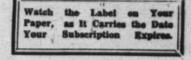
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Claim Calling half a dozen cases, Judge the first to be cleared through the timates indicating that this amount H. O. Peel held a comparatively short session of the county recorder's court last Monday, the size of stood.

the docket reflecting a continued slump that has marked the activities the tribunal these past few of weeks.

The case of Lin Williams, scheduled for trial during the past several sessions of the court, was again continued, but the court wanted to be certain that the defendant was not taking advantage of it and ordered Sheriff Roebuck to investigate the sick claim. The officer found Williams in bed, the defendant explaining that he was beaten in a fight last week-end. Williams is scheduled to appear in court next Monday, but instead of answering to two charges he will face three. It appears that the defendant is accumulating cases faster than the court can handle them. Williams is facing the court for alleged violation of the liquor laws in two cases and for alleged drunken driving.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, Joe Hopkins was sentenced to the roads for three months and fined \$50, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court at any time during the next two years. Said to have been mortgaged, the car the efendant was driving at the time of his arrestowas not confiscated.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, H. O. Norton was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and had his license revoked for a period of one year.

In the case charging Bill Davis with drunken driving, the court allowed a non-suit. The case charging John L. Webb

with non-support was nolprossed. Failing to abide by a former judgment of the court, Leon Sykes, charged with non-support, was directed to pay \$5 a month during the next six months for the benefit of his child. Bond was required in the

Mrs.Bettie Roberson **Dies In Bear Grass**

Funeral services for Mrs. Bettie Roberson were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mattie Harrison Saturday afternoon, May 21, in Bear Grass township by Elder B. S. Cowin.

She was 82 years of age and had been in declining health for a number of years. She was taken seriously ill with pneumonia about a week before her death on Friday.

She was the widow of John Roberson who died about 45 years ago. They always made their home in Bear Grass Township until her husband died and she made her home among her children. She was an ac- following an operation for appen-

payments were received for distri- To date, Martin farmers have re-

bution among Martin County far-mers this week, the checks being ments around \$90,000, unofficial esoffice of the county agent in severwill be increased to around \$107,al weeks. The payments have been 6P9.00 when all the checks are reeffected in most cases, it is underceived. So far, checks have been delivered to 1,659 farmers in this

Approximately 900 applications county for the soil conservation payments In 1936 more Martin farmers par were filed by Martin farmers, unticipated in the soil conservation official reports stating that pay- program and the benefit payments ments have been made in 753 cases, amounted to more than \$160,000 leaving 147 applications outstand- Last year, a large number of faring. Just when these payments can mers planted to their base limits be expected cannot be definitely and eliminated themselves from pardetermined. The applications have ticipation in the soil program benebeen properly filed, and their pay- fits.

County Politics Begin

To Take on More Life

By Rains And Hail Session Here Reports Increased Severe Losses Are Reported Activities Along Religious Front

etback in this county during the past two or three days when heavy rains fell and hail exacted some damage in several districts. However, the crop situation continues well advanced as compared with a year ago and the outlook is still regarded as highly favorable.

Reports received from nearly evsection of the county during the past two days show varied conditions following the rains and hail-In some communities the crops have first-day meeting of the two days been damaged considerably by rain, reports from the Jamesville section trict Methodists convening here stating that quite a few fields of to- yesterday morning, the activities of fins Township, a number of farmers porting foundation for an active continued to plow until a fourth year by district Methodists and for rain of the week fell yesterday a renewed interest in religious un- Local Stores Will morning. Crop conditions there were dertakings in general. reported the best in many years at

this time of the season. While much rain has fallen this ference at 10 a.m., the officer, while week, the rainfall for the month so pointing out that the trend of the far is little above normal, the wea- times was "to pep it up," we need ther station reporting today that ed poise, balance, stability and only five inches have been recorded steadfastness. "Head and backbone at this point, so far this month. are not enough," the presiding elder U. S. Senate Race at this point, so far this month. are not enough," the presiding elder Nearly seven inches were reported said in explaining that the heart last month.

