

CHAS. C. AYSCUE GIVEN NEW TRIAL IS ALLOWED TO GIVE \$10,000.00 BOND.

Will Dockery Given 30 Years for Second Degree—Nelson Foster Gets 2 Years for Manslaughter.

Franklin Superior Court for the February 1919 term came to a close on Saturday night after having completed the trial of the jail cases. No court was held this week as the Attorneys, feeling that it would take practically all of the term to try the jail cases, did not set any calendar for civil cases, and no witnesses or interested parties had been summoned to attend.

At the close of our report last week the Court was busy with the trial of Chas. C. Ayscue for the murder of Josh Kearney, colored. This case came to an abrupt end when the Judge noticed that the lawyers for the defense had secured the services of a private stenographer, who was taking the evidence in the case, from which quite a wrangle took place. For a few moments it seemed to be everybody's tangle and wound up with a misunderstanding between the Solicitor and the Court. The Solicitor feeling that the Court was not extending the courtesy to him he was due, expressed himself in very emphatic language, but seeing his error he offered his apologies to the Court and declined to take up another case that afternoon. The Judge then decided that as the object of bond was to guarantee the attendance upon Court of the defendant and seeing nothing to cause the defendant in this case not to appear placed his bond at \$10,000.00 after ordering a mistrial in the case and granting a new trial.

The next case taken up was that of State vs Will Dockery, for the murder of Chas. Dunston, both colored, near the river bridge of the Montgomery Lumber Co. The evidence was circumstantial however, having traced his movements so completely showing a reasonable cause and purpose, the defendant offered to submit to a verdict of murder in the second degree which was accepted by the State and his honor imposed a sentence of 30 years in the penitentiary.

State vs Nelson Foster, murder was begun Friday evening, and completed Saturday afternoon, with a verdict of guilty of manslaughter and was given seven years. This case is where the defendant killed a colored woman at the Fair Grounds about Christmas.

The grand jury completed its work on Thursday but owing to the fact that it was instructed only to pass on matters concerning jail cases no report of any consequence was made.

The Methodist Church.

The pastor will preach Sunday morning on "The Investment of Life, and it will be followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

At 7:30 p. m., there will be a special service.

Scripture lesson and prayer by the church leader, Edwin Malone.

Solo by Mrs. F. S. Love.

Thanksgiving Ann, by Miss Henninger.

Solo by Miss Dodson.

My Money Creed, by Mrs. Love.

Public cordially invited.

Mr. G. C. Parrish Dead.

Mr. G. C. Parrish, employed as a salesman for McKinnin Bros. Co., died at his home on Nash Street yesterday morning about 3 o'clock from an attack of influenza. He was twenty-eight years old and leaves a wife and several little children. Mr. Parrish was formerly from Sandy Creek Township, coming to Louisburg in the summer of 1918 and held a position with Candler-Crowell Co., until the first of this year when he made a change. He was an industrious young man and had made many friends here. The funeral arrangements had not been made yesterday.

Tuesday Afternoon Book Club.

The Tuesday Afternoon Book Club had its meeting this week with Mrs. E. S. Ford, and a most delightful meeting it proved to be. The weather was bleak and rainy, but the good cheer of Mrs. Ford's hospitable home and the gracious cordiality of her welcome dispelled from the minds of those present any thought of the disagreeable elements on the outside. After the roll call and reading of the minutes Miss Williams, in a manner all her own, gave a beautiful selection on the piano. Current events were read by Mrs. S. P. Boddie. Mrs. Clifton read a most instructive and interesting paper on Margaret Fuller, the friend of Great Men. "Copper Moon" a unique and pretty song was rendered by Mesdames Ford, Fleming, White and Miss Williams. Mrs. Fleming then sang two lovely little songs, "Spring Time" and "The Secret." As if wishing a part in the beauties of the selections Mrs. Ford's country bird thrilled the sweetest accompaniments to Mrs. Fleming's singing. A delicious salad course, ice cream, coffee and mints were served. Mrs. G. A. Ricks was a guest of the club.

Franklin Center.

