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Twenty-two Cases Peanuts Move To Market Peanut Farmers Local Methodist Confesses Murder Of Place Fifty Cases **Church Observing** In County Court Here In Volume This Week Are Notified Of Acreage Quotas 125th Anniversary John Robt. Hassell Monday Morning Interrupted by rains early last ports on the crop are found to be week, the peanut harvest was re- more encouraging. While the crop sumed on a big scale a few days is spotted, it is proving to be just Martin County Growers To Bishop Paul N. Garber Of

Get 15.092 Acres

Next Year

No Sessions of The Court Will Be Held Until **December 7th**

Holding its last session until December 7, the Martin County Recorder's Court cleared its docket in a little over two hours last Monday morning and adjourned. The court will be idle during the next two weeks while the superior tribunal is hearing civil cases.

Judge H. O. Peele called twenty-two cases Monday and imposed fines in the amount of \$345. Several defendants drew terms on the roads.

Proceedings:

The case in which Clayton Roberson was charged with non-support was dismissed, and William Person, facing a similar charge, was found not guilty. In a second Horton C. Modlin with assaulting a female, the dewith assaulting a female, the de-fendant pleaded not guilty. Ad- Died Early Today judged guilty, he was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of the costs.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, William Clifton Hudgins was fined \$100, plus costs. He loses his operator's license for a year.

The case in which Jesse J. Outterbridge was charged with hitand-run driving was nol prossed, near Jamesville this morning at but is subject to be reopened at any time.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Calvin Abe Downs and Dale Coburn, 17-year-old ing that time. youths, were charged with violating the liquor laws.

Charged with drunken driving, Gabel Taylor pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, the defendant was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. His license to drive a motor vehicle was revoked for twelve months.

milling industry for a long period. Herman Woolard, pleading guilty, was fined \$25, plus costs, for members of the cedar branch Bapoperating a motor vehicle withtist Church, was active in its supout a driver's license. port down through the years.

Pleading guilty of speeding and In early manhood he was marhit-and-run driving, L. C. Carried to Etta Ange who died some raway was sentenced to the roads years ago. for three months. The court suspended the road term upon the

ago and the goobers are moving to the local market in volume about twice as good as it was prenow. With favorable weather pre- dicted during the late summer

vailing, it is estimated that ap- when hot, dry weather prevailed proximately fifty percent of the for weeks. No accurate yiled esticrop will have been marketed by mates have been offered, but County who harvested more than mond will be the guest preacher the end of this wee The dust farmers are getting just about one acre of nuts in one or more of at First Methodist Church Sunday is literally flying all over the twice as many peanuts as they excounty as the hundreds of thresh- pected just prior to and at digg- ceiving notices listing their 1954 ers maintain operations on an ex- ing time. There are sections where farm peanut acreage allotment, tensive schedule.

Market prices are holding up one report stating that Poplar said. well, reports stating that the open Point is hard hit. In other areas market is paying about 38 cents where the soil is reasonably heaa hundred above the local figure, vy, production is holding up to plus dryage. The open market and possibly above normal. Achere continues "bullish" and few cording to one report, the total

section.

Near Jamesville

Funeral Will Be Held At

The Home Friday

Afternoon

Horton C. Modlin, retired farm-

er-timberman, died at his home

12:30 o'clock after two years of

declining health. He had been con-

fined to his bed for four months

and his condition was serious dur-

The son of the late Samuel and

Fannie Perry Modlin, he was born

in Jamesville Township 80 years

ago on May 28, 1873, living and

farming in that community all

his life. In addition to his farm-

ing interests he was engaged in

the timber business for many

years and was connected with the

the crop is exceptionally poor,

peanuts are going into the cooper- | crop will be about 15 percent unbe 15,092 acres. ative houses in this immediate der the 1952 figure, the nine per-

cent acreage reduction account-As the harvest progresses, re- ing for most of the decrease.

their ballots in the peanut quota referendum to be held December SCHOOL LOCATION 15, Chairman Everett said. Acreage allotments to peanut

farmers are based upon the na-In accordance with recomtional peanut marketing quota mendations made by a special survey team sent out by the State Board, the Martin Coun-October 1 for the 1954 crop. The ty Board of Education in a special meeting Tuesday night decided to locate a Negro high school plant in Robersonville. The plant will replace the one destroyed by fire in Parmele a short time Attended by all members of

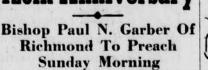
the board, the meeting immediately started making plans to have specifications prepared and the project let to bid as soon as possible.

