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MARTIN TRIED IN FEDERAL COURT

Every Case Was For Vio-lation of Prohibition Law

TWO ARE ACQUITTED Thirteen Convicted Get Fines and Sentences; Only One Woman Sent

Up From County

Fifteen Martin County people, charged with violating the liquor laws in one way or another, were tried before Judge I. M. Meekins in the Federal Court at Washington this week Nine of the defendants received sentences to be served at the Federal prison at Atlanta and at Chillicothe, Ohio. Four of the fifteen were required to pay \$50 fines each, and two were found not guilty. Nine of the number from this county facing the judge were colored. Arnici James, colored, was the

pear before the court. The names of the defendants from Martin and the disposition of the cases

only woman from the county to ap-

Raymond Bowen, three years in a refermatory; J. C. Cordon, 1 year and a day at Atlanta; Jasper Smith, eighteen months; Johnnie Moore, twelve months; C. C. Sheppard, year and a day; Moses Gilliam, \$50 fine; Chester H. Terry, \$50 fine; William E. Terry, James Leake, year and a day; Joe Henry Whitfield, \$50 fine; Willie Pierce, six months; Harry Hopkins, year and a day; Ben Lilley, not guilty; Arnicie James, eighteen months.

According to an unofficial report, approximately 45 prisoners will be carried from Washington to the prison Atlanta and to the reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio. Special arrangements are being made to carry the prisoners sentenced to serve their time in the Federal prison at Atlanta. The violators are said to be leaving with the officers today from Greenville.

Since the last term of the court, there has been little change in the number of violations of the prohibition laws in this county. Sixteen were tried from this county at the April term and 15 were tried this week, the Jones law apparently having little effect, as was predicted at the time of its passage several months ago.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

In recent weeks a group of men from the adult men's Bible Class have been going into the rural sections each Sunnorning and bringing into our Sunday school sessions whoever cared

A very certain response has been made, and the attendance upon the Sunday school has been noticeably in-The Baptist church and its Sunday school welcomes any one, from anywhere, who cares to participate in of its services.

The pastor will preach Sunday morn-

Judge Francis D. Winston will lecture to the young men's class Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, in their regular place of meeting at the pastorium. face of meeting at the pastorium.

The B. Y. P. U. departments will have their regular meetings Sunday

at 0:30 in the church. The junior choir, under the leader-ship of Mrs. Wheeler Martin, is prac-ticing a program of music, which will be rendered in their next regular church service, which will be the third Sunday in this month. The B. Y. P. U. leaders and workers have arranged endid program.

The mid-week service will be held a 7:30 Wednesday evening.

Program of Services at Church of the Advent

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector Sunday school, 10 a. m. Holy communion and sermon, 11 a

Bear Grass, 3 p. m. Roper, 7:30 p. m. firmation section, Monday, 7:30

THEATRE

YAKIMA CANUT

"BAD MAN'S MONEY" IN COMEDY AND SERIAL

day-Tuesday Oct. 14-15 LON CHANEY

THUNDER'

Also NEWS AND FABLES

MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

TOTALOF15FROM Market Average Yesterday Is Highest of Season So Far

Tobacco prices paid on the lo-cal floors yesterday were the highest of the season, according to official figures given out by the Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade this morning, It is believed that the prices today are equally as high if not some higher than those poid yesterday. The break yesterday averaged \$17.98 the hundred pounds, and this taking into consideration the large quantity of black tobacco on the floors is unusually high.

The breaks have been small

this week, probably due to a great extent to the peanut season which is holding farmers from their tobacco grading.

An expert tobacconist stated yesterday afternoon that the bet-ter grades are selling for more

money this year than they did last season. Having observed the sales here for several years, the tobacconist added that the crop around Williamston is the poorest he had ever seen raised here. "There is very little of the orange colored tobacco here, but that having a lemon color is plentiful,"

While there have been substantial increases in the prices paid for the medium and better grades the price remains about the same for black tips and washed-out

The outlook now is more enencouraging than at any time this season, and with present prices continuing, large sales are expected during the remainder of

Horse Races for Four Day,

Professional Auto Races

Friday and Saturday

A unique racing program, including

both horse and automobile races will

feature the events at the Roanoke

fair here this year, according to an

announcement made today by Man-

ager John L. Rodgerson. The races

will equal any in the section this year,

The races on Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday will include a number

of the best horses running on south-

ern tracks this year, according to a

Auto races will feature the track

events Thursday and Friday when

seven drivers compete for prizes. The

races, directed by Frank A. Kankin-

son, are sanctioned by the contest

board of the American Automobile

Association, it was said by Mr. Rodg-

Plans are practically complete for the fair opening here November 4.

