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Pre-View Of Work In State's Assembly Road Refund Claims Legislative Program Chapter in Paul Lilley Murder

Conservatism Will Mark Activities of 1939 Law Makers

Offering a pre-view of what, in his opinion. North Carolina's 1939 legislature will do, Hugh G. Horton, Martin County's representative, commented just before leaving for Raleigh early today that he believed the body will be very conservative in its action, the law maker adding that he anticipated no drastic change in the taxing policies of the State this year.

"I do not see how, under present conditions, the appropriations carbe increased very much," Mr. Horton said, adding that he did not believe the present tax burden should be increased if it could possibly be avoided.

Commenting briefly on education and its treatment in the General Assembly, Mr. Horton said, "It is probable that a twelfth grade will be added to the high school system." The proposition literally carries dynamite as some of the members of the legislative group will want local supplements voted to help improve conditions in the schools. "There will be plenty opposition to a local supplementary program, Mr. Horton explained.

Taking the position that something should be done to reform the election laws, Mr. Horton said that reform legislation would be offered and that it would get consideration, in his opinion.

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The liquor question, while not expected to prove a major issue, is certain to have a place in the program. New Congress Today Mr. Horton pointing out that there will be some members who will

want to abolish the A.B.C. system W.P.A. Policies, Spending and that others will want it enlarged. "Social security laws will proba-

bly be amended," in the opinion of the Martin representative, and "due to the national Wage and Hour laws, the State will also be asked to pass certain labor laws."

An interesting subject was touched when the legislator said, "There legislative halls. appears some dissatisfaction with respect to the present highway laws, and some highway legislation will be proposed." Unofficial reports indicate that many counties will renew their claims to road refunds, and that Mr. Horton will likely be asked to lead the fight for the claimants in the House. In connection with highway monies, a determined fight is expected against diversion 327 to 261, the Republicans registerof gasoline taxes to other departing an increase from 90 to 169. ments

Approved by the voters when they favored an amendment to the country as a whole will offer itself claims have been carried before the duplication is costing us all money." agreed to drop the program in its o'clock. Apparently in his usual ing condition, but the evidence of-State Constitution last November, a State Department of Justice will relegislators will work. ceive consideration this session in the opinion of Mr. Horton.

"There will be legislation on a proposal to eliminate local legisla-

Little Business Is TO NAME BRYANT Handled By County **Group First Monday**

Still Hear Appeals For Wider Roads in the County

Holding their first meeting of the new calendar year, the Martin County commissioners Monday had "1 To pass a law providu the smallest business calendar before them than at any time in several years. Reports were reviewed from the various county departmental heads and monthly accounts were inspected, Chairman J. E. Pope dismissing the body before the noon hour.

The routine business completed

in record time, the commissioners ties heard an appeal from citizens in Bear Grass and Williamston Townships, urging the State Highway commission to widen and improve a narrow road running from the Williamston Road at Tom Bailey's in Williamston Township via the property of John H. Roberson, and then to Bear Grass, a distance of about two miles. One of those go- a 12th grade supported by State ing before the board said he could funds. almost reach to either side of the

National Legislators And thus another "potato ridge" is **Open First Session** system in Martin County. The board ordered an adjustment

ed the bearded question of refunds The 76th session of the National Highway and Public Works Com-Congress was opened in Washing- mission to the several counties ad-

ton at noon today, first reports from vancing money for the construction the nation's capital indicating that of roads a number of years ago. "We little during the first few days in the mate claim to a refund of around the 1939 session of the Legislature" \$400,000, and we talked with Hugh With WPA policies, spending and G. Horton, Martin County represendiscussion, it is certain that the cur- urged him to press the claims in evrent session will be as controversial ery possible way," Commissioner as any held since 1933. The Senate John E. Pope said. It was apparent

opens with 69 Democrats and 23 Re- that the commissioners were-disappublicans as compared with 77 pointed in the action of the State Democrats and 15 Republicans for Highway Commission when it blunt-1937-38. In the House, the Democra- ly denied any and all claims advanctic membership has dropped from | ed by the counties. It is understood that a group of

counties are contemplating an orformer Governor J. C. B. Ehring-

from this State to contend with, and highway commiscsion finally got tic. Martin, Halifax, Chowan, and apparently he'll have additional aid through juggling the problem, the Edgecombe.

