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## PLAYMAKERS TO PRESENT PLAYS HERE SATURDAY

Engagement Here Closes a Four-Day Tour of East

TO PRESENT 3 PLAYS Two Comedies by Paul Green and One Tragedy by Loretta Bailey

Taking advantage of the spring holwell-known original play group at the University of North Carolina, will present three plays in the city hall here next Saturday night. The engagement here Saturday sight will bring to a close a four-day tour of the Playmakers. Tomorrow night the players will present their plays at Meredith College, Raleigh. Thursday they go to Smithfield, and after an engagement in Wilmington Friday they come here Saturday for an appointment that night.

The group will present three plays, "Quare Medicine," a country comedy of a quack doctor, by Paul Green; "Job's Kinfolks," a tragedy of people, by Loretta Bailey; "The Man Who Died at Twelve O'Clock," a negro comedy, by Paul Green.

The casts include Professor Hubert Heffner, assistant director; Neona Sturgeon of Wewoka, Okla.; Penelope Alexander, Charlotte; George Ehrhart, Bailey, and T. P. Harrison, all of

## MRS. ROXIE LANE BARNHILL DIES

Had Been in Failing Health For Three Months; Lived Near Here

Mrs. Roxie Lane Barnhill, aged citizen, died at her residence near here on Highway No. 90 last Friday afternoon. While she had been in fail-ing health for about three months, it was only a week before her death that she was found to be suffering from cancer and Bright's disease.

The funeral was held from the ne Saturday afternoon by Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church. Interment was made in the family burying ground at the old home place,

Mrs. Barnhill leaves seven children, her husband, James E. Barnhill, hav-ing died nine years ago. The children are, Messrs. Jodie, James E. and Harry, Blanch, and Ruby Barnhill, of sband, James E. Barnhill, hav-Williamston; Fabian A. Barnhill, of Everetts and Kader Barnhill, of New York. Three step-sons, Henry Barn-hill, of Conetoe, B. R. Barnhill and John B. Barnhill also survive. also leaves three brothers, Messrs. Carl and Will Lane, of Kinston and Louis Lane, of Rocky Mount.

## School Bill Finally Gets

Through Legislature While the MacLean school bill was Legistlature finally passed a measure last Saturday affecting the financing and operation of the schools. The bill

Leaving the constitutional sixmonths term as it was and provid-ing an equalizing fund of \$5,250,000 for it, of which \$300,000 is to be set aside and bused as an emergency

Setting up an aid fund of, \$1,250,-000 for eight-months term special district relief.

A 60-cent ad valorem participat-ing level.

Elaborate administrative machin-

ery which is hoped to effect savings of 10 per cent over former operating costs.

The right to county commissi

to levy a tax not exceeding five cents for additional teachers' salaries.

# THEATRE &

TOM TYLER

"Tyrant of Red Gulch" ALSO COMEDY

rsday-Friday March 21-22 "THE JAZZ AGE"

With Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.,
Marceline Day, and Henry
B. Walthall

M. G. M. NEWS COMEDY

thows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

SCENE FROM PLAYMAKERS' COMEDY



Scene from Paul Green's "Quare Medicine," which the Playmakers are playing on their special Easter tour into eastern North Carolina. In this ene Henry (played by T. P. Harrison) has just taken Dr. Immanuel's (played by Howard Bailey) "Quare Medicine" and is fast becoming a "new man in Old man Pa Jernigan (played by Hubert Heffner) looks delightedly on as Henry chokes his wife, Mattie (played by Nettine Strobach), into sub

## Court Scenes of Today and Years Ago Not So Different

In his "Reminescences of Elder turies back. While the rum and beer Reuben Ross," a book published in sellers have moved their quarters into the past century, James Ross describes more secret places, the medicine men contrast to the session being held here Jackson; and Helen Dortch, Howard this week. The author described the ous as they were once in the years Bailey, and T. P. Harrison, all of large crowds, how fights were handled gone by, but right here this week the without "meddlesome policemen" inoysters and gingerbread were sold un- talk and appealing stories rather than der the high floor of the wooden hall of justice while the court was in sesn above.

of today is not so unlike the one deby summons, others coming merely out years back, according to Mr. Ross' deof curiosity, and are reacting to a scription of the throngs coming to sit very great degree the scenes of cen- in upon the trials.

house. The sales are not so numer-

by some famous Indian. The general behavior of the crowds With a few exceptions, the court is commendable, but the appearances tions for their posterity was the basis scribed by Mr. Ross, for this week vary but little from the appearances the crowds are gathering here, some or those who had relatives up for trial

Bradshaw Ruffin Dies in Being Held in Connection Hospital Today; Shooting Was Accidental

Bradshaw Ruffin, negro living below rel between him and Rogers. The man night, March 9. was removed to a Washington hospi-

night and was released under a \$200 the Knight case. altered almost beyond recognition, the bond yesterday afternoon. While no preferred, it is understood that he will be tried for carry ing a concealed weapon.

