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## MARCH TERM OF COURT

On Monday, the March Term of Martin County Superior Court will convene here with Judge H. W. Whedbee, of Greenville, presiding, and Solicitor Allsbrook representing the State in the prosecution of criminal cases. The term will hold two weeks, and both dockets are full. The Civil Calendar contains the following cases:

Wednesday, March 21st.  
Norfleet and wife vs J. P. Boyle.  
Well Co. vs Town of Hamilton, Keith vs Cherry, et als.  
Thursday, March 22nd.  
Corey, et als, vs Nicholson, et als.  
Hadley vs McGowan, Teel vs R. Road.  
Friday, March 23rd.  
Griffin vs Wynn, et als, Padgett vs Hardison, Harrison vs Iron & Motor Co.  
Monday, March 26th.  
In Re: Elijah Allbritton, Ballard vs Daniel, Walters vs Ange.  
Tuesday, March 27th.  
In Re: S. D. Burroughs, Mizell vs Lumber Co., Smith vs Town of Robersonville, Ballard vs Taylor.  
Wednesday, March 28th.  
Everett vs Roberson and Ballard, Pollard vs Realty Co., Harrell vs Martin, Admr., Mobley vs Clark Bros., Thursday, March 29th.  
Wynn and Whitehurst, vs Whitehurst, Mizell vs Lumber Co., Weaver vs Hines, Allen vs Stalls, et als, Bennett vs Cowen, et als, Horse Exchange Co. vs Sykes.

### Press On To Jerusalem

The victory of the British at Bagdad in Mesopotamia has sent a thrill through the body of the Christian world, for it seems now that the Holy City, Jerusalem will again fall into the hands of Christians and be taken from the polluted grasp of the fanatical Turks. Centuries ago, brave men, women and children attempted to redeem the spot, where His sacred head reposed, from the merciless conquerors, but without avail. The beautiful land of Palestine for so many hundreds of years has been insulted by the predominance of that religion, which is propagated by the sword.

It is predicted that by Easter, British soldiers will have occupied the Holy Land and rescued Jerusalem. While these soldiers push on, men and women everywhere should appeal to Heaven to aid the invading army in its efforts to take the hallowed land from the bloody Turks. But for the support of the Imperial German government, Turkey would, no doubt, have been brought to the level to which it belongs, years ago. Backed by Germany the Turks massacred the Armenians, and indulged in whatever cruelties their nature could devise, and all because those helpless people would not accept the Koran as their guide, but instead clung to the Holy Bible, wherein God and His Son are exalted and not Allah. Allied with Turkey, Germany has acted, in many instances, with the same cruelty, and for that reason they are yokefellows.

Fitzhugh Robertson is at home from Ahoskie.

## Peanut Culture

Though the season is late, farmers are yet unprepared to plant, and they should take thought for the different crops which will be planted in Martin County this year. That many necessary things in the cultivation of crops are neglected by not a few farmers, is very apparent. Especially is this true of peanuts. Several varieties of the nuts are raised in Martin, and each variety should be studied carefully in order that the best grades can be produced. The principal kinds are Jumbos and the Virginia, the former being large and requiring different treatment to produce a full shell, especially in some parts of the county. Some instruction is needed along this line, for the peanut crop of Martin is of vast importance. Bulletins on peanut culture are furnished by the Agricultural Department, and Agent Holliday is anxious to give any instruction that he can.

The peanut manufacturers in Williamston desire to have the Martin County crop up to the high standard which it can be, by virtue of the fact that the soil is so well adapted to its culture. Buyers want good stock and farmers should give more earnest heed to the cultivation of this important product this year of all years. Peanut oil is valuable and the nuts contain a large amount; all produce will be in enormous demand, and the farmer who cultivates with extreme care is the man who will smile this fall.

## Taken To Hospital

Last week, Mr. White, who is superintending the work of the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company, which is logging in Whitley's swamp, was taken to Elizabeth City to the hospital there. He was accompanied by his wife and brother. Mr. White has been here some time and boarded with S. S. Hadley on Main St.

The logging equipment managed by Mr. White has attracted some attention, as it consists of two Ford autos which furnish power to haul the logs from the swamp to the river near Skewkey Gut above the wharf. This company uses Fords in several places, and they are practical where the track is level. A large barge has been anchored here all the week awaiting the fall of the high water so it could take on a load of logs, and the work of loading is very interesting to the onlooker.

## Good Farming

Editor, The Enterprise,

Dear Sir:—

That it may be of interest and benefit to other farmers, I wish to report results of farming done last year under direction of County Demonstrator Joseph L. Holliday. My son, Seth, planted one acre of corn, raised 60 bushels at a cost of 45 cents per bushel. I planted one acre of cotton, raised 2350 lbs. of seed cotton at a cost of 2 1/2 cents per pound.

We recommend the work of Mr. Holliday and ask our brother farmers to try a few acres under him this year. We sent both cotton and corn to the Edgecombe Fair last year and helped to win for our county, the second prize. Let us all get ready and win the first prize this year.

