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## LESS THAN 1,000 MILK COWS IN MARTIN COUNTY

Number Is Much Lower Than Average for State

### SUGGEST CREAMERY

Few Dairies in County Are Located Near Towns; 100 More High-Grade Cows Needed

There are less than a thousand milk cows in Martin County. The counties of the State will average a far greater number. Butter and other milk products are shipped into our confines for our consumption. This means hundreds of thousands of dollars going out each year for butter and milk products. A few persons near our larger towns are keeping cows for profit. However, there is little profit in these adventures to what the cows could be made to pay if a creamery, consisting of probably \$10,000 investment, were established.

While farmers, hard pressed by the crop failures of this year, are looking about for something to diversify their activity with a better chance at making money, it would be wise to investigate this means. There will be no means of control of production, increasing quantity or reducing it reasonably, little means of providing milk inspection, and guaranteeing its cleanliness until the production of it is started as a local business and put upon a sound business basis. The dairy men of our cities for the sake of this and other people's children pasteurize and otherwise regulate the sanitation of milk products. Only 25 per cent of the children of our county dwell near the cities, however. It appears that 100 additional high bred milk cows on a well-established creamery route centering the business in some town of the county would be a paying investment and productive of health.

## JUDGE TALKS ON CRIME INCREASE

Tells Beaufort Jury Violation of School Law Is One Reason

"Fifteen years ago, if a white man was indicted in your county for larceny the case would have created a sensation," Judge N. A. Sinclair said in his charge to a Beaufort County grand jury in Washington recently. "Today nobody seems to pay any attention to it. This apparent indifference on the part of the public should be corrected."

Continuing his charge, the judge said, "A few years back, there were around 800 men in the State prison. Today there are 2,800. This is indicative of the increase in crime in our State."

"In my connection with criminal law violation and enforcement, I can mention two or three things which contribute to the crime increase. One of these conditions is fundamental. We have a compulsory school law in North Carolina, but the law is not being enforced the way it should be. Somebody is being neglectful in his duty, and it is up to the grand jurors to ascertain whether this negligence exists in their counties. I have yet to see one case where a young white man is indicted for these deplorable crimes and where it is shown that he has gone through high school. Most of them either cannot read and write at all, or else they left school when in the third or fourth grades."

"We are living in a fast age and we should consider the conditions under which our boys are growing up. Bootleggers are plying their trade on all sides and blind tigers are running more or less openly. There are few spots in North Carolina where slot machines are not running wide open and where boys have the habit of gambling instilled in them. They hang around country stores, around garages and filling stations, loafing and getting into bad habits. They want money with which to buy liquor and with which to gamble. They consider that the easiest way to get this money is to steal, and when they start doing that, they get into trouble. If a boy is kept in school, he doesn't have much of a chance to get in with the 'lax' good-for-nothing crowd of loafers from which our criminals come."

### Program of Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 7:30. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

St. Martin's Church—Hamilton Sunday school at 10 a. m.

### Rev. W. B. Harrington To Hold Service at Farm Life

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct preaching services at the Farm Life school Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced today. The public is invited to attend the service.

## MANY ATTEND THANKSGIVING UNION SERVICE

Sermon Is Preached by Rev. Marshall in Christian Church Wednesday

### MUSIC IS VERY GOOD

"Seek First Kingdom of God And His Righteousness" Is Text; Offering Goes To Orphanages

The Thanksgiving season was fittingly observed here beginning with Wednesday evening when union services were held in the Christian church. Rev. C. H. Dickey was in charge, and he made all announcements. Revs. Petty, Piephoff and Marshall each contributed a part to the splendid services. Rev. A. R. Marshall sang the old English Thanksgiving hymn. An offering was taken for the orphanages of the several churches represented.

