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## ANOTHER LONG SESSION COUNTY COURT TUESDAY

26 Cases on Docket; Only 14 Disposed of; No Court Session Next Week

With 26 cases on the docket for trial, two of them before a jury, the county recorder's court was in session all of Tuesday. Judge Peel showering violators of the liquor laws with long jail sentences, and exacting substantial fines from convicted drunken automobile drivers. Only 14 cases were cleared from the docket, the others being continued until the last Tuesday in the year. No session of the court will be held next Tuesday, Judge Peel announced from the bench.

The case charging Carlton Hardy with carnal knowledge was quashed. The action was taken on a strictly technical count, after the State had apparently established its case against the young white man. Some defect was found in the warrant, it was said, and the state appealed to the higher courts.

George Harrison, Plymouth man, was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost for alleged drunken automobile driving.

The case charging Charlie Price with drunken driving was dismissed.

Tried before a jury for the alleged illegal sale of liquor to John Page, white man who was burned to death several weeks ago, John Ellison, colored man, was found guilty, the court sentencing him to the roads for six months. The defense would have shifted the blame for Page's tragic death to the state, explaining that Page first bought liquor from one of the county stores first. The court held, however, that the state's act was legal and Ellison's sale was not. An appeal was noted.

The case charging Enoch Peel with an assault was not prosed.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Robert Lee Jones with reckless driving and operating a car without a driver's license.

The case charging Zachariah Briley with non-support was dismissed.

Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in the case charging Calve Best with an assault on a female.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging Lacy Warren with drunken driving.

Johnnie Moore was sentenced to jail for 30 days on a drunk and disorderly charge.

Probable cause appearing in the case, William Hill, colored, who was alleged to have robbed Ira Griffin's store, was bound over to the superior court for trial. Bond was required in the sum of \$300, and unable to raise it Hill was returned to jail.

Andrew Everett, aged colored man charged with violating the A. B. C. act, was sentenced to jail for six months, to be assigned to the keeper of the county home for work there.

Charged with larceny and receiving, R. L. Crowell was found not guilty, but Victoria Slade was adjudged guilty and drew 30 days in jail.

Ed Harley, charged with the larceny of a pair of shoes and a lumberjacket from Adler's store in Robersonville, was sentenced to the roads for three months.

## Christmas Times In Local Schools

Local schools will mark the opening of the holiday season this afternoon with individual Christmas parties and the suspension immediately thereafter of all class activities for a period of two weeks. Examinations, started last Wednesday, will be behind the youthful scholars, and gay times are expected when gifts are exchanged around the trees in the several rooms in the elementary department. Grade mothers are assisting teachers in handling the parties.

The high school, a little too old or a bit too sophisticated, are having no Christmas programs of their own, the pupils apparently entertaining the idea that examinations successfully behind them furnish sufficient joy for any season of the year.

## Hog Cholera Causes Big Loss in Wilson

Wilson farmers have suffered heavy losses from hog cholera ravaging their herds during the past two weeks.

## Christmas Cheer Campaign Near End; Issue Last Appeal

Christmas is upon us, and as the day draws near the cries of many little poverty-stricken children in the community remain unanswered, making necessary a final appeal for cooperation in the Christmas cheer campaign. While no one is unduly urged to participate, an appealing plea is directed to those who would share the joy and happiness of aiding the less fortunate, to act at once.

Other than a large collection of toys donated by the people of the town and gathered by the Scouts, the Christmas cheer campaign has had very little support. One of the home grocers donated a box of oranges

and a cash fund of \$17.57 has been created, making it necessary at this time to limit the purchase of fruit and candy to less than 10 cents for each child.

The movement is gaining momentum daily, the extent of created joy and happiness depending upon the generosity of our people.

In directing this final plea for the needy little ones of this community, the Enterprises acknowledge every donation, regardless how small, with thanks, and pledges its every effort in handling the distribution that the maximum happiness and joy will be brought to the little throbbing hearts this Christmas time.

## Employment Office Is Opened at Courthouse

### SPECIAL SHOW

Hundreds of children are planning to see the special show Friday afternoon at 2:15 which has been arranged by the management of the Watts Theatre for increasing the supply of toys for use in the local Christmas Cheer campaign. Children will be admitted for 5 cents, plus a toy of some kind. If there are no discarded toys around the lot, purchases can be made. Some kind of toy must be had for the child to gain admittance. Admission to grown people will be 25 cents.

