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UP AND DOWN THE AVENUE WITH THE EDITOR

NON-SUIT IN TAX COLLECTOR'S CASE

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

Important Cases Disposed of Last Week Before Judge Harris

MANY SENTENCED

Halifax Superior Court started in full swing last Wednesday and the last three days of the week saw Judge Harris and Solicitor Parker busy cleaning up the criminal docket.

Charges of conspiracy and abstraction against R. S. Travis, Sr., were continued until the November term 1931 at the request of the State.

James Watson, James G. Williams and Beulah Singleton were called to court on charge of Larceny. The defendant Watson failed to appear.

Did you know that Col. Luke Lea, sentenced to from 6 to 10 years yesterday in the Asheville bank case, was a World War hero?

Another mad dog has been killed here and the Mayor has commanded all dogs to be confined again for 30 days.

Dogs are like human beings in that they are great until they get mad. Then both can cause a whole lot of trouble.

Sad news or glad. Just the way you look at it. School opens soon.

Mrs. Job Taylor honored her daughter, Mrs. Cyrus Cotten of Houston, Texas with a bridge party Monday afternoon. Contract was played at three tables and a prize, a compact was given at each table.

A marriage that will be of interest to friends here occurred last week when Miss Edith Breazeale of Westminster, S. C., became the bride of Mr. J. T. Clark of Camps Store.

The Roanoke Rapids Orchestra composed of the following: Mrs. W. A. China, Lewis Johnson, Harvey Saunders, Edwin Akers, Graham Lynch, violins; R. B. Rook and Ernest Vaughan, saxophones; Clarinet, V. T. Lamm; Cello, Annie Pitts; Bass Violin, Ollie Lamm; Piano, Marjorie Collier, assistant Margaret Anderson who will play Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Johnson and daughter Betty Ann, and Ryland Draper spent Sunday in Hopewell, Va.

Mesdames R. M. Pope and Bernard Edmondson spent Wednesday in Jacksonville.

Mayor Orders Dogs Of City Tied For 30 Days From Date

Mayor Kelly Jenkins has issued orders to all dog owners of the city of Roanoke Rapids to keep their dogs tied up for a period of 30 days, starting today, August 27th.

Another mad dog was killed the first of this week by Police Carl Green and Frank Cagle, after several other dogs had been bitten in Patterson and Rosemary mill villages.

Police have been ordered by the Mayor to kill all stray dogs in the next 30 days. With school starting Sept. 7th, officers will take extra precautions and all dog owners are hereby warned accordingly.

GRAND JURY SAYS CUT SALARIES

Lengthy Report Handed To Judge Harris By The Grand Jury Is Complimented

ASKS FOR AUDIT

The grand jury made its report to Judge Harris of the Halifax Superior Court and was dismissed with thanks Friday afternoon. One of the features of the report was the recommendation that all county salaries be cut ten per cent.

Halifax, N. C., Aug. 21, 1931 To the Honorable W. C. Harris, Judge Presiding:

We, the Grand Jury, report that we have acted on all bills presented to us, and returned them to the court.

Upon investigation we find that many of the Mayors and Justices of the Peace of the county are not making reports to the Clerk of the Court and to the County Auditor.

The last Grand Jury had up with the Clerk of the Court the matter of guardianships, and we find that he is carrying out their recommendations requiring new bonds to be given, reports, etc.

Regarding the matter of the Cross index system to judgments in the office of the Clerk of the Court, the Clerk thinks best to start a new index at once, as of Jan. 1st, 1931, the entire cost of which will not amount to more than approximately \$125.00.

The last Grand Jury recommended that the Board of County Commissioners submit a copy of the special investigation report, which is about completed, to the next Grand Jury, after receipt of the written report.

The last Grand Jury recommended that the County Attorney be directed immediately to secure from the records a description of the County Farm so as to enable a survey of the farm to be made, and that the Board of County Commissioners authorize a survey to be made immediately by the County Engineer, establishing permanent lines and marks.

