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### TERM WILL NOT **BEGIN UNTIL 12TH**

#### Is Postponed for One Week By Action of County Bar Association

At a meeting of the Washington County Bar Association shortly before Christmas, it was decided to dispense with the first week of the term of superior court scheduled to begin bere next Monday morning, January which will be for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. This action was taken at the suggestion of Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, who is scheduled to preside at the January term. In other words the court will not begin until January 12, instead of January 5, as first announced, and the term will only last one week.

Sheriff Reid stated yesterday that he would formally open court next Monday morning and then adjourn it until Monday, January 12. He said that it would not be necessary for witnesses or jurors to report until the 12th Jurors drawn for the first week of court will be used for the term, while those drawn for the second week will be execused, the sheriff said.

It is expected that the week's term will be taken up mainly with criminal cases, although it is probable that a few civil actions will be disposed of. A number of lawyers employed in cases on the calendar will have to be OF NEIGHBORS in Raleigh for the opening of the legislature, which is another reason for the short term at this time.

Members of the bar expect the county commissioners to ask the governor to call a special term of superior court

#### **COUNTY TAXES** PAY MOST OF SCHOOL COSTS

#### County Ad Valorem Taxes Furnish 54.6 Cents Of Every Dollar Spent

points out, was obtained from this source during 1928-29, this amount known, it is understood that Mr. Mr. Vail was a member of St. Mrs. W. A. Gibbs, spent sometime Willie E. Marriner and Mary being \$187,997.07 less than was raised Barnes is planning to rebuild and conin 1926-27. The sum of \$27,509,674.72 tinue the business. was realized from all sources.

next largest percentage of the school fund, 22.1 cents of each dollar raised. PAY ASSESSMENT Approximately \$6,000,000 of the annual school receipts for 1928-29 was Tax Collector P. W. Brown obtained from this source. From poll taxes, dog taxes, fines, forfeitures and penalties, the sum of \$1,319,980.66 was received for operating schools, and from miscellaneous sources and the ly \$1,400,000 was added to the school Plymouth, is this week giving local

donar, 13.4 cents, came from State been paid, there are a few who have Churches, announced yesterday that after an extended illness. source during 1928-29 amounted to not yet made settlement, and the chief the following services would be held Mr. Dockie Davenport, Misses Eli-\$3,250,000 equalizing fund appropria- delinquents would be advertised next uary 4. \$5,250,000 equanzing rund appropriations for Monday unless payment is made be- Grace Church, Plymouth, Holy were the guests of Miss Holmes Sunteacher training in high schools, for fore then. teacher training in high schools, for tore then.

Communion at 17 a. in.

St. Luke's Church, Roper, evening through the Salvation Army fund The Beacon this week, announced her

Fund, and the Slater Fund. showing the expenditure of the school of these accounts. dollar. More than 75 per cent of every acllar expended for the current operation of the schools, it shows, goes for teaching activities. For operation of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Vail and family having been sent to practically all of The quarterly meeting of the discrease the lines near Dardens. The teaching activities. For operation of the dissection of the dissec the school plant, 6.3 cents of every of Baitimore, are spending the Christon of every of Baitimore, are spending the Christon of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. A. Music was furnished by Thurston's held at the Christian church here Reanoke Rapids, a first test indication of Rocky Mount, and Christon of Rocky Mount, nary agencies, including transportation in Bowell.

8.2 cents, for general control 4.8 cents | Mr. and Mrs. Tyre Wilson and Miss good order prevailed, no disturbance interesting program was presented, anoke Rapids and Tarboro. A later and Baptist churches presented jointly for maintenance of plant 3.0 cents and Nina Rae, of Hickory, spent Christ- of any kind having been reported. for fixed charges 1.3 cents.

### Total of 37 Prisoners

county home at this time.

### SUPERIOR COURT Hardison Succeeds Gatling In County Office Thursday HERE TUESDAY

George W. Hardison, Washington County's new chairman of the board of county commissioners, becomes a full-time officer of the county Thursday, January 1, when he takes over the duties formerly performed by County Auditor J. C. Gatlin. This change was ordered at the first meeting of the new board of county commissioners held December 1, effective January 1, and Mr. Hardison is assuming the duties of the newly created office this week.

The new county accountant said yesterday that he expected to have a "hard row to hoe," especially during the first few weeks when everything will be new to him, but he hopes to soon become familiar with the details of the office and have smooth sailing. He has considerable experience

in many phases of the work he is undertaking, particularly where bookkeeping is concerned. He has been connected with the mercantile firm of W. H. Hampton & Son here for 32 years, serving in various capacities and taking care of practically all of the records of the concern.