According to statements made to local officers, Rogers found a pistol in an old overcoat that was thrown by some one along the railroad here. Rogers then went to the Ruffin home and showed the pistol to Ruffin, who removed the magazine. Rogers, thinking that all the bullets were out, pulled the trigger while the barrel was pointed at Ruffin and fired a ball into

### Highway Employee Is Hurt in Fall from Truck

Falling from a truck here yesterday, Rufus Cox, highway employee, was thought to have been seriously hurt, but according to reports this morning, his condition is much improved. Mr. Cox fell from the truck, his head hitting the concrete. It is thought that he will be able to return to work with the highway forces in this section shortly. Mr. Cox is from Edwards, Beaufort county.

### Expect to Use Whole Week for Criminal Cases

The civil docket prepared for trial Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week in the Superior court here has been pushed aside by the large number of criminal cases, it being reported that all of this week will be devoted to the trial of criminal cases. The criminal docket is one of the largest to come before the court in sever al months, and is attracting much attention. The trial of civil cases will be started Monday, it is understood.

Miss Josephine Sykes, of Sanford, who has been here nursing her moth-er during a recent illness has return-ed to her home.

Mrs. J. M. Durfey and little daugh have returned to their home in leld after visiting here,

## NEGRO FATALLY 2 MORE NEGROES SHOT SUNDAY ARE ARRESTED

With Robersonville Killing

With the arrest of John Jasper the river hill here, was accidentally, Black and Ralph Duggard, colored, of and fatally shot Sunday when he and Robersonville, last Saturday night, the Henry Rogers were examining a pis- murder case of Jim Coffield, becomes tol, claimed to have been found by more complicated; for it is understood Rogers earlier that afternoon. Ruffin, that these two men assaulted Gus with his bladder punctured by the Knight, the alleged murderer of Cobullet, stated that the shooting was ac- field, shortly before the killing that cidental, that it did not follow a quar- took place about 11 o'clock Saturday

According to the information gained tal, where he was operated on late at the courthouse here yesterday Sunday, doctors there reporting little Black and Duggard had assaulted chance of recovery at that time, Ruffin died shortly after one o'clock this and by mistake killed Coffield. The case has not been heard, and it is Rogers was placed in jail Sunday thought that it will affect, more or less,

The two men were jailed here Satur-Their case has not been called for trial

## MANY ATTEND **NEWS SCHOOL**

Martin County Well Represented at Meeting in Washington

Martin County was well represented at a news leaders' school in Washington this morning, 5 of the 6 clubs being represented. Mr. F. H. Jeter, head of the agricultural publications at State College, is speaking to the club members instructing them as to the best way of placing demonstration work before the public.

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, agent for this county, with Mrs. Bertha Ange, Mrs. Ben Ange, of the Angetown Club; Mrs. Martha Sexton, of the Jamesville Club; Miss Effie Waldo, of the Hamilton Club; Miss Margaret Everett, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Don Hyman, and Miss Hattie Everett, of the Wiffiams Chapel Club; and Mrs. Lee Hardison, of the Holly Springs Club; attended the meeting.

## Dr. Poteat To Speak Here Twice Sunday

community will receive it as good news that Dr. William L. Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest College, will speak twice in Williamston next Sunday. Both appearances will be at the Memorial Baptist Church. He will speak there Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and again in the

evening at 7 o'clock.

His coming is, in connection with
the policy of this church, which is, occasionally throughout the year, to bring into its pulpit men of outstandto time other men will co

## SUPERIOR COURT BEGAN MONDAY

Judge Walter H. Small, of Elizabeth City, Is Presiding

TWO WEEKS' SESSION Unusually Large Number of Cases or Docket; To Try Both Criminal And Civil Cases

With a docket surpassing in number of cases those of the past several sessions, the March term of Martin Coun ty Superior Court convened here ves terday for the trial of criminal and civil cases. The court will be in session two. weeks, Judge. Walter H Small, of Elizabeth City, presiding.

