

## Jurymen Are Drawn For The June Term Of Superior Court

### Judge C. E. Thompson To Preside Over One-Week Term

Plans for holding the regular one-week term of Martin County Superior Court the third week in next month were completed by the county commissioners in their last regular session when thirty-six citizens were drawn for jury service. Scheduled for the trial for both criminal and civil cases, the court will be presided over by Judge C. Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City. Remembered from his last visit to the county in March as an able jurist and a crusader against robbery and stealing in general Judge Thompson is not expected to have a very large case docket for reconsideration when he returns on June 19.

The names of the jurors for the June term follow by townships:

Jamesville: L. H. Lilley, L. F. Walters, J. F. Jordan, H. C. Lassiter, George B. Ange and C. J. Griffin.

Griffins: Alton B. Corey, Perlie B. Lilley, R. Dewey Perry, Winston Holliday, Arthur C. Roberson, Eli T. Hodges, Rufus A. Coltrane and Ira F. Griffin.

Bear Grass: Zack Cowan, W. W. Whitehurst, Joseph Phelps and Dennis L. Peel.

Williamston: H. T. Roberson, Wheeler M. Manning, Dillon Cobb, C. C. Parker, J. H. Chesson, LeRoy Savage, B. F. Perry, Woodard Harrison and Claude Leggett.

Robersonville: C. W. Forbes, D. R. Chandler and Jimmie Roberson.

Poplar Point: W. O. Willoughby, S. E. Taylor and H. B. Smith.

Hamilton: J. W. Eubanks and W. L. Leggett.

Goose Nest: Paul Rawls.

## School Young Men To Survey Farms

Attending a three-day school here young representatives from the counties of Tyrrell, Washington, Bertie and Martin, are being instructed to supervise the survey of farm crops in the four counties this summer. Fourteen representatives were here yesterday including Miss Polly Tatum, of Columbia, who will assist the work in Tyrrell County.

H. A. Patton, State supervisor of the work which is being handled under the soil conservation program was here to open the school in the agricultural building yesterday.

Several have filed applications for the job in this county, but a definite selection has not yet been announced.

Following the district school, instructions will be given the dozen or fifteen local supervisors who will go into the field to make the actual surveys under the soil program. Approximately thirty young men have filed their applications for jobs as local supervisors or directors. Appointments are made direct from the office in Raleigh.

## Winter Clothes Must Be Stored Carefully

Warm weather means storage of coats and other winter clothing. J. O. Rowell, entomologist of the State College Extension Service, reminds housewives that careful storage of such articles is necessary to prevent destruction by moths and carpet beetles.

"In protecting clothing stored during warm weather, a pound of naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene crystals, scattered between thin layers of paper and placed at different levels in the clothing in a tight box or trunk will destroy any of the insects that may be present," Howell advised. The chemicals are equally as effective for control of clothes moths and carpet beetles.

All articles to be stored should first be thoroughly cleaned, brushed, aired and sunned to get rid of any stray eggs or larvae of either carpet beetles or moths, the entomologist said. In a closet that is kept tightly closed, a pound of either chemical to about 100 feet of closet space prevents infestation. In explaining his mention of larvae, Rowell said that it is the early form of the insect that attacks clothing and furnishings containing wool hair, bristles, fur, feathers and other animal substances.

The extension specialist said it is easier to prevent carpet beetles and other insects than to kill them after they have infested a room or closet. In the routine of good housekeeping, rugs should be cleaned frequently on both sides to get rid of carpet beetles, Rowell said. Filling floor cracks with a good filler eliminates hiding places and makes housekeeping simpler, he added.

## Surfacing of Farm Life Road Subject To Be Delayed Again

Delayed for one reason or another year after year and month after month, the surfacing of the Old Mill Inn-Smithwick Creek-Farm Life road is now facing another delay, late reports stating that it is possible the project will not be included in the next letting by the State Highway and Public Works commission on Thursday of next week.

