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Judge Peel Holds Short Session Of Recorder's Court

Only Eight Cases on the Docket For Trial Monday

With the smallest number of cases on the docket in recent weeks, the Martin County Recorder's court was in session only a short time last Monday. The docket attracted very little attention and small crowds were present to hear the proceed-

Judge Peel turned his attention to the non-payment of costs in certain cases, and sentenced James Henry Brown to jail for five days for failing to pay the balance of the cost due in the case charging the defendant with violating the liquor

Bond in the case charging Julius Latham with violating the liquor laws was ordered forfeited when the defendant failed to answer when called in open court. Eddie W Brown was Latham's bondsman.

A consent judgment was entered in the case charging James Paul Lilley with careless and reckless driving. The defendant, under the terms of the settlement, was to surrender possession and title to his 1937 Ford car to Woodrow and Dan Jones and pay \$75 to Dr. J. S. Rhodes on the medical bill of Eustice and Woodrow Jones and F. L. Towe, the three men to pay the remainder of the bill. The defendant in the case is to appear back in court at the first term of the court after September 15, 1939, and show that judgment has been complied with. He is to pay the costs of the

Young Lilley, dazed by the fatal attack robbers made on his father early on the morning of last December 24, lost control of his car while driving along Highway 17 a short time after the brutal crime was discovered. No criminal intent was advanced by the prosecution and an amicable settlement was effected both as to criminal and civil

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Gattis Peel was adjudged guilty of simple assault by the court and fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

William Henry Nelson, charged with larceny, was sentenced to the roads for 12 months. He appealed and the court required bond in the sum of \$200. He later withdrew his appeal and started serving time on

Larry Blount, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Charged with drunken driving, Reddick Alexander was fined \$50, taxed with the case costs and had his license to operate a motor vehicle revoked for one year.

Peter Spruill was sentenced to the roads for two months in the case charging him with violating the liquor laws. Arrested in Hamilton last Saturday, Spruill saw the officers were after him and he threw two pints of liquor to ground and broke the bottles.

Spotlight Turned on 'Our Bob' Reynolds

Senator Reynolds, "Our Bob", they called him when he politicked in an old automobile, is getting some mighty tough knocks in Washington these days. Re-elected apparently to vote against one Senator Josiah Harris. Bailey, the junior senator has shirked that duty, and his attempt to life shows him up as a "man of loud voice and not a deep thinker." according to one political writer in

The North Carolina electorate was rated as a happy-go-lucky group of voters because they were alleged to have sold their franchise for a good

Reynolds' outburst about the sale the spotlight, and showed that he had not been aware of what he had done in the past. Mr. Reynolds, just a year ago did not know that planes were being sold to Germany in vio lation of a certain treaty. He did not know that the sale of planes to Frances was licensed by the State Department, and yet he blarred out in the Senate that had it not been for an accident, the sale of planes to France never would have been

The Senator, campaigning on wet platform, recently championed the dry cause, and lined up with "our" Mr. Bailey to vote against adequate relief appropriations and the confirmation of a presidential

ominee for a federal judgeship.

Apparently Mr. Reynolds is now ackass of another color.

Credit Agencies Are Receiving Report Opposition Many Applications for Loans

mills by Martin County farmers ticipate a 100 per cent increase in who are starting earlier than usual business this year. there have been reports where quite building is certain to outdistance its and it becomes more apparent that seed loan office received 25 applitime merchant cannot finance their operations.

The production credit association is off to a good start to establish a new record in the county this year. The local office has already tion is rushed with business, and approved 140 loans amounting to despite the activities of the \$113,400 as compared with 195 agencies and those of private instiloans totaling a little less than \$100,- tutions, credit is just a little "tight-000 during all of last season. Twenty er" this season than it was last.

