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IN WASHINGTON

#### 1925 ROANOKE FAIR IS NOW HISTORY

Unfavorable Weather Conditions Hir lered Some, Although It Was Considered Good Fair

The 1925 Roanoke Fair has entered into history since closing its gates on Friday evening, November 6th. According to the reports we have gottickets sold this year than in 1924 but this condition was the result of the bad weather experienced last week More unsuitable fair weather could not have been had, and the manage ment is to be congratulated on its cess is rearranging the program to the satisfaction and comfort of the people. This could not have been realized, however, unless there had existed a fine spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm among the people themselves. We had visitors from mos every town in eastern Carolina and some counties were heavily represent

One department which is of great interest to the county did not receive its proper amount of mention in our columns last week. We are referring to the swine and livestock exhibit which was under the personal super vision of Mr. Dave M. Roberson, of Griffins Township. There were live-stock displays here from several States, some of which have won first prizes and blue ribbons in fairs all over the south. Mr. Roberson himself had a splendid exhibit and is the possessor of ribbons won at every district fair he has attended.

## Ex-Service Men Attend **Washington Celebration**

The Armistice Day celebration staged by the Beaufort County Post of the American Legion was attended by Landy Griffin, Norman Harrison, and J. L. Williams, who represented the men report a very fine program which was thoroughly enjoyed by the ex-

They took part in the parade, heard the address by Lieut. Bryant, U. S. A., and then were invited to a sumptuou

Messrs. Hubert Roberson and Walter Mendenhall were among the exsoldiers of Martin County who attended the celebration.

# Picture Service Sunday Night

The service Sunday night in the Strand Theatre will be conducted by Rev. C. O. Pardo, rector of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Pardo has secure a very fine picture for this service "To Have and to Hold," a Paramoun feature picture from the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation.

The subject of Mr. Pardo's serme for Sunday night is "Old Baggage and

ced the servchildren under 12 years of age ad- 3.30 o'clock. mitted unless with their parents or

one is asked to contribute to the exfurnished by the Episcopal Church

## Windsor Boy Goes to Washington Paper

Mr. James Sawyer, of Windsor, th son of Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Sawyer who has recently been associated with the Windsor Ledger, has accepted a position with the Daily News of Wash. ington. Mr. Sawyer will begin his work with Mr. W. D. W. Bishop, the new editor and owner of the News, or

# Strand Theatre

TONIGHT Edmund Lowe in PORTS OF CALL" Also Regular Saturday Program

Two Comedies **Episode** of The 'Fighting Ranger'

TOMORROW Kramer Players in "Family Troubles" SETER THAN "CHEATING"

# Fur Flies in Mitchell Trial



Top photo shows Col. William E. Mitchell and men defending him in Court Martial trial. Left to right, Col. H. A. White, Military Attorney, Col. Mitchell; Rep. Reid, Attorney; and Judge F. G. Plain, associate counsel.

Lower photo shows army officers leading prosecution. Col. Sherman Moreland, Judge Advocate General of U. S. Army and Lieut. Col. Joseph I. McMullin, his. assistant, who seek to muzzle the flery exponent of free speech.

# Question of Woman's Club for Williamston To Be Settled At Meeting Wednesday Afternoon

Shall Williamston have a woman's club? This question, which has been uppermost in the minds of many representative women of the town for years, we can truthfully say, will be decided next Wednesday afternoon, 3.30 o'clock at the Masonic Hall.

Through efforts of State officers of the federated clubs and many of our Williamston women, among whom Mrs. J. G. Staton deserves especial credit, a woman's club for Williamston has been agitated until a meeting has been called, to which every Williamston woman is invited. This meeting will be held at the hall because it is as centrally located as any place in do a town is unlimited, but there are many things that are sorely needed in Williamston, and it appears that a club of this nature could do more than any other organization. A playground for the children-and there many lovely spots in town that could be used for this purpose—a town library, that would make a good town a better town to live in, could be sponsored by a woman's club.

