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NO LOANS ARE **AVAILABLE FOR FARMERS HERE**

No Application Blanks for HOLD MEETING Loans Have Been Received

FILE MANY REQUESTS

Demands for Loans in This County Are Said To Be Insufficient To Warrant Lending

That Martin County farmers would figure in the \$7,000,000 special fund for use in the flooded areas of the yesterday when County Agent Branon received a telegram from the Federal loan branch at Columbia, South Carolina. The telegram stated that the demands for loans in this county were insufficient to warrant lending here. The failure to receive application blanks by the agent here gives weight to the message from the branch, and according to the present outlook not a red copper will find its way into this Mr. T. B.

county to help those who actually need help. Dozens of farmers, some of then almost in rags, have been turned away one, two, and even three times just to return another time in the hope that developments making possible a loan to them had taken place. Ordinarily the situation in this county is not consid ered acute, but for several of those wishing to float a loan the conditions are serious. With a shortage in their feed and no fertilizer for their land, two of the would-be applicants stated they were going to attempt to farm their few acres, but that it would be a hopeless task they feared.

As a last hope, several of the farmers left their names and addresses in this office pleading that they be advised if there would be any money available within the next few days.

During the meantime loans are be ing made to farmers in neighboring counties, it is understood. According to reports coming from Chowan across the Sound, twenty loans have already been made there, and there remain approximately \$5,000 more available for the farmers of that section.

The real test for those farmers who everything but their homes and land last season is fast coming to a head, and if they are not successful this season, a complete downfall and utter ruin can be expected before the year

is spent.
Attempts to secure a part of the fund for farmers in this county are still be-ing made by Agent Brandon and mem-bers of the committee, but it is be-lieved that their efforts are too late and

LISTING IS SLOW IN THE COUNTY

Griffins Is Only District to Report Progress In Property Listing

Tax listing throughout the county i majority of the list-takers, W. T. Meadows, lister for the town and Roy T. Griffin, township lister, state that a was willing to eat bread by the sweat Inmate at County Home ing daily, it is understood. Easter small per cent of the property owners has listed at this time although the period for the work is half gone. The colored property owners are listing very rapidly, but the whites are giving in their property very, very

slowly, the listers stated.

In Griffins, however, the listing i said to have been almost completed the property is to be given in during the remainder of the listing period. Definite figures as to valuations have not been made available at this time but according to estimates, a marked decrease is highly probable there this year. The small quantity of feed and other provisions is given as the main cause for the expected drop in valuation there, according to the reports re-

Health Boards Warn Against Mad Dogs

In an effort to limit the danger re from mad dogs, the State and dered that all dogs acting queerly killed and their heads forwarded ch for examination. This action followed a second examination made of the dog's head sent in by Chief of Police Daniel the early part of last week. The dog, a valuable pointer belonging to Mr. J. R. Leggett, was said to have been all right following the first n, but a second inspectio ed that the dog was mad, it was stated by Dr. Shore in a long distance on with a local physician yes

· The Raleigh doctor advised that spec aution be exercised in assurin to the people of this im section as it was reported tha er of chickens, dogs and other were attacked by the mad dog

scond attack on a person was re in Griffins township last Saturbiting Mrs. Chas. Gurking

White Boy Was Badly Shot Near Here Sunday Morning

OF TAXPAYERS HERE SATURDAY

Discuss Need for an Equal Distribution of the Tax Burden

ATTENDANCE SMALL

Pass Resolution Urging Taxpayers and Interested Citizens to Attend Meet in Raleigh Monday

Although there were only a few in attendance, earnestness entered into the meeting of Martin County taxpayers held in the courthouse here last Saturday morning. The desire for an equal distribution of the tax burden was given vent in many stirring talks

Mr. T. B. Slade, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners called the meeting to order and outlined, briefly, the aim and purpose of the meeting, stating that it was one of many being held that day throughout the State.

Many questions were asked relative to the undertaking for an equitable disribution of the tax burden. A number of suggestions was made and a general discussion on the conditions of things followed. The tax laws now in force and which seem to be so much out of adjustment that some classes of property are heavily taxed while other ciasses are escaping a fair share of the

A resolution, asking that such laws and changes in our tax system be effected so that the tax burden will bear equally on all people, property and business, was adopted. A second resolution was also passed urging as many citizens who will to attend with the ommittee, already appointed, State meeting of taxpayers which is to be held in Raleigh Monday of next

J. A. ROBERSON DIES IN GREENE

Was Born and Reared In Williams Township Near Here

John Alfred Roberson, formerly of this county, died at the home of his son, Hoyt Roberson, in Snow Hill last Friday, interment being made at the adopted home at Pollocksville Sunday

The son of the late Nicholas and Nellie Ward Roberson, he was born in Williams township, near here, May 19, 1848. In 1869 he married Miss Louisa Godard, also of this county. They built a home and farmed in this county until 1892 when they bought a farm in Jones county near Pollocksville and moved there to live. Mrs. Roberson progressing very slowly at this time, died several years ago. Four of their according to reports received from a nine children preceded their father

to the grave. Mr. Roberson was truly one who was a hard worker on his farm, the work he had followed from early boy

He leaves one brother, Mr. Luke L. Roberson, of Parmele, and a number of other relatives in this county.