Finding a limited number of places to get a certain type of soil for use in building the road, highway authorities have not been able to successfully establish rights of way to and for the soil, it was reliably learned last week-end. As much as \$50 an acre was said to have been offered for the material, but at least two of the five owners whose property is wanted are said to have refused the offer, reports stating that they were not entirely satisfied with the proposed location of the road and that they are hesi-

tating to cooperate in advancing the project. Ordinarily the highway commission does not resort to condemnation proceedings, and it could not be learned whether that procedure would be invoked in this instance. Unable to get permission to use the soil of one property owner between the hard surface and the little Creek bridge the representative of the commission reported to county authorities. A representative of the county board is working this week in an effort to clear up what has been described as the last obstacle to the project. It may be possible that the offer will be slightly increased and the matter can be cleared by the latter part of this week. Awaiting the outcome of the work by the representative of the county board of commissioners, the highway commission will take no action in connection with the furtherance of the project before Friday of this week, it is understood.

## One Killed in Highway Accident Last Friday

### EXTENDED

Delayed by high waters during the early part of the season, fishing operations on the Roanoke will be continued through Monday of next week if the fishery owners desire to take advantage of an extension of the season for taking the fish, it was announced yesterday.

Small catches at some points have already forced seine operators to close down their plants. C. C. Fleming has discontinued operations at Camp Point, but operations are still underway and will possibly continue until the latter part of this week if not through next Monday.

## Mrs. A. B. Whitfield Dies At Gold Point

Mrs. A. B. Whitfield, one of the county's oldest citizens, died at her home in Gold Point Monday morning at 8 o'clock following an illness of about six weeks' duration. Almost eighty years old, she was fairly active until she suffered a heart ailment several weeks ago.

She was the daughter of the late Aaron and Lucretia Woolard Cox, of Beaufort County. She moved to Martin from Beaufort County with her parents, a long number of years ago, and it was her relatives who manufactured plows and other farm implements during the Civil War.

She was married to Mr. Whitfield about 60 years ago. She was a devoted member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Spring Green for sixteen years.

She is survived by four children: Mrs. Mollie Russ, of Robersonville; Mrs. Rowena Griffin, of Roanoke Rapids; Messrs. J. B. Whitfield, of Hobgood and Charlie Whitfield, of Hamilton. She also leaves thirty-two grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted from the late home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Elder B. S. Cowin, assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry, of the Robersonville Christian Church, and Rev. E. C. Shoe, of the Robersonville Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Bunting cemetery near Gold Point.

## Last Rites For Wreck Victim And Father

Funeral services for R. H. Sullivan, former Washington County man who died in Maryland, near Washington City, last Thursday, and for his daughter, Mrs. Gladys Marrinak, 30, who was on her way from Washington, D. C. to attend the funeral and was killed in an automobile wreck near here, last Friday night, were held in the Plymouth Christian church last Sunday at 12 o'clock by Rev. N. A. Taylor assisted by Rev. Wade Johnson. Interment was in the Jackson cemetery on the Long Ridge road in Washington County.

Mrs. Marrinak is survived by five brothers and sisters, Mrs. John Swinson of this county; Mrs. Mary S. Hunter, Mrs. Lulal S. Murray, Mrs. W. C. Woodard and Viola Ruth Ashbury, and Mr. John C. Sullivan, all of Washington, D. C., and Riverside, Md.

## Infant Of Mr. And Mrs. D. Bennie Lilley Dies

The few days' old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Bennie Lilley died at the home of his parents in Griffins Township early last Saturday morning. Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the home by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff. Interment was in the Lilley cemetery in Griffins Township.