Hold First Event In Boy Scout Hut

new Boy Scout hut here on South rotations; and soil and other phy-Smithwick Street was held last sical factors affecting the produc-Mr. Modlin, one of the oldest Monday evening when the Wasmarty District officials elected officers for the new year and recog-

nized the accomplishments of sev-V. B. Hairr, re-elected chairman, presided at the dinner meet- purpose by the Secretary of Agri-

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. ing, and C. A. Askew, leadership culture. The farm marketing quota for



Bishop Paul N. Garber of Rich-All peanut farmers in Martin the past three years are now remorning as the congregation celebrates the one hundred twenty-County Chairmain R. S. Everett fifth anniversary of the establishing of a church on present church

The 1954 acreage is being cut site. Three church buildings have not quite four percent from the been located on the half acre of land secured from James Clark 1953 allotment. This year, Martin farmers were allotted 15,610 on February 22, 1828. The building now being used has underacres, and the new allotment will gone complete renovation in re-

The notices now being mailed cent years and three years ago an give farmers plenty of time to make plene before they will east make plans before they will cast novation of the sanctuary and construction of the educational building was begun under the pastorate of the Reverend E. R. Shuller.

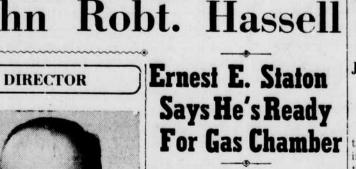
Although there was no church building until 1828, there was some congregational activity heproclaimed by Secretary Benson fore that time. Francis Asbury records a visit to Williamston in national marketing quota for 1954 1792. In 1809 he preached at the was set at 673,785 tons, 10,000 tons court house and later in the home more than last year's quota. The of Mrs. John Watts. It is said that national acreage allotment was Mr. Watts was pastor to a Methoannounced at 1,610,000 acres for dist group as early as 1775. Mr. picking and threshing. This is 68,- Wheeler Martin, one of the trus-000 acres less than the 1953 allot- tees to whom the property was ment and is the minimum allot- deeded, also served as pastor of the group, probably about the time

This national acreage allotment, that the first simple church buildless one-half of one percent re- ing was erected. Both family serve for new farms, was appor- names, Watts and Martin, are still tioned among the States on the prominent in local church affairs. Another feature of the Sunday national peanut acreage allot- morning worship will be the appearance of the Junior Glee Club

The State's allotment was ap- of Williamston High School under portioned to farms growing pea- the direction of Miss Mary Walnuts in any of the past three years lace Foy. This choral group of over fifty voices will sing the faallotments; abnormal conditions; miliar "Come, Ye Thankful Peo-The first event scheduled in the land, labor, and equipment; crop ple, Come" and "American Vow. Following the worship hour, a months consumer credit has intors have been invited to return

believe there has been error in for the occasion, as have former determining his allotment may ap- members and members living ply for a review by a special com- clsewhere.

Country Club In



blooded Murder At Mill Here Monday

(The Weekly Herald) Robersonville, November 18.for the cold-blooded act. Ernest Monday. Everett Staton, 28-year-old Negro, Judge Malcolm Paul, former vesterday afternoon the cold-Hassell, 70-year-old colored man, term of court in this county. at the Taylor Mill and Gin Company here at 6:30 o'clock Mon- the following: Chas. L. Daniel, prominent day morning. After making the

county farmer and president

of the Martin County Farm

Bureau for a number of terms,

was elected a director of the

North Carolina Farm Bureau

at a meeting of the organiza-

tion held in Raleigh this week.

Mr. Daniel is chairman of

District II, including the

counties of Lenoir, Beaufort,

Court Will Hear

The Country

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the shoulder and chest, but her afternoon.

been extensive. She was removed ward Stokes at the time. Louven-

According to a story told to po- Plymouth, was passing the lead

lice, the victim was standing be- car when Julius Coffield of Rob-

tween the sidewalk and the street ersonville started to pass both

talking to Maxine Knight and cars in his 1948 Buick. The Cof-

others when the truck passed. Be- field car went out of control on

fore the log truck had cleared the the shoulder, the hardsurface be-

spot where she was standing she ing hardly wide enough to ac-

turned and was hit by the rear comodate three cars abreast, and

bolster. Knocked around, she yell- after skidding about 80 feet the

the truck driver looked back, saw Damage to the Buick was esti-

what happened and speeded away, mated at \$175. Neither of the oth-

er cars was touched.

ed, explaining to the police that machine turned over.

injuries were not believed to have

to a hospital for treatment.

without stopping.

and Craven.

the mill following extensive questhe steps leading up to crime. At a preliminary hearing held Pitt, Martin, Greene, Jones the afternon where he is now **Segregation Case** der in the first degree. His con-

Early Next Month W. Holloman said. Said to be in debt. Staton got up **Consumer** Credit Dwindling In Various Parts of der and robbery well before hand.

