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## TWO MEN CAUGHT STEALING SWINE IN THIS COUNTY

### Henry Blount and Son-In-Law Had Operated on Wholesale Scale HEARING YESTERDAY

#### Negro Father Admits Guilt; Son-In-Law Maintains His Innocence In the Swine Thefts

Henry Blount, colored, and his son, Howard, were placed in the county jail here last week for connection with a series of hog thefts made in this and several surrounding counties during the past several weeks. The senior thief was arrested in Vanceboro and placed in the local jail by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck after an investigation of one or two thefts in this county. One theft was reported by John Smithwick, Williams Township farmer, and another was reported by a farmer in Griffins.

Officers, after investigating the case and learning that Blount had been making a regular practice of stealing hogs in the section, trailed him to Vanceboro where his arrest was effected. He had sold several of the stolen hogs to markets in Bethel. His son was later arrested in connection with the thefts. "You ought not to lie on your duff like that," the elder Blount stated to his son. But the boy continued to blame his father.

At a hearing held by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here yesterday afternoon, the two were bound over to the superior court each under a \$200 bond. Shortly after the hearing, the father admitted the thefts, the boy continuing to maintain his innocence.

Henry Blount resided in Williams Township, this county, for several months, leaving there about a month ago to make his home in Bethel. Last year he was convicted on a tobacco theft charge in Beaufort County, and after serving about 30 days on a 12-months sentence, he escaped and had been at large since. He will be tried in the superior court here, and upon the completion of his sentence he will face similar charges in Beaufort County.

## SCHOOL TO HAVE HARD SLEDDING

### Jamesville Institution Has Teaching Load of 55 in Elementary Grades

"I just don't know," Principal A. L. Pollock, of Jamesville, stated yesterday when asked how they were going to run the schools there during the 1930-31 term with an increased enrollment—76, the records show—and a limited number of teachers. "But we'll arrange somehow," the principal added.

The school there is in for a hard season, apparently, for with the expected enrollment there will be only about 10 square inches of space for each pupil in some of the rooms.

The average teaching load is expected to be around 42, Mr. Pollock explained. In the high school it will be around 25 for each teacher and 55 in the elementary departments. The school is allotted nine teachers, and the enrollment last year was around 374 pupils, 100 of that number being in the high school.

### Missionary Society Here Sponsors Musical Comedy

One of the most delightful musical comedies, "It Happened at Midnight," will be given in the new high school auditorium here next Tuesday night. This play is being sponsored by the Methodist Missionary Society.

The cast is composed entirely of children, it was stated by the coach this morning.

### Kiwanis Luncheon Here Tomorrow at 12:30 P. M.

The regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club will be held tomorrow. Mr. C. A. Harrison, president of the club, hopes to fully overcome the summer slump at that time and urges every member to be present.

R. J. Peel will be in charge of the program, and Mr. Harrison assures a good program.

### Skewarkee Lodge Masons To Meet Here Tonight at 8

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Tuesday) at 8 p. m. In addition to the regular business there will be work in the first degree. All members are urged to attend. Visiting Masons are cordially invited.

### Attempts Forgery

Jesse Rogers, colored, failed in an attempt at forgery this morning when he presented a check for \$40 drawn on the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse here. Rogers presented the check at the Planters and Merchants Bank and when Cashier Bailey questioned him he ran before officers could be summoned. Bob John and Moses Alexander carried Rogers to Everetts and were arrested.

## 1600 People See Livestock Special Here Last Friday

### MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN TRAIN BY OUR PEOPLE

#### Specialists Condemn Methods of Farming In This Part of the State

#### BENEFITS EXPECTED ADVISE MARTIN COUNTY FARMERS TO GROW THEIR OWN FEED AND SELL IT THROUGH LIVESTOCK

Around 1,600 Martin County people, mostly farmers, visited the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Livestock Development Special during its 4-hour stop here last Friday afternoon, viewing the exhibits and studying the splendid possibilities for stock raising in this section. The train and its crew of specialists in the several fields were well received here, and it is believed that benefits, indirect maybe, will result from the operation of the train at this point, as well as at many others visited by the train during this month.

The several specialists were frank in their statements. They condemned the methods being followed by our farmers, and referred to the illustrations and exhibits in supporting their statements. The problems facing our farmers were discussed in a way that even the casual visitor was made to realize the poor and inadequate methods followed in agriculture in this section. The plea for a change in these methods was earnestly made, and the specialists railroad company and operated by the State Department of Agriculture and the State College, the train offered free to all comparative illustrations of poultry and livestock raising, proper feeding and housing methods.