Carolina counties that have adopted the full-time chairman plan, such as this county is undertaking, Cleveland County being pointed out as a model in this respect. Bertie County, just across the Roanoke River, is also embarking on the same plan January 1, and there are a number of other counties in this section that are going to watch the working of the system here with considerable in-

### H. C. Barnes' Store at Cherry Is Completely Destroyed by Fire Early Monday Morning

### HOME SAVED BY N. C. VAIL DIES QUICK RESPONSE

#### Loss Estimated at Around \$7,000, Partially Covered By Insurance

or April, or after the legislature ad- of Mr. Harry C. Barnes, at Cherry, county, died at his home in the Westjourns. This will receive the conges- early Monday morning, the loss being over community Saturday morning, tion of the docket occasioned by the variously estimated at from \$7,000 to December 20, shortly after 7 o'clock. gave him four months on the county continuance of cases originally \$8,000, only partially covered by in- Mr. Vail had been in failing health scheduled to be tried at the January surance. The origin of the blaze is not known. Only the hard work of unexpected by members of the family.

Henry Woodley, charged with non-support, was found guilty. He was 15 feet of the burned store.

exploding gun shells and cartridges, interest in community affairs, being the store. Looking from his window, worthy undertakings. of flames. He gave the alarm, and ate Vail, he is survived by four sons, tice of appeal to the superior court. By furnishing 54.6 cents of every forming a bucket brigade and drench- United States Army; Edward Vail, of

and secondary education, it is learned of general merchandise, all of which C. E. Jones, and Mrs. H. G. John-against Curt Arnold and Providence from the current issue of the State was a total loss. The building was of son, all of Greenville; Mrs. J. W. Cox, indicted for entering and lar-School Facts, monthly publication of wooden construction and burned ra- Hardison and Mrs. W. E. Miles, of ceny. the State Department of Public Ins-A total of \$15,021,890.11, that paper fighters in confining the loss to the Hope Vail, of Westover; and 18 points out, was obtained from this one building. While not definitely grandchildren.

## Local district taxes furnished the LAST CHANCE TO shall. Interment was made in St. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sawyer and both of Mackeys.

### To Begin Advertising Next Monday

Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who is also tax collector for the Town of Program of Services at property owners final notice to pay The remaining part of the school While word of the another than the school While word of the sch

appropriations, and donations from assessments are now more than a service at 7:30. -the General Education Board, the year old, having become due October Jeanes Foundation, the Rosenwald 1, 1929. The fifth installment also be- Very Successful Dance came due October 1, 1930, and the tax School Facts also presents figures collector is making some settlements

#### CHAPEL HILL

mas with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bowen. Mrs. Harry Reese, of Newport, News, Have Meetings Scheduled Litchfield; secretary, O. D. Hatfield; day night. There was a large num-dered by a choir composed of the most Now at County Farm Va., were the guests of their mother, Mrs. Roxie Reese, Christmas.

county stockade on the Long Ridge tained the children of the community board of education, all have their re- invited to meet at Mount Tabor the merchants, as most of the visitors had side the church and then marching in Road, Mr. L. Basnight, superintendent at a party Christmas night. The big gular meetings scheduled within the third Sunday in March. said Wednesday. This includes the surprise was the arrival of Santa next few days. The town council is Ladies' Aid Holds Meeting said Wednesday. This includes the surprise was the arrival of Santa next few days. The town council is four sent out by the recorder's court of the ladies' Aid Holds Meeting

The smaller children acted as gift of the church of four sent out by the recorder's court Claus at 8 o clock. Since there was no the largest number of the new year being set for Friday Christian church held its regular beve Jamesville were without current bearers, marching in with many beautifully decorated the new year being set for Friday Christian church held its regular beve Jamesville with evergreens and colored lights. ber ever confined there at one time, it for car for transportation. The child- night. Then on Monday the county meeting last week. The principal busi- for only a few hours, while it is un-There are also three inmates in the pack on his back and hurried on his occupy most of the time of all the Davenport, secretary; and Mrs. J. M. fort will be made to prosecute the among the needy and poor people of fattened on his home farm and sold in homeward journey.

There are a number of North

#### est and Best-Known Citizens

awakened about 1:30 by the noise of of his section and also took an active of his family.

neighbors came to the rescue, quickly Howard and Thomas Vail, of the Appeal bond was fixed at \$100. \$1.00 raised for current expense purposes, county ad valorem taxes leads in the support of public elementary vented the fire from spreading.

