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## PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERIOR COURT HERE THIS WEEK

### Citizenship Rights Restored To Dennis Griffin by Court Wednesday

After a one-day recess, the Martin County Superior Court reconvened here Wednesday morning, cleared the docket for the remainder of the week by noon that day and adjourned until next Monday. The first week of the two weeks term created for the trial of civil cases only was advanced as rapidly as any ever heard of in the Martin County hall of justice.

Dennis Griffin, convicted in a case charging him with mutilation at a special term of court here in May, 1925, and paroled the Saturday before Christmas, 1930, had his citizenship rights restored by the superior court Wednesday morning. The restoration of Griffin's citizenship brings to a close the last chapter in the Needleman mutilation case. His restoration petition, carrying the names of 12 representative citizens of Swansboro, stated, in part: "He (Griffin) has been operating a barber shop, and has, by the faithful performance of his work and his manly, upright character, won for himself the respect and confidence of those whom he has come in contact with. He is sober and takes much pride in the work of the church." The Swansboro chief of police and a member of the school board there were among the petition signers. Mr. Griffin has been in Swansboro for the past 23 months.

In the case of Surry Jones against Clinton Jones, the plaintiff was given possession of certain lands and allowed rent in the sum of \$90.

A judgment in the sum of \$110.78 was granted Mrs. J. F. A. Bryant against R. T. Purvis.

The case of John Staton Gurganus against the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company was compromised the plaintiff recovering \$300 and surrendering the policy to the company.

The plaintiffs were non-suited in the case of D. G. Matthews and H. S. Johnson against Jesse Edmondson and W. A. Everett.

Mishawake Manufacturing Co. was given a judgment in the sum of \$189.45 in its case against J. L. Williams and Son.

The case of S. C. Griffin against E. R. Carson and W. Z. Morton was compromised and removed from the docket by non-suit.

In the case of D. R. Everett, administrator, against D. G. Matthews and H. S. Johnson, the plaintiff recovered \$100.

## GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE BLANKS IN FARM RECORD

### Important for All Farmers To Give Accurate Data For Crop Reports

Within the next few weeks every farmer in the county who has signed a crop reduction contract will be presented by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration with a special Farm Record Book for 1934. Each signer will be urged to keep as accurate a record as possible on his farm this year and will be offered instructions in the use of the record book if he wishes it.

Farmers realize now more than ever before the need of some form of record to supply information concerning their past farming operations, and no doubt they will be glad to take advantage of this opportunity offered them by the AAA.

In connection with keeping records, the time is at hand for supplying information for another form of record which is very important. This record is the crop report, which is given to the tax lister. Martin County has the distinction of ranking among the higher counties of the state in the completeness and accuracy of these farm surveys. Yet there is plenty room for improvement in our records. Too much stress can not be put on the importance of this report, and each farmer is urged to give the information as accurately and completely as he possibly can.

### Regular Services For Presbyterian Churches

Sunday, April 22, 1934: Services will be held at all points at the usual time this Sunday. The meeting at Poplar Point Mission will begin on Monday night. The Rev. J. R. Potts, of Ahsokie, will do the preaching. Mr. Potts will not be with us as planned until Monday. You are invited to all these services and it is hoped that each person who reads this will attend church somewhere every Sunday.

## LAST OF GOLD

A last round-up of gold in this community was shipped away this week, leaving, it is believed, only a few pieces of the once precious metal in these parts. For many, there has been precious little gold ever in this section of the world. However, since the government started calling the gold in several thousand dollars' worth has been shipped away. The shipment this week was made up of \$350 in gold coins and \$100 in gold certificates, all of it being in small denominations.

Gold isn't recognized as a legal medium of exchange any more, but will be accepted by banking houses and exchanged for greenbacks and silver.

## FEW CHECKS ARE RECEIVED HERE

### County Agent Not Looking For Tobacco Checks For Couple Weeks

Hearing nothing definite from the tobacco contracts sent from this county several weeks ago, the office of the county agent is not looking for any tobacco rental or equalization checks right away, it was learned here this morning. However, a few checks have been received by those farmers whose contracts were approved at the first. Fourteen rental checks amounting to \$383.25 and three equalization checks, amounting to \$69.63, have been received in this county. It will be at least a week, two weeks, or probably longer, before checks in any great number are expected.

