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Martin Superior **Court Came Near Being No Court**

Second Week of the Special Term Lasted About Ninety Minutes'

After hitting and missing repeatedly since its opening the early part of last work, the Martin County Superior Court gave up and simply quit shortly before noon Tuesday

Observing Easter Monday as a holiday, the court opened the first sessions of its two-week term on Tuesday of last week, and suspended activities the following day. A few cases, mostly divorce actions, were cleared from the calendar during the two-day per-

Monday of this week, just about every member of the county bar association had business in the federal court at Washington, and no session was scheduled that day. Plans were made for big business, beginning Tuesday, but ninety minutes later all pretense of clearing the calendar was abandoned. Several attorneys explained they were to be in federal court again in Washington, and the tribunal ordered an adjournment after entering a few judgments in the re cords.

One or two civil actions were here'll be little time left for the trial of civic cases.

Twenty-seven jurors reported for duty Tuesday morning along with Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill. They drew their breath and pay, exchanged greetings and passed the time of day before taking leave of absence.

A few isues were placed before the jurymen who merely raised their hands, placing judgments in order for the minute docket.

In the case of Martin Supply Company against Richard Bowen. the plaintiff was given a judgment in the sum of \$370.53.

(Continued on page eight) Pre-School Clinic



John E. Griffin, Robersonville 4-H Club member and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Griffin of Robersonville, took top honors in the swine department with his Duroc pig at the recent Martin County Fat Stock Show. The lad sold his grand champion to the Dixie Motor Company for \$25.75 per hundred pounds.-(Royal Studios, photograph).

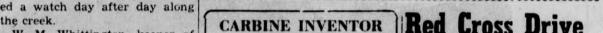
Body Of Drowned Continue Raids On Illicit set peremptorily for trial at the June term. There are numerous Man Recovered In Liquor Traffic In County

drunken driving cases on the docket on appeal, and by the Creek Wednesday, weeks earlier in the year, under- ficers confiscated two and oneweek earlier in the year, under- half gallons of illicit liquor and Ministerial Association counter-Arthur Glasgow, 31, Miss-) cover agents ferreted out quite found two 5-gallon demijohns ing with a strong offense. The

a number of illicit liquor dealers, tied. Staton and his wife, Susie, Speeding cases are predominate but reports declare that the sur- were booked for trial in the coun- in the list of actions scheduled face of the nefarious business has ty court next Monday. Bonds were for trial, followed closely by alhardly been scratched. It is al- required in the sum of \$100 each, leged liquor law violations. There leged that the traffic is reaching

serious proportions in some com- working in the Staton home, three an even dozen cases involving limunities, and that law enforce- others, ABC Officers Joe H. Roe- quor law violations. ment agencies have been unable buck and Cecil Bullock and Dep-

to do much about it. Working on complaints, Sher- Verna Little. Playing the game licenses. Eight are booked on that iff M. W. Holloman and Deputies safe, the little woman kept her charge. Drunken driving and neighbors and members of the conducted continually by mem- Dennis Roberson of Robersonville liquor in a bucket and the bucket careless and reckless driving are Forestry Service "back-fired" to Club and special guests Tuesday bers of his family, neighbors, and Raymond Rawls dealt a blow in the sink. When the officers en- tied with seven cases pending in turn the big fire back and save to the business in Parmele last tered she tilted the bucket over each category. Saturday morning. Raiding the and hardly enough liquor was refamily of close friends, including home of Booker T. Staton, the of- covered for use as evidence.