According to a custom started several years ago, a minister from one of the churches preaches the sermon, and this year it was time for the Episcopal minister, Rev. A. R. Marshall, who chose as his text, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things will be added unto thee." The sermon was highly instructive and interesting to the large congregation as the speaker traced the idea of thanksgiving through all the ages, giving historical data, unusual in a sermon on such an occasion. He brought the ideal of thanksgiving down to the present time and applied it to the individual as well as to the nation.

The musical selections were appropriate and beautiful.

## YOUNG MAN IS CUT IN AFFRAY

John Howard Taylor in Serious Condition Following Altercation

Sliced and carved in an affray last Wednesday evening, John Howard Taylor, young white man who lives near the Beaufort-Martin border line, is in a Washington hospital, doctors there reporting his condition as grave this morning. According to reports received here Taylor was so badly sliced about the neck and body that 103 stitches were required to close the gashes. The attending doctors stated that he was the worst-cut man they had ever seen and that it is a miracle that he did not bleed to death before he reached the hospital.

Facts in the case have not been established at this time, but according to unofficial reports Taylor was sliced by Burley Nelson, white man of the Parmele section, this county. The cause of the affray has not been learned here.

### Presbyterian Church Program of Services

True Sayings: "Learn as if you were to live forever; Live as if you were to die tomorrow."

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Departmental Classes. Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m.

The doors of our church are open to all. A warm welcome awaits all who care to worship with us. Show that you are grateful to God for His mercies by attending one of His services Sunday.

Bear Grass The usual Presbyterian services will be held in the school house auditorium Sunday night, December 1 at 7 o'clock. Come and join in the singing which will be led by Mr. R. F. Pope. Come yourself and invite your friends to come with you.

### Tan Die Result of Cold in Northern United States

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Sub-zero temperatures and heavy snows in the middlewest tonight brought forcibly to mind the fabled wintry scene of the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock, in November, 1620.

The Thanksgiving Day mercury streaked down to readings far below zero in the Northern States when an icy wind blew down from the Arctic. Deaths from the cold mounted to 10 in Canada. In Wisconsin it was 22 below zero at Lampton and 13 below at Superior.

Temperatures, which dropped in 12 hours from the forties to the twenties throughout most of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Illinois, were expected to plunge still farther as the cold wave advanced southward.

### Mrs. Phillip Williams Dies in Griffins Section

Mrs. Phillip Williams, aged resident of Griffins Township, died at her home there Wednesday afternoon. She had been in feeble health for several months. Funeral rites were held yesterday afternoon, interment following in the family burial ground nearby. Rev. W. B. Harrington conducted the services.

## W. H. LEGGETT PASSES AWAY

Was One of Town's Oldest Citizens; Funeral Being Held This Afternoon

On Wednesday night at 11:30 o'clock at his home in New Town, William Henry Leggett passed away, after an illness which lasted for five years. For the past thirteen months, he had been confined to his bed and for twelve weeks or more he has been in an unconscious state.

The deceased was the son of the late Jno. L. Leggett and Celia Elizabeth Leggett. He was born September 27, 1864 on the Washington road, about five miles from here. Forty-eight years ago he married Miss Cecilia Godard and to this union were born six children, James Alonzo, Francis Henry, William Walton, Misses Addie E. and Susan E. Leggett, all of this place, and Mrs. Goodwin Gaskins, of Washington, D. C. One brother, John L. Leggett, of Hertford, and a sister, Mrs. Maggie Browning, of Dardens, also survive.

Mr. Leggett was a devout member of the Methodist church for forty-five years and was one of its most active leaders for a number of years. The funeral services are being held at the home this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, his pastor, Rev. D. A. Petty, and Rev. Charles H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church, conducting the last rites. Interment will be made in the local cemetery.

Mr. Leggett, one of the town's oldest citizens, was one of the community's most highly respected and greatly loved men.

## ROSCOE PEEL STILL MISSING

Former Resident of County Strangely Missing Since Last Friday

Washington, Nov. 28.—No news had been received up to last night concerning the whereabouts of Roscoe Peel, who disappeared in such mysterious fashion last Friday.

