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Vote On Tobacco

Urging An Early

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Contract Let For

Bleaching Unit At

County Pulp Plant

Company Issues Statement in

Connection With Strike

And New Program

Following close behind an an-

he plant of the North Carolina Pulp

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Martin County Farmers Are **Record Number Of Cases Are Called** Now Facing Critical Period In County Court Generally speaking, crop condi- they are harvesting their crop in

Accumulation of Cases Clear ed From Docket in a Hurry Last Monday

Handling a docket that had been piled up with cases accumulating two-weeks period, Judge H O. Peel meted out some swift justice and adjourned the county recorder's court after a two-hour session last Monday. Sixteen cases were called during the period, the size of the docket setting something akin to record during the hot summer season.

When W. J. Thompson, charged with issuing a worthless check, failed to appear, the court ordered pa-pers issued for him to be placed under bond for his appearance rext

Aubrey Pierce, charged with damaging personal property, was ren-tenced to the roads for thirty days, the sentence to begin at the dircction of the court.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, James H. Harrison was found not guilty

Rebecca Modgett, operator of an alleged thriving liquor retail busi-ness on Williamston's damp Railroad Street, was fined \$10, taxed with the cost and sentenced to jail for three months in the case charging her with the violation of the liquor laws. The sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years.

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-Mayo Andrews, pleading guilty in the case charging the violation of the liquor laws, was fined \$25, tax-ed with the cost and sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to begin at the direction of the court.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in the case charging Bill Keel, colored, with violating the hquor laws.

Charged with driving a mule and cart while intoxicated, Ab Roberson was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Robert Brown, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50, tax-ed with the cost and had his operator's license revoked for the period of one year.

Charged with reckless and drunk en driving, James Baldy Rogers pleaded guilty, the court continuing the case under prayer for judg-ment until August 28.

Robert Williams, charged with an assault, failed to answer when call-ed and papers were ordered issued for his arrest.

The case charging Robert Pierce with bastardy was continued until follows: the first Monday in October after

Charlie Wilson was sentenced to Britton, Jr., engineer, \$150; Allen L. the roads for sixty days in the case Midyette, supervisor, \$150; Hubert L. charging him with larceny and re- Raburn, supervisor, \$150, Newton J.

but reliable reports clearly indicate that the farmers are facing a critical period and that the final harvest ing in the fields. As many as three will fall below present expectations. Commenting on the crop situa-tion after a hurried survey of a large stated.

portion of the farming territory in Bob Everett stated that Mar- tion is evident, reports state. er W. tin farmers were almost certain to lose much of their tobacco crops. Hot tain, are not quite as good as wer

AHEAD OF SHERIFF

Armed with the necessary pa

pers, Sheriff Roebuck in contin-uing his last round-up of dogs that had not been vaccinated against rables in accordance with

State law, this week found that

the owners were killing the pets or pests ahead of him.

Owners in Robersonville Township who had not vaccinat-

ed their dogs were ruled within

the law when the officer inves-

tigated and learned that they

had used the gun before his vis-

it. Similar action was found to have been taken in Poplar Point

The first of the dog cases is

scheduled for consideration in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here tomorrow, and others will fol-low later, it is understood.

Township.

doubt but what a billion and more

ons in Martin County are very good timely order, but in some other sections of the county tobacco is burn-

The county cotton crop is looking the upper half of the county, Farm- fine, but a heavy boll weevil infesta-

Peanut stands, late reports main weather following heavy' rains last first reported, and there'll be little week-end, is causing the leaf to variation in the production one way ripen faster than many farmers are able to care for it. "There is little as compared with last.

