Of Term Thursday

Eleven Cases Continued for One Reason Or Another Until June Term

With only criminal cases schetwo-week term rather unexpectedly last Thursday afternoon, leaving eleven cases on the docket term. Court officials took leave of absence until Monday morning of this week when they returned lina Library Commission. to work on a short civil calendar which was considerably reduced around budgets and finances, dur- ment sporsored the institute. when twenty of the forty-five cases placed there for trial were continue the first crack out of the

Proceedings in the criminal court not previously reported fol-

The complicated case in which Roger Lovett was charged with operating a motor vehicle with an improper driver's license was finally settled. Lovett was involved in an accident. He was booked for trial and later disappeared, claiming last week that he thought his employers was going to take care of the costs. He was later brought to justice, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon

the payments of the costs. Charged with an assault with intent to kill, William Earl Ballance pleaded not guilty. During the trial, he changed his plea and was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment

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Mrs. Leggett Died At Her Home In **County Last Night**

Funeral In Hamilton Baptist Church Wednesday Afternoon at 3:00

a heart condition, she was sick zen in his community. for about three years, and her the past week. She was an invadeath in 1941, he was married to Mrs. J. E. Terry

lid for some time. lar Point Township 77 years ago lin, U. S. Navy stationed in Memon February 12, 1876, the daugh- phis, Tennessee; Charles Alfred ter of the late James and Susan Modlin, U. S. Army stationed in Elizabeth Hurst Coburn. She Washington, D. C., and Lovick lived in Poplar Point Township Modlin of Jamesville; one daughall her life where she was held in ter. Mrs. Sarah Elizabth Perry of high esteem as a kind neighbor Washington, D. C.; six grandchildand a thoughtful friend

She was first married on January 7, 1897, to Charles W. Allen. ter, Mrs Mamie Long, of James-Will Baptist Church Sunday aft-Following his death, she was mar- ville. No children survive his seried to Jesse A. Leggtt on September 20, 1916.

Surviving are a son, C. B. Allen ie home; a sister Mrs. Lifoud parent home at 4 Main Street Ange, of Jamesville; two half- this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by George and Sallie Whitchurst near Detroit. His second marsisters, Res. Irma Leggett of his pastor, the Rev. W B. Har- Jenkins, was born and reared mar riage was to Mrs. Lela Ambers Hopewell, Va., and Mrs. Beulah rington. Interment will be in the Leggett's Cross Roads, and had Gurganus, and following her

Mrs. Leggett was a devoted member of the Hamilton Baptist Church most of her life, and the funeral will be held there Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by her pastor, the Rev. C. L.

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ALLOTMENTS

Peanut acreage allotments, reflecting a reduction of between nine and ten percent, will be mailed to growers in this county on Thursday of

this week. Approximately 1,434 acres have been whacked off the allotment in effect last year, leaving the growers in this county 15,640 acres for plant-

ing and harvest this year. It will be recalled that the edible type fo peanuts was increased 1,572 acres last year, meaning that the farmers are losing not quite as much as they gained in 1952.

The present allotment of 15,540 acres compared with a total of almost 28,000 acres planted to the crop in 1941.

Criminal Court In Librarians Hold District Handle Few Civil Chapter Meets Its Hearing In Murder Property Damage Its Final Session Meeting In Woman's Club Cases First Lay Red Cress Blood Court In Meeting In Woman's Club Cases First Lay Red Cress Blood Court In Meeting In Woman's Club Cases First Lay Red Cress Blood

district meeting in the Woman's Robersonville, formerly headed

Club building here yesterday. Henry C. Bourne, trustee of the senting the American Heritage duled, the Martin County Super- North Carolina Library Associa- Foundation of New York, also ior Court ended the first of its tion of Tarboro, presided over the briefly addressed the group. sessions which were featured by The meeting, one of four being an address by Alex McMahon, as- held in the State, discussed libsistant director of the Institute of rary problems of all types, and for consideration at the June Government, Chapel Hill, and a was held at the request of the talk by Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, North Carolina Library Associafield librarian for the North Caro- tion's Trustee Section and the

Representing seventeen coun- ing the afternoon session, was led ties in this part of the State, forty- by Miss Elizabeth House, director five librarians, trustees and lib- of the State Library Commission. rary commission members held a Raleigh. Miss House, a native of the B-H-M Regional Library.

