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FEWER LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED DURING YEAR 1928

242 Issued Last Year, As Against 256 During the Year Preceding

COLORED FOLKS LEAD

January and December Are Biggest Months for Cupid, While June and July Are Poorest

Turning from "strictly business" to the marriage register in J. Sam Gettlinger's office in the courthouse here, one finds that the year 1928 was not a very favorable year for Dan Cupid in this county, as compared to his work in 1927. In 1927 the register of deeds issued 256 marriage licenses, while the number issued during the year just closed reached only to the 242 mark, a loss of 14.

Of the 242 licenses issued during the year just past, 132 were issued to colored couples, 22 more than were applied for by white parties. Only in two months were there more white couples married in this county than colored ones. In October the count stood 13 for the whites and 9 for the colored, while in September the whites led 12 to 4. Five licenses were issued to couples of each race in July, the poorest month's business recorded in the register. The season of the year had much to do with marriages among the colored people, for in January there were 26 couples married, while in June and July there were only 5 to take the solemn vows. The number issued to white applicants varied very little throughout the year, but last month's number, 17, led the list during the period.

EXCHANGE HERE ADDS EQUIPMENT

Additional Unit Being Installed for Long-Distance Calls

Additional equipment is being added to the long-distance operating room of the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co. here this week. The new equipment, when installed, will provide an extra unit to the long-distance phase of the operating room, and it is believed, will relieve a part of the congestion now experienced in the switching of local calls. About three weeks will be required to put the new unit into operation, it was stated yesterday by the local manager.

When the present plans of the company are completed, four operators will be able to work in an effort to care for local and long distance service in the busy hours of the day, where only three are able to work at one time at the present.

Episcopalians to Observe Epiphany Sunday, 6th

Epiphany Sunday will be observed by local Episcopalians in their services next Sunday evening, it was announced by a member of the vestry here yesterday. The service will start at 7:30. Rev. A. H. Marshall, who has been vacationing with relatives in Ohio during the Christmas holidays, will be here for the service, it was stated.

The church school will be held at the regular hour, and the pupils are urged to attend.

The text for the evening discourse could not be learned today, but in his letter to a member of the vestry yesterday, Mr. Marshall stated that he would be here in time for the evening service.

RECORDER HAD FOURTEEN CASES

Judge Bailey and Solicitor Peel Start Year Off With Session First Day

Judge J. W. Bailey and Solicitor Herbert Peel, of the county recorder's court, started their year's work off in a hurry, starting the trial of cases coming under their court's jurisdiction the very first day after the old year had expired. Fourteen cases were called, none of which attracted more than passing attention. The docket was mixed, all right, there being cases charging simple assault, violation of the liquor laws, assault with a deadly weapon, forcible trespass, operating a car while intoxicated, drunk and disorderly, and so on. Some of them were continued, others were appealed, while the greater number was disposed of.

The cases charging A. L. Carraway and C. A. Carraway with simple assault were continued for one week. James Moore, pleading guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon charge, was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. A six-month road sentence was suspended, and the defendant was allowed from Tuesday until April 1 in which to pay his fine. He was required to enter bond in the sum of \$50, and if he is sent to the road between now and that time, his bond automatically becomes null and void.

Enoch Peul, violating the liquor law, pled guilty to the charge and was fined \$50 and charged with the costs. The four months road sentence was suspended, and 30 days' time was allowed in which the defendant might pay the cost. Bond was fixed at \$200.

Tom Bailey, violating the liquor law, had his case continued one week.

George Williams was found not guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving. On a second count in which he was charged with forcible trespass, a *pol. pros.* resulted.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with driving an automobile while he was intoxicated, Roy Manning was fined \$75 and taxed with the costs. His license to drive an automobile was revoked for a term of 12 months. Under a \$150 bond he was allowed 30 days in which to pay fine and cost.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Timothy Keys was reversed by the court when he entered a plea of not guilty. Judgment was suspended upon Keys' paying the cost of the action.

An appeal was entered in the case of Johnson Corey, when he was sentenced to the roads for four months, the last three and one-half of which were to have been suspended upon his good behavior. Appeal bond was fixed in the sum of \$200.

Eugenia Hughes, found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, was fined \$75 and charged with the costs.

A *pol. pros.* resulted in the case of Bert Gorham, Rhoden Staton, Alonzo Biggs, Hattie Cooper, Ebb Clark, Marie Best, charged with fornication and adultery.

