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## Idle for Four Weeks, County Court Has Busy Day Monday

Judge H. O. Peel Impose Heavy Fine and Road

Idle since December 4th, the Mar-tin County Recorder's Court re-sumed activities Monday with a record number of cases awaiting at-tention. The docket carried twentytwo cases and Judge H. O. Peel and Solicitor D. E. Johnson worked well into late afternoon clearing it. The attendance upon the session was far larger than that reported during the December. A review of the court recon the docket was the largest in many months, the court seldom having handled that many in previous

Peel cracked down on drunken automobile drivers, impos ing a \$100 fine in one case and met ing out a six months' road sentence

Proceedings in the court: J. P. Holliday, charged with forci-ble trespass, was adjudged not guilty. The case had been continued un-der prayer for judgment at a pre-

W. G. Moye failed to answer when called in the case charging him with violating the tobacco scrap law. The case charging. Albert Stone

with larceny and receiving was n

support, was directed to pay \$5 month for the support of his chil dren during the next twelve month He was required to post bond in th sum of \$75 to guarantee the fulfill-ment of the judgment and reappear at the end of that time for furthe

drunken and reckless driving, plead-ed guilty to the charge of drunken He was fined \$100, taxed

Edward Coffield failed to answer when called in the case charging him plant, burned down on South Syca pers for his arrest were ordered is-sued by the court. of nine out into freezing weather. A rocking chair, kicked out the door

Judgment was suspended upon to make room for the fleeing group payment of the cost in the case chargwas saved. A few clothes, badly ing Robert Brown with an assault. damaged by fire and water, and one He entered a plea of guilty in the or two other articles were dug from

Charged with violating the motor two or three dollar bills from a coat vehicle laws, Curtis Rhodes pleaded that had been burned all around the guilty of drunken driving and was fined \$50, taxed with the cost and a trunk were rendered useless wh had his license revoked for one year. He appealed and the court required bond in the sum of \$100.

John Bullock and John Roberson were adjudged guilty of violating r laws and each was sen-the roads for ninety days en children were up and dressed, but tenced to the roads for ninety days costs. The road sentence is to begin at the direction of the court at any time within the next two years, Bullock agreeing to permit a search of front and back of the small threehis premises by officers at any time room house when the alarm was during that period.

during that period.

The case charging Leamon "Red" Taylor with reckless driving was if it had been a cracker box.

Jasper Roebuck pleaded guilty in the case charging him with an asunder prayer for judgment until the first Monday in February.

Herbert Page was sentenced to the

call for any articles that can be made available to them. The chil-With suspense hanging heavily ov-er him, Sheriff Charlie B. Roebuck continues to "drag" around while awaiting a ruling by the State Supreme court which will decide who ther he will have to enter the political race this summer and fall or coast along in office another two years without interference by other aspirants to the post.

In 1938 the voters passed an amendment lengthening the term of sheriffs from two to four years. There was some doubt whether the The attorney general intimated that the term beginning in December, 1938, would run for four years for the sheriffs and coroners: But there arose a difference of opinion and the question was dumanted that the question lap of the Supreme Court for a fi-

It has been suggested that it is necessary for the sheriffs to run along with the governors that a sizable vote can be polled. This feature will likely carry no weight when the court acts, but the possibility of an White: Claude Moore, court acts, but the possibility of an adverse decision on the second of livan, Charles Bowen, Joseph Wynne, next month is causing the present of-

cers much concern.

Coroner S. R. Biggs, whose politi
James Stalls, George Ben Warren, ficers much concern. cal activities are dependent upon the Joe Savage and LeRoy Mobley, all dog and placed him in Jail pending action of the court, is not worrying of Robersonville, and William H. the outcome of Cannon's claim.

One bit, for his pay is so small that Daniel. Seven of the white boys will even a little bit of worrying would be received into the service. Two of gave him the dog some time ago, that

# Chamber of Commerce Salaries Delayed Organization Effected

Reports coming from the of-fice of the county farm agent today indicate that Martin farmers will get a fair share of the State tobacco allotment.