Washington-In the last few the mill, he continued to the boil- Corporation against Leander Boer room where he found Hassell picnic dinner will be spread at creased at a slower pace than it starting a fire in the boiler. Has- fully for a final appearance. the church. All living former pas-did in the corresponding months him, but paid no attention to him. is suing to recover \$500 alleged

> companies, about the growing the .22-caliber bullet entering volume of consumer credit, are Hassell's head from the side, "He Hamilton against David L. Galperhaps not necessary after all. (Hassell) toppled over and I mov-loway involves a \$394.66 account. The average American consum- ed in and fired a second bullet er appears to be applying his own into his head as he lay face down," against W. C. Wallace the plair

On Civil Calendar In Superior Court

ESTABLISHED 185

Judge Malcolm Paul Will Preside Over The Two-Week Special Term

Fifty cases have been placed on the civil calendar for trial durng the two-week special term of the Martin County Superior Court Robbery Motive For Cold- opening next Monday. This list include thirteen divorce cases, most of which are scheduled for trial the first day. Cases have been set only for the first three days next week, the court planning to recess Wednesday for Admitting robbery was the motive Thanksgiving until the following

broke down and confessed early State senator who was recently apointed to the special judgeship, blooded murder of John Robert is coming to preside over his first

The list of civil cases includes

Bringing suit to recover \$15,confession to Sheriff M. W. Hollo- 000, Mrs. Annie L. Roberson comman and Chief William Smith at plains that D. L. Williams, Jr., misrepresented the facts and obtioning, Staton related in detail tained a tract of timber fraudently. The plaintiff says that the defendant went to her home seekbefore Justice H. S. Everett Tues- ing to buy the timber and that day afteroon, Staton was advised he brought what was said to be that no bond could be allowed. "I an expert cruiser who said there don't want any bond. I want to die was not to exceed 250,000 feet of in the gas chamber," Staton was timber in the tract and that it was quoted as saying. He was trans- sold on that basis for \$10,000. ferred to the county jail later in Soon after the sale the plaintiff pointed out that she learned there awaiting trial during the week of was not less than 700,000 feet of December 14 on a charge of mur- timber in the tract. The plaintiff is also asking for an additional fession, freely given and without \$2,000 because the defendant did persuasion, is signed, Sheriff M. not change the deed relative to the size of the timber to be cut.

The eight-year-old case involvabout light Monday morning and ing a boundary line and brought went to the mill with his rifle, ap- by W. L. Manning against N. P. parently having planned the mur- Roberson is again on the calendar. Pending since March, 1949, the After entering the main part of case of U.S. Hoffman Machinery wen is again on the docket, hope-

of 1952, and this indicates that He lifted his rifle and fired it due on a note in its case against warnings to banks and finance from a distance of about ten feet, Roberson Slaughter House.

The case of Davenport and In the case of Dr. V. E. Brown

tiff is seeking to recover \$473.25

The case of Laura Mae Purvis

and son against Earl Whitaker and

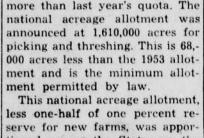
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Glee Clubs On Next

P.-T. A. Program

Miss Mary Wallace Foy and her

for professional services.



basis of their share of the 1953 ment.

with consideration for previous

tion of peanuts.

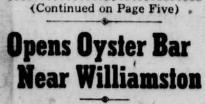
Any farmer who has reason to mitte of producers set up for that

payment of a \$50 fine and costs. The defendant is to surrender his operator's license for a year.

John Staley Crandell was taxed with the costs when he pleaded guilty of operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license. Judgment was suspended upon

the payment of the costs when Noah Stancil of RFD 2, Robersonville, and Ulysses Tinozzie of Syracuse, New York, pleaded guilty of speeding 65 miles an hour.

Pleading guilty of speeding 70 miles an hour, Ernest Best, Jr., of



on Highway 64 this week, and to jail records. As far as it could the club advisor. plans to open a steak house there be learned today no charges have within the next two weeks.

Housed in a modern two-story brick structure, the new business, noon, the 17-year-old boy fired operating under the name "Hi Lo", is extensively equipped and this morning, claiming it was firhas adequate facilities to serve a ed accidentally. Going to their large number of patrons.

steak house will be opened just what was behind the act, Jailer placed on the Critcher lot next clothing needed. as soon as the griffs are received Peel caned for rem forcements at to the Standard Fertilizer Comand installed.