Thief Sells Doctor's Case To Secure Gas Money

Parked in front of the hospital in Washington, the Ford coupe belonging to Dr. Josh Taylor was stolen one night last week, the thief stopping here to replenish his pocket change by selling or pawning one of the doctor's medical bags.

The thief walked into Clark's Drug

store here, stating that the doctor's car was out of gas a short ways out, that he wanted to get two dollars, offering the medical case as security. The rogue had a good story, adding that the doctor would call for the case as they continued through. To ac date the travelers, Mr. Clark advanced the mentioned sum and thought no more about the happening. Later, when the doctor failed to call for the bag, the local druggist opened the case and found Dr. Tayloe's name on one of the medical containers. No trace of the car has been establ-

ished up until now.

The car carried the state license 401,084 and was equipped with four Ajax Gold Bond tires with a Miller tire on the rear. The car was of the A model with a rumble seat.

Electrical Storm Strikes Section Late Yesterday

The first electrical storm of more than passing note this season struck here last night around ten o'clock, the storm interrupting power and light service for a few minutes. Damage limited as far as it could be learn

ed this morning. however. According to reports, the storm was issing Washington to the south al-

REUBEN ROGERS BADLY SHOT BY **ARON SHEPPARD**

Sheppard Fires Load of No. 4 Shot Into Car, Small Children Escaped

TWO OTHERS ARE HIT Trouble Is Said to Have Started When White Boy Accused Colored Man of Stealing Liquor

Reuben Rogers was badly if not seriously shot and J. B. Rogers and Opheus Price, all young white boys, were painfully hurt last Sunday morning when Aaron Sheppard, colored, fired a load of number 4 shot into the car in which they were riding. Alaway, Rogers is expected to recover. themes: The other two boys, hit by one or twol stray shot, are said to be all right.

here, Reuben Rogers, 20-year-old son of Mr. Eli Rogers, of near Bear, Grass, asked Wheeler Rogers, his uncle to take him to the farm of Mr. W. L. Taylor, near here on the Washingtwo with Mr. Rogers' children and the happy pepole. Price boy went to the home of Aaron Sheppard, 23 years old. Reuben callday morning before Justice of the Peace John L. Hassell, the trouble started when Rogers accused him o stealing ten gallons of liquor from him FISH CATCHES a few days before. Both sides were agreed to this statement with one exception, Rogers claiming that he acempty 10-gallon keg.

Rogers further claimed that Shep part re-entered the house and got his gun, that while his uncle was starting the engine, the colored man fired into them. Witnesses stated that the load The shot scattered as they tore through today. the side of the car, but the main load struck Reuben in the forehead, lodging on top of his head.

Besides the owner and the three boys there were three children in the car when Sheppard fired into it, but other than Reuben and the other two boys none was hurt.

Immediately after the shooting, Sheppard secreted himself in the woods where he remained until he was told that he had not killed anyone. He was arrested soon after his return and placed in jail.

At the hearing held here yesterday morning, Sheppared was placed under a \$500 bond for his appearance at the June term of Martin County Superior court

JESSE THOMAS DIES AT HOME

Near Here for Only a Few Months

William Jesse Thomas, seventy-six years old died in the county's home for the aged and infirm near here last last Saturday afternoon of brights disease. The funeral was conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. Z. T Piephoff, of the local Presbyterian church. Interment was made in Potter's field on the farm.

Mr. Thomas had ben an inmate at the home only a short time. During his stay there he suffered much, and was confined to his room a greater part of the time Besides his widow he leaves a large

number of children and two brothers, James and C. E. Thomas. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Secures Patent on All Phonograph Records

rison, of this city and Virginia Beach, has just secured a patent on an improvement on all phonograph records which will increase very materially the life of records, and also increases the volume, A few years ago Dr. Morrison invented a hydraulic apparatus which he patented and was used for driving piles at Virginia Beach and in places in this state. Dr. Morrison, who is an inventive genius, has secured pat-ents on a number of other inventions.

