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## WILL NOT FINISH TRIAL CRIMINAL CASES THIS WEEK

### Court Adjourned Today at Noon Until Monday Morning

For the first time in a number of years, the trial of criminal cases in the superior court is continuing thru one whole week with one important case scheduled for Monday morning at 10 o'clock of next week. While many of the cases called and heard this week were considered of no great consequence, the trial of a number of them was long-drawn-out. One or two small fines have been imposed so far, and one or two substantial road sentences were meted out. Judgment in the Poole, Berry, and Bailey robbery cases will not be announced before next Monday after one J. P. Watson, Roseboro merchant, alleged to have received cigarettes stolen from the Harrison Wholesale Company here, is tried. Watson finally appeared on the scene of battle here Wednesday, the court requiring a \$3,000 bond for his appearance for trial Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Only two or three criminal cases remain on the docket for trial, and it might be that a few civil actions will be heard before Monday.

Proceedings since last Tuesday noon follow:

Charged with larceny, Bruce Moseley was found to be under 16 years of age, and the case was remanded to the juvenile court. Robert Hollis, second defendant in the case, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for 12 months. The sentence was suspended upon the condition that the boy pay a \$25 fine and costs of the case.

John T. Hadley was found guilty of reckless driving and was ordered to jail for a period of 90 days.

The case charging Julian Peel and Lee Peel with an assault with a deadly weapon was remanded to the recorder's court for trial.

John R. Coltrane was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, but apparently upon the recommendation of the jury that mercy be shown him, Judge Parker suspended judgment upon the payment of the cost.

Harry Hopkins, having paid \$25 to the court in the case charging him with aiding and abetting an abortion, was given until the June term to pay the remainder of the court costs.

The case charging George Andrews with an assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon, was not prosed.

A mistrial was ordered in the case charging Ananias Keel with house-breaking and larceny.

The star case of the week was the one charging Will Brayboy, colored, with assaulting his wife. The negro pleaded his own case in his own way, furnishing the audience more than one good laugh when he would stray from his task and start arguing with his witness. Brayboy claims his wife had been running around with one Clarence Whitaker, that he cut his wife with a butcher knife when e

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## Young White Man Jailed for Entering Home Here

Clyde Cahoon, young white man, was jailed here yesterday afternoon when he was found wandering in an intoxicated condition in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Daniel on Smithwick Street.

He was given a hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell here this morning, and was given a 30-day jail sentence, suspended upon the payment of the costs and the condition that he stay out of Williamston for six months.

## Dardens Man Is Jailed For Being Drunk in Courthouse

Wilmer Tetterton, of the Dardens section, was sentenced to jail for five days for being drunk in the courthouse here this morning. Judge Parker saw the man, and directed the sheriff to hold him until next Wednesday at 12:15 o'clock.

Tetterton, at noon, did not know what it was all about, it was said.

## Dr. J. A. Campbell Will Preach in Baptist Church

The pastor of the Baptist church is out of town, and Dr. J. A. Campbell, President of Campbell's College, at Buie's Creek, will occupy the pulpit in the church here Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. There will be no church service Sunday evening.

Dr. Campbell is well known in this section by a large group of men and women who have attended the old Buie's Creek school and in more recent years, the college. It is a monumental thing Dr. Campbell has done there through his long years of his life. And those who have an opportunity of hearing him Sunday morning will be glad of the unusual privilege.

## Recent Warm Weather Big Help To Tobacco Plant Beds

With springlike weather prevailing during much of the past week or two, tobacco plants have advanced in size greatly, according to reports heard throughout the county. Some farmers report plants as large as a silver half dollar, and that they are picking their beds regularly to free the plants from weeds and grass.

Plant beds have been increased by about one-third in this section this year, and if no trouble is experienced with blue mold or other diseases, a material increase in

the crop acreage can well be expected. Blue mold, aided by wet weather, is damaging plants in the fields of South Carolina and Georgia, but it could not be learned whether the condition would effect a decrease in the acreage or not.

It is believed that farmers will realize as much from a crop two-thirds of normal size as they will from a big crop, but despite the advantage to be had in small acreages, indications now point to a crop just as large as can be planted.

## TONSIL CLINIC AT BEAR GRASS

### Nineteen Children Operated Upon Getting Along Very Nicely

The tonsil clinic held at Bear Grass last Friday was very successful. There were nineteen operations performed, and from last reports all the patients are recovering rapidly. The operations were performed Friday morning and evening, and the pupils spent the night in the school house under the care of their parents, nurses and doctors. They were able to leave the school building Saturday morning.