Mr. Editor:—

I trust that you will be kind enough to allow me to segregate a little in your paper, as I am sure that you and the people of the county will be glad to hear of the proceedings of the Supreme Court of Franklin Center of which I have the honor of being the head. The docket will be quite small at my next term of court, as only one defendant is to be tried. His name is Joseph C. Hoover of Happy Hollow and is vice-president of the club. The president has a few charges against him, and I have one charge against him myself, as to the way he treats us about our mail. No matter how cold the weather or how deep the snow, he simply puts our mail in our boxes and drives on instead of bringing it in to us. Then we have to leave our warm fire and go at least thirty yards to get it. Now don't you think it skankless for him to treat a Judge and a president in such a way? The next charge against him is that of eating the president a liar, and it came about in this way. One beautiful morning when the thermometer stood a little above zero, and a nice cool wind coming right from the north pole, the president put a beautiful palm leaf fan in his mail box as a present for Mr. Hoover. At the same time the president told Mr. Hoover that he knew he was greasy meat, and this is the answer he got. You are a liar sir, nothing greasy today. This is a very serious charge against Mr. Hoover, and it will go pretty tough with him when he comes before my court. But the worst is yet to come. The president says that Mr. Hoover fails to deliver his messages to and from his Honey Bottle. Now this, so far as my knowledge of the law goes, is almost a capital offense. Just think of it fellow citizens? I think the least I can do in this case, is to impeach Mr. Hoover, and not allow him to hold any confidential position with any Honey Bottle for the next six months. Now for Mr. Hoover's benefit I will state here that as I am otherwise engaged during the day, I hold only night sessions, and that my next court will be held on the first of March, at 2 o'clock a. m. at which hour he must appear before me to answer to the above charges. Failure means contempt of court, and this means a heavy fine or jail sentence or both. This is my ultimatum.

JUDGE BOWSER,
Monk Bowser, Clerk of Court.

Mrs. W. Cary Bobbitt Dead.

The funeral services of Mrs. W. Cary Bobbitt, whose death occurred at her home in Wake Forest, Tuesday, was held at Oaklawn Cemetery Wednesday. Mrs. Bobbitt was formerly Miss Priscilla Pittman, of this place, and leaves besides her husband, a mother, one sister, Miss Ianthia Pittman, and two brothers, Messrs. K. A. Pittman, of Ayden, and Luther Pittman, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. The deceased was only twenty-two years old.

Quite a large number of our people attended the services and the floral tribute was beautiful.

Mrs. Bobbitt was one of Louisburg's most accomplished and popular young ladies until her marriage to Mr. W. C. Bobbitt about a year ago when she moved to Wake Forest, where she made many friends in her new home.

Mrs. Bobbitt was a member of the Baptist Church and took a great interest in its work.

She has many friends in Louisburg who extend sympathy to the bereaved husband and family.

Young Woman's Auxiliary.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary met Monday night, Feb. 24, with Miss Jewel Bryant. The meeting opened with a song and prayer by Mrs. Underhill. The topic for discussion was Church Building Loan Fund. Our president, Mrs. J. O. Newell, read an appropriate scripture lesson and some very interesting papers were read by Misses Stewart, Draughton and Tucker.

Miss Jewel Bryant gave a violin selection, accompanied by Miss Williams and a vocal solo by Miss Ruth Hall was enjoyed very much.

Meeting closed with a sentence prayer. Next meeting will be held at the church March 10, in Union with the B. Y. P. U. and G. A.

Opens Sales Room.

Messrs. John D. Hines and John H. Best, who are agents for several of the leading automobiles in this section, including the King, Buick, Oakland and Essex, have leased the buggy display rooms and offices of the Hill Live Stock Company on Nash Street and have opened their automobile display rooms and service station therein. They expect a number of new cars and a full equipment for serving their customers in a few days. Read their announcement.

Basket Party.

We wish to announce there will be a Basket Party and Jitney Circus at the Prospect school on Friday night, March 7th. Proceeds go for benefit of school. Come, come, come.

Farmers Mutual Insurance Meeting.

Mr. T. B. Parker, of Raleigh, addressed a meeting of the stockholders of the Franklin County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co., to which the public was invited, in the court house yesterday. Quite a good number were present and a most interesting discussion of the advantages of the Mutual plan insurance was heard.

LETTERS FROM FRANCE

Jan. 19, 1919.

