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## SPRING TERM MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT BEGAN HERE YESTERDAY; LARGE NUMBER IMPORTANT CASES TO BE TRIED

### CIVIL TERM WILL BEGIN WEDNESDAY

JUDGE W. A. SINCLAIR OF FAYETTEVILLE, PRESIDING; JUDGE S. KESSES IMPORTANCE OF SELECTING GOOD JURORS IN HIS CHARGE TO GRAND JURY.

The spring term of the superior court of Martin County began Monday morning with Judge N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, presiding, and Solicitor Don Gilliam, of Tarboro, prosecuting.

The following were drawn to serve as grand jurors: J. S. Ayers, foreman, H. D. Harrison, N. S. Roberson, A. E. Smith, Augustine Moore, H. U. Peel, Herbert Everett, W. B. Daniel, Nosh K. Roberson, W. S. White, J. R. Manning, J. M. Jones, J. W. Eubanks, C. W. Forbes, H. C. Harrison, B. F. Lilley, W. P. Harris, C. W. Gurkin. In charging the grand jury Judge Sinclair centered upon the importance of selecting good jurors, first saying that he was sorry Martin County had not adopted the rule of using the same grand jury for the full term, as most other counties have. That men are called to serve on a grand jury and by the time they get in touch with the duties and obligations of a juror their terms expire and new and inexperienced jurors take their places at the next court, and very little can be accomplished.

Many of the little things that jurors should do and the manner in which they should be done were explained. The question of public health was emphasized, and the duties of hotels, markets, and railroads to keep their places of business clean and sanitary were clearly set forth. The prevailing idea that the office of county commissioner was arbitrary and above the reach of the people was dismissed. The law giving to the grand jury full power to review every act and deed committed by the county commissioners, making their duties above those of judge or of the solicitor.

The commissioners, if they were present, could not have missed the explanation of their duty to properly raise the jury list the first Monday in June of each year.

The qualifications of a juror were defined—"Every person who serves on a jury legally must have paid his taxes, must be of good moral character, and must be of sufficient intelligence."

Cases Tried and Disposed of Immediately after the charge to the jury the court "proper" began. The first case to be called was State vs. Briley, in which Briley was charged with operating an auto while drunk. The case was not prosed with leave.

State vs. W. W. Griffin for failing to dip cattle was completed and Mr. Griffin was required to pay the cost and give a bond to continue dipping cattle until the quarantine is lifted.

State vs. Dick Stephenson for assault with deadly weapon was next tried and Stephenson was found not guilty.

State vs. Izariah Williams, charging Williams with larceny and receiving was not prosed with leave.

State vs. Jordan Everett was a case of check flashing. Everett was found guilty and sentenced to jail for eight months to hire out.

In State vs. Bunch Moore for removing crops, Moore was found not guilty. State vs. Charles Sprull was a case of aiding and abetting in check flashing and Sprull was found guilty and sentenced to eight months in jail to hire out.

Clyde Barkley was next tried for damaging property. He was found

### Rocky Mount "Y" Here Tonight Closing Local Basketball Season

Tonight the last and perhaps the most interesting basketball game of the season will be seen on the Dixie Warehouse floors to-night when the Rocky Mount "Y" meets the Williamson town team. The Rocky Mount invincibles have been conquered, and though we have had three shots at them this year and failed each time the local manager is confident that his boys will be able to compete and

very probably win in tonight's game. Not until recent weeks has the Rocky Mount "Y" been beaten during the 1924-25 season. It is one of the cleanest and hardest-playing teams that has visited Williamson, and a large crowd of Williamson fans will probably greet them tonight. Play is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock.

### SPECIES OF VANDALISM

Miss Hattie Thrower Offers Reward for Information Leading to Arrest of Thief of Grave Flowers

Expression is very easy when one has to speak of the average daily occurrences, but there are times when neither pen nor tongue nor intotype machine can pick words sufficiently strong and expressive to convey what is in the mind. Folks write and talk about the meanest man, and there are numerous species in the world about us; but there is a little creature called vandy (whether man, woman, or child; write or black, yellow or brown, I do not know) that Webster's unabridged can not paint in the proper color. And this little "vandy" is the one who steals flowers from the graves of the dead at the cemeteries of the town. At the present time this "vandy" is specializing in hyacinths and jonquils. Within the past week hyacinths have been placed in my plot at the cemetery and as many times have they been stolen. The tombstones, flag, and pot were there today, but even now they may be gone.

Such vandalism is a disgrace to any community, and if the offenders could be found they should be sentenced to board at the county hotel for a goodly period. I will give the sum of \$5.00 to any person who will give to me the name of the person or persons who entered my plot, took all the hyacinths and most of the jonquils away, and then did not have the politeness to close the gate. I am in earnest about this matter, and if possible shall ferret it out.