## Washington City Resident Is Killed As Car Turns Over

### John Marrinak, Husband, Is Recovering From Injuries

Mrs. Gladys Sullivan Marrinak, 30 years old, was killed instantly, her husband, John Marrinak, was critically injured and several others were slightly hurt when their car turned over on the Jamesville Road near Holly Springs Church last Friday evening shortly after eight o'clock. Suffering a slight brain concussion and badly cut on the face, Marrinak was removed in an unconscious condition to a Washington hospital where his condition is much improved today. He is expected to be discharged from the institution within a few days.

Her head badly battered when she was thrown from the car, Mrs. Marrinak died before she could be pulled from the wreckage. Mrs. C. A. Waters and her five-year-old son, Allen, and Misses Peggy Ashbury, 17, and Edith Hunter, 16, were painfully bruised and received slight cuts but they were not thrown from the car and their injuries were not serious. They were carried to Plymouth where they were treated.

Leaving Riverdale, Md., that morning, the party was traveling to Plymouth to attend the funeral of Mrs. Marrinak's father, R. H. Sullivan, who died in the Maryland town the day before. Traveling in another car just ahead of the Marrinaks were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Woodard, Mr. Jack Waters and Mrs. R. H. Sullivan. Just as they were rounding a slight curve just the other side of Holly Springs church, Mr. Waters, driver of the first car, said he looked into the rear vision mirror and saw the Marrinak car go out of control and turn over. Stopping his car about 100 or 140 feet away, Waters and Woodard ran back and found the Marrinak car wrecked in the middle of the road. Waters tried to pull Mrs. Marrinak from under the car, and unable to do so, he immediately turned his attention to other passengers and removed them to his car which was parked on the highway with the lights still burning. Marrinak was also thrown from the car with his wife and all the other passengers had been transferred when N. R. Manning, driving C. A. Leonard's Lafayette, approached from Jamesville with Miss Kathryn Gibson and crashed into the wreckage.

Manning, local drug store clerk, stated that the lights blinded him, that he did not see the wrecked car until he had passed the first machine. He started to drive on the shoulder and miss the wreckage but several persons were standing on the shoulder and he held his car to the road. After seeing the wrecked car he applied brakes and had brought the machine he was driving almost to a stop, reports stated. The Marrinak car was partially knocked off the road and in the crash Mrs. Marrinak's head was possibly struck a second time, but reliable reports state that the woman was either dead or was "taking her last breath" when the car crashed into the wreck.

Neither Miss Gibson nor Manning were hurt, but considerable damage was done to the car he was driving. In a sworn statement, Jack Waters, driver of the first car, and W. C. Woodard, a passenger in the Waters car, said that they saw the car turn over, and that they tried to pull Mrs. Marrinak's body from the wreckage, that she was either in a dying condition or was dead as they saw blood and brains on the concrete before the Manning car crashed into the wreckage. In addition to the sworn statement, that stated that Mrs. Marrinak's death

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## Baby Death Rate In United States Shows Decrease

### Maternity Death Rate Is Expected To Continue To Decrease

Some of the 5,000 babies born today will have no better chance to see their first birthday than if born a year or even twenty years ago, according to a recent story out of Washington.

Miss Katharine Lenroot, Children's Bureau chief, said that fact was her greatest worry as Americans joined in observance of child health day.

"We know more about how to keep babies alive and children well," Miss Lenroot said, "but our problem is to get the health resources spread over the country."

There have been two recent cheering notes, she said. The maternity death rate, which declined 14 per cent to 49 per 10,000 between 1936 and 1937, probably will show an even larger drop for 1938.

The second bright spot, she added, was that because of recent surveys, the country has a more complete picture of its health needs than ever before.

That was what convinced Miss Lenroot, she said, that all children and all parts of the country were not profiting from recent advances in treatment of pneumonia and other diseases and knowledge of proper child-feeding and care. She cited these conditions:

"One-third of the rural counties are without public health nurses and two-thirds are without child health clinics.

"One-eighth of the babies born in the United States are born without medical attention.

"One-third of the babies are born in families with annual incomes of \$750 or less; one-half in families with \$1,000 a year or less."

