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W. L. Cohoon Again Figures In Litigation Over Misuse Of Other People's Money

Walter L. Cohoon, local attorney, succeeded in getting away with nearly \$5,000 of a dead man's money and so far has escaped imprisonment and has not had to refund the money, but he didn't find it so easy to make away with a small sum entrusted to his care by an aged Negress and will have to disgorge one certain small sum as the result of a verdict brought by a Superior Court jury here Wednesday night.

Analogous To Case of a Man Biting a Dog

It is quite a common occurrence for a Federal prohibition investigator to issue a warrant for the arrest of someone connected with illicit liquor in the South Mills section of Camden County, but when someone said to be connected with that industry issues a warrant for the arrest of a Federal prohibition investigator that is a horse of a decidedly different color.

Mrs. W. W. Knowles of the South Mills section swore out a warrant Monday for the arrest of Federal Prohibition Investigator Marion King, whom she charges with forcible trespass, breaking and entering and petty larceny.

Mrs. Knowles alleges that King broke open a door and forcibly gained entrance to her home one night last week, that he had no search warrant authorizing him to search her home, and that he took a dress, some shoes and some hose away with him when he left.

It is probable that when the warrant is served, King will assert himself to be a Federal employe and will have the case transferred to the U. S. District Court in this city.

It is reported that King found 50 jugs of liquor in the Knowles home.

Young Couple Meets Tragedy Wednesday Nite

Tragedy befell a young married couple from this county Wednesday night when the light car in which they were returning from a trip to Portsmouth ran under the rear end of a broken-down truck, which was packed on the highway without lights. The occupants of the car, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McPherson of Route Three, this city, were both killed.

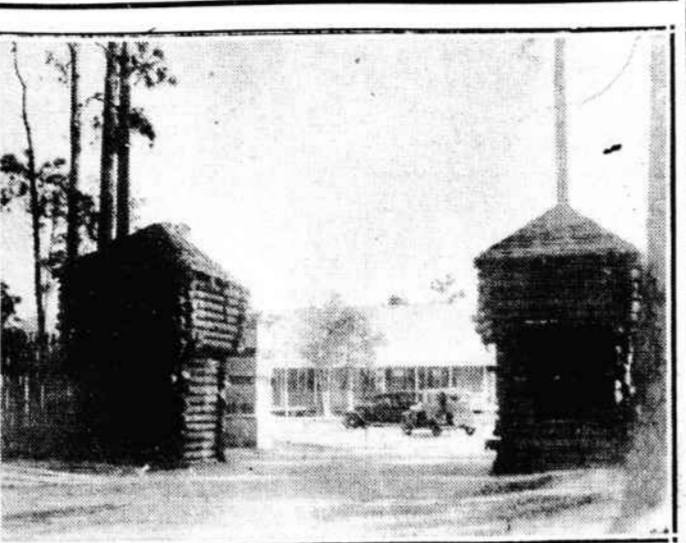
The accident occurred about mid-way between Deep Creek and South Mills on the George Washington highway at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. The young couple, hastening to get home, were driving at a fairly rapid rate of speed.

The two occupants of the truck were asleep in the cab, waiting for someone to come to assist them in making repairs. The car crashed into the rear end of the truck, which was loaded with cross-ties, and both Mr. and Mrs. McPherson were mutilated almost beyond recognition.

McPherson was killed instantly and his young wife, an expectant mother, died a few minutes after being taken to King's Daughters Hospital in Portsmouth.

McPherson is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arney McPherson, one infant child, three sisters, Mary Ann, Arawana and Jane McPherson, and three brothers, George B., Roy and Earl McPherson. Mrs. McPherson is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smithson, and five sisters, Mrs. Ada Palmer and Misses Helen, Evelyn, Louise and Pearl Margaret Smithson.

The Restoration of Old Fort Raleigh



THIS summer will see the restoration of Old Fort Raleigh, the site of the first English settlement in America, on Roanoke Island. Begun as a CWA project and continuing as a Federal Emergency Relief project, the restoration is fairly well underway.

The accompanying picture shows the recently completed log block houses at the entrance. The entire area of about 20 acres is to be inclosed in a split log palisade, part of which has already been completed. The original fort and other buildings, all of logs, are under construction inside the palisade. The restoration is designed to be true to history and the log type architecture of the period commemorated.

Sir Walter Raleigh's third expedition to America planted a colony of 117 men, women and children on Roanoke Island in 1587. To be exact, there were 91 men, 17 women and 9 children. In August of 1587, two children were born in the new colony. In that month and that year John White, accompanied by

Democratic Prim'y Election Is Only Three Weeks Off

With the Democratic primary but three weeks off, the political situation in Pasquotank and the Albemarle still is lacking in interest, and except for a very few county races and the two district races is about as tame as Democratic primary campaigns ever get in this section.

