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## MERCY PLEA FOR WATSON WILL BE PRESENTED SOON

Father of Convicted Youth Directs Plea Through **Georgia** Attorney

A plea urging that A. W. Watson's death sentence be commuted to life nent will be addressed to the State pardon board in Raleigh within the next week or 10 days, it was learned today from H. D. Hardison, attorney for the convicted murderer of Thomas Holliday, young white man, in Robersonville the latter part of last November.

ment to present the plea by Attorney Hardison. developments in the FOR LAST MONTH case have no official standing, it is understood. Approximately \$20 has IN THIS COUNTY county to finance mercy pleas to the pardon authorities Attorney Hardison has talked with members of the trial jury, but no petitions for clemency have been officially advanced, it was learned today.

The convicted man's father recently visited his son in the State prison, but, as far as it could be ty during the past month, reliable learned, he was unable or did not reports stating the victim, a grown know how to get the case before pardon authorities Following his visit to the prison, the senior Wat- cine made available at dispensaries son appealed to an attorney in over the county last summer. The Athens, Ga. The attorney, J. C. case is the first one reported in the Shackelford, wrote to Hardison here county this year. Records are not in part as follows: "Mr. Watson, sr., complete, but the number of cases was in my office today crying, and during all of last year is believed to I felt very sorry for him indeed. and I am writing to ask you to aid his son to the utmost of your ability in securing for him life imprisonment

The Georgia attorney pointed out Williamston. that the Watsons had nothing with which to push the case and that the family had a good reputation. Shack- chickenpox scattered in Williamston, elford added that he did not know Cross Boads, Griffns, Bear Grass and the boy

Watson is scheduled to die in the theria cases in Griffins and Williamgas chamber four weeks from today. He was sentenced by Judge M. V. Williamston. Barnhill in superior court last December.

**Auto Supply Store To Open Here Soon** 

Another indication of the forward progress of Williamston is the announcement made today by Mr. C. B. Leggett of plans for opening a ply store soon in the Staton Building next to Clark's Drug Store. Remodeling operations are already under way. The most modern of steel der way. The most modern of steel IN FLOOD AREA Mrs. C. T. Roberson reported \$29.25 Stores, Inc., and J. S. Livingood and wall shelving, display tables, and IN FLOOD AREA collected in the Farm Life-Griffins Russell Jones. The suit is the first other fixtures designed to provide the greatest ease and convenience for the patrons' shopping are be- Churches Converted Into ing installed.

"We believe the people of Wil-

Eason and Evans RULES ADOPTED Tobacco Compact Bill Becomes Delivering 19 hogs to Rober son's Slaughter House here this week, Farmer George Williams, from over Williams Township way, said, "Oh, about, about 3,pounds," when asked to 800 guess the weight of the swine. The pigs were weighed and balanced the scales at exactly 3,800 pounds, and Farmer Williams was just about as much surprised

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as Mr. Roberson. "I'll give the next man \$10 if he can equal that record," Mr. Williams said. "And I'll give you \$10 if you do it as well again," the owner of the packing business replied.

Other than writing for an appoint- HEALTH REPORT

One Case of Typhoid Fever Reported in Williams Township

One case of typhoid fever blackened the health record in this counthyroidism." white person in Williams Township. had not taken the anti-typhoid vac-

"cooperation" groups, saying that the programs could not be successfully carried out unless a cooperative spirit existed Dr. Strosnider advocated adherbe less than half a dozen.

ing strictly to professional matters Since it is possible others may fall victims of the fever in lower Wilin the respective medical organizaliams, the county health office antions, making it plain that other isnounced this week that free vaccisues should not be included in the programs adopted. His remarks nations are available at the office in vere very favorably received.

Other contagious diseases report Dr. Tayloe, retiring president, an nounced that the district fall meeted in January include 26 cases of ing would be held in Williamston.