> Hail damage was reported generally throughout the county last he urged.

Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons hand, Martin County voters are Several farmers in Cross Roads, one

Senate, Martin voters are not cer- ceeded 15 per cent, that in those son. areas where the hail struck the damweek from tomorrow. No definite age will hardly reach four or five given over to pastors' reports, the the holiday in effect in other towns churches are advancing an exten-

mers compared with damage remost of the county races as well as Reports from Wilson maintain that en Cross enrollment. in the race for the superior court 250 to 300 acres of tobacco were de- A buffet lunch was stroyed there, exacting a loss esti-"This is one campaign in which mated to run as high as \$100,000. have heard no charges advanced Edgecombe County reported considagainst any of the candidates for an erable damage during the Tuesday evening storm, and in the Douglass sion in which he stressed the pres-Cross county quite a few acres were ruined and many others damaged. Bertie reported spotted losses.

> While Martin County farmers are not greatly disturbed about what by three members of the orphanage has already happened, they are beginning to worry a bit about the possible effects that are certain to follow a continued rainfall.



Annual District Conference Maps Plans For an Active Year

Business sessions featured the conference of Elizabeth City dishad "flopped". In Grif- the day being recognized as a sup-Rev. B. B. Slaughter, presiding

elder of the district, opened the con-

was necessary to carry on the task.

"Give the world the best you have,"

Following the roll call, Dr. S. A. day during the months of June, but with possibly one or two small Maxwell, host pastor, welcomed the July and August, it was officially areas, the loss is almost negligible, delegates and made announcements announced today following the concerning the activities for the day. successful circulation of a petition experienced a gain of 149 members, beginning to show more interest in or two in Poplar Point and a few in politics, the campaigns of the var- the upper part of the county report- and the organization of the confer- petition carries the signatures of 37 the year before. Increase attendious candidates being heard with ed a fairly heavy damage, some stat- ence was perfected in a comparaious candidates being heard with ed a fairly heavy damage, some state their tively short time. The group ex-increasing frequency in the conver-sations heard in stores and on the farms within a few minutes of each tended greetings through its secre-close their establishments promptly 24 of the district units. Eighteen other. Very little damage was re- tary, Rev: Russell Harrison, of Cur- at one o'clock noon each Wednesday. Other than the prediction that R. ported in this community, and hail rituck, to several delegates who The first half-holiday, eagerly look-R Reynolds will poll a big major- insurance agents, experiencing a were held at home by illness and ed forward to by clerks and other the period, and in the mission field ity over his opponent, Frank Han- great demand now for policies, state adopted resolutions of respect for employees and by many of the mercock, for a seat in the United States that in few cases the loss has not exnext Wednesday.

Much of the morning session was conference hearing just before noon

Fortune smiled on Martin far- adjournment and an earnest and sincere appeal from Judge A. P sulting from hail in other sections. Godwin for an increase in the Gold- ly asked to cooperate with the merchants in making the schedule prove

A buffet lunch was served the vissuccessful. The patrons are asked to itors in the Woman's club hall by make their purchases early each the ladies of the host church. Wednesday morning that the halfholiday may go into effect prompt-

Rev. M. W. Maness led the devotional service for the afternoon ses-Roads section of Beaufort ent need for one's conversion **Clubs Hold Scout** experience like unto that of Paul. Rev. Barnes, of the Methodist Orphanage addressed an appeal to the conference. The minister was accompanied

group. Rev. M. T. Plyler, editor of "Christian Advocate" addressed the entertained a number of local to retire obligations and that \$5,conference and appealed for a re- scouts in addition to the area and 639 had been raised for new buildnewed support of the church pa- county officials. After the dinner ings.

