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THAN RETURN TO STATE HOSPITAL

Council Vick, 40, Shoots Self After Holding Off Officers With Gun

SANE PART OF TIME

Escaped From Dix Hill, at Raleigh ut Six Weeks Ago; Funeral Held Yesterday

cil Vick, 40 years old, comr Chapel community near sville late Wednesday afternoon, insanity being pointed out as a cause for the act. Taking his gun, the man went to the loft of his humble home, placed a pillow on the floor, and stretched himself out with his land ched himself out with his legs ed to the right temple; the fired not blowing a greater part of his send against the wall, caused instant death. The body was lowered to the ared for burial by officers. Intery at Angetown, this county, yes

Coming to this county four or five years ago from near Newsome, Va. ted in the Jamesville sec where he worked at first one and then another. Of unsound maintained hespitals in this State and in Virginia. Hardly more than six weeks ago he stole away from the institution at Raleigh and returned home. While he was apparently of mind a greater part of the time, he had attacks every few days and would go on a rampage. Last Wednesday morning, after threatening to kill his wife, he smashed practically every article in the house, in-cluding beds, sewing machine, and ng beds, sewing machine, and

Officers were called and an attempt to arrest him was made about ten o'clock that morning. Taking a stand in the loft of his home, he threaten-ed to kill any one offering to move toward him. Twice he leveled his gun officers, and threatened to fire. riff Roebuck talked with him for or twenty minutes during which time Vick swore he would die at Raleigh. After considering the situation, the officers withdrew from scene, planning at that time to effect the capture that afternoon at 5 o'clock. A few minutes before the ofrs arrived, neighbors heard a gun fire at the home, but no investiga-tion was made until the officers ar-The doors were bolted and enwas made through a window Deputy Grimes finding the lifeless body in the loft.

Vick was married to Miss Ella Holliday, of Angetown, several years age, and she survives. There were no

Mrs. W. F. Hardison Dies at Home Here

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the at the Pentecostal church here that he be pemittend to testify. He trouble.

The design afternoon and burial was stated that he and his mother work-

leaves a widower and two chil-, Mrs. Lucy Cherry and Sadie Hardison. She is also survived by rother, Augustus Campbell and a ter, Mrs. Addie Adams, of Nor-

To Hold Revival at Fair View Church

R. A. Phillips, of Everetts The public is invited.

THEATRE

ART MIX

"Lightning Range" COMEDY and SERIAL

DOUGLAS **FAIRBANKS**

ROBIN HOOD

Early If You Want a Good Seat-"Nuf Sed" NEWS AND FABLES

MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

SUICIDE RATHER 16-Year-Old Negro Is Jailed Here for Attempted Criminal Assault on Small White Girl

BROUHGT HERE FROM OAK CITY TUESDAY NIGHT

Examine Number Witnesses At Preliminary Hearing Here Wednesday

\$3,000 BOND REQUIRED Four-Year-Old Child Is Victim of Alleged Assault; Happened

Last Tuesday was reported that Elijah Grice, sev- a state-wide tobacco coeperative enteen-year-old Negro, attempted a marketing association should be orcriminal assault upon Edna Earl ganized at the earliest possible mo-Craft, the four-year-old daughter of ment to handle the tobacco of the Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Craft of the Oak tobacco belt and that a committee be City section. Grice was arrested by appointed by this body to meet in Officer G. D. Pearson late Tuesday Raleigh with other organizations to about eight miles from where the as- plan a mode of action." sault charged was committed. officer placed the boy in the Oak City jail, but fearing for the prisoner's he and Mr. J. W. Hines brought him here for safe keeping.

A preliminary hearing was given the boy here Wednesday before Justice of the Peace John L. Hassell who bound the prisoner over to the superior court convening here next week

hearing, stated that he was called to growers have been given Representathe Craft home Tuesday evening and found the little girl sleeping. Continuing, he said that Mrs. Craft, the child's mother, asked him to examine the little girl and then she explained to him what the child had told her The doctor called the child and asked her what happened, the little girl repeating the story told to her mother. He concluded his testimony by stating that he found some minor bruises, but discovered no injuries of permanent nature.