Advocates \$5.00 State Auto Tags and Coordination Of Departments Mystery at Formal Inquest Today

Takes Its Stand For

Meeting in Ahoskie last Friday afernoon approximately 100 North Carolina Farm Bureau members, representing the main peanut-growing counties in this section of the State, passed resolutions urging the

adoption of an eight-point legislative program for the current year, and discussed plans for the promotion of agriculture. The resolutions

"1. To pass a law providing for \$5 tags for autos and farm to market trucks.

"2. To build all-weather farm-to market roads with North Carolina limestone, as a supplement to the soil conservation program. "3. To coordinate all agricultural

agencies in the State, eliminating duplication and overlapping of du-

"4. To foster and protect our extension program and the teaching of vocational agriculture.

"5. To secure needed revision of State feed, fertilizer and seed laws. "6. To adapt all State school systems to the needs of North Carolina boys and girls, with added manual George W. Taylor and Calvin Ayers training and vocational work; and the addition to the school system of

"7. We favor the creation of a separate and distinct peanut experiment farm and ask the legislature cited as a part of the secondary road to appropriate not less than \$20,000 for that purpose.

"8. We endorse the action of the made in the listing of taxes of Mrs. State executive committee in recom-Henry Brown's property in Rober- mending to Secretary of Agriculture sonville Township for the year 1938. Henry A. Wallace that this State be While no official action was tak- divided into five zones, according to en, the board at its meeting discuss-| value of agricultural products, and, that one of the five members of the due from the North Carolina State State committee on agriculture be a peanut grower."

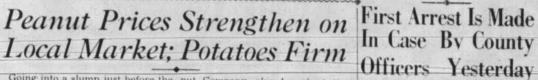
No dissenting vote was cast on any of the eight proposals and a motion was made that Arnold spend the lawmakers there will work very still maintain that we have a legiti- "24 hours a day in Raleigh during

In the discussion preceding the vote on the third proposal, R C provement program is now hanging armaments on the program for early tative in the State legislature, and Holland, of Edenton, manager of the by a mere thread, the town commis-North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, declared:

"I don't care whose political toes we step on with this motion. This, subject has been sidetracked by the last several administrations. "If the extension service is ren-

dering more efficient service," he continued, "then 'let them do the job. If the department of agriculture As the new Congress gets under- ganization to place their claims is rendering the most efficient seras the keynote around which the law makers previously, but when Present were the county bureau president of the following counties: figure. There'll be Senator J. W. Bailey haus, a special committee and the Hertford, Northampton, Gates, Ber-

> ney to the Southern office of the Ben Everette Representative to the General Assembly, took part in the discussions. of



Going into a slump just before the nut Company, closed a short time holidays, peanut prices regained before the holidays, continues idle. No Definite Clues Found in much of their lost ground this week, the management stating yesterday much of their lost ground this week, the local market reporting a top of three and one-half cents for bunch while peanut prices were regain-

stock. The gain of one-quarter of a ing part of their lost ground, the first chapter at a formal inquest held cent partially restored confidence potato market remained firm, this morning, county officers and in the market, but doubt has been the Corbett Package Company special investigator announced that expressed as to whether prices will stating today that prices are holdregain the four-cent peak reached ing to 75 cents a bushel While de- Lilley, filling station operator, had the early part of last month. Immed- liveries by farmers have shown a not be formally closed by them. In iately following the killing of the slight decrease, the market continues connection with the statement, the crop control plan for tobacco, prices to receive about all the potatoes it officers announced the first arrest for the goobers started falling and can handle. Sixteen carloads have in the case. Idell Bunting, white wothe market barely held a level es- been shipped to northern markets man, was taken into custody yestertablished by the North Carolina Pea- from this point already this season day and is being held in the county

nut Stabilization cooperative. Few movements have been re- from this point during the next few believe that the woman is not imported so far this week, and it is days. Decreased deliveries were at- plicated in the murder, but they are likely that most of those farmers tributed to an increase in the num-

their crops for market developments that the crop will start moving on a murder. She was not questioned by during the next several weeks. The plant of the Columbian Pea- killing season is spent.

