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SUPERIOR COURT

Interest Centered Around Three Suits Growing Out of Wreck

Twenty-four cases have been placed on the civil calendar for trial in the Martin County Superior court con vening week after next with probably the most interest centering in the three suits growing out of the fatal wreck near Robersonville on the sixth of last September. The first of the cases is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 or following the completion of thee riminal docket. A goodly number of criminal cases are already on the docket, and it is possible that civil case proceedings will be delayed until later in that week. The court is to run for two weeks.

J. Lloyd Corey, Pitt County white man and owner of the truck driven by Ollie Page, colored, figuring in the fatal accident, is defendant in two suits, one asking \$15,000 and the other \$50,000 damages. Corey is plaintiff in a case asking \$150 damages of H. F. Leavister, owner of the car figuring in the death of Marshall Andrews and John Leavister, both young white men. Roy Andrews, administrator for Marshall Andrews' estate, is asking \$15,000. Attorney B. A Critcher is representing Administrator Andrews and E. S. Peel and J. C. mith are representing the defendant H. F. Leavister, administrator for John Leavister estate, is asking \$50,-000 damages and is represented by Attorneys Douglass and Douglass, R. L. McMillon, and R. Roy Carter. Peel and Smith are also representing the defendant in this case. In the suit of \$150 brought by Corey against Leavister, John W. Hinsdale is representing the defendant. These cases are scheduled for Monday, March 25.

Criminal action against Offic Page has been postponed since last Sep-

Other cases against Corey are pending, it is understood, the plaintiffs awaiting developments in the Mr. Wade suffered a stroked just prior The two girls, Misses Holloman and Williams, injured in the wreck, are said to be considering bringing suits against the truck owner.

The civil calendar, announced by the Martin County Bar Association this week, carries the following cases: Wadnesday, March 20.-Land Bank against James; Slade, Rhodes and Company against Barnhill; Parker a- burial plot.

gainst Walters; Skinner against Jen-

Monday, March 25-Andrews, ad-

Harrison; Rogers against Bailey et al; par, provides for a 4 per cent interes Martin against Martin; Riddick against Peel, trustee.

Wednesday, March 27-Modlin a-Bank; Meeks against Hargrove, and purchasing bank. Small and Thigpen against Sherrod.

Peanut Market Said To Be Very Inactive

Reports from the peanut markets indicate that the demand for farmers' stock has not been active during the past few days. The few peanuts offered for sale have brought from 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 cents, few slightly higher. Prices for runners and shelling stock ranged from 4 to 4 3-8, it was said.

Reporting that demand for cleaned and shelled peanuts is light, and find- Mr. Guy Rawls and Mr. C. M. Mizelle ing that the few remaining lots of as deacons. farmers' stock in this section are being held, in many cases, for higher 7:30 p. m. prices, the mills have made very little effort to buy peanuts during the past few days, it was said.

Fixtures Are Being Put Up for New Bank Here

Fixtures are being installed and other arrangements are being completed this week for the opening of the Greenville Banking & Trust Company branch in the old Farmers & Mer-

24 CASES ON CIVIL First Poultry Car of Season COUNTY BASKET-CALENDAR FOR To Be in County Next Week BALL TOURNEY

Martin County farmers will make a cooperative poultry shipment under the direction of the county farm agent's office, Mr. T. B. Brandon announced this week. The first loadings are scheduled in Jamesville early next Tuesday morning, arrangements having been made with the Atlantic Coast Line to bring the car to this point on the freight that afternoon. A definite schedule for loadings Tues day afternoon cannot be determined in advance, as the freight schedule might vary from one to several hours. The car will be here a greater part or all of Wednesday. If the freight is running late Wednesday, the car will be moved to Robersonville that afternoon. If it reaches here early

CORN-HOG CHECKS

Nineteen checks, amounting to \$2,543.11, will be distributed to corn and hog contract signers in this county within the next day or two, it was learned from Miss Mary Carstarphen, secretary in the office of County Agent T. B. Brandon, here this morning. The payment is the second of three to be made the signers. Last October the 19 farmers participating in the control movement were paid \$4,544.60, and it is estimated that they will receive around \$2,000 more in the third and final payment to be made within the next

W. W. Wade Dies at County Poor Farm

W. W. Wade, 76 years old, died at tember court pending the trial of the Martin County home last night at 10 Mis daughter for the next three civil cases, the delay having been 9:30 o'clock following a long period months and report back to the court sanctioned by Judge Devin, presiding of declining health. Mr. Jno. Bland, at that time for further judgment. home keeper, said that Mr. Wade died Bond in the sum of \$150 was required. following a stroke a few minutes be- to insure the payment and the defend- day that he had witnessed many fore the end. Entered from Bear ant's reappearance. Grass Township about six years ago, to that time, but he had recovered to week to his son for three months and sportsmanship than any other. until about one week before death.