Prospects continue bright for pounds of tobacco is being raised but there is also doubt as to whether far-out the country with the price already weakening following the re-

Has Sure Formula

William Bond, the young colored

Control Program Farmers Generally Are Content To Await Report **On Prices**

Aggravated by foreign conditions, the report of the Federal Crop Reporting Board showing a marked increase in the tobacco crop stirred Congressional leaders from the fluecured areas to action and an immed iate referendum on tobacco control s being urged. Amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment act, already

gain Senate sanction, and then the Secretary of Agriculture could call for a vote on the control plan at any time

Realizing that more than a billion-pound crop is now in the making, farm leaders are anxious for an im mediate vote, believing that if con trol is assured for next year that the bottom will not fall from under For Losing Weight prices when the markets open short time from now. short time from now.

passed by the House, will have to

Those who advocated control in the last referendum, are content to **Commissioners** To await price developments. It is possible, they argue, that the compan-ies will pay a "fair" price for the current crop to help kill any efforts that might be advanced to resurrect

> Decrease in Fines and Liquor **Profits Are Disturbing**

arge crop in the making, there is nothing to change the outcome of the County commissioners will give last control vote, and it is foolish to thorough study to the 1939-40 budget call for a referendum before the end and possibly determine the tax rate for the new year. County Accountant of the coming marketing season, they Sam Getsinger is battling long hours with the various departmental figures in an effort to present them to the commissioners when they start their study at 9:30 next Monday

while not at all disheartening, in not at all encouraging in that the in-dications point to a slight increase. The increase may be one, two or ey en three cents, or it may be possible for the authorities to hold the rate mand it, they are expected to levy a died at his home near Gold Point in sufficient rate to meet the budget Robersonville Township at 3:30 requirements even if the rate has to he would confer with Chairman E. D. Smith, of the Senate agriculture be cents

mental requirements, the authorities he continued interested in agriculnue in fines and forfeitures and a decrease in liquor profits. It is posdecrease in inquor profits. It is pos-sible that the increased rate, if it is increased, will just about offset the loss that is certain to follow the increased rate of participation by the work in plant breeding and seed se State in the gross sales tax on liquor. lection was recognized by the State Then, too, sales during the year just agricultural college, and he was rec-

Traveling over eastern North Car- Williamston, the entertaining group lina in search of a site for a \$400,- led by Mr. Harrison, sincerely beolina in search of a site for a \$400,lieving that factor coupled with fa-000 tuberculosis sanatorium, Messrs. vorable conditions will receive ser J. L. Blythe, of Charlotte; O. M. Mull ous consideration when the commit of Shelby, and L. L. Burgin, of tee makes its final decision

Committee Is Impressed with

Possible Sites For Hospital

survey within ten days, the members During their two-hour survey of

Scheduled to complete their field

of the special committee plan to reach a decision and report their Harrison, town commissioner, said findings on or about August 1.

STRUCK

June Warren, farmer living

near Bethel, stared death almost

in the face last Sunday night when lightning struck a tobacco

barn he was attending. The far-mer was knocked unconscious

and stunned for a while, but he

was not seriously injured, re-

"It was a shocking exper-ience," Warren was quoted as

saying after he had recovered from the jolt. No great damage was done to the barn, it is un-

ports reaching here stated.

Company would reopen its plant in the lower part of this county on July 24. came an official statement yes-terday outlining an expansion program at the mill. It was learned here today that a contract had already been let for the construction and installation of a bleaching unit, that the personnel of the plant will pos-

ibly be increased by 200 men. The expansion program calls for the construction of two new buildings and the installation of a filtering plant and two paper machines. When ompleted, the plant will turn out dinished grade of container board.

The statements of the company, is-sued Thursday morning, follow: "The North Carolina Pulp Com-

any is making arrangements to resume operations at the pulp mill on July 24, 1939. It may not be possible to operate at full capacity at first but ome work is assured employees who have been idle since early in May, when the mill had to be closed down because of a strike called at the Delair plant of the Kieckhefer Containr Company.

"Arrangements have also been made to proceed at once with an addition to the present pulp mill, which will consist of a bleaching plant and filter plant. The contract for the bleaching plant has been placed and the plans for the installation are being made as rapidly as possible.