Improvement Plan Is

building here tomorrow after-

J. T. Cooper, Farm Bureau

field representative, will lead

the discussions. All farmers are

Wm. Redden Lewis

Passes Near Here

noon at 2 o'clock.

urged to attend.

and several additional cars will move jail for investigation. The officers of the belief that she knows some of who have not sold will hold on to ber of hog killings Indications are the facts surrounding the brutal

> large scale just as soon as the hog the jury when it held a second session today following the one of last

Friday morning. The Bunting woman was reported to have been seen at the Lilley fillng station on the Washington Road near here, about five o'clock on the Hanging by a Thread morning before the murder. A "wo-man" was seen at the station about midnight before the stilling the folmidnight before the killing the following morning, but her identity has not been definitely established. Questioned at length by officers, the Bunting woman has told several different stories as to where she spent her time just prior to the killing.

Case, However, Sheriff

Explains

While a coroner's jury closed the

the ten-day old murder case of Paul

While the woman rests in jail, officers are working on several other "things" in connection with the murder, but they admitted this morning that they have not as yet found a definite clue that will substantiate a formal charge of mur-

After hearing the evidence of four young white men, the coroner's jury, composed of Charles A. Leonard, Jr. A. Suggs, Jack Horner, Ira and William Rogerson, and W. L. Tayor, rendered the following verdict: "We the jury, after a consideration of all testimony to be procured, find that Paul Lilley came to his death from a pistol or rifle shot in the forehead in the hands of a party or parties unknown to us."

James Lilley, young son of the o'clock, the end coming three and They told how they found Mr. Lilley and traced their activities from an

ber of the town board and an attor- A native of Edgecombe, Mr. Lewis early hour in the morning of De-



Rejected

Apparently held up by big bond buyers, Williamston's \$124,200 imsioners in regular session last night turning to the Public Works Admin istration in the hope of selling

\$72,000 issue at 4 per cent to finance the program. A PWA grant of \$52,-200 is still available to the town for the program.

Bond buyers, calling here from considerable distances, are reported

William Redden Lewis, operator to be very much interested in buyof a small filling station near here ing the bonds at six per cent, but the on the old Bear Grass Road, died murdered man, William Biggs and way, improved business over the again before the legislature. The vice, then give the job to them. This commissioners are said to have there last Sunday night at 9:30 Earl Lewis found the man in a dyentirety for the present, at least, be- health during the day. Mr. Lewis fered officers virtually cleared them fore they would sell bonds at that suffered a stroke of paralysis at six of any connection with the crime.

Plans were made to send a mem- one-half hours later.

tion," the representative continued, explaining that purely local laws will possibly be left in the hands of local authorities. "But there will be an enormous amount of local legislation this session, but little is expected for this county," he added. lows:

"The usual re-apportionment bill, redistributing the representatives according to population, will come up for consideration."

"Some will try to pass homestead exemption laws pursuant to the constitutional amendment approved by the people more than two years ago."

"These are some, but, of course, not all of the problems the legislature opening tomorrow night will face during the session," Mr. Horton said in concluding a brief preview of the assembly work.

Attends Funeral Of Daughter, 84

Colored people live to a ripe old age in the Hassell section of this county, a report reaching here this week stating that a highly respected colored woman died there Christmas eve day at the age of 84 years and that her mother attended the funeral services on Monday, the day after Christmas.