HATTIE THROWER.

### Prize Contest Ended Friday

The "Five Things That Martin County Needs Most" Contest was closed last Friday, but we are running one article today that was sent in plenty of time for the Friday issue that we were obliged to leave out for lack of space. The winners in the contest will be announced Friday.

### Much Interest Shown in Chowan Bridge Location

Much interest is being manifested in the location of the bridge across the lower Chowan River by the people whom it will serve.

The people who would be most benefited by it are very much concerned over its location. Ahsokie and the people of Hertford County generally are favoring Coleraine, according to the Ahsokie press. Edenton and the surrounding territory favor Edwards House, naturally. Coleraine and its allies are making a good fight, however.

State highway officials have given out nothing except that the bridge will be placed where it will serve the greatest number of persons, and from a standpoint of economy surveys are being made and as soon as that is done the commission will make a decision.

### Epworth League to Have Tacky Party

The Epworth League will hold its monthly social Thursday evening at the Masonic Hall. A "tacky party" will be the order of the evening.

guilty and required to pay the costs of the action and \$37.50 for the damage to the truck.

State vs. W. R. James, Jr., was the first liquor case to be brought before the court. James was found guilty and sentenced to serve six months on the roads.

In the case against Mayo Roberson for forcible trespass, Roberson pled guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the costs.

### CASH PRIZES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Cotton Growing Contest to Be Held by North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association

Cash prizes amounting to \$140 will be given to boys and girls whose parents are members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, for the most cotton produced on a three-acre plot of land this season at the lowest cost.

The prize fund was provided by the members of the board of directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, General Manager U. B. Blalock, Sales Manager Lawrence McRae, and Director of Field Service H. H. B. Mask. The money was contributed individually and does not come out of the treasury of the cotton growers' association.

This better cotton-growing contest will be under the direction of the North Carolina agricultural extension service, the county agents, and the field representatives of the cotton growers' association will assist the extension service in the work of the contest. The plan is worked out by the State extension service and the cotton growers' association and provides that any boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 18, whose parents are members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, may enter the contest.

Each contestant will be required to grow three measures across one field. The land is to be measured by the county agent or by volunteer parties, before the cultivation of the cotton. The contestants will be required to plant a good type of Mexican big boll, Cleveland big boll, or some other standard type of cotton recommended by Dr. R. Y. Winters, State agronomist, Raleigh.

The contestants are urged to discuss with the county agent the best methods of cultivation, fertilization, and boll-weevil control, and it is recommended that each contestant follow the directions of the county farm agent along these lines. Each contestant must keep an itemized record of the cost of cotton from the breaking of the land to harvest.

The contestants must be enrolled by May 1, 1925. Any boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 18, whose parents are members of the cotton growers' association may enroll with the county agent, the field representative of the cotton growers' association, Director of Field Service H. H. B. Mask, of the cotton growers' association, or James M. Gray, assistant director of State extension work, State College Station, Raleigh.

The contestants will be judged by the following score: Total yield of cotton, 60 per cent. Quality of cotton—grade and staple—30 per cent. Economic production, 20 per cent. The following prizes will be awarded: First prize, \$50; second prize, \$40; third prize, \$30; fourth prize, \$20.

The cotton grown by the contestants must be delivered for marketing to the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, and the sample of the cotton will be graded by the association for the purpose of being judged for the contest.

The purpose of the members of the board of directors of the association in making personal contributions to this prize fund was that boys and girls in the homes of the membership might be inspired to study the best methods of cultivation, fertilization, and become interested in the planting of standard varieties of cotton in this State.

### \$100,000 Whisky Robbery Revealed

Frankfort, Ky.,—March 16.—A liquor robbery extending over a period of several months and involving whisky worth approximately \$100,000 at bootleg prices, came to light today. Sixteen men are understood to have been indicted by a Federal grand jury and nine are said to have been arrested.

All of the whisky is alleged to have been removed from a warehouse at the Old Taylor distillery here. The robbers crawled through a large sewer pipe to a point beneath the building, broke the pipe, and sawed an opening through the floor, it was learned. The whisky was drawn from the barrels and the floor replaced.

In Tarboro Sunday Misses Clyde Hassell, Hattie Thrower, and Mrs. Anna Harrison were the guests of Mrs. A. D. Mizelle in Tarboro Sunday.

Motor to Tarboro Miss Margaret Everett and Mr. J. C. Curcelle motored to Tarboro Sunday afternoon.

In Rocky Mount Sunday Afternoon Here From Wallace Mr. Ben Sotherland, of Wallace, was a visitor here over the week end.

