Bagley

### Installment 17

(Mr. Bagley, writing under various dates in September, 1861, made the following entries in his diary):

Tuesday, September 3, 1861

"The Volunteers met agreeable to order, but before the meeting or drill, it was proposed and accepted that a public meeting be held in the Hotel Plaza to hear the report of Captains Lanier and Moore who had just returned from Plymouth, to which place they had been sent the night previously for information, their report being rendered after the meeting to order by appointing D. W. Bagley, Chairman, and W. T. Crawford, secretary.

"Mr. Hassell, Judge Biggs, Capt. Moore, Capt. Lanier and others addressed the meeting.

"It was resolved as we felt insecure from the want of concert of action and the alarm in Washington together with the apathy and alien feelings of many that we would dispatch Captains Moore, Lanier and Melson to learn every particular respecting the enemy's location, strength and so forth, and to visit Roanoke Island and learn from the commander at that point every particular and to tender to him our services as he might direct at any time.

"It was learned and with pleasure that the noble General Hayes had sent forces forward to the relief of Hatteras, but arriving too late the forces fell back to Roanoke Island where they are fortifying themselves.

"Captain Melson declined to make the trip to Roanoke Island, and the other two (Moore and Lanier) left about 4:00 p. m., September 3.

Sunday, September 8, 1861

"Messrs. Moore and Lanier returned and reported having been to Roanoke Island where they met with Col. Wright in command of a force of some 1,000 Georgians and some laborers who were engaged day and night throwing up works of defense, but they were short of provisions and the laborers were few, having been sent precipitately for the aid of Hatteras, but being too late to take part in the fight stopped at that place and went to work to prevent the enemy coming farther up our sounds.

"Messrs. Little John and Short report an expedition from Plymouth going down with provisions and laborers.

Tuesday, September 10, 1861

"On the eve of a meeting being held here to obtain supplies and hands for our friends at Roanoke Island we learned that large sup-

plies had been sent from Bertie, Washington and other counties. Learning such gratifying news, we gave up the sending for the present, knowing it would be endangered there if taken by the foe, and that in due time we too would do any and everything laid in our power as necessity or their comfort demanded.

Wednesday, September 12, 1861  
Captain Jordan Walker mustered his Cavalry Company, through on foot.

Friday, September 14, 1861  
The Governor having ordered, or rather the Adjutant General, the sheriffs of the several counties to collect and forward to him at Raleigh all the old State muskets, and he (sheriff of Martin County) having collected about 100, is about to send the muskets to Raleigh.

"When by a called meeting for the county in the courthouse with D. W. Bagley serving as chairman and C. B. Hassell as secretary, it was unanimously resolved under our pressing necessity of defense that we retain aid muskets, being entirely without defense with an unprincipled enemy nearly in our midst, and from whom we have to expect the scenes of plunder, rape and so forth enacted in Virginia and elsewhere, if not met at the threshold of every attempt upon our waters.

"It was also requested of our committee on Military Affairs that they have the muskets procured as rapidly as they can procure gun smiths to do so, and it is to be hoped and expected that the next County Court will pay for the same and that the State will reimburse the county for the expenditures thus made.

"And further that the guns be put into the hands of reliable persons after furnishing the Volunteers, and in every case to give Captain J. R. Lanier of the Home Guards a receipt and promise to deliver the same when called upon.

"The preamble and resolutions were sent to the Adjutant General by our sheriff, Mr. (W. T. Crawford).

"Our Military Board as appointed in meeting of the Regiment on the list are: John L. Knight, Shepherd R. Spruill and Anson J. Mizell.

"William B. Lanier has been appointed Captain of the Home Guards in place of his brother who was elected captain of the Military Volunteers on the 31st ult."

## County Teachers In Meeting Here

Martin County teachers held a meeting in the high school here yesterday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Miss Ella Stephens Barrett, supervisor in guidance service, Homer A. Lassiter, associate director, division of elementary and secondary education, and J. T. Dunlap, also of the State Department of Education, Raleigh, addressed the groups.

Students were dismissed for the afternoon.

## CLUB PLANS CARNIVAL

The Williamston Woman's Club is making preparations to hold a big Halloween carnival here on the night of October 30, it was announced today.