What good a woman's club can

Every woman will have a personal invitation, and it is hoped each one will respond that a representative number may say whether we shall or shall not or-

## SCHOOL TEAM HAS GAME TUESDAY

Williamston Boys Play Scotland Neck At Local Grounds Tuesday; Game Called At 3.30

The local high-school football team meet the Scotland Neck team Tuesday afternoon on the local field. the 1925 crop as follows ice starts promptly at 7.30 and no The game will be called promptly at

A good game is expected. The Scot-land Neck boys have played football for two years, but their lineup boasts no heavyweights this year. Our team pense of the service. Music will be is considered medium in weight and will match up very evenly with the visitors on that score.

Henry Manning, George Harris, Sam Brown, Eli Barnhill, Charles Peel, Biscoe Rogerson, Gabe Roberon, William Cook, Thomas Crawford Bruce Whitley and Edwin Cox will compose the line up, with William Roebuck substituting.

# Methodist Meeting In **Fayetteville This Week**

The North Carolina Methodist conference began its annual session at Fayetteville Wednesday with Bishop Denny presiding. One of the most important matters to come before the conference is the vote upon the ques tion of uniting the Northern and Southern Methodist churches. Many of the Methodist churches throughout the whole United States have already voted on the question. The voting is done at the annual conferences on rular dates held, and when all reports are in the result will be an nounced. It is understood that many votes are still required to effect the union. Rev. E. D. Dodd is the only ntative from the local church

# Sunday Services At Christian Church

A. J. Manning, Paster day school, 9.45 a. m.-

There will be no church services in the Williamston church, but the pas-ter will conduct the regular monthly service at Macedonia at 11 a'clock.

# PEANUT CO-OPS 1925 ADVANCES

Initial Payments On 1925 Crop Will Range From 3 to 4 Cents; Have Good Cleaning Contract

The Peanut Growers Association announces advances on deliveries of

Jumbo, 1's, 4 cents. Jumbo, 2's, 3 3-4 cents. Jumbo 3's, 3 1-4 cents. Bunch, 1's, 3 1-2 cents.

Bunch, 2's, 3 1-4 cents. Bunch, 3's, 3 cents. Runners, 1's, 3 1-2 cents. Runners, 2's, 3 1-4 cents. Runners, 3's, 3 cents.

Spanish, 3 cents.

The above prices will be advance by the graders as soon as the peanuts are received and loaded.

The Association has contracted with Pond Brothers, of Suffolk, to clean and store the 1925 crop.

The contract for this season is regarded as the best ever made by the

## Philathea Class **Meeting Monday**

ial Baptist Church met in the classroom last Monday evening. The even-ing was spent in business discussions of the class, which was electing new officers for the coming year. They Mrs. Harry Meador, 1st vice president; Mrs. Lee Brewer, 2nd vice president; Mrs. John Ward, secretary and treasurer; Miss Margaret Everett, concerned that the result of any incorresponding secretary and reporter. -Margaret Everett, reporter.

# Skewarkee Lodge To

There will be a special meeting of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night at 7.30. Third degree practice work.

All members of the third degree ceam and any others who are interested in the lodge are earnestly reuested to be pres

By order of the Maste

Elizabeth City Independent Makes Comprehensive Explanation Of Charges in Hearst Newspapers

We are copying the Elizabeth City Independent's explanation of the charges made by the Hearst newspapers against Federal Judge I. M Meekins, of the Eastern North Caro lina District. The facts recited by the Independent are a full vindication of Judge Meekins and will not only gratify the personal friends of Judge Meekins, but will place him in the proper attitude in the minds of the people over whom he presides.

Therefore, in the name of the truth we publish the statement, as follows:

"A Hearst newspaper attempt to mix Federal Judge Meekins, of Elizabeth City, up in the Alien Property Custodian scandal might have created something of a sensation in Elizabeth City this week, but the publication by the Hearst newspapers wasn't news

"That Judge Meekins got upwards of \$40,000 in fees while he was liquidator of the enemy insurance companies under former Alien Property Custodian Col. Thomas W. Miller is the charge made by the Heart newspapers, and it is insinuated in true Hearst newspaper style that there was something wrong about that.

