

## FEDERAL AGENTS CATCH GAS BOAT AND THREE MEN

### Local Agents Make Raid In East Lake Section Last Tuesday Night

### HEARINGS HELD HERE

#### Rum Runners Succeeded In Unloading All But Five Gallons of Cargo When Officers Enter Boat

Federal Agents C. S. Coats and J. H. Roebuck, accompanied by Deputy Marshall Crow and Sheriff B. B. Combs, of Tyrrell County, went out for big game last Tuesday night. Visiting the East Lake section of Tyrrell, the officers captured a gasoline boat of approximately seven tons capacity, and a small quantity of liquor. The boat, loaded with whisky, was making it for port at Gum Neck when the officers, riding in a smaller boat, entered the race.

Hardly had the race started when the boat master, J. H. Bratton, and his two companions, Lee Parrisher, white, and Jim Morris, colored, started throwing their cargo overboard. The chase was so spirited, however, that the officers reached and boarded the rum boat just as the occupants were preparing to throw the last five gallons of liquor in the channel of the Alligator River.

The three men were brought here for preliminary hearings. Bratton, the boat owner, escaped jail when he raised the required \$1,500 bond. Parrisher, in default of a \$1,000 bond, went to jail along with the colored man Morris, who could not raise a \$500 bond. The three are scheduled to go before Judge Meekins at the next term of court to be held in Washington.

A few days before the capture of the three men, Parrisher had been found in possession of liquor, and papers had been issued charging him with selling.

## STOCK BRINGS SMALL PRICES

### Farmers In This Section Planning To Buy While Price Is Low

With practically all their feed destroyed as a result of the continued drought, many farmers and dairymen in the western part of this State and parts of Virginia are offering their stock for sale at greatly reduced prices, according to reports received here. The Virginia markets are said to be flooded with all types of cattle, the market ranging from 4 to 9 cents per pound. Messrs. Wheeler Martin, Frank Weaver, and H. H. Cowan were in Richmond this week investigating the conditions there. The offerings are limited to the beef stock in the main, they stated. However, good milk cows are available at reduced prices in certain parts of the State.

According to reports coming from Bertie County, several farmers there are planning to purchase cooperatively a number of cows as soon as the tobacco markets open. Following the action of the Bertie farmers, many of our people could probably enter into the cooperative purchases and effect some advantageous bargains this fall.

## Methodist Program of Services for Next Week

Sunday school at 9:45, Wm. H. Harrison, supervising. Morning worship at 11. Rev. J. Ernest Yountz will preach. We will join in the union service at the Baptist Church in the evening. Senior League at 8 o'clock Monday evening. Hi League at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. Prayer service Wednesday evening at 8.

## Holly Springs Church

Sunday school at 10:30, Charles Daniel, superintendent. Preaching service at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. Sermon by Rev. J. Ernest Yountz.

## Town Paving Program Is Partly Completed

Paving work on one of the town's principal streets, Houghton, extended, has been completed and the Clark Paving Company is now making preparation to pour concrete on Watts Street. Grading work is under way on several other streets at the present time. After completing Watts Street the company will start paving Smithwick from the main street intersection to Simmons Avenue, a distance of three blocks.

## "Big Mill" Property Sold To Mrs. James This Week

Mr. Joseph B. Lanier has sold the "Big Mill" to Mrs. Sadie James, who will rebuild the dam, the work to begin within a few weeks. The new owner expects to have the work completed in time for the fall work.

## County Crops, As a Whole, Looking Much Better Than at Same Time One Year Ago

Crops over Martin County look much better than they did at this time last year. Drought has not hit our farmers down here as it has in other sections of the State and nation. Prospects for a good corn crop are general all over the county. Tobacco is showing up well in many sections. Indications are that the peanut crop, which was only about 69 per cent of normal last year, will go well over 80 per cent this fall. Cotton has been attacked, assaulted, and decimated in

some fields here and there, but on the whole the Martin cotton crop is perhaps as well off as in any section of Eastern North Carolina. Prospects for North Carolina farmers are bright, particularly in Eastern Carolina, according to the August 1st crop report made by the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service. North Carolina, with the exception of a few mountain counties, has escaped the ruinous dry weather that has caused great damage to crops in all sections of the

country. There has been an increase in the acreage planted in corn in North Carolina, and especially has there been more corn planted this year in Martin County. There are more home gardens. There are cleaner, better cultivated fields. North Carolina farmers will have an advantage of selling normal or nearly normal crops at prices increased by the reduced yields of other States. Bertie County farmers are to share in this advantage, indications show.