The store carried a complete stock of the United States Navy; eight daughters, Mrs. H. C. Kinsaul, Mrs.

Willer M. Smith and F. Was continued to next Tuesday's session of the court, as was also the case bound of Creswell. down and aided the volunteer fire Suffolk, and Misses Elizabeth and

and the final rites were conducted tives. 3:30 by the rector, Rev. A. H. Mar- at Elizabeth City. Luke's cemetery.

attending the funeral services includ- Mrs. G. A. Overton. M. Vail, of Edenton, and John Vail, with relatives at Elizabeth City.

Communion at 11 a. m.

Plymouth Cotillion Club last Friday Mr and Mrs. W. B. Woodley. was said to have been one of the best ever held here. There were a large number of visitors here, invitations Orchestra, of Rocky Mount, and Sunday afternoon, December 21. An ing that the trouble was between Romembers of the Episcopal, Methodist, market.

There are now 37 prisoners at the There are now 37 prisoners at the There are now 37 prisoners at the There are now 38 prisoners at the There are now 39 prisoners at the There are now 39 prisoners at the There are now 39 prisoners at the There are now 30 prisoners at the There are now 37 prisoners at the There are now 39 prisoners at the There are now 30 prisoners at the There

# RECORDER HAD ALL-DAY SESSION County Outlook Meeting Will

#### Four Men and One Woman Sent To Roads and Workhouse

Judge Edward L. Owens and Solici- OUIET IN COUNTY ter Carl L. Bailey had a full day's ses-Although the number of cases disposed of was not so large, several of them proved to be long-drawn out affairs, with numerous witnesses to be were furnished to road supervisor county's prison headquarters to 37. the county workhouse.

The first case called was against R. O. Caveness, booked on a bad check

answer. Capias issued. Cottie Spruill, charged with false ty workhouse.

Providence Cox, charged with larceny, demanded trial by jury after entering a plea of not guilty. A verdict of guilty was returned, and he was sentenced to 5 months on the county AT WESTOVER reads. Appeal was noted, and he was 14 LICENSES TO committed to jail in default of bond William Cox, charged with assault Was One of County's Old- with a deadly weapon, entered a plea

6 months on the roads. James Clark, alias Willie James Nathan Columbus Vail, sr., one of Troy, indicted for assault with a Fire completely destroyed the store the oldest citizens of Washington deadly weapon, plead not guilty. Af-

neighbors prevented the destruction of Mr. Vail had spent his entire life in sentenced to four months on the Mr. Barnes' house, which was within Washington county, having been born roads, the sentence to be suspended here October 31, 1854. He was recog-Mr. Barnes stated that he was nized as one of the leading farmers sum of \$4 per week for the support

Leslie T. Davenport was found guila large stock of which were carried in ever ready to give his support to all ty on a count charging him with a viohe saw the store building was a mass Besides his widow, Mrs. Jane Sen- \$25 and costs, upon which he gave no-

The case against Cheat Douglas and deeds, went to the following:

#### CHERRY

Mr. R. W. Phelps and daughter, Irene Sawyer, both of Creswell.

Sunday afternoon, December 21 at Miss Ruth Burgess is visiting friends bell Alexander, of Plymouth.

Relatives from out of the county with Mrs. Sawyer's parents, Mr. and Selma Hassell, of Roper.

ed his nieces, Mrs. John Gaskins and Mr. Wilson Philips, Misses Nancy Leary, both of Roper.

Mr. Ira Ainsley and Miss Mary the past week-end with relatives here. of Roper. Episcopal Churches Mr. John Swain, of Norfolk, spent the holidays with his family.

The remaining part of the school While most of the assessments have Olymouth and Roper Episcopal are very glad that he is improving of Skinnersville Township.

source during 1928-29 amounted to said yesterday that the property of in these churches next Sunday, Jan-zabeth Davenport, Teadie Mae Gibbs, LIGHT SERVICE Mayme Woodley, and Virginia White

day afternoon. daughter, Nina Stevie, were the guests Dardens Stops Service raised by the chamber of commerce schedule for the next two weeks, as of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davenport Sunday P. M.

Held by Cotillion Club Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Woodley and

### Sunday School Convention

and new officers for the ensuing year test indicated that the trouble was a special service, called the White Roper Christian Church were elected as follows: President, S. below Jamesville, and service was not Christmas, at the Methodist Church. Mrs. Mabel Griffin and Mr. and Town and County Boards R. Davenport; vice president, Roy L. restored here until about 9:30 Satur- Special Christmas music was renprogram committee, Mrs. S. J. Wood- ber of people in town late that eve- talented singers of the three churches. the members of the Christian Church The official governing bodies of the ley, chairman, and Mrs. Robert Dav-ning and the lack of lighting facili-

Ambrose, treasurer.