Applications for loans are being applicants have been refused by the rowded into government credit agency. The association heads an-

the task of financing their farming Opening last week, the Seed and activities for another year. Already Feed Loan office in the agricultural a few farmers were turned down record of last year. Recognized as a by every known lending agency, last place to turn to for credit, the some farmers will get through the cations during the first week it was year by the skin of their teeth if open. During all of last season it they get through at all. They are handled 106 applications and lent just not eligible to borrow, and the nearly \$14,000, 99 per cent of which was collected last fall. Those planning to borrow from the seed loan office should file their applications

as soon as possible. The Farm Security Administra

Interested Farmers

Discuss Project At

Martin Farmers Large

Sums of Money

Experiencing substantial losses as

result of uncertain weather con-

ditions during the meat-packing

season in years gone by, Martin

County farmers are said to be great

ly interested in the construction of

a cold storage plant at some central

Meeting here a few days ago with

specialists from the State College

States Department of Agriculture,

several farmers and ice plant opera

tors discussed at length the value

a storage plant would have, the

group showing much interest in the

possibility of establishing a storage

Addressing the group, Specialist

point in the county.

about \$8 to \$12.

ed their meat to spoil.

No exact estimates are available,

Comparatively few plants are in

operation in this State, but in those

arears where they have been establ-

ished any length of time, farmers

kill hogs during most any season of

the year, and do so with the assur-

ance that their meat will be saved.

Assistant Agent J. P. Woodard

Consider Need for A Meat Storage Plant

POPE DIES

Pope Pius XI, 81-year-old spiritual leader of four hundred million Catholics, died at the Vatican early today, according to unofficial reports reaching here at noon

In ill health for some time, the Pontiff was stricken with influenza three days ago, and yesterday he suffered two heart attacks, a third one proving fatal early today, it was report-

Draw Jurymen For **Duty In Superior** Court Next Month

Judge C. E. Thompson To Preside Over Two-Weeks Term

Fifty-four Martin County citizens superior court convening a twoweeks term next month by the board of county commissioners in Warner explained the operation of regular session Monday. Thirty-six the plants and stated that there of the men are to report for service were approximately 1,500 units opduring the first week of the term erating successfully throughout the beginning March 20, and the re- country at the present time. The maining eighteen will serve during size of the plants range from ones the second week.

Judge C. Everett Thompson, of plants are operated in connection Elizabeth City, is scheduled to pre- with other enterprises, mostly ice side over the term which will be manufacturing plants, Mr. Warner his first in this county. Appointed said. There are quite a few operatabout a year ago, Judge Thompson ed cooperatively by farmers, but won out over Herbert Leary in the the most successful system has been last June primary to continue on maintained in cooperation with oththe bench

Names of the jurymen: First Week

Jamesville Township: H. M. Hol- meat for Martin farmers in recent Williams Township:

Griffins Township: George E. Peel tively small number of farmers. and Ulysees Peel.

Bear Grass Township: Asa Har-Cherry, A. C. Harrison, Henry assure the farmer that his meat will Cherry, A. C. Harrison, Henry assure the farmer that his meat will editor of the Progressive Farmer, White, Eli Bowen, and James W. not spoil. "Such meats as spare ribs, and Harry M. Caldwell, Master of

Noah E. Hardison, George H. Har- time of the year. In addition to storrison and Pete Raynor.

Cross Roads . Township: Wynne, Walter Wynne, John H. lods varying from one to twelve Peel, Raymond Stalls and H. L. months," Mr. Warner said. Roebuck.

Robersonville Township: W. W. J. M. Dixon and R. C. verett.

Hamilton Township: H. D. Beach, of airplanes to France put him into R. H. Salsbury, W. C. Haislip, W. F Thomas, W. C. House and W R. L. Purvis.

Goose Nest Township: N. L. Hyman.

Second Week Jamesville Township: J. S. God-

ard, J. T. Cooper, P. J. Modlin. Williams Township: A. M. Griffin Griffins Township: J. Claude Mendenhall, Samuel J. Lilley and John

E. Griffin. Bear Grass Township: Tobe Bow

Williamston Township: E. N. Manning, Charles Edwards, James stated following the meeting that D. Lilley. much interest in the establishment Robersonville Township: W.

Vanderford, L. N. Vick, Ottis G. Woolard, J. T. Powell and Claude the county, and that he believed T. Smith.

Whitfield and A. E. Downs. near future.

