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### PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERIOR COURT

#### More Cases Are Settled By Agreement Than By The Jury

After settling more cases by agreement than by jury, the September term of Superior court closed here last Friday, Judge Cranmer adjourning the session in time for the farmers' meeting.

**Proceedings:**  
In the case of Champion Auto Company against Robert and Clemmie Elliott, the jury found in favor of the plaintiffs awarding them \$455. The defendants appealed and the case will go to the Supreme court.

The case of Eva P. Jones brought against the Town of Parmele was non-suited, the court finding that the demand made by the plaintiff upon the town to build a light line was unreasonable as the distance to be covered in reaching her home was too great.

In the case of G. W. Coltraine, administrator, against D. B. Mobley and J. S. Ayers and Co., it was agreed that the amount \$858.75 spent in improvements was equal to a fair rental.

It was shown to the court that the differences had been settled and the case of Sarah and Willie Hadley vs. Simon Perry was dismissed, the defendant to pay the cost.

Peel Motor Company was awarded a judgment in the sum of \$240 against Columbus and Charlotte Ward.

Harrison Wholesale Company was given a judgment of \$200 against Moses Higgs.

In the case of Martin and Sons, of Norfolk, against Lucinda Hardison et al., the wrongful cancellation of a deed of trust was expunged from the record and a sale of the land was ordered.

A judgment of \$106.29 was found for plaintiff and a sale of the land embraced in a deed of trust was ordered in the suit of the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank against J. D. Leggett et al., of Cross Roads township.

### MANY HEAR REV. THURSTON HERE

#### 100 Prizes Are Given Away Following Address In Courthouse Friday

Delivering his third address here during the past several months, Rev. T. W. Thurston, colored New Bern minister, reiterated his charges against the chain store and the mail order houses before a large audience of colored citizens in the courthouse last Friday evening.

He pictured to his hearers the conditions now existing in some towns much larger than Williamston, declaring that Williamston was leading any town in the eastern part of the State at the present time in providing employment for its colored citizens. The speaker stated that he understood the street paving, the tobacco stemmy, the fertilizer factory and the peanut factor are making it possible for the colored people to receive over \$1,500 weekly in cash money. "And who made it possible? Who brought these wonderful opportunities to your door," the minister asked of his audience. "Was it the mail order houses? No; it was your own town folks, your own independent merchants," the Rev. Thurston asserted.

Continuing, the speaker said, "Then if they have done this for you, you have an obligation to perform. You should and you are going to spend every dollar of that money with your independent merchants. You are going to stand by your town. You are not going to bite the hand that's feeding you."

The large crowd gathered into the court room paid strict attention to the speaker, who handled his subject in a very interesting manner. Following the speaking, over one hundred prizes were given away to those holding lucky numbers. Hundreds of pounds of sugar and flour and many articles of merchandise, furnished by local independent merchants were given away free.

### Hamilton Association To Hold Bridge Tournament

The Hamilton Parent-Teacher Association will hold a bridge tournament in the hall here Friday night, October 3rd, it was announced this morning by a member of the association.

Good music is assured and refreshments will be served free. The public is urged to patronize the tournament.

### Increased Interest Reported In Maple Grove Services

Increased attendance upon the revival meetings at the Maple Grove Christian Church was reported over the week-end and the community is said to be taking much interest in the services. Almost a half hundred additions had been reported up to yesterday.

## Sales and Prices Continue To Increase on Local Market

A new high level in tobacco prices on the local market was reached yesterday when the entire break averaged over eleven cents per pound. Sales are increasing rapidly each day on the local floors, dispelling the quiet conditions that existed on all the markets up until a few days ago. The flood of black tips continues and this type of tobacco shows no increase in price. The better and middle grades are showing considerable strength according to comparative figures furnished by the government grader.

A large number of farmers used the grading service yesterday than

on any previous day, the results proving highly satisfactory. The grading department regrets that more farmers do not have their tobacco officially graded which will eventually standardize the grade of that crop just as cotton is graded, and all buyers have to use the same standard. It takes a hundred cents to make a dollar of any kind of our money and when a piece of goods is marked one dollar, the buyer may pay in gold, silver, copper or paper because each type has the same standard of value. And when all tobacco is graded by one standard, the price will be more uniform and the seller will know the market better.

## Colonel Chas. Rogan Tells Farmers Must Organize At Meeting Here Last Friday

### Woman's Club Plans P-T Association Here

In an effort to effect a parent-teacher association here, the Woman's Club has called a mass meeting of all parents, club members for a meeting next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the grammar grade school auditorium.

The meeting is not limited to club members, but every parent, patron or friend is urged to attend the meeting. No association was in effect in the local schools last year, but the club is determined to perfect an association this term and carry on a successful work.

