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December Term of Court

Court adjourned Friday, and was marked for the many petty Criminal cases, a large number being for violations of the prohibition law. The Grand Jury with L. E. Corey as Foreman did good work, and many true bills were sent in. Judge Ferguson's judgments as stated before, were tempered with mercy and breakers of the law had their fines lessened in many cases. This term closed the work of Judge Ferguson in Martin County for some time. Judge Frank Carter will preside over the March Term.

The following cases were disposed of:

Jesse Ewell. Murder. Not pros with leave.
Jonah Moore. L. & R. Not pros with leave.

G. W. Coltrain. Retailing. Continued under former order.

Irvin Shields. Retailing. Not pros with leave.

Ralph C. Harris. Retailing. Continued under former order.

Hart Dixon. Larceny. Continued under former order.

Ed Goss. Larceny. Capias and continued.

Alonzo Boston and Eddie Waters. Assault. Capias and continued as to Waters.

Will Bridgers. A. D. W. Capias and continued.

Robert Johnson, Jr. Assault. Not pros with leave.

Elijah Wilson. Assault. Not pros with leave.

Mizell Biggs. Retailing. Go off docket. Fine paid.

Jonah Council. A. D. W. Not pros with leave.

W. E. Rogerson. C. C. W. Capias and continue.

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James Cherry, Nun, Sully and Wm. Smith. Affray. Capias and continued.

James Taylor, Nun, Sully and Wm. Smith. D. R. C. Capias and continued.

James Grimes. C. C. W. Not pros.

Turner Williams. V. P. L. Judgment that the defendant pay \$50 and cost.

Wiley and Robert Green. A. D. W. Wiley Green guilty and to pay \$25. Robert Green not guilty.

Closs Robertson. Retailing. Pleads guilty. Prayer for judgment. Prayer continued upon payment of cost.

Sam Ann Robertson. Retailing. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Alfred Bennett. Trespass. Capias and continued.

J. E. Barnhill. Resisting officer. Not guilty.

Noah Hoggard, C. C. W. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

H. I. and Joe Briley. F. Trespass. Not guilty.

John Teel. Retailing. Not pros with leave.

Warren Gray. A. D. W. Called and failed. Judgment nisi scifa and capias.

Richmond Johnson. A. D. W. Pleads guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

W. H. Ellison. Retailing. Continued under former order.

Stewart Rogers. C. to A. Not guilty.

W. E. Davenport. V. S. and S. L. Not guilty.

Randall Purvis. Murder. Verdict of accidentally killing his grandson by carelessly handling gun. Four months in jail with leave to be hired by commissioners.

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LOCAL

Who is Chief?

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Good bye Santa Claus. Come again next year.

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to one and all.

Chas. A. Baker has leased the Roanoke hotel for the coming year.

Winter came in on good time Tuesday, and the thermometer slumped at once.

The town is brighter and livelier now, because of the presence of the boys and girls, who have been at school.

Dr. J. C. Caldwell will preach at the Christian Church on Sunday. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

FOR RENT.—A good two-horse farm. Will grow tobacco, cotton, corn and peanuts.—G. W. Blount, Williamston, N. C.

Wood, which has been so difficult to secure all the fall, is being offered for sale now, and the price should be reduced to the normal figures.

The postoffice force is working overtime to give needed service during the Christmastide. William E. Price, who was with the force once, is assisting them.

Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel is busy giving out Confederate pension checks to those on the list in Martin County. These will serve as Christmas gifts to the veterans and their families.

Monday afternoon, Clerk Price at the postoffice here sent 16 bags of mail off on the 5 o'clock train. That same day he issued 114 money orders amounting to \$400.-33. Evidently people here have not heard of the war depression.

There have been very interesting services this week conducted by a street preacher and his wife. They carry a small organ and use a bugle to call people to listen. Both have pleasant voices and their songs were exceptionally good for the street.

ONE COW and small calf, marked crop in the right ear and split in the left, white and brindled. Have been around my premises for several months, now in my field. Until recently, the cow wore a bell fastened on by a chain. Owner will please call and pay expense of feeding and this ad.—Mrs. Sarah F. Robertson, Jamesville, N. C., Route 1.