"What the Hearst papers publish at this late date is news three years old to readers of the Independent. What the Hearst papers published was substantially published in this newspaper back in 1922, when Judge Meekins was made a trustee of the Roessler-Hasslacher Co., with a salary of \$3, 000 a year in addition to his salary of \$10,000 as manager of the enemy insurance companies. Judge Meekins was not a government employee, was not on the government's pay roll at all and made no bones about taking the trusteeship. The fact was published in this newspaper at the time and was a source of gratification to Judge Meekins's friends.

"Nor did Judge Meekins ever make any secrecy of the fee of \$20,000 in the income-tax case. Judge Meekins does vigorously deny having arranged a conference between Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Moss and the company's lawyers. The companies which he represented had previously employed a firm of attorneys to handle an income-tax case, the winning of which meant the saving of \$700,000 to them. At a late date these attorneys asked Judge Meekins to come in on the case with them, offering to split their fee with him in event the case was won. The judge got \$20,-000 out of that and made no bones about it.

"So far as this newspaper can learn the Hearst newspaper statement that Judge Meekins is to be thoroughly investigated is all bunk; if any such investigation is under way, North Carolina correspondents at the National

Capital haven't heard of it. "At his office in the Federal Buildng in Elizabeth City yesterday Judge Meekins plainly showed annoyance at the Hearst publication, but declined to discuss at length. He says there is not a word of truth in the state ment that he had arranged a conference between the assistant secretar of the treasury and the attorneys for the Rossler-Hasslacher Co., and says a grave injustice has been done Judge Moss by the publication. Judge Meekins makes the following formal state

Judge Meekins's Statement

"'A newspaper story from Washington today is manifestly calculated to create an atmosphere of suspicion concerning my conduct as an attorney and in my relations to the office of the Alien Property Custodian. No charges are preferred against me, but the story referred to "thorough investigation" of fees alleged to have been paid me, and states that an official of the Government is seeking to determine whether alleged fees paid me were paid contrary to law. Thus, without directly charging me with wrongdoing, the publication tends to place me in an unfavorable light. If any conduct of mine is under investigation or is to be investigated I know nothing of it. If any investigation is on foot, all the facts will appear in due course. Meantime, I assure all vestigation along the line suggested in the Washington story can be awaited with entire confider ice. It appear to me not to be seemly to go into a detailed explanation under the provo-Practice Work Tuesday cation of insinuations contained in the story as published. "'I think it only fair to Judge Mc

Kenzie Moss (at present Assistant Secretary of the Treasury) to say that the reference to him in the story is wholly incorrect. Judge Moss was a deputy commissioner of Internal Revenue handling tax matters other than income taxes. There was never any conference between Judge Moss and Hasslacher income-tax question myself with respect to the Roessler-

# JUDGE IKE MEEKINS Dr. Carl Taylor Made Good **Address to Parent-Teachers Association Thursday Night**

# THE ENTERPRISE WEEKLY SERMON

"The Lord is my light and the strength of my salvation; whom then shall I fear; the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?" -- Psalm 27:1.

By Rev. C. O. PARDO

It was on the Atlantic Coast during a sever storm that had whipped the waves into a fury that a young man who was patrolling the coast in the service of the Coast Guard saw a rocket flaring in the sky and knew that a ship was in distress: immediately he hastened to give the signal to the Coast Guard. With a grim silence broken only by the necessary commands the life guard put out to sea in their boat to go to the aid of the distressed vessel.

A few hours later when the rescuing party and the rescued were safely ashore and gathered around the warm stove in the life guard station one of the yonug men who had been brought safely to shore turned to the captain of the guard station and asked, "Were you not afraid that the storm would drive you out to sea or that you would not be able to find your way back to shore and safety?' The captain of the life guard said, "No; the light in the tower leads and guides us home even through the worst storms. And the station protects and shelters us all from the sea and the storm."

In just the same way the Psalmis felt that the Lord was the light, the great beacon, for the soul and would always lead and guide the struggling souls to the shore of safety and the home of salvation.

To possess this knowledge lead him to say, "Whom then shall I fear," "Of whom shall I be afraid?"