The old-time court scenes came fresh in the minds of the older citizens, when the town was filled with folks from al quarters of the county. The only difference being that all came in on au tomobiles, whereas in the good old days of a quarter of a century ago they came on buggies, carts, some ox carts, and many walked, but the same interest is apparent now as then, the accused to beat, the law or beg for nercy, or both.

Judge Walter H. Small, of Elizabeth City, is on the bench, and was promptly on time. The court was lucky in a scene at the Martin County superior continue shouting their wares before drawing a grand jury fully up to stancourt years ago that offers a striking the crowds gathered around the court- dard; in fact, from appearances, rather above the standard.

The charge to the grand jury was different from what is generally heard drug monger is making a fair-sized salin a charge. It did not deal in techterfering, and how rum, beer, cider, ary by the use of a stereotyped sales nicalities, but was based upon citizen ship and pistols. The judge handled on the merits of root juices prescribed both lines well, and to good effect. He stated that our forefather's zeal and interest for better things and condiupon which our modern conveniences and improvements, of which we are so proud, are founded. These were all the dreams of our fathers, who so faith fully worked for better roads, better homes, and a happy and prosperous

Judge Small said that less than 1-2 i 1 per cent of our State's population s foreign born, which accounts for peacefulness. Although we fuss and fume over politics and others things, we have no riots and troubles as in Chicago and other centers of mixed tribes. We soon forget and are friends again, and give every man the right to his own opinion.

The function of the courts was dealt with at length, and though they are not perfect, he said they are the products of the people, and no government can be better than its people. The laws are nothing more than the rules of conduct. The law of God says, Thou shalt not kill, steal, bear false witness, etc;" the laws of our country say the same, and yet each of these laws are violated daily. A penalty is necessarily fixed for the violation of every law. People generally enjoy the privileges of the law without a word of praise, but when a violation occurs, then they begin to complain.

The home and the school have laws to govern those under their care, and the government, just as necessarily has to have laws to regulate its subjects'-conduct. The man who does no place a portion of his energies upon things that will help the coming generations will fall far down in the scale of citizenship, the jurist said. This applies not only to houses and lands and the material things that we have, but it also applies to obnoxious things in our society and in our dealings with each other.

The only violation of the law touched upon by Judge Small was the pisthan \$5,000 each year. The pistol was also described as the most useless thing a man can have. It is of no protection, in most cases; there being 99 deaths from the careless and deliberate use of pistols to every life saved by them.

John D. Lilley was made foreman of the grand jury and H. D. Taylor officer of the jury.

## Town Commissioners Hold Special Session

While the board of town commis sioners, in special session here last night, discussed financial measures and the collection of taxes, only one official act was completed. The salary of the superintendent of the town's water department was fixed at \$100. per month.

## Moves to New Office On Washington Street

Mr. John L. Rodgerson moved his office from the flatiron building on Washington street yesterday to the building adjoining the Peel Motor company property on the same street. Mr. J. G. Staton will establish an office in the flatiron building, it is

## MARTIN COUNTY Togo Pulley To Go On Trial Tomorrow for Killing Jones AGE CHILDREN

has not been officially given at this according to rumors. time, it is understood that the case will be called here tmorrow for trial. has offered to submit to a second de-

gree verdict. n the case this morning, but it is not handling that alone. known whether the evidence offered

While the charge to be preferred according to a thorough examination against Togo Pulley, alleged mur- of the ball and the weapon. The podered of Eugene Jones, policeman, liceman's gun has also been located

will be called here tmorrow for trial. ed by D. L. Ward, jr., attorney of It has been rumored that Pulley New Bern, who was hired by Pulley's The grand jury returned a true bill prosecution, Solicitor Don B. Gilliam

would point to a trial of first de-gree murder or one of second degree. If the case is called tomorrow, and However, it is said that the gun dist it is likely that it will be called, the charging bullets found in the dead court will be well attended from peo-man's body is in the hands of officers, ple all over this and Pitt county.

## PROCEEDINGS IN FLORIDA POLICE SUPERIOR COURT CAPTURE KNIGHT

Noon Today; Mostly of

Eleven cases had been called by

The minutes of the court procedure p until noon today:

ssued and case continued.