One son, Dweey Wade, of Maryland, and a daughter, of Hopewell,

Thursday—Holliday against Morgan; Gladstone against Lilley; Whitaker against Roughton; Johnson a-gainst Williams and Johnson against Buys Note of County

That financial conditions are fast nfinistrator against Corey; Leavister, improving in this section is evidenced administrator, against Corey; Corey by the purchase of a \$35,000 county Local All-Star Team Drops note by the Bank of Robersonville Tuesday, March 26-Perry against this week. The purchase, made at

Amounting to \$75,000 originally, the gainst Woodmen of the World; Had- been financed by northern capital. Its Grocery All-Stars lost out to Pantego, chorus under the direction of W. R. ley against Rogers; Little against renewal by a home bank this week considered one of the weakest teams, Hooper, jr. Harrison; Shields against Gurkin; reflects improved financial conditions in the finals of the Washington tour-Roebuck against Joint Stock Land in this section and does credit to the nament last Wednesday evening.

> Services Announced at Presbyterian Points

Sunday, March 10, 1935: Church school at 9:45 a. m.

Worship service and sermon at 11 Bear Grass

Church school at 9:30 a. m. Young Peoples' League at 6:30 p. n Worship service and sermon at 7:30

Roberson's Chapel Church school and sermon at 3 p. m. At this service Mr. J. H, Roberon will be ordained as an elder and

Prayer meeting Thursday night

Poplar Point Church school at 1:30 p. m. Prison Camp Services every Sunday afternoon. Go to church Sunday-Sunday

Arrangements Being Made For Exposition in April

Arrangements for holding a merchants Bank building here. An open- chants' exposition and show here some ing date has not been announced, un- time next month are being made this official reports indicating that regular week under the sponsorship of the banking activities will hardly get unlocal athletic association. Permission der way before the latter part of this for holding the exposition was grantmonth or the first of April. Officials ed by the town authorities this week, the lodge hall, it was announced yesof the parent bank are understood to Definite details in connection with the terday by V. J. Spivey, master. Work have said this week that the person-holding of the exposition will probably in the Master Mason's degree. All nel for the branch here had not been be announced within the next few members are urged to attend and visi-

in the afternoon, the car will be handled by the passenger train Thursday morning reaching Robersonville about 11 a. m. Friday morning the car will be handled by the passenger train reaching

Oak City, the last stop in this county, about noon. Prices, while not very high, are generally a third higher than they were last year, colored hens selling for 15 cents, or 5 cents more than they brought last year. Other types of poultry are from 5 to 7 cents a pound higher than they were a year ago, it is understood. Additional cooperative shipments are dependent upon the success of the loadings next week, and it is hoped a heavy shipment can be made, as it will improve the local markets for poultry.

Uneventful Session Is Held by County Court Last Tuesday

Judge Peel Lays Emphasis On Marital Obligations In Talk to Defendants

An uneventful session marked the ast Tuesday activities of the county ecorder's court, Judge Peel vividly alling to the attention of defendants heir solemn marital obligations.

Earl Tetterton and Lucy Smithwick, harged with housebreaking and lareny, pleaded not guilty, the court ranting a motion for non-suit. Lawrence Lilley, pleading guilty to charge of drunken driving, was fined

Charged with abandonment and non support, Charles B. Coltrain was directed by the court to pay \$5 a week

time for further judgment. Bond was

required in the sum of \$75. The case charging Herman Farmer and Lester Terry with housebreaking Funeral arrangements had not been and larceny was sent to the superior completed at noon, but it is likely that the funeral will be held in the home tomorrow and interment in the home quired in the sum of \$300 of each de-

All-Stars Get To Finals of Tourney

Game to Pantego in Last Contest Wednesday

Monday night the Martin All-Stars defeated Bethel 30 to 22 with Barnes and Uzzle leading the scoring for the Brown leading the scoring attack in friends are invited to attend.

the locals continued their lead to within a minute of the game's end and lost 28 to 27, the tournament honors going to the lower Beaufort As runners-up in the tournament, the local all-stars received a trophy and ten miniature basketballs. Jimmie Brown and Murphy L. Barnes placed as forward and center on the first all-tournament team, and Dick Cherry walked off with beauty

Presbyterian Auxiliary To Hear Mrs. Frank Lea

honors.