"There are various activities or work of one kind or another to be attended to by all of us, but there is nothing more important than making our schools successful, and assisting in this huge task of training our children; and for that reason, we are hoping our people will lay aside other duties and attend," the president of the club stated yesterday afternoon.

### END TECHNICAL VIOLATION CASE

#### Griffins Township Boys Pay \$4.75 Each To See Fish "Strike"

Having heard the story about fish "striking," several Griffins township boys, a few days ago, decided to verify the report. They had not paddled very far down the run of the creek, near Hardison Mill, when the township warden came upon the scene. But he was too late, the young men had satisfied themselves as to the authenticity of the story that fish would jump into a boat when one paddled slowly down the run of the creek at night.

The defendants were brought before J. L. Hassell, justice of the peace, here yesterday afternoon and they pleaded guilty to a technical violation of the fishing laws. The case was dismissed upon payment of half the costs in the case, around \$4.25 each. No witnesses were allowed to file.

### AUTO WRECKED ON MAIN STREET

#### J. B. Wheeler, Edenton, Is Hurt About Mouth; Car Is Badly Wrecked

Mr. J. B. Wheeler, of Edenton, was painfully hurt about the mouth early last night when he ran his car into that of Garland Barnhill which was perked at the top of the river hill. Mr. Wheeler's car was badly wrecked, the damage to the Barnhill car being limited to a bent fender and bumper. Mr. Wheeler had started down Main Street and as he reached the hill top, he met a car. A car was parked to either side of the narrow street, and the approaching car forced Mr. Wheeler into the Barnhill car. The other driver failed to stop.

The wrecked car was left here for repairs, Mr. Wheeler continuing to his home by bus.

### Bear Grass Parents and Teachers Meet Thursday

The parents and teachers of the Bear Grass School district will hold their first meeting of the 1930-31 term Thursday night, October 3, when the association will be re-organized. The parents and patrons of the school as well as interested citizens are urged to attend the meeting.

### PREPARE 100,000 CONTRACTS AT STATE MEETING

#### Urge Immediate Sign Up At State Meet Held In Raleigh Yesterday

#### 75 FARMERS ATTEND

Dates for holding Community Meetings Throughout Sections Likely To Be Determined This Week

"You must organize if you expect help from the government," Colonel Charles B. Rogan, of the Federal Farm Board, told 75 farmers representing all parts of Martin county at a meeting for the advancement of cooperative marketing here last Friday afternoon. District Farm Agent, Troy B. Ferguson made a few brief introductory remarks and Col Rogan told of the various farm relief legislation, but the cooperative marketing plan was favorably advanced when the body voted favoring the holding of educational or organization meetings in the various communities of the county. The vote was made in connection with organization plans formulated at a meeting held in Raleigh yesterday.

The 56 delegates representing the various tobacco growing counties and operating as the Tobacco Relief Association, yesterday agreed on a contract, and while plans for their distribution have not been formulated at this time, it is understood the pledges will be put before the growers at community meeting to be held within the next few days.

The contract, calling for a 100 per cent sign-up by the members, will be placed before the growers at once, it was stated. One hundred thousand of the papers are being prepared at this time and will be eagerly read by the farmers. Even an outline of the contract is impossible here, but it was decided at the Raleigh meeting to make it of a dual nature, one affecting a reduction in acreage, the other for the sign-up of the crop. The success of the sign-up between now and the 15th of October will determine whether or not the remainder of the present crop will be affected by the cooperative movement.

Leland Kitchen, of Scotland Neck, declined to accept the leadership of the proposed organization, and in the absence of the Governor yesterday, no appointment has been made up until now.

The by-laws of the proposed system should meet with hearty approval as they limit salaries and expenses to a minimum and call for operation along certain lines that will assure success once the movement is supported by the farmers.

In opening the meeting here last Friday afternoon, Mr. Ferguson talked on farm methods and opportunities, emphasizing the fact that our farmers have far better opportunities than farmers have in almost any other part of the world. "We can grow a greater variety of crops than most sections, and time and experience have proven that no people can prosper when they raise money crops and buy food crops," Mr. Ferguson declared. The agent did say, however, that it is possible to make money by such a method occasionally, but the man or the community following such a system of farming will sooner or later fail.

Introduced by Mr. Ferguson, the Farm Board representative, Colonel Rogan, reviewed briefly the history of farm relief legislation which the government has attempted to pass during the past several years. He mentioned the McNary-Haugen Act, then the Government Marketing Act by which a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 was provided. He explained the creation of the Federal Farm Board of eight members and their power to lend any

### YOUNG WOMAN TAKES POISON

#### Miss Laura Ellison Reported In Critical Condition at Robersonville Home

Suffering poor health for the past few months, Miss Laura Ellison, train nurse, of Robersonville, attempted suicide there late Sunday afternoon by taking several bichloride of mercury tablets. Her condition shortly before noon today was considered very critical, attending physicians having said that her chance for recovery was very limited.