Peel is a married man, about 21 years old, and well known in Washington. He borrowed Fernando Lillie's car Friday and he and the car have not been seen since. There are a lot of mysterious things about the disappearance. He evidently made no preparations for it. He had some money that he could have taken with him but which he left behind. It is understood that business had not been so good with him, but there was nothing serious about his affairs. He just naturally disappeared and no one knows what has become of him.

Editor's note—The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Peele, who lived in this county for a number of years on a farm between here and Eferetts. He attended school here for several sessions. Several years ago he moved to Washington where he worked in a chain store for four years, later opening up a small business of his own.

### Program of Services at Methodist Church

Rev. Dwight A. Petty, Pastor Morning service at 11. Communion service sermon theme, "Broken Alabaster Boxes, or Giving Flowers to the Living."

Evening service at 7:30. Sermon by the pastor on "The Christian Mode of Life." Special music at both services.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

### Recorder's Court Session Scheduled Next Tuesday

Sandwiched by the present term of the superior court and by the term convening Monday, December 9, the recorder's court will hold a session here next Tuesday. Seventeen cases had been placed on the docket up until this morning, according to a report coming from the clerk of the court's office. The cases, as a whole, are of very little consequence, it is understood.

### Bishop Darst To Visit Colored Church Here

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will visit the colored Episcopal mission, St. Ignatius, for confirmation next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced this week. The service will be held in the colored Methodist church, and a cordial invitation is extended the white people to attend.

### Regular Prayer Meeting at County Home Sunday

The regular prayer-meeting service will be held at the county home, near here, next Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced today. Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, of the local Episcopal church, will deliver the address it was stated.

## LOCAL ELEVEN DEFEATS APEX, 46-0, THURSDAY

Wake County Champions Are Completely Outclassed

### 300 FANS SEE CONTEST

Locals Score Almost At Will On Big Team From Wake; Visitors Threaten Once

In a listless and one-sided game, the local high school football eleven turned back the Apex squad, 46 to 0 to feature the Turkey Day events in this immediate section and bring to a fitting close their 1929 season. Approximately 300 spectators witnessed the sturdy work of the locals who made drive after drive down the high school gridiron to run up the large score.

Only once during the contest did the visitors threaten to score and almost upset the record of an unscathed goal line during the entire season. The climax of the game came when Holding downed an Apex man on Williamson's five-yard line after a drive run down an open field. A drive to carry the ball over for a score was interrupted by the time-keeper's final whistle.

The afternoon's play climaxed the season's events for the locals; every man playing his part to make possible marked teamwork.

The visitors were on the defense from the start, making only three first downs during the game. Williamson kicked to the visitors to start the game, the ball going beyond the goal line, the visitors were given it on their 20-yard line. They failed to gain through the line or around end and kicked. Williamson ran it back to the visitors' 40-yard line, Saunders going off tackle for a 20-yard gain. A pass failed, a first down coming when Holding plunged through the line for gains. Murdock went around left end on the next play, scoring the first touchdown. A kick from placement was made by Murdock.

Starting on their 18-yard line, the visitors fumbled on a second try at the line and Williamson recovered. Saunders was off for a 10-yard gain, a pass, Murdock to Saunders, netted a second score for the locals. The extra point missed.

Taking the ball on the 20-yard line, Apex failed to gain and kicked. Williamson returned to the 45-yard line. Eight yards were lost on the first play and failing to regain in two more tries, Holding punted to the opponents' 20-yard line. Apex failed to gain and kicked. On the first play following the punt, Murdock tore down the field for 60 yards to score the third touchdown. No extra point was made.

Fumbling the ball on the first play after the kickoff, the visitors were again on the defense when the locals recovered. Six yards were made, a pass failed and another failed, the ball going over when no gain was made on the next play. Taking their tries, the visitors punted, Hardison, star center for the locals, blocking it and recovering the ball on the visitors' 10-yard line. Hardison was quick in breaking the play and taking the ball. Taking too much time to call signals, the locals were penalized 5 yards. A run through the line netted the next touchdown, the score standing at 25 to 0 when the extra point failed.

