

CIVIL COURT OPENS ON MONDAY MORNING

Clerk Harriss Has Prepared List of Inactive Cases on the Docket.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases will open tomorrow for a term of two weeks, with Judge N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville, presiding. The term will be followed by one week of criminal court.

In pursuance of an order made by Judge Sinclair at the recent February term of superior court, Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk, has prepared a list of cases which are considered as more or less inactive, for the purpose of clearing up the docket, which is congested. These cases include those in which no process has been served, those in which process has been served but no complaint filed, those in which complaint has been filed but no answer made, and all cases in which pleadings have been filed but which have been on the docket for two years or longer.

Judge Sinclair, in making this order, advised the bar that he wished to aid it in relieving the congestion of the civil docket. His action in the matter aroused the attention of laymen and lawyers and the outcome of his effort to clean up the docket will be awaited with interest.

Major Harriss has found 46 cases in which no process ever has been served. Among these are eight brought in taxation suits by the county and five by the city.

The clerk also has listed 116 cases in which process has been served but no complaint filed, some of these being by the city and the county. There are also noted 123 cases in which complaint has been filed but no answer made, and city and county cases appearing among these. Of cases on docket two years or longer, there are 25, some by the city. In these all pleadings have been filed.

Few Cases Up For Trial By Recorder

In recorder's court yesterday W. C. Hewlett, charged with abandonment and non-support, was ordered to pay \$10 the week to his family, the cause being left open for either party to apply to the court for modification of the judgment, prayer for which is continued for two years on payment of costs.

Mary Bell Sidbury, violation sanitary law, was discharged, nol. pros. with leave.

Hester Ann Carr, peace warrant, was held not guilty and Mary Scott McClain was found guilty of affray, prayer for judgment continued six months, each to pay one-half the costs.

Traffic cases included those against Dugby Ross, continued under \$25 bond; Fred Sweeney, continued under \$250 bond; J. R. Miller, guilty, paid costs.

William Terry, sentenced to 30 days for intoxication, and to four months for disturbing religious worship, judgment being suspended, yesterday withdrew his appeal. The court ordered that he give a good behavior bond and report each first Monday for 12 months.

Chicken Raisers To Meet Friday Night

The New Hanover Poultry Producers Association will hold its organization meeting next Friday night at room 124 in the custom house and a large gathering of poultry fanciers from all sections of the county is expected.

At the meeting Friday night a constitution and by laws will be adopted and a general campaign will be mapped out so that the poultry raisers in the county can buy and sell co-operatively and thereby give to the people of the county cheaper poultry and yet realize a better profit for themselves. It is possible that the plan of the association to buy poultry feeds in large quantities and thereby eliminate the profits of the middleman and in turn cut off this extra price when disposing of the poultry on the market.

The organization was started at a meeting held in the office of Miss Florence Jeffress February 15, and at that time those who were present were interested to a large extent in the proposition. At that meeting W. A. Carothers was appointed temporary secretary.

At the coming meeting permanent officers will be elected and the association plans to move forward as rapidly as is consistent with good business principles. A number of poultry raisers from Brunswick county are also expected to be present at the meeting and it is thought likely that many who live in territory adjacent to Wilmington will join the New Hanover association.

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Worker Shocked By Short-Circuited Wire

H. J. Holland, of Winter Park, mechanic at the Broadfoot Iron Works, narrowly missed being electrocuted at his place of employment Friday morning. It is reported, when a wire carrying a heavy current, became short-circuited, electrifying a compressed air circuit, electrifying a compressed air or else the metal through which he was drilling.

Rendered unconscious by the shock, the machinist was sent to the James Walker Memorial hospital for treatment. At the hospital it was found that Mr. Holland had received an unusually heavy charge of electricity and that he had been bruised somewhat by the fall which followed the shock. He was discharged from the hospital late yesterday afternoon.

Speaking of the occurrence Mr. Holland said yesterday that he was not sure whether he received the shock through the drill or through the metal upon which he was working. He says that he only remembers arriving at the hospital after the accident. On leaving the hospital he declared the only bad effect of the accident which he felt was a general soreness.