## DEATH OF MRS. LEVI HARDISON

### Funeral This Afternoon In Roberson Burial Ground In Griffins Township

Mrs. Levi Hardison died at her home near here late last night following a stroke of paralysis. She had been in ill health for some time, but her condition was not considered serious until she suffered the paralytic stroke a few days ago. She grew worse rapidly following the stroke, death resulting about 12 o'clock last night.

The funeral will be held from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will be made in the Claudius Roberson cemetery in Griffins Township, near the Hardison Mill. Rev. W. B. Harrington, assisted by Lewis T. Holliday, will conduct the last rites. The deceased is survived by Mr. Hardison and several children.

## RECORDER HAS ONLY 3 CASES

### Five of Eight Cases Called Are Continued By Judge at Tuesday Session

Eight cases were called, but only three were heard in the recorder's court here last Tuesday, the first session of the court in two weeks. The five cases continued will be heard next week and the first week in September.

Probable cause appearing, T. S. Hadley was bound over to the superior court under a \$750 bond for house-breaking and larceny and receiving. A plea of not guilty was entered by the defendant.

Pleading guilty of driving an automobile while intoxicated, Buck Cherry was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. Haled into court upon the charge of not paying his board, Arthur Bailey was found not guilty.

## Rev. Mr. Perry To Preach At Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 17, 1930. True sayings: "Look your difficulties in the face, and they will begin to run." Church school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon, 11 a. m. Rev. Perlie Perry preaching. The citizens of Williamston will have an opportunity Sunday morning to hear Rev. Perlie Perry, a fellow citizen and friend, preach from the sacred Word of God. You are invited to come and hear him.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the members of the local churches not having services Sunday morning to join with us in our service.

Bear Grass  
The usual Presbyterian services will be held in the schoolhouse at 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

## Leggett's Farm

Sunday school and preaching services will be held on the Bob Leggett farm, beginning at 4 p. m. Sunday afternoon. We invite the residents of this community to come and worship with us.

## Agents Reports Much Hog Cholera In This County

Hog cholera, according to reports by County Agent T. B. Brandon, is quite prevalent in the eastern end of this county at the present time. During the past several weeks the agent has vaccinated several hundred of the swine weekly.

It is generally believed that if everyone would vaccinate his hogs, the disease would be eliminated; yet, the breeder will often wait until the cholera kills several hogs before he will take the precautionary steps.

## District Columbia Motorist Haled Into Local Court

Haled into a justice of the peace court here yesterday afternoon for not having a license on his trailer, a District of Columbia motorist escaped conviction when the court recognized the laws of that district. The motorist was released when Sprague Silver, of Raleigh, stated over long distance telephone that the District of Columbia required no license for trailers, and that this State recognized the laws of the district.

## FIX PRIVILEGE TAX SCHEDULE CURRENT YEAR

### Commissioners To Consider Town Tax Rate At Meet Next Week

### MAKE FEW CHANGES

#### Chief W. B. Daniel Will Have Charge Of Books and Will Start Collections In Next Few Days

Meeting yesterday afternoon in special session, the local town board of commissioners made arrangements for collecting the privilege taxes for the current fiscal year. The schedule, including practically all types of businesses, remains about the same as it was last year, it was stated by one of the officials. Chief W. B. Daniel will have charge of the books and will start the collections within the next few days.

According to information given out following the meeting yesterday afternoon, the commissioners will hold a second special session the early part of next week, when they will determine the 1930 tax rate for the town. It is believed that there will be no material change in the rate this year, and it is likely that the 1929 schedule will remain in effect. The treasurer's office is working on the books preparatory to making its report at the special meeting, it was stated by Mr. N. C. Green last night.