Owners of the checks are advised not to call at the county agent's office until they are notified directly by the agent's office. Just as soon as the checks are received, notification will be mailed to the owners, it was said. Later information received here stated that the contracts had been approved by the authorities in Raleigh.

## FINALS PROGRAM AT SCHOOL HERE

### First of Exercises Will Be Held Friday Night of Next Week

The tentative program marking the close of the local schools, as released yesterday by Principal D. N. Hix, is as follows:

Friday, April 27, 8 p. m., operetta, "Little Red Riding Hood," by grades one through five.

Friday, May 4, 8 p. m., operetta, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," by grades six and seven.

Sunday, May 6, 11 a. m., commencement sermon by Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector of the Church of the Advent. Music by the Williamston Choral Society.

Wednesday, May 9, 8 p. m., concert by Williamston High School Band; class program.

Friday, May 11, 8 p. m., graduation exercises.

### Program of Services At Baptist Church

The pastor of the local Baptist church advises that he will be back in his pulpit for both services Sunday.

The feature service of the day will be at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, at which time it is planned to honor the dead of this church—all those who have died during the tenure of the present pastor's service.

This service should be widely attended, because very many of the families in the community have, in one way or another, been directly touched at this point. It is thought that all members of such families, their relatives and their friends will want to be present.

It is suggested that any such families who want flowers for the service—either hothouse plants or wild flowers—should have them in the church by 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, so that a committee of women from the church can suitably decorate the auditorium.

The Sunday school, the morning preaching service and the B. Y. P. U. will assemble at their respective times and places.

### Program of Services At Christian Church

Christian church services Sunday morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Promptness tends to add to the joy of both church and Sunday school attendance. You are most cordially invited to attend all these services with the assurance that a sincere welcome awaits you.

## BIG INCREASE IN POSTAL INCOME AT OFFICE HERE

### Money Order Business Is \$10,000 Ahead of That For 1st Quarter 1933

The local postoffice, under the postmastership of Pete Fowden, enjoyed a comparatively healthy business last quarter, the office reporting an increase of \$825.52 in stamp sales alone during the period as compared with the first quarter sales last year.

The peak sales were recorded last January when the stamp sales totaled \$1,432.62 as compared with \$902.69 in January a year ago. February sales, 1934, amounted to \$963.31, or \$136.74 more than they were in the same month last year. Last month, sales amounted to \$1,168.70 against \$1,009.85 in March a year ago.

While the stamp sales show a gain of \$825.52, the money order business during the first quarter recently ended was increased more than ten times that much, the office selling money orders valued at \$19,649.21 as compared with \$1,949.21 in the first quarter of 1933.

A review of the money order business and stamp sales shows that the sale of stamps increased only 23 per cent while the mail order business increase was approximately 34 per cent.

## BEGIN WORK ON NEW BUILDING

### Griffin Brothers To Build Store on Washington Street Here

Arrangements for the construction of a modern two-story brick building on Washington Street here have been completed by Griffin Brothers, operators of the Farmers Supply Company.

The store will be located between Perry's and the flat-iron building. Building operations will be started the latter part of next week or the early part of the following week. Local builders will handle the construction, it was said. No definite cost has been determined yesterday, but the building will cost between five and six thousand dollars, according to present estimates.

Excavation for the building has been completed, and materials are being placed on the site.

### Operetta To Be Given At Everetts School Tuesday

The Everetts school will present an operetta, "The Golden White," Tuesday evening, April 24th, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The principal characters are: Beffo, Roosevelt Coltrain. The Little Old Woman, Dora O'Neil Bailey.

Cardinals, Billy Clark, Darrel Taylor. Robin Red Breast, Leland Hardison.

White Rabbit, Van Ralph Taylor. Red Rose, Pattie Etheridge. Fairy Queen, Bernice Roebuck.

Attendants to Fairy Queen: Esther Peel Wynne, Anna Louise Mobley, Lucille Lotz, Thelma Taylor, Katie Clyde Leggett, Ella Louise Wynne, Evelyn Wynne, Alice Ruth Bailey.

The choruses are composed of elves, roses, and butterflies. The operetta is under the direction of Miss Beatrice Wynn, Miss Lela B. Barnhill, Miss Iva Williams. The costumes are by Misses Carrie B. Warren, Lucy Mat Crofton, and Martha Baldrce.