In a case where the liquor laws were alleged violated, Woolard Richardson was found not guilty; James Clark was fined \$200 and charged with one-third the costs and taxed with other requirements; Curry Jones was given a 12 months suspended road sentence upon his good behavior and upon his paying part of the costs. Clark pled guilty; Jones pled not guilty and was found guilty by the court; Richardson pled not guilty, and the evidence substantiated his plea.

The case charging Jart Swinson and James Ridley with larceny and receiving was continued one week.

Slade, Rhodes & Co. Begin Annual Sale

Beginning tomorrow morning Slade, Rhodes & Co., leading merchants of Hamilton, will offer their entire stock of merchandise for sale at cost, according to an advertisement issued by the company this week. The store is offering extra specials in certain goods, and guarantees value and satisfaction in goods bought. Each year the firm clears its stocks, and begins the year with a fresh start.

Of particular interest is their prediction that while cotton goods are cheap now the price is going higher. The sale includes the entire stock of goods and will be handled on a cash basis, it was stated.

Basketball Season Opens With 2 Games Tonight

The Williamston High School Basketball teams will open their 1929 season here tonight in a double-header with Belhaven's boys and girls, it was stated yesterday.

During the past few weeks Coach Hood has been holding regular practice schedules for the two teams, and while the players have not been in actual play this year, a good showing is expected to be made by both teams tonight.

A game with Windsor next Tuesday night is pending at the present time, and will be announced later should definite arrangements be made.

LOCAL GUANO PLANT EXPECTS BANNER YEAR

Factory Is Equipped Now To Handle 35,000 Tons Of Materials

SIX BARGES IN RIVER

Many Orders Already Received; Plan To Begin Carload Shipments Early Next Week

Preparations for handling winter and spring shipments of fertilizer are practically complete at this time, and it is the aim of the Standard Fertilizer Co. here to start carloads of the material rolling tomorrow or the early part of next week with its plant on the Roanoke River here. "With the remodeling of our plant about completed and with the new one in operation at this time, we are just about ready to start filling the orders that have been pouring into our office during the past few weeks," Mr. C. G. Crockett, general manager, stated yesterday.

The company is expecting a good year in the business here, and in preparing to serve its customers 35,000 tons of fertilizer material have been unloaded or will have been unloaded at the plant on Roanoke River before the season is well under way. Yesterday six barges lay anchored at and near the wharf of the company, and unloading operations have been carried on rapidly for some time with the company's new unloading apparatus. More barges are on their way here laden with fertilizer ingredients that will be made up for farmers all over this State and bordering counties in other States.

A great increase in business will be experienced by the company this year, judging from the number of orders already received. To handle the demand, night operations will be carried on, beginning next week, it was stated by Plant Manager Rush Bonduant yesterday afternoon. Night operations carried on now will enable the plant to handle orders promptly later on in the season, it was pointed out.

In planning for an increase in business, the managers have not forgotten the service due their customers. They are also, above everything else, paying strict attention to the manufacture of their goods, the quality of which is alone bringing in thousands of additional orders already for delivery later on in the year.

Episcopal Minister To Move Here Soon

Although no definite data has been given, it is understood that Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Marshall will make their home here following their return from a visit to relatives in Ohio. Rev. Mr. Marshall will be here for the evening service next Sunday, and it is thought he will move into the rectory on Haughton Street some time next week.

The rector was recently called to the service of the Episcopal Church here and to the Hamilton Church, and while he will make this his home he will continue in the service of the Plymouth and Roper Episcopal churches. His residence here will be a great aid to Mr. Marshall in his work as it is more centrally located among the four churches he will serve.

Friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall welcome them here, and wish him success in his work in this section.

No County Statement of Disbursements This Year

Turning from the old custom followed for many years in this county, there will be no statement of disbursements published this year, according to a revision of the law requiring such a statement to be placed before the public. In the future a condensed statement will be placed in the hands of the public, it is understood.

Vital Statistics Reports For Past Year Not In

Although the time for filing vital statistics in the office of the register of deeds here has expired, none of the reports have been made from the 10 townships, Register J. Sam Gettlinger stated yesterday. A record of the deaths and births in the county is kept by both the county and the State, and in order to have this information assorted and placed on the books at once, a call is being made to those who have handled the work in their respective sections during the year.