When the bleaching plant been completed, operation of both pulp mill and bleaching plant will not be affected by labor troubles at Delair, as other outlets for pulp made at Plymouth will be avail-

"It is the company's intention to use local labor in the construction of this plant and to give employment wherever possible, to old hands whose service may not be immediately needed at the pulp mill while it is operating at reduced capacity. We believe that this plan will practically assure steady work for the ma-jority of employees of the Plymouth mill who have been idle for over two months through no fault of their own.

"The North Carolina Pulp Com-Robersonville Township at 3:30 pany is keenly aware of its respon-o'clock yesterday morning following sibility to its employees and to the community and takes pleasure in giving them both the assurance that every possible effort is being made to make the Plymouth plant indetime, but regardless of the depart- of his farm several years ago, but pendent of labor disputes at other plants.

"With reference to an article, dated July 7, 1939, and signed by the heads of the three Delair, N. J., local unions, the Kieckhefer Container Company of Delair, has advised as

"This article gives the impression that the Delair strike was caused by unrest and dissatisfaction felt by the ended showed a downward trend and ognized as a leading farmer in this employees over a period of several it isn't very likely that they will be be boosted during the current fis-century. Mr. Warren advanced ex-as with the exception of several century. Mr. Warren advanced ex- as with the exception of several perimental work on the farm at a strikes called by the teamsters' un-Under the old age assistance pro- great cost to himself and then shared ion comprising less than 25 employ-

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Simultaneously with reports tell-

ing about WPA workers in the low-er brackets striking for higher wages. special committee of the House of Representatives, probing the salary scale in the ranking positions, revealed that only 180 persons in North Carolina were drawing in excess of \$150 a month in Works Progress Ad-

ninistration salaries. The salary schedule, released by turtles the committees this week, was said to have been prepared by the WPA. brought forth much comment, some going as far as to say that the schedule will have an adverse effect on the next election.

Rates of pay publicly announced this week in the Williamston, Washington and Windsor offices 'are, as

Williamston - Robert E. Smiththe defendant entered a plea of not guilty. wick, claim adjuster, \$150; Conrad Z. Bailey, engineer, \$225; Benjamin F.

Making an extensive search over amendments are enacted and the sec show an increase of three quarters in the second secon r. \$150: Jam A continuance was granted in the Valentine, engineer, \$150; Kathleen teacher for the newly established vocational agriculture department in the Robersonville schools, according to information coming from the of

man who was found last week after being lost in the Roanoke River swamps in Martin County for sever days and six nights, came here this week with his aged father, Luke Bond, to express his appreciation for the old control program. Others rea the efforts made in trying to effect son that the companies are not going his rescue to pay one cent more than they Apparently recovered physically to, and that it is not reasonable to expect a "fair" price when the indifrom the terrible handicaps that were

his during those long days and nights the young Negro continues in a ner vous state. He could hardly be still while talking to the sheriff here this week, and when asked a question he would jerk his head and appear ready to jump.

Bond had little to add to the story ne told soon after he was rescued by a fishing party on Spellers Creek last

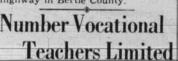
Tuesday a week ago. He told how he ate three birds without bothering to ck all the feathers. "I started at his tail and ate right up to the fins,' Bond said in describing how he consumed a fair-sized catfish caught from a small hole. He remembered

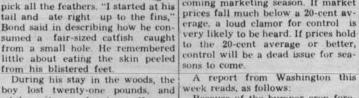
from his blistered feet.

spite the number of offsprings, the old man was just as happy to have

"There will be no more tur-

his little home miles off the main highway in Bertie County.





while such an adventure offers a sure reducing method he advises against it. He will not try it again if he lives to be four thousand and four ears old, he repeated several times The boy's father, as proud of his on as though he had done something great, has eighteen children, but de

him back as if he had been an only Bond and his son and two companions entered the vast swamp to hunt

tle hunting for us, but I might shoot a few squirrels on high land next fall," the old man said just before ex pressing again his thanks to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and starting back to

mers will be able to save a billion or more pounds," Mr. Everett said. Griffins Township farmers maintain days ago.

