

# THE ENTERPRISE

VOL. XVI. NO. 34

WILLIAMSTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1915

\$1.00 a Year in Advance

## JUNE TERM OF COURT

### TWO MURDER CASES TRIED

### A Great Many Cases On Docket Disposed Of This Term Of Court.

The June term Martin County Sup. court, Judge Frank Carter, presiding, convened Monday, Solicitor R. G. Allbrooks, representing the State docket.

The following named persons were drawn as grand jurors: B. F. Godwin, foreman, J. L. Peel, J. A. Bryant, Jno. A. Griffin, S. Peel, J. J. Manning, S. R. Manning, Jno. T. Bennett, W. E. Davenport, F. W. Hoyt, J. S. Ayers, W. A. Perry, B. B. Sherrod, J. W. Edmondson, Ruel Turner, J. Peel, C. M. Hurst, W. J. Crofton.

State vs Jno. Albritton, for abandonment, continued under former order.

State vs Hart Dixon, L. and R. nol pros with leave.

State vs Clarence Taper, assault, nol pros.

State vs Will Bridger, a. d. w., nol pros with leave.

State vs S. A. Roberson, retailing, capias instanter.

State vs W. E. Rogerson, c. c. w., nol pros with leave.

State vs W. E. Rogerson, a. d. w., nol pros with leave.

State vs Will Bridges, c. c. w. nol pros with leave.

State vs Jas. Cherry, Sully Smith, Wm. Smith, affray, capias and continued.

State vs Jas. Taylor, Sully Smith, Wm. Smith, disturbing religious worship, Wm. Smith pleads guilty, judgement suspended. As to other defendants capias continued.

State vs Frank Cox, forgery, continued under former order.

State vs road Trustees Williams township, nol pros.

State vs Jno. Ross, retailing, not guilty.

State vs O. Roberson, abandonment, capias and continued.

State vs A. S. Simmons, retailing, pleads guilty, charged with all cost and required to enter into bond for appearance at March term 1916 for two years thereafter.

State vs A. S. Simmons, retailing, pleads guilty, fined \$35 and cost.

State vs A. S. Simmons, v. s. and s. s. waives bail and pleads guilty, fined \$100 and cost.

State vs C. B. Blount, waives bill, and pleads guilty, charged with the cost of the action.

State vs Amos Faulk, retailing, not guilty.

State vs Isaac Murphy, c. c. w. pleads guilty.

State vs W. E. Moore, false pretense, not guilty.

State vs Frank Mordeca, c. c. w., pleads guilty, charged cost of action and to be of good behavior for 3 years.

State vs Dink Knight and F. Mordeca, pleads guilty, and each fined \$5 and half cost.

State vs Wm. Pearce, retailing pleads guilty, judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

Friends will be glad to learn that Dr. Knight, who, was so ill with smallpox for several weeks, has been released from quarantine and is able to be out. There are several others that are convalescing.

No. 666 will cure chills and fever. Its the most speedy remedy we know.

## BICKETT IS GRATIFIED

Attorney General T. W. Bickett was seen in his office on Saturday evening. He had just returned from Monroe and Union counties where he had been spending several days. Upon being asked about the gubernatorial situation Mr. Bickett said that he was deeply gratified at the warm and generous support he was receiving in every section of the State. He then added that he would like to give out the following signed interview:

"I deplore the persistent efforts made by sundry individuals to perpetuate factional lines in the Democratic party. On account of the European war conditions have arisen which the Republican organization is seeking to convert into political capital. It is plotting to inject into the minds of the people the insidious suggestion that the Democratic party is in some vague way responsible for the conditions brought on by the most colossal war in the world's history. In the face of this movement it behoves all good men who love justice and who are at all capable of appreciating that a man sent straight from God to guide this nation in a perilous hour, to bury all personal differences and rally to the colors.

I want to say with all the emphasis I can command that as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor I am not running as the champion or exponent of any wing, faction or division of the Democratic party, but my hope and reliance is to wipe out all factional lines, weld together every discordant element in the party, and present a solid front to the common foe. That foe is even now girding himself for the coming conflict.

As surely as the sun rises unity leads straight to victory; as surely as the sun sets division spells disaster.

In this crucial hour I call on every Democrat in North Carolina to harken to the immortal words of the immortal Aycock: "The Doones are in the valley! I pray you, gentlemen, train your guns a little lower."

### Politics Stirring

Arrangements for the campaign next year, are being made now by the different candidates for the State offices. They are taking time by the forelock, or their friends are for them, and men are expressing their preference. The governor will come from the East this time, and the attorney general probably from the West, and R. A. Doughton is prominently mentioned for the latter.