### Be Held Here Next Thursday CHRISTMAS DAY

#### sion in recorder's court here Tuesday. "Just Another Sunday" To Majority of Citizens; Few Arrests

heard. One case was tried by a jury, fights, Christmas in Washington Barring several drunken cases and while all of the others were judged County was one of the quietest expersolely by the recorder. Four new men jenced in years, reports from the vari-Basnight, bringing the total at the lives were lost in one way or another One colored woman was also sent to and the few general disorders resultthroughout the nation, but accidents ed in no serious injury or damage to life or property in the county.

Christmas Day was generally patcount. He was called and failed to terned after a quiet Sunday in the section. Chief of Police P W. Brown Cottie Spruill, charged with false made two or three arrests during the pretense, was found guilty of obtain-holidays for minor infractions of the ing advances upon promises of work- law, but there were fewer drunks than ing and paying for them. She was usual at this time of year. Sheriff sentenced to serve 45 days at the counviolators being negroes charged with

## MARRY ISSUED

#### of guilty and was sentenced to serve Is Largest Number Issued In Any Month of 1930; 11 White, 3 Colored

deeds here show. Fourteen permits nations.

White

Howard Clifton nad Frances Lang-

lev, both of Creswell. Spruill, both of Roper.

W. L. Jarvis, of Pantego, and May-

James Arnold and Irma Jackson,

of Roper.

Colored

Pantego.

## INTERRUPTED

## In Several Towns

family of Plymouth, spent a few days Electric and Power Company's trans-The Christmas Dance staged by the this week with Mr. Woodley's parents, mission line from Tarboro to Colum- IN ROPER FRIDAY bia were without service several hours last Saturday afternoon and eve-(Too late for last week's issue) ning when a short circuit was made by a piece of barbed wire thrown asumed.

one responsible for the costly act.

#### Sale of Town License Plates Is Very Slow

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said vesterday that the sale of town automobile license plates was proceeding very slowly, with the majority of car owners still without their 1931 plates. All local cars are required to have the tags displayed by January 1st, and no extension of the time has been authorized by the Town Council. The chief is giving his final warning, and says that owners of cars without the new plates who drive after Thursday will be given summons. Tags are on sale at the city clerk's office and by the chief of police.

#### arrests over the week-end, most of the RESUME WORK IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

#### Plymouth Schools Reopen Wednesday; Others Thursday

cept Plymouth, reopening Thursday, har to Washington County will be January 1st, students entered upon the brought up and discussed, and the long stretch of work and study that outlook for the year reviewed. will have very few let-ups until the One of the outstanding features of schools close some time in May. The the meeting is expected to be a live-at-The number of marriage licenses Plymouth City Schools opened a day home luncheon served by men of the issued in Washington County during earlier than the others in the county, 15 home demonstration clubs of the December, 1930, is larger than for any and teachers and pupils alike have county under the direction of Miss other month in more than a year, settled down to the steady grind im- Covington. This luncheon will be records in the office of the register of mediately preceding mid-term exami- served to all those attending at the

were granted during the month, and a The percentage of children enrolled Mr. Dunning stated that the team of large number of these came during the in average daily attendance has cons- extension workers will reach Plyholiday season. Eleven white and tituted the chief problem so far for mouth the afternoon of the day before three colored couples applied for and most of the teachers and superinten- the meeting and they will be glad to received licenses during the month dents, who hope to make better re- meet with groups of business men, rejust past, while in December, 1929, the cords along this line during the re- presentatives of civic clubs, etc., and count was six white and four colored, mainder of the school year. While the explain to them in a brief way the lation of the traffic laws. He was fined an increase of 40 per cent being re- Plymouth City Schools have had a outlook for agriculture in 1931. They very good average daily attendance will also present local county facts and The 14 licenses issued last month by ever since opening in September, other try to acquaint the business people Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, register of schools in the county have not fared with the agricultural situation in the so well. Many absences have been county. caused by the fact that children in Preparations for the meeting are unbetter records to be made