Mrs. Frank Lea, of Wilson, N. C. president of the Albemarle Presbyterial, will speak to the ladies of the auxiliary tonight at 7:45 p. m. in the Presbyterian church. All the ladies are urged to be present.

Special Meeting of Local Masons Tonight at 7:30

tors are cordially invited.

FINALS TUESDAY Agents from 15 Counties Meet

Jamesville Girls and Local Boys Are Winners; Sev- Old-Age Pension State Manager Will eral Awards Made

Jamesville's girls and Williamston's oys annexed the basketball champion ship titles in the county last Tuesday

Going into the finals with the odds 3:00 o'cloc at Robersonvlle. lightly against them, the Bear Grass It was generally believed that the tions. girls played a good game, but lost by organizer swept this county when he No money has been received and Preliminary arrangements for launch

he honor of holding it for a while Members of the winning teams were warded gold and silver basketballs. Several Illicit Stills Members of the runner-up teams also received basketball trophies.

J. D. Bowen, of the locals, led in Officers This Week coring with 21 points for the boys during the tournament, and Ruth Roe buck, Bear Grass, led for the girls Other awards were made to Louise Martin and Evelyn Mobley for scor ing work.

The boys all-tournament team inluded Ange and Martin, of Jamesville, forwards; Bowen, Williamston, center; Harrington, Farm Life, and Cooke, Williamston, guards. The girls' all-tournament team included, L. Martin, Jamesville, and V. Corey, Farm Life, forwards; E. Mobley, Bear Harrington, Farm Life, and L. Rogerson, Bear Grass, guards.

title of best sport in the tournament and no award was made. Principal D. N. Hix stated yester

tournaments, but that the one ending Dennis Whitaker, facing a similar here this week was the cleanest he charge, was ordered to pay \$2.50 a had ever seen and displayed better the extent that he was able to be up report to the court at the end of that teams played hard, but the defeats were taken as a part of the game, he

Colored Farmers Meet At Parmele

ng in the Parmele Training School last Wednesday afternoon when State farm authorities discussed the importance of a balanced farming program and the necessity of living at cal sextet. Principal W. C. Chance preided over the meeting.

Among those who spoke were: C R. Hudson, of Raleigh, State Agent ditchell district agent: A. D. Lowe.

Dinner was served at the close of

the session. Sunday afternoon, the 10th, the county parent-teacher association will morning at 11 o'clock and in the evemeet at the Training School at one ming at 7:30. A cordial welcome locals. The following night the lo- o'clock when Mrs. P. L. Boyd, State awaits all who will attend. cals defeated Greenville 33 to 32 in supervisor of elementary schools, will the last minutes of play, Jimmie deliver the main address. Interested her and friend who will is urged to

Leading Pantego 18 to 13 at the half Young People Hurt in

Whit Purvis, jr., Gwenn Watts, able to be out today.

the agreement to keep it until next different and indifferent, the meek and considered in Congress, but help of Sheffield, head of the inovenient in the October when the locals will have lowly, and the all-hopeful, have been any kind is not yet in clear sight. State, and J. R. Tippott, secretary to FISHING PERMITS

With the season for fishing at

hand, the sale of licenses is under-

way, County Game Warden W. O.

Abbitt said this morning. The

warden is issuing licenses for com-

mercial fishing with nets of all

kinds, and a few state licenses to

individuals. A resident may fish

with hook and line in his own

county without licenses, but to

fish with hook and line in other

counties a state license, costing

\$2.10 is required, the warden ex-

Introduce Bill To

bout fifteen years ago,

the planting season begins.

gress adopts the administration's re-

ntil the last minute," Garwood said.

until about April I and we shall have

Judge Moore To Preside

the Smithwicks Creek Church case

Rainfall Last Month Was

Much Less Than Usual

Rainfall in this section last month

was considerably below the average,

Hugh Spruill, bridge keeper on the

Roanoke, reporting only 2.35 inches

furing the period as compared with

about 4 1-4 inches in February of last

year. The rainfall was the lowest last

month for any February since 1931,

when only a little over 2 inches fell

her several years ago.

not yet started."

lief program.