Power Company Places Switches on Its Lines

Light service was interruped a few hours here last Sunday afternoon when employees of the Virginia Electric and Power Company cut in switches contion to Plymouth. Other switches along the line were also cut in, it was stated. Current has not been turned on the

Jamesville-Plymouth line at this time but the placing of the switches last Sunday will make it possible to switch the current there without further in-terruption here, it is understood.

LOCAL PASTOR HAS ARTICLE

Rev. C. H. Dickey Writes Attendance Upon the Court for Current Issue of the "Christian Herald"

What I See from My Small-Town FEW CASES FIRST DAY Pulpit" came in on us unheralded, out of a clear editorial sky. We had never met the author. But some way we're sure we would like to know a man who can write about you and me with such an understanding heart.

Those few sentences introduced the splendid article mentioned above and written by the Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local Baptist church, for the current issue of the "Christian Herald." While the author continues dangerously ill in a Portsmouth hospital as the article makes its appearance, it shows much honest and sincere effort put forth in the past months. The article occupies a commanding position in the journal, the editors picking the though a part of the scalp was torn following lines as one of the main the defendants held under a lease, the

"Friendship réaches its best estate in a small town. There all the time According to information received there are perfect demonstrations of what neighbors are really supposed to be. There neighbors rejoice with each other, weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn, What affects one; concerns all. Perhaps they ton road. Mr. Rogers agreed and the do not realize it, but they are a very

The article has been read here with a marked interest, not merely from the ed Sheppard out to the car, and aclocal atmosphere, but from the under cording to Sheppard's statements at a standing embodied so well in the sen preliminary hearing held here yester-tences and paragraphs so carefully day morning before Justice of the prepared by the local pastor.

ARE INCREASED

cused the colored man of stealing an Catching Several Thousand Herrings at a Time At Jamesville

With mid-summer weather prevailing, seine and net fishing on the Roafrom the gun tore through the side of noke is progressing rapidly this week, the car and a steel support, making a the Jamesville fisheries reporting un-hole three or four inches in diameter second support of the supp usually large catches - yesterday and Are Only 2,096 One-Teacher

> While a few of the fish making the annual pilgrimage up the fresh waters of the Roanoke have been caught during the past few weeks, the first catches of any appreciable size were made last Friday and Saturday when as many as 3,000 herrings were trapped at a time. Shad and rock are being trapped in small numbers, however, the

According to reports coming from the John Small fishery on the Albemarel Sound, near Edenton, approximately 300,000 herrings were caught in in that territory are also reporting large catches.

The peak of the season for the Roaneke fishermen will likely be reached this week, it is understood. However, the fish are likely to run in large numbers another week or longer.

The number of people visiting the fisheries along the Roanoke is increas-Monday has been a favorite day for visitors to the fisheries in past years, and no exception to the rule is expected next Monday.

50,000 POUNDS OF POULTRY SOLD

Approximately \$15,000 Paid Martin Farmers for Their Poultry

With the loading of the fourth car last week, poultry sales in this county so far this season have been very large, approximately 50,000 pounds having been sold, bringing to the farmers around \$15,000. The loadings in this county last

week, according to official figures, amounted to 13,736, pounds, representing a cash income of approximately Loadings at Oak City last Friday

reached the 1,200-pound mark, Mr. Brandon stated the farmers there receiving around \$264 for their offer-

Reports Trip to Atlanta With Federal Prisoners

Accompanying ten federal prisoners to Atlanta last Friday, Deputy J. H. Roebuck returned home Sunday, reporting a peaceful trip. "We left Washington at ten o'clock that morning by bus for Raleigh where we boarded a special car on the Seaboard line. It was only a day coach, but the boys didn't mind as they remained awake to jok and talk and smoke. Early Saturday morning our car was sidetracked right into the prison yards where the ten Mr. Roebuck described the system

as to that of a big hotel, some check ing in and some checking out almost Four of the prisohers were from this

SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT IN MAGAZINE IN SESSION HERE

Is Smallest in Several

First Three Cases Called in the Court Have To Do With Ejectment Proceedings

The special two-weeks April term of the Martin County Superior court convened here yesterday for the trial of civil matters only. Judge Moore is oc cupying the bench.

Only one of the six cases scheduled for trial yesterday was called and completed, the jury returning a verdict favoring the plaintiffs. The case was that of J. R. Morris and J. Haywood Everett versus R. E. Grimes and J H. Gray and consumed all of the first day. This was a contest over the plaintiffs claiming that the sale of the property by the lessor terminated the terms of the lease. The jury found the plaintiffs were entitled to possession of the house and a gave a judgment for fifty cents damage against the de fendants.