Wins Top Honors At Fat Stock Show Big Docket In The Woods Fires Cause Recorder's Court D. I. I. I. Cause Holding Funeral At Fairview For Monday, April 28 Big Loss In County Native of County Joe Henry Hopkins Died Sixty-eight Cases Already Several Thousand Suddenly at New Bern Been Scheduled For MANAGER **Tuesday Evening Trial That Day Acres Are Burned** Funeral services are being con-A long session is in prospect for A long session is in prospect for the Martin County Recorder's In Past Few Days ducted in the Fairview Church ov-Court next Monday, with the pos sibility that the tribunal will **Unofficial Estimates Place** burn a little bit of night oil. **Damage Loss at More** Idle since April 7 or during two Than \$60,000. weeks the superior court was supposed to have been in session. Forest fires, including two bethe county court has approximatelieved to have been of incendiary ly eighty cases on its docket. Several others are almost certain to origin, have burned over approx-

imately 2,000 acres of woodlands

in this county during the past few morning or 9:30 o'clock. days, unofficial estimates placing A second round in the round-up the damage at the conservative of alleged liquor law violators is figure of \$60,000

find their way onto the docket be-

fore the court opens next Monday

scheduled for next Monday. Spec-Following a fire Tuesday after ial agents of the North Carolina noon, officials of the Forestry Ser-State ABC Enforcement Division vice ruled out the issuance of all are to return to complete evipermits for burning hedgerows dence against ten defendants pickand new ground stumps and piled up in a series of undercover ings until the dry season is relievraids earlier in the year. During ed the meantime the county officers

The first in the series of fires are going into court with a few was reported last week near Bear defendants of their own, includ-Grass when a shuck fire went out one or two rated as professional of control and spread to about retailers. 300 acres of timberlands.

The case in which three are Last Friday, a fire in nev charged with or aiding and abetground went out of control and ting the showing of obscene picburned over a fairly large area tures is scheduled for trial next Monday. The case is likely to deon the south side of the Prison Camp Road, not far from Wil velop a stubborn defense with liamston.

members of the Martin County The big fire, rated the largest in this county in a number of years, burned over more than that had just recently been emp- films are still impounded. 1,500 acres of land in Williamston and Cross Roads Townships. Tues day afternon and night and most

of yesterday. A tenant house, valued at \$2,500 and possibly more. While those three officers were are eighteen speeding cases and was destroyed when the fire spread to the Willie Bowen farm not far from Williamston Tues-

There are those who still gamday afternoon. Farm buildings and uty Roy Peel raided the home of ble on driving without operator's homes throughtout the territory were threatened, but farmers,

the buildings. Fire-fighting equip-There are five cases involving ment from Robersonville and Wilindecent exposure of the body liamston stood by several hours Olive's address to the club exand the use of indecent language. during the night when the fire plained his position on matters of Surviving are his widow, the

n Williams Township this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Joseph Henry Hopkins, native of this county, who died suddenly in New Bern about 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night. The pastor, the Rev. P. E. Cayton, is conducting the rites, and interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemtery here. Hopkins told his wife early Tuesday evening that he was coing to get a loaf of bread but telephoned her at 9:00 clock that he was having car trouble and would be home later. When he did not return about :00 o'clock yesterday morning, Mrs. Hopkins notified police who found the lifeless body in his car parked on the Country Club Road. When the body was found, there was a hose from the exhaust pipe into the front seat of the car and all windows were tightly shut, Coroner Frank Ballard of Craven County, said. One report said the

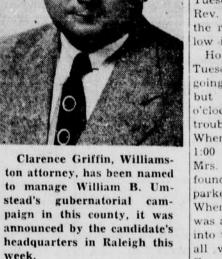
motor of the car was still running when the body was found at :00 o'clock vesterday morning. Sounded by Olive Coroner Ballard was of the opinon that Hopkins died about 10:30 In Talk To Club clock Tuesday night.

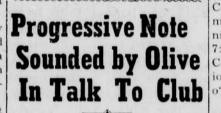
Forward Program"

Briefly reviewing the progressive march made by North Carolina since 1900 and more particularly in recent years, Judge Hubert Olive, candidate for gover- farm, he volunteered for service nor, pledged his support in the continuation of that march when he addressed the local Rotary noon

Climaxing extensive campaign ing in this immediate area. Mr.