To Legal System

Liquor Board

The pendulum that has always swung to the wet side in liquor voting as well as liquor drinking i Martin County is about to swing to the dry side, according to reliable reports coming from various parts of the county. And it is caused by the actions of the State ABC board and its greedy requests for larger appropriations.

'If the quesion of liquor control was placed before the people of this county at this time they would vote against legal stores," a well informed man voiced as his strong opinio this week. The citizen, acquainted with activities throughout the coun ty, went on to say that he had heard dozens of citizens in Robersonville, Hamilton and other communities voice their opposition to the legal store system as it was now main tained and dominated by a political poard in Raleigh.

We were of the opinion that general reductions in taxes would be effected when the stores were opened, but the State comes in to de mand a lion's share of the profits and more than a hundred thousand dollars have been asked for operating the Raleigh agency," several o the citizens were quoted as saying. It was also pointed out that the il Recent Meet Here legal liquor traffic continues in operation despite the legal system advanced to handle the problem. Uncertain Weather Costs

There are others of more cor servative thought who believe that the taxpayers are fighting mad with the set-up in Raleigh, that while many are disgusted with the ABC system, they would again support it in a referendum in this county.

The outspoken opposition to the ABC system came after Hertford County voted to stick by its "corn" a referendum held there last Saturday. They wanted no part in system that taxes seventeen counties thousands of dollars to maintain a political board in Ral eigh. The proposal to open legal li-Extension division and the United quor stores in that county was de feated by a vote of 1,186 to 512.

Some of the big-time papers in the State suggested that it was just another case of where the people vote dry and drink wet. Others declare the people are not in favor of the Raleigh set-up.

Homesteads Left Out In The Cold

Carolina Constitution were offered to and approved by the people of of fifty to 1,500 lockers. Most of the the State in November, 1936. Two new judges have been added to the State Supreme Court, intangi ble properties have been placed under a special classification, income tax rates were upped, and limita tions were placed on bonded indebtedness, after a fashion, but the Homestead exemption amendment Roberson's Slaughter House here passed along with the other four, rehas handled thousands of pounds of mains out in the cold.

Supporters of the homestead lieve homesteads be given consid-A plant with adequate facilities eration.

can cure and store meat for around The committee heard a large delris, W. Eli Rogers, James Russell one and one-half cents a pound, and egation headed by Dr. Clarence Poe, tax. tenderloins, pork chops, sausage and the State Grange, which advocated tax on intangibles back to the points during the past month. Williamston Township: R. A. other parts of the hog could be a \$300 exemption or rebate of half Moore, H. B. Dinkens, H. B. York, frozen and stored, the farmer having the tax on the first \$750 of real fer pointing out that it could be been rendering a considerable numturn to the serious side of political John H. Edwards, Theo Roberson, fresh meat available at almost any property. The delegation pointed out collected much cheaper by the ber of other services in addition to the exemptions which apply to all ing meats, the plant could handle other kinds of taxes and called, at- State. fresh vegetables and fruits for per- tention to the fact that every other constitutional amendment adopted in 1936 had been put into effect by The individual lockers can be the 1937 General Assembly.

used during certain periods of the The sub-committee also heard Taylor, O. P. Smith, J. H. Gray, year by store and market operators John W. Skinner, of Warrenton, secand others at a cost ranging from retary of the Association of County Commissioners and Mayor George Peterson, mayor of Clinton, and but it is fairly certain that Martin chairman of the legislative commit-County farmers have lost thousands tee of the North Carolina League of of dollars in years gone by when Municipalities, both of whom opwarm seasons would come just af- posed the exemption on the ground ter they killed their hogs and caus- that it would increase tax rates.

While the pleas of the amend ment supporters were heard with patience, there is yet no evidence that the proposal will receive serious consideration by the current

Special Services Will Be Held At Dardens Church

Mr. Eugene Ogrodowski, senior at of such a plant has been shown by A. C. C., will conduct both the taxing of bonds, notes and other leading farmers and merchants of morning service at eleven o'clock evidences of debt at the rate of 50 of a wreck and when he did his car results of the recent physical examand the evening service at seventhe prospects were good for build-thirty in the Dardens Church Sun- \$100. All exemptions applicable to driven by a candy salesman. Dam- with Dr. Wilson in the study. Hamilton Township: Harvey ing a plant sometime within the day, Feb. 12. Mr. J. D. Taylor will intangible property listings have age to the Mobley car was estimathave charge of the Sunday school, been removed.