Just before the half ended, the visitors completed two passes for a 20-yard gain, but were unable to continue their drive and were forced to kick, the half ending with the ball in Williamson's territory.

The visitors tightened their defense in the third period and checked the scoring attack waged in the first half. Harrison made a fast tackle to throw a man for a 15-yard loss. A punt was stopped in the making and the locals took the ball on the 35-yard line. Two passes failed, the ball going over after the locals failed to make a first down. Apex failed to gain and kicked to the locals' 28-yard line. Williamson was unable to gain and punted to the middle of the field. Apex fumbled the ball on the first play and Hardison took it for a five-yard gain. Saunders went through line for a first down. Time out for a discussion. A pass carried to ball within scoring distance, Simpson running it over. Simpson caught a pass to add the extra point.

Receiving the kick off on their 25-yard line, the visitors completed a pretty pass for a 25-yard gain, but were forced to punt. Nothing was gained, the locals capturing the ball and the visitors' 40-yard line. Williamson failed to make a first down and kicked. A returning with a punt on the next play. A penalty cost the locals five yards and two plays later another five yards were lost when too much time was used to call signals. A pass from Holding to Murdock brought another score.

Taking the ball on their 20-yard line, the visitors attempted a pass. Murdock intercepted and ran for the final touchdown. Holding went through the line for extra point, bringing the total score to 46 to 0.

## Local Leaf Market Passes Four-Million Pound Mark

Total sales on the local tobacco market passed the four million mark last Wednesday, the season's sales reaching 4,030,193 pounds, averaging around the 15-cent mark. While the price average is below the one of last year, it is said to be unusually good considering the quality of the offerings made on the local floors. A similar situation is found in the comparison of pounds sold this and last season, the crop being decidedly short in this immediate section. Taking into consideration the poor quality of the tobacco and the crop shortage, the local market has made a creditable record so far this year. Practically all the markets in this part of the Bright Belt are reporting marked decreases in their sales.

## THANKSGIVING PASSES QUIETLY

No Wreck, No Arrests; Football and Hunting Order of Day

Aside from the Apex-Williamston football game in the afternoon and a street concert in the evening by a wandering band of colored musicians, Thanksgiving Day here was marked by its quietness. With one exception work was stopped for the day, the contractors on the new Presbyterian Church building carrying on their operations, in a limited way, to remind one that the day was not Sunday. No wrecks were reported early this morning, and according to information coming from town and county officers, no arrests were made during the day. Sheriff Roebuck stated that he did not receive a single call all day, that as far as he could learn, the day passed very quietly throughout the county.

## DISLOCATES JAW BY WIDE YAWN

Negro of Near Statesville Has Unusual Accident Twice in One Day

Thomas Simonton, a colored resident of the Poplar Branch community, 65 years of age, finds that yawning brings disastrous results having suffered a dislocated jaw twice Tuesday while enjoying this apparently harmless and very exhilarating domestic diversion.

While at his home Tuesday morning, Simonton was seized with the desire to yawn, and when he stretched out his arms and opened wide his mouth, the low jaw bone flew out of place and he found that closing his mouth was impossible. He had the joint set at the Davis hospital, and went back to his home.

Tuesday night, feeling drowsy after becoming warm following hours contact with the damp, cold atmosphere that had hovered over this locality for several days, the aged man was seized with an uncontrollable desire to yawn, and when the aperture to his vocal organs again assumed its maximum size and capacity, the jaw bone flew out of place again and the same trouble was to do over. With his mouth open as wide as the muscles of the lower jaw would permit, the aged man went through the night hoping in vain that his masticatory organ might assume its normal position. This morning, after spending hours without being able to take any nourishment except liquid, Simonton went back to the hospital and had the dislocated joint reset. He was resting comfortably about noon today.—Statesville Landmark.

