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PROF. T. H. SLEDGE EXONERATED

In Recorder's Court Saturday

The Jury Failed To Find That He Had Exceeded a Reasonable Chastisement.

Mr. T. H. Sledge, Principal of Cedar Rock High School, was exonerated of the assault charge held against him Saturday in Recorder's Court by a jury composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. T. L. Joyner, J. B. Nowell, Ellis Arnold, R. C. Gupton, Z. V. White, M. H. Moye.

The State introduced Durwood Gardner, his mother, Mrs. J. W. Gardner, his brother, Wilbur Gardner and his sister, Miss Mary Gardner and rested. The defense then introduced Mr. Sledge, Principal of the school and Miss Beulah Stallings, a teacher in the school and the only eye witness, and a number of character witnesses.

The case was argued strongly by both sides and was given to the jury after a fair and impartial charge by His Honor Judge Beam, at about 3 o'clock. The jury arrived at a verdict of acquittal at about 4 o'clock, thereby closing a case that had created much interest on the part of the people of the Cedar Rock School District.

THE GYPSY ROVER

The Gypsy Rover, a Romantic Musical Comedy will be presented by the Louisburg College Glee Club on Tuesday evening, March 18th at 8 o'clock in the High School Auditorium.

The Gypsy Rover is in three acts and is built around the character of Rob later known as Sir Gilbert Howe, of English Nobility. Rob is stolen when an infant, by his nurse, Meg, who later becomes the wife of Marto, a gypsy.

It happens one day, while riding with her fiancée, Lord Craven, Lady Constance Martendale becomes lost in the woods. They wander to the gypsy camp where Constance and Rob meet and fall in love at first sight.

Two years elapse and Rob has come into his estates, his identity having been proven by Meg. He becomes a successful composer a friend of the Prince and a social lion.

There are also pretty love affairs between Nina and Capt. Jerome, and Zara and Sifno, and many comedy scenes by Sifno and Marto.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

A most fatal automobile accident was averted on Sunday night at the Harris curve on the State Highway near the railway, when the large Winton car driven by Mr. Council Cranford turned bottom up and caught over the ditch giving room for the occupants to escape.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Services for the second Sunday in Lent: Church School 10 a. m. Mr. Wm. H. Ruffin, Superintendent.

KIWANIS—WHO IS ELIGIBLE.

Kiwanis is an organization of virile, progressive, right thinking, broad-minded business and professional men. Its membership is formed by the careful and discriminating selection of the most representative men in their particular calling—men, who by virtue of their God given talents can be relied upon to cheerfully co-operate with their fellow members in actively supporting the Kiwanis movement in its steady unflinching march toward the attainment of its high ideals.

Kiwanis is the practical application of the principle of the Golden Rule to our modern everyday life. The participation in its activities has a pronounced effect upon each and every one of its members from the time they are first initiated.

Through fellowship, acquaintanceship develops into mutual understanding and esteem. Thru friendship and association with common interest, a vast clearing house of ideas, plans and projects, is formed.

As a mighty river rolls on in its majestic course toward the broad ocean, so does the Kiwanian expand in his capacity rendering service to his fellow man. The further we proceed in our Kiwanian activities, the more devoted we become to the great cause in which we have enlisted.

AN EVENING WITH THE LOUISBURG COLLEGE DRAMATIC CLUB

The three one-act plays presented by the Dramatic Club of Louisburg College Wednesday evening, March the fifth, gave evidence of careful preparation, rare appreciation and decided dramatic ability.

The second play was well sustained by Louise Taylor, as a clever actress, Elizabeth Carter Grant, the young devotee, and Jay Williams, the quaint little dame of the late nineties.

The farce, A Proposal Under Difficulties, by John Kendrick Bagg, was handled delightfully, showing a thorough appreciation of the witty lines by Ida Bross, who was completely submerged in her character as Bob Yardsley; Musette Winstead, who as Jack Barlow, ably handled the part of the quick-witted egotist; with Hattie Mae Parker, as Miss Dorothy Andrews a much loved young lady.

OLD MAIDS CONVENTION.

We are requested to state that there will be an Old Maids Convention at Ingleside Academy on Friday night, March 21st, 1924, at 8 o'clock, to which all of the old bachelors and widowers are especially invited.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. J. E. Malone Tuesday afternoon, March 18th, at 3:30. Mesdames J. E. Malone, Georgia Boddie, W. R. Bass, W. L. Beasley and E. L. Best hostesses.