Following the registration, Mrs. | Miss Margaret Monroe, repre-

North Carolina Library Commis-A panel discussion, centering sion. The Institute of Govern-

Funeral Saturday

In Hassell Church

Thursday Following A

Long Illness

Funeral services were conduct-

about fuor months, having under-

Mamie Wynne. Except for a few

In early womanhood she was

ied to Henry Thomas, later locat-

Surviving besides her husband

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Passes In County

Mrs. Willie Jenkins Terry, 64,

Surviving are two sons, Grover

Lee and Garland Terry of New-

port News; three daughters, Mrs.

John Mack Terry and Mrs. W. C.

Keatts of Newport Uews, and Mrs.

Bert Harrison of the home; a

step-son, J. C. Terry of Newport News; a step-daughter, Mrs. W. A.

Roberson of Williamston; two

sisters, Mrs. John L. Webb of

Everetts, and Mrs. Lucy White-

hurst of Williamston; and two

brothers, Stancill Jenkins of Rob-

ersonville and Plum Jenkins of

Bear Grass Township.

several days of illness.

conducted the services.

community.

times during that time.

ROUND-UP

Local and county officers staged a pretty big spring clean-up last week-end when they rounded up and jailed twelve alleged law violators, including one charged with murder. Five were booked for public drunkenness, 'two for drunken driving, two for assault and one each for larceny and violating the motor vehicle laws.

One of the twelve was white and ages of the group ranged from 19 to 65 years.

C. Frank Modlin Died In Hospital **Sunday Evening**

Last Rites For Jamesville Farmer In Biggs Funeral Home This Afternoon

Charles Frank Modlin, retired Jamesville Township farmer, died years spent in Virginia, she lived in a Williamston hospital Sunday in this county all her life. evening at 6:00 o'clock. In declining health for about three years, he was removed to the hospital March 15 when his condition be- Following his death she was mar-

The son of the late Alfred and ing in Hamilton. She was a faith-Fannie Modlin, he was born near ful member of the Hassell Holi-Mrs. Catherine Coburn Allen Jamesville 69 years ago on July ness Church, attending its service Last Rites Conducted In the Leroy Smith, J. W. Snead, Clabon Tyner told the sheriff that he Joseph H. Holliday she made her morning at 1:15 o'clock, Although Leggett, well-known resident of 9, 1883, and farmed and lived as long as she was able to be out Poplar Point Township, died at there all his life. He was a memher home there last night at 10:45 ber of the Cedar Branch Baptist are two children by her first maro'clock following a long period of Church for many years, and was riage, Edward Earl Mobley of declining health. Suffering with an able farmer and a leading citi- Everetts, and Mrs. Howard Stroud

He was first married in 1916 to condition had been serious since Rebecca Roberson. Following her

Surviving besides him widow Mrs. Leggett was born in Pop- are three sons, William Asa Modren; one brother, Sylvester Modlin, of Newport News; and a sis-

cond marriage. The last rites are being conducted in the Biggs Funeral Home Modlin family cemetery, near the

Superior Cour

Springtime and the longing to get busy on the farms prompted quite a few excuses from jurors in the Martin County Superior Court Monday when the tribunal opened its second week for the trial of civil cases. Of course there were a few jurors armed with doctor's certificates and one or two offered other valid excus-

,Those excused were, Robert Adkins, Arthur Wallace Lilley, H. E. Daniel, V. L. Roberson, J. H. Gray, Sr., L. D. Williams and William J. Morris.

Everetts Youth Gets

Annapolis Appointment Lang Martin, high school student of Everetts, has received from Congressman Herbert Bonner an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, it was learned

In Superior Court

ed In Several Others

Before striking a snag during County Superior Court in the first day of its second week Monday cleared eight cases from the civil calendar. But the machinery was speeded up for the current term, at least, when twenty cases were continued the first thing that

morning. No big cases of outstanding invery few persons are attending

the court this week. Judge Jos. W. Parker of Windor is again on the bench after presiding over the criminal proeedings last week.