Robersonville Townships; three diph **Jamesville**, Griffins ston and 3 whooping cough cases in List of Contributors

Comenting on the record when asked about the absence of influenza epidemics in Martin County. ly, citizens in the Jamesville and

the health officer said, "The Al-Farm Life-Griffins communities sent mighty is just smiling on us." In- the Martin County Red Cross chapfluenza has gripped some sections ter relief fund well over the \$500 \$5,000 Damage Suit of the country this winter.

mark on Wednesday of this week Numerous cases of pneumonia have been reported in the county so far this winter, but comparatively Martin County responded more wilfew deaths have resulted from it,

unofficial reports indicate B. Leggett of plans for opening a complete and up-to-date auto sup-PARMELE MAN in the flood-swept territories in 12 perior Court here yesterday for line watts, 13 years old, by his states.

WRITES OF WORK

communities, as folows: Griffins-Farm Life

hurches Converted Into Marvin H. Leggett, A. E., W. E. The complaint alleges that the Hospitals; Relief Work John E., and Herbert L. Manning, young boy was walking along the Jno. A. and Rufus Hardison, Mr. sidewalk in front of the defendants'

lingly and cheerfully than during the current appeal for funds that \$2,500 actual and \$2,500 punitive, suffering humanity might be aided was filed in the Martin County Su-

Jamesville Community

Fall Meeting of the Second Schedule of Play To Start Headed for Earlier Adjournment Held in Williamston **Goodmon Announces** JURY LIST DRAWN Washington, Feb. 4 .-- Second Dis-Meeting here last Tuesday evetrict physicians of the State Medi- ning, Coastal Plain Baseball League

cal Society, meeting in this city officials adopted by-laws conform-Wednesday night, selected the 1937 ing to those of the National Profesofficers from Williamston delegates, sional Baseball Association, deternaming Dr. Joe Eason, president, mined uniform admission charges and Dr. William F. Evans, secretary and tentatively set the opening playing date, R. H. Goodmon statand treasurer.

Elected Officers of BY OFFICIALS OF

Dr. Joshua Tayloe stated that ap- ing that arrangements were virtuproximately 60 physicians attended ally completed for the operation of the business session held at the the league with the possibility of Washington Country Club. A splen- only one change in the franchise for

did program was also heard. the coming season. Snow Hill was Dr. Tayloe referred to the "es- not represented at the meeting, but pecially fine" papers, listing Dr. it is expected that the town will Joe Eason, Williamston, Dr. Robt, have a club in the circuit again. Harden Hackler, city, Dr. C. S. An-The schedule, calling for approx-

derson, Rocky Mount, program imately 100 games was tentatively speakers Dr. Eason discussed "Undulant August 20. Uniform admission

Fever." Dr. Hackler's subject was, charges were agreed upon as fol-Treatment of Certain Skin Lesions lows: Main gate, men, 30 cents; court. with X-ray," and Dr. Anderson women, 30 cents; and children, 10 spoke from the topic, "Abenomatous cents; grandstand; men, 10 cents; Goitre with Symptoms of Hyper-

women, no admission charge; and children, 10 cents. The same week-Outlining the developing of a bet- ly schedule in effect last season will ter and bigger county medical so- be followed again this year, it was ciety, the State president stressed said.

among medical President Goodmon is contacting all old players and hopes to sign several, or most of them, for play this coming season. It was reliably

learned, however, that Gaylord, leftfielder; and Cherry, pitcher, had signed contracts with Reidsville for the coming season.

Tentative working agreement with one of the major league clubs is pending, Mr. Goodmon explaining that definite developments were

expected to follow within the next erett, Augustus Williams, W. Hubert few days. Until an agreement is Everett, T. J. Roberson, G. C. Tayeffected or rejected, no skipper will lor, Edgar Ballard, Merlin Carson, be chosen to manage the Martins. Commenting on the new season prospects, President Goodmon stat-

ed that a more stable brand of ball is almost certain, and that the operating costs would be decidedly low Contributing liberally and willing- er than they have been in past sea

sons.

mark on Wednesday of this week. Never before have the people of the Filed Against Rose's rington. Williams Township: Will Robert

A suit asking for \$5,000 damages

Jimmie Watts, 13 years old, by his Charlie Davenport reported \$55.81 father and next friend, J. W. Watts, collected in his community, and against Rose's 5, 10, and 25 Cent Mrs. C. T. Roberson reported \$29.25 Stores, Inc., and J. S. Livingood and

asking any sizeable sum filed in the court of the county so far this year.