W. T. Culpepper, Pasquotank's representative in the General Assembly last year, filed for reelection. He is opposed by F. Webb Williams of Elizabeth City and Frank Kitchell of Weeksville.

Sheriff Charles Carmine is opposed for reelection by J. M. Jennings of the Newland road. Dr. Isaiah Fearing is opposed for reelection as coroner by J. B. Ferebee of Elizabeth City.

J. C. Spence, Sr., register of deeds, W. W. Cohoon, prosecuting attorney, C. C. Pritchard, county auditor, and N. Elton Ayldett, Clerk of Superior Court, are unopposed for reelection to their respective offices.

W. C. Morse, Jr., trial justice of Pasquotank, is opposed for reelection by Jack W. Jennette, Elizabeth City attorney, and Eugene S. Scott.

Two members from Elizabeth City township will be named to the board of county commissioners. Those seeking the two offices are W. T. Love, incumbent, Noah Burfoot, president of the Pasquotank Hosiery Company, J. T. Williams, former member of the board, and W. E. Dunstan.

E. P. Cartwright, member of the board of commissioners from Mt. Hermon township, is opposed for reelection by C. A. Ownley.

J. H. Perry of Nixonton township is unopposed for reelection to the county board, as is W. L. Thompson of Salem township. From Providence township two candidates are seeking a place on the board. They are G. C. Jennings, incumbent and G. C. Temple.

W. O. Etheridge, chairman of the county board of commissioners, is opposed for reelection to the board by A. L. Whitney of Newland township.

For the county board of education, where two offices are to be filled, there are three candidates. They are A. W. Stanton, incumbent, of Nixonton township, S. G. Scott, Elizabeth City, and T. C. Fletcher of Weeksville.

H. S. Hewitt is unopposed for reelection as justice of the peace in Newland, township. W. L. Pritchard, incumbent, from Providence township, Charlie M. Jones of Newland township and Hershey P. Williams of Elizabeth City township are also unopposed for reelection to the office of constables in their various townships.

Of chief interest in the entire

LIKE OLD TIME DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEET

Members of the new Elizabeth City Country Club are not going to have much of a voice in the running of that club, if the procedure of the meeting for preliminary organization at the club house Monday night is to be followed in subsequent meetings.

Fifty or sixty members met in response to a notice of the meeting. No minutes of the previous meeting were read and fully two thirds of those present were unfamiliar with the temporary set up. At the opening of the meeting Dr. Mora S. Bulla sprang to his feet and made a motion that the temporary organization be continued for the rest of the year, indicating only D. Walter Harris, Jr. as chairman and Harry W. Bundy as secretary. The vote was put without any discussion and everybody, except one voted aye without knowing for whom they were voting or what it was all about.

A First Ward Democratic precinct meeting under the aegis of No. 966-10 Sawyer couldn't have done a neater piece of log rolling.

And then, to add to the confusion, after the group had elected Mr. Harris as chairman, upon motion of W. B. Foreman, P. H. Williams was given a vote to take the chair and preside at the meeting, leaving the duly elected chairman to occupy the position of a capon at a hen party.

The one dissenting vote cast on the original ballot was that of Keith Saunders. He explained his vote by saying that minutes of the previous meeting had not been read, that few of those present were familiar with the original set up and that the membership of the club was due the courtesy of knowing who they were voting for.

The group was acting without by-laws and a committee on by-laws consisting of Harry W. Bundy, Ernest H. Jones, W. B. Foreman and J. Haywood Duke was appointed to draft the by-laws. When the by-laws are drafted there will be another meeting.

The Rev. J. L. Carrick, pastor of the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, who has played a conspicuous part in the organization of the new club, served notice by proxy at the meeting Monday night that he could not serve on the board of directors. It was explained that Dr. Carrick is aligned with the ecclesiastical forces opposed to dancing, to Sunday baseball and Sun-

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Camden County Boards Ask For An Official Investigation Of County's Welfare Officer

Mrs. O. N. Marshall, wife of Baptist Minister, Subject of Sensational Resolution Adopted at Joint Meeting of County Commissioners and Board of Education

When two groups as conservative and easy-going as the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners of Camden County adopt resolutions voicing condemnation of a woman, and especially if that woman be the wife of a Baptist minister in the county, that is news. News was made in Camden Monday.