**Senior Play**  
The seniors of the Bear Grass School are going to present their annual play, "A Noble Outcast," Friday night, March 31.

**Honor Roll**  
First grade—Ruth Terry, Haywood Mobley, Wade Mobley, Vernon Roebuck, Luke Mizelle, Mayo Harrison and Dallas Cowin.

High First—Mildred Bowen, Naomi Cratt, Ula Mae Gurganus, Mary Clyde Gurganus, Mildred Wableton, Catherine Cratt, Sudie Martin, Clyde Martin and Gilam Rogers.

Second Grade—Jeannett Rogerson, Rufus Gurganus, Henry Rogers, Bessie Harrison, Edward Bullock, Evelyn Cowin, Naomi Brown, Laurel Leggett and Sybil Peel.

Third Grade—William Ward, Mary Lou Hodges, Elbert Harris, Harry Wynn, Elva Leggett, Lucille Jones and Dennis Marion Bailey.

Fourth Grade—Rachel Ayers, Magdeline Harrison, Rachel Hardy, Carrie Dell Terry, Ronald White and Cora Ruth Shaw.

Sixth Grade—Hilda Roberson, Ruby Wynn, Della Mae Jones.

Seventh Grade—Vada Shaw, Lou-allie Whitehurst, Catherine Wynn, Grace Rogers, Bessie Mae Terry, Elizabeth Bailey, Lee Cherry and Leon Rogers.

Eighth Grade—Susie Gray Hines, Lois Mae Bailey, Hilda Roebuck, Evelyn Mobley, Dan Peel, William Mizelle, Virginia Bell Whitehurst.

Ninth Grade—Mary Elizabeth Keel and Clifton Malone.

Tenth Grade—A. B. Ayers, jr., and Theresa Rogers.

Eleventh Grade—Taylor Malone, Ralph Mobley.

## BANQUET HELD AT FARM LIFE

### Juniors Honor Seniors with Big Banquet There Last Evening

With the first senior class nearing completion of the year's work in the Farm Life School, the junior class honored the dignitaries at a banquet there last night. The event was carefully planned and greatly enjoyed by the students and a few invited guests including the faculty and members of the school committee. Following a three-course dinner, an interesting program of songs, short talks and games testing the knowledge of the attendants in history and poetry, was enjoyed.

The graduating class there this year is composed of 12 pupils, six girls, Eva Brown Coltrane, Eva Gray Manning, Estelle Lilley, Veona Roberson, Hazel Ward and Mildred Roberson; and six boys, Robert Peel, Maurice Peel, Jno. E. Manning, Archie Coltrane, Felton Daniel and Raleigh Harrington.

## Beer Legal Nationally but Not Yet in North Carolina

The Congress of the United States has legalized beer, but at the present time, or after April 6, only in a few states can the beverage be sold legally. The sale of beer will be unlawful in North Carolina unless the legislature amends certain laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of certain beverages. The question has been advanced in the legislature, but no definite action has resulted.

At the present time, Maryland is about the nearest state that will be ready for the legal sale of beer.

## UPHOLD VERDICT IN JOHNSON CASE

### Robersonville Man To Get \$13,400.00 for Injuries Received in Wreck

The North Carolina Supreme Court this week upheld the Martin County Superior Court in its judgment awarding Edgar Johnson, Robersonville citizen, the sum of \$13,400 for injuries received in an automobile-truck wreck near Wilson more than a year ago. The suit was brought against the Boney-Hoffler Transfer Co., of Wallace, the plaintiff proving to the court that he was permanently injured by the negligence of the company employee.

Mr. Johnson was critically injured when he ran his automobile into one of the transfer trucks parked on the Wilson-Goldsboro highway, and was confined to a Wilson hospital for weeks.

The action of the supreme court brings the case, one of the largest damage suits completed in the county in years, to a close.

## TO STAGE PLAY AT EVERETTS

### Elementary Children Will Appear in Operetta There Tuesday

The elementary grades of the Everetts school will cooperate in presenting an operetta "Are Fairies Real" on Tuesday night of next week, March 28, at 8 p. m. Practice on the operetta has been in progress during the past week, and the program was originally scheduled for Friday, March 24, but a recurrence of mumps among the school children has caused postponement. Children of all grades will take part in the operetta, which is the only elementary grade commencement program to be offered this year.

The senior class has already selected a play for presentation this spring and will begin practice next week. The play entitled "George in a Jam" will be offered during the first week in April.