We visited the Jail and Court House in a body, and had a committee

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SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 7TH

Registration For High School Students on Saturday, Sept. 5th at 8:30

BEGINNERS SEPT. 4

The Roanoke Rapids Graded and High Schools will open on Monday, September 7th, for the 1931-32 session and an enrollment equal to and perhaps greater than the record enrollment of last year is expected.

Registration of High School pupils not registered will be held at the High School Building starting at 8:30 Saturday morning, September 5th.

The bookroom at the High School will be open at that time and book lists can be gotten at the same time from Supt. C. W. Davis' office.

All beginners who expect to attend Central School are asked to go to that building Friday morning September 4 at 9 o'clock for the purpose of being classified.

All beginners who expect to attend Rosemary School are asked to go to that building Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. This includes the children who may attend school at the Band Hall, according to Miss Clara Hearne, Elementary Supervisor.

Miss Hearne has the following to say about smallpox vaccination: All children who have not been successfully vaccinated against smallpox must, on entering school, show a good scar or a certificate from a physician saying that they have been vaccinated.

Due to co-operation of teachers and parents last year we made an unusually good record in attendance. We are asking that you continue this co-operation by having the children vaccinated now so that sore arms will not be the excuse for absences. Have them vaccinated today.

HOOD SAYS WILL MAKE BANKS SAFE

State Commissioner In Radio Talk Stresses Safety Measures For Depositors

PLACES OF TRUST

(Special To The Herald) Raleigh, Aug. 27.—"It is our desire to so administer the supervision of banks in this State that if a bank is open and doing business, the public may believe that we think it is a safe place in which to deposit money, and we expect to use every bit of our energy, influence and power to bring this result to a conclusion," said Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks, in a radio talk in Raleigh last Saturday night.

Officers and directors of banks should consider their positions a s places of trust, and funds in banks should not be used for promoting their own affairs but they should guarantee every depositor or creditor the safety of funds put in their hands, Mr. Hood said.

Every person connected with the Banking Department must be of high character, courteous, considerate and willing to render the best possible service, and this should extend to every person connected with a bank, Mr. Hood said.

"The bankers of North Carolina have a great opportunity to lead the people in sound thinking, in safe business methods, in clean political thinking. Through such leadership we can partially overcome the present depression and restore prosperity in our State," he said, saying that

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50 COUNTY GIRLS VISIT CAPITOL

4-H Club Girls and Chaperones Seeing The Sights in Washington

RETURN BY VALLEY

Mrs. Hazel E. Wheeler, Home Demonstration Agent, is holding an educational and recreational encampment this week in Washington, D. C., for her 4-H Club girls and chaperones. She has fifty in the encampment representing the following 4-H Clubs in the county: Roseneath, Hobgood, Tillery, Spring Hill, Halifax, Hollister, Hardrawee, Darlington, Calvary, Aurelian Springs, Dawson and Scotland Neck.

They went via Richmond, Fredericksburg, Quantico, Mt. Vernon and Alexandria, stopping at each of these places and studying all the points of historical interest, reaching Washington on Wednesday, August 26th.

While in Washington they expect to visit the Capitol, White House, Government buildings, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington, Washington Monument, in fact every point of interest to sightseers. The party will leave Washington Monday morning August 31 and make their return trip thru the Valley of Virginia, stopping at some of the interesting caverns.

Miss Annie M. Cherry, Rural School Supervisor, will give the club girls the leading historical points concerning each place visited, so that they will not lose sight of any educational points which should be gained from the trip.

Miss Marie Moss who made her home in Washington, D. C., for ten years will guide the party on their sightseeing tour.

Mrs. R. L. Applewhite of Halifax and Mrs. E. S. Fulghum of Tillery are assisting Mrs. Wheeler with the general management of the encampment. The County Board of Education is granting the use of the school trucks in taking the club girls to Washington, thus making possible a larger number going than could otherwise go.

New Grand Jury Chosen For Six Months Starts Work

The following members of the jury were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury for six months: J. R. Wollett, sworn in as foreman; J. T. Moss, sworn in as officer, R. C. Josey, Jr., Gid Alston, J. W. Walker, Allen Allsbrook, O. R. Cobb, W. G. Bass, Clarence Prettyman, W. M. Hancock, A. J. Warner, T. M. Cooper, J. H. Hux, Charles Cannon, E. L. Hackney, Clayton Gurley, S. S. Viverette, M. G. Britt, W. T. Whitehead.