Dr. Wm. E. Warren, county health office, called in the case for a consultation and to examine the child, substantiated Dr. Pittman's evidence relative to the physical condition of

Edna Earl Craft was questioned ly too excited by the crowd attending the hearing to tell of the affair. Mr. B. F. Craft, father of the girl

stated that he noticed the boy was restless when he returned from the mail box where the assault was said to have occurred. He knew nothing and as he left home he failed to learn about the affair until told by his wife upon his return. He immediately went to Oak City for the officer, and arrest was made a short while later. According to the story told by Mr. Craft, the boy told the little girl he Mrs. W. F. Hardison died at her would get her some grapes near the home on Church street here last mail box. Mr. Craft further stated was feeling very well when she returned to the house tired at 11 o'clock last night. Going

mail from the box when she was ready to return to the house.

Jane Grice, the mother of the accused, stated that she was at the Craft home when Edna returned from the mail box, that the child was all right and came in the child was all the funeral will be held at the child was all the funeral will be held at the child was all the child was all the funeral will be held at the child was all the child was al right and came in laughing. She stat-ed that the two remained from the clock. Interment will be made in the house longer than she expected they would when they left to search for the grapes. It was pointed out that Special Young People's she called the boy while he was

searching for the grapes.

Grice, according to his statements, was born in Hayman, S. C. July 1, 1912. Leaving South Carolina, they lived in Chadbourne, Wilson, Rocky Mount and Virginia, moving to the Harrell farm about a year ago. Grice is apparently above the average in intelligence and is marked for his ap-

Kiwanis Club Observing "Ladies Night" Tonight

Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, rector of Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, rector of the local Episcopal church, will make the main talk when the Kiwanis club entertains the teachers of the local schools at 7:30 o'clock. Stums and other features are included in the program for the meeting which will last for an hour and a half.

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. meet at their regular hours. The mid-week service will be held by the Junior B. Y. P. U. children, and services for the following Sunday will be announced.

The pastor will preach Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

FARMERS MEET IN EDGECOMBE

400 Hold Round-Table Discussions of Tobacco Marketing

Meeting in Tarboro last Wednes day 400 Edgecombe County farmers held round-table discussions relative to the tobacco marketing condition and the prices received for the crop. A number of speeches were made, the Last Tuesday

Citizens of Goose Nest township
were greatly disturbed and very much
excited last Tuesday evening when it
was reported that Elijah Gree, seventeen-year-old Negro, attempted a
marketing association should be or

According to a report of the meeting appearing in the Tarbero Daily Southerner, the resolution met with safety when a crowd began to form, the heaty approval of the entire assembly, and that a fine spirit was

manifested by the group.

That the present low prices being paid for the tobacco crop are bringice of the Peace John L. Hassell who bound the prisoner over to the superior court convening here next week and there and reports of plans. At Kinston, a report states that details when he bound the defendants over of a new plan to help the tobacco from his court. Warrents were issutive C. L. Abernethy, of the Third District, and J. C. Stone, of the Federal Farm Board, by the originators there. The plan has not been divulged. Abernethy is said to have declared that he will make it the basis for a bill in Congress, Stone to have

been "deeply interested."
Under the plan, the report continues, methods of taxing tobacco would be changed. The government might be a nominal loser under it and the manufacturers would lose slightly while growers would benefit materially. The originators, whose name are being withheld pending announce-ment of the details claim it might mean the "return of 50-cent tob

but she made no statement, apparent-IS FOUND DEAD

Prominent Woman of Williams Township Victim Of Heart Failure

Mrs. Mary Emily Griffin, of Williams township, was found dead in bed at her home there this morning at 4 o'clock. Heart failure was give as the cause of her death. She had apparently been dead several hours

when found In poor health for some time. Mrs. Griffin suffered a chill yesterday, but de pellagra, that and numerous com-plications causing her death.

The funeral was held by Rev. Mr.

Elijah Grice, the accused, asked she had been treated for heart

The daughter of W. B. and Mared on the Harrell, farm several miles tha A. Lilley, Mrs. Griffin was born Mrs. Hardison was 45 years old. from Oak City, and was employed by and reraed near Jamesville and was eleaves a widower and two chil- Mr. Craft a part of the time. He 54 years old at the time of her death. had worked in tobacco until about 1 She married William W. Griffin 26 o'clock that day and tried to find years ago, and he with seven children, grapes for the girl near the mail box. six boys and one girl, survive. The He stated he was accompanied by Willie McLean, young colored boy, that while they searched for grapes the child remained at the mailbox. He denied touching the child, stating that he gave her the pan and the mail to the state of the child remail to the state of the children are William C. Griffin, of Wilson, Henry I., Wendell, W., Bender of the children are william C. Griffin, of the children are will are children are will and the children are will are children are children

Jones burial ground, near the home.