Charges are also pending reached a peak and threatened importance, and clearly marked former Miss Verna Gray Hardison: a daughter Jo Etta Hopkins: a son, Dale Willis Hopkins, all of





Injured while in the Navy back n the late thirties Mr. Hopkins **Candidate Supporting The** Continuation of the "Go.

had exeperienced ill health for some time, and it is believed that despondency over his condition prompted the tragic act. The son of the late J. Will Hopkins and wife. Jimmie Griffin Hopkins, he was born in Williams Township 42 years ago. After spending his early life on the

in the Navy. Following his discharge he continued to farm for a while, later driving a passenger line bus for a short time before entering civil service and accepting a job at the Cherry Point Marine Base and locating in New

A pre-school clinic will be held patroled the waters shortly before

at the Williamston grammar chool Tuesday and Wednesday, April 29 and 30th.

be six years old on or before Oc- ing that the body had surfaced tober 1, 1952, please bring him or hardly more than ten or fifteen her to the Williamston grammar minutes before it was found about school Tuesday, April 29, or Wed- 75 yards above the spot where the nesday, April 30th, between 9:30 empty boat had drifted into bushand 11 a. m. Children whose last es overhanging the creek bank. names starts with any letter between A and L, inclusive will the body which was said to have please report Tuesday, an dthose been in an advanced state of debetween M and Z inclusive, on composition, Coroner William W. Wednesday," Principal B. G. Stewart, announced this morning

Mr. Stewart pointed out that it was accidental.

is very important that one parent accompany each child. He also with John Braswell, John Winemphasized the importance of stead and Willis Glover, all of each child that has had whooping Nash County, early in the aftercough or diptheria shots to pre- noon of April 4. The party fished sent certificates that were given most of the afternoon, returning them at the time of vaccination.

"We would like for every child that evening. After supper, two of who is entering school for the first the party returned to the creek and Glasgow and Glover went to Music Department there was handled by Annie Haswho is entering school for the first the party returned to the creek principal said.

GOOD FISHING

Good fishing has been reported this week in the Roanoke, large catches having been taken at Jamesville. The seine this week was netting more fish than could be handled, and operations were limited to only a few hauls. It was necessary to "cut" the seine four times on one haul. Herring, caught Tuesday, were said to be the prettiest even taken from the river. They were unusually large. Rock catches are picking up and a few shad are being tak-

Ellsworth Holliday stole the spotlight early in the week when he dipped up with a bow net a rock weighin 48 pounds. The fish was the largest taken from the stream there in several years.

W. M. Whittington, keeper of Here Next Week Ray's Camp at the creek where Highway 64 crosses the stream,

ing Since Night Of

April 4th

32-year-old Nash County farmer

who had been missing since the

night of April 4 ,was found in

Gardner's Creek between here

and Jamesville about 8:00 o'clock

yesterday morning. The recovery

marked the end of a long search.

other friends and officers in this

county. Some member of the

The body of Arthur Glasgow,

8:00 o'clock yesterday morning but saw no sign of the body. A few minutes later a fishing party

"If you have a child that will sighted it, Mr. Whittington stat-Following an examination of Biggs said there were no signs of foul play, and ruled the drowning

> Glasgow came to this county The life story of David M. Williams, of Godwin, N. C. and inventor of the Carbine rifle, will be portrayed on the screen at the Viccar here to the camp about 8:00 o'clock next week.

midnight, Glasgow got up, took To Hold Festival

fish. About 3:00 o'clock Saturday morning, Braswell and Winstead,

returning from their fishing trip, partment of the Williamston found the empty boat about a schools will present "A Spring mile down the creek from the Festival" on May 6 and May 9. in the observance of National bridge. Officers and others dragged the creek for days, but their Music Week, May 4-10. The operations were centered near theme of National music Week | Peele, \$1; Mrs. James Peele, \$1; the spot where the boat was this year is "Make Your Life More Musical". found and barely touched the On Tuesday night, May 6, in area where the body surfaced. the Williamston High School aud-The body was turned over to a

ial. (Continued on Page Eight) County-Wide Colored

P.-T. A. Meeting Sunday High School auditorium, at 8:00

The County-wide Colored Pa- Club, the Junior High Glee Club retts school building on the Spring Green Road Sunday afternoon at be given in both programs, with of boiling potlicker. 3:00 o'clock. All members are urg- over 350 children participating.

vited.

lattend

a group of songs.

