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Witnesses Placed Number of Farmers Exceed Funeral Thursday Perfect Record **On Spot In Court** Their Tobacco Allotments For Mrs. Ballard Of Attendance **Tuesday Morning** In Robersonville

When Side Facts Are **Brought Into Open**

placed on the spot-a hot spot. zelle, following their appearance on the stand, told how character witnesses in the Lenoir County and pleaded with the court to overlook their evidence offered in behalf of an admitted abortionist.

Tom Scott, colored man, was being tried for assaults with deadly weapons. The defendant was really on the spot and counsel pleaded him guilty, depending on the mercy of the court to save the man. Witnesses, including the prosecuting witness, sheriff, police officers, merchants and apparently a good lick was planted in the accused man's behalf.

Then the defendant's "outside" sweetheart took the stand, and during the questioning, it was brought out that the defendant was the father of her child recently born without legitimate standing. That deplorable fact seemed without hope of regaining lost

much comment. To aggravate the case, the witness, when leaving Farmer J. E. Copeland of this the stand and in direct answer to county was highly commended for a question propounded by Judge his action by Judge J. Paul Friz-Frizzelle, admitted there were zelle in the superior court here four children and that the defend- Wednesday afternoon. ant was the father of all four. She did not know that she had lived in adultery and violated the law, rather than go into court," Judge it was explained to the judge Frizzelle said, adding that such whose kind face wrinkled a bit in disgust at such carryings-on.

And then to aggravate the case more, the defendant, when asked violators are brought to justice," if he would marry the woman, he said. answered he was already married. Reminded by Attorney Julian

Preliminary reports coming some districts while in others very from the supervisors or commun- little work has been handled and Defendant's Build-up Flops ity Triple A committeemen indi- reported to the office of the councate that quite a few farmers in ty agent. The work was describthis county have planted in ex- ed as 85 or 90 percent completed cess of their tobacco allotments. in one or two of the districts.

Acting in good faith and with- Up until the middle of this week, There is little that can be done out reward, character witnesses in approximately 300 or about 20 to solve the problem created by the Superior court this week were percent of the tobacco farms had excess plantings. The farmer is been measured. No official esti- not allowed to destroy the exmate on the number of farms cess, and by planting more than They were not thrown into the where allotments have been ex- his allotment he subjects the exfire directly, but they were ceeded could be had, but it is be- cess to a penalty of 19 cents per scorched indirectly when the pre- lieved that the number is run-pound, and forfeits his claim to siding jurist, Judge J. Paul Friz- ning slightly ahead of the figures price support by the Stabilization W. E. Grimes conducted the last according to the school man. for the 1946 crop. In most cases Cooperative Corporation. While the excess ranges from just a the farmer who is within his alfraction to almost three acres, lotment is guaranteed a price up with the possibility that the range to 90 percent of parity, the farm-Superior Court had apologized will go even higher when all er with excess plantings is at the measurements are completed. mercy of the open market, mean-Started the 4th of this month, ing he can turn to no one for rethe measurements are being lief if his tobacco should sell for

handled unusually rapidly in less than 90 percent of parity.

Local Attorney Improving In Hospital At Durham Eleven Cases In Entering Duke Hospital three weeks ago, Mr. Wheeler Martin, local attorney, was reported this newspapermen, vouched for the week to be improving gradually. defendant's good character, and It could not be learned when he'll be able to return home.

Prosecution In Case Commended day

Acting in the name of justice, to have slipped by without too property and with the aim of checking further law violations, "Too many who have lost property to thieves prefer to forget it action accelrates law violations.

