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Church Case Continues In **County Superior Court Here**

PREDESTINATION COUNTY GETS 19 FARMERS SELL IS MAIN FEATURE IN PROCEEDINGS

Many Believe Jury Will Get Case Sometime Late Tomorrow

CASE NEARING CLOSE

of Endless Question By Trial Lawyers

The end of the Smithwick's Creek Church case is expected to reach the jury some time tomorrow afternoon, attorneys in the case stating that they believed all the testimony would be complete today, possibly in time for

The proceedings embracing large words, repeated evidence, baffling estions and indirect answers, will t is believed, present a perplexing problem for the jury, causing much speculation as to how long the body will ponder before reaching a verdict.

pears to be hopeless procedure, the Smithwick's Creek Church case continues to drag in the superior court here, some predicting a near end for the case however. Tired and weary of other proceedings, members of the jury author and predestinator of ain. continue, not of a will of their own, to bear the seemingly endless chain of

The plaintiffs rested at 11:25 Wedthe word "predestination." Definitions varied greatly, one witness, pretty well had so well planned things that every happennig, no matter how negligible was predestined to be. The questioning caused the casual observer to wonder if he were in a courtroom or attending an oral examination for the admis aion of applicants into the ministry.

Shrewd questions were "popped" and shrewd answers, in many cases, were made. Errors have been made, doubt, and approximately 500 object tions have been entered so far. The proceedings, if typed on regular-sized paper would fill around 300 pages, according to an estimate made today by the court stenographer.

Parties to the two factions continue sealously in the cause, and are apparently doing so untiringly.

The court, the lawyers and spectators are getting at first hand much o the doctrine of the Primitive Baptist

The word "predestination" and its meaning are the marked features of the doctrine as explained by some of the witnesses. This word, however does not appear in the Sylvester Hassell pamphlet exemplifying the principles of Faith upon which the Smithwick's Creek Church was founded and cal congregation. sanctification by the influence and operation of the Holy Spirit and the final perserverance of the Saints."

The first witness, P. E. Getsinger, called in the case left the stand at 3:40 Tuesday afternoon after remaining on the stand a greater part of Monday and Tuesday. Many questions were propounded to him, a number being technical nature and hair-splitting but generally they were answered with frankness and ease. He was called upon by Mr. MacLean, on cross examination, to explain the usual methods of conference procedure.

of the trouble, the witness gave as his opinion that it was on account of political difference. He stated that Elders Cowin, Rogerson, Ross and Sawyer were invited to meet the Church on December 6, 1927 to prefer charges against Elder Harrington, and al- routine, he stated that the Enterprise against Elder Harrington, and at though a part of the membership of the Church was present, neither of the copies of the Articles of Faith of the Church was present, neither of the elders appeared to make any charge. Again on January 11, 1928, the Church met in council with Elders Hassell, and after various charges had been made, the council advised forbearance and that Harrington avoid expres sions not in the Scriptures.

Mr. Getsinger also stated that he had never denied the true principles of the Primitive Baptist Doctrine, nor followed Harrington any where. He added that he had stated that he be lieved he was a man, gifted of God and that he thought all the Church believ-

Continuing with his evidence, the vitness stated that other churches, Jamesville, Bear Grass, Skewarkee and Singleton's dropped their correspondence with Smithwick's Creek soon aft er the trouble arose, and Elder Har-

destination was fired when MacLean asked Getsinger about a conversation be had had with Plenny Peel. The

SEATS IN MEET

ed to Seats at State Democratic Meet

Martin County is entitled to send ineteen delegates to the State Democratic convention meeting in Raleigh Case Nears End After Almost Pive July 3, according to the allotment list E. Smithwick, W. W. Griffin, E. H. yesterday. There are 2,412 delegates ville section, sold a carload of swine throughout the State who are eligible on the Richmond market. The car of to occupy seats at the convention, it 94 pigs sold for \$1,700, averaging a was stated, Buncombe county leading round 11 cents per pound. with 103, and Tyrrell occupying the bottom rung of the ladder with four eligible delegates.

At the last State convention, this ounty had only thirteen eligible delegates, the election of 1928 bringing forth an increased poll, resulting in the increase of six delegates.

witness stated that he had talked the matter over with Mr. Peel in Joe Lilley's porch in Jamesville where Mr. After almost five days of what ap-Peel took hold of a piazza post and said that the tree from which it came should grow in the forest, be taken to the mill. sawed and placed in its position as it stood, and that he had refused to subwhat is meant by "predestination," and did not believe that God was the

When Mr. Getsinger was asked about the minutes of a Tennessee association, he stated that so far as he knew, nesday morning, when the task was started to define the meaning of Primitive Baptist Associations. He stated that he attended the Tarboro association in 1928, talked with Elder Keene who was criticising the preaching in the association.