Red Cross Drive **Completed Today In Local Chapter**

> **Contributions Exceed The** Original \$4,100 Quota By More Than \$126

The annual Red Cross fund case docket called the last day of quota by \$126.43. The record showing that the

declared that cooperation on the part of all, including the orga-

nizers, canvassers and contributors made possible the success-Iful drive, that he was greatly indebted to all who had a part in

A report just released by Smithwick's School District, added \$25 to the total. The drive

there include: Plum Williams, \$1; Mrs. Vornetia Daniels, \$1; Mrs. Reva Reddick, \$1; Mrs. Lester Wrisby, \$1; Anoxles Peele, \$1; Mrs. Margaret Mrs. Lester Peele, 50c; Miss A.

Cooper, \$1; James Godard, \$1; Joe Daniels, \$1; Milton Godard, 10c. A. K. Riddick and others, \$5 Rocky Mount undertaker for bur- itorium, at 8:00 o'clock, grades Cleveland Manning and others, 1-5 will present a program of \$5.

songs. A chorus made up of child-(Continued on Page Five)

On Friday night, May 9, in the Infant Badly Burned . o'clock, the Elementary Glee

Andrew Wiggins, nine-months ent-Teacher Association will hold and the High School Glee Club old, was badly burned at his home a special meeting in the Eve- will present a program of songs, here late Tuesday afternoon when A wide variety of songs will he stuck his right hand into a pot

Carried to a local hospital an ed to attend and the public is in- The public is cordially invited to hour later, the little tot shrieked

against two drunks two persons for violating the motor vehicle laws, and one each for violating gett farm about one mile East of the health laws, and for larceny and bastardy. fire, but the woods near the struc-

Sixty-eight cases have been placed on the docket already for big fire to lessen the danger. trial, and six or eight others have Starting about noon along the ben continued already for trial in May. rapidly over the area. The Fores-

While the docket for next Mon-(Continued on Page Two) day is much smaller than the 109-

Patrol Recovers drive was announced complete to- March, it is listed among the day in the Martin County Chap- largest ever to face the court. A ter, Chairman W. Iverson Skin- fairly sizable crowd is expected. ner explaining that the contribu- Even if all the defendants and tions exceeded the original \$4,100 witnesses appear, the court room will be just about filled.

task was well done, Mr. Skinner Old Model Auto **Buried in County**

> An old Ford louring tur. De lieved to have been made back in 1925 cr 1926, was found buried about 100 yards off Highway 64 forces, was arrested by Patrolman

> between Robersonville and Par- R. P. Narron on Washington mele a few days ago by county officers.

Some one had dug a hole to fit the car in and covered it up. It the latter \$1.50, in adidtion to had been stripped down and what rell drove away from a filling statheir services. Other contributions was left of the machine had rusted badly, the officers said.

The officers could not reason why someone would dig a hole and bury a car. There could be a mystery surrounding the act, the chased him back to Sycamore and officers said.

P.-T. A. MEETING

A regular meeting of the local Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the high school auditorium next Monday evening April 28, at 7:45 o'clock. Following an important business session, Director Jack Butler's elementary band will appear in a special program. There are fifty promising young musicians in the group and they are pre paring to entertain a large congregation. Officers for the coming year will also be elected at this meeting.

just about everything in its path. him as a progressive. Buildings on the Chas. Ray Leg-Declaring that State govern ment exists only to serve the peo

Two motor vehicles, alleged to

county Tuesday.

authorities.

County authorities.