The accident occurred about 9:30 o'clock Friday morning. At that time Mr. Holland says, all of a sudden he received a severe shock, and was thrown with great force to the ground. His fellow workmen rushed to his aid, cutting off the current, and called for an ambulance.

Vagrants Must Get Jobs, Says the Mayor

Mayor Cowan yesterday addressed a letter to Chief of Police Cashwell relative to vagrants in the city, saying that the fertilizer plants here are in need of labor and there is no reason for a man not having a job. He points out, however, that stevedores, whose work is irregular, are not to be confused with idle persons. The letter follows:

"It has come to my attention that the fertilizer factories operating here are running short of labor, and without reason. So please direct your men to be especially vigilant in enforcement of the vagrancy law. Plenty of work for negro common labor now eliminates any justification for this class of laborers loafing in the city of Wilmington. I know that you understand that there are certain stevedores who may not be able to work the entire week, by reason of character of their work, due to the coming and going of ships. However, there are many others now, in view of the fact that work is obtainable, must be classified as vagrants and are therefore subject to arrest. Please see that this order is carried out without delay."

County's Balance Is \$382,329 For February

Auditor J. A. Orrell's cash statement for February, completed yesterday, among other items makes the following showing:

Balance first of February, \$382,291; receipts \$53,135; balance on hand, \$382,329, of which \$180,734 is sinking fund. Total disbursements were \$55,564.

Coupons paid, \$2,650. Received from state on building and loan tax, \$832, which is about one-third the amount last year, owing to new legislation effective since the last tax was received.

Turned over by sheriff \$18,683, exclusive of school funds, which amounted to \$28,936.

Notes paid the state on building fund borrowed for schools, \$1,670.

The road fund showed an expenditure of \$5,934.

The total school expense for the month was \$31,453.

Bond premiums paid, \$712.

The amount of notes outstanding and money owed is \$186,805, due on school buildings.

First Sunday Concert Lakeside Park 3:30

Now that warm weather is here, the first of a series of Sunday afternoon concerts will be given at Lakeside Park pavilion this afternoon at 3:30 by the Harmony Diggers orchestra.

The Harmony Diggers have been giving enjoyment to many of the city's dancing element during week-days for the past several weeks, two nights per week, and this afternoon their first Sunday concert will undoubtedly be witnessed by a very large crowd.

The dances Tuesday and Friday nights are proving more popular each week at Lakeside.

BOY SCOUTS ANSWER QUICKLY TO ALARM

"99" Brings Out Troops in Fast Style, No. 16 First; Jimmie Metts Is Hero.

When the fire bell rang "99" last night at 8:25 o'clock, sounding the Boy Scouts' general mobilization call, more than 100 scouts rallied at the Young Men's Christian association building within a half-hour, considered a splendid record by Odie E. Hinnett, local scout commissioner.

Once each year the general mobilization call is sounded, but on a day and hour unknown to the scouts. They have, however, received instructions to mobilize at the Y. M. C. A., at any hour, day or night, on hearing the call. Last night Charles E. Taylor, banker, and D. R. Foster, real estate dealer, were at the association building to judge the records made by the various troops. Four prizes were awarded last night to the troops mobilizing the greatest percentage of their membership in the quickest time. First prize went to troop No. 16; second to troop No. 1; third to troop No. 11, and fourth to troop No. 13.

The records of the prize winning troops were: troop No. 16, of the First Baptist church, 91 per cent. of their membership in 26 minutes; troop No. 1, of the Y. M. C. A., 75 per cent. of their membership in 27 1/2 minutes; troop No. 11, of the First Baptist church, 82 per cent. of their membership in 28 minutes; troop No. 13, of St. James' Episcopal church, 71 per cent. of their membership in 28 minutes.

Scout Jimmie Metts, of troop No. 16, made the best individual record. He ran from his home, near 10th and Market streets, to the Y. M. C. A., and had reported within one and three-quarter minutes after the mobilization call had been sounded.

