

## LARGE CROWDS HERE TO ATTEND SUPERIOR COURT

### Will Hardly Complete the Criminal Docket Before Early Thursday

While there were large crowds present for the opening day of the superior court now in session for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, very little business of much interest was handled by the tribunal that day.

The more important cases, or those carrying much interest, are being prepared, and while one or two are scheduled for trial today, it will probably be late this afternoon or tomorrow before they are called.

During the first day, the grand jury returned six true bills, as follows: Lester Whitaker, seduction.

Dennis Whitaker and Coy Bland, housebreaking and larceny.

Azariah Williams, Jim Davis, Ed Johnson, and Jasper Wiggins, larceny and receiving.

Ellsworth Holliday and A. J. Harrison, housebreaking and larceny.

Roy Lanier, housebreaking.

Harvey L. Gardner, murder.

The jury will probably complete its work late today or early tomorrow.

Judge Frank A. Daniels, presiding, called thirteen cases yesterday, withholding heavy fines and long sentences.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Fletcher Bryant with seduction.

The case charging Lester Whitaker with being drunk and disorderly and resisting an officer was continued until the March, 1933, term, giving the defendant that much time to pay the fine and cost in the case.

John R. Whitchard was allowed until next March to pay the fine and costs in the case charging him with operating a car while intoxicated.

The case charging Clayton Wilson with arson, was continued for the defendant.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging J. W. Barnes with a felony assault upon a female.

A true bill was returned and the case charging Lester Whitaker with seduction was continued.

The cases charging Rufus Spruill and Wm. Ed Teel with seduction were remanded back to the justice of the peace court.

The case charging Andrew Jackson Wiggins with an assault on a female was nol prossed.

Rowena Wilkes was sentenced to jail for a period of three weeks in the case charging her with violating the liquor laws.

Burt Gorham was found not guilty of abandonment.

Elbert Green was given a six-months suspended road sentence in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon, Judge Daniels suspending the sentence upon the pledged good behavior of the defendant and the payment of \$20 to Dr. Pittman and \$22 to Eli Bryant, the prosecuting witness.

Whit Briley was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with operating an automobile while intoxicated. His license to operate a car was revoked for a period of six months.

The court called the case charging Azariah Williams and others with larceny, but took a recess before completing it.

Azariah Williams, Jim Davis and Jasper Wiggins were found guilty of stealing leaf tobacco and were sentenced to the roads for a period of five months when the court opened its proceedings this morning. Wm. Ed Johnson, charged in the same case, was found not guilty.

Ellsworth Holliday, charged with housebreaking and larceny and receiving, pleaded guilty of receiving, and was sentenced to the roads for four months. A. J. Harrison, pleaded guilty of both charges, and was sentenced to the roads for eight months.

Coy Bland and Dennis Whitaker were found guilty of housebreaking and larceny, but sentence had not been pronounced at noon today.

The case charging S. L. Rogers with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued.

The grand jury failed to return a true bill in the case charging Otis and Jasper Roebuck with burning their home in Everetts last August.

The following true bills were returned shortly before noon:

Dennis Whitaker, Clarence Wynn and E. L. Williams, house breaking and larceny.

Charlie Ben Mc Keel and Elder Lee Gardner, house breaking and larceny.

W. A. Respass, house breaking and larceny.

Theodore Lawson, larceny and receiving.

### To Serve Turkey Supper Here Thursday Night

The Baptist Philanthropy class will serve a turkey supper at the Woman's Club hall here Thursday from 6 to 8 p. m. The public is invited.

### Everetts Faculty Will Play There Friday Night

On Friday night of this week the faculty of the Everetts school will present "The Red-Headed Stepchild," a three act drama in the school auditorium there. The play contains much lively dialogue and humor, and should prove very entertaining. Ten and fifteen cents admission will be charged, the proceeds being used to purchase playground equipment for the school.

The play will begin promptly at 8 p. m., Friday December 16.