Anniversary Service at Baptist Church Sunday

Sunday will mark the third anniversary of the present pastor with the Memorial Baptist Church. And following the yearly custom, mention will be made of this Sunday. The pastor will preach both morning and evening, and the regular mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening as usual.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

Held at School Building Thursday; Attendance Very Good

The local parent-teacher association had its regular meeting in the school building yesterday afternoon, many members attending considering the circumstances. The program consisted of several dramatized stories by the first grade children, and a talk on "The Need for Common Sense in Our Schools as Seen from the Mothers' Viewpoint" by Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor.

In her remarks, Mrs. Sawyer stated that the work of the parent-teachers was a revelation to her as she had never worked in that field save through the Women's club. She commended the local association for its work and emphasized the fact that children were individuals and could not be made to conform to the same rules, in the same degree, without attendant injury. Examples she cited were where some children were susceptible to colds and could not stand the same amount of fresh air in the rooms as others. She contended there was little justification for ventilating cold rooms the first thing on cold mornings and leaving the windows up all day regardless of the room's temperature. She suggested that children be graded on the basis of their efforts and not on native ability. A system of grading she said would tend to give the slow pupil a chance and at the same time be conducive to mork work on the part of the whole group.

The prize went to Miss Peacock, section of the first grade for having the greatest percent of mothers present. This makes the fourth time that this section has won the prize which is open to the whole school. A cordial welcome was extended by the association to those parents who are regularly attending the meetings and especially to the rural parents who have children coming to this school.

YOUNG BUYS WHITE CHAIN

Gives Young Mercantile Co. Total of 21 Stores in Eastern Carolina

White's chain of 5 and 10 cent stores, numbering six, have been purchased by the Young Mercantile Co., according to information received here this week. The transaction was made last Saturday, but no definite date has been announced when the new company will take over the stores. It is understood, however, that the White interests will turn over the management to the new owners as soon as stock inventories have been made.

Just how the new chain will be operated is not known here at this time. Some are of the opinion that they will be handled as a department in the regular stores of the Young chain, while others think that the stores will be handled as entirely separate units. One of the purchasers is said to be ill at his home in Greenville, and no information pertaining to the transaction has been given out at this time.

The local store was opened by O. C. Miller last summer and was later sold to the White interests, who are now selling out to the Young Company.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday Night

At the meeting next Monday night of the Everetts Modern Woodmen, plans will be made for the installation of 1929 officers, it was stated yesterday in an announcement made by the clerk of the camp there. One candidate will be initiated, it was stated, and a large attendance from the membership is urged.

Bowen Brothers Moving To Larger Quarters

Since entering the mercantile field here a year ago, the Messrs. Bowen Brothers have found it necessary to move to larger quarters that they might adequately care for their increasing trade. The firm will open in its new store, located next door to the old establishment, next Monday, it was stated yesterday by one of the partners. The store, located on Washington Street, was formerly occupied by S. Dilyan, cafe man, who moved to Laurinburg a few weeks ago.

Holidays Put Crimp in Tax Collecting Business

Holiday trading has caused a slump in tax receipts, both for the local government and the county, according to tax collectors here. Tax Collector W. B. Daniel stated yesterday that collections have been negligible during the past few days, less monies having been assembled to pay current expenses.

Mr. Daniel, for the town, and Sheriff Roebuck, for the county, were agreed that it won't be long now for the final drive to start.

C. F. ALEXANDER VICTIM SUDDEN HEART ATTACK

Federal Prohibition Agent Dies Suddenly While Raiding Stills

HOME IN CHARLOTTE

Recent Attack of u/f Thought To Have Left Him in Weakened Condition Physically

Charles F. Alexander, Federal Prohibition agent working out from this place, fell dead Wednesday between one and two o'clock in a small field while making a liquor raid about six miles east of Jamesville. Heart failure was given as the cause of the man's death by Dr. Wm. E. Warren, local physician, following an examination of the body.

About three weeks ago Mr. Alexander suffered a severe attack of influenza, from which he never fully recovered. He had had several slight relapses and was troubled with a bad cough. His condition apparently led to the sudden death, according to the examining physician.

Wednesday morning Mr. Alexander with Federal Agent M. A. King and Deputy Joseph H. Roebuck was working on a report from what is known as the Freen Union section in Jamesville township. The officers left Williamston shortly before the noon hour and upon their arrival in that section they parked their car and started walking. They had gone hardly more than 250 yards before they saw smoke rising in a near-by woods. Arrangements were made to handle the raid, Mr. Alexander directing one of his assistants to the left of the smoke and the other to the right of it. He was to wait a few minutes and continue straight ahead. The two officers followed directions and after reaching the still they cut it up and destroyed a second in sight of the first one. Messrs. King and Roebuck thought it strange that Mr. Alexander had not reached them, and they signalled to him but no answer was heard. Thinking something was wrong, the two men started back to the little field where the party had separated a half-hour before. Upon entering the field they saw the agent lying on the ground and when they reached him found he had died some minutes before. Judging from his position when found the two officers stated he had died suddenly and without a struggle. The toes of his shoes were found in the tracks where he had been standing when stricken. He fell forward with his left hand still in his pocket and not a sign to show that he had moved hand or foot could be seen in the soft ground where he lay dead.