Under the direction of Mr. V. W. Lewis, general livestock agent of the A. C. L., the train was here sharply at 2 o'clock. Mr. Lewis, in a brief talk, were ever ready to offer reliable proof explained the motive of operating the train, and pointed out the efforts that are being made in an attempt to help agriculture. Messrs. John L. Hassell, T. B. Brandon, county agent, and W. C. Manning made short talks, the editor stating that a woman should not be permitted to marry until she learned to milk a cow. Mr. Paul A. Seese, extension poultryman, balanced things when he said that a farmer should be made to clean a henhouse before getting suggestions.

Owned by the Atlantic Coast Line his talk, Mr. Seese stated that this section has every advantage in the marketing and raising of poultry. "The opportunity for a real profitable poultry industry was never greater than in this section," Mr. Seese concluded.

The climax was reached when Mr. A. C. Kimrey, extension dairy man, said, "The only way to redeem agriculture in eastern North Carolina is for its farmers to grow their own feed and sell it through livestock. Nothing can ruin an agricultural community with more certainty than one pay day each year, and a deplorable condition exists when the farmer has to dig down into his cotton and tobacco pockets for money with which to buy the necessities of every-day life when the hog, the hen, and cow could supply the need."

Another interesting bit of information was given when it was stated that Denmark buys our cottonseed meal, feeds it to their cows and produces butter which is shipped back to us. The Danes pay freight rates and a 12-cent tariff and even then they produce three times more per farm wicker than North Carolina farmers receive.

Mr. Kimrey concluded, by stating "North Carolina farmers will eventually be forced to livestock and then realize that a farmer raising all cotton and tobacco is a detriment to the State."

Other interesting assertions were made as follows: "North Carolina has won the prize in the endurance contest for continuing the practice of a one-crop system in its agricultural program." "The man who has good livestock feels safer and is not worrying about ten-cent cotton."

The exhibits in the train were well planned, showing comparative methods of raising poultry and livestock. The specialists advised the farmers of Martin County to build up their stock by using pure-bred sires, warning against too much of any kind of stock and suggesting just enough to eat the surplus feed on the farm and to supply the family.

### Kills Large Rattle Snake In Griffins Township

That Gum Pond bridge, in Griffins Township, is a popular place for snakes goes unmentioned. W. A. Roberson, jr., a resident of that district, killing a large rattler there recently, the second to have been killed at the bridge this season. The snake was five feet long and had ten or twelve rattles.

## BAR PREPARES CALENDAR FOR NEXT COURT

### Sixty-three Cases Are On Civil Calendar for Trial At September Term

#### 2 JUDGES FOR TERM VERY FEW CRIMINAL CASES ARE ON THE DOCKET AT THIS TIME FOR TRIAL DURING FIRST THREE DAYS

Holding a meeting here yesterday, the county bar association placed sixty-three cases on the civil calendar for trial during the next term of Martin County Superior Court convening here September 15. The first of the civil cases is scheduled for trial on the 18th, allowing three days for the hearing of criminal cases. Up until yesterday afternoon only sixteen criminal cases had been placed on the docket for trial at the September term; and none of them is considered of any great importance.

According to information gained from the clerk of the court's office yesterday afternoon, Judge Clayton Moore of this place, will preside over the court during the first week, Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, coming here to run the court during the second week.

The number of criminal cases on the docket is the smallest in years, it is believed, and as a whole, the causes are limited in their importance.

## PLAN PICNIC FOR ALL CLUB WOMEN

### Williams Chapel Will Have Charge of Program at Meeting Thursday

All county home demonstration club women and their families have been invited to attend the county field picnic to be held at the home of Miss Mattie Everett on the Swamplands Farm, near Palmyra, next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The county Council officers are urged to attend and be on time for the business meeting scheduled at 2 o'clock.

The Williams Chapel club will have entire charge of the program, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, stated last night, and enjoyable time is assured the county club members and their families.

In addition to the Williams Chapel Club program, Mrs. Julian Mizelle, of Jamesville will give a demonstration on "Cheese Salads and Sandwiches."

## Fifteen-Foot Corn Stalk Grown by Mr. L. H. Peel

One of the tallest corn stalks seen in this section in some time was brought here last Saturday by Mr. Louis Peel, Griffins Township farmer. The particular stalk was grown on the Old Biggs farm, near here, and measured 15 feet in length.

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ASA BIGGS

Former Congressman, United States District Court Judge, and United States Senator; Material Used Herein Was First Published in 1915 By The North Carolina Historical Commission

July 1, 1865.