## LICENSE BUREAU HERE WILL OPEN NEXT THURSDAY

### Present Indications Point To Smaller Sale Than One of Last Year

Arrangements have been completed for handling the sale of state automobile license plates at the Williamston Motor Company here, beginning on Thursday of this week, and continuing for one month. Car-owners can display the 1933 tags on and after the 15th of this month, but will be subject to prosecution if they fail to display them on and after the 1st day of January.

The local bureau will issue licenses for all types of passenger cars and all trucks and trailers up to two and one-half tons capacity each. Owners of trucks or trailers with a greater load capacity than that will buy direct from Raleigh.

Finding that many car owners displayed the wrong kind of license plates on their cars, the State is issuing them in three series this year. The No. 1 series for cars weighing not over 2,750 pounds will sell for \$12.50 to \$14.85. The No. 2 series for cars weighing from 2,751 to 3,650 pounds will sell for \$13.40 to \$19.80. The No. 3 series, for cars weighing more than 3,650 pounds, will sell for more than \$20, according to weight.

The three series will be designated by numerals, making it impossible for the owners to buy cheap plates and place them on more expensive cars than the plates call for. There will be a plate for the front and rear.

It is believed the call for new license plates will cause many owners to drive their cars to "roost," especially the older models. The number of old Model T Fords was greatly decreased last selling time, and there will be but few left when this sale gets a whack at them, it is believed.

No unusually large sale of tags is looked for in this immediate section this year. Main reason: The low price offered for peanuts and other farm products.

## HONOR ROLL AT EVERETTS

### Sizeable Increase Reported In Attendance Figures for the Past Month

An increase of 23 children in daily attendance was reported in the Everetts elementary school last month over the figures for the preceding month, it was announced yesterday by Principal D. N. Hix. There were 291 elementary and 60 high school pupils enrolled in the school there, 255 in the elementary and 51 in the high school attending regularly.

The honor roll for the third month, recently ended, carries the following names:

First grade: Billy Clark, Walter Keel.

Second month: Dora O'Neil Bailey, Bill Donald, Harry Edmonds, John Mobley, Naomi Rawls, James A. Stalls, Dallas Taylor, George Wynn.

Third grade: Susie Ausbon, Florine Clark, Agnes Mayten, Mary Louise Mobley.

Fourth grade: Susie Ayers, Grace Clark, Ruth Forbes, Edgar Taylor.

Fifth grade: Mary Mallory, Jesse Rawls, Dillon Wynn.

Sixth grade: Joseph Barnhill, Jennie Lou Williams.

Tenth grade: Roy Harrell.

Eleventh grade: Hazel Faulkner, Helen Keel.

### To Hold Cottage Prayer Meeting Here Tomorrow

A cottage prayer meeting will be held in the home of Mr. J. H. Dixon on West Main Street Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today by Rev. C. T. Rogers, of the Methodist church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Wet Weather Has Delayed Planting Of Small Grains

Planting of small grain has proceeded slowly over most sections of piedmont Carolina due to wet weather. From many counties, growers report little grain sowed to date.

## COMMISSIONER ARRESTED FOR TAKING BRIBES

### Being Held In Martin Jail In Default Of \$5,000 Bond Required at Hearing

Thomas E. Beaman, United States Commissioner and former minister, was arrested in Greenville last week and charged with receiving bribes from bootleggers and conspiracy to violate the national prohibition laws. At a hearing held here yesterday afternoon, Beaman was placed under a \$5,000 bond, in default of which he was ordered held in jail until next April, when he will be tried in the Federal court at Washington. Given the preference of entering either the Martin jail or the one in Pitt, Beaman chose the Martin housego.

While he waived preliminary examination at the hearing held yesterday afternoon, Beaman is said to claim the charge was a frame-up, that he was in the insurance business and was collecting the regular premiums when arrested. Offers presented different evidence, maintaining that they had heard him bargaining with alleged bootleggers and that they had trapped him in several cases.