Troubled over her poor state of health, Miss Ellison is believed to have attempted to end her life in a fit of despondency, her action coming as a decided shock to friends here and at Robersonville.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ellison, she was born and reared here. Since then she had lived in Belhaven and Washington. During the past several years she had nursed in and around Robersonville, and, as far as it could be learned, had made good in her profession. She had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pope during her stay in Robersonville and was there when she took the deadly tablets.

### DEMONSTRATION HERE A SUCCESS

#### Four Hundred Housewives Told Of Latest Use Of Electrical Appliances

While the electrical robot, "Miss Katrina Televox" was a bit disappointing to many, the demonstration held in the Watts theatre here before 400 housewives last Friday afternoon, was a marked success. Delegations were here from Plymouth, Robersonville, Everetts, Jamesville and Windsor, with practically all the local housewives attending.

The electrical demonstration was really remarkable, so remarkable in fact, that many in the audience could hardly believe the actions of the electrical device. Mr. Bernard, accompanying the machine, explained the various actions, but he was never questioned. Following the televox robot demonstration, Mr. Ray Goodman, salesman for the Virginia Electric and Power Company, introduced Mrs. Parker, special demonstration agent for the company. She told those who are using electrical appliances of the V. E. P. Company, especially those who are using the electric range, that she was always at their disposal and just a call over the phone would bring her into their homes to teach them how to use the stoves and other appliances to the best advantage.

Then Mrs. Hill, of the Westinghouse Electric Company, gave a cooking demonstration, and while the meal was being cooked she stressed the superiority of the "Flavor Zone" range which is built on the same plan as the famous Dutch oven, an oven in which food is cooked on receding heat.

Prizes were awarded and Mrs. J. W. Bland was winner of the first, a set of \$15 waffle iron. Mrs. L. J. Hardison was the second lucky number holder and she was given an electric iron.

Mrs. Floyd Cahoon, of Plymouth, held the lucky card for the dinner prepared by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. B. A. Critcher, of this place, received the angel food cake.

### Jim Baker Fined \$10. for Part In Affray on Streets

#### Jim Baker, colored of near here, was yesterday fined \$10 and charged with the costs by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell for part in an affray on the streets here last Saturday night.

Very few details could be had as to the origin of the first fight, Baker stating that he would rather say nothing. The trouble is said to have started on Washington Street where two white boys, names unknown, had an argument or passed a few licks at Baker. Continuing on their way down to the main part of town, the participants in the row increased in number until it was described as a "free for all." Officers, seeing the commotion ran to the scene and removed Baker who failed at the hearing yesterday to offer any defense or offer a solution as to the cause of the affray.

No personal injuries were inflicted, as far as it could be learned, but on-lookers declared that some heavy blows were passed when the affray reached a climax on Main Street.

### Makes High Average On Roanoke-Dixie Floor Here

Prices on the local market continue to advance, an advertisement of the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse clearly indicates. The advertisement, in this issue carries the sale of a 800 barn for Mr. James L. Coltraine which sold for \$263.30 and averaged \$32.90. According to a statement made, this sale included the entire barn both good and bad.

Other sales equally as well are being made daily here.

## 8,000 People Expected Here For Church Meet This Week

### SKEWARKEY CHURCH



Where the 165th annual session of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association will be held next Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The church, near here, has been established 143 years.

### BEARGRASS ROAD CONSIDER CO-OP MEETING FRIDAY

#### To Select Several Men Who Are To Be Declared The Noninees by Chairman

The names of five men for trustees in Bear Grass township will be chosen at a mass meeting of citizens in the school house auditorium there next Friday night, according to plans made public by Mr. Heman Peel, a resident of the township last week.

Since the meeting was called it has been learned that it will be impossible to run the men chosen at the mass meeting on an independent ticket as the law requires all independent candidates to file several days before the regular June primary. According to information regarding the holding of elections and the nomination of candidates, it will be possible for those attending the Friday night meeting to select the names and then, in turn have candidates declared nominees by the county executive chairman. It is not definitely known, but as far as it could be learned, the nominations will be made under the Democratic party.

### URGENT INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE

#### Masons Plan Contests To Effect Attendance Increase upon Lodge

Members of the Skewarkey Lodge of Masons have launched an attendance campaign which will continue through October, November and December. Mr. Cortez Green is captain of one team and Mr. Bill Spivey is heading the other team. The membership has been divided into two groups, and the group that has the largest attendance upon most of the meetings of the lodge during the three months of the contest will be entertained by the other side on January 2, 1931, the 104th anniversary of the lodge.