Witness stated that Arnold Roberson and Bettie Coltrain were the only members who had connected themselves with any other church and that they did not follow Harrington into Primitive Baptist rules to exclude a member without notice, but that the seventeen who were excluded in July had notice because motion had been made in their presence at a previous

scribed his understanding of the theory appointed to raise \$75 this week. of predestination by saying he did not believe God was the author of evil. On re-direct examination, Mr. Getsinger peanut factory in Williamston, gave stated that he never knew of any complaints by Elder Hassell and relied the results of their work their efforts

upon the council's report. was still a member. Continuing, he said that neither the union nor the association had anything to do with a lo- VOTE ON TERM

The Articles of Faith in the Hassell boro meeting, that cowin, the clerk, read the letter of the minority, but refused to read the letter of the plaintiff faction.

The question of political differences between Elders Harrington and Rogerson were then explained as the foundation of the controversy.

Copies of the accusations against Harrington by J. J. Manning, Alonza Rogerson, P. Peel and others were

It was pointed out that the defendants did not give notice when the In giving reasons for the beginning plaintiffs were turned out. He stated preach regeneration or chance system,

> W. C. Manning was the second witness called by the defense. After a short explanation relative to regular nithwick's Creek Church in May, 1928, that on the fourth Saturday May, 1928, he attended church at Smithwick's Creek, that Elder Sylvester Hassell preached. Following the sermon Manning stated the member-

> ship convened in conference, that among the things done was the reading from a pamphlet prepared by Mr. Hassell on May 1, 1928, taken from the Articles of Faith upon which Smithwick's Creek Church was founded in 1803. After the reading of the pamphlet, a motion was made and the mem-bership pledged its continued belief. A believed in the Articles of Faith were in the affirmative, the remainder vot-

Sylvester Peel, the third witness call-ed, said he had been a member of the

CAR OF SWINE Nineteen Delegates Entitl- Good Profit Realized By Farmers of Jamesville

Community The importance of hog raising in this county was well substantiated last week when four farmers, Messrs. J. made by State Chairman O. M. Mull Ange, and Lester Smith, of the James-

> The car was the first shipped from this county this year; however, many have been delivered by truck and sold on the Richmond market.

> "Those pigs will eat themselves to death," Mr. John Smith, Lester's uncle stated when the self-feeding meth-cd was introduced. "It'll be all right to feed them off of fish meal and corn, but you'll have to dish it out to them.

> The self-feeding, or Shay method, makes it possible for the hog to eat all it wants, either day or night. The young farmer, at the suggestion of Professor W. T. Overby, introduced the system, and after deducting the cost, \$240, from his receipts, he had made \$150.70 in three months. The other farmers used the self-feeding method

KIWANIANS HOLD GOOD MEETING

Many Important Matters Brought Before Meet Last Wednesday

With an attendance of twenty-six members and several visitors present Wednesday, the Kiwanis Club held one of its most important meetings of the year. Several important business the Missionary Baptist Church. He matters were taken up for discussion also stated that it was contrary to the and passed on with favorable results. Judge Sinclair, noted North Carolina jurist, made a few appropriate remarks, but asked that he be excused from a speech until he returns to Wil-

meeting and they were dismissed because they were adjudgd disorderly.

Mr. Getsinger pointed out that the Scout program was presented to the suit was brought because of persecucious by Scoutmaster Wheeler Martin. tion by defendants. The witness de- \$125 were raised, and a committee was

liamston when a much smaller cour

George Harrison, chairman of committee to promote the locating of a a report to the club, and judging from have not been in vain. The report He stated that Harrington left the was very good, and Mr. Harrison is of Church in July, but Mrs. Harrington the opinion that Williamston will soon

AT BEAR GRASS

School Election There Next Monday

The Australian Ballot system will next Monday when approximately 244 o'clock. citizens of Bear Grass township go to the polls to determine the outcome of a special school election.

The measure is being advanced in an effort to increase the term of the school there from six to eight months the change calling for a levy of not more than 35 cents on the \$100 proper

ty valuation. By a special arrangement with the teachers, the school is continuing beyond the regular six-months term, but the outcome of the election next Monday will determine the length of future

terms, it is understood. The petition, asking for the election, carried the names of 84 people of the district, indicating a strong interest in behalf of the extended term.