The free acts program has been care-

GET BIG STILL

Officers Make One of Larg-

est Captures Every Made

In This County

Officers raiding in the Free Union

section one night this week captured

one of the largest distilling outfits

ever operated in this county, accord-

ing to reports of the raid. Going in-

to the section shortly before midnight

the officers located one still with a hot fire under the kettle, but things

did not really get warmed up until

the chase started, the officers losing

search and found the large plant, a

still of more than 300 gallon capacity

with four worms and accessories. The

operators at the plant heard the of-

speed then and made capture impos

Wedding Is First Service

In New Hamilton Church

Hamilton, Oct. 10.-The new Bap-

tist church building of Hamilton was

recently completed, the lighting fixtures

some degree of curiosity and neighbors

looked out with no little interest to be

greeted with the new lights as they

in full and peculiarly cheerful illumina

flowed from the windows of the church

"But the lights are out. Surely, it

was a good service—so brief." Then, "Heard the news? Bill and Annie Lee

just installed. No kind of service

and brought the stills in.

to the operators.

IN FREE UNION

the fair manager stated.

review of the entry list.

FARMERS START RACES WILL BE PEANUT DIGGING FAIR FEATURES

Reports Indicate Many Are Digging While Peanuts Are Too Green

"While there is no material increase in the acreage, our yield will not be as \$50 fine; William James, not guilty; large this year as it was last season," Mr. J. F. Jackson, of Dardens, stated yesterday afternoon when questioned relative to the peanut crop in the lower part of the county. It was Mr. Jack-son's belief that the quality of the nuts grown there is better this year than was the case last season.

Mr. Jackson was also of the opinion that the farmers there are digging the goobers too early, that the nuts are too General reports indicate that green. many farmers are digging their peanuts too green, but it is understood that a delay of a few days is likely to result in a loss of the vine and many

GOOD QUALITY PEANUT CROP

Farm Acitivities of Week Center Around Once Lowly Goober

The agricultural activities in Martin county for the week have been centered on the peanut. The heavy rains of ten days ago delayed peanut digging for a week and has caused farmers to work regularly at the task this week. Many of the farmers state their peanuts are coming off in the ground on account of the wet weather rotting the stems.

The crop is estimated at about 75 per cent of normal in quantity with qualtiy good and above normal. Cotton is reported as very short

in quantity and unusually poor in quality. Between the heavy rains and the boll weevil many farmers guess the crop off at least 50 per cent of the normal yield.

Tobacco grading has been halted on account of peanut digging and cotton picking. Very few farmers in the entire peanut belt are market-ing their tobacco now and consequently light sales are the rule in the peanut belt.

Presbyterian Women Meeting Here Today

The group conference of the ladies of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church is being well attend ed here today, delegates coming from Edenton, Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, New Bern, Kinston, Washingand Greenville.

Following the opening of the conference at 10:30 in the Baptist church, Mrs. Roy Leary, leader Group I, led the activities during the morning session. Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff conducted the devotional worship. The response to the welcome address by Mrs. Anna Harrison, was made by Mrs. C. M. Brown. Mrs. W. T. Clark, of Wilson, president of the conference made the main address this morning. Several inspirational talks were made and reports having however, had been held in the church to do with educational and orphanage until 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, work were read by the Presbyterial when passers-by looked across with

Following the luncheon in the Wo-man's Club hall, the conference reconvened at 2:00 o'clock when a program dealing principally with young people's work was heard. Mrs. N. O. Warren, leader of Group II, had charge of the afternoon program.

Rev. W. B. Harrington to

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Conduct Three Services William J. Beach, both of Hamilton, Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct were quietly married in the Baptist three services this week end, beginning church Monday evening, October 7, at 5 Saturday evening with a sermon in the 7:30 o'clock. E. P. West, the pastor, Saturday evening with a sermon in the 7:30 o'clock. E. P. West, the pastor, Piney Grove Baptist Church at 7:30 officiated in a brief ceremony, immediately after which the newly-wed and o'clock. Sunday morning at the II ately after which the newly-wed and happy couple departed for Washington, D. C., from where, after some dicks' Grove. The public is condially invited to hear Mr. Harrington at each of these services.

Program of Services

At Christian Church
Reegular services will be conducted at the Christian church Sunday morning at the Monday evening, to October 14, at 7:30 o'clock.