The infant death rate was down in 1937 to 54 per 1,000 live births, she said, but New Jersey's rate was far less, 39. In New Mexico, the rate was still 129. The mother's death rate ranged from 25 per 10,000 births in Connecticut to 92 in Nevada.

## College Students Will Visit Here on Thursday Evening

### To Make Study of General Farming Practices in County

Dr. G. W. Forster and fifty State College students, making a tour of several farms in this county the latter part of this week will visit Williamston and spend the night here Thursday, County Agent T. B. Brandon said today. Arrangements are being made to sleep the students in the school gymnasium or the agricultural building.

A special feature on the Thursday evening program will be a discussion of the Lake Phelps development in Washington County. The meeting will be held in the agricultural building here with prominent leaders of the project leading the discussion.

Friday morning, bright and early, Dr. Forster, head of the department of agricultural economics and rural sociology at State College, and his fifty students will leave for Robert Everett's farm in the upper part of the county where they will observe general farming practices. Mr. Ben Everett will have the young students as his guests for lunch.

Traveling by special conveyance, students are scheduled to reach here Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

On their tour Friday, the students will see a balanced farming program in operation on the Everett farm where clover is planted by the hundreds of acres, beef cattle and mules are raised, and modern farm methods are employed.

## Young Man Jailed For Alleged Theft

Douglas O'Mary, young county white man, was jailed yesterday for the alleged theft of three hams from Farmer Jesse Matthews in the Parmelee section last week-end.

The young man was arrested by Robersonville police and placed in the county jail by Deputy Bill Haislip. Pending trial in the county court before Judge H. O. Peel, O'Mary was released late yesterday afternoon under a \$150 bond.

The alleged theft was on of a few reported in the county since Judge C. Everett Thompson held court in the county last March and conducted a stringent campaign against stealing in general.

## To Bring Pre-View of World's Fair Here Thursday Evening

Traveling in a special convoy of two large trucks and trailers and passenger cars, the New York world's fair will be here in miniature on Thursday evening of this week by the Barrett Company, makers of Arcadian nitrate of soda.

In accordance with special arrangements made by C. J. Ball, State manager for the company sponsoring the unusual exhibit, the preview will be located just off Main street back of the Sinclair Service Station.

H. L. Meacham, state agriculturist for the Barrett company, and Tom Richards, are in charge of the exhibit, and they will briefly address the audience. One of the main features of the show is a two-reel picture showing the construction of the fair buildings and arrangements for exhibits. The picture is condensed

into two reels, but includes all the high spots about the fair. The grounds and buildings, walks and drives will be seen in miniature, Mr. Ball said.

The exhibit, while designed to interest everybody, was made to appeal especially to farmers and others interested in agriculture. On the road since last December, the exhibit has been carried into most of the Southern States and has attracted the attention of tens of thousands.

The group, making only one stop in this county, will remain here overnight.

Mr. Ball, speaking for the Barrett company, extends a cordial invitation to all farmers and the general public to attend the preview without charge.

## Liquor Sales in County Decrease Last Quarter

### Total Of \$485,814.33 Is Spent In County Since Stores Opened

### Last Quarter Sales Show a Continued Decline in Consumption

Since July, 1935, patrons of the four legal liquor stores in this county have spent nearly one-half million dollars for hard spirits, the first quarter audit released a few days ago by V. J. Spivey, chairman of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board, showing sales of \$25,407.05 for the period ending March 31 and a grand total of \$485,814.33 for the entire period the stores have been in operation.

Reaching the high peak of \$56,179.40 during the quarter ending December 31, 1937, sales have shown a fairly steady decline since that time with the exception of those for the third quarter of last year when an approximate increase of a little over \$2,000 was noted as compared with the third quarter sales of the year before. Compared with the first quarter sales of 1938, the sales last quarter were \$7,818.56 smaller and profits dwindled from \$7,694.35 to \$5,768.68.