Petit Jury for the present term of Superior Court: James G. Shields, B. F. Britt, R. S. Cullum, S. A. Partin, E. B. Draughan, L. C. Draper, W. P. White, Jr., W. W. Anderson, H. H. Harris, B. B. Baird, Jesse DeBrule, T. D. Temple, Jr., B. C. Hamlet, W. G. Holliday, W. P. Thrower, M. J. Mitchell.

Visits Radio Show

J. C. Smith, local radio dealer attended the special showing of the new model R. C. A. and Victor radios on display by the company at the Hotel John Marshall, Richmond, Va., last Thursday and Friday. This event is a regular feature of the manufacturers in introducing their new models, and is attended by hundreds of dealers in the district.

Mr. Smith was very enthused and has placed a large order for the new machines, which will be on display in his salesroom after September 1st.

Mrs. Frank Hawley was hostess to the Monday Night Bridge Club. When high scores were collected, Mrs. Julian Allsbrook was found to hold high and was given a box of bath powder. A salad course was served at ten thirty. Those playing were: Mesdames Alfred Martin, Howard Pruden, Julian Allsbrook, George Hayes, Carroll Wilson, Misses Florine Holt, Jeanne Hewitt, Mary Nellye Holt.

Dr. Richardson Is Coming Here for a Series of Meetings

Dr. D. W. Richardson, D. D., Professor of Christian Mission at Union Seminary, Richmond, will hold a series of services at the Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian Church beginning Sunday, September 6th.

Regular services will be held Sunday and special services each night during the week starting at 7:30, with the exception of Saturday night. The series will close Sunday night, Sept. 13.

Dr. Richardson is well known here as the 1930 Commencement speaker. He is a graduate of Davidson and Princeton and was for many years a missionary to China. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend the meetings.

The men of the Church will meet this Friday night at 8 o'clock for a smoker to discuss plans for the coming of Dr. Richardson.

COUNTY MONEY TIED UP

\$100,000 In Banks Now In Process of Being Liquidated In County

MOST SECURED

Halifax County has over one hundred thousand dollars in cash which is not now available, because it was placed in banks which are now in the process of liquidation.

Most of that money is secured and will be recovered by the County. Some of it may have to be written off the books.

Ten thousand dollars of it was unsecured in the Weldon Bank & Trust Co., and \$25,000 unsecured in the Scotland Neck Bank. An arrangement has been made with the stockholders of the latter bank, whereby most of the money is guaranteed.

County funds in the Bank of Weldon and the Farmer-Merchants Bank of Littleton were secured. The complete report made to the grand jury follows.

Report of cash of Halifax County as of August 1st, 1931, as reported by Auditor of Halifax County: Special Bond funds in Bank of Halifax, \$188,165.16; Current funds on hand in bank of Halifax, \$49,527.39; Total, \$237,692.55.

Above deposits secured as follows: North Carolina State bonds, \$35,000.00; United States Treasury bonds, \$30,000.00; Halifax County note, \$35,000.00; Total \$100,000.00.

Unavailable funds in banks in process of liquidation: Bank of Weldon, Special bond funds, \$30,000.00; Current funds, \$1,859.41; Total \$31,859.41. Secured by U. S. F. & G. bonds in the amount of \$25,000.00 Farmers and Merchants Bank of Littleton, Special funds, \$29,000.00; Current funds, \$5,203.50; Total \$34,203.50. Secured by first mortgage on real estate in the amount of \$45,120.00. Weldon Bank and Trust Co., Special funds, \$4,791.94; Current funds \$5,383.72; Total, \$10,175.66. Unsecured, Scotland Neck Bank, Special funds, \$21,227.19; Current funds, \$3,179.29; Total \$25,101.48. Unsecured.

Stockholders have agreed to guarantee the payment of 75 per cent of the funds in the Scotland Neck Bank provided the bank does not pay this amount.

Bank of Hobgood, \$212.30. Total funds in Banks not available, \$101,552.35.