FLOOD DONATIONS **FOR MARCH TERM** SUPERIOR COURT

Names of Fifty-Four Citizens Drawn at Board **Meeting Monday** 

Medical Society COASTAL LEAGUE Law; Legislature Appears To Be

Fifty-four Martin citizens were drawn by the county commissioners in their regular meeting last Monday for jury service during the twoweek term of superior court convening March 15. The court will hanset to start on May 10 and end on dle both criminal and civil cases Judge J. Paul Frizzell, of Snow Hill, is scheduled to preside over the

> Names of those drawn for jury ervice are as follows.

Jamesville Township: Elmer Modline, G. C. Lilley, Edgar Brown. and Joe B. Lanier.

Roberson and W. D. Daniel. Bear Grass Township: Henry Cowin.

Williamston Township: John R. Peel, W. E. Dunn, J. H. Saunders, jr., S. C. Ray, R. Edward Peel, Noah D. Griffin, George G. Taylor

Cross Roads Township: Wynn. Robersonville Township: H. S. Ev

J. Griffin Coburn.

Poplar Point Township: Lester Williams

Hamilton Township: R. H. Weav-

Goose Nest Township: Paul V. Rawls, T. H. Council, A. W. Outterbridge, Mc. Downing, T. L. Brown month and S. W. Casper

Second Week Jamesville Township: Pete Har-

Griffins Township: J. Ulysses Peel Bear Grass Township: Roy Harison, Lewis T. Holliday. Williamston Township: F. L. Rog-

Robersonville Township: Claude

Semmie James Poplar Point Township: White and L. G. Taylor.

Hamilton Township: P. C. Edmondson and Herbert Everett. Goose Nest Township: J. H. Ay-

Contributing \$42.40 last week.

nations to the Red Cross flood relief

State Supervision of **County Liquor Sales** A total of approximately \$900 has been contributed by Martin Approved by House County citizens to the American Red Cross to advance relief among suffering humanity in the Farm Measure Now To Go flooded areas in 12 central states. The exact amount of donations Before South Carolina and could not be learned, a goodly Georgia Legislatures number of Martin people entering their contributions with Red North Carolina's General Assem-Cross chapters outside of the

bly, as the fifth week of the current two chartered in this county. tion draws to a close is fast put-The Martin chapter reported ting behind it major problems, givteday that approximately \$550, ing greater hope for adjournment or nearly 7 times the orginal earlier than was first predicted. quota, had been forwarded to Tobacco control was enacted into Washington. The chapter at Robersonville is understood to

law with the provision that South Carolina and Georgia pass similar legislation. The liquor question was virtually settled, when the House passed a law extending the provisions of the law now effective in 17 ounties with the possibility of a

pied by the W. R. Ingrams on West progress, it yet has one of its big-Main Street, S. R. Biggs, of the gest problems before it-that of rec-Biggs Funeral Parlor, will remodel onciling the appropriations and revthe building and open a modern fuenue bills. Then there is the social security question for consideration. neral home there within the near future, it was learned this week. "It's up to South Carolina and Plans for the remodeling work are Georgia now," legislative leaders complete, and alterations to the out- said, following the passage Wednesside of the building wil be started day evening of the compact bill for at once, Mr. Biggs explaining that tobacco control. Georgia is not so changes to the interior would be strong for the passage of the commade just as soon as the present oc- pcat law, it is understood. There are too many farmers there who cupants move to their new home on Elm Stret about the first of next have no base acreages. Those who have a base acreage heartily favor the proposed bill there, but others

The front porch wil be torn away who have none are against it. and replaced by a stoop, and the front of the house will be altered, by the senate contains many of the "The tobacco compact bill passed Mr. Biggs stating the yard would safeguards for the protection of be improved and other changes the small farmer advocated by Dr. made at once to the building ex-Clarence Poe, Raleigh farm leader, and the North Carolina State grange.

