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## HIS HONOR JUDGE CHARLES M. COOK

### Delivers Able Instructions to the Grand Jury at the Opening of September Court -- Importance of Prohibition and Cigarette Laws.

The September Term of the Superior Court convened Monday, His Honor Charles M. Cook presiding. Court was called promptly at ten o'clock, the Grand Jury was selected and the Judge addressed them for over an hour. He outlined in a general way why our fathers enacted into laws so few statutory misdemeanors, and why the necessity for us to have so many, and how any law that is passed which tends to make man sacrifice any of his individual views, will be criticised and kicked against. But that these same enactments will be approved and praised when their blessings are manifested. He dwelt at length upon the question of the violation of the liquor law, telling how the execution of that law had helped many communities, and the determination of the Judicial Department of the State to enforce the law, that it may have a fair trial before the great tribunal of public sentiment. That a community was injured when officers and jurors let unlawful acts and deeds pass unnoticed; that the highest duty of a juror is to carry out the law let it hit friend or foe.

That part of the charge relating to cigarettes was of great importance to a community where the law is so openly violated. The law prohibits the selling of the deadly things to boys under 17 years of age, but the observance of the law is very loose. Cigarette smoking is one of the great evils of the day and the law should be enforced to the letter. Two other points touched by Judge Cook were the pernicious burning of woods and the proper enforcement of the hog cholera law. The careful observance of these laws would save thousands of dollars to our people.

The criminal dockets was disposed of as follows:

State vs Frank Bryan. Nol pros with leave.  
State vs Harmon Coffield, abandonment. Four months on roads.  
State vs Harmon Coffield and Winnie Perkins. Not guilty.  
State vs David Haislip and Burt Pritchard. Affray. Haislip not guilty, Pritchard 60 days in jail.  
State vs Josephine Pate. Injury to property. Nol Pros.  
State vs W. H. Robertson, Jr., and W. H. Waters. Affray. Robertson not guilty, waters fined one penny and cost.  
State vs George, Stanley and Eddie Brown. Affray. G. Brown \$10 and cost, E. Brown \$5 and cost S. Brown not guilty.  
State vs Rufus Jones. Robbery. Three years on roads.  
State vs Guilford Purvis. Retailing. Nol pros.  
State vs Don Purvis. L. and R. One year on roads.  
State vs Eugene Anderson. A. D. W. Not guilty.  
State vs M. C. Baxter. A. D. W. One month on roads.  
State vs J. A. J. H., N. T. Leggett. A. and B.  
State vs Mack Swanner. L. and R. Nol pros.  
State vs James Coltrain. Assault. \$50 fine.  
State vs Joe McNair. Not a true bill.  
State vs Will Ellison. L. and R. Not guilty.  
State vs Tim Williams. L. and R. Not guilty.  
State vs James Coltrain. C. C. W. Not guilty.  
State vs Joe McNair. C. C. W. \$50 and cost.

## CROSS ROADS ITEMS

Inez Peel is sick this week.  
J. B. Rawls went to Rocky Mount Saturday.  
J. T. James spent Saturday in Greenville.  
Frank Coltrain spent Sunday near Oak Grove.  
J. B. Rawls visited relatives in Beaufort County Sunday.  
Miss Sallie Wynne is spending this week near Bear Grass.  
J. R. Beech and G. B. Overton went to Bear Grass Sunday.  
Charlie and Herbert Roebuck spent Saturday near Macedonia.  
Bud Rogers of Williamston spent Saturday night with friends here.  
Misses Susie and Vesta Wynne spent Saturday night near Everetts.  
Master Biscoe Rogers is spending a few days with Mrs. Dawson Biggs.  
Miss Annie Rogers, of Williamston, came down Friday to visit relatives.  
J. B. Overton and sister, Miss Lennie, spent Saturday night with relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. Grey Wynne spent Saturday night with their mother near Robersonville.  
John Little, of Shelbeville, Ill., is spending some time with his brother, W. E. Little.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Meeks, spent Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wynne.  
Miss Fannie Woolard closed her school Tuesday to give the pupils an opportunity to help with the crops at home.

