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Ground Breaking For New Church



In one of the first tangible steps in the movement for a new house of worship, members of the Christian church gathered on the lot, corner of North Haughton and Church Streets, last Sunday afternoon for a special service and groundbreaking. Pictured above are the pastor, Rev. John L. Goff, and choir members watching as Mrs. Jos. Robertson, who holds a 55-year membership record, breaks the ground. Below, the group listens to Rev. Elmore Turner of Washington deliver the dedicatory address.

Ten Whiskey Plants Heavy Docket In Justices' Court Wrecked In County In Past Few Days Several Cases Sent To The More Activity On TO SPEAK HERE **Other Courts For Final** Action **Illicit Front In** Handling fightin' and feudin'

County People In Bad Car Accident Near Wake Forest Mrs. Marvin Coltrain Injured Critically; Four Others Also In Accident

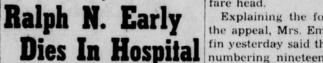
Five Martin County people were injured, one critically and at least two others seriously, late Tuesday afternoon in a highway intersection accident between Wake Forest and Durham.

Mrs. Marvin Coltrain, suffering multiple head injuries, continues in a grave condition at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, where the victims were carried for treatment. She was said to have rested very well last night, but has not regained consciousness. Mrs. Ben Roberson, a passenger in the Coltrain car, suffered fractures of seven ribs, shoulder and collar bone, a knee injury and a 12-stitch cut on her head. Reports this morning indicated that she was not responding to treatment as well as had been hoped for by her doctors. She did not spend a very restful night last night. Mrs. Jesse Lilley, suffered a compound leg fracture, shock and bruises, and was said to be getting along as well as could be expected. Mrs. Joe Gray Corey, also riding with Mrs. Coltrain, suffered severe shock and multiple bruises, but her condition is quite satisfactory and she is expected home shortly. Bill Gay, another passenger in the Coltrain car, was slightly bruised on one leg, but was able to leave the hospital after receiving treatment.

LeRoy J. Cosby, Richmond man who was driving the second car involved in the accident, escaped serious injury and was able to leave the hospital vesterday. Mrs. Coltrain and party were

returning home after a visit in Durham where Mr. Gay received hospital treatment. Colby was driving south.

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Hundreds Attend Easte r Sunrise Service Here



Pictured above are the hundreds of people from Williamston and surrounding territory who braved the chilly morning wind to attend the special Easter sunrise service in Woodlawn Cemetery. The service was led by Rev. E. R. Shuller, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by the several other ministers of the town. The attendance was about the largest to ever attend a sunrise service here.

HALF HOLIDAYS

Beginning next Wednesday, April 19, local business houses and offices will observe each Wednesday afternoon as a half holiday until the week before the tobacco market opens, it has been announced by the Boosters, following a poll of the business operators. Several firms have been observing the half-holiday schedule all the while. A few firms, including The Enterprise and the post office, will remain open Wednesday afternoons and take the half holiday Saturday afternoons.



from organized agencies, a needy family is appealing for old clothing through the Red Cross and the

Williamston Woman's Club welfare head. Explaining the foundation for

fin yesterday said that the family, driving, Herbert Lee Hardison numbering nineteen, was burned was fined \$100, taxed with the



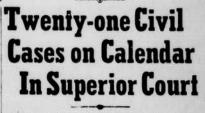
Taking No Holiday Easter Monday, Court Levied CANDIDATE \$625 In Fines

Working while a general holiday was being observed in this section, the Martin County Recorder's court had a fairly profitable session Easter Monday when thirty-two cases were cleared from the docket and fines were levied in the amount of \$625. The doctet count included thirteen

speeding cases. Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson cleared the docket and folded the court tent at 12:00 o'clock noon until May 1. During the meantime, the county bar members and Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn will wrestle with a conglomerated civil calen-

Proceedings last Monday: Pleading guilty of drunken

Jos. Sheppard Holliday, well known Bear Grass



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Plaintiffs Seeking To Recover Approximately \$70,000 In Damages

Plaintiffs will seek more than \$70,000 damages alleged to have resulted in accidents when they go into the Martin County Superior Court during the two-week special term opening next Monday. Most of the twenty-one civil cases on the calendar however, are most modest when it comes to claims.