He entered the jail here good-naturedly.

The arrest of Beaman, who for the past three years has been prominent in the prosecution of whisky interests of this territory, followed a four-weeks investigation conducted under the direction of Sheriff Sam Whitehurst and Chief of Police George Clark and reached its climax when Beaman walked into the dragnet of the law at W. A. Shine's, in Greenville.

Officers said Beaman was the head of an organization and hung around law enforcement offices of the city, supposedly for the purpose of giving them government aid, but principally for the purpose of informing bootleggers and whisky interests of the movements of the law and then demanding bribes. They said Beaman told his victims that if they would pay him a certain amount of money he would defend them, that he represented all of the law-enforcement agencies of the county and could prevent their prosecution.

Acceptance of bribes had been checked on three different occasions prior to the visit to Shine's place, officers said.

As Beaman approached Shine for a \$3 bribe, Sheriff Whitehurst and Chief of Police Clark suddenly made their appearance at both entrances to the building. Beaman was told he was under arrest, and in searching him the officers found a revolver and three one dollar bank notes which Shine had just paid him.

Sheriff Whitehurst said he had previously marked the bank notes before delivering them to Shine, who instead of being a bootlegger, as Beaman supposed, was being used by the officers in obtaining final evidence on the former preacher.

In addition to his position as U. S. Commissioner, Beaman was said to be the head of a local detective bureau which over a year ago was used in rounding up violators of the national prohibition law.

Over a year ago Beaman directed raids on numbers of whisky sellers in this immediate section. He obtained the information, it was said, and Federal officers prosecuted the raids. Many of the defendants arrested in such instances found their way to the Federal penitentiary.

Prior to entering the law-enforcement field, Beaman was pastor of the Free Will Baptist church in Greenville.

### Five County Boys Are Enrolled at Wake Forest

Wake Forest—Five sons of Martin County citizens are included in this year's record-breaking enrollment at Wake Forest College. One is a senior, one a sophomore, and three are freshmen. Three are from Williamston, and two are from Jamesville.

The Williamston contingent is made up of J. W. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Price; and H. H. Cowen, Jr., and R. H. Cowen, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cowen.

E. H. Ange, Jr., a sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ange; and C. A. Askew, Jr., a freshman, son of Mrs. C. A. Askew, are both from Jamesville and are both taking the regular academic courses. These two men are also officers of the Martin County Club, Askew being president and Ange vice president.

### Masons Will Select New Officers Here Tonight

The Skewarkee Lodge, A. F. and A. M., will hold its regular election of officers for the coming Masonic year at a meeting to be held in the lodge hall tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are especially urged to attend the meeting.

### To Meet With Seed Loan Farmers Here Tomorrow

J. Haywood Jones, field inspector for the Government Production Loan Office, will meet with those Martin farmers having loans at the courthouse here Wednesday afternoon between 1 and 1:30 o'clock.

It is understood Mr. Jones will discuss the holding of peanuts off the market by postponing the collection date for the loans floated in anticipation of peanut production and sales in this territory. It has been unofficially learned that the government will consider postponing the collection date until next March, but definite action will probably be taken at the meeting here tomorrow, making it important for all farmers possessing government loans to attend.

## RED CROSS DRIVE IN THIS SECTION NETS TOTAL \$110

### Gained Membership More Than One-sixth of the Assigned Quota

Completing its final drive of the annual Red Cross roll call a few days, the Martin County chapter of the organization annexed a total of \$110.55, it was reported yesterday by Mrs. A. R. Dunning, chairman of the chapter. The gained membership was slightly more than one-sixth of the quota assigned.