Horseshoe, Henderson County, composing a special committee, were greatly impressed with possible lo-cations in this county, Mr. G. H. following a survey by the gentlemen late yesterday afternoon

late yesterday afternoon. During their two hours' stay in the county, the committee members visited about fourteen possible sites Commenting favorably on the sites and farming land in this area, the three men were apparently impress-cd with the geographical location of

Indications Point To Increase In Tax Rate

Study Figures At **Meet Next Monday**

cations point to a glutted market. Other than the fact that there is a **Rate Factors**

Scheduled to go into special ses-ion here next Monday, the Martin

It has also been pointed out that the value of tobacco or control of other crops can be determined this oming marketing season. If market morning. The tax outlook for the new year very likely to be heard. If prices hold

A report from Washington this week reads, as follows: A report in the action of \$1.41 per to the last-year figure of \$1.41 per to the last-year figure of \$1.41 per \$100 assessed property valuations. Not one of the commissioners is likely to favor an increase in the rate, but if the conditions virtually deto expedite action on the tobacco amendments to the AAA law which but if the conditions virtually dehave already passed the House. Representative Harold Cooley, who sponsored the amendments, said

committee, and urge him to secure Senate action. One of these amend-Agriculture to order a referendum any time after July 1 for production With the markets opening in Georgia on July 25, the flue-cured Congressmen want the secretary of agri culture to be in position to immediately have the growers vote on quotas for 1940. If the trade knows there will be production control next year, it is believed this will bolster the market for the current crop. Department of Agriculture offi-

Department of Agriculture on be boosted during the current its century, in order the farm at a cat year. and getting the machinery set up for an early referendum if the tobacco amendments are enacted and the sec-amendments are enacted and the sec-

ty citizen and prominent farmer,

Prominent Farmer Dies At His Home

Near Robersonville Funeral Services Are Being **Held Near Gold Point**

derstood.

This Afternoon Hyman Warren, well-known coun

pushed upward two or three a lingering illness of nearly four ts. gears. Suffering several strokes of Proposed budget figures for all the paralysis, Mr. Warren was forced to departments are not available at this retire from the active management

will have to consider a falling reve- ure and its advancement until just a short time before his death. In addition to his leadership as an

Committee Reveals Than \$150 Month

High Salaries Paid

House Probe Shows Only 180 In State Getting More

case charging Lizzie and Dorothy F. Caulfield, social worker, \$175; Coltrain with an assault. Constance F. S. Rabin, social work-Coltrain with an assault.

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Charged with turning an old mule er, \$175; Emma Maurer, social work-Charged with turning an old mute er, \$115, Enha Hadter, seta asign-out into the woods to starve to death, William Everett, colored man of the Hassell community, pleaded guilty well, social worker, \$150; Olivia R. and was fined \$10, taxed with the Hodges, area supervisor, \$200. cost and sentenced to the roads for Washington-Lee A Wallac 60 days, the sentence to begin at the gineer, \$250. direction of the court.

A continuance was granted in the case charging Robert Clark with bastardy

Rolls On Button

After successfully weaving through the many dangers that lurk on the highways on a trip to and from Hot Springs, Ark, Farmer Jim Staton returned home the early part kic, boatman, was returned here yes-of this week and injured a rib when terday soon after his arrest in Norhe rolled over on a collar button in his bed.

The button, larger than the average, to be sure, pressed against the man's rib and bruised it. Mr. Staton maintained it had broken his rib and only an X-ray pictured convinced him that the rib was bruised and not broken.

After undergoing treatment at the Arkansas health resort, Mr. Staton is now getting along very well He is able to be out much of the time and drives his car. Mrs. Staton accompanied him home from Hot alleged crime to Tyrrell officers who Springs.