## EVERETTS ITEMS

Jesse L. Horton, of Plymouth, was in town last week.  
P. T. Davenport, of Hamilton, was in town Friday evening.  
J. J. Hoard, of Plymouth, was in town Saturday on business.  
A. C. Miller, of Rocky Mount, registered at Hotel James Sunday night.  
Hon. J. A. Whitley attended the farmers' meeting in Williamston Wednesday.  
Miss Anna Crawford and J. Paul Simpson spent Sunday with Mrs. J. B. Coffield.  
Mrs. Will Hardy spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother near Spring Green.  
T. H. Crudup and Master John Body Crudup left for their home in Kittrell Monday.  
Friends of Miss Daisy Whitley will be glad to know that she is improving rapidly.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Coffield spent Saturday night and Sunday with their parents near here.  
Mrs. K. B. Crawford, of Williamston, spent a few days with Mrs. John L. Rogerson last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Crudup, of Kittrell, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coffield at Oak Grove.

## Hamilton Votes Tax

The Hamilton School District voted a special tax for graded school on Tuesday. The vote was highly gratifying to friends of education. It is a move in the right direction, and the district is to be congratulated on the prospects for a flourishing school.  
Poplar Chapel will vote a special tax on Tuesday next. Prof. R. J. Peel is aiding the people in the district in their efforts to advance education.

## ROBERSONVILLE NEWS ITEMS

Miss Minnie Edmondson was in town Tuesday.  
J. C. Smith went to Oak City, Friday on business.  
J. C. Andrews went to Hobgood Monday on business.  
W. A. James, of Williamston, was in town Sunday.  
Dr. R. J. Nelson left for Raleigh Wednesday morning.  
Miss Hattie James, of Everetts, was in town Thursday.  
Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward went to Williamston Monday.  
J. C. Smith left Monday to attend court at Williamston.  
Miss Emma Roberson spent a few days in Grindool last week.  
J. B. Edmondson, of Scotland Neck, was in town Sunday.  
Miss Bettie Roberson spent Saturday and Sunday in Stokes.  
Mrs. A. C. Barnhill, of Everetts, was visiting in town last week.  
Miss Lizzie Mooring is spending a few days in Stokes, visiting relatives.

Preparations are being made for the building of a new store on Main Street.

W. L. Ferrell left Tuesday to spend a few days with his family in Durham.

Miss Marie Robertson spent Sunday in the country, visiting Miss Lillian Smith.

Misses May Whitfield and Isabella Morton attended the Basket Party at Hassells Friday night.

The friends of Mrs. C. James were very sorry to learn of her sickness, and hope a speedy recovery.

Misses Cina Ward and Fay Bevelly, of Bethel, spent Saturday and Sunday with Blanche and Nina Roberson.

Dr. John T. Underwood being dissatisfied with his location here left Friday afternoon for Duke, to settle in a new field of labor.

The series of meetings at the Disciple Church closed Sunday night with a large congregation, and Rev. C. W. Howard left for his home in Kinston Monday morning.

Miss Irene McNab, of Baltimore, milliner for R. L. Smith & Co., arrived last week and is busy preparing hats for the winter trade. Miss McNab formally occupied the same position and during her stay here she made many friends, who were glad to learn of her arrival.

## Entertains the Court

Judge Francis D. Winston, whose hospitality is known from Murphy to Manteo, was host at a barbecue Wednesday at the farm of J. D. Leggett, one mile west of Williamston. The spread was given in honor of Judge Cook and Solicitor Daniels. All the court officers, attorneys and Editor Manning enjoyed the pig prepared in true Martin County style. Cold "slow" and good old corn pone made the feast complete. Judge Winston is happiest when among his friends contributing to their pleasure, whether beneath the shade of his own vine and fig tree or elsewhere. He is perfectly at home when in Martin County and it has the glad hand extended to him always.