Yours truly,  
A. W. Bailey.

## ANOTHER BANK OPENS AN ELECTRIC RAILWAY

Martin County seems to be in such a prosperous condition that banks are springing up rapidly. Last Wednesday March, 7th, the Farmers Banking and Trust Co., was formed at Robersonville, making the second institution in that prosperous town and community. The Bank of Robersonville has been meeting the needs of the people there and is one of the strong banks in Eastern Carolina, but with prosperity comes the demand for larger growth in other things, and so the second bank was the outcome of the unusual prosperity of that section of Martin County. Mr. Samuel T. Everett, one of the wealthiest farmers of the county was elected President of the new institution, and with him will be associated L. J. Roberson, 1st Vice-President, and Leon Wilson, 2nd Vice-President. Finance Committee: Harvey Roberson, O. P. Roberson, C. A. Roberson, H. L. Everett, T. L. House. Directors: Harvey Roberson, Lester House, W. A. White, J. Bynum Roberson, W. L. Johnson G. A. Crofton, L. J. Roberson, Roy Whichard, W. C. Barnhill, Z. D. F. White, Ernest Carson, J. A. Coffield, W. R. Jenkins, B. H. Roberson, Jesse Keeb F. S. Purvis, Leon Wilson, W. H. Holliday, J. A. Roebuck, H. L. Everett, A. R. Dunning, of Williamston, is chief counsel. The capital stock paid in is \$15,000 and surplus \$3,750.

## Percentage Of White Population

The North Carolina Educational News for February, 1917, carries a table which shows the percentage of the white rural population daily attending school in each county. It is gratifying to note that Martin County has a percent of 72 and is in the fifth rank; Tyrrell leads with a percent of 83 and Mitchell is last with 41, and the historic County of Halifax is just one better or 42. Tyrrell, Martin and Bertie make the highest per cent of the Eastern counties in the order named. The per cent of attendance in the State is 56.7, and increase of 3.1.

## How Do You Write Your Name?

Boys have a fashion of putting their names on things. The ever-ready knife carves name or initials in all sorts of places. The pen or pencil or popular rubber stamp impresses it upon their books and other belongings. Even their skates write it in shining curves and flourishes on the ice, if they have sufficient skill to do it.

Their names, like all others, are written in the hearts of their friends and acquaintances, too. The odd thing about it is so many different ways. One boy may write his in rudeness, in selfishness, in ill-temper, in all sorts of unpleasant scrawls. Probably he would be much surprised if he could see what his name stands for in the hearts of those who know him.

Another writes his name in letters of politeness, of kindness of goodnatured readiness to do nice things for others; and he, too, might be surprised if he could see the record. But it would be a much pleasanter kind of surprise than that the other boy would feel. It is worth while for you to be careful how you write your name, to win the better kind.—Ex.

Mr. Henry R. Bryan, of New Berne, was in town Tuesday looking over this territory preparatory to making arrangements for the building of an electric railway through Martin County. The route has already been mapped and the project is the outcome of the plan to establish a coaling station at Cape Lookout on the Carolina coast near Beaufort. The Seaboard Air Line, the Virginia Railroad and the Norfolk & Western are interested in the movement. The route of the road will be from Emporia Va., through Ahoskie and Windsor (Bertie County) thence across the river at Williamston and on to Robersonville, where the road will branch, the main road going on to its terminal at Cape Lookout, where the largest coaling station in the country will be established. The object of a location at Cape Lookout is to escape the dangers of Hatteras, the burial place of so many vessels.

Mr. Bryan talked very interestingly of the project, and stated that all that the people of Martin County would be asked to contribute, would be a right of way. He further said that a representative of the Seaboard would visit the section and take in the situation. If built the road would be double-tracked all the way, and the movement of cars would be rapid, perhaps, passing every hour.

## To The Farmers Of Martin County

Last year, I planted and cultivated under direction of Mr. J. L. Holliday, County Demonstrator, 2 1/2 acres of cotton; I raised 5,000 lbs. seed cotton and was well pleased with the results. I will take some more work with Agent Holliday this year.

Yours truly,  
B. O. Cowing.

## Found A Still

Sheriff Page assisted by Chief of Police Page found a still about five miles from Williamston in the vicinity of M. Bowen's place. There were ten barrels of "mash" already for making, and these were destroyed. The kettle had not been placed, evidently having been moved elsewhere and was to have been brought back when the beer got in proper condition.

## Oak City Items

J. W. Hines was in Robersonville Monday.  
S. E. Hines spent Monday in Williamston.  
Wheeler Casper returned from Norfolk Tuesday.  
Mrs. Staton Ayers, of Everetts spent Sunday in town.  
J. J. Harrington spent the week-end in Greenville.  
Miss Jefferson House spent Sunday night near Hassell.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allsbrook spent Sunday in Scotland Neck.  
Robt. Long left for Wilmington Saturday to reside permanently.  
Jim Fleming, of Greenville, spent Monday night and Tuesday in town.  
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. House and Master Thomas J. spent Monday night and Tuesday near Hobgood.  
Mrs. P. B. Cone and little daughter, Mrs. O. Cone and Mrs. W. G. Baptist and daughter left yesterday for Wilson.