Reports on the work of the district meeting will be made by the delegates attending, it was stated. Other matters of importance will come up to their home.

Sunday school will convene at 9:45.

Over State To Join in Hunts

198 - POUNDER KILLED 33 FEWER DIVORCES

Killed in Jamesville Section;

Forced to the highlands by high ranged from one to five deer a day.

Although many deer have been fell- riages performed. ed along the Roanoke lowlands dur-

pounds. The two young men saw their ported for 1927. ber shop here.

Several of the animals have been killed down below Jamesville, according to reports received here, but the main hunting ground is near State 1927. Highway No. 30 in Bertie county. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck is criticizing his own actions in a hunt last Wednesday morning when he permitted a young buck to pass within thirty steps of him without shooting. The sheriff stated he thought it was a doe, but a hunter nearby took a chance and dropped the small deer, proving to the officer that the deer was not a doe.

ROANOKE RIVER STARTS FALLING

Crest of High Water Was Reached Yesterday; 9 Feet Above Normal fully selected, Mr. Rogerson stated and the fire works display will be dif-ferent from and larger than those in

Approximately nine feet above its miles, the vast area covered being came.
mainly woodland. While there has along the river's banks in Bertie have etery, in Jamesville township. animals feeding on the lowland grass.

After reaching its crest early yesterday, the river started falling last week, but the shippers are expecting a short time prior to his death. to run one of their boats up here late this evening. It will be Sunday or probably later before the stream back within its banks.

Program of Services at After destroying the plant and equipment, the officers continued their

Rev. Z. T. Piephov, Pastor right, we have no right to live.

ficers as they tore the first still to pieces and left their with the fire mental classes. Worship service, 11 a. m. Subject: Sunday morning lecture.

The Greatest Thing in the World." Last Sunday Judge Clayton Moore Dr. O. P. FitzGerald burning. A chase was started, Sheriff "The Greatest Thing in the World." C. B. Roebuck following one of the operators by the light of a lantern arried by the distiller. The chase connot already connected with any ingness to come, and of the address itchurch to come and worship with self.

This class of young men has postinued a number of yards when the still's operator realized that he was only furnishing the officer a light and into the tree tops the lantern was sailed. Sheriff Roebuck stated desired. Come and make our church turers from time to time. that the fleeing man increased his your church.

The officers destroyed the beer vats schoolhouse auditorium at Bear Grass singing before the service. Bring the children to hear the Bible story given Special Business Session all who can come.

Fire Destroys Ford

William Stokes, colored, on Railroad

The Sunday school will convene at blood stains were found on the highStreet at three o'clock this morning. 10 a. m. and regular church services way guard rail, giving rise to the

The call was too early and the weather a little too airish for spectators, very few troubling themselves

The call was too early and the and take part in the service.

Everetts Woodmen to dress and go out at that hour of the morning.

MANY DEER ARE MARRIAGES AND KILLED DUE TO DIVORCES SHOW FLOOD WATER DECLINE IN N. C.

Hunters Come From All 21,373 Marriages in State Last Year; Decrease Of 831

Number of Animals Are Also Being Marriage Rate Per 1,000 Last Year Was 7.3, Against 7.7 For the

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10 .- The water, many deer have been bagged Department of Commerce announces in this and Bertie county during the that, according to the returns received, past several days. Hunters from all there were 21,373 marriages performed sections of Eastern Carolina have in North Carolina during the year 1928, taken a part in one or more hunts as compared with 22,204 in 1927, repthis week, and their catches have resenting a decrease of 831, or 3.7 per cent. In 1916, there were 21,337 mar-

During the year 1928 there were 1, ing the week, not one doe has been 609 divorces granted in the State, as killed, so they say. The prize of the hunt was bagged senting a decrease of 33, or 2 per cent. by Jack Daniel and James Herbert In 1916, there were 668 divorces grant-Ward Wednesday afternoon when ed. There were 29 marriages annulled they killed a big buck weighing 198 in 1928, a similar number to that re-

The estimated population of the prey about the same time, both firing The estimated population of the shots into its head and body. Pete State of North Carolina on July 1, Hall, another local man, bagged one 1923, was 2,938,000, and on July 1, yesterday morning, and is proudly 1927, 2,897,000. On the basis of these displaying the deer's horns in a bar-estimates, the number of marriages per 1,000 of the population was 7.3 in 1928, as against 7.7 in 1927, and the number of divorces per 1,000 of the population was 0.55 in 1928, as against 0.57