The resolution, which was adopted unanimously by the two boards meeting separately, read:

"Whereas, complaints have reached this Board on various occasions from all sections of this County that Mrs. Marshall, the present party in charge of Federal Welfare Relief and C. W. A. work in this County, has acted arbitrarily, without sufficient investigation, and in an unfair and not impartial manner in the discharge of her official duties, and

"Whereas, after an investigation by the members of this Board they are of the opinion that in many instances the complaints are well founded; and

"Whereas, this Board has met with very little cooperation from Mrs. Marshall, all of which tends to destroy the good which might be accomplished by the Federal appropriations, it is, therefore, resolved:

"The proper Federal Authorities be, and they hereby are, requested to conduct an investigation into the affairs of this office in this County, and that Mrs. Marshall be, if their investigation leads to the same conclusion as ours, replaced in sympathy with the purposes and spirit of the Federal Aids so graciously granted this County."

A copy of the resolution is being forwarded to Harry L. Hopkins, who was National Administrator for the CWA. This step was taken only after a Camden delegation had asked for a conference with State Administrator Mrs. Thomas O'Berry and had been refused this consideration.

There is no intimation that there has been any graft or anything of the sort in the administration of CWA funds in Camden County, but a large number of the people in the county complain that Mrs. Marshall has acted too arbitrarily in numerous matters, has been too partial to certain persons and certain sections of the county while others have been neglected, and has failed to cooperate with governing bodies of the county.

Mrs. Marshall is the wife of Rev. O. N. Marshall, pastor of Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church. She was appointed Welfare Agent for the county in 1932 and, by reason of holding that office, became county administrator of the CWA funds.

U. D. C. Succeeds Where Lots Of Others Failed

Doing what no other organization, however potent, has been able to do before, the D. H. Hill Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy succeeded in inducing Governor Ehringhaus to deliver an address in his home town for the first time since he entered the Executive Mansion in January, 1933. The occasion was the celebration of Confederate Memorial Day in Elizabeth City yesterday.

The exercises, were scheduled to begin at 2:00 o'clock and to last for only an hour, during which time the stores were closed.

Hundreds of school children from the three white schools of the city marched to the courthouse green to take part in the program. The local Boy Scouts, 100 or more strong, were on hand in uniform. The exercises were held on a platform that had been erected on the east side of the courthouse.

The invocation was given by Rev. H. I. Glass, pastor of the First Methodist Church, following which "Carolina" was sung by all.

A pageant was staged at the monument by the children from three or four grammar grade rooms. This pageant was under the direction of three teachers, Miss Hattie Finney, Mrs. L. E. Skinner and Miss Elizabeth Nash.

The welcome to the Governor (Continued on Page Six)

To Address Georgia Newspaper Editors



W. O. SAUNDERS, editor of The Independent will address the Georgia Press Association at its annual meeting at Savannah, Ga., in June. The convention dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 21, 22 and 23. Milton L. Fleetwood, of Cartersville, Ga., a native of Perquimans County is president of the Georgia press and it was thru him that the invitation was extended to the Elizabeth City editor. Editor Saunders has addressed the Oklahoma Press Association and the Alabama Press Association in recent years. In Oklahoma they wanted to lynch him; in Alabama he was given a cordial ovation.

OUR PERSONAL PROBLEMS OF FIRST CONCERN

"Plain people living in this age of invention find themselves in imminent danger of being overwhelmed by the pressure of a vast mass of knowledge that they can not understand or assimilate," W. O. Saunders told an audience of more than 220, speaking in the auditorium of the Christian Church on Parsonage St., Sunday morning.

"The problems of our fathers were relatively few," continued the editor; "they had little communication with the outside world; their interests were largely family and neighborhood interests. To-day cheap newsprint paper, fast printing presses, the telegraph, the telephone, the radio, the cinema and fast automobiles and fast roads have enlarged our horizon to a bewildering extent. The average mind that would seriously attempt to comprehend the confusing hodge-podge of news, editorial opinion, propaganda, radio, addition and pictorial presentations with which it is daily deluged, would run the risk of lunacy.

"But fortunately for us, if we do not make the confusion of many things divert us from those few things we do know, a little straight thinking is sufficient to enable us to thread our way thru this bewildering maze of modern things. After all, more important to the individual than the abstractions of money, political economy, international relations and technology, are a few simple rules by which we may definitely shape our lives for good. I would emphasize, among these simple virtues, cleanliness and good manners.

"And when I speak of cleanliness, I mean mental as well as bodily cleanliness. No normal man or woman would be content with dirty hands, a dirty face and dirty and harmful thinking and guard against unclean minds as we guard against unclean bodies. And then good manners, good behavior! The simple practice of kind, gentle, tolerant, relations with our families and neighbors will effectually brighten your life and the lives of all with whom you come in contact, and move all who know you to lay flowers on your grave when you die.