Service at Baptist Church

The Baptist church offers the community a service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, which is to be put on in its entirety, by young people.

There will be a youthful choir;
four girl ushers; four boys receiving the offering; other young people reading the Scripture lesson, offering

the prayers and pronouncing the benediction. A solo will be rendered by one o the younger girls; and the sermon delivered by a boy not yet nine years old.

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. meet

Sawyer Murder Trial and Several Others of Interest Are Scheduled

CRIMINAL CASES State To Ask for First Degree Verdic Against Sawyer, It Is Understood; Two Weeks Term

With thirty-seven cases already the docket and more being added almost daily, the regular term of superior court convening here next Monday ranks in size with the June called. Judge W. A. Devin, the pre siding officer at the term, comes to court. He will be faced with a strenuous docket made up of murder, embreaking, attempted rape and other cases coming under the criminal head. In addition to the large criminal docket ,the Martin County Bar association has scheduled thirty-two civil cases for trial.

According to reports coming from the courthouse here, the trial of criminal cases will take up practically if not all of the first week of the two weeks term. The first of the civil cases is scheduled for hearing Mon-

Seventeen of the 37 criminal cases were placed on the superior docket through appeals from judgments the future. from his court. Warrents were issued in eight instances and ten of the cases were continued at the June term of court. Excluding the last June term docket, the one prepared for next week and the week after is among the largest ever to be handled in this county.

bezzlement case, two seduction charges, four cases charging defendants with operating automobiles with abandonment while intoxicated, eight assault with til October 1. deadly weapons, two larceny and receiving, three passing worthless checks, six house-breaking, two DRUG STORE TO manufacturing liquor, two carryin concealed weapons, one attempted rape, one fornification, one assault abetting murder and one murder

The case charging John Sawyer not been announced, some believing its modern hor the shooting, Sawyer was in the cus-large stock of drugs and articles tody of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, who placed the kller in the local jail. Equipped with modern mahogany

Ambrose and Harvey Jenkins in a son's leading stores. down between the rows of tobacco and when a short distance away he

again on the man. Mr. Britton ran a to the capital stock. few yards farther and dropped dead. The other parties working in the field at the time feared for their safety and backed away, but saw Sawyer go to the dead hody, reload his gun and pass on. It is said the killer went to his home, placed his gun in its rack and departed, instructing his wife to tell officers, if they uld come for him, that he would be found in a certain spot, half a mile away. Sheriff Roebuck went to the back of the field, and after calling, Sawyer answered and surrendered. Sawyer, a native of Hyde county, is 38 years old. He married Fannie Roberson, of this county, nine years

ago. Since that time they have lived in Henderson, Winston-Salem, Beaufort county, and in this county. He was at the Burroughs farm, near here, last year.

According to the best information obtainable, the State will demand Sawyer's life. Attorney A. R. Dunning, of this place, will assist in the prosecution, it is understood. The defense counsel will be appointed by Judge Devin next week.

Revival Being Held at

MARTIN COUNTY Sales Continue To Be Light SUPERIOR COURT OF LOCAL Market This West On Local Market This Week

Be in Staton Buildings

By Tomorrow

Upon the completion of the new

The buildings, among the

ing Held in Edenton

This Week

Windsor several months ago, to

by state's witnesses the defense en-

The negro lawyer went on the

affidavit stated that he did not admin-

ister the oath to Pritchard. Cleo An-

drews, colored woman of this place, stated the affidavit was read over to

The defense is centering its fire

an effort to break down his testi-

mony, according to a report of the

court's proceedings this morning.

jury, claiming that prejury can be

committed only in cases at issue in

before the court at the time the af-

hint as to its views on the legal as-

pect of the case, the weight of

opinion seems to indicate that the

judge will allow it to go to the

In Bertie Yesterday

Two men, Rev. L. Speller and

struck by an automobile three miles

out of Windsor. The machine, driven

by Mr. Raymond Spruill, of Wind-

was knocked forty feet down the

road, the machine landing on top of

Service, 11 a. m .- subject, "Evan-

gelism that is Christian." Evening worship, 7:30—subject, "The World's

ices. The public is cordially invited.

lowing a short illness.