The first case called today was ar jectment proceeding, J. B. Cherry vs. Arthur Lilley for the possession of a form. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

The third case which is now being eard has to do with ejectment, T. S. Hadley and wife are asking possession of a house in Williamston

The following jurors are serving this week: Ira T. Hardison, M. B. Ward, W. H. Wynn, P. H. Brown, L. B. Harrison, A. L. Hardy, Geo. Keel, J. Haywood Everett, H. L. Hopkins, E. N. Harrell,

E. L. Glover, B. A. Long. The attendance upon the court is the smallest in years, interest being limited to the individual litigants, as a whole

SMALL SCHOOLS DISAPPEARING

Schools in the State At Present Time

Raleigh, April 14.-The one-teacher school so characteristic at the begin-ning of the North Carolina system of public education is disappearing at the rate of about 200 a year, according to the current number of State School Facts, official publication of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In 1901-02, that publication points out, there were 7,867 schools of that type in the State. In 1928-29, the number had been reduced to 2,096, of which numone trip there yesterday. Other seines ber 988 are attended by white children and 1,108 by colored children.

The entire number, School Facts continues, are rural elementary schools; for under the law no one-teacher school can be established, and the density of school population does not warrant the establishment of such small schools in city systems.

This decrease, it is stated, has come gram of purposeful consolidation and adoption of the principle of pupil transportation at public expense. The transportation of pupils has been made possible and consequently consolidations effected more rapidly during the past decade of the building of good roads throughout the State.

This improvement of State and county highways has accentuated the speed elimination of one-teacher schools the departmental paper continues. With the improvement of transportation facilities, a greater percentage of oneteacher schools has been eliminated. from 1901-02 to 1908-09 there was a 21 per cent decrease in number of oneteacher schools; from 1908 to 1918 a 29 per cent decrease; and from 1918 to 1928 a 52 per cent decrease.

Thirteen counties do not now have one-teacher schools for white children In five counties there are no one-teach r colored schools.

Wields Razor in Fight With Wife at Everetts

Perry Little, white man, climaxed a family quarrel when he sliced his wife's throat while in Everetts last Saturday. The cut was confined to the skin, and was considered not serious. The fight took place in front of Mary Evans home, and when she ran out to attempt peaceful settlement she received a cut across the hand, but not a bad one. Little who resides on the Mabry farm between here and Hamilton was

placed in jail in default of a \$200.00 bond. He will be carried before Judge Bailey in the recorder's court here the 29th of this month.

Rev. Dickey's Condition Reported Slightly Better

Although his condition is improved following a serious operation at the naval hospital in Portsmouth last week, Rev. C. H. Dickey continues dangerously ill there, according to last re-ports received here. Mrs. Dickey and little son, Charles, are at his bedside.

Woman Killed Here Last Sunday Night

Taxpayers of County To Meet Here Friday

A second meeting of Martin County taxpayers will be held in the courthouse here next Friday night at 8:00 o'clock, it was an nounced today by Mr. G. H. Cox, of Robersonville, chairman of the County Taxpayers' League

The meeting is being called, Mr. Cox stated, for the purpose of more fully studying the tax situation in this county, and to formulate plans for presentation to the State meeting of taxpayers to be held in Raleigh next Mon-

A large gathering of taxpayers and other interested citizens is urged by the chairman.

MAD DOG BITES **GLADYS LILLEY**

Victim Now Taking Painful Pasteur Treatment as Result of Bite

Gladys, the twelve-year-old daugh ter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dawson Lilley, called in the case stating that death ot near here, was badly bitten by made dog last Friday afternoon, the animal throwing the child to the ground and centering his attack on the leg and hip. The animal was im-shooting, started an investigation immediately killed, an examination of the mediately, and with Officers Daniel head at Raleigh showing that the dog and Allsbrooks made an arrest within was suffering from rabbies. The child a very short time. s now receiving the Pasteur treatment at a local doctor's office.

According to reports the dog went mad suddenly, making the attack not more than an hour after it had chased rabbits about the field. When it approached the child, the dog apparentin a playful mood, bit the gir without warning. Several colored peo ple heard the child's screams, and rushing to her they found it neces-sary to choke the animal from its vic-

Mr. Lilley carreid the dog's head to Dr. Shore in Raleigh where the examination was made showing the dog to be mad. Mr. Lilley stated that the office was very busy with cases, the heads of dogs being lined up awaiting the fight. She had hardly reached the examination.

Warnings have been made here urgng local dog owners to pen their dogs, but in spite of this request, a number of the pets continue to run leose. Officers have been instructed to old, stated that he and Henry Mills, col-

The little Lilley child is getting treatments very painful.