It is with a sad and heavy heart I resume these memoirs. Most important events have occurred, the consequences of which I can not foresee, and a blow has fallen upon our family circle, heart-rending and irreparable. Our country is subjugated, and our dear boy Henry is no more—another sacrifice of blood, another mournful calamity of this cruel war. Gen. Lee evacuated Petersburg and Richmond about 1st April and on 9th surrendered his army to Gen. Grant at Appomattox C. H., Va. On 8th (Saturday) late in the afternoon, Manly's Battery was attacked by the enemy near the Court House and Henry was wounded in the neck. It paralyzed him, rendered him speechless, and lock jaw ensued. He was carried to a poor man's house by the name of Tyree on Sunday and there he lingered until 12th (Wednesday), when he expired about 9 o'clock P. M., and was buried in the private burial ground of a Mr. Overton, about 1-2 mile from Mr. Tyree. We have assurance he was well cared for and decently interred. He was the only member of the battery that we could hear was injured, and why was it that he was permitted to fall? Oh, God, thou knowest! What a bitter pang! We looked anxiously for him among the returning soldiers. We hoped to see him hourly make his appearance. We sought diligently to ascertain his situation, until we were informed he was wounded. A glimmer of hope still sustained us until a visit of William to the place (about 10 miles from Appomattox Court-House) to enquire after him, brought us the certain and melancholy truth that he was dead. That awful truth sunk our hearts, threw a gloom over the house-

### A Critical Period

The death of his son, Henry, at the close of the war, and the fall of the Confederacy add the last few pages of Judge Biggs' autobiography. The death of his son and the conditions facing his family and the South are ably described in this installment, which brings to a close the autobiography proper. However, there are many interesting events in his scrap book, one being a trip from Williamston to New York. These events will be printed under the regular heading.

held, plunged us into the deepest grief, and night and day has his dear mother mourned the loss of her absent boy with broken lamentations! Henry was a sprightly, a very intelligent youth, energetic, patriotic, and hopeful, a dutiful and promising child; and we had hoped for him a long life of usefulness to the family and to country. God thought best to remove him from this scene of strife and turmoil; that he might not witness the subjugation of his country; and I humbly trust has taken him to a world of rest and peace. We bow! O God! to thy righteous will and pray that this great affliction may be sanctified to our good. Let the thought console you, my dear children, that he died in the defense of his country in the pathway of duty. May you all discharge your duties with the same fidelity and die in the same honorable way. Let us humbly submit to the dispensation of a righteous Providence, who for some wise purpose inscrutable to us has removed from our family the

## Fire Bug's Attempt To Burn Farmers Warehouse Fails

### AROUND FORTY GALLONS OF OIL USED ON FLOOR

#### Fire In 50-Foot Fuse Stopped by Gasoline-Soaked Powder Near End

#### INVESTIGATING CASE Many Believe Fire Would Have Been Most Disastrous One In The History of Williamston

The tobacco warehouse district, including warehouses, Harrison Wholesale Company building, an oil storage house, the home of Ed Hardison and probably other buildings, was threatened by fire here last Friday night or early Saturday morning, when an attempt was made to burn the Farmers Warehouse. Those visiting the warehouse early Saturday morning were of the opinion that had the fire once started as planned it would have been one of the most disastrous ones here in many years.

By the limited space of three inches, the plans of the fire bug or bugs failed to carry. The fire in the 50-foot line of fuse spent itself when it burned the line to within a gasoline container and was smothered by gas-soaked powder. Officers, investigating the case, believed that, approximately forty gallons of gasoline and kerosene had been used in the attempt to fire the building. From one end of the house to the other, gasoline and kerosene had been poured freely in small spaces. Several large piles of tobacco baskets, stationery, and fixtures were gasoline-soaked, sending out an odor of a regular petroleum refinery.

The fire bug forced an entrance at a side door near the rear of the building and brought the gasoline and kerosene in through the side door nearest the Coast Line station. It is believed that a half to three-quarters of an hour was spent in spreading the gas and planting the 50 feet of fuse. A second 50-foot line of fuse was found, but it was not used.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Chief of Police W. B. Daniel, who have charge of the investigation, late yesterday stated that they were not in a position to make any of their findings public at that time, that they were doing everything possible to establish a line of evidence that would warrant arrests.

Practically every hardware store east of Rocky Mount was visited by the officers last Saturday in an effort to learn where the fuse used was purchased. The officers are of the opinion that it was bought from a Washington hardware store, but the investigators did not give this out as an established fact. Many facts in the attempted firing of the house have been advanced, but no official findings have been reported up until last night.

The damage to the property was very limited, the proprietors, Messrs. L. H. Barnhill and W. R. Ingram, stating that a few hundred floor tags were damaged by gasoline.

Messrs. J. T. Barnhill and Frank Bennett own the building.