CARS WRECKED HERE TUESDAY

Misses Elsie Hardison and Arue Brown Slightly Hurt in Wreck

On Tuesday night, as Ben Ira Hardison, driver of a Pontiac coach, with Mack Roberson, Elsie Hardison, and Arue Brown, were returning to their touring car, driven by Robert Crow, a colored man, of Everetts, ran into them asked to vote "yes" and those who op- and caused the Pontiac to turn over just as it was turning the curve near the warehouses on the Washington ing "no" or not voting at all. Another other occupants of both cars escaped

REV. MCLENDON TO SPEAK HERE THIS EVENING CENT NEXT WEEK

Announces Appointment In Four Per Cent Penalty In an Address Over Radio In Charlotte

MANY ARE EXPECTED TUESDAY IS LAST DAY Ed Parker and His Orchestra To Collection Offices Report Fair Re-Appear in Concert Just Before

Speaking at 8:00 O'clock

With all arrangements the address by the Rev. B. F. McLendon and the entertainment by Ed those who have not effected settlement Parker's 17-piece orchestra in the Brick will face a penalty of greater propor warehouse here tonight are expected tion. From two to three per cent, the to attract hundreds of people from all penalty hardly counting for more than parts of this community and section. a warning of what is yet to come. With known, announced his appointment here over the radio while delivering alty and advertising; and June, that'll

hear his talks. Special seats have been consructed from the county and town collectors in the Brick Warehouse here to ac- office. During the next few days, or commodate a large crowd, and other until the next increased penalty takes arrangements for the meetings were hold, collections are expected to show made complete today, it was stated by a marked increase. Next Tuesday wil

open the evening's entertainment at 7 tance the additional increase. clock with popular and favorite seections. Rev. Mr. McLendon starts nis address at 8, and for an hour he the collectors to resort to extra correwill entertain his listeners. A radio listener, Pete Baggett, of

Windsor, states: "I urge every one who can do so ties to go by. He is held responsible to go to Williamston Friday night and for the collection of the penalty as well or the collection of regular taxes. near Cyclone Mack's sermon on the chain stores and home town merchants." I urge you to attend not only the behalf of our home-town mer- ing the collections to more than hal chants—this great evangelist will give of the total levy. you a real treat regardless of your sentiments along these lines. I heard him over the radio preaching in Charlotte TAX CONDITIONS Wednesday night. It was the most sensational, forceful, and fearless talk I have ever heard. I know you will enjoy it. ... He will hold you spellbound throughout the entire sermon

COMMENCEMENT AT FARM LIFE

First Exercises To Be Held Monday Night by the Primary Grades

Farm Life, Mar. 26 .- Finals of the Farm Life School Commencement were announced today by the faculty and ommencement committee. On Mon-

iate grades will perform in conjunc- early part of this month to represent On Tuesday evening, April 1, the fifth and sixth grades will pre-sent a minstrel comprised of short tive thought and criticism in the meetplays and songs.

Commencement Day exericses will was "the doctrine of eternal election, particular redemption, regeneration and sparticular redemption, regeneration and both factions had delegates at Tarsion charged, and the performance will tions to be passed on to the state conbe used a second time in this county begin each evening promptly at 7:45 ference, it is stated. The meeting also

WATER IS LOW IN ROANOKE

Operations; Lowest in Many Years

-Strong winds bearing down on the Roanoke have lowered the stream to a new low level, according to reports coming from Jamesville and Plymouth Several feet below the edge of the banks here, the stream is apparently taking sides with the prohibitionists, for at the rate the water has been falling since the winds started preying upon it, there'll be but little liquid in the stream.

Seine fisheries down below wer forced to abandon their operation when the water fell below a point where it was impossible to handle the nets. Old fishermen at Jamesville and points further down the stream are understood to have said yesterday that the water is as low as they had ever

Once the wind ceases, it is reported that the water will run up the river, at Bear Grass Sunday afternoon at seeking its level. Much of the water 3 o'clock. (Please note the change in in the sound has been blown out, the

J. W. Hines Loses \$74 and Pistol from Car Tuesday

road, the Ford coming toward Williamston. Misses Brown and Hardiden, lost \$74 in cash and an automatic son received a few scars, while the pistol last Tuesday when thieves entered his car and ransacked his license with no injuries. The Pontiac car was box. The car was parked just a short damaged for \$18.00. Blinding lights made a quick job, as he was away from seemed to be the cause of the accident. the car only a short time.