Features of the afternoon sessions clubs was disposed of, the meeting ence were: Ahoskie, Belhaven, Edenfriends. Various factors are very likely to enter the contest, and those factors are expected to have a strong in This County Yesterday in County Yesterday

Nearly 300 Church PREHISTORIC **People Present At** A tooth belonging to some prehistoric fish or animal was found **Two-Day Meeting** by Joe Smith, Rocky Mount fisherman, on the Conoho farm of Closs Roberson along the Roanoke River this week. The Presiding Elder Is Well Pleased with Meeting tooth, having the shape of a spear head, measured five by and Reports four and one-half inches and

District Methodist Conference in

wa: about one inch thick near

the base. It weighed about one

pound and the end was fairly

Local dentists identified it as

a tooth, but they were unable

Observe Half-Day

to Effect Next Week

Has 37 Signatures

Plans are well advanced to place

Patrons of local stores are cordial-

Court Of Honor

In a joint meeting here Tuesday

ly at one o'clock noon.

to determine its owner.

sharp.

Convening in their annual conference here yesterday morning nearly 300 Methodists of the Elizabeth City district heard encouraging reports and were fired to greater religious service as the meeting drew to a close at noon today. Presiding Elder B. B. Slaughter scribing the event as one of the most successful and pleasing held in several years. The conference meeting just as the church is closing the celebration of the 200th an-**Summer Holidays** niversary of the founding of Methodism by John Wesley, brought representatives from 32 charges locat-Holiday Schedule Going infrom Manteo to Williamston.

Activities during the two-day meeting reflected a religious awakening, the combined reports show-Williamston stores will observe! each Wednesday afternoon as a holiresentative church group to a great er work during the coming year.

revival meetings were held during showing an upward trend in Golden

In the educational field, the throughout eastern North Carolina, sive program with sixty tout orkers taking training. A large percentage of the units is planning special schools this summer, reports stating that a consetentious study is being made of church literature in all the charges.

The financial report showed marked gains over a year ago, the few churches pledging nearly \$12,000 for benevolence and reporting salary payments well advanced. During the period, the district apportioned \$4,583 for orphanages, the payments to date exceeding those of a year ago by a wide margin. In addition to its current expenses, the night the Kiwanis and Lions clubs district reported nearly \$4,000 paid

The unfavorable weather did not



FIRST AIR MAIL

Postal Clerk Arthur R. White is seen here handing Pilot William Thomas Crawford the first pouch of mail ever to move out of Williamston by the air route, the event last Thursday climaxing air mail week observance locally.

Mrs. Minton Beach **Dies In Hospital** After Short Illness

Interment Near Gold Point Last Saturday Afternoon

dopted community.

same hospital where his mother

died, he having undergone an ap-

leaves besides her father, three sis-

E. Johnson, all of this county.

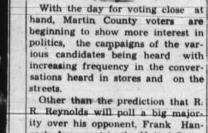
Wreck Liquor Plant In

Bear Grass This Week

Funeral services were conducte

Mrs. Eula Johnson Beach, native ing all the candidates as good of this county, died last Friday friends. Various factors are very morning at 5:17 o'clock in a Tarboro hospital from complications actors are expected to have a strong in Time Country Tester day and w. I. Haisteau, whose addresses a court of honor for the promotion to faces. May be a carried encouragement and inspiration to carry on during the coming prison in Richmond Monday night year. Their talks were recognized as of this week. Haywood Bundy, 28- a challenge to optimism and tolerson and the late Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. she is survived by two daughters Beach was born near Robersonville will be a determining factor. At this year-old white man, was arrested ance. a slight gain in the number of eliginess to others. She had a host of ble voters which with a normal vote March to four years in prison for friends in this county and in her in the upper-county precincts will house breaking, Bundy made a hur-In early womanhood she was married to Minton Beach who sur-

next week.



