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HAD IT COMING

No one could expect Craven County's five Commissioners to be happy this week over the bad press they received from newspaper stories and radio broadcasts.

Still, when other folks show up on time for a regularly scheduled Commissioners meeting, and the Commissioners don't, it is not only rudeness but sloppy handling of the duties they took an oath to fulfill.

Of course, three of the five did straggle in eventually for the 5 p.m. session on Monday. Chairman D. L. Stallings and Grover Lancaster strolled to their seats in the meeting room at 5:30 p.m., and James Chance graced the scene with his presence at 5:50 p.m.

W. J. Wynne and Johnnie Daugherty never did put in appearance at the afternoon gathering, which lasted once it got started for exactly 27 minutes. Having devoted that much time to the afternoon session, the three Commissioners decided it was time to take a much needed break, so they recessed for supper.

Actually, the Commissioners rarely ever start their scheduled meetings at the appointed hour, and frequently one or more members of the board arrives late, even though the session has gotten underway tardily.

If nothing else constructive comes out of the publicity given these duly elected officials of the County by the three newsmen present Monday, perhaps the Commissioners will feel inclined, in the future, to be somewhat more punctual.

Maybe reporters don't count for much, and aren't worthy of consideration, but more important people like five housewives who waited 50 minutes Monday for the meeting to open would seem to deserve better treatment.

It is not unreasonable to assume that their time is fairly well spoken for at home, especially when the evening meal hour is approaching. Having gone to the trouble to bring a petition to the Commissioners about a matter of vital concern to their rural community, they had a right to expect at least a quorum of the Commissioners to be present at 5 p.m.

If showing up on time, and in full force, twice a month can't be arranged, perhaps one meeting a month, or one every several months would lighten the burden.

Citizens here, and everywhere else in this nation of ours, are often criticized for not taking an active interest in the affairs of their city, county, state and national governments.

A lot of the blame may be justified, but things like Monday's episode can hardly be calculated to make any citizen anxious to head for a meeting at Craven County Courthouse, especially if it is a Commissioners meeting.

Historical Gleanings

—By— ELIZABETH MOORE

William Shepard vs. Peter Kean.

Benjamin Brown says that he was mate on the Schooner Dolphin belonging to the plaintiff. Peter Kean was master for a voyage from Newbern to Martinique and back to Charleston, S. C., thence to New Bern. That said Schooner delivered her outward bound cargo at Martinique and took in a return cargo for Charleston consisting of sugar, molasses, and coffee, which was likewise delivered at the said Port of destination; that said Schooner on her voyage from Martinique to Charleston leaked considerably but a good spell at the pump every half hour was sufficient to keep her.

After the delivery at Charleston, the Schooner took in a ballast of sand and proceeded to sea on her passage to North Carolina, but when she had been out two or three days she met with a heavy blow and the leak so increased that it became necessary to keep one hand constantly at the pump, the vessel however was able to carry sail all the way.

After about seven days the schooner came to anchor between six and eight miles to the southward of Ocracoke Bar, and between 300 to 400 yards from the shore. &c The deponent believes if he had been permitted to go ashore for fresh water there would have been no danger attended to it.

The deponent says the Dolphin was a strong built vessel, &c, &c. Benjamin Brown before Lucas J. Benner, J. P. April 3, 1807

The deposition of Joseph McNeal, a hand on the schooner, reads much as the one by Benjamin Brown.

Summons to Craven for Peter Kean, William Shepard, William Tolson, Thomas Tolson, Joseph Wallace, John Foley, Benjamin Brown and Joseph McNeal.

Summons to Carteret for Benjamin Tolson, Tiney Wallace, William Wade. Bond signed by William Shepard.

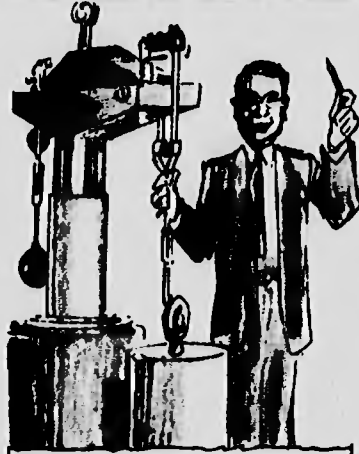
The evidence tends to show that Capt. Peter Kean was negligent in his handling of the Schooner Dolphin owned by William Shepard.

The final disposition of this case does not show in the papers filed in this suit.

Loose papers, office of Clerk of Court, Craven County, N. C.

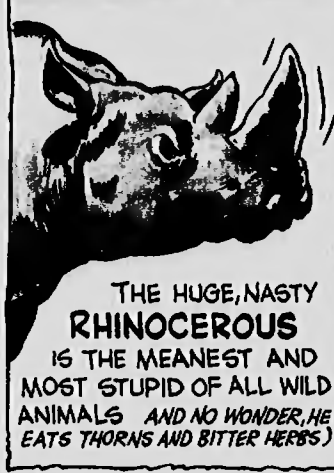
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Permanent Press Fabrics Forward Step in Textile World, Says Agent

Permanent press is another step forward in the history of the textile world, reminds Mrs. Mae H. Spicer, extension home economics agent, Duplin county.

A whole range of permanent press garments, which have been shape-set so as to need no further ironing after wear and laundering, is on the horizon.

Men's and boys' pants were the first such items produced successfully, Mrs. Spicer says. Now there are permanent press sport shirts and dress shirts for men and boys, and a number of sportswear items for women.

Permanent press is the result of extensive research and experimentation, the agent points out. Special blends were formulated to retain fabric strength after being subjected to the new high-heat treatment. Polyesters, cottons, cotton-nylon stretch, and acrylics have taken permanent press with no ill effects. Various types of fabric weaves are being processed with the new finish.

Discoloration has been a cause of some concern, since most colors popular with the garment industry do not withstand the high temperatures needed to set creases. Each dye must be tested to determine the amount of color change it will undergo during the pressing process, Mrs. Spicer explains. Whites tended to yellow, but suitable resins are cor-

recting this problem.

A tendency of the fabric to pucker has been eliminated as machine operators learn to work on permanent press fabrics, she notes. Designers are encouraged to use as few seams as possible on garments made of permanent press fabrics. Longer stitches, smaller needles, and looser tension on the sewing machine give best results.

Correct fit is essential on permanently pressed garments. Alteration may affect the position of the center crease on pants legs and turned-up cuff. Hem lines cannot be lowered due to a permanent crease.

The home of the future may be heated by "warm paint" on its interior walls. A British scientist is developing a coating that conducts electricity and heats up with low voltage.

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