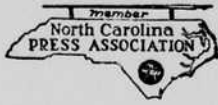


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EDITORIAL

NOT A TRIAL JURY

● ● The fact that a grand jury is not a trial jury comes from no better authority than Superior Court Judge Burney who charged the Northampton County grand jury this Monday that they were supposed to listen to the evidence of the State only and to return an indictment if they found even "probable cause" that the accused might be guilty.

Judge Burney's charge this week comes on the heels of reported action by a Halifax County grand jury wherein it is stated the grand jury sat as both grand and trial jury and even returned a verdict acquitting the accused. Judges and lawyers over the State say they never heard of such a procedure before in the history of the State.

What shocks most is that a Halifax County grand jury should be allowed to be maneuvered into a position whereby the people might lose confidence in the jury system of this country and in its courts of justice. Every member of a jury takes a solemn oath to perform his duty without fear or favor. A jury is called grand because it supersedes all others and in it is placed the highest trust. It has always been an honor to serve on a grand jury.

Halifax County has been called "Simeon Pure" by some so far as its courts and county government are concerned. Such actions as reported make many wonder if such boasts are warranted. Many are wondering whether or not Halifax County, long lulled to sleep, needs a thorough housecleaning. Some things can be blinked at but suspicious actions in the courts call for action.

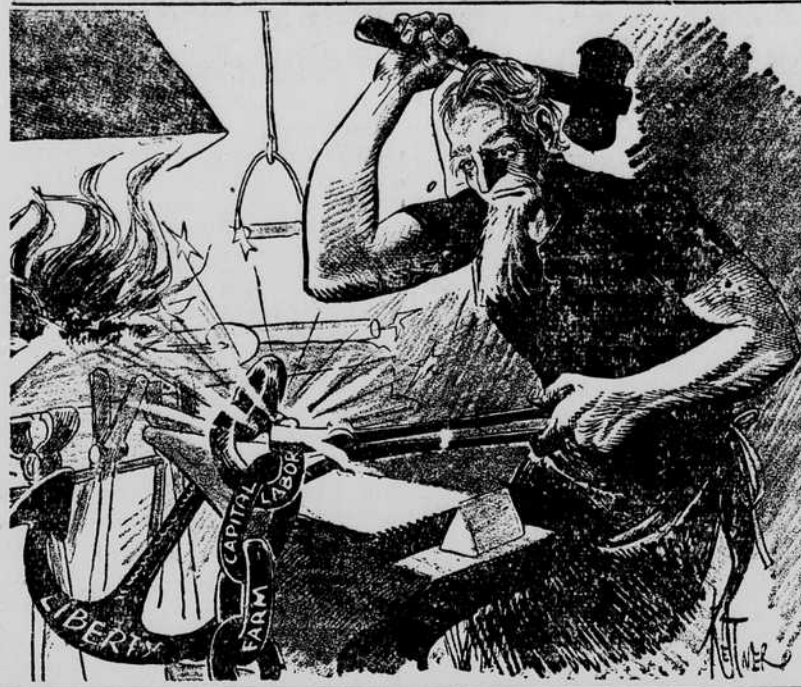
THE MAXWELL APPOINTMENT

● ● Governor Broughton's appointment of A. J. Maxwell as Revenue Commissioner came a surprise to all except those who know the Governor. Even they did not know who would be appointed but they knew the appointment to this important post would go to the man best qualified to render the best service to the State. It was too important to play politics with and Governor Broughton does not play his politics.

He appointed the man best fitted for the position. Mr. Maxwell is recognized by all, political friend or foe, as one of the great tax experts of the Nation and the Governor has again proved his good judgment and his unselfish desire to give his State an honest and efficient administration by re-appointing this opponent in the primary.

Mr. Maxwell's friends and admirers are legion thruout the State and they are jubilant over his good fortune. Governor Broughton's friends are proud of him for his action. The State's executive branch and the State's finances are in most capable hands.

Welded Together



ROAD SURVEYS

● ● Road surveys are being made in Halifax County by the State Highway & Public Works Commission at this time. Reason for so many surveys is that surveying crews have been busy on proposed defense roads and regular work has piled up. When a section gets a crew it tries to keep it as long as possible these days.

A survey of a proposed road improvement does not necessarily mean the project will be started at once or even at all. Purpose of the survey is to estimate the cost and prepare figures necessary in case bids are called for at some later date. Sometimes a survey means no road for the cost may be prohibitive.

Surveys now under way in Halifax County are on a proposed underpass at Roanoke Junction; location for a proposed cut off from Daniels Corner to the Weldon road; proposed widening of Route 158 between Roanoke Rapids and Weldon; for an asphalt paving project of three miles between Scotland Neck and Palmyra; location of a proposed asphalt paving for five miles from South Rosemary toward Aurelian Springs.

Some of the above may be done this Fall, some may be done next year, or the next. Some may not be done at all. At least, Halifax County is beginning to get some attention.

HUX FOR YDC PRESIDENT

● ● If people all over North Carolina knew Leonidas Hux, Clerk of Court of Halifax county, like he is known and admired in this section he would most likely have no opposition for the presidency of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina when his name is placed before the state convention at Winston-Salem the latter part of September by the Young Democratic Clubs of Halifax County which is advancing his candidacy.

Hux, youngest Clerk of Superior Court in the state, has made an enviable record during the six or more years he has been in office. In addition, he has ably served for four terms as secretary of the State Association of Clerks of Superior Court, and filled other positions with honor.

He is capable and affable and his friends are wishing the Halifax club the best of luck in pushing his candidacy for the presidency of the state organization. — (The Warren Record.)

WELDON GOES MODERN

● ● Right hand top of the Roanoke News says: "Weldon has good railroads, highways, churches, local organizations, merchants, labor and power facilities. An ideal location for new industries."

Forty years ago, the editor would have been run out of Weldon for printing such an appeal. Oldtimers tell us that Weldon refused the Atlantic

Coast shops which helped make Rocky Mount, scorned the cotton mills which made Roanoke Rapids. They say Weldon was perfectly satisfied to stay as it was, a trading and social center.

Had Weldon felt about industry and industrial workers as it does today, there would have been no Roanoke Rapids but Weldon would probably have been the largest city in Northeastern North Carolina.

If the truth were known, we would say that progress in our sister city was probably blocked by a few selfish, satisfied citizens who had the power or influence to have their own way. We see such similar cases in highway building today, where a few of this type can block a whole project which would benefit great numbers of their neighbors.

With Roanoke Rapids expanding daily to the East and with Weldon's attitude changed there is the possibility that some day the twain shall meet to make the big city of this area. Traffic between the two now is so great that a project is planned by the State Highway and Public Works Commission to widen the highway connecting the two in the near future. We trust no one will seek to block this march of progress.

Rules of the Road

SPEED ON BRIDGES
Sec. 106, Motor Vehicles Laws of North Carolina: — "It shall be unlawful to drive any vehicle upon any public bridge, causeway or viaduct at a speed which is greater than the maximum speed which can with safety to such structure be maintained thereon, when such structure is sign-posted as provided in this section."

The State Highway and Public Works Commission has authority to fix the maximum safe speed at which vehicles may travel on any public bridge, causeway or viaduct in the state, and when such speeds are designated by means of signs, drivers must observe them.

Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Maddrey and son, Willis Crocker, have returned from Wrightsville Beach.

P. D. Howell, of Alexandria, Va., spent the week-end here.

Carrie Byrd left Sunday for Baltimore, Maryland, where she will enter a business school.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Jones and daughter, Betty Lou, of Sanford returned home Tuesday after visiting relatives here.

Fred Cooper is spending some time in Savannah, Ga.