General Opinion Is

Reynolds Will Win

Close Contests Are Predict-

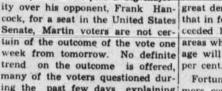
ed For Other

Offices

ing the past few days explaining

udgeship.

day referring to the race for superor court judge. "It leaves me undecided just who to vote for in that contest," the citizen added. Senator Reynolds is given a ma-

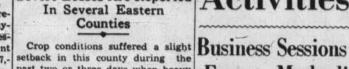


that they looked for a close vote in

office," a citizen remarked yester-

jority ranging from a count of two to one to even four to one.

No harsh charges have been advanced or heard in the contest for county offices, the voters recogniz-



tive member of the Primitive Bap-tist church and attended regularly The daughter of Mr. Arch Johnwhen in good health.

and one son, Mrs. George Ward of 41 years ago. She spent most of her time the indications point to a vote and one son, Mrs. George ward of a four this county, but at the time Robersonville and Mrs. Mattie Har-rison of Bear Grass, and Mr. Dosie of her death she was a resident of showing more than usual interest in and Deputy J. H. Roebuck. Bundy Roberson, of Robersonville. She has Hobgood. A devoted wife and mothree children dead and leaves 24 ther, Mrs. Beach was a good neigh-ports from seven of the 12 registrars moval from the jail here is expectgrandchildren and 21 great grand- bor and a splendid citizen, one who in the county show there has been ed this afternoon or tomorrow. found pleasure in rendering a kindchildren.

Interment was in the Mobley cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

Winners Named In **4-H Health Contest**

Winners in the Martin County 4-H club health contests were anpendectomy a week before. She also nounced yesterday following physical examinations made here last Tuesday by Drs. E. W. Furgurson, Charles J. Sawyer and W. C. Mer-

There was some keen competition for the top places, a margin of a few points dividing the three boys scoring over 90, Winston Cargile, of the Robersonville club, scored 95 to win first place for the boys. Charlie Harrison, of the Bear Grass club, was second with 03 points, and Herbert Leslie Manning, of Farm Life, was third with 92 points. Other boys entering the contest were Albert Bennett and Elton Hardy, both of

In the girls' division, Miss Mar-guerite Harrell, of Oak City, won first place with 94 points, and Miss Mattie Roebuck, of the Robersonville club, was second with a score ed by Officer J. H. Roebuck and of 90 points. These were the only his assistants in Bear Grass Towngirls in the contest.

Teeth cavities were cited for the removed to safety, but other manulow scores given several of the con-testants. facturing equipment and four bar rels of beer were destroyed:

3,000, it is believed. Registration figures are being vives with two sons, Albert Staton tabulated and they will be announcand Minton Beach, Jr. One son, Al-1 ed along with last election votes bert Staton, was a patient in the

Moving Peanuts Rapidly From Warehouses Here

ters, Mrs. Marcellus Roberson, Mrs. Government peanuts, held in stor-Ruel Turner and Miss Ernestine age here since last fall, are being Johnson, and five brother, Messrs. moved rapidly this week to oil mills Arthur, Henry, Joe, Paul and James in Wilmington and Rocky Mount. More than 8,000 bags were moved

out of the Planters Warehouse yes-Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock terday and Wednesday to the Planat the late home in Hobgood by ters Cotton Oil and Fertilizer com-Rev. James H. Smith, pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist church, and Rev. E. C. Shoe, Roberpany in Rocky Mount. Approximately 3,000 bags of the goobers have been cleared from the Far sonville Baptist minister, Burial was in the family plot on the home farm, livery to oil mills in Wilmington. mers house so far this week for de-

> Tarboro Rotary Club Will Hold Orthopaedic Clinic

The Tarboro Rotary club will hold An illicit liquor plant was wreck-ed by Officer J. H. Roebuck and his assistants in Bear Grass Town-

ship this week. The kettle had been The rotary club is anxious to render service to all cripples, regardless of age or race, who are unable to pay for treatment.

opments during the coming week of this week, Haywood Bundy, 28-

in Jamesville Township yesterday Sentenced in Bristol, Va., last earlier in the day.

send the total count slightly above ried trip to this section, reaching the home of a relative in the Jamesville community before day Tues-

day morning.

