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ROANOKE RAPIDS-ROSEMARY, N. C., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1930.

**31 PER CENT Of Halifax County Population** IN THIS TOWNSHIP

THRONGS ATTEND

**O'BRIANT FUNERAL** 

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# BOY LOSES CIVIL COURT |NEGRO IS ESCAPING PRISONER KILLED BY GUARD ARM WHEN CAR WRECKS Allen Themason Hurt ON MONDAY Judge Moore To Preside: Green Will Case Is Most Import-ant On Docket Crehe Two White Ladi

## **ROAD CAMP** PRISONER **IS SHOT**

#### Self Styled Bad Man Of Goldsboro Meets His Waterloo

When Willie Rawls, alias James Peebles, self styled "bad negro" of Goldsboro, came to Halifax County recently he little knew how his bad actions would be received here. For running afoul of the law, as was his practice, he tried to escape from a road camp Saturday and is now dead and buried.

Peebles was arrested last week in Weldon on a liquor charge and after a preliminary hearing elected to go on the road. He was sent to the camp near Medoc and Saturday attempted to escape

Guard E. H. Crawley, shot-gan in hand, saw the dash for liberty and yelled to the man to stop. He kept going and the guard fired a shot over the head of the fleeing figure. When this did not stop the fugitive, Mr. Crawley leveled down and let him have the next load. He stopped,

There was twenty-one buckshot in his body when he was examined. The body was brought here for burial after Coroner Williams had held an'inquest. The jury cleared the guard of all blame. The verdict was as follows: "Willie Rawls came to his death by gunshot wounds at the hands of H. Crawley, said Crawley having fired the first shot wild to stop him. He not stopping, then Crawley shot him, this having been done in performance of his duty as guard on the county road gang and we the jury hereby exonerate him from same." The verdict was signed by T. E. Kirby ,foreman, W. T. Whitehead, J. E. Butt, Joe Neal, Norris Hannon, Dr. E. P. Brenner.

The mixup in names was explained by the wife of the dead man who came ere Monday to identify the body. He always used the name Rawls when in trouble, she explained.

"Niggah, I sho is glad to see you where you is," was the greeting of the wife when she viewed the remains. "You said the next time you saw me you was going to kill me, but here I sees you first.'

She then told how Peebles had cut Rapids, E. C. Radeliff, Leechville, and stabbed her so badly she was in John B. Radeliff, M. M. Radcliff, Meaand stabbed her so badly she was in the hospital for ten weeks. Her body was covered with scars and her shoulder blade had been cut off by her enraged husband. She said he likeli to be known as a bad man, was in the liquor business, had been on the road from Goldsboro four times to her knowledge, had been guilty of gun toting, cutting and wounding, housebreaking and was even now wanted

by the authorities there is and and costs, by W. W. Grand, and cost, and cos

### Another Service For Herald Readers

In a little over three months the General Assembly will meet in Raleigh and important events will be taking place every day at the State Capitol from now until then.

The Herald feels that its readers are entitled to know what is going on at Raleigh in the way of prospective legislation, reports of special commissions and committees and other matters of interest to citizen and taxpayer.

Bach week, we will publish the news as written [especially for The Herald by M. R. Dunnagan, formerly city editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and the Charlotte Observer: former secretary to Governor McLean; and now canital correspondent for the Journal, Asheville Citizen, Norfolk Virginian Pilot and N. C. corresponipint for the United States Daily, Washington, D. C.

### IS KILLED AT HOME

on's condition has improved to the Brother Of Local Man Is Shot on's condition has improved to the Howard vs Howard, Price Vs Casualty Thru Window While Talk Thru Window While Talk. as a witness. ing To Family

According to persons who arrived at the scene of the wreck a few min-Mills Co., left here Saturday with his family to attend the funeral of his brother. George T. Paddlef brother, George T. Radcliff, promibrother, George T. Radcliff, promi-the highway between here and Lit-tleton proceeding toward Rosemary. Hyde county.

The latter was shot Friday night at a high rate of speed. When the about 8 o'clock as he sat talking at home with his family. A gun was thrust through the window and fired. Mr. Redeliuf was enhanced to a brick pillar at Dick's Place a filling Mr. Raddiff was cushed to a hospi-tal at Washington where he died a times and landed on its top several icet from the filling station. Bloodhounds were secured from En-

arm,

pillar was torn from its holdings and field and trailed a negro who had been brick was scattered over the ground employed by Mr. Radeliff for several One side of the root over the drive years. He was arrested and placed in the Hyd eCounty jail and later way in front of the station was sur ported by the damaged pillar fell to was removed secretly before day-light. The family knew of no differthe ground. It is thought Spates applied his

ence between th etwo and the motive brakes when he arrived at the sharp The funeral was held at the Rad-cliff Cemetery near Leechville in Hyde County. A wife and four chil-dren survive. Also four sisters and

four brothers: C. Radcliff, Roanoke his two companions. He was sitting next to the door of the coupe with dames Emily Gibbs, Leechville, An-nie F. Allen, Jane Gibbs, and N. B. was crushed when the car crashed in-Gatewood of Norfölk. A huge crowd to the pillar. from all sections of the State attend-Thomason was thorwn from the al in post offices should parcels be

Fight Settled By All Except Court the hospital.

ed the funeral.