Approximately Quarter Million For Liquor Control Dollars Are Available in 1939 Counties Upset By Action To Farmers Under Soil Program Of the State ABC

LiquorManufacturersHiding Program Explained Plants in Abandoned Houses To Committees In

Their activities in the woods sub- as the most complete unit he had ject to the eye of air raiders, liquor ever seen. manufacturers in this county are Township last Wednesday morning, the first time he had ever found one Special Enforcement Officer J. H. in a house. Roebuck and Federal Agents Smith, It seems as if liquor manufactur Harshaw and Adler found a perfect ing under a roof constitutes a greatjob of camouflaging.

Turning from the woods, the air manufacturing, the county offimanufacturers had set up a size- cer explaining that an indictment able plant in an abandoned lumber was almost certain to follow, and camp house, Officer Roebuck stat- that possibly an agent of the justiceing that the top of the smokestack department would be sent to the from the boiler was just through the county to investigate the case. room, that a special door was used A government plane spotted sev to cover the furnace, and that a cral liquor plants from the air in a special pump was used to draw wa- recent flight over the county, and ter into the hut. The rig was of the manufacturers are said to be study steam type with a 190-gallon capa- ing camouflaging as a modern feacity kettle, the officer describing it ture in their business

Towns And Counties

Recover Portion Of

"Stolen" Revenue

Officer Roebuck stated that he said to be seeking the shelter of had found and destroyed hundreds houses. Raiding in Bear Grass of stills in recent years, but it was

er infraction of the law than open-

According to unofficial in-

To Get Seventy-Five Per Cent of Tax on Intangibles

a portion of the revenue legally islature if the lawmakers now in session agree with the joint finance committee in favoring a 75 per cent return instead of half the amounts collected on intangible properties It isn't that the Raleigh boys are getting liberal with the stepchildren they virtually agreed to compro mise when it was almost apparen that unless they did they would be subject to lose all collections or intangible property. And it is possible that some of the counties and towns will demand that all revenue raised on intangible properties be given them, the general opinion being that the State has no valid claim to that tax.

The new-fangled intangible tax has been disappointing in almost every particular, unofficial reports stating that a vast portion of intangible wealth still enjoys immunity behind State lines and in the safety box. Collections have been hardly one-fourth the amount the tax experts calculated would raised under the new system. But every penny collected by the State from intangibles is just that much for the State treasury, for prior to 1937 the towns and counties alone attacked the honest and noble holders of intangible property.

amendment went before a sub-com- effect in 1937, town and county the Williamston office. Beaufort bly push the total possible maximum Hubert understood to be necessarily limit mittee of the house in Raleigh this revenue from intangibles dropped county led in number of place payment to \$261,784, Mr. Brandon week and urged that the plan to re- to a new low, an incomplete survey ments for January. showing there would have been no increase in the total revenue had the State shared in no part of the

There has been some talk about of 5,382 persons called at the local transferring the collection of the office and at its extension service counties, those favoring the trans-

percent of the tax to the local units, ployment compensation benefits, and claim that most of the counties will lose more than they will gain.

The joint finance committee this week just about completed its work on the revenue bill, an instrument that carries dynamite for some of the State institutions. A streak of meaning of dictionary words and applied the humane definition to medicine and ice. These two items would be exempt from the sales tax along with essential foods and some build-Diversion of gasoline funds to the

general fund was written into the revenue bill without argument, and a slight change was made in the rate applicable to intangible properties. The bill now calls for the cents instead of 40 cents on each was struck in the rear by a truck inations. All schools will cooperate

MARKER

ormation received here today, the North Carolina Historical Commission will place a marker here for the late Judge Asa Crawford Biggs. The renowned townsman was

born here in the early part of the last century, lived in the home now occuupied by the Fowdens on Church Street, was a member of the United States Senate in the early fifties and was federal judge for several terms.