"Everyone owes it to society and good government to see that law

decent exposure, was sent to the schools of this county for a num-Judge Frizzelle waded into the Allsbrook that the state's prison county court for trial next Mon- ber of years. case with bare fists, castigated, in population now stands at 6.500, a nice way of course, the charact-Judge Frizzelle admitted it was day. Bond was required in the er witnesses and mentioned for bad and expressed the belief that sum of \$100. L. L. Britt, charged with being Span For River the defendant six years on the it will become worse. "I believe drunk and disorderly, was sen-**Bridge Unloaded** we are going to have a crime About the only redeeming angle wave similar to the one following tenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the term upon the guaranteed good Delivered in eight cars, the ed out that they acted in good to cope with it," the jurist said, the payment of \$10 trial costs. behavior for 12 months and upon steel span for the river bridge here was unloaded this week, and were not supposed to know that that period in which a well-to-do Outterbridge was fined \$5 and reworkmen are to start erecting the the defendant had violated one of man whose father had lost his structure within the next few 1947 peanut crop to be marketed quired to pay \$8.50 costs. days, possibly the early part of Charged with operating a monext week. the situation a bit further, the jur- to commit crime. "I see evidence censes and with improper brakes, The steel structure and machinery exclusive of the concrete floor Sam Roberson was bound over to weighs 455,000 pounds and its the county court under bond in erection will require about four June 10, 11, and 13 to evolve a the sum of \$100. weeks, according to information program that will be practical to Charged with the larceny of released by Superintendent Diek- the industry and prevent large a case of wine from Hollywood inson of the Bower Construction unsaleble surpluses at the end of The jurist then went on to say, Journal Editor Inp, Elton Ruffin and James Bak-Company. er were bound over to the county No definite date for opening the Touring State Court for trial next Monday. bridge tioned. bridge to traffic has been menbond in the sum of \$50 each. Charged with the theft of George R. Myers, editor of the Unusual Marking Found your sins have found you out," Western Tobacco Journal and a dresses valued at \$50 or more, **On Hen Egg By Farmer** the judge told Scott, adding that prominent figure in tobacco Mary Bryant was bound over to the mills of the gods grind slowly manufacturing circles, stopped the recorder's court for trial next Gathering the eggs early this but exceedingly fine, and in here overnight this week while Monday. She was required to week, members of the George E. tary. A diversion plan was rec-Scott's case the mills had turned touring the tobacco section of post bond in the hum of \$50. Lilley family in Griffins Town- ommended which would make eastern North Carolina. Mr. Myship found one with a very un- only the finest peanuts available usual marking on it. Embedded for salters, confectioners, and peaers, a man who is well acquainted **Crop Outlook Is** ously cutting Charles Mason, his with the tobacco industry in in the shell was the perfect fig- nut butter manufacturers at a good friend and with whom he every section of the country, was **Much Improved** ure "7". Other than the clear marking, the egg resembled any These recommendations would reearlier in the day of the attack, tend the annual meeting of the other normal specimen of hen fruit.

Native Of Griffins Township Died At Son's Home Late Tuesday Night

Funeral services were conducted in the Robersonville Primitive Baptist Church Thursday after- a day, Principal B. G. Stewart annoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Byrd nounced a few days ago. Ballard who died at the home of her son, Dalton Brown, near there were considerably better than Tuesday night at 11:30 those of a year ago, they are not last o'clock. Elders B. S. Cowin and yet up to what they should be, rites and interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

Mrs. Ballard had been in de- term recently ended, follow: clining health for some time. She suffered a stroke of paralysis on Billy Ray Bowen, Larry Pate, and Wednesday evening of last week Dorothy Leggette. and her condition had been critical since that time.

The daughter of the late Wil- Lilley, Jeannette Leggette, Mary Manning, she was born in the ence Thomas Wynn. Farm Life section of Griffins Township sixty-six years ago, the Lee Glenn, Alex Jones, Angeline gants by almost a week. Justice's Court 10th of next November. She spent Dickerson, Vivian Pate, Alice her early life there and in early Fayet Nicholson, Dickie Clayton,

womanhood she was married to Kenneth Hardison, Joseph Tyre, Justice John L. Hassell handled Robert Brown, locating in the Sandra Gardner, Jeannette Rayeleven cases in his court here Robersonville community where nor, James Price, Phyllis Jones, during the past few days. Most she had since made her home and Janie Harrison.

of them were out of his jurisdic- most of the time. One son, Dalton Fourth Grade: Jean Whichard, tion and he sent them to the Brown, was born to the first un- Dorothy Biggs, William Coke, Jesion. Her second marriage was to sie Marie Corey, James Spruill, county court for trial next Mon-Byrd Ballard who died some and Bennie Harrison.