The car was demolished. Will Allen and Doc Ray, of North-

ampton County, were each fined \$5 and costs, by W. W. Grant, a North-65 Gallon Still Is

Allen Thomason Hurt A two weeks term of Civil Court When Car Crashes In-

to Filling Station

said to be in South Rosemary. Thom-ason received injuries to his right

nd Hale escaped with only minor

nd causing injury to his companion

Allen Thomason, have been placed

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which was amputated at the

will commence Monday, September 29, with Judge Clayton Moore of William-

An automobile accident in which three young men narrowly escaped leath, one of the trio being seriously trial at this time is the A. G. Green death, one of the trio being seriously injured, occurred during the early will case, set for Monday, October hours of last Sunday morning at sixth. injured, occurred during the early The calendar is as follows: Mon-South Rosemary. The occupants of the automobile

day, Sept. 29, Service Co., vs Gurkin, Foreman Machine Co., vs Glover, Wilwere Allen Thomason, Alton Spates and Albert Hale, whose homes are jury. liams vs Town of Enfield, Mitchell vs White, Peanut Corp vs Strickland. Tucsday, Sept. 30, Norman vs Fra-zier, Burroughs P. W. Co. vs Bradthe crime he didn't remember it. shoulder shortly after he entered the Roanoke Rapids hospital, where he ley, Parker vs Benthall, Buck vs Vick, Donough, Admr. vs Ferebee, Stedman vs. Carolina Coach Co., Alter the trial he told a local officer that he had been drinking on the night was taken immediately after the ac-cident. Spates, driver of the machine, of the alleged assault. exander vs Edwards. Wednesday, Oct. 1, Smith vs Jones,

Later in the day Sunday Spates as arrested by H. E. Dobbins, chief f the Rosemary police, and placed Monday morning by Officer Clifton Massie and Deputy Sheriff L. E. Keeter.

of the Rosemary police, and placed under a \$500 bond for his appearance Harrison, Oil Co. vs McGowan et al, before a magistrate for a preliminary Green vs A. C. L. R. R. Co., Watson completed a sentence on the road hearing. Charges of reckless driving, for larceny. vs Eass. causing damage to personal property,

Monday, Oct. 6, Matter Will A .G. Green. Wednesday, Oct. 8, Moore vs A. C. against him. Spates will be placed on L R. R. Co., Moore vs A. C. L. R. R. Co., Etheridge vs A C. L. R. R. Co., der to let him pass, the ladies sepa

reted, one going on the inside of the walk, the other on the outside. When Corp., Lovegrove vs R. C. Josey, Sr. Cannon vs Koanoke Mills Co. Hunter passed between them, he grabbed both of them. They screamed and

Motion Docket, Shearin vs Hudson, Shearin vs Jenkins, Tiple R Gro. Co. broke away, running down the street. However, both of them had presvs Johnson, Hamilton vs Glover, Shell et als vs L. G. Shell Co., Boseman vs Nolde Bros., Weinstein Bros, vs Southern Jank Co.

Cases will take precedence from day to day until disposed of. night, the arrest was made. Suitors and witnesses need not at tend before the day on which their cases are set.

S. M. Gary, Clerk Superior Court.



Extra Charge For Collect Parcel Post After Fifteen Dry Law Violator Days

Demurrage will be charged on all pillar. Thomason, who is said to be collect on delivery part? post re-about 18 or 19 years old, seems to have been more unfortunate than iffeen days beginning October first, Two men, Ned Moody and Maude Ingram, colored, o f Northampton according to Postmaster John L. Vest, prohibition law by their alleged conof Rosemary.

Postamster Vest explains that this that county last week by Deputy demurrage will be charged against parcels at the rate of five cents per Sheriff Keeter and Constable W. Massie, euch furnished bonds in the sum of \$150 for their appearance at day starting from the date of arriv-

the next term of the Northampton machine for a distance of another days. feet. A passing motorist, whose name days. This new law was passed during the days of Congress and is nachine for a distance of about 15 left in post offices more than fifteen Connty Superior Court at Jackson They voluntarily gave themselves up to the officers

the last session of Congress and is an effort to do away with the prac-Zollaroffer. tice of many people in allowing col-

5 Gallon Still Is Found on Camp Island lett on delivery parcels to remain in offices sometimes for as many as 30 days. The handling of parcels of this nature has long been a source of much trouble and annovance in offices ev-

hearings.