### Twenty-Six Pupils on Farm Life Honor Roll

Twenty-six pupils met the scholastic requirements to make the honor roll in the Farm Life school during the second month, according to a list prepared by Principal R. B. Talley this week.

The roll follows by grades: First grade—Harry Peele, L. Hardison, Lucy Clarey, Leslie Manning. Second grade—Joseph Daniel, Mittie B. Manning, Betty L. Lilley, Clyde B. Heath. Third grade—Sarah Getsinger, Noah Hardison, William Manning. Fourth grade—John B. Roberson, Annie Getsinger, Mamie C. Manning, E. Manning. Fifth grade—Jay Daniel, James Peele, Emma B. Coltraine. Sixth grade—Beulah Roberson, Thelma C. Coltraine, Carrie Delle Griffin, Daisy Roberson, Ruby Harrington. Eighth grade—Veona Roberson. Tenth grade—Luther Peele, Archie Coltraine.

The thrill of the entire game came when the visitors received the kick off and were working their way down the field. A pretty pass was completed and an open field was ahead, but Holding down the visitor on the 5-yard line, the final whistle ending the game before the visitors had a change to stage a drive for a score.

## PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Twenty-Eight Cases Had Been Disposed of Up To Today

### GRANT ONE DIVORCE

Judge Moore Presiding; Only Civil Cases Are Being Tried; Motion Docket Today

Twenty-eight cases had been disposed of up until this morning in the superior court convening here Monday of last week and closing today. A number of cases has been disposed of outside the regular court channels, it is understood. One divorce was recorded in the minutes, practically none of the cases attracting very much attention. Today is what they term "motion day" at the courthouse, Judge Moore hearing arguments in a number of cases.

The proceedings recorded so far are briefly as follows:

North Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank against G. W. Blount et als; case referred to W. B. Rodman, Jr., referee.

Mrs. J. T. Dowtin against J. T. Dowtin; a mistrial was ordered by the court.

D. G. Matthews vs. L. J. Ewell, settled by agreement.

Slade, Rhodes and Company against Henry Tanner and Joe Purvis. This case having been tried at the April term and judgment rendered and an appeal taken and judgment confirmed by the supreme court, the case was removed from the docket.

Ada E. Long vs. W. C. Wallace and Virginia Wallace. It was found that the goods claimed by the defendant, Virginia Wallace, should be restored to her.

W. E. Roberson against J. H. Whitfield, judgment for plaintiff for \$750.

J. H. Swindell vs. Wiltz Veneer Company, suit for personal injury; judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$800.

D. G. Matthews vs. Essie Mae Bowen. The case having been settled by agreement, it was stricken from the docket, the plaintiff agreeing to pay the costs.

Nettie Cowan vs. Gabriel and Lucy Wiggins, A Judgment of \$629.86 for plaintiff.

Letha Purvis vs. Herbert Purvis, divorce granted.

Dan Purrington vs. Don Johnson. A judgment was given Purrington for personal damage done him when he was assaulted and shot by Johnson a year ago.

In the matter of the will of Mittie A. Purvis, the jury found that she will propounded for probate was the last will of the said Mittie A. Purvis.

C. T. Smith and Company against Louis Worthington, the sum of \$225. was found to be due to the plaintiff.

Loualla Rawls against James E. Rawls, divorce granted.

Peel Motor Company against J. M. Oakley and Mrs. J. M. Oakley, judgment for the plaintiff for \$345.

Bank of Robersonville against C. H. Godwin and L. W. Godwin, judgment favor of bank for \$933.94 with interest from September 11, 1920.

N. C. Joint Stock Land Bank vs. J. H. Bullock, voluntary nonsuit.

B. L. Johnson against J. F. Hopewell, judgment favor of plaintiff for \$324.12.

C. M. Davenport vs. W. J. Bunting, P. H. High, J. C. Ross and B. M. Worsley, settlement having been made between the plaintiff Davenport and the defendant Bunting, the case was dismissed.

Oliver Carter against R. L. Coburn, receiver, plaintiff takes nonsuit.

