

NEW GRAND JURY SUBMITS FIRST REPORT TO COURT

Cites Complaints About Women's Rest Room

The newly selected grand jury for Halifax County made its first report to the Hon. Everett Thompson, presiding judge for the current term of Superior Court, after finishing their investigation. The jury will serve until January 1940. The foreman for the newly selected jury is Jay W. Sanders, well known Roanoke Rapids man who is connected with the Rosemary Manufacturing Company here. Following is the jury's report in full:

Halifax, N. C., August 15, 1939
To the Hon. C. Everett Thompson,
Judge Presiding:

We, the Grand Jury for Halifax County, beg to submit the following report:

We have passed upon all bills which have been brought to our attention to the best of our ability.

Before the opening of the schools in September all the buses to be used for the purpose of transporting children to and from school will be thoroughly inspected. The foreman of the Grand Jury will meet with the drivers of buses for the white schools on September 1st, and with the drivers of buses for the colored schools on September 8th and try to impress upon them their duties and the necessity for safe driving during the coming school session.

An examination of the County Home revealed it to be in the best possible condition, and the Superintendent very much interested in his work.

We found the jail as nearly in perfect condition as it is possible for a jail to be kept, and wish to commend the jailor for the excellent performance of his duties.

We found the office of Register of Deeds in good condition, and at the present time WPA workers are engaged in indexing birth and death certificates which has been long needed for ready reference. This work is being financed by the Federal Government, the only expense to the County being for material used for the work.

We found the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in its usual good condition. With the aid of WPA funds the old Wills of the county from 1869 to 1930 have been checked and filed numerically for easy reference, thus bringing this work up to the time when Wills were begun to be checked and filed numerically. Special Proceedings and Annual Accounts of years gone by have also been checked and filed numerically. The only expense to the County has been for material used.

The following Justices of the Peace and Mayors have failed to file reports: J. L. Bellamy, W. A. Carter, E. E. Stallings, J. R. Taylor and Kelly Jenkins.

Numerous complaints have been presented to us about the unsanitary condition of the public and private rest rooms for women in the Courthouse. Never in the history of the State has need for sanitary rest rooms been more apparent than at the present time, and we earnestly request that this matter be given immediate attention, as it is the intention of the Grand Jury to inspect rest rooms periodically and not merely at the terms of court, for their maintenance is as important as providing suitable rest rooms.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Sanders, Foreman.

Mesdames W. B. Sykes of Franklin, Va., G. R. Stephenson and Isla Hodge of Severn were recent guests of Mrs. W. A. Vincent.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Babcock and son, Phil, of Whitakers, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cranwell.

Wins Golf 'Crown



Brawny Andy Szwedko, 32, Pittsburgh steel-mill worker, poses with his cup after winning the National Public Links Golf Tournament at Baltimore, Md. The new champion had sought the title in four previous tournaments but had never advanced beyond the semi-finals.