TESTERS TO MEET

The fifteen Martin County farmers who experimented with special peanut seed this year will meet in the agriculture building here next Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. It is planned to divert all the production from the approximatchy 2,000 pounds of original seed to planting next year. The growers are expected to review the results and agree on a price to be charged for the seed.

No definite findings have been released, but preliminary reports state that the highest meat content found in any goobers this season was traceable to those crops where the seed were stabilized from a hybrid variety.

Joseph A. Hardison of Jamesville six sons, Arthur, Arfnold and tificates to several who had com-Wendell Modlin, all of Jamesville, pleted the basic training course in Rex Modlin of Plymouth and Willie H. and Dennis Modlin, both of uel Modlin of Jamesville: a sister, Mrs. Joseph Styons, of Plymouth, er.

and twenty-four grandchildren. The funeral service will be conducted at the home Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment will be in the Modlin

family cemetery in Jamesville Township.

and Billie Rogerson, son of Mr. Youths Detained **For Investigation**

Louis H. Decauter, 17, and Donald ceive their badges at a later date. John H. Gurganus opened an E. Kellion, 23, are being detained Clayton Revels is the Bear Grass

oyster bar near the county home here for investigation, according scoutmaster, and Tim Malone is

Placed in jail yesterday after- Turkey "Shoot" been brought against the two. his bunk mattress at 4:00 o'clock

the police department, and the pany plant on Roanoke-river, and Deer Hunting two boys were transferred to an- the "shoots" will be held beginnother part of the jail. No fire ing at 7:00 o'clock on Monday and alarm was sounded, the jailer re- Tuesday.

moving the burning mattress him- Proceeds of the events will be self. The jail was partly filled used for underprivileged children. with smoke, but no damage re- The top marksmen will receive River lowlands is paying off well sulted other than that done to the a 12-pound turkey in each event. mattress.

furnished.

Kill Large Bear Near Jamesville Last Night

Dick Rogers, Jamesville Township farmer, killed a large bear on the Brown farm in that sec-

pounds. killed the bear.

fall.

Bears have been destroying tire family will enjoy. A small ad- noon. Frightened by so many peoury. area.

I training chairman, presented certhe farm is the actual production of the farm allotment. Whether marketing quotas go into effect scouting. C. B. Martin was rein 1954 will depend on the outelected vice chairman for Martin near Williamston; a brother, Sam- County, and Delbert Sawyer of December 15. All farmrs who Columbia was named commission- shared in 1953-crop peanuts on a

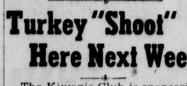
farm on which more than one acre Following a delicious meal, pre- of peanuts was picked or threshed pared in part in the new building are eligible to vote.

financed by the local Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, three young men were recognized, including Lonnie Plan Service

Joe Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thanksgiving Roland Rogers, Wayne Rawls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Rawls,

The union Thanksgiving Day and Mrs. Bill Rogerson. The young men, leading in scouting Service will be held next Thurs- ing the week-end. activities as members of the Bear day in the Williamston Presby-

eral Scouts.



The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring seas to needy folk. Watch this

rescue, Jailer Roy Peel found the its annual turkey "shoot" here newspaper's Tuesday edition for Mr. Gurganus explained that the older boy sleeping. Not certain next week. Targets are being an itemized list of the type of Continues III In A

Good In Area

Deer hunting in the Roanoke this season. No definite record of

The public is invited to parti- the hunts is to be had, but as cipate. Guns and shells will be many as four have been taken in a single day by one hunting club. Yesterday morning, the same

Juniors To Present club members bagged three more, Play Here Tonight and the day before, Farmer Justus Coltrain killed one of the larg-

Special talent from the Junior est bucks taken this season. tion last night. It was reported Class will present the three-act In addition to the kills, deer that the animal weighed 200 comedy, "Aunt Samanthy Rules have been running wild in various the Roost" tonight (Thursday) at parts of the town here. A small

Rogers was said to have se- 5:00 o'clock in the local high doe, apparently chased out of the curely perched himself in a large school auditorium. The play, a swamp near the fertilizer plant, tree before he fired the shot that hilarious story of an old maid wandered into the Warren Street and her two nieces, is one the en- neighborhood early Tuesday after-

farmers' crop in that section and mission fee will be charged, the ple, the little animal turned and in other parts of the county this proceeds to go into the class treas- made its way back to the river Section Proposed brakes to the steady build-up of consumer credit totals, which in-