For Mrs. Thomas The divorce cases of Jones against Jones, Walker against Walker, Savage against Savage, Rogers against Rogers and Ayers a-Hamilton Resident Died On gainst Ayers were continued, and a voluntary non-suit was taken by the plaintiff in the divorce action brought by Jesse Mayo An-

drews against Viola Andrews. ed in the Hassell Holiness Church Based on grounds of two years' Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock separation, divorces were granted for Mrs. Mary Glendora Thomas Beatrice Best from Hudson Best, who died at her home in Hamilton Annie Bell Roberson from LeRoy Thursday morning at 10:50 Roberson, Murray E. Hyman from o'clock. The Rev. Mr. Murray, Frances C. Hyman and Frances Holiness minister of Rocky Rogers from Elmer Rogers. In the Roberson case the court held that Mount, conducted the rites. Interment was in the Hamilton Cethe defendant was not a fit or suitable person to rear his children, and the two offspring of the union were placed in the custody lining health for about ten nonths, and seriously ill for of the mother.

gone hospital treatment several fendants be made parties to the case, was issued in the action brought by F. C. Stallings against She was born in this county 49 J. W. Wells and others. The case years ago on November 14, 1903, the daughter of the late Dan and

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Jne. D. Harrison Died In Hospital married to Charlie Mobley of this county, and lived in Portsmouth. Thursday Night

Biggs Funeral Home Sunday Afternoon

health. He had been critically ill Roebuck, Mrs. William Gurganus for about a month, spending much of that time in the hospital for treatment.

He was born in Edgecombe County near Tarboro August 4. 1898, the son of James Eli and widow of the late J. E. Terry, died | Hennrietta Swain Harrison. After early last Friday morning near spending his early life there he Grass at the home of her daugh- moved with his family near Wilter, Mrs. Bert Harrison, after liamston, engaging in the building trades and operating on the local Funeral services were conduct- peanut market for a number of ed at the Rose of Sharon Free years. He lived in or near Williamston most of his life, spendernoon at 2:00 o'clock and inter- ing two years in Wilson where he

ment was in the churchyard. The was engaged in business. Rev. Charlie Hamilton, pastor, He was first married to Hattie Elizabeth Andrews who died Mrs. Terry, daughter on the late about 21 years ago if the acut riage was to Mrs. Lela Ambers' spent most of her life in that death he was married to Bettie Leggett who died May 17, 1951.

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Bureau Members Re-elects

Officers For Another Year

and Compromises Reach- Pint Of Blood in Two- Refuses To Leave Year Period

Despite a low preliminary sign the afternoon session, the Martin up, the Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross met its 150-pint quota when the bloodmobile visited here last Friday. The goal was considered in serious doubt about three o'clock that afternoon, but last-minute appeals brought in the drop-ins and the 150-pint quota was met with four pints to spare. Again the chapterest are on the calendar and ter, comprising Jamesville, Wil-Williamston Townships, came through to maintain a perfect re-

> given from one to eight pints on three hours later. previous visits of the bloodmobile,

has been assigned as yet.

The names of those donating drinking at the time. blood last Friday include:

Mrs. Ruth Wheeler, R. W. Newliams, Roger Roberts, V. J. Spivey, Elmer Griffin, B. L. Ward, ertson, Wendell Peele, Clarence An order, directing more de- Bailey, Larry Bullock, Jr., Mrs. Hubert Biggs, Mrs. Cecil Bullock, W. R. Bender, Eula Leggett, Betty Lou Jackson, Jimmy Rogerson,