Pleading guilty of temporary lar- to the story told by him this morn- progress possible.

sentence, suspended for two years. the fight that had happened while he feets as to make study a hardship, and Williams with housebreaking and lar-

Roymond and B. C. Council, found guilty of larceny, were given four months on the roads each.

an automobile while he was intoxicat-Judgment was suspended in the case

of larceny. Mayo, a boy under 16 years of age, was placed in the jail stealing a pair of over-shoes.

William Ellis and Henry Page were both found guilty of larceny.

gustus Wynne, charged with an assault, was ordered to jail. No final disposition of the case has been made at this time, but an eighteen months jail sentence is in order, it is under-

plead guilty of larceny and each was When he left there they shot at him to the roads for four three times, but the shots missed

## LOCALS DEFEAT **NEW BERN, 22 - 11**

Winning over the New Bern All- ing ther a day, he left for Gainesville Stars in New Bern last Saturday night, 22 to 11, the local high school five tol, which he described as the most brought to a close one of the most sucdeadly of instruments in use, unless it cessful basketball seasons in the hisis the automobile, and he said that tory of the school. Throughout the pistols cost Martin County no less season the locals tasted only two defeats, one at the hands of Middleburg's team and the other at the hands of of last week, Captain George Brooks, Mebane's five in the tournament at of Morehead City, with assistants Raleigh.

Brown and Getsinger, of Jamesville, principal sidewalks of the town and played with the locals against the all- Smithwick Street. Upon the complestars Saturday night when several of tion of the survey, an estimate of the the local boys dropped training a few days before. Holding led the locals in scoring, registering 11 of the 22 commissioners, who will then call for porting liquor, and Federal Agent points in one-half of the game.

## Number Citizens Urging Pacing of Highway 125

Interested in the paving of Highway No. 125, a large number of people here and others along the route from Halifax to the end here, left for Washington this afternoon to talk the matter over with Commissioner Kugler in his office there.

## Sunday School Association Will Meet Next Sunday

Regular Meeting of The Williams Township Sunday School association will hold its regular meeting at Fairview church Sun-day, March 24 at 3 p. m., according to an announcement made today. A cordial invitation is extend of the meeting and an interesting

The accused man is being represent relatives. So far as it can be officially learned there will be no private

Orders to call a special venire for

## Eleven Cases Called Up To Is Brought Back Here to be

two years ago, Knight stating that he

ed that he had had trouble with John

Black and Ralph Duggar on the night

of the shooting, that while he was in

resturant the two men came in and

account of a locked door he crawled

hid. As he started out he saw Coffield

Knight stated that he walked to

Rocky Mount where he caught a train

and went to Fayetteville. After stay-

Preliminary to Paving

Appointed as the town's engineer by

the commissioners here Monday night

started yesterday on a survey of the

cost of paving the sidewalks and the

one street will be placed before the

contract bids, according to present

Fined \$2 on Two Counts of

Hunting on Posted Land

Charged with hunting on posted

and on two different occasions, leff

Ausbon, of near Hamilton, was fined

tice of the Peace J. E. Edmondson

found Ausbon guilty of the two

charges and the \$2 fine was placed in

court in Hamilton last Friday.

each case.

Engineer Begins Survey

later proved fatal to the man.

where his uncle lived.

bought from a Parmele man.

this county.

Tried for Murder of Minor Importance Jim Coffield

Judge Walter H. Small up until noon murder of Jim Coffield, also colored, coday in the superior court now in of Robersonville March 9, was captur- the school buildings of the three towns session here, practically all the cases ed in Gainesville, Florida last week on the days mentioned, a special nurse called being of minor importance and when officers of that town raided a and a physician starting the work soon attracting very little attention. Work gambling joint there. Upon learning after the school opens in the mornin the court this afternoon points to of the capture, Chief William Gray, ings. a busy day tomorrow, when one or of Robersonville, left for Gainesville two of the most important cases are and he with the prisoner returned Warren, county health office, stated,

turned a true bill against him. Kader Barnhill, seduction, capias

Johnson Corey, assault, pleads guilty, for points farther south, and was of the causes of bad-health in children and case is continued three months captured when he stopped at Gaines can be removed or remedied. These ville. When arrested with several