The number of marriages was reported by the register of deeds and the num perior court of each county. The figures for 1928 are preliminary and sub

LUKE A. SYKES DIES THURSDAY

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis Sunday; Never Regained Consciousness

Luke A. Sykes, aged 50, died at his home on the Thomas Gurkin farm, near Jamesville, early yesterday morning following a stroke of paralysis suffered the Sunday night before. He never regained consciousnormal level, the Roanoke river has ness after the stroke, his condition flooded lowlands along its banks for gradually becoming worse until death

The funeral was held at the hom been much damage, the loss is not at 1:30 this afternoon and interment considered to be so great. Farmers was made in the W. B. Lilley cemsugered a loss when their crops were inunaded by the stream's waters, and Branch Baptist Church, of which Mr. stock owners have lost many of their Sykes was a member, conducted the services.

Mr. Sykes was born and reared in Nash county, near Nashville, and night after remaining on a standstill for several hours. Shipping has been to this county about twenty years practically blocked on the stream this ago he engaged in farming until his

He leaves a widow and five children, three sons, Peyton, Thomas and la Paul Sykes; two daughters, Mrs. Nathan Lilley and Kittrell. One son was killed in an automobile accident several years ago.

Presbyterian Church Judge Winston To Speak To Class Here Sunday

True sayings: If we do not live The members of the Young Men's ing being a very enjoyable one. ight, we have no right to live.

Bible Class of the Memorial Baptist
Sunday school: 9:45 a. m.—Depart-Church are having Judge Francis D. will be held in Washington on the Winston to come over and deliver their second Tuesday in January. 8

A hearty welcome is extended to addressed them; and there was much the people of Williamston who are appreciation upon their part of his will-

door. All are welcome, rich or poor, sibilities of great growth, and it is nesday, made one of the most insaved or unsaved, your presence is their purpose to have in special lec-They meet each Sunday morning in

large room at the pastorium, where This class invites, and Judge Winnext Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, ston would appreciate, the presence of You are invited to join in the song any one who would like to be present Sunday morning at 10 o'clock

At Cross Roads Church

Early This Morning tian Chapel Church Sunday, there will been cut, but furnishing insufficient evbe a special session for the handling of important business, it was stated in tion. tically destroyed a Ford sedan, old the announcement made yesterday by model, and threatened the home of one of the church's members.

The burning car, parked in a shed will be held at the 11 o'clock hour, it thought that some one had scaled the near the house was pushed to the was announced. The members of the street where the firemen soon ex-church are urged to be present and edge of the dam. the public is cordially invited to attend

Woodmen will meet Monday evening, the past few days, according to an football teams are playing their third

Reegular services will be conducted meeting will be made by the dele- Windsor. at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clook and 7:30 in the evening, it was stated. Other matters of importance will come up ing, it was announced by the pastor. Sunday school will convene at 9:45.

Mulander and the locals meeting windsor.

The paper states, "Since most of morehead City here. The two county the school children have had whooping cough, it is not expected that the schools will have to be closed."

SEVERAL PAY TAXES IN ORDER TO BENEFIT BY 1-CENT DISCOUNT

\$4.01 IS TOTAL OF LOCAL TAXES

Poll Tax and Paving Assessments Will Also Have to be Paid

Adding the county-wide, special chool, special road tax, and the town rate, Williamston property owners will pay taxes at the rate of \$4.01 on the \$100 valuation. The paving tax is to be added in those cases where concrete walks have been laid, and this year practically everybody in town will have an added amount to the fect, according to a report coming county and town assessment. between the ages of 21 and 51 years day afternoon. Approximately \$1,000 will be required to meet the poll tax charges, county \$2, and town \$1.

The rate of \$4.01 is divided as follows: Town, \$2.10; county-wide, \$1.34; special school, 22 cents; and special road, 35 cents, making a total of \$4.01, which, when added to the paving tax and poll tax, gives the grand total.

BAPTIST MEET IN NASHVILLE

Annual Session of Association Will Be Held Next Week

The pastor of the local Baptist church

aid today that the Baptist association it which his church is a member will hold its thirty-second annual meeting uesday and Wednesday of next week. This meeting will be held in the pretty little church at Nashville. The sesns begin next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and will extend over until Wednesday afternoon.