Its a long way to Tipperary even in politics, and there may be changes ere the State convention. Every good man is not fitted for office, and it behoves the people to choose the best from the highest to the lowest.

### Received License

Grover C. Godwin, who has recently graduated at the Medical College in Richmond, passed the State Board of Examiners, which was in session at Greensboro last week. There are over one hundred to receive license in the State. Among those who passed the Board of Pharmacy are two Martin County boys, George D. Grimes and Herbert Reeves, who registered from Robersonville.

No. 666 will cure malaria or bilious fever. It kills the germ.

## CROP YIELDING RECORDS

In 1914 the average crop yield in North Carolina, the 12 leading crops considered, was \$20.18 per acre. The average for the country-at-large was \$16.34.

In this particular, North Carolina leads the South, Kentucky alone excepted.

Not only this, North Carolina's average per acre crop producing power was greater than that of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota; nearly twice as great as that of North or South Dakota.

And this leadership is no exceptional thing. It has been held almost without variation during the last five years.

And yet the per capita wealth of the country people in these states ranges from 5 to 10 times that of the country people in this State. \$322 in North Carolina against \$3,386 in Iowa, say! Acre for acre we produce far greater crop values year by year. We produce great farm wealth; they retain it.

They are well developed food-crop, live-stock states—that's why.—Ex.

### Harrison-Gurganus

One of the prettiest marriages witnessed in Martin County this year, was that of Miss Emma Clyde Gurganus and Mr. Henry Harrison, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents at the Slade Place on the Hamilton Road. There was a very large crowd present, and the room in which the vows were given, was attractively decorated with beautiful flowers. Rev. J. T. Stanford, pastor of the Methodist Church, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gurganus, and a young woman of charming personality. She was elegantly robed in a modish gown of blue satin. Mr. Harrison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harrison, and after the ceremony took his bride to the home of his parents, where an elegant supper was served to the bridal party and their friends.

### And Yet Another

Last week in the list of students from Williamston, who had entered the various colleges from the Graded School here, the name of Edwin Ward was inadvertently omitted. Mr. Ward is a student of Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and will graduate next year. He is the nephew of Dr. James E. Smithwick, one of the County's most successful physicians, and the brother of Dr. N. B. Mariner, of Belhaven. If he follows them, he will meet with success in his chosen profession.

### Plymouth Talent Here.

Last Thursday evening, the troupe from Plymouth presented "The Enemy, Her Friend" to a fair-sized house. The play is laid in the sixties, and is a war story with interesting plot, which naturally appeals to southerners. The different roles were well taken, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. If the play had been better advertised, there would have been a larger crowd, but many amateur troupes that come to Williamston fail to properly consider the value of advertising. The troupe went from here to Robersonville.

## GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

The annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association will be held at the Hotel Laugren, Asheville, N. C., July 14, 15 and 16.

Since the last convention one of the chief objects of the association has been accomplished, i. e., the creation of a State Highway Commission by the General Assembly of 1915.

At this annual convention the work of the State Commission will be discussed and plans developed for furthering the work and influence of the Commission.

The subject of "Maintenance of Roads" will be thoroughly discussed; also, "Organization of Road Forces."

This convention will be of special interest to county and road commissioners, road engineering superintendents, foremen and all who want to see good roads built and maintained in North Carolina.

### Safe Guard The Child

The closing of the schools for several months, brings thoughts of the children to the mind of even the most careless. So much depends upon the proper pruning, systematic shaping and spaying of the young scions of the full-grown trees, that there is no more weightier matter before the American people today or ever will be. If the State, the Nation, the home and the Church were things of today and gone tomorrow, then any effort to train the governing citizens of the future would be an useless expenditure of time and money. But the children in the homes and schools of today, will in a few years man the ship of State, build the homes and rear the future generations.

Shall they take up the burden unprepared? Must they go out to fight the battles of life like raw recruits, handling their arms in an awkward and bungling manner? These are questions confronting every mother and father right here in Williamston. What are parents going to do about this important matter? Shall their children grow up with selfish desires without industrial training, without a strict compliance with the laws of health, without the fundamental principles of truth and justice incorporated in their very being. Such things are not learned on the streets, in back lots, at late hours of the night, when one should be asleep, but rather in the quiet precincts of home, where the parent must be the ruling head, rather than the child.

It is the duty of every parent to so safeguard the child, that in after years there will be no tears of regret no complaining about neglected duties. Keep the children around the home fireside. Do not let their feet tread forbidden paths. Keep them children, and not fill their heads and hearts with those things, which are not good even for the adult child, for after all we are children indeed and living in a kingdom where there is still great lessons to learn.

Wheeler Martin, Jr., has been picking and shipping dozens of crates of peaches each day for the past week. The orchard is on a part of the Watts farm which was subdivided and sold.