years ago. Surviving that union are three daughters, Mrs. Mary Wayne Lilley, W. B. Bullock, Dick

Charged with assaults with deadly weapons, James Thomas Selleck of Cambridge, Maryland, Manning, Wilber Stewart, Charles ator from Roanoke Rapids, Jas. Rogers and Alec Horne were Mrs. Lisha Bassett of Seaford, Johnson, William Cullipher, Vir- Liverman of Scotland Neck and bound over to the county court. Delaware, and Mrs. Lyda Dickerson of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. William Lassiter, Turner Man-Bond in the sum of \$50 was re-Also surviving are two sisters, ning, D. R. Sullivan,

quired of each L. O. Buchanan, booked on a Mrs. Sherrod Corey of Griffins Sixth Grade: Ernest Godard, disorderly count, was sentenced Township and Mrs. B. B. Biggs of Wanda Jones, Sallie Roberson, to the roads for thirty days, the Everetts, and two brothers, John Jerry Savage, Wilbur Edwards, barn, but maintained he did not justice suspending the road sen- Eber Manning of Mississippi, and June Glenn, Marie Peele, Taylor know they were stolen. Taylor tence upon the guaranteed good A. Eddie Manning of the old home Rogerson behavior of the defendant for 12 in Griffins Township.

months. He was required to pay \$9.50 trial costs. George Anthony Perry was many years, holding membership Rogers, Hugh Spruill, Adelaide

was bound over to the county at Hayes Swamp at the time of Fussell and Ira Rogerson. court under \$100 bond in the case her death. charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Sam Brooks, charged with in- den Academy and taught in the

In School Here **Seventy-one Pupils Neither** Absent Nor Tardy During the Recent Term Seventy-one pupils

the local schools without missing While the attendance figures In Court Tuesday

Bewhiskered False Pretense The names of those with per-

fect attendance records for the First Grade: Dianne Cherry,

ed up to be a two-day_docket, the Martin County Superior Court

Second Grade: Gene Copeland, ran into a peanut case block and Ronald Peaks, Evelyn Wynn, Ann did not complete the trial of its criminal cases until Thursday, liam E. and Mary Jane Roebuck Lee White, Edna Taylor and Clar- throwing the civil calendar schedule into confusion and prolonging Third Grade: Albert Cherry the visits of witnesses and liti-

The court, placing a record number of youthful defendants on probation, was making fairly rapid progress up until Tuesday morning when the case charging

Arthur Davis, William Taylor and Simon Ellison with the theft of six bags of peanuts from Farmer Copeland, was called. Battle lines

were drawn quickly with Solicit-Fifth Grade: Evelyn Nicholson, or George Fountain on one side and Julian Allsbrooks, state sen-

Case Continued Until

September Term

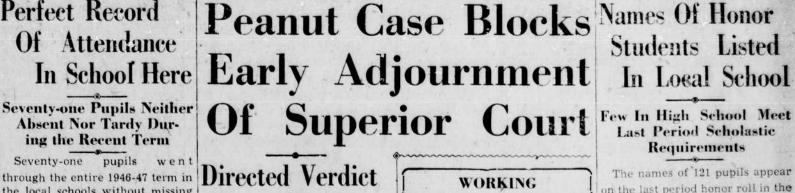
ginia S. Price, Theresa Modlin, Edgar Gurganus of Williamston on the other. Attorney Gurganus admitted his man was guilty in helping transfer the stolen peanuts from the Davis car to the

was allowed to testify for the Seventh Grade: Joyce Andrews state and he helped score a vic-Mrs. Ballard was a member of Pauline Bullock, Doris Peele, tory for the prosecution. the Primitive Baptist Church for Priscilla Roberson, Mary Jane

Eighth Grade: Jack Edwards, brooks used a large number of

She attended the schools in this Betty Sue Gurganus, Harriet county and studied at the old Ay- Peele, Lona Johnson, Rhoda Faye Peel, and Harriet Ward.

and Charles Carver. Eleventh Grade: William Rog- ed verdict of not guilty as to Elli-



last week-end, Martin County farmers this week have handled an extensive work. Many of them cultivated their tobacco for the first time. crops. However, the dry Starting out with what was sizand the crops are clean for

> At the present time the crop outlook is bright, having improved nearly 100 percent during the past few days.