Plan Organization Of Three **Rhythm Bands For Children**

Supervisors at the grammar school Based on preliminary reports, some Supervisors at the grammar school playground are planning to organ-ize three rhythm bands for children, ages ranging from six to sixteen. All children, who are interested in join-ing these bands are invited to be at the playground Monday morning at nine o'clock. nine o'clock.

fice of the county superintendent today. The search for an instructor continues, and the school authoritie feel certain the place will be filled Washington-Lee A. Wallace, en-

before school opens for the 1939-40 term in early September.

boro, Sampson County

HEALTH REPORT

June was a comparatively

Windsor-Edward L. Winslow, en-gineer, \$225; Charles L. Cale, supervisor, \$150; Robert B. Riddick, engineer, \$150; William R. Copeland, field

> ministration with headquarters sin Windsor. Mr. Benton was recently

Alleged to have committed a crime against nature, Edward James Wilcoming term. folk to face the charge in the courts

of this county. A hearing will like-ly be held in the case late today or tomorrow.

Procuring a warrant before Justice Hassell here this week. Thomas E. Wilkie, about 13 years old and the son of the defendant, alleges the crime took place while the boat upon

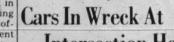
which they worked was docked at this point last week. Prevented from leaving the boat while here, the youth escaped at Columbia this week and reported the

directed him to take action in this

unty If probable cause is found, the case will be placed on the superior court dccket for trial next September.

June was a comparatively healthy month among Martin County people. There was right must whooping going on, but the thirteen cases of the cough were widely scattered over three townships, and they constituted no serious menace to the public health. The only other case re-ported was in Hamilton town-ship where a small white child fell victim of diphtheria.

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Intersection Here

permits the Secretary

Mrs. Ernest Cox was slightly hurt

A. M. Benton, young man from Chadbourn, has been named to suc-ceed J. E. Mullins as teacher in the the intersection of Haughton and one-half cents; county poor, twelve Main Streets here last Monday af- cents; old age assistance, four cents; vocational agriculture department at Oak City. Professor Mullins resignternoon. Mrs. Cox was bruised about aid to dependent children, two and the head. Alfredo Garcia Gonzaley, one-half cents; debt service, fiftyed to go with the Farm Security Adresident of New Jersey and an em-ployee of the Standard Oil Company, was not injured.

graduated at State College. He has been in Oak City during the past few days gaining a knowledge of the Damage to the New Jersey car was estimated at about \$150 while that done to the Cox car will hardly ex- Up until this year

field and lining up his work for the ceed \$75.

S. J. Andrews, another young man just out of State College, is succeed-railroad at the station, the New Jer-property values or income from othing E. J. Whitmire in the vocational sey man drove his comparatively agriculture department at Jamesville, Whitmire resigned to accept a teaching position near his home in western North Carolina. Succeeding J. C. Eubanks who resigned to go

on a reckless driving charge, he 1938, \$1.41. maintained that he stopped at the A compa with the Farm Security Administration in Elizabeth City, Whitmire had the accident, stated that his car tires proposed for the new fiscal year will been in Jamesville only a short time when Andrews was named to succeed him. The new man is from Rose-

was driving down Main Street when the New Jersey car crashed into it. She was said to have been driving around 20 or 25 miles an hour.

The New Jersey car was attached under court order, and Gonzaley, unable to give bond in the sum of \$100 in the case charging him with reckless driving, was placed in jail. Gonzaley's release was effected yesterday afternoon when the court suspended judgment upon payment of the cost in the reckless driving case, a friend paying the cost for him. Pending a settlement of the property damage by an insurance adjustor, the man's car is being held under court order.

almost absorb any rate increase up to two cents, leaving the commis-sioners with one big problem to not increase the rate more to offset losses great grandchildren. In decreased liquor profits and oth-Funeral services will be conduct-

sources of income.