The names of those making donations since the last report are:

Miss L. E. Sleeper, Mrs. John Manning, Virginia Electric and Power Company's force, \$4; the first five grades of the local schools, \$4.35; Mayo-Missell, G. M. Anderson, R. C. Sexton, Mrs. I. T. Coltrane, O. W. Hamilton, Misses Annie V. Horner, Emily Smithwick, Blanche Mizell, Opal Brown, Charles Martin, R. O. Martin, Professor A. L. Pollock, all of Jamesville; and Rev. E. C. Sexton, of Rocky Mount. All the grades in the Jamesville school contributed \$6.00.

In making the final report of the membership drive, the chairman published those who aided the soliciting work, they expressed her appreciation to those who aided the soliciting work and whose names are:

Mrs. Rhome Biggs, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mrs. Ruth Bonduant, Mrs. Roger Critcher, Mrs. H. G. Horton, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. Roy Gurganus, Mrs. M. D. Watts, Mrs. R. L. Coburn, Mrs. G. H. Harrison, Mrs. Robert Everett, Mrs. Jack Frank, Mrs. Gabe Robertson, Mrs. Kathleen Lilley, J. R. Manning, Professor H. M. Ainsley, Professor A. L. Pollock, Mrs. W. B. Watts, Miss Ruth Manning, and Mrs. Leman Barnhill.

## COTTON CROP IN COUNTY ALMOST DOUBLED IN 1932

### Crop at Present Price Will Hardly Pay One-half of County Tax Bill

Martin County farmers have already ginned 1,736 more bales of cotton than they did up to the same time last year, but the growers will hardly get as much money for the larger crop as they received last year. With the price of peanuts touching a new low point and cotton prices ranging around 5 cents a pound, it now looks as if the old live-at-home program will be followed more extensively next year than at any time since or before the Civil War. Food and feeds are just as valuable as ever for the individual farmer's consumption, and since he makes little or nothing on so-called money crops, he is expected to turn more and more to providing his own food and none for others.

Up until the first of this month, 4,555 bales of cotton had been ginned in the county, as compared with 2,792 bales ginned up until the same time last year. Estimating that each of the 4,555 bales weighs 500 pounds, and figuring the 2,277,500 pounds at 5 cents, there wouldn't be enough revenue from the sale to pay half the tax bill in the county, not mentioning the numerous mortgages, current debts, or living expenses.

While the crop for the nation is more than 4,000,000 bales below the 1931 production, the price is lower. Last year there was a crop of 17,086,000 bales as compared with 12,727,000 bales this year. North Carolina's yield was estimated to be 640,000 bales.

### Junior Order To Elect Its Officers Thursday Night

The annual election of officers for the local council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the American Legion hall. All members are urged to attend.

# Many County Growers Favor Peanut Marketing Agreement

## JUDGE BLAMES EXTRAVAGANCE FOR TROUBLES

### Stresses the Importance of Checking Crime In Its Beginning

Making a charge that embraced the very essence of good citizenship, Judge Frank A. Daniels in superior court here yesterday declared that extravagance was one of the main foundations for our present crime wave and distress. "We have rushed too fast in our demands for luxuries," the able jurist said. Continuing, he said, "We have torn down our old houses and built greater ones. We have placed debts on all we have for automobiles, radios, and other articles of pleasure, and in all we have builded too extravagantly."

Judge Daniels addresses the jury members as men of character and intelligence. The law requires and makes it the duty of the county commissioners to provide a jury list of such qualifications, taking the names of such persons from the tax list and depositing them in the jury box every two years. The judge stated that the same rule should apply to all offices. He condemned the practice of the selfish unscrupulous, and unintelligent class who too often clamor for office by going out among such classes as they themselves are and enlist their help when their only qualification is the art to mingle with and ensnare help from classes who are not concerned in honest government.

In outlining the duties of the grand jury, the presiding judge stated that he assumed the members would adhere to the instructions of the court and to their oaths. He explained that no bill could be passed until twelve of the jury members voted for its passage, and that no man could be tried for a felony until indicted by the grand jury.

The jurist stressed the importance of checking crime in its infancy, because little violations finally grow until some of the greater crimes are committed.