The Hoosier Kitchen Cabinet, the best on earth. Call and see Courtney and inspect the Hoosier.

## MURDER CASE IS DECIDED

The trial of Luther Walters for manslaughter excited much interest. The case was called Wednesday, a jury being selected from a special venire. Martin & Martin and H. W. Stubbs appeared for the defendant and A. R. Dunning and Judge F. D. Winston assisted Solicitor Allbrook in the prosecution. Walters some time last year had some difficulty with a colored man named Brown over work done by Brown's boy for Walters. Walters armed himself with a pistol and went to Brown's house to thresh the matter out. The argument becoming heated, Brown is said to have picked up a hinge, whereupon Walters shot him, the wound proving fatal months after.

The jury was out all night Wednesday and stood at the settlement 11 against and 1 for the defendant. It was decided between the counsel and the Solicitor to compromise by Walters paying all cost, \$100.00 down and \$100.00 each year for five years to the family of the dead man, and the jury was discharged in the case. Walters has always been known as a good, quiet man and there was much sympathy for him and his family.

### 20th Century Book Club.

The Twentieth Century Book Club held a very interesting meeting with Miss Mayo Lamb on Wednesday, June 9th. A most profitable and enjoyable programme was carried out:

Sketch of Keats, Mrs. A. D. Mizelle,

Instrumental Solo, Mrs. Williams,

Ode to a Grecian Urn, Mrs. Warren Biggs,

Solo, Miss Fannie B. Martin, Intelligence and Genius, Mrs. Staton,

Vocal Solo, Miss Lamb.

A delicious salad course and ice-cream were served by the hostess assisted by Misses Virginia Herrick and Sarah Harrell.

### Capt. John W. Hodges Dead

A message was received here Sunday announcing the death of Capt. John W. Hodges, of Jacksonville, Fla. He was the brother of Mrs. C. W. Keith and Messrs. W. J., and F. K. Hodges of Williamston, and visited here several months ago. He was a native of Beaufort County and was sixty-one years old, and leaves a wife and two children. For twenty-five years he had been connected with the Pullman Car Co. His body was interred in Jacksonville.

## THE WYNNE MURDER CASE

As we go to press the trial of Emmet Wynn for the murder of W. H. Warren is in progress.

The State did not ask for a verdict for first degree murder.

Dr. Warren was examined for the State; he said he was called to see W. H. Warren immediately after he was shot, and found him wounded by three pistol bullets, one in the abdomen, one in the right breast and one under the right arm; that the one in the abdomen showing powder burns; that the man died immediately after he reached him.

Will give full details in next issue.

## THE GENERAL OUT-LOOK

### General Outlook Is Not So Encouraging Right At This Time

The dry weather at planting time and the cold spell with extremely wet conditions have done much toward retarding the growth of crops in this section. Peanuts failed to come up, and so very few farmers have the usual good stand, and the cold nights retarded cotton to a great degree, putting it near the danger line.

Corn is fine, however, having both color and size. The acreage in sweet potatoes has been increased and a large majority of "draws" have been set and are showing growth.

The Irish potato is being marketed at a low margin for good stock, but the acreage in the county was greatly reduced. The tobacco crop, which has helped make Martin county famous, is not in good condition owing to weather conditions soon after setting time.

For the past ten days, however, the rise in the temperature with clear skies has produced wonderful vigor in the growing plants, and nature is working her miracles along lines followed since the seed was planted in Adam's days. Farmers all over the county are employing the latest methods of cultivation, and the grass is falling fast before the machines. Even with the early disadvantages, it is confidently expected that this section will not fall behind in production to any great degree.

### GRIFFIN ITEMS.

Claudius Hardison together with a party of friends motored over to Washington Thursday night.

Miss Minnie Roberson and Tom Roberson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roberson Saturday night and Sunday.

Misses Lucy and Elizabeth Roberson and Lizzie Hardison spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Griffin.

Messrs. Claudius Hardison, A. C. Roberson and Fannie Daniel toured to Jamesville last Saturday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lilley.

Joe Gray Corey, who has been at Washington Hospital for some time, has returned home after the amputation of his right leg.

Messrs. James W. Wiggins and Johnson Corey came very near drowning in the Manning mill pond Saturday. They were floating some logs down to the mill when the logs run from under them. Neither of the men could swim, and the water was over their heads. They were rescued by Raleigh Manning and Hoyt Coltrain. One more minute and they would have been drowned.

The Gaiety is giving some good pictures these days, and The Perils of Pauline is being shown every Tuesday night to good crowds. The Master Key is on every Wednesday.

I am prepared to furnish dressed flooring, ceiling, weatherboarding cheap to my mill in Jamesville, or on cars if desired. Luther Hardison.