PENALTY JUMPS FROM 2 TO 3 PER

May; Property on the Block in June

ceipts So Far; Increase Expected During Next Few Days

Gradually tax payments become more tense-around the next corner and "Cyclone Mack," as he is generally April comes a three per cent penalty an address in Charlotte last Wednes- see the "Last of the Mohicans," when day evening, and it is understood that the meetings are not limited to indi-

vidual communities, that all join in to Settlements have been fair so far this month, according to reports coming a director of the Community Builders' be the last day the 2-per cent penalty remains in effect, and the property Ed Parker and his orchestra will owners will have to hustle to outdis-

Checks without the penalty continu to come in, making it necessary for spondence. This feature, last month would have cost the sheriff many dollars had he allowed the small penal ties to go by. He is held responsible as for the collection of regular taxes.

Town collections so far this month are well above the \$1,000 mark, bring

TO BE DISCUSSED

Delegation from Martin To Attend Meeting In Raleigh Monday

More than half of North Carolina's. 00 counties are expected to be represented by delegations at the conference on property tax relief, to be held in Raleigh next Monday, according to reports coming from J. Fraizer Glenn, chairman of the Buncombe Association for Property tax Relief, which started the movement some time ago.

The delegation, Messrs. R. W. Salsbury, J. Eason Lilley, T. B. Slade, G. Cox and J. G. Staton, appointed by day evening the primary and intermed the Martin County commissioners the with a black-face high-school this county, met here last night to talk over the tax question locally that they Hines stated ing to be held in Raleigh next week.

It is understood that the subject of begin at 11 o'clock Wednesday morn-ing, when Judge Francis D. Winston thoroughly discussed at the State will deliver the commencement address. meeting. Although the Buncombe A picnic dinner will be served at 1 county association has adopted resoexercises will be concluded Wednes- sales tax, and the setting up of a state day evening when the high school play board of control for municipalities, is presented. There will be no admis- these will be regarded only as suggesvisability of asking for a special ses- any and all of our services. sion of the general assembly to enact tax reform legislation.

Fisheries Forced to Quit Presbyterians Announce Three Preaching Services

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Pastor True sayings: "He who knows how to serve is on the highway to great-

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Depart mental classes. Mr. John L. Rodgerson, superintendent.

Worship service and sermon, 11 a. n. "Our Heritage." The recent religious survey disclosed the fact that there are 472 non-church

members in Williamston, also that there are 33 Christians in Williamston the denominations of which they are member do not have services or church buildings here, to these and to any others who care to meet with us. this church extends a cordial welcome Come and worship with us. Bear Grass The usual Presbyterian services will.

be held in the school house auditorium time to 3 p. m. in the afternoon). Come and join us in these services. Many of your friends are enjoying the song services, the story telling, and the mes

sages given. Are you missing them?

Farm Life-Advance Notice Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, Presbyterias inister, will preach in the school house auditorium of Farm Life School in mind and come to this service, and Scotland Neck. His car was comEveryone is invited.

April 6. Please keep this date and Scotland Neck. His car was com7:30 to 8:30 p. m., Evening worship.

Everyone is invited.

Be sure to profit by them.

Fertilizer Plant Here Makes New Record

G. C. CROCKETT

general managership

OLD LAND GRANT

FOUND IN PAPERS

King George Grants 320

Acres of Land in 1740 to

John Wiggins

great-great grandfather.

The old documents are very inter-

as an "s" and other characters prac-

The many people who come in from

the rural districts are making a very

held Sunday night at 6:30 o'clock.

elsewhere for some time to come. They

The pastor reports that the young

well attended and that a splendid pro-

Quite a number of our people have

Present Play Tuesday

The Senior Class of the Williamston

High School will present the three-act

comedy drama, "The Path Across the

Hill," at the Williamston High School

Auditorium on Tuesday, April 1, at

8 o'clock, under the direction of Miss

Pearl Haywood, eleventh grade room

teacher. The proceeds from the play

wil go as a farewell gift to the high

school from the senior class. The ad-

Wrecks Car Harry Vaughn

Escapes Without Injury

mission is 20 and 35 cents.

attended the Baptist centennial

Local Senior Class To

gram was carried through.

Greenville this week

wording and order of arrangement.

all its departments.

the Jewish authorities.

returning.

CARS DAILY AT RIVER FACTORY Expect To Reach 40,000

SHIP AROUND 30

Ton Mark Before the Season Closes

20,000 TONS ARE SOLD

Operating Day and Night at Present Time: Weekly Pay Roll Is Around \$3,000

Operations at the Standard Fertilizer plant here are advancing daily in speed and output, with the daily shipment of practically thirty cars of Gromore Fertilizer throughout the State.