All public offices should be regularly inspected, the judge adding that we need to check our individual business in order that we may know whether or not we are keeping within due bounds.

Headed by Sylvester Peel, foreman, the jury was made up by the following:

G. R. Haislip, A. L. Raynor, L. A. Thompson, W. L. Bland, Dewey Perry, A. R. Osborne, Dennis L. Peel, S. L. Andrews, N. S. Cherry, Levin Ange, George W. Ayers, G. L. Keel, S. C. Griffin, J. E. Edmondson, Noah R. Rodgers, Lester House, and I. F. Andrews.

## PLAY FRIDAY AT OAK CITY

### Literary Societies To Stage Production In School Auditorium There

On Thursday, December 15, at the Oak City School Auditorium, the Estharian and Wilsonian Societies will present Myrtle Elsey's play, "The Alley Daffodil," a comedy in three acts.

The setting is in the Roberts' home in a small village. Mrs. Roberts, a social climber, clearly shows the greed of many moderns to become famous through means of securing a title for her one daughter, Frances. The father is quite henpecked, though he clearly shows his wife she must accept his ideas as the last analysis to every situation. The Roberts' family become wealthy by means of manufacturing mouse traps. Adeline Stone is a partner to Mr. Roberts. Cherry Rogar, the Alley Daffodil, is the only character to whom we extend our sympathy. She is the daughter of a soap maker and is very poor until her father sells his soap formula. Cherry is in love with Larry Roberts, but feels her inferiority and knows she can not marry him. As the plot thickens we see Cherry and Adeline changing places; the Roberts becoming poor, Cherry wealthy; Frances eloping with Mitchie De Goresse, simply because he has a title. Each role adds vim and vigor to the play, but we couldn't forget a good laugh with the two colored servants at the Roberts' home. None other than Vengeance and Rumpus.

About 40 girls and boys feature in three choruses that will be given between acts.

Those directing the play are Miss Rountree, home economics teacher, and Miss Zettertower, English teacher.

### Regular Kiwanis Meeting Will Be Held Tomorrow

What will doubtless be the last Kiwanis meeting in the year 1932 will be held Wednesday noon of this week. There are two or three new members to be received at this meeting, and a full attendance of the membership is requested. Solicitor Don Gilliam has been invited to be the guest of the club on that day.

## YEAR'S SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY HOME AGENT

### Annual Report Submitted At County Board Meet First Monday

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, county home demonstration agent, submitted the following summary of her work during the past year to the Martin County Board of Commissioners at their last regular meeting.

The agent traveled 10,721 miles and held 240 meetings, with a total attendance of 3,018, attended 31 other meetings related to the work with an attendance of 4,568. There were 171 women enrolled in the home management project. The women have had work in rearrangement of equipment in the kitchen to make the kitchen more convenient, adjusting the heights of work surfaces, improved practices in laundry, ironing problems, adequate lighting, making of time schedules and making the kitchen more attractive. Approximately 100 have either rearranged their kitchens or adjusted the heights of work surfaces. A smaller number have improved laundry practices and ironing problems.

The minor project was food preservation, and in this the women have canned 35,600 containers, which if valued at 20 cents each, would give the county \$7,120. This was, however, the saving to the women in the county canning food products for the winter months. Club girls canned 702 containers making the total 36,302.

Total sales on the curb market were \$1,425.44. There were a total of 738 sellers during the 52 market days, which is an average of 14 sellers each Saturday during the year.

There have been welfare chairmen in each club the past year and the clubs have held special sewing meetings. A total of 133 garments were passed on during the year. Two bolts of cotton domestic were donated to the club women and garments were made and distributed. An order for coats, blankets, shoes, was placed at Fort Bragg, and these garments were distributed through the organization.

Twenty-eight women attended the State Farmers' Convention this year, and the total travel expense to the women was under 50 cents each. This included the round trip to Raleigh and round trip to Duke University and Chapel Hill.