Hugh B. Griffin, R. J. Hardison. Mrs. Susie Myers, Joseph Manning, Miss Susie Manning, Miss Mary Ann Manning, J. P. Lilley, Holliday, L. T. Fowden, Lester Bryant, William M. Tetterton, Ju-W. Worth Mobley, Wheeler Manning, James E. Midgett, Jim Manning, P. T. Roane, Clayton Rev-John Dennis Harrison, 54, died els, Luther Strickland, Howard in a Washington hospital last Coltrain, Mrs. Litlian C. Johnson, Thursday night at 10:50 o'clock W. T. Crawford, Dalmus D. Bazefollowing six months of declining more, Vance Lee Clark Mrs. Joe

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CAMPOREE CHANGE

On account of the uncertainty of the weather this week-end, officials have changed the location for the Boy Scout Camporee. Instead of being held in Bear Grass as planned, the camp will be set up on the Boy Scout hut side in Plymouth. Field Scout Director Jerry Ashwill explained that the accorr modations in a nouth are ample to care for the boys

in case of pad weather. All Boy Scouts in this county and district are invited to attend the precamporee on March 27, 28

Quota On Friday Case This Afternoon On Main Street

Home of Neighbor, Man Fatally Shot

Rufus Taylor Died In The Hospital Sunday Night At 9:00 O'clock

Rufus Taylor, 50-year-old colored man, was shot and fatally injured by Clyde Tyner in the liams, Griffins, Bear Grass and Tyner home near Williamston Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock. Said to have refused to leave after Typer ordered him from his home. The old-liners, those who had Taylor died in a local hospital

Sheriff M. W. Holloman said were supported by thirty-two new the attack followed a day-long drinking bout and climaxed illicit The mobile unit will make its activities reported in and around next visit here in June. No quota the home for months. However, it was declared Tyner, 65, was no

Taylor's stomach was rippe open by a load of small shot fired ell, Mrs. Harrell Everett, Buddy at a range of about ten feet from Wier, Emmett Mims, Mrs. Carrie a 12-gauge gun. His intestines Leggett, Clyde Manning, Theron falling from their socket, were Gurganus, Ben Hopkins, Mrs. Roy punctured in numerous places Gurganus, Billy Bob Peel, E. S. Sheriff Holloman said that just Peel, Jr., J. C. Coltrain, James E. about all if not all of the load Bulluck, J. Kelly Gay, Rev. John of shot struck the man who died L. Goff, Mrs. Willford Griffin, on the operating table while doc-W. E. Dunn, Jr., Reuben Wil- tors worked feverishly to close the wounds.

After firing the fatal shot which Cecil B. Whitehurst, Caddie Rob- was witnessed by Tyner's daughter, Clytie, Tyner carried the gun Ida (Mamie) Holliday who died to his mother's home, a few hundred yards away, and returned to his home. The victim, left on the E. Cayton, assisted by the Rev. couch where he was sitting when W. Arnold and the Rev. M. L. Am shot, was removed to the hospital brose conducted the rites and about 45 minutes later, after terment was in the Holliday Famsomeone walked to the Beacham ily Cemetery near the home. home, and Bud Beacham notified Lela C. Bonds, Cecil Brown, Mrs. officers. Sheriff Holloman, inves-Edna Bondurant, Garland Wynne, tigating the case, ordered the man Zadie Elizabeth Pate, Mrs. Hugh removed to the hospital by ambu-Spruill, Oscar Tice, Woodrow lance after he reached the Tyner

lius Williams, M. K. Herrington, returning from his mother's, sur- 71 years ago on August 16, 1881 Ed Rowland, Arthur Simpson, rendered to Sheriff Holloman. Following her marriage in 1898 to W. E. Holliday, at Dardens this

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Glee Club Earns **Excellent Rating**

Participating in the district ful mother, always wilingly lendmaxical fastical at East Carelina ing.a. beloing hand to her neigh. Beaufort County, and in early College, Greenville, last Thurs- bors and friends. day, the Williamston High School Surviving are two sons, Joseph Glee Club, under the direction of S. Holliday and Ralph Holliday twenty-two years ago. Born on Miss Mary Wallace Foye, earned of the home community; two February 1, 1872, she was 81 years a rating of excellent, and received daughters, Miss Mary Evelyn Hol- old. many favorable comments.