In addition to the regular routine of a sociational business, there is afoot a plan-of reorganization for the districts; and a possible reapportionment of the taxes; they are writing to inquire members of the executive committee. In addition, there has been some talk or creating a new association out of a These associations are always glad

intertaining church expects to pro ride homes for those who come to pend Tuesday night. According to the pastor of the local hurch, there will be a large delegaion attending from this church. Thei ames will be announced at the reg-

Vine Firemen From Here Attend Meeting Tuesday

lar service Sunday morning.

Nine members of the local fire company attended the quarterly meet ing of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's association held at Beaufort last Tuesday night.

The meeting was held in the dining hall of the Inlet Inn where the Beaufort firemen served dinner to the large number attending. A number of very interesting talks were made by various citizens of Beaufort, the n

Speaks to Kiwanians

Uusing the subject, "The Value of Program of Services Pride," Rev. O. P. FitzGerald, at the regular Kiwanis luncheon last Wedteresting and instructive talks the members of the club have listened to in some time.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, pastor of the The usual services of the Presby-there are sufficient accommodations to local Presbyterian church will be held in the take care of all who want to come. the next Wednesday program in charge, it was stated.

Unable to Account for Blood Stains on Fill

Blood, believed to have come from a human body, was found on the Ro In addition to the regular program anoke River fill near here yesterday of services at the Cross Roads Christ morning, indicating that some one had

> A woman's handkerchief, drenched with blood, was found at the spot and fence. A paper bag was found at the

Whooping Cough Nears Epidemic Stage in Bertie

Ten cases of whooping cough in Will Meet Monday
The Everetts Camp of Modern
Ten cases of whooping cough in Windsor have been reported to J. E. Smith, county health officer, within October 14, at 7:30 o'clock. account carried in the Bertle News- game of the season this afternoon, Reports on the work of the district Leader, newly established paper of Robersonville meeting Aulander at

AROUND \$1,000 PAID SO FAR

Montgomery Lumber Co., First To Pay Up This Year

J. F. JACKSON SECOND

Atlantic Coast Line Expected to Pay \$52,000 Into Treasury Within Next Few Days

The one-cent discount offered taxpayers for settling their accounts before November 1 is having some ef-All men from the sheriff's office here yesterhave been paid into the collector's office at this time. While all the receipts have not been prepared at this time, the sheriff is accepting the payments, making special arrangements to do so, however. The clerks who have been busily engaged in the preparation of the receipts will complete the unusually large task by the latter part of next week or some time the week following, it is thought. The Montgomery Lumber Company, of Suffolk, forwarded its check of approximately \$800 to pay its taxes on property listed in Martin, the company being the first of the approximately 7,000 taxpayers in this county to square its account.

"Well, all the tobacco I have sold so far this season will just about pay my taxes," Mr. J. F. Jackson, of Dardens, stated yesterday afternoon when he walked into the office of the collector here. Mr. Jackson was the second taxpayer to take advantage of the discount.

The big corporations, anxious to take advantage of the one-cent disafter the facts and figures. In the list, the Atlantic Coast-Line Railroad Company leads them all. With a valuortion of this one, as it is very large. ation of approximately \$2,866,000 the company will pay around \$52,000 when any visitors assemble with them. into the county's treasury alone with-And it is always understood that the in the next few days, it is thought.

M. W. WRIGHT DIES THURSDAY

amesville Man Had Been in Feeble Health for Past Year

Milton W. Wright died yesterday vening at six o'clock at his home near Jamesville. While pneumonia was the direct cause of his death, Mr. Wright had been in feeble health during the past twelve months, suffering attacks of asthma and a complica-

tion of other diseases.

The funeral will be held this aftrnoon at 4 o'clock. Interment will be made at the Wright grave yard, near Corinth Bantist Church

Mr. Wright, 50 years old, was born near Jamesville where he farmed un til about thirteen years ago when he moved to Ayden. Three years ago he returned to his old home and engaged in farming. A widow and six children sur-

At Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. FitzGerald, Pastor Preaching service, 11 a. m.; subject, Righteousness the way to Happiness."

Evening service, 7:30; subject, "Keeping Faith with God." Sunday school 9:45. Prayer service,

Wednesday, 7:30. The public is cordially invited to worship at this church.

League to Hold Cake And Package Sale

The Epworth League of the M. E. Church will have a cake and package sale at the office of the late Dr. J. B. H. Knight tomorrow from 5 to 10 o'-

Margolis Brothers Store Will Be Closed Monday

In observance of the Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur, the Messrs Margolis Brothers will close their store here next Monday.

Locals Meet Morehead City Highs Here Today

The Robersonville and Williamston Aulander and the locals meeting