

Two men of Reno, W. Va., were sent up for 30 days for stealing bees.

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**Transfers Real Estate In Halifax County**

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds during the period from April 20 through April 27th:

Claude Kitchin, Tr. to Mary M. Madry, 1 lot in Scotland Neck.

Max Frank et ux to N. Nedder, interest in lot in Roanoke Rapids.

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N. B. Harrell Jr. to J. R. Wrenn, 2 lots in Roanoke Rapids.

L. W. Leggett et ux to C. H. Neville, 4 lots in Scotland Neck.

R. C. Dunn Tr. to S. Pierson, lot in Enfield Township.

Ivey Watson, Tr. to S. Pierson, 1 lot in Halifax Township.

S. A. Dunn Tr. to G. E. Pendleton, 2 lots in Scotland Neck.

**Marriage Licenses**

The following are the two marriage licenses issued in the office of the Register of Deeds this week:

Colored: Joshua L. Davis to Jezebel Richardson, both of Hollister. Josh Clifton to Ruth Foreman, both of Weldon.

**BOLD AND OPEN DRIVE ON FUTURE**

No Clues As To Where Merchandise Is; Seeks Aid of Preachers, Teachers

**SHOWS DISTRESS**

Reckon we are just too urban-minded or something, but when you see the books of some of our local merchants and see what they have charged off to bad accounts, and you know that every business man in town is doing the same thing, it just makes us wonder why all this talk about the poor farmer and how to help him, and none about how to help the poor merchant.

It also makes us wonder just how many people in this world of ours are living off the other fellow just like a leech. And then we wonder if the trend of the times is to beat the other man if you can get by with it.

Listen folks, and this is no exaggeration. From the merchants in this community with whom we have talked about this matter, using them as above the average, we figure that somebody in this community, and plenty of somebodies, got from our local merchants in 1930 fifty thousand dollars worth of merchandise which they didn't pay for, haven't paid for, and never intend to pay for if they can help it.

Think of it—\$50,000 marked off as bad debts. And the merchants have had to pay for that merchandise, cold cash, or close up; and they have had to pay their clerks and rent and taxes and other operating expenses on that lost merchandise.

There are probably a few cases which could be overlooked, where circumstances were such that to pay was impossible. But this is an epidemic.

Those people whose accounts have been marked off haven't starved or frozen to death. They have found the money to keep on buying some where else.

We talked to one merchant who does a credit business and he had marked off \$3,000 as bad debts for 1930. That's just one case and his was no different from a dozen others. People got that merchandise and used it up. The merchant had to pay for it.

Now we ask you. What is the difference between leaving that merchant in a jam like that and a robber breaking in and stealing \$3,000 from him? In both cases the merchant would lose \$3,000.

Another business man told us of a man coming in and wanting to buy something from him. The man told him he had no money but would pay him so much a week. The merchant could not afford to put out about \$100 in merchandise and expense on a deal like that. He refused the man. When the man had begged, pleaded and cussed, the merchant still refused. Then the man pulled out the cash out of his pocket and paid for the stuff. Why? Because he had pulled that gag on the other competitors of this merchant and this was the only place left to buy what the man needed. That happened right here a few days ago.

Now, is the human race just becoming dishonest; or are hard times to blame for this break in morale; or are the merchants too easy on credit; or what is wrong?

How can the people of this community or any other expect their merchants to give them low prices varied stocks to pick from, real service, unless this outrageous loss each year is done away with?

We have issued this warning before. Unless this credit situation improves; unless people pay their honest debts and Goodness knows, grocery bills are honest debts, and drugs and furniture and clothing, etc.—then watch the day come and not far off, when there will be no more credit stores and you will pay cash for every penny's worth you buy and deliver it yourself or pay an extra delivery charge (and that will be cash too.)

Here's a good sermon for some of our ministers. A subject something like this: "\$50,000 Blot On Our Community."

And our teachers could teach the children that the best epitaph for their tombstone is not that he was educated, or successful or popular, but "He Paid His Debts."

Treat the crowd to choose the Best.