## THIEVES ENTER LOCAL STORE

### Steal Two Suits of Clothes and Few Articles from Barnhill Brothers

Thieves entered the Barnhill Brothers store here some time last Wednesday night and stole several articles, the owner, Mr. Barnhill, stating that he could not determine definitely just how many articles were removed. He missed two medium-priced suits of clothes, a hat, and one or two other articles. The entrance was made by way of a back window.

While no clue has been established leading to an arrest, it is believed that the thieves were amateurs and knew little about the operations. They failed to open the cash register and went out with no cash.

The robbery is the first that has been reported by a local merchant in several months.

## SEVEN DIVORCES GRANTED IN 1929

### Many Applications Made In Period But Only Seven Judgments Entered

Seven divorces were granted in the Martin County Superior court during 1929, according to a report issued by Mr. R. J. Peel, clerk of the superior court, here yesterday.

The number, slightly greater than in 1928, represents separations in the two races, with the colored race in the lead.

According to a review of the records, many applications for a divorce have been entered, and the court has passed upon them, but the judgments have been withheld in a number of cases where the costs have not been paid. Several such cases are on the records, and until the costs are cleared, the records will show that the actions are not complete. It is understood that several of the applicants, thinking that they had met all requirements in obtaining a divorce, have married again. Legally they are practicing bigamy, doing so without their knowledge, however.

## SEES DROWNING AT NAGS HEAD

### Local Boy Makes Heroic Effort To Save Life of Child Last Sunday

Joseph Godard, III, aged 17, of this place, had a thrilling experience last Sunday when he witnessed the drowning of John Walker, young boy of Winston-Salem, at Nags Head. The local boy was sleeping in a motor launch near the Sound pier where the Walker child fell off and rushed to the scene when he heard calls for help. Again and again he dived to the bottom in an effort to reach the body, but his efforts were fruitless. The body was finally recovered by a relative who, assisted by Joseph, placed it on the pier. Doctors and coast guardsmen failed to revive the boy, life being extinct when the body was removed from the water.

## Rev. Z. B. Cox To Conduct Revival at Hassell Church

Rev. Z. B. Cox will begin a series of revival meetings at the Hassell Christian Church Sunday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. Cox, who is a graduate of Phillips University, Enid Okla., was formerly of Hassell, and all are urged to attend these meetings and hear his inspiring sermons.

## Rev. W. B. Harrington To Preach At Jamesville

Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, will conduct the regular services in the Jamesville Baptist Church next Sunday morning at 11 and at 8 o'clock in the evening. The public is invited to attend each of the services.

## Resigns From Senate

In this, the eighth installment of Judge Biggs' autobiography, we learn of Mr. Biggs' resignation as United States Senator to accept the position of United States Judge. Secession was coming to the front at that time, and in the next several installments Judge Biggs has much to say about the right of a State to withdraw from the Union. His reasons supporting the State wishing to secede are ably advanced in this installment.

In the winter of 1857-58 Judge Potter, the District Judge of the United States for North Carolina, died: having held the office for upward of 50 years. It was a station desirable to me, as honorable; and consistent with my former habits of life. I preferred being relieved from the irksome position I occupied, thought it certainly was one of the most distinguished in the country. I expressed these feelings to some of my friends, and after the disposal of some important business then pending in the Senate, in May, 1858, I was nominated, by President Buchanan, as Judge, and confirmed unanimously in the Senate; and thereupon I resigned my seat as a Senator from North Carolina when about half of the term for which I was elected was unexpired. In this case, as heretofore, I made no personal solicitation for the office, and took no steps to secure it; but it being offered, with profound gratitude to my State for my elevation to the Senate and for the constancy and fidelity with which I was encouraged by a large number of admiring constituents, yet with a decided conviction that I could be more useful in this sphere, or at least could pass down the current of life more gently, giving place to some more talented and faithful statesman in the distinguished arena of the Senate, I left public life with pleasure; and, although I parted reluctantly with many valued friends, I retired to the judicial bench, without regret.

In consequence of my mental anxiety and the turmoil and irregularity of the life I was compelled to live, it seriously impaired my physical powers. I reduced very much in flesh, and on my return, my friends at home looked at me with astonishment; but resuming the comparative quiet of my former life, and again adopting my regular habits, I soon recuperated and was prepared for labor.