Seed Loan Fund Is

with 44 points, each reacing awards. Raids Are Conducted in Three Townships; No Operators Caught

Captured by County

Officers C. B. and J. H. Roebuck ssisted by Roy Peel, destroyed sev eral liquor plants this week, one in Williams Township, another in Popla: Point, and still another in Bear Gras-

The still captured in Williams Town hip was one of the lowest type, the Grass, center; Carson, Jamesville, operator using a gasoline drum tor a kettle, a pigs-foot keg for a cap, oint of pump pipe for a connection Four players, Blount, L. Rawls, with the condenser. Little better than Harrington and Bowen, tied for the such an outfit, Deputy Roebuck said

Poplar Point, but the kettle was one. Two barrels of beer were poured Yesterday in Poplar Point the offi-

ers located a plant, but found the barrels of slop, the officer said.

Local Cage Teams Drop Two Games

The local basketball teams dropped wo more games Wednesday night, the A large numbers of farmers and and the girls losing to those from others attended an agricultural meet- Hertford, 31 to 7. Two extra periods were necessary to break ties in the oys' game.

Elizabeth City girls come here to ight to close the season for the lo

Coach Peters, discussing the record made by the girls, said that even though they won only two games the season was successful in that they acof farm demonstration work; J. W. cepted the losses as a part of the game State supervisor of home demonstra- ready the coach is practicing coming After defeating two of the strongest tion, and Olive Carter, county agent. high-school players, and he is certain note, reduced from time to time, has teams in this section, the Sanitary Music was furnished by the school that a winning team is in the making.

Services Announced For Christian Church

Christian church services Sunday

Sunday school at 9:45. Every mem attend.

Parmele Citizens Vote To Auto Wreck Improving Accept Offer of V. E. & P.

Parmele citizens, by a count of 22 Louise Cooke and Ella Wynne Critch- to 6, voted last Tuesday to sell their er are rapidly recovering at their electrical distribution system to the homes here and Milton James is get- Virginia Electric and Power Company. ting along very well in a Washington The company has already taken over nospital following an automobile ac- the system, which it plans to rebuild cident near Jamesville last Saturday. almost in its entirety, according to un-Several of the wreck victims here are official reports received here following the election

Exposition and Auto Show At Robersonville Next Week

bile show and exposition, the people of Robersonville have made elaborate arrangements for entertaining thousands of visitors from all over this section there all next week. The Central Warehouse there has been elaborately decorated for the event, and numerous booths and exhibits are being prepared, the management declaring that the show will be one of the best ever held in this section of

An extensive program has been

arranged, including 16 vaudeville and circus acts, two major dances on Tuesday and Thursday nights, a public wedding, and the appearance of Goldsboro's 75-member choir. Space has been sold to a large number of exhibitors from various sections, and much interest is found in the exposition.

In a special advertisements appearing in this paper today, the merchants and other business firms of Robersonville are extending a cordial welcome to the people of this section to attend the show at any and all times during the wek.

Speak in Robersonville on March 14th By C. W. Sheffield in Filling Out Blanks According to an announcement re-forwarded to the organizer since his ceived here today, W. B. Fisher, state first visit in the county. night, bringing to a close one of the manager for the Townsend Old-Age Mr. Fisher stated this week that Meet of Local Committee Pension plan, will speak in this coun- 35,000,000 people have signed the petity again next Thursday afternoon at tions over the country, and apparently

Will Probably Be Held Next Week he is still anxious to have more peti-

Instruction Is Given

39 to 31 score. Williamston's boys addressed hundreds in the county none is likely to be received in the ing the 1935 cotton control program hardly had the edge as they reached courthouse here the early part of last fabulous amounts mentioned by the in this county were completed at a the finals against the Jamesville five, month. Several hundred petitions, Townsend plan; no money has been district meeting held here Wednesday but they won by the close score of carrying the names of at least 5,000 appropriated, and it is believed that with county agents and cotton compeople, including the aged, the young none will be appropriated by the gov- mitteemen from 15 counties in attend-A trophy cup was awarded, the the healthy and wealthy, the rich and criment after such a fantaste manner, ance. Instructions for handing the amesville girls taking possession with the poor, the able and disabled, the Bills designed to aid the aged are being sign-up were explained by Charles W. the State Allotment Board