If we could but grasp the truth o this; if by faith, those of us who are struggling along in life battling against the surge and flood of human weakness in ourselves and others; if we would but understand that God is the great light that is capable of dispelling all darkness; that He is the salvation of man from every temptation and problem confronting the hu man soul, we could say, "Of whom then shall I fear?

In Christ, in His teachings and prin ciples; in His power and strength is to be found the salvation of the world's problems. In His love and mercy and forgiveness for our neglect and carelessness is to be found our strength. He is the light of the world. He is the light that shineth in

By faith, in trust, we, too, may have av as did the Psalmist of old, "The Lord is my light and the strength of Dr. DeWitt Klutz to my salvation; of whom then shall I

# Will Be Hard Job To **Convict Mob Members**

News reporters in Asheville think the State is going to have a difficult task in convicting the parties alleged to have constituted the mob that recently stormed the Buncombe County jail in an effort to take a negro therefrom charged with criminal assault Of the 39 defendants charged with the of nse, nine have been dismissed.

The jail was stormed, but the prisoner sought by the mob had been removed and the gang dispersed.

The trial will possibly consume the alance of the week. Both sides are fighting every inch of ground.

Judge Stack, who is presiding, intimates that some witnesses seem to want to hold back on their testimony.

# Sunday Services At **Baptist Church**

Sunday school, 9.45 a. m .- J. S Seymour, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. n Rev. R. E. Sentelle, of Tarboro, will

ing services. Everyone is cordially invited, espe ially members, as Rev. C. H. Dickey of LaGrange, Ga., who has been called by this church, has promised to give us his answer by Sunday.

conduct both the morning and even

Alonzo Hassell came over from Kinston to spend Armistice Day with his parents.

Mr. Homer B. Mask, of Raleigh, me tored here last night with Dr. Taylor, of the State College.

any other income-tax question."

# Need of Improved Marketing Methods His

Subject

The Williamston Parents-Teachers Association held its monthly meeting at the courthouse Thursday night with a good crowd present despite the inclement weather.

Mrs. Dunning, president, presided, and the regular business program was completed. Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr., announced in the meeting that the business men of the town, through an advertising scheme had donated \$46 to the athletic fund of the school.

In the contest in which ten young high-school girls were entered, Miss Ruth Peel was adjudged the winner and she will receive an Eastman Kodak.

Professor Seymour then introduced Dr. Carl C. Taylor, of the State College, at Raleigh, who made a speech on the need to improve economic conditions of agricultural communities.

Dr. Taylor is regarded as one of our country's leading authorities on questions of this kind. He has made an exhaustive study of community life in farming sections and has produced much valuable data along that line.

The main question stressed, which always becomes the central thought when we discuss agricultural prosperity is a better marketing system which he illustrated by showing that the big 1911 cotton crop was worth \$100,000,000 less than the little 1910 cotton crop. In fact, he said, the more crop a farmer has the less it is worth, he being the only class that suffers from such a strange market

Dr. Taylor stated that nothing could prosper very long unless the base of ncome which sustained it was above

He contrasted the business method of the merchants with that of the farmers and declared the only reason why the merchant prospered more was because he used better business judgment in marketing.

# National Handle Co. To **Sue Road Commission**

Rumor says the National Handle Co expects to claim damages against the State Highway Commission for ponding water on some portions of their swamp lands by the Roanoke River bridge causeway being responsible for the loss of timber, which is killed by the stagnant water.

It seems that the dam holds back the water in some of the lower places the dark places of your life and mine. of the swamp in the dry season to the depth of a few inches, which becomes that experience that will cause us to hot and stagnant, killing vegetation. the temptation which put them in pris-

Dr. DeWitt Kluttz, who has been spending some time in Philadelphia, will not return to Washington to take up his work in the X-Ray department of the Washington Hospital. He will be associated with a hospital in Salisbury.

Dr. Klutz has many friends in Martin County who regret his leaving this

# Man Who Attempted Suicide Is Improving

D. R. Ward, the young man of Windsor, who attempted to commit suicide last Monday at Windsor, is recovering very rapidly from the effects of the bichloride of mercury with which he tried to kill himself.