In addition to handling eight divorce cases and a few other civil actions next Monday, the court, presided over by Judge W. H. S.

Number UI Years

Officers Pour Out Nearly 4,000 Gallons of Beer In Five Days .

The illicit liquor business, showing signs of revival on a more intensive scale during recent months, flowered almost into full bloom recently just to be cut down by ABC Enforcement Officer J. H. Roebuck and Deputy Roy Peel with the aid of neighboring county officers during one or two days of the five-day round-up. Officer Roebuck, reasoning that economic conditions enter into the picture, declared that there is more activity on the illicit liquor front in this county now than in a number of years.

During the five-day raiding period last week, the officers wrecked ten distilleries, poured out nearly 4,000 gallons of mash or sugar beer and confiscated copper and equipment.

ship, the two county officers struck near Hassell, wrecking three nasty oil drum kettles and pouring out 150 gallons of filthy beer. Two of the plants were close together, and a third was found a mile away.

Joined by Pitt ABC officers the next day, the officers wrecked two partial plants in the Stingy Point section of Robersonville Township, pouring out 150 gallons of beer.

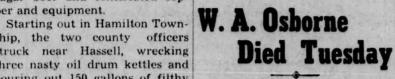
Returning to Hamilton the next day, Officers Roebuck and Peel and a devoted friend to his felwrecked another oil drum still lowman.

and poured out 100 galions of and confiscated two copper ketthe second of 100 gallon capacity. Four hundred gallons of beer were spilled at the two plants.

Friday when the two officers in | Washington; one sister, Mrs. Lizthis county, joined by those from Beaufort, raided along the Martin-Beaufort line. The plant was equipped with a 200-gallon capacity wood still a 200-gallon capacity cooler and a large doubler, ten 300-gallon and four 50-gallon fermenters. There were sixteen 5- low in the Robersonville Ceme-

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Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville citizen and Washington, D. C., attorney, will speak in the Martin County courthouse here next Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced yesterday



W. A. Osborne, well known farmer of near Robersonville, dicd

night at 11:45 o'clock after a several weeks' illness. The son of the late Allen and Jane Roberson Osborne, he was

and spent all his life on the farm. He was a thoughtful neighbor Robert Perry's car in an accident

Surviving are his widow, the beer. That afternoon they switch- former Miss Mamie Brown; one ed over to Bear Grass Township son, L. R. Osborne of Rocky Mount; two daughters, Mrs. Jack tles, one of 50 gallon capacity and Rouse of Kinston and Mrs. Claude Winchester of the Spring Green Community; two brothers, Allen

Osborne, Robersonville town The big raid was handled last clerk, and Jimmie Osborne of zie Smith of Robersonville; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services are being held son, Baptist minister, assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry. Burial will fol-

cases and various other law violations, three local justices of the

list included:

neace worked over time the early part of the week clearing up their dockets. Several cases were sent to other courts for final action. The following cases were handled in Justice R. T. Johnson's

court: Charged with reckless driving, Jim Bond was bound over to the county court for trial on May 1 Bond was required to give bond in the sum of \$100. Operating a motor vehicle with Roy Moore was fined \$5 and tax-

ed with \$5.85 costs. Charged with fishing without license, Thurman D. Bailey of Rocky Mount was fined \$5 and

requried to pay \$5.85 costs. Facing a similar charge, Paul G. Sumwas required to pay the costs. Drunk and disorderly, George Corning of Norfolk was fined \$10,

plus \$6.85 costs. Charged with parking on high

way without lights and without giving proper clearance, William Lester Smith was fined \$5, plus \$5.85 costs.

The case charging Lewis B Willoughby with operating a moat his home there last Tuesday tor vehicle without proper registration, was dismissed.

Charged with failing to give right-of-way, Norman R. Oliver was fined \$10 and taxed with born in this county 74 years ago, \$5.85 costs. He was also ordered to pay damages resulting to

7th. operating a motor vehicle with this week.

improper registration. In the case charging Donald B. Nobles with operating a motor vehicle with improper registra-

defendant get proper licenses.