Interment was made in the family

emetery near the Mc. D. Mobley

ome place this afternoon.

Small Child of Mr. and

Program of Services

Three Hurt in Wreck

Will Bonds, colored of Bertie,

fidavit was written and signed.

Pritchard.

subornation of a

RECORDER HAD NEW BUILDINGS 8 CASES TUESDAY ARE COMPLETED

Lacy Savage Gets 9 Months Three of Four Tenants Will on Roads for Deadly Weapon Assault

A nine-months road sentence featured the proceedings at the last Staton buildings on Main Street here Tuesday session of the recorder's this week renters started moving in ourt here, Lacy Savage accepting their stocks and by tomorrow even the judgment after pleading guilty ing three of the four buildings will in an assault with a deadly weapon be occupied. The Western Union will

Henry Speight, charged with vio- building until the first of next month, ating the hunting laws, was found it was reported yesterday. not guilty.

pperating an automobile while he the Main Street appearance. vas intoxicated, had his case con-Hettie Powell and Willie H. Rober-

son, charged with assault with a struction of a drive there will make deadly weapon, failed to answer to possible a one-way street around the apers issued for the two.

The case charging Victor Roberson Tar Heel building, and the postoffice Pleading guilty of violating the fices located in the new buildings. quor laws. Walter Bennett was given a three-months suspended jail sen-tence, pledging his good behavior in PERJURY CASE

In a case charging assault with a deadly weapon, Opheus Price and Garland Rodgerson entered pleas of not guilty, the court establishing a count of simple assault against Price and maintaining the charge as preferred against Rodgerson. Price was fined \$25 and taxed with one-half the costs; Rodgersen was fined \$100 and taxed with the other half of the costs. Notices of appeal were made in open court, Price giving bond in the sum at Edenton today. of \$75 while Rodgerson was released under a \$200 bond.

The case charging Andrew Mabry tered a motion for dismissal, but with abandonment was continued un-

OPEN TONIGHT

with intent to kill, one aiding and Advance Opening at 7 P. M. Tonight; Formal Opening Set For Tomorrow

with murder, is the center of interest.

Williamston's new drug store, the The time for holding the trial has Bailey-Sessoms, opens for business in that the case will be called early in leffice here today, the owners frown-the week. Sawyer shot and killed J. ing upon the date, Friday the 13th. I. Britton, Cross Roads farmer, the During the past several days, the em-26th of July. Thirty minutes after ployees have been busy placing the

While the officer was effecting the furnishings, the store commands a capture of Sawyer, Coroner S. R. prominent position among the sec-Biggs started an investigation which tion's leading stores, offering a servresulted in the arrest of Sawyer's ice in keeping with that offered by wife who with her husband has been many larger stores. Mr. Sessoms, one held in jail here in default of bond. of the firm's owners, will have active According to the facts given by charge of the store. He is a drug-eye-witnesses to the killing. Mr. Brit- gist of repute, having been employed

field near the Sawyer home. The At the advance opening this even-three men had worked to the end of ing the store is offering complimenthe row and were turning in another tary packages of Hollingsworths when Sawyer raised from hiding in minatures. Other favors will be ex-Britton. Without warning the gun's load was fired, the first shot causing death, it is believed. Mr. Britton ran

The firm was turned his head to look back, Saw ly, Judge J. W. Bailey, and Messrs. yer having reloaded his gun, firing Bill Haislip and Sessoms subscribing

Presbyterians Announce Program of Services

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship services, 11 a. m. The usual morning services of hurch will be resumed this Sunday. Bear Grass

The usual Presbyterian ervices will be held in the school house auditorium at Bear Grass Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Preaching by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff.

To Begin Revival Sunday At Church in Jamesville

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of he Jamesville Methodist Church, will conduct a revival meeting there, beginning next Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the

Successful Meeting Held At Cedar Branch Church

Eighteen new members were add-d-to the Cedar Branch Baptist A series of preaching services will be conducted by Rev. C. B. Mashburn in the Christian church at Everetts, beginning next Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

ed. to the Cedar Branch Baptist Church during a revival meeting end-ing last Wednesday evening. Rev. W. H. Dodd, of Washington, assited the church's pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington, and a successful meeting was reported.