Small farmers with about three acres will get within one or two-

tenths of their 1939 allotments.

it was learned, and no farmer will have his quota reduced

more than 20 per cent below his 1939 allotment. When the need

for a drastic cut in production is

considered, the reduction order-

ed is not so bad, after all, it was

pointed out.

The allotments will be avail-

able to Martin farmers about the middle of next week.

get an 18,200 acre peanut allot-ment this year, or about two per cent less than the figure for 1939.

Family Of Nine Is

Burned Out Here In

Early Morning Fire

Four Children Forced From Burning "Cracker Box"

In Night Clothes

in their night clothes, barely escap

more Street, throwing the family

faithful worker in the town service for a number of years, built a fire

the fire started. Thought to have

started from the heater or chimney, the fire was bursting through the

ment. And the structure burned as

The house, valued at about \$275

P. Hall stating that the owner, Mr. V. D. Godwin, carried a policy on

the structure in the sum of \$200. No insurance was carried on the con-

tents, and Johnson and his family

dren's ages range down to three

Fifteen Martin County youths left here early this morning for Wash-

conservation service in large num-

bers in recent months, the welfare

The names of the boys leaving for

Washington where they will receive

head pointed out.

Nine Report For

A few clothes,

home of Walter Johnson,

#### Civic Organizations **Martin Farmers** Pledge Undertaking Will Have Fair A Liberal Support Leaf Allotments

Harding Addresses Organization Meeting in Woman's Club Here Wednesday

the local Lions and Kiwanis clubs, er which was made yacant be the organization of a Williamston death of her busband a week eaders held in the Woman's club hall here last Wednesday evening. Addressed by Edmund Harding, of quired for its preparation and deliing was well attended with nearly

of the Washington Chamber of Comdiscussed and you'll become discouraged but an active organization is

organization committee composed of ed. The following men compose the executive committee: E. S. Peel, G. H. Harrison, B. S. Courtney, Frank Margolis, Charlie Bowers, C. B. Clark and D. V. Clayton.

The following directors were elected to serve for a two-year period: W O Griffin, J. D. Woolard, J. C. Anderson, Herman Bowen, J. E. King and Leman Barnhill.

S. Whitley, J. M. Saunders, Ray Goodmon, L. B. Wynne, Dr. John Williams, Marvin Britton, Cortez Green and Francis Manning.

Mr-G. H. Harrison, who has been and by-laws for the organization

they were highly pleased with the meeting and they were of the opin ion that a workable and profitable organization would result from the

## **New Year Finds** Officers Active

Beaufort County, the agents wrecked two complete plants, pouring out nearly 2,000 gallons of beer and ten Service In Camp gallons of manufactured spirits was made of copper and had a combined capacity of a native of Edgecombe County

here early this morning for Washington where nine of them plan to enter the Civilian Conservation Ball Gray section of Jamesville Township and wrecked a 100-gallon capacity copper still. There were 24 barrels of beer and a small quantity of sugar at the plant

#### enrollees will not be made subject Dog Recovered By Claim to army service, colored youths have And Delivery Papers

During his stay in office, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck has recovered various types of properties for owners under claim and delivery orders, but not until last week-end had he been directed to recover a dog by the claim

and delivery method.

Mitchell Cannon, of Beaufort County, had papers issued to reclaim a police dog from Warren Harding in this county. The officer took the

not be justified. Sheriff C. B. Roe-buck declares he is not worrying, but when he makes such a statement there is some doubt as to its truth-fulness.

Two of gave him the dog some time ago, that the following colored boys are ex-but colored boys are ex-but when he makes such a statement there is some doubt as to its truth-fulness.