The Canadian press said recently that development of a secret weapon, "with capabilities

approaching the atomic bomb in effectiveness," lay behind the naming of an Auckland University Engineering Professor T. D. J. Leech, to the birthday honors list of King George VI. A dispatch from Auckland to

the London Evening News described the new weapon as an effective alternative to the atom bomb. It quoted Prof. Leech as saving "by comparison the atom bomb is a clumsy method of mak ing an attack.) Prof. Leech received a Com-

mandership of the Order of the British Empire. He was identified as director of research for the Hours were spent hearing the weapon project.

testimony of the principal wit-The weapon did not "reach the nesses, and then Attorney Allsstage of practical application during the war, but work still is beprominent Halifax citizens as ing pursued in the strictest secharacter witnesses for his client, crecy by scientists in the United Arthur Davis. At the conclusion Ninth Grade: Bobby Harrison of the evidence Wednesday morn-States, Britain and New Zealand," the Canadian Press said. ing, a motion calling for a direct-"No hint of the details of the

ning, Lee Roy Rogerson, Billy Ray Bowen, Billy Carstarphen, Jimmy Cooke, Constance Chesson, Dianne Cherry, Mary Claudia Cherry, Leona Coltraine, Betsy Davis, Ray Pate, Guy Thomas, Jr., Gerald Stalls, and Beth Spivey. Second Grade: Billy Thornton, Ann Darden, Emma Jean Godard, Godard, Blanche Manning, Jane Peele, Mary Lee White, Virginia Holloman. Third Grade: Joseph Clayton,

Sandra Gardner, Jane Manning, Eliene Smithwick, Sandra Martin, Rodney Pittman, Faye Peele, Phyllis Jones, Jean Nicholson, Billy Simpson, and Jane Barnhill. Wynn, Joyce Manning, Dunn, Robert Weston, Janice Rogers, Doris Rogers, James Pittman, Jean Coltrain, Patricia Harrison, Frankie Everett, Mary E.

Britton, and Edward Rogerson. Fifth Grade: Betty Sue Clark, Lee Handy, Janice Manning, Betty Helen Mobley, Janet Ross, Patricia Wynn, Dorothy Mobley, Wilber Stewart, David Davis, Jr., Ralph Parker, Jr., Virginia Price, Martha Dunn Kimball, Judith Avers, Ann Crawford Gresham.

Sixth Grade: Jesse Cowan, H

Corrone Bryant, Bobby Goff,

Jackie Harris, Bary Gladys Long,

Louise Corey, Mary Carolyn Leg-

gett, Rhoda Faye Peel, and Har-

Ninth Grade: Lilybet Muse,

Eleventh Grade: Edna Hadley.

Twelfth Grade: Louise Griffin

Rachel Chesson, Ronny Levin and

riet Ward.

Frank Wynne.



Following welcomed rains wart announced a few days ago. However, very few-nine-of the. honor pupis were in the high school. The list follows, by grades: First Grade: Francis Johnson, Eleanor Sue Eubanks, Eugenia hardly finding it possible to Hovt Glover, Betty Modlin, Sally give needed attention to other weather retarded the grass

Grey Griffin, Kenneth Gurganus, Samuel Rogerson, Danny Manthe most part.

THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY

OVER 3.000 MARTIN COUNTY

FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEL

ESTABLISHED 1899

Henry Handy, Jr., Ann Harrison, Allan Modlin, Joe Murphy, Tom-Equal To A-Bomb Allan Modin, Joe Murphy, Tom-my Phelps. Jimmy Hardison, Clayton Weston, Carolyn Beauchemin, Nancy Britton, Peggy

> John House, Iverson Skinner, Vivian Pate, Faye White, Jon Clark, Billy Dudley, James H. Ward, Jr., golis, Annette Rogers, Billy Par-Joyce Baker, Jeanette Raynor, Fourth Grade: Melva Lee

John

in support of the character wit- World War I when the wheels of nesses came when the jurist point- justice could not turn fast enough faith, that they did not know and citing a case he recalled back in the most sacred of the Ten Com- property and who to maintain his mandments. And then to soothe his standard of living went out ist told the defendant he was on of such a trend already," the jurthe verge of sending him to the ist said, adding that the best way roads for six years, but because to hold crime down is to enforce the good citizens had acted in his the law vigorously. behalf he was reducing the term to two years.

in substance, "Be sure your sins will find you out," looking directly at the defendant and indirectly at a great many others at the bar and in the audience. "It appears fairly rapidly.