"I Have Twelfth Oxen", and "Je-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. B. living the life of a good neighsus Walked the Lonesome Val- O. Cowin of Bear Grass; a broth- bor and friend to all. She was

Those making the trip their instructor include:

train, Philip Coltrain, June Corey, Jayen Anne Ge wante Managin for pher, Eddie Daniels, Betty Lou Dudley, Lelia Mac Goff, Susie rion Griffin of Cross Roads and Griffin, Carole Gurganus, Nancy Mrs. H. U. Peele of Bear Grass ville Township. Gurkin, Lee Handy, Jeane Hardi- Township. son, Ann Holliday, Jean Holloman, Jean Howard, Mary Louise Peanut Group To Jones, Gerel Lamb, Ed Laughinghouse, Janice Manning, Mary Ann Manning, Turner Manning, Jo

Ann McLawhorn, Jean Mobley, Doug Peele, Frank Peele, Marie Peele, Virginia Price, Sallie Rob-Taylor, Gloria Taylor, Jane Whit- is discussing with the cleaners and building last Friday night, mem- Brandon, Sam T. Everett, Sidney aker, Pattie Williams, Polly Wil- others plans for advancing the

There are fifty-seven young musicians in the Williamston High School Concert Band which gives its annual spring concert in the High School auditorium on Thursday evening at 8:15 p. m.

Last Night Director Herbert Carter of the East Carolina College Band, helped Director Jack F. Butler to smooth out some of the rough spots in the concert program and one of band's finest concerts was predicted by the visiting di-

NATIONAL GUARD

Plans for reorganizing Battery C, 150th AAA Gun Bn., will be advanced at a meeting to be held in the American Legion hut here Thursday evening of this week at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced today. Any young man interested in joining the unit is invited to attend the meeting. Those young men who left here with the unit and have since been released from active duty but not discharged from the National Guard, are required to be present, it was explained.

The last of the guardsmen returned home late yesterday from Fort Bragg after being on active duty almost two

Funeral Saturday For Mrs. Holliday **Near Williamston**

Died Friday Following Two-Month Illness

Funeral services were conduct ed at the home near Macedonia in this county last Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock for Mrs. Mary there last Friday morning at 1

Mrs. Holliday had been in de clining health for about two for only a week.

The daughter of the late John H. and Malinda Griffin Leggett Tyner, remaining at home after she was born in Beaufort County Summerlin, W. L. Manning, Jr., shot Taylor, that he (Tyner) had home in this county. Mr. Holli day died January 22, 1945.

She was a member of the Macedonia church for half a century through the years. Placing a high value on life's finer ideals, she was a devoted wife and thought-

liday of the home and Mrs. Les- Following her marriage she The group sang two numbers, lie Bailey of Columbus, Ga.; five er, John M. Leggett of Suffolk; devoted to her family, and her with three half-brothers, Redden L character was marked for its Leggett of Williamston, Ira De- gentleness and understanding. Victor Brown, Wade Bunting, wey Leggett of Bear Grass, and Mrs. Peele was a faithful mem-Betty Sue Clark, Joan Carol Col- Marvin Leggett of Farm Life; four half-sisters, Mrs. J. O. Manning of Williamston, Mes. A. E. Manning of Jamesville, Mrs. Ma

Meet In Edenton

Meeting in Edenton today, rep resentatives of the North Caro erson, Peggy Savage, Katherine lina Peanut Growers Association, Spruill, Betty Stubbs, Bennie a recently formed organization, cause of the lowly goober. Details of the program could not be learned immediately.

Sidney Mallory, representing this county, stated that it was hoped the committee could complete the organization work soon and to handle plans for advancing the marketing and consumption of peanuts.

A bill is now pending in the State Legislature, empowering the organization to tax peanuts at the rate of one cent a bag or about 15 cents an acre to finance a program designed to promote the interests of the peanut grow-

ers in this State. Much interest is being shown in the association sinces its preliminary organization at recent meeting held in Scotland Neck.