Unusually active for her advanced age, Adeline Hyman was taken ill about two weeks before Christmas. Pneumonia, rather than the infirmities of age, caused her death. Her mother and her mother's sister, now residents of Edgecombe to the unemployed. County, came over for the last rites The age of the mother is not defi-The Philathea Class of the Bap nitely known, but it is around 105 tist church will meet with Mrs. John years. Miller at her home on Marshall Ave-

The deceased, twice married, survived by one son who is well over half a century old. They had l ed on the Haislip farm in the sell community for many yes

s fight against the New inties were still lef Deal. Martin County farmers and old proverbial bag. Commissioners C. C. Fleming, others generally view the Senator as one of the black spots on the hori-zon. Jamesville; R. L. Perry, of Bear Grass; J. E. Pope, of Williamston;

A brief pre-view of the national C. Abram Roberson; of Robersonsituation has been offered as fol- ville, and R. A. Haislip, of Hassell, were present for the meeting

Congress, back again, promises to **Attendance** Upon talk much; act slowly. Mr. Roosevelt intends to have the country see congressmen , functioning without

executive leadership. The federal government's budget

Attorney H. G. Horton, Mar-

tin County Representative in

the State Legislature, will of-

fer the nomination of Victor

Bryant for the Speaker of the

House at a party caucus in Ral-

eigh this evening at 8 o'clock.

The legislature opens its session

tomorrow at noon, and Governor

Clyde Hoey will deliver his ad-

dress to the body Thursday eve-

And Armaments Fore-

most Topics

ning.

Reopening yesterday following a two weeks Christmas holiday, the will continue out of kilter - about two billion dollars off balance. Unemployment relief is to remain for another year the nation's biggest sin- reported a normal attendance upon gle expense. Emphasis in relief will classes for the first school day in shift from uplift work to efficiency. the new year. Slight increases were Farm problems are to continue reported at Oak City, Williamston unsolved: farmers are to continue to and one or two other schools. Roberget bigger and better government sonville and one or two other schools subsidies. 'Money tinkering is not to reported small decreases. "Attendance was splendid for the

first day after a holiday, and most

of the children appeared to be glad

become popular. Strikes will increase in number compared with 1938.

nue Friday night at eight o'clock.

to get back," Principal D. N. Hix, of Rearmament is to serve to distract public attention from internal diffi- the local schools, said this morning.] culties: to take the mind of Congress The number of families moving from cutting capers on other issues. Argument galore is piling up as the a year ago in some of the school dis-White House shapes foreign policy tricts. Reports state, however, that pointed to more American participaquite a few families are unable to tion in affairs abroad. find places to move to and that once

WPA is to be shorn of many functhe exchange of houses gets undertions and to have its administrative way there'll be a great deal of furnipersonnel cut sharply under the new ture airing.

Only one change in the county facset-up. Inside word has it that emphasis will be placed on the quality ulty personnel was reported as the of projects and the improvement of schools started the new calendar the return the government gets from year. Miss Mildred Everett, of the its money, rather than on catering Oak City school, resigned to return to Fremont. She was succeeded by Mrs. Jones, of Rocky Mount, as

teacher of history and English.

Open T. B. Clinics appointed to go to Atlanta possibly In County Tomrrow for the loan in person.

The first of two tuberculosis clinics scheduled for this county by the of the \$52,200 is being maintained don, and two daughters, Mrs Addie someone walking around in the sta-Schools Is Normal health department will be held in by keeping two or three men at Lee Rogers, of this county, and tion, possibly two persons, I left the offices of Drs. Saunders and Brown here tomorrow. Opening at improvement program underway. A 8:30 o'clock the clinic is expecting few sidewalks have been cleared and yesterday afternoon at one o'clock Officers believe that there was a Martin County schools, as a whole, approximately 165 white children made ready for concrete, but there by Rev James H Smith, pastor of party in the station during a great-

> port for X-ray pictures. Special the town is not successful in efforts was in the family cemetery at St. killed Mr. Lilley from the inside by technicians from the State Sanator- to float the \$72,000 bond issue with Lewis in Edgecombe County. ium will assist in the work. Nearly the PWA. 250 colored children are expected | Delayed almost 30 minutes while

the Duke-Southern California foothere for the clinic Thursday. From 8:30 to 12 noon, tomorrow, ball game was in progress, the comwhite children will be received from missioners handled very little busi-

the schools at Oak City, Roberson- ness in their first meeting of the new ville, Gold Point, Everetts, Hassell calendar year. They gave orders to and Hamilton. In the afternoon, be- the police department to keep public Charlie Roebuck and Toodlie Holdginning at 1 and until 3 o'clock chil- alley ways open, and ruled against ing well demonstrated that Martin dren, will be received from the an increase in police officers' salar. County produces some mighty big Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass ics just now. Plans to mark the eaters.