Rotary Boys' Club On Hike Down the River

Thirty-five members of the Rotary Boys' club of the Y. M. C. A., last week enjoyed a hike down the river, three miles down Cape Fear river, arriving there about 11 o'clock. Earl Bender and William Simon were captains of the two baseball teams which played a very interesting game. The score was 9 to 8 in favor of the Stevedores. After the game the boys built fires and cooked their dinner, which was eaten under the big trees on the river bank. As soon as they had rested for a while two volley ball teams were chosen with Napoleon Owens and C. D. Bender captains. A series of three games were played, each of which was won by Captain Bender's team. The hikers returned to the city about 6 p. m. T. Aubrey Morse, boys' club secretary, was in charge of the party.

CONFUSION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

A misunderstanding and confusion of unsigned communications addressed to the Morning Star resulted in one appearing in Friday's paper concerning Wrightsville Beach elections which was credited to John A. Divine. It was a criticism of the administration of the town of Wrightsville Beach and was answered in Saturday's paper by R. H. Northrop clerk to the mayor and board of aldermen.

Mr. Divine was not the author of this article, but of another which was misplaced and failed to reach the proper source for insertion. The confusion is regretted, but the Star is gratified to know that the mistake has caused no ill-feeling between Mr. Northrop and Mr. Divine.

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Rev. Dr. Pannoke At St. Paul's This Morning 11 O'clock.

Rev. O. H. Pannoke, D. D., will preach at 11 o'clock this morning at St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner Sixth and Market streets. Dr. Pannoke graduated from Concordia seminary, St. Louis, and Union Theological Seminary, New York, and was largely responsible for the war work of the Lutheran church, under the direction of the National Lutheran commission for soldiers and sailors' welfare. This has been called one of the most remarkable pieces of emergency effort of any Christian church, and was guided by the slogan, originated by Dr. Pannoke, "Wherever a Lutheran boy may be, the church must go with him." The commission operated in army camps and cantonments and naval bases all over the United States, and was highly commended by officials in authority everywhere.

Dr. Pannoke was active in the great celebration in 1917 of the Quadricentenary of the Protestant Reformation, when the heroic deeds of Martin Luther in 1517 were brought to the attention of millions of persons throughout the world through timely newspaper articles, comment and through mass meetings in all the great population centers.

When the national Lutheran council was formed in New York in 1918 to undertake work of reconstruction and relief in the torn areas of Europe and to bring into closer co-operation the Lutheran bodies of this country, Dr. Pannoke was one of the moving factors, and was in some measure responsible for its successful beginnings. During four years the council has distributed aid to 22 countries of Europe to the extent of 2,500,000 pounds of clothing and more than \$2,000,000 in food and ecclesiastical relief.

Boy Hit by Automobile

Dave West, a small negro boy from Navassa, was hit by an automobile yesterday on Front street. Policeman Pate reporting that the machine bore the number 117 or 177, he wasn't sure which. The boy was taken to the Bulluck hospital, 211 North Front street, where it was found, after an X-ray picture had been made, that no bones were broken in his wrist, and that beyond injury to his arm, he suffered only minor scratches. It is said that the car knocked him from the street onto the sidewalk. The policeman on the beat did not see the accident.

Academy Lease Filed. Mayor Cowan yesterday had filed that the Academy lease had been filed by the lessee, R. M. Kermon, and that 30 days had been given to clear up the matter of rental. The license tax of \$200 has been paid, the mayor said.

Schooner's Crew To Florence For Trial

Capt. W. M. Plummer and the other six men constituting the crew of the big American sailing ship Zebedee E. Cliffe, now discharging a cargo of phosphate rock at this port, depart tomorrow for Florence, S. C., where they have been ordered to appear as witnesses in the trial of Seaman John Harris, charged with having murdered G. Karlson aboard the schooner when the vessel was en route to Wilmington from Tampa, Fla., and off Cape Romain, S. C., a short while ago.

The schooner will be left without any member of the vessel's crew aboard, but while the seamen are at the murder trial of their shipmate the schooner will be in charge of Capt. C. D. Maffitt, to whom the vessel is consigned.

Harris will be arraigned before the federal judge in Florence Tuesday morning. At the preliminary hearing held in Charleston, S. C., shortly after Karlson had been killed, Captain Plummer was assured that the case would be tried immediately after the convening of court in order that he and his sailors might return to their vessel.

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