With today's output, the total sold o far this season will run over twenty thousand tons, which breaks all records. Last year during the entire season, around twenty thousand tons were sold, but before the expiration of the present season, and at the present rate, according to a statement from Mr. C. G Crockett, local manager, they exof Mr. Crockett, the Standard Fer- pect to reach a forty-thousand-ton tilizer Company here has enjoyed a mark. This unusual record will make rapid growth during the past two the local factory one of the largest mixed fertilizer factories in the State, and before the season closes the State record may be broken. April is con sidered the largest month in the year for the sale of guano in Eastern North Carolina, and May is one of the largest for Central and Western North Carolina, and with this prospect in view, many tons of Gromore Fertilizer will be sold and distributed in North Carolina before the season closes in

Old land grants bearing the signa-tures of King George of England and With the day and night shift now Richard Caswell, Governor of North working full time, the weekly pay roll Carolina in 1775, were found by Mr. runs around \$3,000, all of which is J. W. Hines while looking through a spent in Williamston and Martin group of old documents and papers a County. Two hundred and sixty-five The grant made by the English King favored John Wiggins, giving him 320 labor in this county.

acres back in 1740, 34 years before Of the thirty cars being shipped Martin County was formed. The land daily, a considerable amount of this was then in Edgecombe County, and utput is being distributed locally and by boat to all the towns being benerents and duties. Mr. Hines stated fitted by the inland waterway rates. that John Wiggins' daughter married Many boat loads go up as far as Mur-Martin Hines, a brother of Mr. Hines' freesboro, Winton and Mapleton.

One large barge of raw materials In 1775, Governor Richard Caswell In 1775, Governor Richard Caswell was unloaded here today and five more sold to James Everett 248 acres of barges are en route here from Balgrant was signed by the governor at days.

The success of the company has land at 12 1-2 cents an acre. The State timore and are expected within a few

married John Hines, the great-great-been little short of phenomenat, and grandfather of the present John W, the quality of the product is amply Hines. The two tracts, connecting testified to by the growth of the local each other, have been handed down to plant. Coming here in 1927, each sucsucceeding generations intact, Mr. ceeding season has seen the output of the plant approximately doubled by The old documents are very inter-the erection of additional units. The esting in that the letter "f" was used factory is now composed of three large as an "s" and other characters practically unknown today dominated the being the largest of the three.

Local Baptists Announce FIRE THREATENS Program of Services NEGRO DISTRICT

The day should begin with a large steendance upon the Sunday school and Fire Breaks Out in Midst of A Number of Frame Dwellings

substantial contribution to the progress One of the most thickly populated will be asked to decide as to the ad- of our work, and we welcome them to colored residential sections of the town was threatened vesterday when fire The Sunday morning sermon will be started on the roof of one of the Grifentitled, "Peter's Denial of His Mas- fin houses, near the intersection of the ter." At the evening hour the pastor Jamesville and Washington roads. will discuss the trial of Jesus before Fanned by a strong wind, the fire was eating its way into the roof of the The young people's meetings will be liams, neighbors detecting it in time The midweek service will be conto check it and prevent much damage. ducted as usual on Wednesday eve-The local fire company was called

out, the strong wind adding to the The pastor and membership greatly seriousness of the call. No connections egret that Dr. and Mrs. John D. Biggs were necessary, but in getting his refind it necessary to make their home port, Chief Harrison found a short piece of ordinary stove pipe running a will receive a hearty welcome when few inches through the shingled roof that served in the place of a flue. The outfit was condemned, notice being filed people's convention at Goldsboro was by Chief Harrison for the owner's agent to effect a change.

Schedule of Services at Local Methodist Church

Dwight A. Petty, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45-Professor W. R Watson, superintendent.

Morning worship at 11. Sermon theme, "The Lost Chord." Evening worship at 7:30. Sermon by the pastor on "Rest In the Midst Labor."

Senior League at 7:30 Monday.

Hi-League at 7:30 Tuesday. Prayer service at 7:30 Wednesday. A cordial welcome is extended to the people of Williamston and community to attend any or all of the services. We open our doors to all people because it is our Heavenly Father's house, and any who so desire have a

right to worship here. Harry Vaughn miraculously escaped The three greatest hours of the week leath last night when he ran into an are Sunday 9:45 to 10:45, Sunday 1898, and acted as caretaker of the badiy torn up with an estimated dam-distance from Hampton's Fishery, Mr. at 3 p. m. on the first Sunday in April, death last night when he ran into an are Sunday 9:45 to 10:45, Sunday church building when the disturbance age of \$125, while the Ford was only Hines stating that the thief or thieves which is April 6. Please keep this date unlighted freight train between here school; 11 to 12, Morning worship;