Last year, the county commission-ers levied a rate of \$1.41 on the \$100 at 3.30 this afternoon Interment will

assessed property valuations, divid- follow in the Robersonville cemeand considerable property damage ed as follows: general county, six tery resulted when two cars crashed at and one-half cents; health, six and set one-half cents; health, six Surviving members of the family

one-half cents; debt service, fiftythree and one-half cents. For schools: current expense, eight cents; capital outlay, eight and one-quarter cents, and debt service, thirty-nine and

Up until this year, the stage has been set for action that would de-Said to have been running around crease or hold the rate unchanged, but there have been no increases in

er sources. Starting in 1933, the comnew Hudson coupe into Main Street missioners effected reductions in the without stopping, although he claims rate as follows: 1933, \$1.60; 1934, to have seen the stop signs. Booked \$1.50; 1935 and 1936, \$1.43; 1937 and

A comparison of the budget sumstop sign, but officers, investigating maries for the past year and the one skidded several feet after the car likely be made public within the next entered the intersection. Mrs. Cox ten days.

FIRE LOSS

Williamston had its smallest fire loss during the first six months of this year than in any other similar period in years, a report released today by Fire Chief G. P. Hall shows. Property damage resulting from the 19 fires in town was estimated at \$275 and that to contents was placed at \$75, making a total of \$350. In addition to the 19 calls received locally, the firemen were called out of town five **Hundreds** Attend

dred farmers and others interest-ed in agriculture attended the field ed at the home of Rev. J. M. Perry, day program at the Blackland Test. Farm at Wenona in Washington County yesterday, the event attract-

ing State agricultural leaders and a few politicians as special guest speakers.

are his widow, Mrs. Ada Warren, three sons, Jesse L. Warren, of Hal-Reporting on the program, far-mers from this county pointed out ifax; Lloyd G. Warren and Harvey L. Warren, of Robersonville, and two that an important experimental work daughters, Mrs. Thomas Mayo Grimes, of Kenly and Williamston, is being carried on at the station, and that agriculture stands to profit and Miss Wilkie Dell Warren, of Rob much from the venture.

ersonville; two brothers, Guilford The program, presided over by R. Warren, of Edenton, and Nathaniel L. Coburn, local man, included sev Warren, of Durham, and two sisters, eral addresses by prominent speak-ers and a review of the field tests and Mrs. Asa Ward and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, both of Robert

vestock projects. The entertainment bill was featured by several interesting contests. Martin County attracted special

attention in the scheduled contests when a pair of steers owned by Sam Godard, of Jamesville, and driven by "High Pocket" Gray, established a

A comparatively quiet month was enjoyed in the sheriff's office in new pulling record. Talking what was described as real "cow" language, Gray had the animals pulling a load equal to eighteen and one-June, but there was enough going on to keep the force on the job. The group maintains it was anything but quarter tons, the dynamometer registering 2,800 pounds in terms of a dead weight lift. The former reca vacation to keep the courts running and the records straight during the ord was four and one-half tons un-der the figure established yesterday.

A detailed report for the period follows: Godard plans to enter the steers in

Taxes collected, \$1433.12; war a similar contest at the State fair this fall. rants served, 9; capias served, 2; sub-

Sheriff Has Quiet

Period Last Month

peonas served, 21; civil papers serv-A pair of light mules owned by Farmer Dick Perry, of Jamesville Township, led in their classification ed, 9, 27 copies; claim and deliveries served, 4, 4 copies; executions served, 1; investigations made, 10; beer destroyed, 500 gal.; stills destroyed, when they pulled a load equal to 11 tons.

11; whiskey confiscated, 26 pts.; ar-rests made on violation of A.B.C. law, 9; number of persons committed to jail in June, 46; miles traveled, 3 cars, 3061. A pair of oxen, owned by Farmer W. W. Griffin, of Williams Town-ship, and driven by Herbert Moore, pulled a load equal to seventeen and one-half tons.

Event At Wenona Between twelve and fifteen hun