The contest is not limited to within the local lodge, but all visiting masons will be counted and credited to the side inviting them. The sides will be designated as the Reds under Captain Spivey and the Green under Captain Green.

### Plan To Resume Street Paving Here Thursday

Street paving included in the present program in effect here will be resumed next Thursday morning, when the Clark Paving Company starts its big mixer at the corner of Church and Watts Streets, according to information given out by Jim Clark, member of the firm yesterday.

Curb and gutter construction on Church, Academy Streets and Simmons Avenue has been completed and workers are completing the grades for the particular work on Watts Street today.

### Small Docket for Recorder J. W. Bailey Here Today

After a recess of two weeks during which time the Superior Court was in session, Recorder Bailey and Solicitor Peel returned to their regular schedule in the county court here today with a comparatively small docket before them. Only eleven cases had accumulated during the three weeks' time, and none of them was of any great importance.

Five of the eleven defendants, however, were held in jail in default of bond prior to their hearing today.

## HISTORY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH BRILLIANT ONE

### 165th Annual Meet First To Be Held Here in Forty-Three Years

### EIGHTH MEET HERE

Sessions Here Next Saturday, Sunday and Monday Expected To Be Most Interesting in Years

For the first time in forty-three years, the Skewarkey Primitive Baptist Church, near here, will entertain the 165th annual session of the Kehukee Association next Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The association comes to the church here for its eighth time, having met with the Skewarkey members first in 1793, again in 1806, then in 1818, 1826, 1835, and 1859, the association last coming here for the 100th anniversary celebration of the church in 1887, forty-three years ago.

Extensive preparations are now underway by members of the local church for the entertainment of the six or eight thousand people expected for the meeting. From miles around and from adjoining States followers of the Primitive Baptist faith are expected here to once more renew the friendships and acquaintances established in years gone by. The town and church centers throughout the county will be taxed in caring for the throngs, and even though the task of entertaining the visitors is an enormous one, the members of the local church eagerly look forward to the event as one of the most marked in their entire lives. So far reaching is the annual meet within itself that many of the younger generation can fully realize the importance of the annual gathering to the Primitive Baptist Church and its ardent followers.

The history of the Kehukee Association has been a brilliant one, and so closely have the lives of many of this section's leading men been connected with it in years past that the data are of unusual interest locally. Founded here in 1787, Skewarkey Church has branched out and is now looked upon as the mother of all those of the Primitive Baptist faith in Martin County.

Skewarkey, a typical Indian name, was given the local church when it was constituted and founded by Lemuel Burkett and John Page, of the Flat Swamp Church. The first edifice was erected about one mile south of the present one where the hand of members, very limited at that time, met and worshipped for about 71 years. On April 13, 1858, the site where the present edifice stands, was sold to the membership by Joseph D. Biggs, Stanley Duggan and Alfred Moore acting as trustee. The building has been well preserved during the 72 years it has served as a meeting house, and the members have well kept the grounds, ever guarding the towering pines that have shaded the thousands traveling from far and near to worship at the shrine.

Martin Ross, the father of Elder Reuben Ross, was ordained first pastor of Skewarkey church, and after a few years of service there he was followed by Aaron Spivey. The pastorates were apparently of short duration, for following Elder Spivey, Elders Joseph Biggs, Luke Ward, Abram Tice, Harrell Cherry, John Bennett, James Daniel, John Tice, John Ward, and Thomas Biggs served the church for comparatively short terms. In 1844, Elder C. B. Hassell was chosen pastor, and he headed the church until his death in April, 1880. The following year, the late pastor's son, Elder Sylvester Hassell, was called to the pastorate of the church, and until his death in August, 1928, he faithfully served the church and its members, making a continuous pastorate of the church by father and son, of 84 years. Elder B. S. Cowin is the present pastor of the church, and he will command a prominent leadership in the association's affairs during the meeting here.

Skewarkey Church, in its 143 years of history, has doubtless had a greater, a more far-reaching influence upon the early times of Martin County and the church therein than one would suppose. Under its guidance have developed practically ever Primitive Baptist church in the county, and from its fold have risen Martin's great men, two of them being the late Judge Asa Biggs, United States Senator, and James Edwin Moore, and today the church has numbered among its membership, many of the most substantial families in the section.

### Two-Cent Drop In Gas Prices In Effect in State

Gasoline prices took a slight drop recently and is now retailing for 20 cents including the 5-cent tax. The 2-cent drop, small as it is, means much to the car operator who has all but sold his shirt off his back to satisfy the filling station operator.

### Drops To Convenient Point Relief Follows As Mercury

After days and weeks of hot weather, the mercury has tumbled from its high perch to levels where the heat is no longer a topic for conversation. Fall and winter clothes are making their appearance rapidly now, and the only thing about the weather left to talk about is the dry part.

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