### Baseball Meeting Held In Windsor Wednesday

Tentative plans for organizing a baseball league in this section during the coming season were discussed at a district meeting held in Windsor last Wednesday evening. Four teams which were members of the league last season were represented, indicating that the four, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Windsor, and Williamston, would enter clubs. Reports coming from Ahsokie and Plymouth indicated the two towns would enter the league.

Rules and regulations were discussed, but final action was delayed until next Thursday, when another meeting will be held in Windsor. It is generally believed that definite action toward the organization of a league will be taken at that time.

### Plans Made for Summer Session At A. C. College

The summer session of Atlantic Christian College will begin June 4. Plans have been made for work covering all certificate requirements. A greatly increased attendance is expected this year. Courses will be given in the usual academic studies for both college and certificate credit.

## BAND TO RALEIGH

The Williamston High School band will participate in the first Eastern North Carolina Band and Orchestra Festival, which is to be held in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Ten musical organizations, including the University of North Carolina and Wake Forest College bands are scheduled to appear on the program. The local band, made up of boys ranging in years from 12 to 17, will be one of the young organizations playing, from the point of experience, but the boys have worked hard for the past few months, and will give a good account of themselves. Approximately 32 boys will make the trip if transportation can be arranged.

The festival is free to the public, and persons who are willing to assist in the matter of carrying the boys are asked to communicate with D. N. Hix.

## REVIEW OF 1933 TOBACCO CROP IN THIS STATE

### Sales of 516,000,000 Pounds Reported In the State During the Year

The 1933 tobacco crop year begun with fears of heavy blue mold damages. The antidote was enlarged plant bed space. The result was an abundance of plants, with little mold damage. The prospects of plowing up cotton left good opportunity for increased tobacco acreage. The early summer was quite dry, but rains came just in time to make good yields before the late summer drought.

That there were sold over 516,000,000 pounds of the leaf on North Carolina markets during the past seven months' season, or about 83 percent more than for the previous year, tells its own story. The disappointing prices being paid by early September, resulted in a selling holiday. Farmers pledged to reduce their 1934 acreage drastically. Prices were increased accordingly. The real sign-up campaign is now closed, with many payments already made. Congressional acts are expected to enforce a real reduction compliance.

This acreage reduction program of the administration has already proven its effects on prices for wheat, cotton and tobacco. In spite of the large 1933 tobacco production, the average season's prices were about 16 cents for 1933 as compared to 12 cents for the 1932 (much smaller) crop. The short future supply is responsible for this, however.

The Tobacco Adjustment Administration Program has awakened thousands of tobacco growers to the importance of better supply and demand information. They are awaking to their lack of much needed knowledge. A new congressional bill is being asked to establish official inspection services for uniform grades and standardization. Farmers are aurally suspicious of any matter that concerns them but of which they are not familiar. For instance, "Whether their tobacco does bring the full grade price"; "Why the markets that officially grade tobacco average certain prices"; and the fact that practically all growers have signed up for controlled production, may lead to anything, including official grading and other organization policies.

### 10 Mules Will Be Received For Farm Relief Work

As a part of the farm rehabilitation program, the Martin County combined relief agencies will receive ten mules for work on farm relief projects, it was learned yesterday. The animals will be brought here from Scotland Neck.

Many acres of land have been turned over to the relief agency for use in caring for unemployed tenant farmers. The land is scattered throughout the county, and the mules will be lent to those farmers who are unable to finance themselves, it was said.

The farm program provides the tenant with half the crop he makes.

### First Arrests for Making Liquor Made Wednesday

The first arrests made by Federal officers in this section since prohibition was repealed were reported last Wednesday afternoon, when two negroes were trapped at a liquor still over in Edgecombe. They were not arrested for making liquor, but were charged with evading the liquor tax, it is understood.

In default of \$500 bonds, the two negroes were placed in the Edgecombe County jail.

Collectors Mallard and Woods, assisted by county officers, made the arrests.

## WILL RECEIVE STREET PAVING BIDS ON MAY 8

### Highway Commission Goes Forward With Plans for Widening Street

Bids for the widening of Main Street in the courthouse block here will be received by the State Highway Commission in Raleigh the 8th of next month, according to information received here yesterday.

The paving project was delayed some time ago when only one bid was submitted and the price was considered too high by the commission.

The widening of Main Street from Biggs Street to the river bridge and the widening of Main Street to the railroad bridge and the widening of Washington Street to the railroad, near the Columbian Peanut plant, is not expected any time soon, or not until additional appropriations are made, if any are made, it was learned.