ceny of an automobile, Jesse White- ing, he was examined and his identity hurst was given a four-months road established when he refused to tell of him in school with such physical de-

charging Dennis Everett with driving name of R. L. Smith and company, an automobile while he was intoxicat-Robersonville merchants. The watch of Thomas Mayo who pleded guilty

here more than two months ago for While sentence has not been passed,

Under a suspended sentence, Au-

Game Played in New Bern Saturday Night; Last Of Season

\$2 and costs in a justice of the peace

Will Be Held in Jamesville, Williamston, Roberson-

TO HOLD CLINICS

## ville Next Week IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Additional Clinics for Other Parts of County To Be Held Later; Urge Parents to Send Children

In an effort to prepare the preschool child, from a standpoint of health, for his years of scholastic work, clinics for the examination of all children planning to enroll in the 1929-30 session will be held in this county next week, according to a schedule prepared by the State Board of Health and Dr. W. E. Warren, the ounty health officer. The first series of the clinics will be held in Williamston Monday; Jamesville Tuesday and Robersonville Wednesday. Additional clinics for other parts of the county will be determined upon the success of the three that will be held next week, it was stated by Dr. War-

Gus Knight, negro charged with the ren yesterday. The examinations will be made in

Speaking of the clinic. Dr 'W E yesterday. The case will be called to- "It is of the utmost importance that morrow, the grandjury - having re- your child or children be physically fit to enter school. Very few children According to information given, can progress satisfactorily in studies Knight left soon after the shooting if handicapped by bad health. Most Isiah Sherrod was found not guilty others at the gambling joint, Knight before your child enters school so that n the case charging him with larceny. was merely looking on, but according he or she may make the most rapid

A nol pros resulted in the case was watching the party. The police the attempt to progress a disappoint charging Jim Johnson and Arthur found a letter written by his uncle, ing struggle. The time to consider Alfred Knight, of Gainesville, to Geo. this problem is now. Clothing, shoes, Knight, Gus' father in Robersonville. books, and other things considered A watch bearing the name of Jim necessary for a child to enter school King, local tobacco man, was found are usually given the most careful on Knight's person, and the suit of thought by the parent. Why neglect A nol pros was returned in the case clothes he was wearing carried the thought by the part of the prep-

### was lost by Mr. King in Robersonville PLAY AT FARM With the facts, the Florida officers LIFE FRIDAY

wired Chief Gray who requested them to hold Knight as he was wanted in Well Attended Despite Bad In giving the details just prior and Weather; \$40 Received at the time of the killing, Knight stat-

For Library Fund The Farm Life faculty and patrons presented the play, "The Girl Who Forgot," to a full house Friday night. attempted to renew the trouble. He The showers of rain that fell sporadi also stated he had been warned that cally throughout the day Friday did Black and Duggar were after him and not prevent a large attendance. Howthat when he left and went to a house ever, the roads were cut up to some Thurman Hyman and Charlie Smith of a friend the two men followe him. extent, making it difficult in places for traffic to move at a normal speed

The gross receipts amounted to mark. Knight then went to his \$45.75, expenses totaled girl's home and failing to enter on a net profit of \$40.00. The primary purpose of the play

under the house where he had a pistol was to increase the number of volumes of elementary library books. This coming and mistaking him for one of deficiency has been a great handicap his assailants, he fired the shot that to the school. The principal, Mr. R. B. Talley, ex-

## to B. S. Courtney, the Enterprise, and Culpepper Hardware Co., for their courtesy in loaning material for the

DRY AGENT GETS

CAR FULL OF FISH

tends the appreciation of the school

Suspected of Rum-Running, Bertie Man Turns Out To Be Fish Dealer

Driving a Whippet coupe through nere last Saturday, with the springs almost resting upon the axles, a Bertie fishmonger was suspected of trans-King gave chase. The officer, driving a Packard car, went down the Main Street making between 50 and 60 miles an hour and overtook the fish dealer at the foot of the river hill; where the car was searched and the cargo was found to be fresh herrings

and shad. trade, told the officer what was in the car, pointing out that his fish were of

### Thieves Steal Judge Small's Motor Meter

Although he came here in an effort Kiwanis Tomorrow

The regular luncheon of the Kiwanis club will be held here tomorrow at the usual hour. Gus Harrison has charge front of a local hotel. The Judge's Pontiac coupe is now without radiator cap of any kind.