ASSAULT Grabs Two White Ladies B. F. Armstrong Dies After Short Illness **On Avenue Sunday** Night

Charged with assault upon two white ladies, Joe Hunter, colored of died at his home here Monday morn Roanoke Rapids, was arraigned before ing, at 2 o'clock, following an illness Magistrate R. L. Martin, Monday, and that lasted for three weeks. Funerin default of a \$500 bond was placed al services were conducted Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, from the Chris in the Halifax County jail, where he is awaiting a meeting of the grand tian church with Rev. V. H. Gran-

tham, pastor, officiating. Burial was Hunter is accused of assaulting the made in Columbia, N. C. white ladies on the streets of Roa-noke Rapids Sunday night. He told Mr. Armstrong was employed by the Singer Sewing Machine Co., of the Magistrate that if he committed

Rosemary. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Pearl, Virginia and Ca-therine Armstrong and Mrs. L. D. Bright, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Armstrong, one sister, Mrs. Verna pital last Saturday morning at 4:45 The colored man was arrested early Bartley, and four brothers, Chester Armstrong, D. A. Armstrong, all of Roanoke Rapids, A. V. Armstrong of made in the Cedarwood Cemetery,

Boy Injured In Motorcycle

Wreck Has Leg Amputated George Austin Hux, 15 years of

ence of mind to get a good look at er of Halifax County, who had a narrow escape from death and was the assailant and gave the police a good description. The trail was pickseriously injured on Monday, Sep-tember 8, when the motorcycle on ed up and he was spotted entering the house of a relative. Later in the which he was riding was struck by an automobile on the highway at Halifax, underwent an operation for the The two women will appear before the grand jury. Hunter has a bad reamputation of his left leg at the Roaputation here, having caused consid-erable trouble in the past wat "as alnoke Rapids hospital Monday. The limb was removed above the knee. ways shrewd enough to evade the po-lice. He was rushed to Halifax Mon-His condition was said at the hospital to be "very good."

The young motorcyclist was re noved to the hospital immediately after the accident occured and has been a patient there since. At first attending physicians held hopes of saving his leg, and his condition gradually showed improvement. The flesh, however, failed to heal and a few days

Suspects Surrender ago his condition began to decline. It vas found necessary to amputate his

The accident occurred when young County, charged with violating the Hux was attempting to turn around in the road. The approaching ma-chine, driven by Sam Young, of Roanections with a still confiscated in stop in time to avoid the accident. ing the accident relieved Mr. Young of all bame for the wreck.

#### Jewish New Year on advice, it wa learned of their attorney, Allen C

Moody and Ingram made success Resh Hashanah was observed by ful escapes when the still with which the Jews of Halifax County Tuesday they are charged with being connectand Wednesday. It is the beginning of the Jewish New Year, the year ed was confiscated. Two other men arrested at the site of the still. 5651. The Ne wYear holidays start-

Each furnished bonds for their aped at sundown on Tuesday and con-tinued until sundown on Wednesday. pearance before a Northampton County Magistrate for preliminary Business houses operated in the coun-

3,000 IS ESTIMATE **OF CROWD** Widely Known Meth-

odist Minister Laid to **Rest Sunday** 

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock from the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the late Rev. John Benjamin O'Briant, 67 years of age, widely known Methodist Protestant minister, whose death occurred at the Roanoke Rapids hoso'clock following an operation for acute appendicitis. Interment was Hunter, it was learned, recently re-turned from Vance County, where he Columbia. Armstrong of where brief services were conducted by the local Masonic lodge, Widow's Son, No. 519, A. F. & A. M., of which

The white ladies had been visiting a **YOUNG HUX** the deceased was a member. The church services were in charge of the following Methodist Protestant petient at the hospital and were walk-ing home. About a block from the hospital they met the negro. In orfield, Rev. E. G. Cowan, of Triplett, Va., and Rev. R. L. Hathcock, of Cresville.

The honorary pallbearers were: J. W. Taylor, George N. Taylor, Harvey Taylor, J. E. Tickel, Clarence Grim-mer, J. H. Matkins, E. A. Murray, R. age, of Halifax, son of G. A. Hux jail-O. Bray, M. D. Collier and C. C. Shell, The active pallbearers were the pastors of the six churches in Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary, Rev. A. P. Mustian, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Baptist Church; Rev. S .H. Bradley, pastor of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. E. Kirk, pastor of the Rosemary Baptist Church; Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor of the Resemary Methodiac Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. L. M. Hall, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Out-of-Town ministers who attended the funeral but who did not participate in the services included Rev. J. D. Hardy, of Norfolk, Va., and Rev. H. A. Chester, of Whitakers, N .C.

Rev. O'Briant was born April 19, 1863, in Guilford County, about 12 miles from Greensboro, the County seat. In 1896 he was graduated from Yadkin College, where he studied for the ministry. He had been engaged in ministerial work for about 19 years and was one of the most prominent noke Rapids, was too near him to and was one of the men in this sec-The injured lad's statement followas pastor of the following circuits and churches: Randleman Circuit in Randolph County; Spring Church Circuit in Northampton County; Littleton Circuit in Halifax County; Chase 5691 Is Celebrated City Mkthodist Protestant Church; Vance Circuit in Vance County and the Greensville Circuit in Greensville County, Va. Rev. O'Briant also filled the pulpit in local churches on several

> About 29 years ago Rev. O'Briant same to Roancke Rapids to make his home. After residing here for about 10 years he moved to abou tfour miles from Roanoke Rapids, a short distance from South Rosemary, where

Funeral on Tuesday B. F. Armstrong, 48 years of age,