Whitley-Meadows

The following card has been received by friends: Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Meadows

invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Ollie Estelle

to Mr. Charles Bruce Whitley

Wednesday morning, the sixth of January

nineteen hundred and fifteen at half after seven o'clock At Home Williamston, North Carolina

Lost An Arm

Friends have been here this week to visit James E. Pritchard, the young man who had his arm mangled in a gin on the farm of T. S. Hadley about four miles from Williamston. Drs. Warren, Rhodes and Saunders attended the unfortunate man, and had to amputate the arm to the elbow joint. He is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

GIVE me an ideal that will stand the strain weaving into human stuff on the loom of the real. Keep me from caring more for books than for folks, for art than for life. Steady me to do my full stint of work as well as I can; and when that is done, stop me, pay what wages Thou wilt, and help me to say from a quiet heart a grateful Amen. —HENRY VANDYKE

Christmas, 1914

On that Holy Night, nineteen hundred years ago, the greatest, grandest prophecy since Creation's morn. was fulfilled as heralded by the angelic hosts o'er Judean hills. A babe was born, who was the Prince of Peace, the Friend, the Saviour of mankind. Love gave Him to the world, and He was to be and is the most perfect exponent of the love which expresses sacrifice every day and every hour. The world was slow to catch the blessings which His love brought in those days of patient suffering which He must walk through. But later, the lesson of the manger was learned throughout the world, and everywhere, men like the Magi, laid their gifts at his feet. Some were gifts of life, others as great sacrifice. But all had the undying principle of love to sweeten the world.

So the world has come from year to year to welcome with merry hearts and voices the happiest of all seasons, that which is upon us now in this year of His grace, Nineteen Hundred and Fourteen. In the time of our greatness on the one hand, and the direst calamity on the other, how shall we appropriate this Christmastide to ourselves and weave into the lives of others, those bright threads which mean happiness, contentment and souls lifted up? Is there need to close the hand and heart, to hush the sound of laughter, to stifle the words of good cheer on our lips, because things are not what we hoped them to be? The need is greater for love to abound, when hearts are feeling more keenly the burdens and responsibilities of life. A gift is not always much in substance; the little things, the necessary things, mean a great deal more than those of show and tinsel. And because times are not what we would have, is no reasonable excuse for withdrawing ourselves from the hosts of those who see in the season blessedness and peace extended to all mankind. The world is full of valiant hearts and true, and in this year of 1914 the Christmas season will mean as much as at any time, whether there is the crowded board or the plain, simple meal where love is.

It is a glorious thought that we are living in a land which will provide more abundantly this year than at any time in its history. This is a blessed privilege bestowed upon us by Him whose dominion stretches over all the universe; who has given the sunshine and rain, the harvests, the beauties of field and sky; whose waters teem with the creatures of His making, and are food for

our pleasure. The United States has become the storehouse from which the starving of other nations can feed. And they do not buy—we give with lavish hand and loving hearts, hurt because the heel of the ruthless warrior has laid waste a fair country far, far away.

The Christmas of 1914 will be the greatest for service which America has ever known. Heaven has showered upon it untold blessings, and it is meeting the added responsibilities, with true American spirit. Peace is within our borders, and every act is to preserve peace in all the world. What can be a greater National blessing than peace—that peace of which the angels sang of that first Christmas night? Peace means love for our fellows and now at this time, we can bestow a larger measure throughout the land and in other lands. More than ever, we should let our praise and thanksgiving ascend to the Babe of Bethlehem, whose spirit broods o'er all America.

December Sales

The Williamston Tobacco Market closed for the holidays on the 18th, and will open again on the 4th of January. During the 18 days in December the sales amounted to 431,727 pounds, which shows that the sales in this month were larger for the time than those in November. This is an unusual occurrence on the market, as the weed has heretofore been marketed earlier. Many people held back their crop and others were too busy harvesting cotton and peanuts to grade and prepare for the market. The tobacco crop augmented by peanuts, has been the salvation (financially) of the Martin county farmers.

Gurkin-Lilley

(Reported)

The marriage of Mr. Charles W. Gurkin and Miss Annie M. Lilley was solemnized Sunday morning at ten o'clock at the home of the bride's mother in Griffins District. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate Claud Griffin this being the first couple he had ever united in the bonds of matrimony. The attendants were: Miss Elsie Griffin with Mr. Albert Gurkin, Miss Ethel Gurkin with Mr. Jesse Lilley.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. C. F. Lilley. Mr. Gurkin is a young man of sterling quality and is highly esteemed in the vicinity in which he lives. They will make their future home with Mrs. Lilley.

PERSONAL

W. A. Ellison spent Sunday in Tarboro.

Elbert S. Peel is at home for the holidays.