# Pending Approval Treasurer's Bond

Newly Appointed Officer Is **Expected To Qualify** 

son Harrison who was appointed to the board of commissioners to fi the office of Martin County er which was made vacant by the yesterday in a Richmond hospital

for the position by accepting the of Court L. Bruce Wynne, Vous already prepared by the account iately to the owners. The bend \$400, which amount is chargeal the county

company's requirements an audit the county books has been arrang mmediately, but it will not b essary for the recently appear treasurer to await its completion

ore entering upon her new duties Mrs. Harrison has not named assistant and as far as it could earned officially it isn't definite that she will. Any appointment will awai her induction into office, it is under

#### Dixie Motors Open New Plymouth and Dodge Garage Here

First Shipment of New Cars Received Here This

Dixie Motors, Inc., opened for busiperienced automobile man. The first play in the large showroom of the ern and efficient service divis

Mr. Hoke Roberson, for severa years connected with the C, and W Motor Company in Robersonville has reported here to head the firm's office force. Mr. Roberson will be joined by his wife the latter part of

outh and Dodge cars and other

In addition to Mr. Bell, the service division will employ two able me-chanics, Messrs Riddick, of Bethel and McGowan, of Washington, Mr Raiding in the Bear Grass section yesterday. Special Officer Roebuck and McGowari, of Washington, Mr. McGowari assisted by Deputy Roy Peel and McGowari reporting here for duty assisted by Depuis and Harris, the latter part of this month. Mr. special officers Taylor and Harris, the latter part of this month. Mr. Beil, accompanied here by Mrs. Beil from Hendersonville, will be at home temporarily with the B. B. Roger-sons on Warren Street. A World

Organized and owned entirely by ocal people, the new firm is locat ed in the comparatively new build ing constructed here by the North Carolina Equipment Company. The owners and operators are well known to the people of this section and they are prepared to offer an efficient service to the motoring

#### COLD SPELL

While it isn't at all necessary to point out the cold weather to victims in this section, it will no be amiss to record the mer-

no be amiss to record the mer-cury capers of the past few days. Unofficially, the mercury has dropped to a low of 11 degrees this week, pulling slightly above the freezing point for brief per-iods during the day. For two weeks a cold wave has held the weeks a cold wave has held the population shivering and the weather man is offering no marked relief tomorrow. Snow has fallen here three times during the period, but very little of the white stuff gained a foothold.

## Marked Drop in Contagious Roosevelt Message Diseases During Past Year

ditions, the only unfavorable feature ported large ase claimed quite a number of vie- fever in Williamston last month. The several deaths were attributable to addition to the case

that the disease in the future will ston and four diphtheria cases, on

A marked decrease in the total ery child is given adequate protec

ecording to a preliminary report re- findings in the health report for the leased a few days ago by the Martin month of December, continues to Health Department. As a whole, the hang on by a thread in the health

HEADIN' SOUTH

Year's behind them, the people from the north, or large num-

bers of them, are moving south in a fairly gready line to dodge what is proving to be a "hard" winter. While hundreds moved

through Williamston during the

winter days prior to the holi-days, the southward trek is more

During the depression years

travel was mainly in low priced cars, but in recent days higher priced machines have been seen

Rate Reduction Is

Ordered By V.E.P.

In This Territory

of Nearly \$10,000 in

Eastern N. C.

Owners of hot water heaters will

receive a flat reduction of 50 cents

The commercial rate, starfing at 5-1-2 cents under the old schedule, will be reduced to 5 cents under the

new. The small customer, using around 600 kilowatt hours a month,

vill see his bill drop from around

\$27.75 under the old schedule to about \$26.50 under the new, a saving

The rate reduction is about the

tenth granted one type or another or all its customers by the Virginia

Electric and Power Company since

it entered this territory nearly thir-

Judging from early activities, the New Year will be a good one for members of the legal profession. Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne stated

today that on an average one law suit had been filed in the county courts each day since the New Year

Rate Of One A Day Here

Law Suits Filed At The

noticeable today.