Attendance reached its highest level during the fifth and sixth school months, despite the bad weather. During the school month just closed the attendance was 309; 261 in the elementary school and 48 in the high school. Attendance figures for the six-months period of the school year are as follows: Elementary, 245; high school, 50; total, 295.

## HOLDING SCHOOL FOR ILLITERATES

### Several Pupils Taking the Course of Study at Robersonville

According to information received here much progress is being made in a class conducted for illiterates at Robersonville. Ten or twelve pupils are studying there under the direction of Mrs. Pitt Roberson, it was said.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation allows so much for the work, making the instruction free to pupils. However, as far as it can be learned here, the class in Robersonville is the only one that has been organized so far in this county.

According to latest available figures there are 2,865 people 10 years of age or older who can neither read nor write in this county, indicating that instructional work is badly needed.

The government will pay any unemployed person prepared to handle the work a small salary for teaching illiterates.

## Special Service at Local Methodist Church Sunday

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m.

At the night service, the young people will give a play, "The World Builders." You will find it interesting and instructive. All are cordially invited to attend.

## POULTRY CAR TO BE IN COUNTY 3 DAYS NEXT WEEK

### Slight Increase in Prices in Effect for Leghorn Hens; Only Change

County Agent T. B. Brandon, cooperating with the Roanoke Mutual Exchange, will operate a poultry car in the county three days next week, it was officially announced here today. Loadings are scheduled for Jamesville on Tuesday, here Wednesday, and in Robersonville on Thursday.

With one exception the price list remains the same. Eight cents instead of seven are offered for leghorn hens. The other prices, 10 cents for colored hens, and so on, are the same as those offered when the first car was operated several weeks ago. The prices are as high as any received on any market this season. It is hoped that a liberal patronage will be given the car, as it is operated on a no-profit basis by the exchange and the county agent. The operation of these cars has certainly had its effect in holding up prices for poultry, and it is reasonable to believe that had there been no cooperative shipments made, the prices would have been as low as 7 and 8 cents.

At the present time, it is not known whether another car will be operated after next week or not. The prices offered for loadings next week appear elsewhere in this paper.

## LIMIT POWER OF TRIAL JUSTICES

### Bill To Restore Jurisdiction of Justices in Traffic Violations Killed

The bill sponsored by Representative J. Calvin Smith, of this county, to restore justice of the peace jurisdiction over certain minor traffic violations met opposition in the House of Representatives this week from members who recalled the magisterial speed trap graft of not many years ago.

However, the House did pass a bill placing violations of horse-drawn vehicle light law under the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

The Smith bill frowned upon by members of the House was not introduced to create graft among those prosecuting speeding motorists, but was offered in an effort to limit the cost resulting when a defendant was carried into the higher courts for speeding and where the expense is necessarily greater than it is in a justice of the peace court.

In other words the bill would have permitted justices of the peace to handle cases growing out of minor violations, whereas the higher courts now handle them but at a very high cost to the violator.

## SEES SUNSHINE; CALLS FIREMEN

### Woman Sees Sunlight in Roof and Thought Her House Was Afire

Opening her eyes early Wednesday morning, Roscoe Clemment's wife, colored, saw the bright sunshine pouring through the roof over her head, and thinking the house was burning she called for the fire department. It was just another case where one could not tell the sunlight from a fire, or a case similar to that old story about a man, his donkey and a well.

But the surroundings were new to the woman, she having moved from Everetts into the humble abode on Sycamore Street only the day before. The sun pouring its bright light into her eyes through the faulty roof was apparently something new to her. The fire company returned to the station after straightening the family out as to what was sunshine and what was fire.

## Schedule of Presbyterian Services in the County

The Church with an Open Door Church school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m.

**Bear Grass**  
Church school, 9:30 a. m. Worship service and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

**Robersonville Chapel**  
Church school at 3:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday at 7:45 p. m.

**Ballard's Farm**  
Church school at 1:45 p. m.

**State Prison Camp**  
Preaching every Sunday afternoon by Rev. Hill.

The church is in the world to serve. We wish to be of service to you. Come and join us in our service at one of the above points.

**How To Be Rich**  
If you want to be needy—Hoard.  
If you want to be poor—Grasp.  
If you want abundance—Scatter.  
If you want to be rich—Give.