Scott was charged with dangerhad shared ,drinks of alcohol en route to Virginia Beach to atand Annie Clyde Davis while he Tobacco Association of the Unitwas crazy drunk. The doctor al- ed States. It was his 28th conmost ran out of thread and clamps secutive trip to a meeting of the in closing the victims' wounds. association. During the meantime Scott nursed serious head injuries inflicted Former Prisoner in open court that he really "worked on him."

Wildlife Club Meeting In

nasium

J. C. Manning.



The crop outlook, holding an uncertain course during weeks of dry weather and blistering sun,

was much improved by general rains falling in this section last week-end. Approximately two inches of Writes To Friend rain fell in nearly every section

Writing to his former employ- with one of optimism.

Oak City Friday Evening er, Mr. Roland Sills of Oak City Tobacco resetting is now coma short time ago. Otto Steinfeldt plete, the task setting a new rec-Meeting in Oak City Friday stated that he hoped to get back ord for lateness in this county. It evening of this week at 7:30 to his old home in Germany by is conservatively estimated that o'clock, members of the Martin the time he received the letter. the crop represents hardly 75 per-County Wildlife Club will enjoy a Steinfeldt was one of the Ger- cent of a stand, that the stands barbecue supper in the gym- man prisoners of war held in the will range from 50 to about 90 local camp and who worked on percent of normal."

Joe R. Winslow, recently sworn the Sills farm. Held in the Brit- With the thick layers of dust in as a member of the State Wild- ish zone following his return to washed away, peanuts are looklife Resources Commission, will Germany, Steinfeldt stated that ing green and are growing rapidattend the meeting and a special he had heard from Mr. Sills, but ly. The corn crop has also shown speaker is to address the group, it did not reveal any details relative much improvement during the was announced by the president, to conditions in Germany, but few days following the week-end said he would write more later. rains.

THE RECORD SPEAKS .

One person was hurt in a lone accident reported on the highways of this county last week, leaving the record trailing the figures for the first 24 weeks of 1946.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

24th Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1947 1 1 1946 1 0 0 \$ 000 0 500 **Comparisons** To Date 1947 57 29 12,700 3 1946 67 56 17,670

Twelfth Grade: Elizabeth Hopkins, and Elizabeth Parker. **Bumper Peanut**

With indications of a bumper through Commodity Credit Corporation, representatives of all segments of the peanut industry, appointed by their sectional associates, met in Washington, D. C.,

the crop year. These selected representatives formed themselves into the Na-

tional Peanut Industry Committee for 1947, and elected Roy Parrish, of Moultrie, Ga., and past president of the National Peanut Council, chairman and Harold Smith of Washington, D. C., secremore favorable competitive price.

sult in second and lower grades being diverted into the oil industry in a more orderly manner. This would spread the supply of peanut meal over the entire year. After studying the proposed program from all angles, Commodity Credit Corporation agreed that a program might be promulgated in which they would buy No. 2 and lower grade peanuts

from shellers at a level that will enable shellers to sell No. 1 peanuts at a lower price than otherwise would be possible, with exact price to be established after parity price of July 15 is known. C. C. C. emphasized that the price of No. 1 peanuts sold by shellers cannot be under control and the program would only be offered in order to place shellers in a better position to price their peanuts on a more nearly competitive basis with other food items and at the same time offer the market a better shelled peanut.

son was allowed by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, and the battle centered on Davis and Taylor. Attorneys and Solicitor Fountain argued the case before the jury that morn-

ing, winding up just in time for a Crop Expected late lunch. Judge Frizzelle completed his charge at 3:20 and the jury returned a verdict of guilty

> twenty-five minutes later. During the meantime a special jury was literally chased into the box to hear a divorce case brought by Mamie Davenport Coach against Leo Coach, the plaintiff alleging adultery. Witness Mitchell said he saw the defendant en ter a Norfolk hotel with a woman other than the plaintiff, that the

plaintiff asked him not to say anything about it. The divorce was granted.