Everetts were in direct line of the ple individually and collectively, the speaker explained that life was very simple in our State fiftures were burned ahead of the ty years ago, that there were few tools, no research and no special Prison Camp Road, the fire spread services. Much has been accomplished since the turn of the cen-

tury the speaker said, adding that where 738 pounds of tobacco Whee Club members left here yeswere produced on an acre 25 terday for Greensboro, where produced now. "This gain is State Contest Festival. They will **Stolen Vehicles** and the services of the various 50 students, two choruses of 500 governmental agencies," he said. have been stolen in other areas,

were recovered by members of livestock, provide more storage the State Highway Patrol in this ing," Mr. Olive said. Pyt. William C. Harrell, Frank-

Referring to the highway syslin County young man who was iem, the candidate said the first serving time for being absent without leave from the armed Street here early Tuesday afternoon for the alleged theft of a 1949 Ford off the Fort Bragg reservation early that morning. Harsystem must be given attention. tion in the Tarboro area with out paying for gasoline and the resort to that method. They have Nicholson.

patrol was put on his trail. Paproved successful in other states, trolman Narron met him on West and they are worth considering Main Street and, turning around,

and should be investigated. If such a system will better our on to Washington Street where State, then we should go ahead he stopped him near the colored with them," he explained, adding high school. Explaining he was en that he preferred roads without route to visit his girl in Elizabeth toll

City, Harrell admitted the theft .'More than 87 percent of our and is being turned over to Fort ural homes have electricity. The Bragg and Cumberland County other aproximately 13 percent need and want electricity, and Grady Keith Lamb, 23, was ar-

they should have it." rested at his home on RFD 2. Rob-Turning to the telephone reersonville, late Tuesday afternoon cord in this State, the candidate and charged with the theft of a said we rank 47th in the list of 10-wheel Chevrolet truck from states, that only Mississippi is be-J. R. Rogerson in Bethel sometime low us. "It is a record we should during the previous night. Arbe ashamed of, and if the companrested by Cpl. M. C. Byrum, Lamb ies do not better it then the State showed him where he had parked should do something about it." the truck on a road about three Mr. Olive, pointing out that miles from his home and about much has been done to provide one-half mile off Highhway 903. better care of our mentally ill, de-Lamb was turned over to Pitt (Continued on Page Three)

(Continued on page eight) **Glee Club Taking Part In Contests**

The Williamston High School years ago, 1,348 pounds are being they will enter the North Carolina traceable to study and research participate in a chorus made up of each will be under the direction "Although there has been much of Kenneth Jewell of Detroit, and progress, we can't stand still. We Dr. Lara Hoggard of Fred Warmust diversify our farming, add ing's Pennsylvanians.

The contest and festival is befacilities and improve our market- ing held on the campus of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

The statents will return Saturgoal was to link county seat with day. Those attending the festival county seat. Then the program are as follows: Janice Manning, called for farm-to-market roads, Pat Taylor, Barbara Gurganus, "But the job is not complete," he Susie Griffin, Edna Mizelle, Caradded, explaining that the high- ole Gurganus, Marie Peel, Sallie ways must be provided to meet Roberson, Jo Ann McLawhorn, the needs, and that the primary Lelia Mae Goff, Jane Speller, Bobby Goff, Jack Daniels, Benny "While I do not favor turnpikes Taylor, Wade Bunting, Corrone or toll roads, we might have to Bryant, Phillip Coltrain and Jerry

HALF HOLIDAY

While local business houses and most offices closed tight to observe the first half holiday of the spring-summer. period, a few business firms, including garages, filling stations and heavy industry plugged along as usual.

'The town's volunteer firemen, anticipating an outing from their daily labors, had their holiday spoiled by repeated fire calls. Members of the department were kept busy most of the afternoon roaming over the county, trying to do their bit in checking raging woods fires. They were called to the Mickey's Inn area at 1:30 and to Free Union about 4:00 o'clock.

Other contributions, not pre-

ren from each grade will present

At Home Here Tuesday

and wailed equal to a 10-year-old.

sell, assisted by Ben Reddick, the former contributing \$1.30 and

The Public School Music De