#### Louis M. Lamb and Gertrude FIRM TO DONATE Melvin Guy Spruill and Stathel PART OF PROFITS

#### To Aid in Relief for Unemployed

family of Norfolk, spent a few days Richard Overton, of Mackeys, and ager of Southern Dairies, in Wilson the present business and agricultural recently announced a plan of his emergency. J. E. Skittletharpe and Cora E. company that will help unemploy- Miss Covington, in a letter to The ment relief work in Plymouth. In a Beacon this week, stated that in ad-Mrs. Clyde Tetterton, of Norfolk, J. and Stella Phelps spent Christmas Joe Spruill and Fanny Leary, both letter to Mayor Walker he stated dition to discussions by the two exthat Southern Dairies will donate 5 bension workers, several county ofper cent on the retail price of each ficials will be asked to take part in Kathlyn Ainsley, of Oak City, spent Isaiah Spruill and Clara Moore, both pint package and 10 per cent of the the program. She also said that every retail price of all fancy ice cream club officer in the county was ex-Jamie Moore and Bell Selby, both of form orders to this work, the money pected to see that as many club memto be turned over to a local agency bers and their husbands were present as possible.

Mayor Walker was asked to designate the organization to handle the Home Agent's Schedule funds here, and he wrote the company that the Chamber of Commerce recently.

## Customers served by the Virginia SPECIAL SERVICE day, Plymouth; Tuesday, Hoke; Wed-

#### ice For Receiving Gifts market. For Needy

the merchants, as most of the visitors had returned home before service was re- and placing lighted tapers around the ed by the choir and in ice cream course

the community.

#### **CLUB MEMBERS** OF COUNTY TO SERVE LUNCH

#### Farmers and Wives and Business Men Urged To Attend

Washington County's niceting," one of a series being held in every county in North Carolina during the months of January and February, is scheduled for Thursday of next week, January 8, at 10 o'clock a. m., it was announced this week by County Agent R. E. Dunning. The meeting will be held in the courthouse here. Farmers and their wives, business men, merchants, bankers, members of civic organizations, doctors, lawyers, agriculture teachers, newspapermen and county officials are particularly urged to attend the meetings, which are being held for a discussion of the

agricultural situation in each section. The meeting will be purley local in be two State extension service workers here to assist in every way possible. One of the workers will be a man from the extension service staff, while the other is a woman from Mrs. Jane McKimmon's State Department With all of the county schools, ex- of home economics. Problems pecu-

close of the meeting.

Miller M. Smith and Frances Brick- the rural sections were needed to help der the direction of Mr. R. E. Dunning harvest crops, and since this season and Miss Pratt Covington, county Lloyd Lucas and Thelma Louise is past the authorities are expecting farm and home demonstration agents, respectively. They are urging every farmer and his wife in the county to be present for the gathering, which will begin at 10 o'clock and last as ong as necessary, with the luncheon to be served by the club members following immediately after. The pri-Ice Cream Manufacturers have it serve as a get-to-gether affair mary purpose of the meeting is to for the farmers and business people to the end that they may better understand the problems facing them Mr. Fred Shumate, resident man- and cooperate more effectively during

### For 2 Weeks Announced

had a committee for such purposes. It Miss Pratt Covington, who is spendis expected that the money received ing the Christmas holidays with refrom this source will be handled latives in Rockingham, in a letter to

follows: Week beginning January 5th: Monnesday, Plymouth (Roper Club will meet Tuesday, January 13th); Thursday, County-wide live-at-home meet-Churches Have Joint Serv- ing; Friday, Cherry; Saturday, curb

Week beginning January 12th: Monday, Scuppernong; Tuesday, Roper; Wednesday, Albemarle; Thursday,

### Has Christmas Party

Roper, Dec. 30 .- Monday evening

ber ever commed there at one time, a contract them to the babe in the manger and the countries approaching the record. Mr. Baster, hand in hand, formed in two rows board of commissioners and the countries before the meeting was the electron derivative and the countries and the countries are the countries and the countries are the coun is approaching the record. All Bas operated for customers in that his mother, Mary, represented by Mrs. made an average net profit of \$15 a night said that one time he had 42 and sang Christmas carols as the jol- ty board of education will hold their tion of officers, as follows: Mrs. Joe was operated for customers in that his mother, Mary, represented by Mrs. made an average net profit of \$15 a night said that one time he had 42 and saig christians and the courthouse. It is un- Woodley, president; Mrs. Norwood section. Employees are investigating Dick Peacock. The gifts, numbering head from 22 baby beeves of the for two of times days, which represents the highest mark yet reached, senting his tokens, he strapped his derstood that rountine business will Ambrose, vice president; Mrs. A. J. the source of the trouble, and an ef-