80,000 POUNDS ESTIMATED TO BE HERE TODAY

Price Continues To Be Just About Same As On Opening Day

MANY ABANDON CROP

Tenants All Over Belt Reported to be Throwing Up Crops, As They See No Prospects of "Paying Out"

not move its equipment into the new With prices continuing low, farmers are marketing the tobacco crop very slowly, practically all the mar-Elmer Bellflower, charged with handsome in the town, add much to kets in the belt reporting light sales this week. Sales Mrs. Staton will construct a paved cluding today's are expected to reach tinued until the first Tuesday in Oc. street between the new buildings and the 450,000 pound mark, selling for the post office, having it ready for an average price per pound of about use in about three weeks. The con- 12 cents.

Sales for the first four days this week totalled 328,000 pounds and sold the charge and Judge Bailey ordered Tar Heel building, making it more for \$39,288. The average price reconvenient for occupants of both the ceived on the local market last Tuesday was \$13.23, sthere being little ith abandonment, was not prossed. as well as providing an outlet for of change in the price since that day. According to reports coming from the market here today, prices on the better grades were than those of yesterday.

BEING HEARD Warehousemen are uging the growers to keep their tobacco as dry and in as good a condition as pos Negro Lawyer's Trial Be-

The prevailing low prices everywhere continue to discourage the growers who are hardpressed in meet-The Philip Escoffery trial, charging ing their obligations coming due at witness, Lem this time. In anticipation of a fair Pritchard in the Miller murder case price for their crop, many of the growers borrowed money to run their farms, and they are now finding it commit perjury is still in progress impossible to pay out under the ex-At the conclusion of the testimony isting conditions.

According to reports, tenants all over the belt have abandoned their Judge Sinclair, trial judge, did not crop and turned to look for work that rule on the motion, saying he would they might expect a weekly income hear the entire case before passing Many of them have drawn more on on the questions of law involved in their crop than it is selling for, and the owners, in many cases, are being forced to stop advances.

The situation is a baffling one, and no body seems to be in a position to stand this morning in his own behalf saying that the Lem Pritchard affidavit was Pritchard's own language. even hint what might be expectde in C. D. Carstarphen, of this place, the future. before whom Pritchard signed the

Charitable Brotherhood In Meeting Wednesday

Dardens, Sept. 12 .- The Charitable Brotherhood, District No. 5, held a meeting with the Dardens lodge yesdirectly in the face of Pritchard in terday, many representatives of the lodges in the section attending. The meeting, held in the Methodist church, was called to order by the president, The defense is also attempting to Rev. W. T. Pollard, of Peace Lodge, gain a legal point on the important No. 6, Robersonville. question as to what constitutes per-

Reports given by the delegates from the five lodges in the district, were very favorable, indicating fucourt, and that there was nothing ture success for the order. Vice Grand President J. F. Jackson, of Dardens, President W. T. Pollard, and Messrs. Norris, Overton and Perry briefly the meeting.

A picnic dinner was served on the grounds at 1:30.

With two invitations before the meeting extended by Hamilton and Christian Hope lodges, the body voted to meet with the Hamilton organization the second Wednesday in De-

Regular Services Sunday at badly hurt and Moses Grandy, also Jamesville Baptist Church colored, received minor injuries about dusk yesterday when their cart was

Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, will conduct the regular morning church service in the Baptist church sor, hit the cart from the rear de-molishing it and badly wrecking his molishing to reports, the service in the church there, the pas-tor going to Reddick's Grove where he will begin a revival meeting. The Sunday school will convene

At Methodist Church Courtney's Furniture Sale

10 o'clock.

Is Drawing Large Crowds The selling of furniture at auction in the B. S. Courntey Furniture Biggest Business." Sunday school, store here is attracting large crowds twice daily. Practically every sale is Senior League, Monday evening at a real bargain. It is the first time 7:30. Bible study Wednesday evening that a sale of the kind has ever been 7:30. Hi-League Thurness, 7:30 p. m. Every member of this church is

urged to attend these worship serv- Poplar Chapel Is New Demonstration Club

Mrs. Lester Jones Dies was added to the county's list this week when Miss Sleeper, home agent Mary Elizabeth, nine-months-old met with the women of Poplar iaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chapel, near Jamesville, at the home Jones died at the home of its parents of Mrs. George Cooper and effected near here on the Washington road at 8 o'clock yesterday evening folthe next meeting which will be held in the school house there, "a school lunch demonstration" will be given