It is also understood that the commission is considering placing a marker here for the late Samuel Johnson, prominent figure in the early affairs of the American Republic

Job Placements In January Greater Than A Year Ago

Construction Work Absorbs Most of 155 Men Assignments

Making a total of 155 placements during the month of January, 1939. gain in job placements for unemployed applicants of approximately three hundred per cent over Januarg a year ago.

Many of these placements were During the past month 346 new

registrations were taken by the local office in five counties and 140 penalty taxed against over-produc-The local employment office has

counties and towns than by the its regular duties of registering classifying and listing unemployed Opposition to returning a larger people, handling claims for unemsimilar activities. At present, it is supervising and will soon complete a special survey of all registered persons of both races in its five counties with third grade education or less. It is also making a complete directory of all employers and busiliberality was seen in the action of ness firms engaged in any type of the committee this week when its general business in its area. Its remembers turned from the cold cently made hunting and fishing guide survey for this section has been made available to a number of sportsmen, huntsmen and State organizations wishing to make use of

Escapes Unhurt In Car Accident Near Farmville

Raiph Mobley, young county man, escaped uninjured in an automobile the relation of physical defects to accident near Farmville last Fri- grade failures. Records of students day night. Mobley brought his car repeating grades will be carefully almost to a stop in passing the scene examined and compared with the ed at more than \$250.

Meeting Yesterday

Brandon Says the New Soil Plan Is Best Yet Devised

The new 1939 soil conservation

program offers to Martin County farmers more than a quarter million dollars in benefit payments, it was unofficially estimated by Will Rogers, representative of the State College Extension division, in a meeting held here yesterday afternoon with the county agricultural committee and community committee men. Exact figures are not available at this time, but the office of the county agent estimates that the farmers by adhering strictly to the program can earn around \$261,784 this year under the soil conservation

Commenting on the new program this morning, County Agent T. B. Brandon and his assistant, T. B. Slade, said that it was the most attractive one yet advanced by the government. The two men looked upon the program with a greater tope for the future of agriculture

While the new program carries no marked changes in the allotments to States, counties and individual farmers, it is more attractive in that it gives special consideration to the small-scale farmer. "If our farmers adhere to the program, they will receive around \$40,000 under the provisions of a change in the rate of payments," Agent Brandon said This change will affect nearly every farmer in this county, the agent pointing out that Martin stands to gain more by it than possibly any other county in this area.

The change, Mr. Brandon points out, will increase the rate of bene fit payments to farmers receiving ess than \$200 under the regular rate schedule. For instance, a farmer who ordinarily would receive \$100 benefit payment, will possibly get an added \$12, and if he has two enants they will get around \$15.

With an unofficial allotment of

11,137 acres, the tobacco farmers are in line to receive \$82,414. This figure is based on a production of 930 pounds to the acre and a rate of pay of \$\$7.44 an acre. Cotton farmers, with an unofficial allotment of 5,900 acres will be paid at the rate of two cents a pound on a basis of 318 pounds to the acre and will 222, the amount being based on 291 acres. With an allotment of 18,200 in building construction, some in acres, peanut farmers can earn public works, and a number of them around \$29,484. Soil building pracwere in private employment of reg-When the law was first put into the five counties that are served by special rate of payment will be williamston of the Williamston of the Williamston of the Special rate of payment will be estimated.

Another important change in the tion in tobacco. Heretofore when he planted in excess of his allotment, the tobacco farmer was penalized at the rate of eight cents a pound. Under the new ruling, any excess

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Schoolmasters In Meet Last Night

The Martin County Schoolmasters Club held its regular monthly meeting in the Robersonville high school building last evening. After disposing of routine business matters, the club was addressed by Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the Martin County Health Department, who presented results of the recent physical examination of over one thousand first, third and sixth grade children in our schools. As proof of the need for more health teaching. Dr. Wilson pointed out the fact that sixty-nine per cent of the children examined had defects of some kind. Plans were made for a complete study of The March meeting of the club

will be held in Oak City.