MERCURY GOES

about largely as a result of the pro- Mid-Summer Heat Bears en made arrangements with Mills, tell-Down on this Section Last Saturday

Ninety-six degrees is the point reached by the mercury here last Saturday, causing more than one to believe that they had pulled a Rip Van Winkle stunt, in brief, and slept from April to the middle of August. The heat was depressing, and so sudden Mills car and directed the driver to go temporarily halted in many instances.

The weather during the week offered day heavy frosts and a light freeze was reported. And then the "hot capers way this side of Mill Branch Wooten of the mercury last Saturday, the change here causing general acceptance of the statement that the mercury dropped 20 degrees in Chicago in 3

Although a complete change necessarily resulted in bed clothing, people in this section found comfort at night, the heat, however, holding sway during the day until late yesterday, when rain fell to alter atmospheric condi-

Hamilton Students Present Play there Thursday Night

'It Can't Be Done," a high school play, will be presented in the Hamilton School auditorium next Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was an nounced yesterday by Miss Bob Hill, small admission will be charged, it was stated in the announcement.

Large Crowds Attending The Holiness Revival

The revival meeting starting in the Holiness church here Monday of last

The meeting will continue through-out this week, it was announced. of the teachers.

DEFENDS SON. MARY SPRUILL IS MURDERED

Hubert Wooten, Also Colored Aims at R. D. Spruill but Hits the Mother

KILLER IS ARRESTED Funeral Services for Victim to be Held Tomorrow: Several Small Children Made Orphans

Going to the aid of a drunken son Mary Spruill, 43-year old colored woman of this place, met almost instant death when Hubert Wooten fired a pistol ball into her abdomen. R. D. Spruill, 18-year-old colored boy, at whom the weapon was aimed, escaped injury when he fell to the ground and gave an open path for the bullet to hit his mother.

The shooting followed a short quarrel between the Spruill boy and Wooten, the two having had trouble previously, according to information coming from police headquarters.

Following the shooting, the woman was carried to her home, where she died twenty minutes later, doctors resulted either from a severed artery or a puncture of the spine.

Sheriff Roebuck, arriving upon the scene within two minutes after the

The source of the trouble starting some time ago could not be learned definitely late yesterday, reports main taining that the Spruill boy had whipped Wooten over some cause yet unrevealed. Wooten had made ready for the next meeting, Sheriff Roebuck stating that the negro told him he in tended to hit the Spruill boy. Just how the trouble started that re-

sulted in the death of the boy's mother has not been fully determined. It was stated by officers yesterday that Wooten and Spruill were quarreling on the Jamesville Highway near the Standard Filling Station, corner of the Washington and Jamesville road inscene, it was stated, before Wooten pulled the weapon from his pocket and fired at the boy, the ball missing him and striking her.

Talking to officers, Wooten, 23 years kill the canines found roaming the streets, and many have already been ored, left the Ballard farm in Poplar Point Township, where they worked, for Williamston. Mills was to go to along very well, but she is finding the (Wooten) went to the filling station at the road intersection to get a fan belt. Sheriff Roebuck stated he was at the filling, station when Wooten called, that five minutes after the col-TO 96 DEGREES ored man left, the killing was reported. In attempting his escape, Woot-

ing him that he was going stoward

home afoot. Mills was instructed to

pick him up as he came by later.

During the meantime officers' arrest ed Mills, and, refusing to talk, he was placed in jail. Later in the evening he told that he was to pick Wooten up on the Hamilton road. Sheriff Roe buck, with Officer Allsbrooks, secreted themselves in the back seat of the was its attack that outdoor work was ahead as directed by Wooten. The officers, cornered closely in the car, benarked comparisons. Last Wednesoff Roebuck. Attempting to run, the negro was tripped, and following a tussel on the ground he submitted to arrest.

Wooten will be given a preliminary caring here tomorrow, according to a report coming from the sheriff's office

today. Funeral services for the gun victim will be held tomorrow. The de-ceased leaves several orphan children, four of them being under ten years of age. Lonnie and Charles Edward have worked with this office as errand boys during the past several years,

Grammar Grade Operetta Here Is Much Enjoyed

The operetta, "The Golden Whistle," presented in the high school auditorium here last Friday evening, was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

The colorful costumes, week is attracting large crowds. Rev.

Mrs. L. B. Edge of Richmond, is despring season, added much life and livering a strong series of sermons that is being well received by the membership and visitors.

The coloriul costumes, representing the flowers, birds and butterfiles of the spring season, added much life and livering a strong series of the play. The number of children participating and the thoroughness of each in his or her part showed