For the first time a Martin County girl is receiving Jane S. McKimmon loan fund money this year. The county women should be pleased, since only \$20 has been paid the organization. The home demonstration clubs are affiliated with the state organization.

The annual district meeting of the home demonstration organization was held in Williamston this year at the Baptist and Methodist churches. Each county contributed to the program. There were 347 in attendance.

In addition to all work done in the projects reported over 300 garments have been made by the women at a saving of from \$1 to \$5 each.

## VITAL STATISTICS FOR PAST MONTH

### Forty Births and Eighteen Deaths Reported In the County During Period

Forty births and 18 deaths were reported in this county last month; five townships having no births and deaths. Hamilton Township reported no deaths and 7 births. Robertsonville Township led with the greatest number of births and deaths.

Statistics for the period, as covered by five registrars:

	Deaths	Births
Jamesville	2	4
Williamston	6	11
Robertsonville	7	16
Hamilton	0	7
Goose Nest	3	2
Totals	18	40

## RETURNS TO BE MADE AT MEET HERE TODAY

### First Of the Early Returns Are Considered Very Encouraging

While definite results will not be available until 3 o'clock this afternoon, early reports indicate that the canvass made during the past few days in an effort to establish a uniform marketing agreement throughout the peanut-growing area was meeting with much success. The reports were not near complete, however, and there may be a different outcome when all the township chairman turn in the complete returns here today.

One canvasser, having completed his territory, reported a 100 per cent support for the proposed marketing agreement. Approximately 2,000 bags were represented in the particular area and the growers were reported as being very eager to have a part in promoting the marketing agreement.

In one or two cases, the growers owed money, but they immediately visited their creditors asking that they be allowed to hold their crop and support the marketing agreement.

Just what percentage of the crop will be included under the proposed marketing plan is not known, but it was certain from the early reports today that the agreement was meeting with marked favor in nearly every section visited by the canvassers.

In the meantime, the crop is moving very slowly. Marketing activities are hardly noticeable at all, and storage operations on a large scale are being made locally, it is understood. Several thousand bags have been put in storage and warehouses here so far, and no marketing activities will be started until there is a favorable change in the price, the owners declared.

As far as it could be learned here yesterday, less than 1,000 bags have been shipped from this point to the markets. Two carloads of farmers' stock were moved a few days ago, and there is little prospect for shipments of any size just at this time. Last year up until about this time, approximately 100 carloads had been moved from this shipping point.

A few small sales are being made in those cases where extreme necessity demands the exchange. Many Martin farmers have sworn they will feed their peanuts to the hogs before they sell at the present price, and under that condition, there will be but very little activity in the peanut market as long as the price continues around three-quarters of a cent and one cent a pound.

## Parent-Teacher Group To Serve Lunch at Jamesville

The serving of a free-for all hot lunch three times a week to the elementary school children during the lunch hour is one of the most recent projects undertaken by the Jamesville Parent-Teachers' Association. The need of it was keenly felt in that about 85 per cent of the children had no chance of getting a hot meal in the middle of the day. At present, this is made possible through the aid of the grade mothers and the children who bring food supplies from their homes. These supplies are divided in the afternoon and sent to the grade mothers. It is prepared and returned to school at the lunch hour next day.

A well-constructed kitchen and lunch room is being built and equipped in connection with the school. This will, no doubt, facilitate the serving of lunches and increase the menu. It is hoped that soon these lunches will be served daily.

## Blue and Red Globes May Return To Drug Stores

The mortar and pestle and those in tritiguing large glass globes of red and blue—emblems of pharmacy—may again gain grace the windows of local drug stores, as the result of a definite "back to pharmacy" movement reported to be making rapid headway all over America.

The movement seeks to remind the public that the local drug store is a professional service institution of the highest character and centers attention on the many invaluable services to the sick and well rendered by the pharmacist. Though drug stores have changed appearances in the course of years, the spirit of the old pharmacist, friend and counselor of old and young, still hovers over today's establishment.