In the meantime, public works projects are centered on the removal of the supports to the railroad bridge on West Main Street here and the proposed construction of two roads in the upper part of the county.

## RECEIVE SEED FOR GARDENS

### Supervisor of Relief Work Gets 240 Packages for Distribution

More than 240 packages of seed were received in the county this week for relief gardens, Supervisor W. F. Crawford stating Wednesday morning that it looked as if at that time he would have to get a boat to distribute many of them on account of heavy rains and high waters.

However, the garden projects will be started immediately, the supervisor made arrangements to deliver the seed personally to the relief cases. No seed are scheduled to be given to those who are not on the relief list, it was said. A schedule for plantings will be posted at each garden, and activities will be checked in personal visits by the supervisor. It will take at least one week and probably two for the distribution of the seed, it is believed.

### Republicans Plan To Put Out Full County Ticket

That there will be competition in the next November election for offices in this county was made certain this week, when it was learned the Republicans would bring out a ticket of their own. There will be no competition within that party in the June 2 primary, however. The names of the candidates have not been made public, but they will be filed with the chairman on the county board of elections on or by 6 p. m., May 5; it was said. There will be no Republican candidates from this county for district offices, it is understood.

### Drainage Project Gets Approval of F. E. R. A.

A second Federal emergency relief project was approved in the county this week, the authorities allowing \$1,380 for the completion of a drainage project in Williamston Township. The project will employ 11 men.

A drainage project was approved in Jamesville a few days ago for \$1,475.12, employing 13 men.

Other projects have been forwarded to Raleigh for approval, and action on several of them are expected within the next few days. In the meantime, relief work activities continue almost at a standstill in this county.

### Poultry Schedule for Next Week Announced

After meeting with adverse luck in meeting advertised schedules each Monday during the past two weeks, Messrs. Anderson and Russell said yesterday they would meet their scheduled next Monday without fail. Bad weather the first week and a misunderstanding last Monday threw the schedule off, it was said.

### A. and T. College Band Concert Well Received

A band concert by the A. and T. College, Greensboro, was well received in the colored high school here last evening. A large crowd, both white and colored heard the concert.

The appearance of the band was featured by several selections by the quartet and by instrumental solos.

## CLEAN-UP WEEK

The week beginning April 30 will be observed here as Clean-Up Week. In the meantime preparations for successful health and beautifying drive will be made on an extensive scale with the Woman's Club, Kiwanis Club, and the town authorities backing the movement. Strong appeals will be directed to every citizen, white and black, in the town to take part in the movement.

Williamston has had successful clean-up and paint-up campaigns before, but a record is hoped for in the undertaking beginning week after next.

## PEOPLE SLOW TO LIST PROPERTY

### Time for Listing Comes to Close Monday Week; Penalty After That

Tax listing is advancing very slowly in nearly all of the 10 districts in the county, according to reports received here yesterday. The time for listing comes to a close Monday week, and in some of the districts not over 25 per cent of the property owners have listed their holdings as of April 1, it was said. No provision is made to continue the time for listing, the property owner failing to list his values being subject to a penalty after the last of this month.

Reports from several of the districts indicate there will be an increase in personal property values, but no estimate of the amount could be had. Roy T. Griffin, list-taker for this township, said yesterday he expected a slight increase in real estate values, explaining that several new homes and a filling station had been built here during the past year. Mr. Griffin and the other list-takers are working daily taking the lists, and it is understood they will start preparing the scrolls promptly after the first of next month.

Reports also indicate that Martin County farmers are offering a better cooperation in preparing the farm census. Many farmers do not yet know what they are going to plant nor how much, it was said.

### Plan To Reorganize Boy Scout Activities Locally

At a preliminary conference held at the high school building on Tuesday morning, 65 boys, members and prospective members of the Boy Scouts of America, signified their interest in scout work, and expressed a determination to perfect an active organization. A second meeting will be held at the courthouse Friday evening at 7:30 with Wheeler Martin, past Scoutmaster, in charge. The American Legion post is sponsoring the organization and urges every boy 12 years of age and over to attend this meeting.

### Discontinue Furloughs; Improve Postal Service

Postal service curtailed by enforced furloughs without pay during the past few weeks will be restored at the local office after the first of next month, Postmaster Fowden said yesterday. This does not mean that the post office will discontinue its observance of each Wednesday afternoon as a holiday. During the past few weeks, city carriers and employees in the office were directed to take a day off without pay.