A unique program has been booked by Mr. Watts for the special night show. A complete change of program will be made for the night shows.

## Parents-Teachers Hold Final Meet Of Year Tuesday

### Recovery Program By First Two Grades Enjoyed By Many Parents

Nearly 100 parents and patrons of the local schools assembled in the elementary building auditorium last Tuesday afternoon for the last monthly meeting of the year, reports indicating that the attendance was the largest on record for several years.

Following a brief business session, the meeting enjoyed a splendid program offered by the first and second grades and directed by Misses Besie Wilson, Josephine Harrison, Estelle Crawford, Mary Benson, and Ethelyn Eason, teachers. The entertainment was a playlet, "Santa Claus' Recovery," the youngsters gleefully telling how the old gentleman recovered from a physical ailment in time to make his rounds. The program had nothing to do with Santa's economic recovery, it was pointed out. But the whole show, including the group songs led by Miss Frances Dailey, was greatly enjoyed.

The association plans another meeting for the early part of January.

### Jamesville Wins Two Over Rocky Mount Wednesday

Jamesville's basketball teams added two more victories to their long list Wednesday night by turning back the Rocky Mount teams at Rocky Mount. Led by Miss Hardison, the Jamesville girls won 28 to 19. The boys, led by Ange with 21 points, defeated the Rocky Mount quint, 34 to 13.

### Special Song Service at Baptist Church Sunday

A special Christmas song service will feature the worship program in the Baptist church here Sunday. Special practices have been held by the choir, and a number of Christmas songs will be sung at the evening service, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. No preaching service will be held at that hour.

The Sunday school will convene at the usual hour Sunday morning, followed with a sermon by the pastor at the 11 o'clock hour.

## FEWER CLAIM AND DELIVERY WRITS ARE APPLIED FOR

Number So Far This Year Considerably Smaller Than Last Fall

Martin County court records so far this season show the smallest number of claim and delivery actions in recent years. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stating a day or two ago that he had handled less than a dozen of the papers this fall, or about one-half the number recorded in the latter part of 1934. While all the actions probably effected hardships on the parties, most of the cases originated when the defendants failed to abide by their contracts and wrongly and in a number of cases foolishly diverted funds belonging to another, it was explained.

One case was cited where a farmer turned to a merchant early in the year for supplies, including two mules, feed, food, farm tools, and seed. The farmer sold his tobacco and cotton, and failed to apply one cent on the debt. During the meantime he was prosecuted for violation of the liquor laws, and pledged his unpicked peanuts to another party in an effort to raise the fine and court costs. A claim and delivery action was started against the man.

In probably one or two cases, the defendants experienced ill luck all the year long, and just could not meet their obligations. Those cases are decidedly in the minority, however.

And very few other civil suits were instituted in the courts of this county this fall season, the clerk explaining that only three had been filed up until the middle of the month, and they were only minor ones.

The office of the sheriff, however, has had a busy fall, for in addition to increased work caused by crime law violations and tax collections, the officers have handled half a hundred tax foreclosure papers, calling for personal visits to more than 300 individuals scattered all over the county.

## J. M. MOSELEY, OF WILLIAMS, FOUND DEAD THIS WEEK

### Funeral Services For Pitt County Native Are Held Thursday Afternoon

J. M. Moseley, Williams Township farmer, was found dead in his bed early last Wednesday morning, his death believed to be the result of heart trouble. He had been suffering during the past several months with various ailments, but upon retiring the evening before he was thought to be in his usual health. Mrs. Moseley, with one daughter, Mrs. Lena Bryant, of Leens, and seven sons, Ernest, of Columbia; Bruce of Swan Quarter; Early, Herman, Jimmie, Lindsay, and Melton Moseley, of Williams Township, survives.

A native of Pitt County, Mr. Moseley and his family moved to the Spring Green section of this county about 20 years ago. Recognized as a very capable farmer, he met with success until 1920, when he suffered reverses. Two years ago he moved to Williams Township, where he lived and farmed until his death. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon, and interment followed at Spring Green Church.

### Sanitary Grocery Team To Meet Bethel Here Friday

The Sanitary Grocery basketball team will meet Bethel's all-star quint in the gymnasium here Friday night at 8 o'clock in the first game of the season. The locals' lineup includes the names of nearly all former stars, and a good game is expected.