W. E. Roberson vs. J. H. Whitfield, judgment for plaintiff for \$207.56.

Farmers and Merchants Bank vs. W. K. Parker, judgment against defendant for \$275.00.

Mrs. E. Blount vs. Andrew Long, injury to property, \$50 judgment.

Greenville Banking and Trust Company against J. A. Ausban et als, stockholders, assessment of stockholders.

J. F. Thigpen against W. B. Knox, \$150 judgment.

J. T. Vick against Joe Bunting and M. L. Bunting, \$70.

J. E. Vick against Joe Bunting and M. L. Bunting, judgment favor of plaintiff for \$70.

Greenville Banking and Trust Company against E. C. House, assessment on stock. The defense was charged with \$100 in final settlement.

### Large Crowds Attending Harrison Brothers' Sale

For the first time since the concern's establishment, 28 years ago, Harrison Brothers and Company, prominent merchants in this section, are staging a big closing out sale, offering their entire stock of goods at greatly reduced prices. Approximately \$75,000 worth of goods will be included in the sale, it was stated by the salesmanager. The sale opened this morning with large crowds attending.

## LOCAL GRIDDERS SCORE 389 POINTS

Have Not Been Scored Upon This Season; Average 35 Points Per Game

With their goal line uncrossed during the entire season, the local high school football team established a unique record this year, scoring 389 points in eleven games. Only one did they fall below 20 points, while, on the other hand, they made as high as 62 points in one game, making an average of a fraction over 35 points for each game during the season.

A concerted effort upon the part of each player marked the season's play and which, no doubt, had much to do with the making of the record. In addition to the tabulated record, it can be pointed out that the locals' goal line was in danger but very few times during the season.

With Coach B. E. Hood in charge, the boys have been highly and very efficiently trained in the game this year, the defense feature standing out prominently in the season's play. Comparatively light in weight, the line has offered a defense that has held and turned back all comers. The large score points to a well-coached and capable back field.

The record:

Williamston	Opponents	Points
33 Farmville	0	0
45 Vanceboro Farm Life	0	0
25 Morehead City	0	0
37 LaGrange	0	0
51 Nashville	0	0
20 Tarboro	0	0
28 Aulander	0	0
62 Poplar Branch	0	0
18 Edenton	0	0
24 Henderson	0	0
46 Apex	0	0
389	Total	0

### Baptists Announce Program of Services

"Rich Man, Poor Man," and "The Crumbs from Our Tables," will be the two sermon-subjects, in the order of their arrangement, for the Sunday preaching services.

B. Y. P. U. Sunday school and the mid-week service will be held at the regular times.

If any members of this congregation have had no opportunity of making their Thanksgiving offering, they may do so at these services Sunday.

### County and Town Boards Will Meet Next Monday

While no definite schedule of events has been formed, it is understood that a number of matters will come up for discussion before the town and county commissioners in their regular sessions here next Monday. Business scheduled for discussion at the town meeting the first Monday evening in this month was postponed at that time when the officials stopped their work to go to a fire in Robersonville.

### Services at Hassells Christian Church

Rev. G. S. Sullivan will conduct services in the Hassell, Christian Church both morning and evening next Sunday, it was announced today. He will preach at the 11 o'clock hour in the morning and at 7:15 in the evening. Sunday school will convene at 9:45.

The public is cordially invited to attend each of these services.

### Robersonville and Edenton Will Play Tuesday Night

Robersonville's high school football eleven will play Edenton's team at Edenton next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the game being one of the first to be played at night by high school teams in the State. Large crowds are expected to see the contest.

White footballs will be used, and the field has been equipped with large lights and reflectors.

### Mother of Former School Principal Died Tuesday

Mrs. C. P. Jerome, age 68, died in a Raleigh hospital last Tuesday night. Interment was made Wednesday afternoon in Goldsboro, her home. Mrs. Jerome was the mother of Mr. J. T. Jerome, for several years the principal of the Williamston schools.