this year is hardly as large as it was Williamston school districts. streets with modern signs were On Thursday, between the hours dropped when it was learned the County home where the two men ate pastor of the several Presbyterof 8:30 a. m. and 12 noon, colored cost would exceed \$600. Possibly a made their headquarters a short ian churches in this county, left this children will be received from the cheaper marker will be used. schools at Williamston, Jamesville All members of the board were Dardens, Smithwick's, Woolard's, present for the session which lasted fried ham, several pieces of country ities there and in other points in Bear Grass, Williams, Lower Keys, a scant hour.

Corey, Biggs and Burroughs. That afternoon, children in the Oak City, Locals Play Teams Parmele, Salsbury, Poplar Point, White Oak Springs, Gold Point, Ev-

eretts, Robersonville, Whichard-James, Jones, Hamilton, Bowers and Cross Roads will attend the clin- ball court against Washington here was passed and repassed several and it is with sincere regret The approximately 400 children game at 7: 30 o'clock.

Patrolman W. S. Hunt is expected home today from Pennsylvania two days showed positive reactions The locals, with a number of play-A successor to Mr. Whitley in to o'clock. In the totals, with a number of play-the totals, with a number of play-the totals, with a number of play-strained to business. He was accompanied by the total farmer of the Highway Pa-to business. He was accompanied by the here. The totals, with a number of play-ers back from last year's team, are expected to offer two good games. A small admission fee will be ask-the here. The totals, with a number of play-ers back from last year's team, are expected to offer two good games. A small admission fee will be ask-the invited them a second time. A successor to Mr. Whitley in county has not been named, the host, Mr. Berry Holding, enter-tained the two men once before, and that he killed a sizeable hog when he invited them a second time.

Public Works Administration in ty about ten years ago, engaging in found. Robert Perry, bread truck Atlanta this week to formally file farming and later operating a small driver, was the fourth witness quesan application for a \$72,000 loan. filling station and country store. He tioned in the case "I stopped at the Messrs, N. C. Green, town treasurer, was 50 years old, and a member of filling station about six o'clock a. m and Attorney W. H. Coburn were the Baptist church.

not later than Thursday evening of Lula Lee Harrell before her mar- Mr. Lililey some bread. I called to this week to present the application riage, he is survived by four sons, Earl, Kennon, Ernest, all of this went to the door and found it in-During the meantime, the status community, and Roy Lewis, of Wel-Funeral services were conducted tions.

Martin County Boosts Some Unusual Eaters without regaining consciousne

Off on a fox chase early one morning a short time ago, Sheriff

Reports coming from the Franklin

From Washington Hi

this evening, the girls to start their times to his own knowledge. Both the people in all denor

small-town size ones.

on December 24." Perry said in a Besides his widow who was Miss sworn statement to the jury, "to sell him and received no answer. I then securely fastened, but when I heard

from all parts of the county to re- is little hope they will be paved if the local Baptist church. Interment er part of the night, that some one shotting him and then knocking him in the head with a big wrench. The man died in a Washington hospital about four o'clock that afternoon

> **Rev. John Whitley Enters New Field**

Rev. John Whitley, for two and one-half years the popular associtime, declare that the sheriff ate morning for LaGrange where he eighteen biscuits, seven slices of will be associated in religious activsausage and drank four cups of cof- Lenoir County. He with Ralph Mobfee at one sitting. Completing the ley and other friends just returned report, the sheriff said that he lost from an extensive southern trip.

count of the biscuits eaten by Hold- Rev. Mr. Whitley has been ining, but he distinctly recalled that strumental in advancing a strong The local high school team will the young man took five of them religious movement in various parts open the 1939 season on the basket- at one passing, and that the plate of the county during his stay here, agreed that the biscuits were not the him leave.

A successor to Mr. Whitley in th