"I beg of you not to be overwhelmed by the multiplicity of arguments that encompass you in this fast and bewildering age. I commend to you a serious reading of the eighth verse found in the sixth chapter of Micah: 'And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.'"

Editor Saunders was introduced by the pastor, Rev. W. O. Henderson. The Christian Church Sunday school has an enrollment of 229 members; 221 of those enrolled were present last Sunday and of this number 199 were recorded on time.



The BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER
WOULD PUT ANY NUDISTS ON BODIE ISLAND

"This nudist fad is getting a lot of newspaper space," said the Soda Jerker, "and first thing you know somebody will be trying to start a nudist colony at Nags Head."

"That would be like carrying coals to Newcastle," replied the Bank Clerk. "Most of the young bucks who spend their summer vacations at Nags Head wear nothing but shorts for surf bathing and sun bathing. And the girls wear these synopated sun-back effects that leave nothing at all to the imagination. The amount of covering that camouflages the body of the average Nags Head bather is almost negligible. Nudism at Nags Head would hardly excite anybody."

"Well, just what do you think of this nudist business, anyway?" asked Soda Jerker.

"Personally, I don't think much of it," said the Bank Clerk. "Mind you, I put a little emphasis on 'personally.' I haven't enough pride in my anatomy to join a nudist cult and expose my bandy legs, my paunch and my hirsutiferous torso to the gaze of a mixed company. I have found that on the beaches I can get all the sunburn and tan I can take thru a cotton shirt and cotton shorts. And it's my observation that a lot of these folks who are so nutty about getting ultra violet rays in hopes of increasing their resistance to disease and prolonging their lives, would have a hard time explaining the necessity for any prolongation of their lives.

"Nudism as practiced in Europe in recent years, and which Americans are beginning to go in for, I suspect, a reversion to plain old primitive body worship. And it has certain definite merits to commend it. It is a fact that the wearing of

clothing by civilized men has resulted in much indifference upon the part of the average man, to his physique. He becomes stoop-shouldered, pot-gutted and tolerates flabby muscles because he can rely upon the clothes he wears to cover up his defects. If all men—and women—could be made to strip stark naked and parade among their fellows, there would be a general straightening of shoulders, expansion of chests, sucking in of abdominal protuberances and a sudden lively interest in calisthenics and gymnastics. We have so long concealed our anatomical ugliness under much clothing until we have become indifferent to our unshapeliness and careless of our physical culture. But the trouble with these nudist cults is, they are mostly made up of athletic young and middle-aged bucks and buckaroos who have no apologies to make for their physical development. As I said at the outset, I haven't enough pride in my anatomy to expose it to the gaze of a mixed company; about the nearest I would venture into nudism would be to join a bathing party in the nude on a cloudy night. I wouldn't even risk star light."

"Do you reckon anybody will start this nudist fad at Nags Head this summer?" pursued the Soda Jerker.

"If we are going to have anything like that on our coast, I would say that a more appropriate place for it would be Bodie Island," replied the Bank Clerk.

85 per cent of all people have defective vision. Are you one of these? Have your eyes examined today. DR. J. D. HATHAWAY, Carolina Building.

An Elizabeth City Surgeon Slated For High Honor

These honors happen once in a while to a member of a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and Dr. Zerk D. Owens, received the honor of being named to the list of accredited candidates for the Junior Candidate Class of 1934. This is one of the highest honors ever bestowed upon a local surgeon.

Dr. Owens' application for the Junior Candidate Group was on file at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Credentials Committee. As a graduate of a medical school in 1909, Dr. Owens will be a member of the active Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons since 1917.

Dr. Owens will keep a careful record of his work which will include not only the surgical work but also research work and post graduate study. It is noted that these additional duties may be made a part of his Fellowship.

Dr. Owens is a son of the late W. D. Owens and Mrs. Owens, graduated in medicine from the University of North Carolina. He served in the army and was then stationed at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore for a year and a half. He opened the Medical Building here in September 1, last year. Dr. Owens has built up a good practice and is highly regarded. He is one of the most capable surgeons in Elizabeth City and has had the honor accorded him by the American College of Surgeons is one which is given to no other Elizabeth City surgeon and to no great number in North Carolina.

Awarded Seven Cents

Samuel H. Hatcher, Winston-Salem traveling salesman, was awarded seven cents in his \$29,900 damages against the insurance company of Richardson's High School. He alleged that the school was damaged without cause by the school's insurance company and that he was denied a "damned Jew."

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