ESTABLISHED 1899

No One Injured In Three-Car Accident in Front Of Post Office

One of the most destructive motor vehicle accidents here in many months was reported in front of the post office on East Main Street last Friday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. No one was injured, fortunately, but police, investigating the wreck, estimated the loss at between \$1,500 and \$2,000

Mrs. Homer Barnhill, driving a one-day-old Pontiac with less than fifty miles recorded on the peedometer, had parked the car in front of the post office and entered the building, leaving her two daughters, nine-month-old Vickie, and Little Miss Sandy, five year sold, in the automobile Bessie B. Porter, teacher in the Haves School here, was backing her 1950 Chevrolet from the curb at the post office and it was hit by a 1947 Buick convertible, driven by James Earl Purvis, Negro farmer of the Spring Green section, who was traveling east on

The Chevrolet was knocked around, its left side striking the urb. The Buick then struck the rear of the parked Pontiac and Prominent County Citizen knocked it over the curb, across the sidewalk and into the post office flag pole. The Pontiac, it was explained, was in reverse gear, and the rear wheels skidded the distance.

Chief John Roebuck said the (Continued on Page Eight)

Mrs. Alpha Peele **Died Early Today** At Dardens Home

Funeral Will Be Conducted Wednesday Afternoon In Maple Grove Church

Mrs. Alpha Cutler Peele died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. ometime, she was getting along very well until a short time ago when she suffered an attack of and figured prominently in its influenza. She was reported imservice and progress down proved last week, but had a re-

apse and never tellied. The daughter of the late Daniel and Finnifred Elizabeth Cutler. she was born near Pinetown in wolliamhood was married to Henry B. Peele who died about

made her home in this county, ber of the church at Maple Grove in Griffins Township where she made her home for years. More ments and had irrect the tire.

daughter at Dardens in James-

Surviving are six sons, Daniel, Roy and Ben Peele, all of Williamston, Abram Peele of New Bern, and Ralph and Tommie Lee Peele, both of Jamesville; one laughter, Mrs. Holliday, with

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FRIGHTENED

A bit tired after hearing a slow-motion civil trial, ears of the jury in the superior court Monday afternoon came to life when Judge Jos. W. Parker dismissed the jurymen for the day.

After warning them not to discuss the case and so on, the jurist instructed them to be back the following morning at 5:30 o'clock. While certain the time element was wrong, the judge is the judge and nothing was said by the jury. A member of the bar, realizing that no court had been convened and none likely ever would be at that hour, called the judge's attention to the hour, and a correction was effected imme-

diately.

MEETING

In a special meeting yesterday morning, the local town commissioners ordered work started immediately on the Elm, Pearl and Sycamore Street area, and called for bids on a new truck and

for curbing and guttering Smithwick Street. It is proposed to rent special equipment for laying the

several thousand feet of

storm sewer pipe.

Meeting in the agriculture | ben Everett, Carl Griffin, T. B bers of the Martin County Farm Mallory and Wilbur Barrett. The liams, and Miss Fove. Bureau re-elected officers and directors and went on to record op- ment before the event which is to position to the plan of the State be held at 4:30 o'clock in Wilorganization to go into the insur- liamston on the afternoon of ance business or any other form April 10.

Plans were also made for the the new Farm Bureau year inannual meeting of the organiza- clude: Chas. L. Daniel, president; tion to be held in conjunction Sam T. Everett, vice president; with the annual fat livestock Mayo Hardison, secretary and show on Friday, April 10. R. treasurer; George Oglesby of Flake Shaw, executive secretary Hamilton, Henry Early of Goose of the North Carolina Farm Bu- Nest, S. T. Everett of Robersonreau, has been tendered an invi- ville, Mayo Hardison of Poplar

committee will work out the de-The officers and directors for

tation to address the meeting. Point, G. H. Forbes of Cross President Chas. L. Daniel nam- Roads, H. U. Peele of Bear Grass ed the following committee to D. V. Clayton of Williamston, J. handle arrangements for the an- Carl Griffin of Jamesville, C. L nual meeting and barbecue: John- Daniel of Williams, and Geo. C. ny Gurkin, Mayo Hardison, Reu- Griffin of Griffins, directors.

FIFTY-SEVEN