### OFFICERS GET ANOTHER STILL

Was Being Operated by Three Young White Men, All of Them Escaping

Deputies Luther Peel and Paul Ballard visited Poplar Point Monday morning and found a still running a full blast. The officers had been discovered by a friend of the moonshiners, who fired several signal guns just before they reached the still. They were near enough, however, to observe three young white men, two of whom got a good start on the officers, the third man was so determined to get the still worn out of the cooling barrel to take away with him that the officers came near getting their hands on him. He proved a good runner, however, and though he fell down several times, he slipped out of his boots and soon outran the officers, vanishing from their sight.

### CHIEF JUSTICE HOKE RESIGNS

Associate Justice W. P. Stacy, One of State's Youngest and Ablest Lawyers, Succeeds Him

Judge W. A. Hoke resigned as chief justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court Monday, a position he has held since the death of Chief Justice Clark about two years ago.

Judge Hoke was for many years on the superior court bench, and as such was called the ideal judge; genteel, firm, kind, able, and at all times the job—no man ever looked and acted more like a judge than he. As an associate justice of the State supreme court he was held in the same high regard as when on the lower court circuit.

Justice W. P. Stacy was appointed chief justice by Governor McLean immediately upon the receipt of the resignation of Justice Hoke.

Judge Stacy, while yet a very young man is regarded as one of the leading and ablest lawyers in the State. The vacancy caused by the elevation of Judge Stacy has not yet been filled by Governor McLean.

### Much Building and Loan Stock Sold

The sixteenth series of the Martin County Building & Loan Association is meeting with marked success. The stock is being sold all over the county and friends of the building and loan association are becoming more numerous day by day.

A large city has many attractive saving devices, but a more sparsely populated town and community does not, and the building and loan associations are the most attractive places to save systematically. People are more and more taking advantage of them.

### Tarboro Man Is Safe In Unrevealed Place

J. G. Chery, Tarboro insurance man, who has been missing a week today, is safe and sound "somewhere in America," according to information given out in Tarboro yesterday by a friend who is reported to have received a letter from the missing man. Where he is or when he will return were not divulged by the friend.

Mr. Chery went away and left a family—a wife and two children. His car was found Wednesday when a search was made for him, near Tarboro on the Cromwell farm. There was no evidence around the car as to the whereabouts of Chery.

But Spring Hope still mourns her loss. Mr. L. M. Ausley, A. C. L. ticket agent of that city, left March 6 and there is no sign that he has disappeared or word of idea where he has disappeared to.

### Beaver Dam Local And Personal News

Mrs. Whit Moore spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. H. A. Cullipher. Mrs. A. L. Raynor and son Richard attended the show in Robersonville Friday night.

Messrs. W. H. Rogers and Haywood Rogers motored to Williamston Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Allen were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Holiday Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. L. Raynor has been on the sick list for the past several days.

Mrs. W. H. Rogers spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Ellen Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Peele and family motored to Williamston Friday shopping.

### Negro Who Committed Murder Here in 1917 Caught and Makes Confession in Bridgeport, Conn.

#### Peoples Bank Case up for Trial Tomorrow

Fifty men have been summoned to come to the court tomorrow in order that a jury may be empaneled in the case of Martin County vs. J. G. Staton. This suit is instituted against Mr. Staton as a director of the Peoples Bank and more money is involved in it than any case for several years. The county is suing the directors of the Peoples Bank for money that had on deposit when the bank closed in June, 1922.

#### BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIAL

Juniors and Intermediates Entertained at Baptist Parsonage Last Night

The junior and intermediate young people of the Baptist church were entertained from 8 to 10 last evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Shirley. The purpose of the meeting was to plan for missionary and home-coming day, which will be observed at the local church on Sunday morning, March 29. The occasion also was the twentieth birthday of Robert Lee Shirley, Jr., who in addition to four invited guests—Wheeler Martin, Jr., Oscar Anderson, Jr., Charles Manning, and Albert Leslie Clark—entertained the following members of the two organizations:

Juniors: Ernest Cox, Reba Teal, Grace Whitley, Mary Davis Hardison, Rebecca Harrison, Ralph Nelson, Ernest G. Harrison, Emmett Whitley, J. R. Rogerson, Gordon Brewer, Clairborne Summerlin, Pauline Ballard, Fannie Ray, Charles Fleming, Susie Mae Barnhill, Annie May Gurganus.

Intermediates: Daisy Whitley, Miriam Courtney, Lina Mizelle, Frances Williams, Eliza Hoard, Martha Louise Rogerson, Susie Teal, Ellen Cowen, Gladys Gurganus, Ruth Peel, Catherine Hardison, Virginia Harrison, Annie Beth Rogerson, Thomas Summerlin.

Delicious brick ice cream and clover leaf wafers were served. Everyone seemed to have a good time and all left wishing many more happy birthday days to young Master Shirley.