The case charging Charlie Clark with an assault was sent to at the home this afternoon at 3:30 the juvenile court by Justice C. R. o'clock by Rev. Ralph E. Fergu- Mobley when it was learned the defendant was under sixteen years of age.

out of their home on Broad Street

Ralph Newton Early, popular last Saturday afternoon, leaving 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. everyone of them without chang-Henry Early of the Oak City-Pal- ing clothes. The mother-grandmyra community, died late Mon- mother has been deserted by the day night in Duke Hospital a short husband. Insurance was hardly time after he underwent a major more than sufficient to satisfy the mortgage. Except for a few odd operation there.

Stricken with influenza two jobs, one of the two able to work weeks or more ago, the youth par- has been employed only on a tially recovered but complained short-time basis. Most of the fawith severe headaches. The fan.- mily is crowded into a three-room ilv physician advised hospital hease for which they are paying treatment and he was removed to \$6 a week rent, the other members a Rocky Mount hospital. When of the family finding refuge in

improper lights, Haywood Le- his condition worsened last Sun- neighbors' homes. No appeal is being made fo day he was removed to Duke. The promising youth attended money, but large amounts of

the Oak City schools where he wearing apparel and bed clothing had many friends, and was a fav- are urgently needed to relieve the orite among both old and young. serious plight the family now Surviving besides his parents, finds itself in. The ages of the are a brother, Joseph Lester Early daughters and granddaughters are merell, Jr., also of Rocky Mount, of the home, and his maternal 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 16; of the sons and grandmother, Mrs. Dana Alligood grandsons, two months, and 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. of Palmyra.

Funeral services were conduct- Any one who can'spare serviceed yesterday afternoon at 3:30 able clothing is asked to leave it o'clock in the Williams Chapel at the police station for delivery Methodist Church, near the home, to the Red Cross office, or call by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Sher- Mrs. Henry Griffin, phone 2613, man. Interment was in the church 'and she'll pick it up for the family. cemetery.

Eighteen File For Places On Ballot In This County

A report late yesterday from C. C. Martin, J. H. Edwards and Elections Board Chairman C. D. H. L. Roebuck for county commis-Carstarphen stated that all county Geo. C. Griffin, Howard B. Gaynear Smithwicks Creek on April political positions were assured lord and Ferd W. Holliday for candidates, but that all the an- Martin County Board of Educa-

the payment of \$5.85 in the case and that the filing dead line is announced are expected to file charging Phoebe R. Thomas with 6:00 o'clock p. m. on Saturday of shortly. While last-minute developments could change the color of

As of late yesterday the filing pre-primary politics, no late candidacies are anticipated. But the Clarence W. Griffin for solicitor field is still open.

Martin County Recorder's Court, J. Shep Hollidays filed this tion papers, the court suspended Murray W. (Buck) Holloman for morning for county commissioner judgment on condition that the sheriff, William W. Biggs for cor- from the Griffins-Bear Grass disoner, L. Bruce Wynne for clerk of trict, and A. Corey got his name

superior court, R. H. Smith for on the dotted line shortly before treasurer, Hugh G. Horton for 10 o'clock today. senator of second district, E. G. In addition to the county peli-

Anderson, Luther Hardison and tical slate, three have filed for Jimmy Wallace for Martin County township constable, including representative in the North Caro- Charlie R. Moore, Williamston; D lina General Assembly, W. M. A. Roberson, Robersonville; and Harrison, Henry S. Johnson, Jr., C. Roy O'Neal, Jamseville.

costs and lost his driver's license for a year.

> Ralph Mason, charged with violating the rules of the road, was found not guilty.

Pleading guilty of allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, James Williams was sentenced to the roads for

sixty days. Adjudged guilty of stealing a red pocketbook, Alice Dickens was sentenced to jail for sixty days

A series of assault cases originating in Robersonville were aired in the court, the three defend-

ants, Dorah Jenkins, Ernestine Wright and Ann Wright, drawing \$15 fines each, plus costs. Ann Wright pleaded not guilty.