## OUTLOOK NOT SO DARK ACCORDING TO "UNCLE BUCK"

### Brands Overproduction Reports As Being Altogether False

### SAYS SUPPLY LIMITED

#### See Some Little Hopes and Believes Farmers In Eastern Carolina Will Get Fair Prices

By W. T. MEADOWS  
What Price Glory? I believe there was a popular novel written by the above name not so long ago. Wish we could get this writer to put out one and name it "What Price Tobacco." He would certainly catch the popular question of the day for all the bright tobacco growing States and possibly Kentucky and Tennessee.

We see in every morning's paper some new hope on tobacco, especially stuff handed down by the politicians and Washington City gang. None of this amounts to a row of pins. What the farmer wants, and wants bad, is an increase in price; but it does not come fast. We see some little hopes, and I believe we will finally receive a fair price in Eastern North Carolina. When you hear them holler "Too much tobacco raised; too much on hand" it's all a lie. There is just enough on hand to last 12 months. Cut out one crop entirely in the bright belt, and you will see where they are at.

If you get 25 cents a pound for your tobacco, a package of cigarettes costs you 15 cents. If you get 15 cents a pound for your tobacco, a package of cigarettes costs you 15 cents. So you see it makes no difference what they pay, the price of cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, and smoking tobacco remains the same. Some curious book-keeping somewhere, for when they go to cut the watermelon every Christmas the dividends run about the same each year.

Well, some of our old friends went down to the border markets, also South Carolina markets—on opening sales. They report a pretty crop of tobacco on the whole all the way down, but when questioned right close as to prices on the four or five markets visited, they did not have much to say. I feel like conditions existing from the drought in Kentucky and extreme western North Carolina and portions of Virginia should help us here. Some of the latest reports from these sections say not over 50 per cent of a crop can be made, and they say now that Georgia will fall short, also South Carolina, and that the top crop in Georgia is not curing so well. I am living in hopes that things will turn for the better and that we will get a fair living price. Don't forget our Government grading service. We were fortunate in getting this service, as a great many applications from other places were turned down. The service is not compulsory, and it is up to you to use it, if you so desire. Where tried, farmers all like it.

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## Colored School Site Not Yet Determined

### MAN CRITICALLY HURT IN FALL

#### Henry Roberts Suffers Skull Fracture in Fall at Municipal Plant Here

Henry Roberts, 30-year-old white man of Goldsboro, was seriously hurt in a fall at the municipal water plant here this morning, the mechanic suffering a fractured skull, broken arm, and several bad cuts about the neck. Working for J. R. Casey, mill owner of Stoney Point, Roberts fell from a high ladder when a large steam line broken in the top of the boiler rooms. Falling head first, the man's head struck the front of one of the large boilers and then landed on a concrete floor.

He was given first-aid treatment in a local doctor's office, and was later removed to a Washington hospital. The extent of Roberts' injuries could not be definitely determined here, but his condition was described as critical by the attending physician.

### DOZEN AGENTS HERE FOR RAID

#### Capture Two Men at Still In Bertie Early Yesterday Morning

Prohibition forces were out in big numbers here yesterday morning, around a dozen agents and deputies coming here in the interest of prohibition enforcement. The group was headed by Agent F. E. Street, who was stationed here at one time.

The officers raided in Bertie County early that morning, and captured Lonnie B. Fingen, white, and a colored man operating a large steam plant. A 6-horsepower boiler was used in the manufacture of liquor there, and the equipment with 5,000 gallons of beer was destroyed.

According to reports, Tingen is a manufacturer of wide experience, having traveled in many States. Unable to raise a \$1,500 bond, he was placed in the local jail to await trial at the next term of Federal court, to be held by Judge Meekins in Washington.

## ATTEND MEET OF COMMISSIONERS

### Several Major Problems Before Wrightsville Beach Meeting This Week

Martin County is well represented at a meeting of county commissioners at Wrightsville Beach this week. Messrs. Sam Getsinger, W. H. Carstarphen, T. C. Griffin, J. E. Pope, T. B. Slade and son attending from here and Hamilton.