Present plans provide for an of-"The bill now makes the percentfice, reception room, display room age of cultivated acreage being and a small chapel in addition to planted in tobacco a factor in de the embalming quarters. It will termining allotments. It provides probably be some time in April be- for publicity either through a news-Keel, A E. Smith, Lester House and fore the alterations are completed paper or by posting in five public

and the building made ready for the places in each township the follow-W. S. funeral home. Mr. Biggs pointed ing information: The name of each out that he planned to make addi- grower, the number of cultivated tional improvements from time to acres, the number of tenants, the time and make available to this sec- tobacco acreage allotments and the tion a modern undertaking and fu- percentage of cultivated land alloted ers, E. K. Harrell, Harvey Medford neral home equal to those in other for tobacco. It also provides that

williams Township: Henry Griffin Street Purchased by Griffins Township: Henry Gabe Biggs Funeral Home duced in the house these days, but duced in the house these days, but White, John W. Green, W. Eli Rob- Modern Funeral Home To authorize state-owned gasoline ter-Be Opened Within the Very Near Future

have raised more than \$200.

Site on West Main

Purchasing the home now occu-

few minor changes, such as hours the stores may be kept open. nearly all of them are of a local minals and another would prohibit the parallel construction of competing power lines. While the legislature is making

liamston and vicinity will welcome a modern store where they can buy just about everything for their car and radio at popular prices," says man, now in Booneville, Ky., after Mr. Leggett in making his announce We have made arrangements for purchasing more than there, graphically describes condi-2,000 items through a nation-wide tions, in part, as follows: group-buying organization of automotive stores. Savings made possible through this arrangement will ed with National Guardsmen, along permit us to sell our merchandise at prices as low or lower than the car owner would have to pay in Norfolk got to Shelbyville, 30 miles this side or other large cities."

The new store is being rushed to completion as quickly as possible and Mr. Leggett hopes to be open for business within a few days.

Martin Club Women Plan Louisville. Cars were stopped in all **Tours for Spring-Summer** 

Martin County home demonstra for at least one and probably two verted into an emergency hospital. J. Holliday, jr., 25 cents; Mrs. C. C. at the piano, will present a concert tion club women are making plans tours this spring and summer, Miss I thought I might be of help, but Fleming, \$1; Mrs. E. E. Warring-bigh school and interest in the Lora Sleeper, home agent, said this they had it well organized. They ton, 24 cents; a friend, \$3; a friend, week. And they are considering were glad to get some blankets that 10cents; Davenport and Hamilton, taking their husbands along with I left with them. Everything in \$5; W. W. Walters, 50 cents; Wenthem, it was said.

The club women are considering chartering a special bus for the proposed trip to the rhododendron festival in Asheville in June and a trip to the azalea gardens, Wilmington.

## **Reopening of Schools Is Dependent Upon Weather**

Plans are being considered for the reopening of all schools in this nty next Monday morning, but a final decision will not be reached until in the morning, it was learned from the board of education here at noon today.

It is likely that the schools now losed and others, too, will not open Monday morning if the weather conditions show no improvement.

Writing to his father, Rev. J. T. aiding relief work in Louisville during the worst catastrophe in history

"Tuesday night at 8:30 I left here (Booneville, Ky.) with our car loadhad been made to other agents of the Red Cross by people in that with four other cars and a truck. By

territory. detouring twice around water we P. J. Modlin, \$2; R. G. Sexton, \$1; of Louisville, at 2:30 a. m., where L. C. Gardner, 50 cents; Professor our troops were put on duty direct-