### Pre-school Clinics Very Successful In County

Clinics held in the county this week for children entering the schools next fall have proved very successful, reports received here today indicated.

Many more children attended the clinics than those in charge expected, it was stated. Bear Grass reported 35 present, incomplete reports from several other schools stating that large numbers were present at each place.

### Convicts Are Repairing Bridge Over River Here

The State Highway Commission is putting on a new coat of paint on the steel structure spanning the Roanoke here. Convicts from the local camp are doing the painting, using hand brushes.

### Announces Services At Church in Hamilton

E. F. Moseley, rector. Third Sunday after Easter: Church school, 10 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 8 p. m.

## ANOTHER FLOOD IN RIVER HERE; FISHING IS GOOD

### Another Rise Will Reach Crest Next Tuesday or Wednesday

After falling several inches since last Tuesday, the old Roanoke at this point reached a standstill this morning. Hugh Spruill who officially records the water readings here, said. Another rise, flooding the banks by about 15 inches, is expected shortly, reaching a crest of about eleven feet and five inches next Tuesday or Wednesday. Twenty-seven feet of water were reported at Weldon Wednesday. This morning the water was 23 feet above the average low level at that point.

Seine fishing at Jamesville continues at a standstill, but hundreds are flocking to the stream with small nets. And they are making sizeable catches. One fishing machine was said to have been sunk when it was overloaded this week with thousands of herring. Others have barely missed going to the bottom of the river for the same reason. Fish prices are ranging from 25 to 40 cents a hundred at this point.

Operators of the seines at Jamesville were planning to start operations probably some time the early part of next week, but just what they can do is not known just now.

One of the largest rains falling here in several months was reported last night by Hugh Spruill, keeper for the river bridge and official tabulator of the rainfall here. The rain measured more than one and one-half inches, bringing the total so far this month to 4.66 inches. More rain has fallen so far this month than in any period since last August. Some uneasiness is said to prevail among farmers who are being considerably delayed by rains and wet ground in the preparation of their crops.

### Announce Services At Methodist Church Here

C. T. Rogers, pastor. Parents, boys and girls who attend Sunday school and church are not found later in life to be the prostitutes, drunkards, thieves, and chain-gang crowd. Bring your children to the services. It will pay you in a big way later on. If you doubt this statement, look about you. Every church house, every church bell, is a big invitation. Come and bring the whole family.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Church services, 11 and 8 p. m. Singing for the evening services will be conducted by the Sunday school.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

### James Pappas Sells Cafe; Plans Return To Greece

James Pappas, operator and owner of the William Cafe here for a number of years, this week sold his interest in the business to Mike Adams, experienced cafe man of Dunn. Adams will operate the business.

Mr. Pappas, with his family, plans to leave for Greece the early part of next month where he will visit his mother for some time. He expects to return here, he said yesterday.

### Everetts School Honor Roll for Seventh Month

The names of 29 pupils appear on the Everetts School honor roll for the seventh month, recently ended, it was announced by Principal H. Bruce Russell yesterday. The list follows:

First grade—Rachel Edmondson, Harold Harrison, Ellis Gray Keel, Thelma Taylor, Guy Forbes.

Second grade—Billy Clark, Alton Johnson, Daimond Keel, Janie Margaret Ayers, Mary Alice Cherry, Clara Dail Taylor.

Third grade—Leland Hardison, Bill Donald, John Mobley, Reuben Bailey, Jr., Dillon Wynne, Dallas Taylor, Dora O'Neil Bailey, Irene Williams.

Fourth grade—Florine Clark, Mary Louise Mobley, Delia Frances Leggett, Elton Hardy, Rudolph Hardy.

Fifth grade—Clarence Modlin, Agnes Hopkins, Susie Ayers.

Sixth grade—Sallie Mobley. Seventh grade—John Hardy.

### High School Boys Defeat Town Team in 12th, 2-1

Playing the local town team yesterday afternoon, Coach Peters' baseball boys registered a 2 to 1 victory in a 12-inning game. Cook, high school pitcher, held the huskies to a few hits; while Piephoff, twirling for the town boys, proved almost equally effective. The high school team is scheduled to play Washington here next Tuesday and Scotland Neck next Friday. Two games were rained out this week.