## CLAUD GARDNER IS FATALLY HURT

### Lindsay Warren Suffers A Broken Shoulder in Truck Accident at Ocracoke

Washington, Aug. 25.—Claude Gardner, 37, died this morning at 3 o'clock in the Washington hospital, as the result of injuries sustained to his spinal column when he was thrown from a truck to the hard-packed sand on the banks at Ocracoke, late Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Gardner and Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, were on the truck along with ten or twelve other persons and were driving from the hotel on the island to the surf. The truck hit a ridge on the surface of the banks road, and the impact caused the persons riding on the truck to be thrown clear of the machine to the ground.

Mr. Gardner landed on his back after having been thrown in the air for a distance of approximately ten feet. Congressman Warren fell on his left shoulder, breaking the bone, and in addition, suffered other, though more minor injuries.

Mr. Gardner and Mr. Warren were taken to the hotel and the others of their party, including Mr. J. G. Staton, of Williamston, were notified of the accident. The party, which had consisted of fourteen men, the majority from Washington, had left Washington last Wednesday, aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Pamlico, for a trip on the North Carolina coast.

The two injured men were put aboard the boat and the cutter headed for Washington. The vessel left Ocracoke Saturday night about 7:30 o'clock and arrived here yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock.

## 17 Corporations In County List Property at \$257,072

The property listings of seventeen private corporations in this county were received this week by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger from the State Corporation Commission, Raleigh. The total value of the listings was placed at \$257,072, with only one of the seventeen companies reporting an excess.

Eight of the corporations are in Robersonville, five in Williamston, one each in Oak City and Hassell and two in Hamilton Township.

Reports on public service corporations owning property in this county will be received about the first of September, it was stated.

## Announce Prayer Service At The Christian Church

The subject for the Wednesday evening prayer meeting at the Christian Church will be the Messianic Hope of Israel. This will be the last of a series of studies of the prophets that has been carried on during the summer.

The prophetic messianic utterances of the great spiritual leaders of Israel are the crowning achievement of this ancient race. It is hoped that many will be present to hear this last discussion of the prophets.

## Open First of Paved Streets Here Thursday Morning

Houghton Street Extension, the first of the streets to be paved under the present paving program here, will be opened to traffic next Thursday morning, it was stated yesterday by Mr. Jim Clark, member of the Clark Paving firm.

Paving work has been completed on other streets, but traffic will be held off in those cases for several more days.

## Farmer Learns About Himself in Newspaper

### "Pa, there's something about you in the paper today," exclaimed the wife of a farmer living near here, as she brought in a copy of The Enterprise recently.

"Pa" took the paper and after five minutes, admittedly disappointed, confessed he could find nothing about himself.

"Here it is," insisted the wife, "see this piece about the highway men counting the cars coming into town. You know yours was one of them."

## MORNING TRAIN IN WRECK HERE

### Passenger Coach Derailed at Switch Near Depot; Nobody Injured

Running into a faulty switch, a passenger coach of the early Coast Line train was derailed at a freight siding here last Saturday morning. Two passengers, in the coach, were bounced about but were unhurt. For a hundred feet or more the coach was backed across railroad ties, but no great damage was done to the train.

The siding is only a short distance from the station were discharged there along with the mail and express. The train continued its run into Rocky Mt. without the coach. Arriving here several hours later, the freight train and section workers put the coach back on the track and carried it up the road.

## NO ARREST MADE IN MOBLYNCHING

### Jury Unable To Determine Identity of Any of the Mob Members

Lynching Oliver Moore, negro, one week ago today, members of a mob of around two hundred men have so far escaped arrest, officers investigating the case stating that they have been unable to establish the identity of even one of the party.

Moore was removed from the Edgecombe County jail in Tarboro early last Tuesday morning and lynched at a point just over the Edgecombe line in Wilson county, a short distance from the scene where Moore is said to have attempted criminal assault upon two little white girls.

Questioned by a coroner's jury, Deputy Sheriff R. O. Watson, who was in charge of the jail, stated that he was overpowered by the mob members, that all the men were masked except 25 or 30, none of whom he knew.

Sheriff Bardin, of Edgecombe, stated that in his investigation of the lynching he had been unable to determine the identity of any members of the mob. The coroner's jury returned the verdict, "Oliver Moore was lynched by a mob whose identity is not known to this jury."

## MAKING PLANS TO CHANGE CROPS

### Georgia Farmers Said To Be Planning To Go In For Livestock Raising

Repeated failure of crops to prove financially successful is behind a widespread movement which next year probably will see South Georgia as a leading producer of hogs and cattle.

Formerly a stronghold of cotton until low prices discouraged planting, farmers of the section next began planting peanuts in large quantities, but market time found ruinous prices prevailing in that crop.

Next the growers turned to tobacco with outstanding success last year, but with miserable failure this year, on account of record low prices offered for the weed.

County agricultural agents report that sentiment throughout the section has turned to livestock and that the coming year will see drastic reductions in tobacco production.

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