## PERSONAL

R. W. House, of Oak City, was here Tuesday.  
F. L. Gladstone, of Hamilton, was in town Tuesday.  
Mrs. Fred Gardner went to Everetts Tuesday.  
J. Paul Simpson is out of town this week on business.  
W. A. Ellison spent Sunday with his family here.  
J. G. Staton went to Weldon Tuesday on business.  
H. W. Clark was here from Belhaven on Sunday.  
Hon. Harry W. Stubbs returned from Raleigh last week.  
Joe David Thrower is at home after a visit to Hollister.  
Dr. J. W. Williams and family were here from Everetts Sunday.  
Elmore Jones, of Dardens, was in town Saturday night.  
Mrs. H. B. York and little son went to Washington Tuesday.

Charles Mobley and Whit Purvis spent Sunday at Stokes with friends.

Dr. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, was in town on business yesterday.

Miss Carrie Dell Blount has returned from a visit to Pantego and Belhaven.

James A. Leggett and Clayton Stokes went to Greenville Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McCraw, of Tarboro, arrived Monday to visit relatives.

Miss Daisy Manning and Mrs. Roy Gurganus left Saturday morning for Baltimore.

Miss Hilda Crawford, who teaches music at Baileys, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. W. G. Baptist and little daughter, of Wendell, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Cone on Haughton Street.

Mrs. Henry Cook and children, who intended leaving for Garland on Saturday, were unable to do so until Tuesday.

Mrs. Latham Thrower and little daughter with Miss May Williams spent the week-end in Jamesville with relatives.

Rev. H. M. Eure went to Tarboro yesterday to attend a meeting of the Church Extension Board, of which he is chairman.

W. C. Manning left for New Bern Sunday night via Plymouth to attend the meeting of the W. O. W. of the State. He was chosen to represent Roanoke Camp here.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, representing the Biblical Recorder, lectured at the Baptist Church on Sunday night. His theme was the importance of the Church paper in the home.

## The Peoples Bank.

The public will find the page ad of the Peoples Bank interesting this week, as it is the first statement since the opening on March 5th. The resources at the close of business, March 14th were \$156,934.31, which is a wonderful showing for a business of nine days—truly a "nine days wonder" in banking. This institution is another strong link in the chain of the County's banks; and has the promise of wonderful success in the future.

W. H. Leggett who has stock at Conoho, lost twenty young pigs in the freshet.

## WILL BE IN THIS COUNTY

Mr. C. C. Logan of the Division of Agronomy of the North Carolina Extension Service, West Raleigh has planned to be in this county during the entire week beginning with March 20. He will spend his entire time with County Agent Holliday and visit the different sections of the county and discuss with farmers their fertilizer, soil and crop problems. Mr. Logan will be equipped with a simple device for determining right on the ground whether a farmer's soil is sour or not and will be able to recommend whether lime on any of these farms is needed or not and suggest the quantities that had best be used. If farmers should wish their soils to be tested for acidity they may have Mr. Logan do so by bringing a small sample of the surface soil taken at the depth at which the soil is usually broken.

While in the county, meetings will be held for the discussion of the lime question, forms of lime that had best be used on the farms in order to get the best financial returns at the cheapest prices. Not only this but Mr. Logan with County Agent Holliday will have much of value to recommend with reference to the selections of growing leguminous crops for the purpose of supplying a large amount of nitrogen needed by the soils of the county for the production of maximum crops at the cheapest price.

Mr. Logan is to bring to the farmers of Martin County the latest information secured in the Agronomy Division of the Experiment Station in the field experiments with different fertilizers and different crops on such soils as are found in this county. It is believed that he with County Agent Holliday can render great help to our farmers in determining what fertilizer mixtures they had best use this year in fertilizing their crops and he will also be able to advise with reference to where lime may be secured at the cheapest price.

While in the county Mr. Logan is to discuss with the farmers the importance of good seed of different crops in the county and to offer practical recommendations as to how the farmer may secure these from his own field. Every one realizes that good seed properly selected is of the highest importance for farmers who wish to get the greatest returns for the labor and expense they put into their farming operations. The farmers of Martin County will have a good opportunity to discuss with Mr. Logan and County Agent Holliday, at the meetings and at the conferences they are going to hold the important problems which are pressing these farmers every year. It is believed that these discussions will develop some things of helpfulness to our farmers.

## Colored Commencement

The County Commencement, which was to have been held by the colored schools of Martin County in Williamston, March 20th, 1917, has been called off by a vote of the county teachers association.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the rural schools were unprepared for creditable exhibits. The local committee extend thanks to the banks, societies, churches and friends who so kindly volunteered their services toward the proposed effort.  
The Committee.