J. C. Eubanks, \$1; a friend, 50 cents; ing traffic and assisting in handling refugees. I spent the rest of the R. C. Sexton, 50 cents; Willie H. night there in a church and Wednes- Modlin, 25 cents; Arthur Modlin, 27 cents; Sam Godard, 25 cents; G. M. day morning succeeded in securing Anderson, \$1: Ernie Gardner, \$1;

in Shelbyville a permit to enter Clyde Brown, 50 cents; W. L. Brown, \$1; Luther Hardison, \$1; Stewart outlying towns and not permitted to nter Louisville except on urgent Ange, 50 cents; Mrs. C. A. Askew \$1; Mrs. A. J. Holliday, 40 cents;

Mrs. Minnie Hardison, \$1; Mrs. W. dell Peele, 25 cents; Mr., and Mrs.

Carl and Selma are a greater dis-Adock, 35 cents; Miss James, 35 in all of them. The price of admis-recommended the retirement of all stores ration out the groceries.

They left Sunday at 2 o'clock. At Miss Annie Glasgow, \$1; Mrs. C. that time it would have taken about Davenport, \$1; Mrs. Hill, 30 cents; Start Work on Forester's a more feet of water to reach their Mrs. Mary Godard, 50 cents; Mr. floor. We do not know, but think and Mrs. J. M. Hassell, \$1; Mr. and

Mrs. J. D. Mizelle, 40 cents; Miss the rise has been about 5 feet since then. Carl went to see the condition of their house Wednesday afternoon, but was not allowed to get cause of their rescue efforts-they do not want anybody in the way. Before they left they put some \$1; a friend, \$8; H. M. Holliday, \$1;

chairs on the beds, but left too has-(Continued on page four) Colored Christian Union, \$5.

and Mrs. H. Gabe, Oscar B., B. F., store on the evening of November A. C., J. F., and Geo. A Roberson, 25 and was "suddenly, secretly and

Writing to his father, Rev. J. T. Wildman, in Parmele, Albert Wild-M. W. Bissell, Julius E. Moore, Mr. violently pulled into the store, Hamilton Gives and Mrs. Paul Harrington and R. knocked to the floor and was beater Johnson Corey, all one dollar each; in the face and on the body and C. C. Coltrain, 25 cents; Geo. E. kicked on the body by two of the Roberson, \$5; Mrs. C. T. Roberson, defendants." \$2, and Farmers Mutual Fire In-

Livingood and Jones were fined surance association, \$5. Mrs. Rob-\$5 in Justice J. L. Hassell's court on Hamilton citizens boosted their do erson explained that other donations November 28 for the alleged attack on the young boy.

fund by an additional \$11.60 yes-Several local school boys were terday, the total from that commun mearing store windows here that ity now being \$54. The amount was evening advertising a football game credited to the Martni County chap-

the attack is alleged to have taken The case is not likely to reach

the court for trial before April.

Noted Singer To Appear In Concert Here Monday

Giovanni Sperandeo, the famou Italian singer, assisted by his wife J. S. Avers \$1.

high school auditorium here next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Sperandeos have appeared in many of the leading cities and have Louisville is closed except stores dell Peele, 25 cents; Mr. and Mrs. Individual dell peele, 25 cents; Mrs. and Mrs. and Mrs. Individual dell peele, 25 cents; Mrs. and Mrs. Mrs. R. L. Ange, 75 cents; Miss for their inspirational performances President Roosevelt, in an address

tance from the river, but water that cents, a friend, 39 cents; Miss God- sion is purposely kept low so that court justices when they reach the could not flow overland came up through severs in many low places. Cents; Miss Opal Brown, 50 cents; to hear them.

Home Near Hassell Soon

Work on preparing the grounds Hazel Martin, 30 cents; Carolyn and for the construction of a home for Virginia Hassell, 25 cents: Profes-Keeper Goodrich at the Hassell fire Presbyterian Auxiliary To

sor Jas. Uzzle, 25 cents; Russell Mar tower was started this week by CCC near enough the house to see be- tin, 25 cents; Earle Sawyer, 1 cent; boys. County Fire Warden Henry C. C. Fleming \$2; Hugh Dudley, 25 Hardison said yesterday the home

cents; R. G. Harrison, jr., \$1; Mrs. would be ready for occupancy some Wright, 50 cents; Dr. W. T. Gibson, time before early fall.