List of Salaries of Halifax County Paid Through Auditor's Office: Geo. C. Green, County Attorney, \$500.00 per year. G. B. Daniel, Judge Recorders Court, \$125.00 per month. Wade H. Dickens, Solicitor Recorders Court, \$100.00 per month. J. Paul Speed, office deputy, \$150. per month. N. R. Newsome, deputy sheriff, \$200.00 per month. J. C. Branch, deputy sheriff, \$200.00 per month. J. L. Riddick, deputy sheriff, \$200.00 per month. G. F. Gray, deputy sheriff, \$200.00 per month. G. H. Johnson, Sheriff, \$250.00 per month. G. A. Hux (Jailer), \$75.00 per month. C. S. Vinson, Auditor, \$200.00 per month. Undine Hux, Clerk to Auditor, \$75.00

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H. L. BELL CLEARED BY COURT

Former Deputy Sheriff From Here Is Winner In Case

ALL DAY TRIAL

A non-suit in the case of the State vs H. L. Bell was declared last night by Judge Harris after an all day trial yesterday on a charge of embezzling tax funds of the county.

Mr. Bell, former deputy sheriff and for thirteen years tax collector for Roanoke Rapids Township, was cleared of all charges by order of the court.

He was charged in the indictment with embezzling \$846.41 from the funds he handled as tax collector. The trial jury spent the entire day listening to testimony from county auditors, trustees and others and in wading thru a mass of figures taken from the tax records over a period of several years.

Mr. Bell took the stand late yesterday afternoon and explained several transactions which might have led to the apparent discrepancy in his figures and those of the auditors. One of these involved a check for almost half the amount in question which had been held for lack of funds, with the tax receipts attached. The defense showed that the County Board of Commissioners had approved the transaction.

There was a mass of conflicting testimony presented but the court decided there had not been any proof of embezzlement on the part of the former tax collector and did not let the case go to the jury.

Mr. Bell was represented by Allen C. Zollicoffer and E. L. Travis, Sr. Solicitor Hunt Parker represented the State.

Three other former tax collectors of the county face similar charges. They are G. M. Hamlet, W. C. Mitchell and M. P. Crawley.

Transfers Real Estate In Halifax County

Henry Dempsey et ux to J. A. Johnson 1 lot containing 1-8 of an acre in Town of Weldon.

J. R. Allsbrook, Trustee to Kemp D. Battle and Francis E. Winslow of Edgecombe and Nash County, tracts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 totaling 19.3 acres, part of Hargrove farm.

J. R. Allsbrook, Trustee, to Kemp D. Battle and Francis E. Winslow of Nash and Edgecombe County, tract No. 8, containing 118.7 acres of Hargrove Farm.

J. R. Allsbrook, Trustee, to Kemp D. Battle and Francis E. Winslow of Nash and Edgecombe County, tracts Nos 10 and 11, containing 186.80 acres of farm known as the Hargrove farm T. W. M. Long, Trustee, to Dr. A. Capehart, 2 lots and all improvements thereon in Town of Roanoke Rapids.

Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Trustee, to J. H. Taylor, Lot No. 8 in Block 14 of Patterson property in Roanoke Rapids Township. Russell S. Moody to S. Ruth Moody tract No. 1, 2 lots in town of Rosemary, tract No. 2, 15 lots near town of Rosemary.

C. R. Emry, to N. R. Newsome, Lot No. 2 of lots known as "Emry's 3rd Lots" in Weldon township.

The following was the only marriage license issued by the Register of Deeds of this County during the week ending Aug 22: George Baker and Hilda Taylor, both being colored parties of Scotland Neck.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

St. Johns' Catholic Chapel, corner Hamilton and Ninth Streets. Rev. F. J. McCourt, Pastor. Sunday, August 30, 11 a. m., Low Mass, Sermon on "Serving Two Masters," Holy Communion, Benediction, Sunday School. Confessions for twenty minutes before services. Special music and singing. This Sunday Holy Masses also in Churches at Rocky Mount, corner S. Franklin and Chester Sts., 8 a. m., Tarboro, 1008 St. David St., 11 a. m., no Mass in Scotland Neck. Everybody invited to services.