#### Senate Again Refuses To Confirm Warren

The Senate again refused to confirm Charles B. Warren as attorney general of the United States yesterday when a vote was taken and there were 46 against and 39 votes for confirmation.

This was rough riding over President Coolidge, who had his heart set on his good friend, "Sugar Trust" Warren. The people generally look with favor on the way the Senate stood with what they regarded as the common rights of the folks.

#### Young Folks Enjoy Weiner Roast Monday

A weiner and marshmallow roast was enjoyed by a number of young folks yesterday afternoon "Down on Conine."

Weiners and marshmallows were roasted and other good eats were plentiful. Those going were: Mrs. Jack Booker, Misses Janie Edwards, Jeannette Wedmore, of New Haven, Conn., Frances Gurganus, Patrice Edmondson, Josephine Sykes, Evelyn Harrison, Christine Dodd, Minnie Robertson, Mary Clyde Leggett, and Mrs. Jim Leggett.

Messrs. Boyd Hight, Bill and Gaylord Harrison, Frank Carstarphen, John Wadsworth, Jesse Harrell, John Booker, Charles Godwin, Silas W. Baker, of Washington, D. C., George Harris, and Bruce Whitley.

#### Civil War Veteran Hurt in Falling

Mr. James Waters, an old Confederate veteran, fell down in his room yesterday and cut his head rather painfully but not seriously. "Uncle Jimmie" is in his eighty-fourth year and is one of the few old soldiers of "gray" left in Martin County. He is mighty feeble and can get around very well.

Don't forget the date of "Come out of the kitchen," Thursday night, March 26th, at the Strand Theatre. See one of the best amateur shows ever staged by local talent.

Mr. Allen Brownson is visiting friends in Williamston.

KILLED WIFE'S SISTER ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1917, DURING A FAMILY FREE-FOR-ALL SCRAP HAS BEEN IN HIDING FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS.

On September 18, 1917, Charles Scott, colored, shot and killed Reine Roberson, his wife's sister, on a farm in Poplar Point. He made a complete get away and nothing further was known of him until Monday, when Chief of Police J. O. Manning received a telegram from Bridgeport, Conn., officials, inquiring if Scott was still wanted for the crime.

There was a bill of indictment made against Scott soon after the crime was committed, charging him with the murder.

It was claimed at the time of the shooting that Scott was provoked by the conduct of his wife and her people until he flew into a fit of jealousy and decided to shoot it out, with the result that he killed one and wounded another.

Those who knew Scott well were surprised that he was able to get away and keep hidden so long, as he was considered rather weak mentally.

No statement of why he told himself in his far-off hiding place was given in the telegram to the officers.

#### PRISON BOARD LAUDS MR. POU

Appears That Pou and Busbee Will Not Be Retained But no Action is Taken

Raleigh, March 16.—Outgoing and incoming prison boards today left memorials and organized the retiring body paying high tribute to the prison official headed by Superintendent George Ross-Pou, urging his reappointment with that of the entire force.

The new board took no action as to the successor of Mr. Pou. Governor McLean laid no recommendations before it and not until its April 7 meeting will it act upon the new board. Until today it had been accepted that Mr. Pou would be appointed again and that Warden Busbee will be dropped. Tonight it is foregone that Messrs. Busbee and Pou will succeed themselves.

The board, taking full cognizance of charges against Superintendent Pou, reports in detailed fashion on them all. Governor McLean, interviewed by the newspaper men in his office this afternoon frankly told them that he had not reached the point of going into a prison superintendent. He did not know then whether he would make any recommendations or not.

#### Bear Grass Local And Personal News

Messrs. John W. and Walter Bailey motored to Washington Saturday afternoon.

Miss Nealie Jones spent the week end with Miss Mary Bailey.

Mr. Marvin Gurganus was the guest of Mrs. Mary Harris Saturday night. Mr. Ira Rogerson was the guest of Mrs. Essie Mae Taylor Saturday evening.

Mr. Bob Taylor and Miss Helen Rogerson were out riding Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. LeRoy Ausbon and Sylvester-Taylor were the guests of Misses Mary Bailey and Nealie Jones Saturday night.

Mr. Leonard Coltraine was the guest of Miss Mintie Bailey Sunday night. Messrs. Bert Harris and Perlie Coltraine were the guests of Miss Martha Bailey Sunday night.

Messrs. Herbert Coltraine and Garland Jackson were the guests of Miss Mary Bailey Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bailey and children were the guests of Mrs. Bailey's mother Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Taylor and children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey Sunday.

Mr. Pete Mendenhall was the guest of Miss Fannie Cowin Saturday evening.

Protest High Taxes in Martin County Mr. Z. M. Whitehurst, of Greenville, was a visitor in town today. Mr. Whitehurst was a resident of Goose Nest Township and one of the county's leading citizens until some years ago, when he moved to Greenville.

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