A meeting of the local co men in this county will be held the early part of next week or soon after the arrival of the contract blanks, it was learned from Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control in this co ty yesterday. The proper blanks will be distributed to the committee and he plans for handling the sign-up will be explained in detail at that time. It s planned to start the sign-up campaign the latter part of next week or the early part of the following week, was said.

According to Mr. Slade, those farmers who were ineligible to sign last year, but who have been ruled eligible to participate in the reduction program this year will be asked to apply for contracts first, the old signers to await further announcement before meethe movement this coming season.

Investigate Loans While there are many papers for the Bills were introduced in the House con-contract signer of last year to sign and Senate yesterday to create a com- this season, the plan is Very simple, ittee to investigate and determine Mr. Slade expla the amouns which should be refunded difficulty is expected in receiving the counties making donations to the applications from the approximately highway commission several years 600 farmers who were not eligible to ago. The proposed measure intro- sign last year but who are eligible to duced in the two branches of the State sign this season.

Legislature this week supplants the The farmer who did not sign last bill introduced by Senator Coburn and year and who planted cotton in either Representative Horton last week. The 1933 or 1934 will be eligible to sign bill was referred to the Committee on this year. He will be notified direct by the agent's office to see the respect-Martin County will ask that it be ive local committeemen, offering prorefunded approximately one-half mil-duction and acreage figures for each lion dollars paid into the commission year from 1928 to 1924, inclusive, or fund for the construction of main for any of those years he planted cothighway routes in this county, in- ton. The contracts will be very sim oys losing to Hertford, 21 to 15, cluding the Roanoke River bridge, a liar to those agreements signed by the

> Designed to include the small-scale farmer, the new contract is considered very flexible. The farmer with a base Not Yet Available of five acres or less can rent it all to may rent I and plant 4, or he may Washington, Farm credit officials rent 2, 3, or 4, and plant the differ-Washington.—Farm credit officials refuse to take seriously, yet, the bossibility of Congress failing to provide both and plant none. The farmer with less than 2 acres will hardly be "If it were the first of April, I stood. However, those farmers with would be worrying," F. M. Garwood, 2 acres or more of cotton will, it is thief of the production credit division, reliably understood, find it to their said this week. "But it still is the first advantage to sign contracts

> of March, and the planting season has The old contract signer will find it very easy to complete his plans for President Roosevelt already has the 1935 crop. He will be allowed to igned a seed and feed relief bill, call-sign a supplementary form, giving ing for \$60,000,000 in loans to hardacreage and production figures for pressed farmers. The money will not 1934. One form, No. 104, allows the be forthcoming until-and if-Con- contract to continue with no adjustment. Contract form No. 102 pro-"But Congress always seems to wait the supplementary form No. 104, the vides for an adjustment. In signing farmer will be given an opportunity to 'Last year we did not get the money select the most advantageous acreage in accordance with the terms of the no particular difficulties if the cash contract. In other words, for example, not forthcoming until then this the farmer with a 10-acre base can plant 7 acres and rent 3 to the government, or he can plant 6 and rent 4 to the government. If the farmer found Over March Term Court it necessary to buy tax warrants last year he will probably find it to his ad-Scheduled to preside over the two-vantage to plant the 6 acres and rent weeks' term of Martin County Super- 4 to the government. All farmers, it or Court convening here the 18th of is earnestly believed, will do well to this month, Judge N. A. Sinclair has remember that the law governing the made arrangements to be at other cotton situation plans to allow the taxplaces during that time and Judge free marketing of only 65 per cent of layton Moore will hold the term, it the base production. And it is also was learned here this morning. Judge understood that the cost of tax war-Sinclair has not held a term of court rants will be increased probably by 2 here since he set the verdict aside in cents or more a pound

Officials in the Martin County agent's office are doing all they can to complete the contract arrangements, and farmers will aid the work by reporting to their respective committees just as soon as they are notified by direct mail.

Program of Services At Church of the Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector. First Sunday in Lent: Church school; 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30