Curtis Bethea is at home for the holidays.

Duke Critcher is at home from Wake Forest.

John W. Hassell spent Sunday in Washington.

B. C. Crawford is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Eva Peel is at home from St. Mary's School at Raleigh.

Charles Mobley is here to spend the holidays with his relatives.

Misses Martha Ward and Allie Hadley are at home from school.

Miss Emma Robertson is spending the holidays with her parents.

Misses Ellie, Lalla and Maud Wynn are at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Clinton Mundy and children are visiting their parents here.

W. B. Watts and wife with the Misses Hornthal were in town Sunday.

William Price is at home from Buies Creek and is assisting in the postoffice.

Misses Fannie Manning and Sallie Hadley are at home from Wilson College.

Miss Francis Knight came home from Converse College Saturday to spend Christmas.

J. W. Lea, who has been on the market here, left Sunday for his home in Danville, Va.

Dr. and Mrs. Grover C. Godwin are here with Mayor and Mrs. B. F. Godwin for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, of Detroit, Mich., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford.

Jesse Whitley, who has been in the West for a number of years, is at home with his parents.

Mrs. and J. T. Jerome and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Warren left Saturday for Durham to spend holidays.

J. L. Brown and Jas. L. Coltrain, of Jamesville Township, were pleasant visitors here Tuesday.

P. F. Apfel left Sunday for Buffalo, N. Y., where he will spend the holidays with Mrs. Apfel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., are spending Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Poteat at Wake Forest.

Misses Hilda Crawford, Vada and Eva Wynn and Carrie Dell Blount are home from Greensboro College.

Mrs. Rome Biggs left for Edenton via Washington on Sunday. She will spend Christmas with her mother in that city.

Mrs. Lizzie Cotten and son, Edwin Curtis, of Portsmouth, Va., were the guests of Mrs. Morrison Bethea this week.

An Acceptable Gift

If you have a friend or relative, who has moved from the County, you can give him more pleasure and satisfaction by sending him THE ENTERPRISE for the year 1915, than in any other way for the same money. It will serve as a weekly letter from home. Send it as a Christmas present. Mail us One Dollar, your name and address, the name and address of your friend and we will do the rest.

Hamilton Items

C. J. Whitley left Friday for Charlotte.

Willie Sherrod is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle returned Friday from Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Salsbury left Wednesday for Tarboro.

F. L. Gladstone and C. D. Perkins went to Washington Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. Davenport and children are visiting friends in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Taylor and little daughter will spend Christmas in Washington.

Mrs. J. B. Cloman returned Sunday from Scotland Neck, where she visited her daughter.

Mrs. M. P. Hyman, who has been visiting here, left Tuesday for her home at Newport News.

Miss Lillie May Briley, who attends school here, has gone to her home in Greenville for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Purvis, of Columbus, Ga., Mrs. Jim Johnson and children, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Nina Grey and children, of Robersonville, are the guests of Mrs. Martha Council.

Mr. James Edwin Curtis

Saturday afternoon, the soul of James Edwin Curtis left its tenement of clay and took its everlasting flight. For several years, he had been an invalid confined to his room, and came here with his wife from Portsmouth about two years ago to reside with his daughter, Mrs. Morrison Bethea at the Episcopal Rectory. He was born in Montgomery, Ala., on December 10th, 1846, and when seven years old moved with his parents to Chester, S. C., where he was reared. During the Civil War, though too young and small to carry a gun, he joined the 23rd South Carolina regiment and served as courier to Col. Benbow for two years.

After reaching manhood, he engaged in the hardware business in his adopted State, later residing in Portsmouth with his only son, the late Edwin Curtis. Besides Mrs. Bethea, he is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. George W. Young, of Clinton, S. C., who was with him when the end came.

He was a splendid type of the Southern gentleman, possessing those qualities of mind and heart which made friends and held them through the years. His devotion to the faithful, loving wife was most marked, and even in those moments just preceding his dissolution, he did not forget to name her to those about his bed.

Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the funeral services were held at the Episcopal Church by Rev. Morrison Bethea. The interment was in the Baptist Cemetery.

Special Notices

The banks of Williamston closed Thursday at noon and will remain closed until 9 o'clock Monday morning, December 28th.

The Tobacco Market will open again on January 4th, 1915.

The Exchange of the Williamston Telephone Company will have Sunday hours on Christmas. Patrons will please note this.

There will be no issue of THE ENTERPRISE on January 1st.