Adjudged guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, Robert Everett, colored, was sentenced to the roads for sixty days.

Facing two counts, Joe Baker pleaded not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and violating the liquor laws. Adjudged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for nine months, the court suspending the sentence upon the payment of a \$75 fines and costs. The defendant is to drink no liquor and not assault his wife

during the next two years. Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, Harry James was sentenced to the roads for six months. The judgment was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs, and the defendant is not to

two years. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the Judgment was suspended upon nounced candidates had not filed, tion. Other candidates who have case in which Clarence Roberson was charged with assaulting female.

Charged with careless and reckless driving, Samuel Patrick pleaded not guilty. He was found guilty of violating the rules of

the road and was fined \$10, plus the costs. Jesse Mott Rooks pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 for drunken driving. He was taxed with the

costs and lost his license for one vear Charged with careless and reck-

plus costs.

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Township farmer, announced his candidacy for county commissioner from the Griffins-Bear Grass district. Filing this morning, the candidate will oppose W. M. Harrison, also of Bear Grass.

To Hold Special

Burgwyn, is tentatively scheduled to clear away a goodly number of old cases, most of them having been settled by agreement out of court and others having been cleared up by time.

Tried once and called again, the \$15,000 damage suit brought by Grover Peel, administrator of Chloe Peel, against the A. C. L. Railroad Company is set for trial next Tuesday. The first trial verdici, allowing \$6,000 damages, was

near Plymouth. The plaintiff al-

leges that his 16-year-old son lost

gence of the defendant in not

posting proper signs on a pier ex-

water at the beach. The young

man dived into the water, said to

have been eighteen to twenty

inches in depth, and broke his

neck in two places on July 31,

1949. He died in a Washington

The second \$25,000 damage suit

Weatherly and the Norfolk South-

ern Bus Corporation. The plain-

Citizens in those areas just outset aside following the last Sep side the present town limits will tember term of court as being excessive. The second trial was have an opportunity to approve or well under way in the court last reject an annexation proposal in month when the presiding jurist a special election to be held on was taken ill and found it neces-Saturday, June 10.

Election June 10

sary to adjourn the tribunal for Registrars, judges of election the term. Pointing out that the and registration places were an- little Peel child was run down nounced this week by County and killed by the defendant's Board of Elections Chairman C. D. train near Darden's on September 27, 1948, the plaintiff charges Carstarphen.

In the West End area, Dennis negligence, adding that no whistle Hardy was named registrar, and warning was given. Lee Bert Jenkins and Hilton One of the big suits, in which Forbes were named judges of the plaintiff is asking \$25,000 election. The registration books damages, was brought by Arthur will be opened in Hardy's store on Lilley, administrator of Dallas Saturday, May 13, and continue Hugh Lilley, against L. W. Guropen through Saturday, May 27. kin, operator of Albemarle Beach

The books will be open on June 3 for the challenge of any names. In the North End area, Charlie his life on account of the negli-B. Wynn has been named registrar, and Garland Wynn and Sam Whichard are to serve as judges tending some 100 yards into the of election. Registration books will be kept open in Dan Gardassault his wife during the next ner's store three Saturdays, beginning May 13 for the entry of all those who wish to participate in the election to be held on June 10. There will be opportunity on Sat-

hospital a few days later on Augurday, June 3, for any one to chalust 5. In his answer, the defendlenge the names on the registraant claims the plaintiff's intestion books. tate was injured by his own negli-

It is a special election and anyone in the two affected areas gence. wishing to vote in it must register

is being brought by Jesse A. during the set time. Council, administrator of Allie Bell Williams, against J. C.

Farm Life Ruritans To **Observe** Ladies' Night

Farm Life Ruritans will observe tiff says that Mrs. Williams, 32, ladies' night at their regular meet- was struck and killed by the deing next Tuesday night at 7:30 fendant's bus near Williamston on o'clock in the Farm Life cafeteria. July 28, 1949.

pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, The entertainment committee is Slade-Rhodes Company started planning for an enjoyable event, it was announced.

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less driving. Arthur Mae Woolard