Before leaving the car to make the raid, Mr. Alexander stated that his hands were cold and that he thought he had something similar to acute indigestion. Mr. Roebuck insisted that Mr. Alexander remain in the car while the raid was being made. He refused, stating that it would soon wear off.

The body was brought here and examined preparatory to shipment to Charlotte, his home. Wednesday night the body was carried to Washington and shipped to the home where the funeral and burial are being held today.

The deceased was 60 years old, a member of the Presbyterian Church from youth. He was prominent in fraternal orders, and was a mason who had gone through all the chairs in his home lodge. He had been used at various times as a lecturer in many of the lodges around Charlotte. As a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics he had held the office of State Councilor, the highest office in that order.

During the past two years he had been stationed in this district, and up until six months ago he worked out of Washington. His headquarters were established here and during his work of six months here he has done an efficient and honest service.

He leaves a widow and five children, the youngest a daughter 17 years old. He had two sons over seas during the World war and he himself was in the clerical service of the government at that time. He also leaves a father, well past 80 years.

Presbyterians To Have Regular Services Sunday

Regular services of the local Presbyterian Church will be held in the Woman's Club hall here next Sunday, it was announced yesterday. The Sunday school recently organized in the church will be held at 9:45 and the morning preaching service has been announced for the 11 o'clock hour. The evening services will be held at 7:30.

While it could not be learned definitely yesterday, it is understood that the newly called pastor, Rev. Mr. Dick, of Schoolfield, Va., will not be able to reach here in time for the first service of the new year, and that Rev. A. J. Crane, of Tarboro, will come here for the two services.

NUMBER ROBBED BY PICKPOCKET

Operated Here At Peanut Exposition on Last Day

"And who would have ever thought a pickpocket would have come to such a small place as Williamston? I didn't and I lost \$35," Johnnie Philpot stated last night while telling about how several people lost their purses and money in the exposition building Saturday. "I gained \$35 worth of be-careful experience, at one time too, but I think it's just too late to be of much more use to me," John continued. "Johnnie can't fully decide whether the pickpocket was a professional at the work, or just one with meagre experience. 'To even suspicion a poor fellow like me having money proves he was no professional, but he got my \$35 so easily that he must have been extra-professional," John stated.

While the extent of the pickpocket's work is not known, it is understood that a number of people lost money from their pockets during the last day of the show. Robert Brown, Jr., local boy, is said to have lost \$15 and others are said to have lost from \$5 to \$40 the same day.

No arrests have been made.

2 TOBACCO MEN KILLED IN WRECK

J. N. and S. G. Gorman, of Greenville, Killed in Georgia

J. N. Gorman and S. G. Gorman, brothers of Greenville, were killed in Georgia near Louisville last Monday when their car, driven by Calvin Gorman son of J. N. Gorman, skidded into a concrete abutment. A. G. Gorman was killed instantly and J. N. Gorman lived only a few hours after the accident. Young Gorman escaped serious injury.

J. N. Gorman called by his friends "Nick" was for many years among the leading tobacco warehousemen in Eastern Carolina. For many seasons he led the Greenville market.

The two brothers were born in Raleigh. J. N., who was 60 years old at the time of his death, went to Durham when a young man and entered the tobacco business. Later he went to Richmond and when Greenville began to give promise of a big tobacco market, he moved there in 1893 and helped build it.

S. G. Gorman who was a builder and dealer in tobacco shipping and handling equipment also lived in Greenville. He leaves a widow and one son. J. N. Gorman leaves a widow and three sons, one of them living in Richmond, the other two, Richard and Calvin, were members of the warehouse firm of J. N. Gorman and Sons, of Greenville.

Interment was made in Raleigh Wednesday.