PROCLAMATION

Tomorrow has been designated "Poppy Day" by proclama-tion issued by Mayor J. L. Hassell who is calling upon all local citizens to observe the event by wearing memorial poppies. "It is fitting that the service

and sacrifice of the gallant young men who lost their lives in 1917 and 1918 should be commorated annually by appropriate public observance. As the poppy, which grew on the battiefields where so many of them fell, has become their memor-ial flower, there could be no more appropriate observance than a general wearing of the poppy in their honor," Mayor Hassell mid.

Voluteer workers from the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute the poppies and receive contributions for the welfare of the living victims of the war, the disabled veterans, the widows and fatherless chila challenge to optimism and toler-ance. Committee on advancement and Mayo Little, chairman of the com-The unfavorable weather.

The Hon. Cale K. Burgess, leader the meeting as well as Scout Execu-of the United Dry Forces in North tive John Sigwald and his assistant, Carolina, was scheduled to address George Thomason of Wilson. Mr.

the conference at 3:30 but he was Roberson was made chairman of unable to attend on account of ill- the court of honor and was in charge ness, he explained in a telegram of all the scout activities at the meet from Hyde County. Mr. Berry, 91

Everetts Baptist Church

ular pastor, Rev. E. C. Shoe.

Dr. Dwight Ware, representing the Rocky Mount district then in Martin and Arthur Anderson suc-cessfully passed the examination of the Rocky Mount district then in session at Bethel, extended greetings the court of honor and were adand reviewed statistics for his vanced to first class scouts. Stuart group. Presiding Elder Slaughter re-' Critcher was given a merit badge plied, expressing an optimistic out-look for "Old Betsy" district. The conference re-elected Judge vanced to the position of second A. P. Godwin as district Golden class scouts: Jim Leggett, Jr., Ber-Cross director, and adjourned the nard York, J. D. Woolard, Jr., James Carrow, Jim Critcher, Jim Taylor, This morning the conference was Buddle Wier, Conrad Getsinger and given over to a review of activities Billy Mercer.

in the various departments of the church and to an address on the "Youth Crusade." by Dr. S. A. Max-

Places In CCC Camps

afternoon session at 4:15.

well

A third enrollment of Martin County youths in Civilian Conservation Corps camps will be held bethe interest of scouting.

tween July 1 and 20th, it was an-nounced today by Miss Mary Taylor, head of the county welfare department. Places for eighteen white and five colored youths have been asked by the department, but no en-

rollment quota has been assigned CCC ranks,

mittee on camping, were here for

Faithful The conference recognized Mr. John Berry, faithful churchman years old, showed a keen interest in

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Automobile Wreck

Mrs. R. P. Hardy, of Ayden, was painfully injured and bruised but

The main event of the evening not seriously hurt at 6:30 last evewas a talk on scouting by Executive ning when her car, a Packard se Sigwald. He devoted his entire dan, tore into a concrete guard rail speech to scouting and covered ev- at the east end of the Roanoke Rivery phase of its activities as related er bridge. Suffering a bad cut on to the boy and to the citizen. Mr. her chin and bruises, Mrs. Hardy Open To Martin Youths Sigwald was very complimentary to was given first-aid treatment in the Horace Ray, local scoutmaster and offices of Drs. Rhodes, Eason and his assistant, Ben Hopkins, for the Winn and was later carried in a splendid work they have been do- Biggs ambulance to a Kinston hosing for the past several months in pital.

Apparently traveling at a rapid speed, the driver is said to have started to pass a freight truck just Will Hold Revival Meet before entering the concrete bridge. The rear right fender struck the

Beginning Sunday night, May 29, truck and the car was thrown into revival meeting will be held in the concrete post on the left side of the county, it was announced. Youths between the ages of 17 and 24 years are eligible to enter their applications for places in the Walton of Windsor, assisting the reged going over the embankment.