The consolidation of the State's school system, centralization of highway control, partial payment of county taxes, abolishing the office of county treasurer, legislation for the formation of a land finance corporation and certain reforms in connection with keeping the records of various county departments were all discussed at Wednesday's session.

Recommendations for more efficient and economical administration of schools, roads, and other county affairs came thick and fast soon after the 300 delegates assembled in the ballroom of the Oceanic Hotel. It was soon evident that one of the big guns to be fired in forthcoming efforts in this direction is tagged Centralization. Another is labeled Consolidation.

## No Preaching Service at Christian Church Sunday

The Bible school of the Christian Church will meet at 9:45 Sunday morning. The attendance has held up very well this summer, and we are looking forward to a good Bible school Sunday morning.

All the young people are urged to attend the first program of the Christian Endeavor Society at 7 p. m. A good start was made last Sunday, which points to a very successful organization.

## Sheriff Roebuck Returns From Charlotte Meeting

"We had a fine convention," Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, of this county, stated upon his return Wednesday evening from a meeting of North Carolina sheriffs in Charlotte this week. Many problems of vital interest to the officers were ably discussed, and the convention was a decided success, the sheriff said.

## COMMITTEE HAS MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION

### Plaintiffs Make No Allegations in Restraining Order

### FAIL TO GET ORDER

#### Building Preparations Are Being Delayed Until Definite Site for School Is Determined

That the county board of education has the power to determine a school site, regardless of any and all opposition, was pointed out this week when Judge M. V. Barnhill refused to sign a restraining order brought at the direction of W. C. Buñch and others. No allegations were made in the paper, and the arguments, while classed as sound and logical ones, were considered inadequate to warrant a signature. As a result, the board of education or the committee appointed has the power to determine the site for the new colored school building.

As far as it could be learned yesterday, no plans for the building had been prepared, as the architect stated that the location of the site would be necessary before any definite steps could be taken. The committee appointed by the educational board some time ago is still considering a site for the school, but the building location has not been fully decided upon, according to information coming from the office of the superintendent yesterday afternoon.

## POISON MIXTURE FOR ARMY WORMS

### Damage Limited in County; Many Questions As To Control of the Pests

While damage resulting from the army worm in this county has been more or less limited and confined to a few acres, many questions have been asked relative to control of the pests. The usual method of poisoning is to mix one pound arsenate lead with four pounds of hydrated lime, builders' lime, and dust this on the affected plants. Where a dusting machine is available it should be used; if no duster is available it may be dusted on with a bag using 3 to 5 pounds of the arsenate lead per acre. Another method is to scatter a line of poison bait in their line of march. This bait is made by mixing dry one pound of paris green with 25 pounds of wheat bran. To this is added enough of a molasses-water solution to moisten so that it will be crumbly, but not sloppy. The molasses water solution is made by dissolving two quarts molasses, black strap will do, in three gallons of water.

The question has been asked where the army worm comes from. They are present every year, but usually parasites hold them under control. This year the hot dry weather has killed many of the parasites, so that the army worms have gotten the upper hand. There are usually three crops of the worms in a season. The July-August crop is the worst. The worms prefer grass crops, but will eat most other kinds of field crops. Farmers should be on the look out for the appearance of this pest and apply immediate control measures when found. They can destroy a crop in a very short time.

This insect occurs throughout the United States east of the Rocky Mountains. The worms when full grown are 1 1/2 inches long and are striped with black, yellow, and green. The adult is a dull brown moth, marked in the center of each fore wing with a distinct white spot. In seasons of serious outbreaks of the pest, it usually appears first in limited area in meadows or pastures. When discovered before it has spread from these places, the field should be surrounded with a ditch with vertical sides and post holes dug at intervals of a few rods in the bottom of these ditches. The field may also be sprayed or dusted with paris green or arsenate of lead. The worms will collect in the holes in the bottom of the ditches and may be killed there by pouring kerosene on them.

## Roanoke River Fall To Low Level at This Point

As a result of the drought in Virginia and parts of this State, the Roanoke River at this point is far below its normal level, old fishermen who have watched the stream for years, stating that the water is about as low as they have ever seen it. According to reports coming from points farther up the stream, the river is so low that one can almost wade across it in places.