## Kehukee Association

The Kehukee Association is to be held, D. V., October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th with Kehukee Church, one mile west of Scotland Neck. The train will put off and take on passengers in the yard of the church morning and evening.  
Sylvester Hassell.

## DARDENS ITEMS

J. W. Swinson killed a deer last week.  
The farmers are busy picking cotton.  
Some one is still sitting beside the Hill.  
N. A. Gtesinger expects to go West soon.  
Rev. Asa Manning preached here Sunday night.  
John A. Getsinger had a reunion of his family recently.  
Miss Olive Jackson left for Plymouth to attend a meeting.  
Misses Spruill and Woobel of Plymouth were here Sunday.  
E. S. Mizell made a visit to his old home in Pitt county Sunday.  
Quite a crowd of young people attended church at Jamesville Sunday.  
Mrs. Walter Bateman was the guest of Mrs. C. C. Fagan last week.  
Grover Gurkin and Miss Ruth Coburn attended church Sunday night.

John Barns and Miss Ella Allen were out strolling Sunday afternoon.

Asa T. Allen and Miss Vida Simpson attended church Sunday night.

Messrs. G. W. Blount and S. A. Newell were pleasant callers last week.

C. C. Fagan has recently repaired his saw mill and is ready for work.

Miss Donnie Bell Gardner made a pleasant visit to Jamesville Saturday and Sunday.

Roland Biggs and Miss Lucy Robbins went for a lovely stroll Sunday evening.

## HASSELL ITEMS

Whit Hyman, of Oak City, was here Saturday.

Miss Laura Salisbury spent Thursday in Oak City.

Several from here attended the meeting at Conoho Sunday.

Miss Susie Edmondson left for her home in Enfield Wednesday.

Mrs. W. Z. Morton, of Robersonville, spent a few days here last week.

Miss Margaret Salisbury returned from Oak City Monday, where she spent a few days.

Miss Fannie Mizell, of Roanoke Rapids, came Tuesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Everett, near Hamilton.

Miss Lois Parker, of Robersonville, spent a few days with Misses Bessie and Myrtle Roberson this week.

Miss Isabel Morton, of Robersonville, spent a few days with Misses Laura and Julia Salisbury this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Roberson, of Norfolk, spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Roberson, this week.

A box party was given here Friday night for the benefit of the school. A very good crowd was present, and the sum of \$29.00 was realized. The managers desire to thank all who attended.

## Diphtheria at Hobgood

Dr. William E. Warren, County Superintendent of Health, was called to Hobgood Wednesday in consultation with Dr. Leggett to look after some diphtheria which is prevalent there. Diphtheria is rarely ever found in Martin County, and has never been epidemic, physicians being able to combat it.

## The Electric Light Question

(Contributed)  
The prevailing question of the day: "Is the town of Williamston large enough to support an electric light plant." It seems absurd to ask such a question as this, when one would stop for a moment and consider that there are hundreds of smaller towns ranging from 600 to 1000 in population in the United States, which are successfully maintaining electric plants. I might mention at least 300 such plants, if I had the space.  
As to the matter of Williamston supporting a plant, I would just say a few words. By careful canvass it has been ascertained that at least 1000 to 1200 lights can be sold private consumers. Arrange each light at a meter rate of 15 cents a kilowatt. Each light burns three hours will give \$27 resource per night from private lines. The whole cost of running plant per night will be about \$8.00. One can readily see that the streets will be better lighted at a less cost than now at \$500 per year. The cost of wiring a house is from \$6.00 up.

## The New Disease

A man who is inclined to see the humorous side of things cannot help from laughing at the doctors sometimes. A few years ago the country was astonished by the announcement of the discovery of the new disease of appendicitis. This has become old now and many people are simply going to the hospitals and having their appendix removed to keep from waiting their turn. After this new ailment was forgotten on account of its general prevalence and the excitement incident to the discovery of new cases failing to keep the public interested, the boys come along now with Pellagra, Hook Worm and Squintum.