Mrs. C. K. Cooke, Pres. Mrs. T. C. Alston, Secy. Subscribe to The Franklin Times

TO OFFER OPERA HOUSE FOR SALE

If Bids Not Satisfactory To Make It Conform To Insurance Laws and Rent For Shows.

The Board of Town Commissioners at a special meeting on Wednesday night with all members present except Leonard, ordered that all the town's interest in the opera house be advertised for sale.

The Commissioners took the position, so we learn, that it was unreasonable for them to allow a condition to exist that required the tax payers to be burdened with the upkeep of the opera house and not get any revenue.

Fire Near Town

On Tuesday morning at about 12 o'clock the old Matthew Eaton residence located about two miles North of town owned by Mr. J. W. Harris and occupied by Lee Eaton, was destroyed by fire.

This is the second fire that has done considerable damage at this point within the past month. The first was the burning of the store of Mr. P. C. Holmes, with the loss of a stock of goods estimated at about \$8,000.00 besides the building, and with small insurance.

Fine Showing

It is indeed gratifying to the many friends of the First National Bank to learn of the exceptionally fine business this popular institution has enjoyed, and the position it occupies, which is shown in a statement elsewhere in this issue.

HONOR ROLL

Gold Sand High School, week ending March 7th: 8th Grade—Alberta Aycock, Maurice Bledsoe, Julia Brewer, David Fuller, George Fuller, Mabe Foster, Kirby Gupton, Harold Garbee, Floyd Griffin, Eta Harris, Bennie Harris, Clement Harper, Nell Joyner, Henry Leonard, Maurice Parrish, Nora Rowe, Annie Tharrington.

AMERICAN INDUSTRIES LIGHTEN HOUSEWORK

"After one look into an American kitchen, with all its conveniences and devices to save time and work, its marvelous buttons that one has but to press to work wonders, its equipment to make everything quick, comfortable and easy, I understood America for the first time."

CLARK-PARRISH.

Miss Gladys Parrish and Mr. Henry M. Clark were married on February 23rd, at Inez in the presence of only a few friends. Among the party were Mrs. J. R. Phelps, Messrs. J. B. Gordon and Cleveland Murphy.

See the Orphans Concert at the Graded School Wednesday night.

Members of the Cleveland County Poultry Association are staging an egg-laying contest. With 113 hens on test, Lawrence Hawkins led for January with 2,173 eggs produced.

An Expert

Lucrebags: "Your duty as butler will consist of taking the coats and wraps of the guests. Have you had any experience?"

Applicant: "Sure, I used to make the rounds of the restaurants every night."

CO-OP CASES IN SUPREME COURT

Tobacco Growers Gain Favorable Decisions—Heavy Deliveries as Season Nears End.

Favorable decisions for the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association resulted in four out of six cases recently tried before the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Chief Justice Walter A. Clark in handing down the most important opinion resulting from recent cooperative cases before the North Carolina Supreme Court last week, declared that a member in a suit against the cooperative association cannot raise the question of insufficient sign-up.

The court does not hold that unless the association has settled with its members for one year's crop, it cannot secure an injunction from selling their next year's crop in violation of their contract.

Castalia Items

Mr. W. H. Drake, passed 90 years, and a civil war veteran died last week at his home near here. He was without an enemy and his gentle disposition made him liked by all, and from early manhood had been a true member of the Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Plyler To Preach

Pastor Dowd, of the Methodist church, has announced that Rev. M. T. Plyler, Presiding Elder for this District, will preach at the morning service at the Methodist church.

MR. A. S. WHEELER DEAD

The death angles visited our home on Tuesday evening, Jan. 8, 1924 and took from us our dearest father and husband. He was called from his earthly home where suffering to that heavenly home where suffering is no more.

See the Orphans Concert at the Graded School Wednesday night.

Club girls now make nice hats under the direction of their home demonstration agents. At one school, the girls made finished hats valued at \$75 for a total cost of \$30.

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T. H. DICKENS MADE PRESIDENT

Farmers National Bank Makes Change in Personnel—Mr. J. M. Allen Retires as President.

As appears from its announcement in today's TIMES, Mr. J. M. Allen retired from the Presidency of the Farmers National Bank and is succeeded in that position by Mr. T. H. Dickens, who has, for many years, been Vice-President of the institution.