## Many Guardians Delinquent In Making Reports To Court

### CHANGE METHOD IN APPLYING FOR REGIONAL LOANS

#### Change Is Almost Too Late To Be of Much Help to Martin Farmers

After a goodly number of Martin farmers have applied, worried, and waited for loans from the Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation, Raleigh, and at much inconvenience, information reaches here stating that a new plan has been developed simplifying the method of making applications for loans.

Several farmers asking loans thru the credit corporation have withdrawn their applications for various reasons. One farmer, pledging a number of mules and farming implements worth more than twice the loan, was still waiting favorable developments this week when he learned the application was returned to have the tenants sign as a further security to the loan. Many of the applications have been approved however, and upwards of \$100,000 will be lent to the approximately 100 applicants in this county, it is understood.

The new plan is offered here for the convenience of those farmers whose mule is not mortgaged and who wish to apply for a loan from the credit corporation. Comparatively few applications have been made to the credit corporation since the seed and feed loan agency opened shop about two weeks ago.

"The new plan simplifies the matter and method of making applications for loans, and will tend to expedite the handling of applications, so that when the applications are approved the money will be made available to farmers much more quickly than under previous plans. The present plan provides that only the application and an additional sheet, completely describing the property to be mortgaged is to be made out and signed by the persons seeking the loan. This paper is then submitted to the county committee, who will pass on the credits involved, then the application in duplicate will be forwarded to the corporation in Raleigh.

"The application will then be submitted to the loan committee, and upon approval by the loan committee of the security offered, a copy of the application will be forwarded to the borrower, who will be instructed to present the application and the sheet describing the property to be mortgaged to the attorney whose certificate is acceptable to this corporation in the county where the applicant lives.

"As soon as the attorney can determine that the property to be embraced in the mortgage is unencumbered and the title is in the person offering the same as security, he will prepare the note and mortgage and have it executed, acknowledged, probated, and placed on record. He will then notify the corporation in Raleigh, which will immediately order the loan to be disbursed."

## PITT OFFICER IS BADLY SCARED

### Papers Issued for His Arrest When He Fails To Appear in Court Here

Greenville Reflector)  
Claude Gaskins, affable register of deeds of Pitt County, was a terribly frightened man this morning, and a superior court judge was the cause of it all.

Several days ago Claude received a summons to appear as a witness in the Williamston court. The date was set for yesterday. Yesterday came, and Claude, busy as always, had his mind on his business and forgot to go to Williamston.

When he appeared at his desk in the courthouse this morning, Sheriff Whitehurst faced him with a capias ordering him to appear at Williamston at once or show reason why he could not.

Speaking of action, it is needless to say Claude put his legs into circulation, and when he came to a halt to catch his breath he was all set to go to Williamston as fast as a high powered car could carry him.

Known as the incomparable character witness, Claude was expected to play an important part in the Williamston case, but just how important will not be known until he comes back home and becomes more articulate than when he "aired out" for the Martin County capital this morning as a witness in the Wilson arson case.

### COUNTY RAISED \$2,318 FOR RELIEF

#### Amount Supplemented the \$8,000 Received from the Government

Martin County, through its regular relief agencies and various private contributions, raised \$2,318 for relief work during the past month, according to a statement released from the Governor's office of relief this week. This amount supplemented the approximately \$8,000 received from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation during the period.

Approximately 30 per cent of relief funds used in the various counties of North Carolina was raised from local sources.

Federal funds totaling \$896,000 were allotted to the various counties for relief purposes during February. This total was supplemented with a total of \$334,802 raised by local communities. The local funds were derived from both private contributions and public appropriations from city and county. More than 90 counties reported that they had made some local contributions with which to supplement Federal allotments.

### LOCATING MILL IN THIS COUNTY

#### Slade Family Expected To Arrive Here Today from Columbia, Alabama

Messrs. Whittle and Slade, of Macon, Ga., are completing arrangements for locating a lumber plant in this county, according to information received here this week. Mr. A. E. Whittle has been here this week supervising the unloading of equipment which will be located temporarily on the Washington Road near here.

The company is locating in this section for the first time. They are operators of several mills in Alabama and Georgia, it is understood, and only recently purchased large tracts of timber in this county.

Mr. Slade, who will have charge of the operations in this county, is expected here today with his family from Columbia, Ala. They will make their home in the Dr. John D. Biggs house in New Town.