The first quarter sales this year were the first to show a decline for the particular period since the stores were opened nearly four years ago. Breaking down the schedule of operations of the four stores: last quarter, the audit shows that the board paid \$16,405.17 to liquor manufacturers, leaving a gross profit of \$9,001.88. Expenses, including \$1,953.90 for salaries and wages, \$291.00 for rent, \$899.13 for administrative and general expenses and a few incidentals amounting to around \$200, reduced the gross figure to a net profit of \$5,664.92.

Coming in to gulp up a lion's share of the profits, the State of North Carolina took a little less than \$2,990 leaving almost \$4,000 for apportionment to the county and four store towns and the reserve for law enforcement.

The county received \$2,813.85 as its share, and the division to the store towns was, as follows: Williamston, \$487.34; Robersonville, \$169.84; Oak City, \$75.14, and Jamesville, \$44.72. Approximately \$400 or \$398.99 to be exact, was set aside for enforcement of the law created under the ABC act.

Turning to the sales record, the audit shows a fairly even decline in all four stores as compared with the sales for the first quarter a year ago. Following is the comparison of

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## New Jersey Strike Closes County Mill

The North Carolina Pulp Company closed its plant in the lower part of the county yesterday when a strike at Delair, N. J., blocked shipments from the local plant.

Details surrounding the New Jersey plant strike could not be had, but yesterday the plant in this county was manned only by the assistant superintendent and superintendent. It could not be learned how long the plant would be closed down.

As a result of the strike in the New Jersey plant nearly three hundred workmen were thrown out of a job in this county.

Unofficial reports state that the operators are hopeful the plant can resume activities within a short time.

Since the plant in this county was built nearly two years ago it has experienced no labor trouble.

## ARREST

A determined drive against social disease continues in this county unabated, recent reports from the county health department stating that the clinic are serving greater numbers, and that arrests can be expected when victims of the disease refuse to accept free treatment.

A young colored woman, mother of an illegitimate child and an expectant mother who is alleged victim of the disease in an advanced stage, was jailed here yesterday for refusing to take treatment. Unofficial reports from the health office stated that she would be held in the jail until Thursday and possibly longer, the length of her stay in jail depending upon her willingness to subscribe to treatment. She was said to have boasted to friends in Oak City, her home, that she would not be jailed.

## Health King And Queen Selected

Howell Peel and Miss Lucille Cox were named king and queen of health among Martin County 4-H club members last week-end when physical examinations were made of a number of candidates for the health title.

Representing the various 4-H boys' and girls' clubs, ten young boys and girls were examined by Dr. F. E. Wilson, of the county health department, and Drs. Sawyer and Mercer. Howell Peel, young son of Mrs. Charles M. Peel and a member of the Farm Life club, led the boys with 97 points, the examiners rating his score among the highest attained by a club youth in the county in a number of years. Miss Cox, of Robersonville, won the title of health queen with a score of 93 points.

The names of the other boys getting in the final health tests were: Charles Harrison, of Bear Grass; John Ange, of Jamesville; Herman Roebuck, of Robersonville, and Billie Peel, of the Williamston club.

## College Glee Club Is Well Received Here

Appearing in a religious concert in the Christian church here last Sunday morning, the Atlantic Christian College Glee club was well received by a large congregation.

The club, rated as one of the best sent out in recent years by the college, was brought here by Professor Fontaine, director.

## Marriage Licenses Are Few And Far Between

Dropping to an unusually small number following the passage of health laws by the recent legislature marriage licenses issued in this county continue few and far between.

Three licenses have been issued since the law went into effect the early part of last month. Only one license has been issued this month and that was to William Stokes, 18, and Catherine Moore, 16, colored couple.

## Missionary Society Will Hold Silver Tea Thursday

Circle number one of the Methodist Missionary Society, will hold a silver tea at the home of Mrs. J. W. Watts Thursday afternoon, May 11, from four until six o'clock.