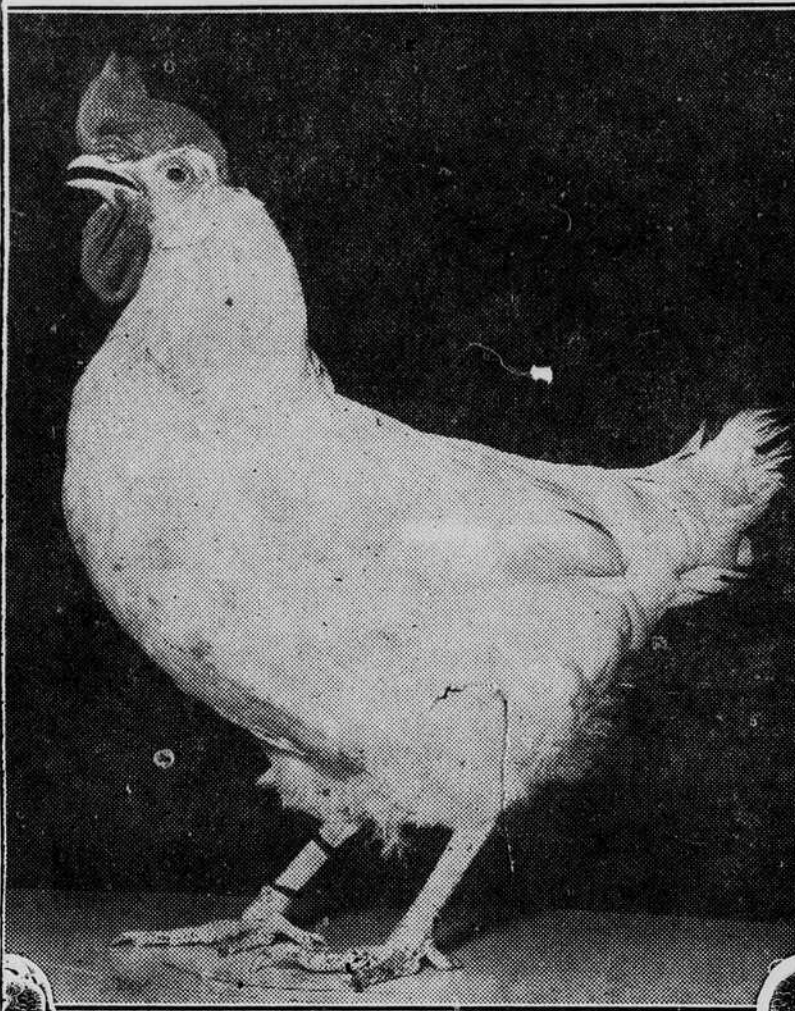
Kiwanians Hear About Convention

A report on the Kiwanis International convention at Boston, Mass. was given tonight by Prof. Will Nelson, the club's delegate to the convention where 5,000 Kiwanians were present to hear a report from 2,000 clubs and 100,000 members in the U. S. and Canada.

The local club election of officers was moved up to the first Thursday in September in order that newly elected officers could attend the Carolinas district convention at Raleigh the latter part of September. A special program from last year's minstrel will be staged at the convention by the local club.

Mr. Rogers of the State Banking Department was a guest of W. A. Thorne tonight and W. L. Medlin was in charge of the program.

World's Egg-Laying Champ



The weighty title of the world's champion egg-layer is carried by this saucy-looking White Leghorn hen, owned by Walter Chamberlain, of Kirkwood, N. J. Her record is 376 eggs in 359 days. "Scrappy" was exhibited at the World's Poultry Congress in Cleveland.

Young People Install Officers

Sunday night, July 23, the Young Peoples Division held installation service at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting was directed by Rev. C. T. Thrift and Miss Viola Nethery, leader. The following officers were installed:

President ----- Catherine Price
Vice President Geneva Applewhite
Secretary & Treas. -- Jean Gregory
Publicity Chairman - Sarah F. Hux
Social Service Chm. Mary Twisdale
Program Chm. -- Eugenia Dickens
After Rev. Thrift had read the vows, the officers pledged to do their best. The service closed with the hymn, "O Jesus I have promised," followed by the League Benediction.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. W. E. Thomason has returned from her brief visit to Washington, D. C., where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Nora Katz. She also enjoyed the beautiful scenery of Washington.

Commends Lion Crowds

H. E. Dobbins, Chief of City Police, reports that as far as disorder was concerned the Lions Festival crowds were the best behaved of any of similar size that he has seen in some time. Only one or two arrests were made during the week. Thousands of people were present each night.

Mr. Dobbins also said that McHenry, head man of the Crescent Amusement Company, told him that he had never in all of his experience with large crowds found one more orderly and well behaved than that which attended the Festival. People came, participated in the amusements to be had, enjoyed the festivities, and went away with everyone concerned well pleased.

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Used to "Live Alone"



Marjorie Hillis, 49, author of "Live Alone and Like It," turned her back on the creed she advocated and married Thomas H. Roulston, 65, chain store magnate. The happy couple is shown at Valley Forge, Pa., after the ceremony.

Sally Eilers & Allan Lane Star Pitts Sun. Film

Playing at the New Pitts Theatre in Emporia, Sunday only, August 20th, is Sally Eilers and Allan Lane in "They Made Her A Spy".

Coming to the Pitts Monday and Tuesday is Shirley Temple in "Susannah of the Mounties", with Randolph Scott and Margaret Lockwood.

Wednesday brings another big Double Feature value, the first picture being "Island of Lost Men" with Anna May Wong and J. Carol Naish—plus Tim Holt in "The Rookie Cop".

For Thursday, Aug. 24, we have Akim Tamiroff in "The Magnificent Fraud", the story of a man who doubles for a dictator.

Gene Krupa comes to the screen in "Some Like It Hot", with Bob Hope and Shirley Ross, playing at the Pitts Friday only.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tippett spent last week-end in Hopewell, Va. with their daughter, Mrs. G. H. Harvey. Miss Alice Myrick returned Wednesday from a visit to Cleveland, O. Dr. F. G. Jarman has returned from a two weeks vacation at Cape Henry.

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