### 2ND BIRTHDAY FOR CURB MART

#### Sales on Market During the Period Are \$2,621.79; Announce Prices

(By Miss Lora E. Sleeper)  
The curb market will celebrate its second birthday appropriately here Saturday morning. We hope to have some more vegetables and more variety for the birthday. In the two-year period not including this Saturday which makes exactly two years produce sold through the weekly sales on the market have returned to the sellers \$2,621.79. The market is small and has a big chance for growth, and can do more than this for the sellers if patrons are satisfied customers.

All sellers who have been on the market have made many improvements in attractiveness of display, quality of products sold, but improvement can be made in the variety of products sold by the individual. We are hoping patrons will help us to have more variety by calling for products which as yet we do not have, but will try to supply.

Prices for this week are as follows: Eggs, 9 cents a dozen; onions, 3 cents a bunch; carrots, 3 cents a bunch; sweet potatoes, 1-2 cents a pound; Irish potatoes, 1 cent a pound; meal, 1 cent a pound; cream, special, 20 cents a pint; turnip salad, 2-2 cents; special birthday sale of all cakes will be 20 cents a pound.

### Robber Enters B. F. Perry Store Here Last Night

A negro entered the B. F. Perry store on Washington Street here early last night, stole three or four dollars in cash and made his escape.

Using a ladder, the man entered a back upstairs window and was seen by a Mr. Sugg, who thought the man was doing some repair work. Going to the front of the store, Mr. Sugg saw the negro dodge behind the counter. Storekeepers in the block were called but before they could get to the rear of the store the man had made his escape.

Mr. J. L. Peel fell into an auto grease pit and was slightly hurt as he started to the rear of the Perry store.

### 38 ARE LISTED AS FAILING TO KEEP BONDS IN ORDER

#### Unless Requirements Are Met Guardians Will Be Imprisoned

A startling condition existing in the handling of funds belonging to orphan children was reported this week by the Martin County grand jury following an investigation of the guardian books ordered by the Hon. R. Hunt Parker, judge presiding over the term of Martin County Superior court now in session. The investigation followed a pointed charge of the judge in open court Monday, when he ordered that all guardians whose accounts show discrepancies be imprisoned.

The jury found 38 guardians who had failed to renew their bonds within the past three years, file annual reports, or set forth how their wards' funds are invested. It was a sweeping investigation and in those cases where the accounts are not put in order immediately, the guardians will be imprisoned according to strict instructions handed down by Judge Parker in his charge.

While it is understood that there are some irregularities in the accounts, it was learned that most of the funds are intact and that they have not been mishandled. However, it is learned from the grand jury report that the guardians in the 38 cases cited have failed to comply with the law requiring bonds, filing of annual reports setting out how and where the wards' funds are vested. Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel, when asked for a more complete explanation of the accounts, said that some had been left off that should be on there and that some included in the report should have been left off. Mr. Peel explained that the jury had handled its work in so far as it was able to do so, that it would require two or three weeks to investigate all the accounts and establish the true status of them.

Guardians are supposed to prepare their own accounts or have their respective attorneys handle them, Mr. Peel stating that he will find it impossible to handle the work for the guardians as he will be occupied with the courts during the next several weeks. All guardians are reminded of the judge's orders, and no doubt it will be advisable for them to get the accounts entrusted to them in order at once. The clerk of the superior court was ordered to issue citations in the cases and have the guardians file accounts and renew their bonds. If they fail in this duty, the clerk was ordered to have them adjudged in contempt of court and direct their imprisonment.

At the direction of the court, a list of guardians and their charges appears elsewhere in this paper.

Turning their attention from the orphans, the grand jury investigated the depositories for the taxpayers' money. The two accounts, one in the Branch Banking and Trust Company and one in the Bank of Robersonville, are amply secured, the report shows.

The report shows the county has \$26,215.23 of its sinking fund invested, the amount being secured by nine mortgages and title to one house and lot. The loan principal is not due, or rather the due date is to be set at the discretion of the county commissioners, but the loans are to be paid within the next two years, according to provisions set out in a recent law enacted by the State Legislature. Interest payments are behind in one or two cases, the report shows.

The jury found all the school buses in the county in good condition except three, and the brakes and lights on those three have already been repaired. No drivers were found to be under 16 years of age.

Inmates in both the county home and jail stated that they were receiving satisfactory treatment. Various county officers were found in good condition.

Eight justices of the peace entered their reports, the grand jury receiving them without comment. The report is one of the most complete returned by a grand jury in this county in many years, and Judge Parker's comments were carefully listened to by a large crowd last Wednesday afternoon.

### Services at the Riddick's Grove Church Sunday

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct the regular preaching services at Riddick's Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. The public is invited.