The home will be similar to the Colored M. E. Church, \$3.20 and one built in Griffins Township and ing for home and foreign mission Colored Christian Union, \$5. is to cost approximately \$2,000. will be taken.

iall cities The Security Life and Trust Com-

terior

pany, owners of the building now by the committee. occupied by the Biggs Funeral Par-

within the pext week or two

Native of County Dies at

Mrs. Hattie Frances Kirby, a nascheduled the following day when ter and forwarded yesterday along with contributions from Jamesville and Griffins to the national headquarters by Chairman Harry Biggs Hamilton contributions not prev-iously acknowledged: D. W. Downs Cemetery, Norfolk

1\$2.50, C. D. Perkins, 50c, S. M. Ewell Mrs. Kirby was Miss Hattie Fran-\$1, J. B. Everett 50c, Miss M. B. es Hadley before her first marriage Jones 10c, Mr. Alligood 50c, Hamilto a Mr. Phillips, who died a numton Methodist church \$4.50, Mrs. P

C. Manning and daughter \$1, and rison Brothers & Co. store is located

**President Excites Capital** on Main Street. The family moved In Address To Congress from here nearly a quarter of a cen- general fund. tury ago.

Excitement ran high in the Nation's Capital this morning when

number of justices on the United by the Williamston Christian church. States Supreme Court to fifteen Rev. John L. Goff, New Bern min- study commission recommended an members instead of nine, at present. According to reports, the President will enter upon his new duties here ties and cities.

years or older are living in the past. chairman of the church pulpit com- County Officer Captures

Meet In Church Tonight

The Woman's Auxiliary of the

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Presbyterian church will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 7:30 in the church. The self-denial offer- will occupy the pulpit in the church Township, not very far from Hobevening, it was announced.

hose farmers whose base acreage is 3.2 acres or less may not be reduced

The liquor control bill adopted by the house incorporates "90 per cent \$54 To Red Cross business offices, Mr. L. T. Fowden, or more of the recommendations of agent, stating today that no action the liquor study commission," aswould be taken in this connection within the rext week or two. provides briefly for

> A vote on legal liquor sales in every county in which the county Son's Home in Norfolk commissioners or 15 per cent of the electorate call for a vote.

Establishment of legal liquor tive of this county, died at her home stores in wet counties under virtuin Norfolk last Friday at an ad-ally the same system as in the 17 vanced age. Funeral services were wet counties in the east, with the held Sunday afternoon and inter-exception that the county boards of ment followed in the Forest Lawn health and education would join the commissioners in selecting the control boards.

Creation of a state commission to supervise the operation of county stores, composed of a chairman ember of years ago. Following her marriage to Mr. Kirby, she assisted ployed at \$6,000 a year and two ashim in managing a hotel where Har- sociate members paid \$25 for each working day, all appointed by the governor and paid from the state's

The substitute bil does not levy any state tax on liquor nor provide for state manufacture of spirits, but Rev. Jno. L. Goff Accepts the bill's supporters yesterday had Call To Christian Church inserted in the revenue bill a 7 per cent gross sales tax on legal liquor sales.

The majority report of the liquor ister, has accepted the pastorate and 80-20 split of profits between coun-

Still in Goose Nest Area

Raiding with Halifax officers yesterday along the Martin-Halifax

boundary, Deputy J. H. Roebuck Cleveland Bradner, ministerial captured a 40-gallon copper still and student at A. C. College, Wilson, four barrels of beer in Goose Nest here this Sunday, both morning and good. The plant was cold, and no arrests were made.

Tendered a call a few days ago

xplained that those justices 70

about the first of April, E. S. Peel. mittee, announced this week. The

minister, well known here and in

religious circles over eastern Carolina, plans to move his wife and four children here about that time.