DROPS LIQUOR IN POST OFFICE

The Moral Is: Don't Carry a Bottle of Liquor in a Thin Paper Bag

It was just about the time the business of the day had quieted down for the people's evening meal when a building contractor from another town was said to have visited the local post office for the last mail of the day and while manipulating the box combination accidentally dropped and lost a pint of contraband "spirits." An oath was heard. The heart-broken old man, deciding it was of no use to stand and cry over spilled liquor, made a quick start and went on his way up the street rapidly, carrying an empty paper bag and probably entertaining thoughts about his carelessness.

A few minutes later a boxholder came in for his mail, and a few minutes later another boxholder called for his mail. Both had colds and, being unable to decide upon the nature of the contents, asked a colored man who came in about that time to determine what the loose fluid was. Before he was within 10 feet of the spot where the accident occurred, the colored man said, "If that glass was not mixed up with it, I would show you gentlemen what I thought was in that bottle."

Margolis Brothers Having Annual Sale

In their January clearance sale, beginning this morning, Margolis Bros. are offering exceptionally high-class merchandise at unusually low prices, according to a large number of articles advertised by the store this week. The reductions, ranging from one-third to one-half, and more, in many instances, are found in every department of the store, and are said to be the greatest ever offered by the firm.

The January Clearance Sale put on by the firm is an annual event, and during the past, it has been very successful, and with greater reductions offered the sale now in progress is expected to break all records.

BOARD BANS USE OF UNSANITARY DRINKING CUPS

Martin County Board of Health Holds Meeting Here Tuesday

REELECT DR. WARREN

Drug Stores and Hotel Lobbies Must Use Sanitary Cup Approved by Health Officer

Meeting here last Tuesday, the Martin County Board of Health made an earnest appeal for the cooperation of the people in carrying out health work in this county during this year. The work of the past year was reviewed, and a tentative program for health activities in the county for the present year was prepared. The meeting, the first of the new year, and held in the office of Dr. William E. Warren, was attended by all members of the board, Dr. William E. Warren, County Superintendent of Schools R. A. Pope, Mayor R. L. Coburn, of this place; Dr. Vernon Ward, Robersonville; Commissioner T. B. Slade, Jr., of Hamilton; and Dr. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville.

To lead the work during the year, Dr. Warren was again selected county physician and quarantine officer. Dr. Warren has successfully served the county during the past several years as its physician and quarantine officer, and he enters upon his duties again this year with his energies directed toward better health conditions throughout the section.

At the Tuesday meeting, the board passed a resolution providing the use of sanitary drinking cups by drug stores and other public drinking places. While the resolution touches the use of drinking cups or glasses in hotel lobbies, it does not apply to those cases where drinks are served with meals. While the law was duly passed last Tuesday at the meeting of the board of health, members, no time for it to go into effect was mentioned. However, it is understood that the new order goes into effect at once.

3,500 AUTO TAGS ARE SOLD HERE

Number Is Behind Record Of Last Year by About 1,500

Yesterday's sales at the local motor license bureau, brought the total number of tags sold here since the office was opened in December up to 3,500. According to last year's license records, the sale this year at the close of yesterday's business was exactly 1,500 behind the total sale of last year. However, managers of the local bureau are of the opinion that last year's mark will be reached before the bureau closes the latter part of this month.

Inspector A. McKenzie, State Revenue Inspector, of Windsor, has been here this week, and the sale of the plates has been continuing rapidly. Last Monday, however, was the biggest day for sales recorded this year. Eight-hundred tags were said to have been sold that day. The inspector, while here Wednesday, left his card in a number of automobiles, writing there on, "Your last warning, put license on."

MOVE TO MERGE TWO COUNTIES

Plan Would Abolish Hyde and Make Beaufort the Largest in State

There is some agitation to abolish a few of the North Carolina counties and attach them to adjoining counties.

There is some talk of abolishing Hyde county and annexing it to Beaufort in order that the expense of county government might be reduced. If a consolidation should be effected it would make the consolidated county the largest in the State. The question of the name for the new county has not yet been raised. It is presumed that it will either be Beaufort-Hyde or Hyde-Beaufort.

It is generally conceded in the event that the consolidation is made that the county seat will be either at Bath, Pantego or Belhaven as these are the most central points in the territory. The taxpayers suggest that the public buildings, courthouses and jails of the present counties are of so little value that neither Swan Quarter nor Washington would have any special appeal for the location of the new governmental seat in case a consolidation of the two counties is effected.

Emancipation Day Observed by Negroes

New Year's Day was fittingly observed by the colored populace of the town and section here last Tuesday when the Elks conducted the exercises for the day. A parade was held and addresses were made, the celebration closing with a ball at one of the local warehouses that night.

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SATURDAY

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