### Schedule of Presbyterian Services Is Announced

The Presbyterian church will hold its regular services Sunday at all points.

9:30, Sunday school at Williamston.

9:45, Sunday school at Bear Grass.

11 a. m., Preaching service at Williamston.

3 p. m., Sunday schools at Roberson's Chapel and Poplar Point.

6:15, Young people's meetings at Bear Grass.

7, preaching service at Bear Grass.

## Plan To Make Loans To Needy Farmers for Planting Next Year

### Local Merchants Ready To Care for Last-Minute Needs

Time is short, but shoppers in their desperate last-minute rush to make complete their Christmas buying activities, will find Williamston an ideal center to solve their shopping problems easily and very readily.

Shelves have been re-stocked and hundreds of new articles have been placed on display in the last day or two, the local merchants having made ample preparations to adequately care for the needs of their thousands

of patrons this Christmas time. Comparative studies show, without a doubt, that Williamston merchants are better prepared than ever to serve the Christmas shopper, and their prices will be found right in line with those anywhere.

Visit Williamston during the three remaining shopping days before Christmas, see the extensive decorations and visit the stores. A ready welcome awaits every one.

## Rural Resettlement Administration Will Be Lending Agency

### Farmers Urged To Make Arrangements for New Year Immediately

In furtherance of rural rehabilitation and relief for need or destitute farmers in stricken agricultural areas next year, the Resettlement Administration is planning to advance loans on a comparatively large scale and directly, according to unofficial information received here. In short, the Resettlement Administration in financing this type of farmer, will operate after a pattern similar to the one followed by the Seed and Loan fund, it is believed, advancing loans at 5 percent interest to farmers who are ineligible or who find it impossible to finance their operations through the regular credit channels.

While the details of the plan are not fully known just at this time, the general plan of the administration has the promise of proving of great value to hard-pressed farmers, including tenants and others, and those people who have been forced from their farms during the past two or three years. As the proposed system is understood, a tenant can go ahead and make arrangements to rent or procure in other ways a plot of land, and then turn to the Resettlement Administration for a loan to finance his operations. It is also understood that any unemployed and who was once a farmer, can rent or bargain for a piece of land and finance his activities through an administration loan.

Accepting these facts at their face value, hard-pressed farmers who will be unable to finance their farming operations in 1936, and those other persons who wish to rent land and farm next year, should see the district rural rehabilitation directors at once and make arrangements for farming in the new year. Mr. David Modlin is the director for this county.

It is the policy of the administration to seek the permanent rehabilitation of borrowers by establishing them on farms which, together with other available employment, will yield enough income to make them self sustaining, give them an acceptable standard of living, and permit amortization of their loans.

Farm owners, farm tenants, sharecroppers, farm laborers, persons who were recently in any of these classes, and other persons with farming experience, who are or were recently on relief rolls, or who are or were recently registered as borrowers from State Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, or who are in default in payments to the Federal Land Bank and are in danger of foreclosure and eviction, or who are in default to or have been denied credit by the Farm Credit Administration or any agency thereof, or who are found by Resettlement Administration representatives to be similarly in need of aid shall be eligible to receive loans under certain conditions from the administration, it is understood.

Loans may be made to such persons, as far as allotted funds permit, if they evidence an acceptable initiative and resourcefulness, show some managerial capacity, and show promise of ability to profit from instruction and guidance, and if the solid resources available to them, or to be made available, promise a satisfactory return on human labor intelligently applied, it is further understood.

There are about a dozen purposes for which the loans may be secured, such as the purchase of building materials for the repair of buildings and fences; the purchase of farm machinery and equipment, farm tools and household equipment; the

### Rev. J. G. Crocker New Pastor of Local Church

Rev. J. G. Crocker, of Pine Level, has succeeded Rev. S. A. Fann as pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness church here, the former pastor going to Goldsboro. Starting his pastorate early this month, the minister will conduct services here each first and third Sunday, it was announced. Services were formerly held on the second and fourth Sundays.