It is said that Pellagra is caused by eating corn bread. Appendicitis is caused by eating wheat bread. Hook worm is caused by eating no bread at all, and going barefooted. If you eat corn bread you will die of pellagra and if you eat wheat bread you will die of appendicitis, and if you don't eat either, the hook worm takes charge of you. So we are left in the same fix as the Presbyterian brother, who after hearing a sermon by a minister of his own church and hearing another sermon by a Methodist parson, exclaimed, "Well, it seems that a fellow can and he can't, he will and he won't, but he'll be damned if he does, and he'll be damned if he don't."

If these three maladies get after a fellow, he had as well pull up the kiver, say his prayers, make his will, turn his bank account over to the doctor, kiss the women folks goodbye and whistle for the boatman. For he's bound to be a goner.

The disease of squintum mentioned above, is one that we are going to patent. It belongs to the family of newly discovered maladies. In order to explain more fully we will tell of a conversation we heard once. A school boy was asked to spell stove pipe. He began, S-t-o-v-e, S-t-o-v-e, P-i-p-e, Pipe Stove Pipe, Stewidity, Stewidity. Being asked what the stewidity, stewidity meant, he replied, that's the elbow. "Squintum" is a disease that the fellow who travels in the airship has in place of the hook worm he would have had if he had gone barefooted on the ground.—Burlington News.

## Go With A Rush

The demand for that wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney cure, Dr. King's New Life Pills—is astounding. All Druggists say they never saw the like. Its because they never fail to cure Sour Stomach, Constipation, Indigestion, Biliousness, Jaundice, Sick Headache, Chills and Malaria. Only 25c.

## MATTAMUSKEET TO WASHINGTON

### Council of State Decides to Allow Road to Washington Under Certain Conditions--Must Fully Equip Road--Use of Convicts Given.

The Council of State decided after a long session to allow the extension of the proposed Mattamuskeet Road to Washington. This is to be done, however, after a sufficient guarantee from Washington that money would be forthcoming to equip the road.

The resolution as adopted by the Council of State is as follows:

"Be it resolved by the Governor and the Council of State: That the grading of the Mattamuskeet Railway by the State convicts from Belhaven via Bath to Washington will be ordered; provided, the citizens of Washington and the people residing in the territory between Belhaven and Washington shall, on or before the completion of the grading to Belhaven, guarantee to secure the right of way from Belhaven to Washington; to furnish terminals at Bath and Washington; to provide all materials, implements, camps, vehicles and teams necessary to carry on the work of grading, without expense to the State other than furnishing the convicts with proper guards and maintenance, and without encumbrance upon the property; provided further that on or before the completion of the grading to Belhaven, a proposition satisfactory to the Governor and the Council of State for completing and equipping and operating said road when graded to Washington, without additional expense to the State or further obligation by it, shall be submitted."

## Polar Time

Time is a curious freak at the earth's poles, and when Dr. Cook says that he reached there at 7 o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, April 21st, 1908, his statement is without certain meaning. Presumably he carried Greenwich time, in which tables for navigation are calculated. So at the time of his discovery it was 2 in the morning at New York. As this meridian runs to the North Pole as well as that of Greenwich its time also applies. So does the time of every other meridian, and in consequence at the same instant it was also 7 o'clock Monday afternoon and every hour, minute, and second in between until 7 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. At both the North and the South Pole it is always two days at once and every day lasts for forty-eight hours.—Scientific American.

## Cutting Affray

A colored man named Knight living on the farm of V. R. Taylor seriously cut Stephen Brown, who lives on the farm of F. J. Roebuck Sunday night. The row occurred on the farm of Mr. Taylor.

Drs. B. L. and E. M. Long, of Hamilton, were called and upon arrival, found that Brown had been sliced across the breast, the arm, abdomen, and fingers. The most dangerous cut was that in the breast which commenced just below the collar bone, ranged downward severing the seventh rib. From this aperture the lung protruded to the size of a hand, and the pulsations were plainly visible. The wounded man is doing as well as could be expected, and will probably recover. The cause of the row is supposed to be the fruits of an answer to a Virginia advertisement, which is producing most of the rows among the colored brethren.