**Gillette**  
BLADES

**Facing Facts on Mother's Day**

MATERNITY DEATH RATES (PER 1,000 LIVE BABIES)	
UNITED STATES	6.5
CANADA	5.6
ENGLAND-WALES	4.1
DENMARK	3.1
NETHERLANDS	2.9

UNCLE SAM is troubled—sixteen thousand mothers every year fail to answer roll call on Mother's Day. They lost their lives performing woman's greatest duty, maternity. Of these sixteen thousand, two-thirds could be saved by adequate maternity care, according to leading health authorities. The

Maternity Center Association, a philanthropic organization supported by voluntary private contributions, located in New York City, supplies information without cost on the subject of maternity care. Public spirited citizens are trying to make Mother's Day mean a better chance for expectant mothers everywhere.

**Klansmen Ride At Peoples Theatre**



Famous Civil War picture with sound at local Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

**WANT ADS**

FOR RENT—Five room residence with bath on Hamilton St., near Rosemary School. Apply L. G. Shell—mar 19 tf.

WANTED—The public to know that I have good cry wood for sale.—GEO. C. STEELE, Dial R-513-1.

THEY SURE ARE CHEAP—Town Lots; Business Places and Farms. Numerous places for rent. S. M. Thompson, Rosemary.—apr 2 tf.

LOST—In Rosemary a pin with the inscription "Lottie Green Chapter U. D. C." Finder please return to Mrs. Dunning's residence and receive reward.—1t-4-30.

LOST—White comb; lavender tones, between Chessons and Citizens Bank. Reward. Mrs. R. M. Brown at Chessons.

FOR RENT—6 rm. house on Jackson St. in Roanoke Rapids. Apply Triple R Gro. Co.

**Gangsters Get 2 Years**

(Continued from page one) days on road. F. C. Parker, J. L. Harris, auto violation, as to Harris, not a true bill. Parker sentenced to pay costs and damage. Mary Vincent, hit and run driver, 2 years in State Prison, capias to issue May 2, 1931. Willi Jones, larceny, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

The following cases were continued: Lucy Hunter, Roy Crawley, West Hux, Hilliard Pittman, W. B. Bobbitt, Red Elbergain, Bessie Curry, Roy De Hart, W. G. Hockaday, Thurman Hardy, Glen Hockaday, Mack Carter, Harvard Bosden, J. T. Benton, J. P. Bullock, John Adkins, Alvin Daniel, Jack Hux, Frank Davis, Joe Barnes, Richard B. Miles, Jessie Bobbitt, Bessie Bradley, B. S. Kirkland, Ollie Lynch, Woodrow Wilson, H. S. Hatem, Dack Shearin, John West, Henry Mitchell, Geo. Barnes, V. M. McGee, Geo. Fisher and Ethel Birdsong, Taft Eason, Henry Miles, Mattie B. Thomas, Burton Hicks, Walter Lee.

Instanti Capias: James Perkins and Allen Connor, Walter Lee and Buster Lix, Jimmie Clark, Hattie Scott, Lonnie Gileson, Tom Perry Morgan Brown, Roger Mills, Russell Robinson, Powie Neathery.

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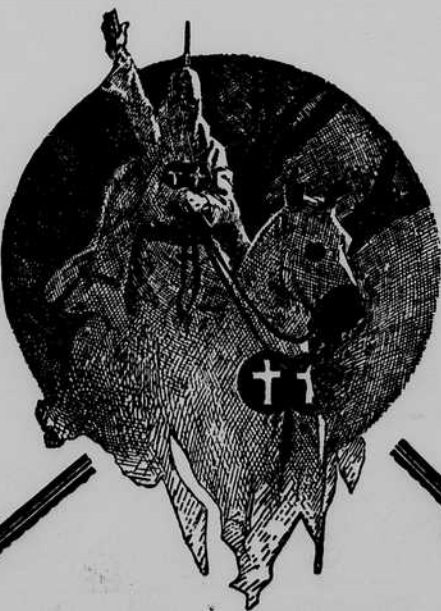
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