He admitted to newspaper corre spondents that he was blue and "down and out" on account of a breaking-off with a young lady that he was very that he could not pay. He said that he intended going back to his home near Edenton when he left the hospi-

# Says Gingham and Calico Gone to Stay

New York, Nov. 10.-Rayon has brought prosperity to the Southern mills, which heretofore have produced only the cheaper cotton materials, Walter W. Birge, president of the In dustrial Rayon Corporation, said today on his return from North Caro lina, where he went to seek a site for

a new factory. .'What I saw of the Southern spit ners leads me to the belief," he said, "that ginghams and calicos have gone
never to return as dress materials."

Mr. Birge said the two existing
plants of his corporation were working day and night.

# Washington today, and holidays are

trict Teachers Being Held In Washington Today The annual northeastern district teachers meeting is being held in

Annual Meeting of Northeastern Dis-

allowed in practically every school in the district. The local school will be represented by Misses Emma Robertson and Ethel Griffin, Professor J. S. Seymour, and

probably several others. Owing to the fact that the meeting is not called until 2.30 p .m., the school here was in session until 12.30, giving the teachers ample time to

Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, who is president of the teachers' assembly of the State,

reach Washington for the first ses-

will be on the program. Washington , whose name is known around the world, and whose hospitality is known far and wide, is preparing to entertain the teachers royally during their short stay in the city. An oyster roast will be given them tonight and special sales have been arranged by several of the prominent merchants.

# News of the County Courthouse and Jail

Inquiring about the happenings at the county capitol this morning, we found the courthouse busy in tax collecting, bookkeeping, and recording.

The bookkeeping now required un-der the newly adopted plans have been very much increased, requiring the entire labor of several clerks to keep things straight in the several offices

We glanced at the court record to find only a few cases of minor importance on this week's docket.

We looked for the report of the county audit recently made by Frederick B. Hill & Co., but found it not yet completed.

In visiting the jail we found two white men from Goose Nest Township, Bill Ayers and T. E. Goodrich, not in for stealing nor robbery, but because of their weakness for drink. Bill Ayers, who was suffering severely from the "dead liquor shock," declared he did not believe he would live until night, but old Job, the jailor, and Goodrich were stimulating him with medicines just prescribed by Dr. Warren, county superintendent of public health. Both men said they purchased their liquor from bootleggers, some of whom were negroes and some white, who claimed to stand in the first row. They both have families which need them at home. Both Mr. Avers and Mr. Goodrich say they hope their old pals who have cultivated them for their money, will not tempt them again. That with a little help they hope to be able to resist

# Leave Washington Sandy Ridge Local **And Personal News**

Mr. Henry Williams was the guest of Miss Glena Hardison Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. Carson Taylor was the guest

of Mr. Allen Peel Sunday night. Mr. Marshall Andrews spent Monday night with Mr. Allen Peel. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Lilley were out

riding Sunday afternoon. Misses Vida May Roberson and Beatrice Cherry were the guests of Miss Croalie Peel Sunday. Mrs. T. A. Peel has returned home

from Wilmington, after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. I. W. Thomas. Miss Coralie Peel spent Saturday

night with Miss Roxie Jones. Mr. Noah Daniel Griffin was th guest of Miss Roxie Jones Saturday

Miss Marjorie Jones spent the week end with her aunt. Mrs. W. S. Jones. Mr. Vance Bennette was the guest of Mr. Dan Jones Saturday night. Misses Blanch Hopkins and Marie Reddick was the guest of Mrs. Annie

Reddick, of near Dardens. Mr. Donald Andrews spent Saturday night with Mr. Marshall Andrews. Mr and Mrs. R. J. Har tended Sunday school at Holly Springs

church Sunday. Mrs. Charley Patae spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Grover Goddard

# Sunday Services At Church of the Advent

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector 8.00 a. m.—Holy Commun 9.45 a. m.—Church school. 11.00 a. m.-Morning prayer and

3.00 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission 7.30 p. m.—Theatre service, Str