Mr. T. H. Dickens, who succeeds Mr. Allen as President, is one of Franklin County's most successful and prominent business men who enjoys the confidence of his large number of acquaintances, and is fully capable of filling this responsible position.

JOYNER-PITTMAN

A quiet, but beautiful wedding occurred at high noon, Thursday, when Miss Johnette Iantha Pittman, in the presence of a few neighbors and relatives, became the bride of James Forrest Joyner.

The guests were received by Mesdames Kate B. Yarboro and H. C. Taylor, who ushered them into the living room, which was beautifully decorated in Johnquills and potted plants.

The bride was dressed in beige charmeuse traveling dress, with hat and accessories to match. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and valley lilies.

Mrs. Joyner is the daughter of Mrs. Pattie Horton Pittman and a grand-daughter of T. C. Horton, who was Clerk of Court in Franklin County for years.

Mr. Joyner is a promising young business man, connected with the Louisburg Wholesale Company.

Recorder's Court

Judge G. M. Beam disposed of the following cases in Franklin Recorder's Court Monday:

State vs Fred Daniel, adw, guilty, fined \$50 and costs including \$5.00 to Tom Foster. Appeal.

State vs Simon Harris, removing crops, not guilty.

State vs Mary Brown, a and a in distilling, continued.

State vs Zolite Joyner, adw, not guilty, costs to be paid by prosecuting witness.

State vs E. F. Dement, adw, not guilty, costs to be paid by prosecuting witness.

State vs Johnnie Parrish, removing crops, continued.

State vs John Hilliard Malone, vpl, defendant demands jury trial, continued to Monday, March 17th, 1924.

State vs M. B. McKane, up, pleads guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

State vs R. L. Garner, upw, pleads guilty, fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Charlie Owen, vpl, guilty judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Tom Foster, adw, guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Fred Daniels, vpl, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Mr. Ben T. Holden went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. Yarborough is in Raleigh on business this week.

Mr. W. B. Cooke returned Tuesday from a trip to Statesville.

Mr. W. M. Person returned yesterday from Raleigh and Nashville.

Miss Sue Cheatham, of Franklinton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Alston.

Mr. K. A. Pittman, of Ayden, was a visitor to his people here the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Taylor and daughter, Miss Sallie, left Saturday for a visit to Florida.

Supt. E. L. Best attended a State meeting of Superintendents of Schools in Raleigh this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mann, of Sanford, visited her mother, Mrs. Georgia T. Boddie, in Louisburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ballard and Miss Kate Ballard, of Franklinton were guests this week of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Joanson and son, William, and Mrs. Dave Cox, of Winterville, visited their daughter, Mrs. Robt. W. Smithwick Sunday.

Dr. A. H. Fleming, Pres. A. W. Mohr and Messrs. W. E. White and T. W. Watson attended a Kiwanis banquet at Warrenton on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stovall returned the past week from a trip to Baltimore, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Stovall's brother, who was killed in an accident.

Mrs. A. W. Mohr chaperoned some of her voice students to Raleigh Tuesday evening to hear Rosa Ponselle, Metropolitan Dramatic Soprano, in a concert. Those in the party were Misses Bettie Holden, Annie Woods, Julia Daniels, Inez Hooker, Mattie Woods, and Ora Holden.

Y. W. A. MEETING

The Y. W. A. of the Louisburg Baptist church met with Miss Beulah Cooper Wednesday evening, March 12. The following program was carried out:

Hymn—O Zion Haste. Prayer—Mrs. Upchurch.

The meaning of personal service was discussed and the following report made: 12 visits to sick, 10 trays to sick, fuel and magazines taken to sick.

The meeting was continued by the study of our new book "The Ministry of Women." The lesson study and quiz was conducted by Mrs. J. A. McIver.

Closing prayer by Miss Eleanor Collier. After the meeting a delicious salad course was served.

Members present: Mrs. J. A. McIver, Mrs. L. L. Whitaker, Mrs. Upchurch, Mrs. H. H. Hilton, Mrs. John Stovall, Misses Beulah Hale, May Cooper, Eleanor Collier, Gladys Taylor, Victoria Adcock, Jewel Clark, Nellie, Nena and Beulah Cyrus, Beulah Cooper, Miss Wilson, Bettie McIver, Maria Perry and Mrs. F. B. Leonard.

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