Messrs. W. G. Peele and Garland Barnhill have returned from a short visit to the World's fair, New York City.

Mr. J. L. Peel, of Pinetown, was a business visitor here today.

Dr. John Biggs, of High Point, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Fannie Biggs, Sunday.

## Highly Respected Citizen Passes At Home In Jamesville

### Funeral for Mrs. Dalmer Barber Is Held Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Ethel Sexton Barber, wife of Dalmer Barber and a highly respected citizen of this county, died at her home near Jamesville last Saturday shortly before noon following an illness of only a few days. Taken ill the Wednesday before with a heart attack, Mrs. Barber died on angina pectoris. Her condition was thought to have been slightly improved last Friday afternoon, but she became suddenly worse Saturday morning, death following a short time later.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Sexton, she was born in Jamesville Township 52 years ago. In early womanhood she was married to George W. Martin who died about six years ago. Ten children survive this union. Their names are Mrs. E. N. Modlin, of Dardens; Mrs. Ted Crutchfield, of Plymouth; Mrs. James Swain, of Norfolk; Misses Louise and Margie Martin, of Jamesville and Messrs. G. E. Charles (Frosty), Titus, Thomas Earl and Billie Martin, all of Jamesville. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Ada Long, of Jamesville, two brothers, Mr. F. M. Sexton, of Gainesville, Fla., and Rev. E. C. Sexton, Baptist minister, of Rocky Mount, and two half-brothers, Messrs. R. G. Sexton and W. B. Gaylord, both of Jamesville.

Several years ago Mrs. Martin married Dalmer Barber who also survives. She also leaves eight grandchildren.

In early childhood she joined the Cedar Branch Baptist church and was long a loyal member there. She was a devoted mother, and enjoyed a large friendship circle in her section of the county. She was a kind and thoughtful neighbor and was held in high esteem by all who knew her, and her sudden death came as a marked shock to friends and acquaintances throughout this section.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the home at 2:30 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the Martin family cemetery near Jamesville.

## Advise the Harvest Of Legume Seed

No legume will ever become a crop of first importance in North Carolina until farmers learn to harvest their own seed, says E. C. Blair, agronomist of the State College Extension Service. He cited as an example the rapid spread of lespedeza in the State.

"Lespedeza never extended far beyond Union County as long as we were importing seed from Mississippi, but as soon as seed pans were introduced, the legume crop spread over North Carolina like wildfire," the agronomist stated.

"At present crimson clover is in the same position that lespedeza was years ago. Farmers want to grow it, but the seed is expensive and very few farmers have a way to save their own."

Blair explained that there is a simple, inexpensive and practical method of harvesting crimson clover seed, which any farmer who has a patch of this crop can put into practice this year. It is by using a lespedeza seed pan, costing about \$6 and in common usage wherever lespedeza is grown generally.

The lespedeza seed pan can be adapted to crimson clover by substituting a lid of half-inch square wire mesh, known as hardware cloth for the regular lid. The crimson clover seeds are harvested the same as lespedeza seed when ripe, but if they are over-ripe, the harvest should take place when the plants are moist with dew. In any case, spread the seeds very thinly until they are dry, Blair advised.

The aforementioned method produces seed in the hull, and not cleaned seed, but the extension agronomist says crimson clover seed in the hull will give a better stand than cleaned seed, other things being equal.

## Lumber Dealers Attend "School"

About 250 of America's 21,000 lumber and building material dealers—key men of the home building industry—are en route back home after attending an industry "school" in Niagara Falls. Sponsored by the National Housing Guild, a cooperative organization of dealers united by a building material firm, the school provides training in a new way to "merchandise" home building—and thereby increase America's rate of new residential construction. Local Housing Guilds are formed by the dealer in his own community among architects, financing agencies, contractors and others in-