## Decorations Here Are Favorably Mentioned

### County Crew Comes Out of Dark With Help of Decorator

### Town Officials Recognize Ability of County Force For Decorating

Braving a cold wind from up Santa Claus way, and working the greater part of the day Wednesday, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Deputy Joe H. Roebuck, and Roy Peel, with the assistance of Johnnie Philpott, the Philly trained decorator, pulled themselves out of the dark with their Christmas decorations on top of the courthouse tower. Placing finishing touches to their work of art Thursday, the courthouse group, sponsoring the decorations with individual donations, can now hold their heads high as they pass Mayor Hassell's and Officer Allsbrooks' decorations on the town hall dome.

The courthouse gang, following the instructions of the chief decorator, Joe Roebuck, turned the old bleak tower into a cheery spot when they placed lighted wreaths on the sides with "Merry Christmas" signs in the center, and capped the structure with a sizeable tree. Lights on the little forest high in the air have been rearranged, and reflectors are used to give a mass lighting effect. The courthouse decorations were unofficially recognized by the town bunch "almost as good as ours." The disinterested observer will be obliged to rate the decorations as excellent with both sides due honors.

The numerous hundreds of lights in the business section, the town hall and courthouse decorations and the cheery little Christmas trees that brighten spots in yards all over town are sufficient to make a visit to Williamston well worth while. Attractive show windows add to the spirit of the season, and all combine to make the decorative scheme the most extensive and attractive ever seen here.

Stopping here a short while on Wednesday evening, a traveler from Pennsylvania remarked that Williamston was one of the best decorated towns he had seen this season.

### Church of Advent and St. Martin's Sunday Services

Church of the Advent:  
Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector.  
Fourth Sunday in Advent:  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Holy Communion, 8 a. m.

St. Martin's, Hamilton  
Church school, 10 a. m.  
11 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon.  
7:30 p. m., Evening prayer and sermon.

### White Gift Service at the Methodist Church Sunday

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Our White Gift Offering for the needy will be taken at the Sunday school, and all who will do so—children and grown folk—are asked to bring anything they may wish to give—groceries, toys, ties, socks, handkerchiefs, etc. If you do not come to the Sunday school, bring your gift to the regular preaching service.

### Next Paper to Follow Close On Heels of This Edition

Today's issue of The Enterprise goes out several hours ahead of its regular schedule to make way for next Tuesday's paper on Saturday of this week. In keeping with an old established and much-favored custom, no edition will be published for next Friday. Members of the force will be engaged Monday and Tuesday distributing the collection of toys to the needy children of the town and will observe the remainder of the week as a holiday.

## Pensioners' Checks Being Distributed Here This Week

### Last Veteran's Check Was Among Lot; Total of \$1,800 Paid Out

The last Confederate pension check for a veteran in this county is being delivered this week, but not to a veteran. The one who had earned the pecuniary recognition, David F. Roberson, of Robersonville, passed away only last week, and the check goes to his estate, marking an end to a compensation that was too small, if anything. While the pension fund is no longer needed for veterans in this county, the compensation to widows of the Confederacy is increasing gradually, the list of honor now carrying the names of seven Class A and twelve Class B widows in this county.

The Class A widows are awarded \$150 and those of the lower class get \$50, twice each year, making a total of \$1,832.50 including the \$182.50 go in to the estate of the late Mr. Roberson at this time.

The checks, coming as a valuable Christmas gift to the widows, are being distributed to the owners this week by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynn. Names of the widows are: Mrs. Cressy L. Barnhill, Mrs. Winnie Benjamin, Mrs. Martha Gurganus, Mrs. Lucy A. Mizelle, Mrs. Martha J. Peel, Mrs. Mary G. Perry, Mrs. Martha E. Philpott, Mrs. Allie Riddick, Mrs. Mosella Roberson, Mrs. Irene A. Smith, Mrs. Martha C. Walker and Mrs. Martha A. White, all of Class B; and Mrs. Arceana Andrews, Mrs. Mahalie J. Gurganus, Mrs. Sarah A. Hoard, Mrs. Virginia Perry, Mrs. Helen A. Rhodes, Mrs. Caroline Roberson and Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Class A.

### Five Turkeys Stolen From Farm Near Here

Five turkeys, belonging to Farmer J. A. Sugg, were stolen from their roost on the Staton farm near here, last Friday night. Officers are investigating the theft, but no definite developments have been reported in the case so far, it was stated today.

Herbert Brown is being held for questioning, it was learned, but officers refused to comment on the man's arrest.

### 1150,000 in Benefit Payments To Bertie

Benefit payments to peanut growers in Bertie County will amount to approximately \$1,150,000 this year.