Apparently disappointed, Atreasons." torney Allsbrooks made a long and appealing plea in behalf of his client, Arthur Davis, the plea de- Opium Traffic laying work on other cases almost an hour. After commenting on the case and reviewing the current crime trend, Judge Frizzelle sentenced Davis to the roads for twelve months and suspended has been rising since 1944, after the sentence for three years upon reaching an all-time low in 1940, the payment of a \$200 fine and the Harry Anslinger, Federal Narcase costs.

William Taylor, the co-defend- ly in his 1946 report. Seizures last year amounted to ant in the case, was also sentenced to the roads for 12 months, the 4498 ounces, compared with 1024 sentence to be suspended for in 1940. There was not much change in three years upon the payment of a \$200 fine and the trial costs. morphine traffic, compared with There was some doubt if Taylor the previous year, but traffic in who had spent (wo months in jail marihuana "continued to be an inawaiting trial, tould meet the fi- creasingly serious problem." Bulk marihuana seizures totalnancial, requirement immediate ed 10,361 ounces against only 4533

ounces in 1945. Marihuana cig-The bewhiskered case of John E. Williams which got that way aret seizures were about twowith nearly two years of age, was thirds of the total of the previous continued until the September year, but seizures at the borders, term after bumping along through especially facing Mexico, were up one court after another. Wil- sharply.

liams is charged with obtaining money from the prosecuting witness, R. S. Critcher, the solicitor explaining that some kind of civil reason one continuance after ancame very near being thrown out age Manufacturing Company going to China to serve as an MP

weapon has been revealed, but it rell Everett, Fitzhugh Fussell, is stated that one means of ap-Jean Ward Mobley, Sally Roberplication would have some simison, Wade Gardener, Mary Ann larity to one method of using the Manning, and Gloria Taylor. Seventh Grade: Joyce Andrews.

"The secret weapon project originated with the idea of a Wellington, N. Z., man who communicated the plan to Britain and Shirley Rogers and Ernest Taylor. the United States. Both countries immediately made development Elizabeth Griffin, Sarah Manning, plans. The project was to have Ruby Savage, Jean McLawhorn, been carried out in Florida, but was moved to New Zealand and Pacific areas owing to the fears of espionage.

"Leech was selected to lead the research because he had previously done work distantly related. He had a team of 170 Americans and New Zealand experts, most of whom were given no idea of the ultimate objective, for security

Louise Hines, Elizabeth Manning and Elizabeth Parker. Milk Cows Die of Soda Poisoning Now On Increase

Two milk cows belonging to Falmer John N. Hopkins died of The traffic in prepared opium soda poisoning in his lot near Williamston last Thursday, according to reports reaching here.

One of the farmer's sons left a cotics Commissioner, said recentload of soda in the lot the night before and the two cows tore into a bag and ate only a small portion of the nitrates. The animals were found dead, lying hardly more than two yards from each other the following morning. Both cows were liberal producers.

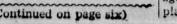
County Youth Serving With Forces In China

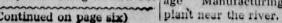
Except for that yearning to be home, Pfc. Robert Stancil Hardison, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Claudius Hardison of Griffins Township, says in a recent letter to his parents, he is getting along O. Keh. "I'm playing baseball and reading the good ole Enterprise

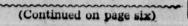
Construction work is progress- which is coming pretty regular ing very rapidly on a storage now," the young army man said, Company on the property be- ber, 1945, Pfc. Hardison received

with the Fourth Marine Division.

CONSTRUCTION action is pending and that for that plant for the Howell-Holding Oil Entering the service in Novemother is being granted it. It was tween the old prisoner of war his basic training at Paris Island admitted, however, that the case camp and the Williamston Pack- and then moved into Japan, later







of the county, casting out a spirit of despair and replacing it