Recognizing the need for and things like refrigerators and autothe benefits to be derived, a good- mobiles. As a result of the slowly number of local citizens are down, the future for lending agen-

sponsoring a movement for a cies seems pretty sound. country club near Williamston. In fact, there are those who ar-Considerable interest already gue that installment purchases has been shown in the proposed and consumer credit are the safundertaking, a reliable report est form of investment in the ordistating that a large amount of the nary lending field. They point out

that such debts were paid off at stock had been pledged. Following a recent meeting of a good rate even in the worst interested citizens, a committee years of the 1929-33 depression. was named to inspect suitable Most people keep up their pay-

Prliminary plans point to a things.

that service will go toward the want to tarry a while and enjoy purchase of another hospital bed. a game or so of golf.

In addition the Williamston Ministerial Association is asking \$150,000, the project, while offerterials, etc., in the support of the the same time meet an urgent CROP drive during next week. need in this and near-by areas. Here Next Week Crop means the Christian Rural No concerted drive for stock Overseas Program and part of the subscriptions have been advanced Crop means the Christian Rural No concerted drive for stock

program is to send clothing over-

Easetteville Horpita! James A. Leggett, local busi-

By Truck Here Car Turns Over Zella McIntyre, 17, was struck by a hit-and-run truck on Washington Street in front of the Wier

OPENING BIDS

General John Hall Mannand the other in Ahoskie.

eral contractors are submitting bids. Each project, it is estimated, will cost approximately \$100,000.

Staton was guoted as saving Convinced his victim was dead. cludes installment purchases of

Staton then took the man's billfold, picked the body up and carried it to an adjoining room, cov- others has become a bit complicatering it with saw dust.

After hiding the rifle under the (Continued on Page Eight)



George Smith, 11-year-old young singers will be in charge of sites and contact the owners. Site ments on goods bought on the in colored boy, was badly but be- the program at the November developments are expected dur- stallment plan even if they must lieved not critically injured in a meeting of the Williamston Parmake major sacrifices in other bicycle-pickup truck accident late ents-Teachers Associtaion in the yesterday afternoon near Flat High School auditorium Monday

Grass Explorer Club, have com- terian Church at 10:30 o'clock in nine hole golf course and a club The consumer credit total Swamp on the Robersonville- evening at 7:45. pleted all the requirements for the morning. The Rev. John L. house of sufficient size to ac- reached its pre-war level in the Greenville highway. Suffering The Junior Glee Club, a mixed Two Massachusetts young men, Eagle Scouts, and they will reconsumer credit total reached gashed right leg, the victim was grades will present a group of eleven per cent of the disposal removed to a hospital here in a three numbers and a trio from Estimated to cost approximately income. That is where it was just Roberson ambulance about 6:25 the 5th grade, girls, will sing. The before World War II, and few o'clock. He was reported this 7th grade will present the Thanksthose who come to the service to ing no great monetary return, is people were worrying about the morning to be responding to treatbring clothing, shoes sewing ma- expected to pay its way and at economic picture at that time. ment. A late report stated that close with Janice Manning sing-Though it's true that since World the boy's leg bone was chipped. ing "The Lord's Prayer." War II credit buying had not According to information gainpushed this figure up to eleven ed from Joe Smith, his father, the en as well as a prize for the lucky per cent before, there is disagree- boy was riding a bicycle behind seat in the first ten rows of the ment whether a higher percent- a peanut picker and tractor and middle section. P.-T. A. officials

turned from behind the machine were well pleased with the reinto the path of an approaching sults of the lucky seat plan last pick-up truck driven by Willis House of Greenville.

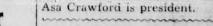
On Highway 903

No one was injured and proper-

Three cars were traveling to

nie Peeden Dail, driving a 1952

month and remarked how fine it was to have so many down front.



ON HIS FEET

Pulling a small express wagon loaded with just about all his earthly belongings and with his wife following along, a New Yorker passed through here early this week "footing" it southward in search of a new hold on life.

"The new administration quickly put me on my 'feet',' the middle age farmer declared, explaining that he was a horiculturist in New York State, that he was heading south looking for a job. The couple, offering little complaint, averaged about iwenty miles a day through this area. The man and his wife camped by the roadside at night and walked most of their waking hours.

ing of the North Carolina National Guard is heading officials in opening bids in the county commissioners room here at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon for the construction of 2 armories, one here just out of town on the Jamesville road

It is understood that sev-

since the section of a site was to be given first consideration.



ness man, continues ill in Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville. His condition was reported improved, how-

ever, early this week when Mrs. Leggett returned home following a stay of several days there.