# Cold Weather Delays Work on Million Dollar **Project in This County**

### Foundations Being **Laid For Addition** To N. C. Pulp Plant

Unofficial Estimates Indicate Expansion Will Cost 81,200,000.00

cost \$1,200,000, the expansion program is now carrying 125 additional men on the payroll there and in creases are anticipated shortly

As far as could be learned, the con iquer building, beater room, machine building, boiler room, nine tanks, additions to wet-room build ing, and installation of machinery and equipment in the new struc

ployed on this work, and additional cross road the same advantage when workmen will be required when the it comes to buying light and power Sheriff Is Laboring
Under Big Suspense

The New Year finds liquor law enforcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officer of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officer of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officer of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officer of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officer of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officer of the forcement officer of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officer of the forcement officers unusually busy in this county, the first reports of the forcement officer of the forcement of this month when they will take an apartment in the home of Mrs. Sadie that sever and the forcement of completed by employees of the cents for the first 50 kilowatt hours.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which is provising the steel and creeting one-half cents for any and all extens have the right to choose their table. Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

is provising the steel and creeting one-half cents for any and all extraors have the right to choose it. At the present time the steel with 5.1.2 cents for the first 60 kills (Continued on page four)

working on the foundations and foot owatts, 2 cents for the next 60 and one so the new buildings being one and one-half cents for the exbuilt by the Murrhead company, and cess, about 17 on the brickwork, contract or which was let to the same com any recently.

The filtration plant being con-(Continued on page four)

### New Health Law Is Now Effective of \$1.25.

ealth measures ever enacted by a North Carolina legislature became effective Monday, January I, accord- teen years agong to local health officers. The law reads, in part, "every wo

One of the most important public

nan who becomes pregnant shall have a blood sample taken and submitted to a laboratory approved by the N. C. State Board of Health for performing the Wasserman test or ther approved tests for syphilis. Summarized, this new law pro-

That any duly licensed physician shall, upon request of the woman courts each day since the New Year made its appearance. All four of the and submit it to the laboratory.

Midwives may not take such sam-ples but shall refer their patients to of little importance. a duly licensed physician

Any pregnant woman who is not the clerk stating that only one such blood sample may have such sample secured by the county health officer or the county physician for submission to the laboratory.

Solution and the high coming in September, and the high secured coming in September, and the high secured by the county health officer or the county physician for submission to the laboratory.

#### To Congress Holds Hope For Farmers

Defense Will Not Be Financed At Expense of Agriculture Altogether

houses of Congress in joint ses-Wednesday was not devoid of

he methods of taxation. More than half the message deliv ered by Mr. Roosevelt, in person, wa

evoted to international affairs and problems. Into it too the president njected a strong desire for nationa

very real and deep sense the funda-mental safeguard of all democra

The stress placed on problems reated by a world at war does not near the government is abandoning domestic policies," but for the n which conflicts across the have left an imprint on America

Some of the highlights of Presi dent Roosevelt's address on the State

on the troubles of the world, and by

as is afforded the large user in the that the United States has been, and The new residential rate is five factor in seeking the reestab

#### Rainfall In 1939 Hits A High Mark

Rainfall in 1939 approximated a new high record in this section. Hugh Spruill at the weather station on Roanoke River stating that the 55.48 inches recorded during the period were seven one-hundredths of an inch more than the record re-

ported in 1936.

While the total for the period reached a new high figure for the nine-year period beginning in 1931 when the station was first establishd, it was fairly evenly distributed during the year and no great dam-age resulted from what may be

termed a slightly excessive rainfall.
The rainfall for the period, 1931-1940 inclusive, has ranged from 36.60 in 1933 to 55.48 last year. The year, 1938, is remembered as the wet year in this section, but the total precipitation was nearly two inches less than the total fall last year. However, heavy rains were reported in April, May, June and July of 1938 made its appearance. All four of the and the? accounted for nearly two-cases, involving claim and deliverees thirds of all the rain that fell during the period.

of little importance.

For the most part, the criminal just about four and one-half inches docket continues with a clean sheet, each month with the low, 92 inch,