Dear Mother:—
Yours of Dec. 14, 1918 received yesterday, was glad to know you all were getting along all O. K. Was awful sorry to hear of Herbert Cates getting killed. Really I didn't think he would ever be sent overseas, and I don't believe he would until now. If they would have gave him thorough examination.

I know it seems awful hard to give up any of our loved ones, and I know it goes hard with the mother at home, but they ought to look on the bright side of it, for a soldier on the front has lots of things to endure that people back home can't imagine, therefore in lots of cases death is a pleasure.

No one need not think that an American soldier values his life at anything at all, when his country is needing him. When he is once over here he then can realize the importance of a real country for his people to live in. No I don't know where any of our boys are from around home, haven't seen any of them since I've been over except Howell Jones. I have seen him one time about two months ago. I don't have no idea where he is now. I heard a few days ago that his organization had sailed for the states, however it wasn't official, therefore I don't know whether or not he has gone.

Yes, we have some fine horses over here, also twenty mules as rough as you ever saw. Therefore you can rest assured that I am having my fun no matter where we go.

I was relieved from color sergeant 8th of Dec. on my return to my battery. I learned that our 1st Sgt. had been reduced, and I was to succeed him effective Dec. 1st. Gee! It got my goat, I had studied open warfare, every spare minute I had up until the armistice was signed. Then they put me acting regular color Sgt., which required most all of my time. When I was relieved of that I made up my mind to make it easy the rest of my stay in France, however my plan failed.

I do not have to do any hard work as most of it is in the office. Really I reckon it is the best thing for me for it keeps my time well occupied every day, and some times late at night, therefore I have no time to get blue and I draw sixty-four dollars a month, where I wouldn't draw but forty-four.

I will close I know you are getting tired of reading this stuff, but somehow I am in a writing notion tonight. With lots of love to all, I am
Your respective son,
JAKE.

P. S.—Hall sends love to all. He is all O. K.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Red Cross Chapter and friends for the kindness shown to us during the recent sickness in our family.
S. J. Edens and Family.

Suffering Armenians.

"We are being called upon this week to give our mite to save a suffering people from starving—the people of Armenia and Syria. These are the oldest Christians in the world, and for their adherence to the Christian faith they have been murdered and starved and driven from their own land by the Mohammedans. Our armies have been instrumental to great extent in giving this oppressed people their first opportunity to come back to their land and to become an independent, self-supporting nation. They are helpless and dying and cannot take care of themselves now, because they lack food. We are asked only to feed them until they may produce a crop; we are asked to supply them with farm implements that they may become self-supporting. They are an industrious people, and want only a chance to do for themselves. There are among them 400,000 orphans. These will all die if we do not come to their rescue. You would feed a hungry dog; certainly you will feed hungry children, and give the survivors of the Turkish cruelty a chance to re-establish a government and take a place in the world of commerce and industry.

"Dr. J. Y. Joyner, for so many years at the head of the public school system of North Carolina, is State Chairman of this Campaign, and the appeal for this suffering people comes direct from him to the people whom he has served so faithfully all these years. It is a personal appeal. Dr. Joyner knows the needs of the Near East sufferers, and he tells you that not one penny you may give will go for any other purpose than to feed and clothe and shelter this four millions of pleading, starving people.

It is the time now for you to make a sacrifice that will be bread cast upon the waters."

Auto Runs Into Ditch.

While driving out Main Street on Thursday night of last week a Mr. Cone, had the misfortune of running into the ditch at the end of the pavement on South Main Street. The car was pretty badly smashed, but no injuries were sustained by any of the occupants, so we learn. The car was removed Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Person visited Raleigh Monday.

PRESIDENT WILSON RETURNS.

Arrived in Boston Harbor Sunday Evening—No Fundamental Objections to League Plan.

Unless something unforeseen occurs, President Wilson expects to return to France on the George Washington about March 5. President Wilson's ships arrived in Boston Harbor Sunday evening. After a short ceremony of welcome in Boston Monday, the party left for Washington where he will spend a busy ten days signing bills and discussing the league of nations and the peace terms.

Mr. Wilson has told friends and advisors that with the draft of the league constitution on the table before the conference he considers the first great step an accomplished fact, and he is not disturbed by the possibility that it undoubtedly will be worked over, changed in many respects, and probably in the end be quite a different document. Despite all this the President is known to feel that in the end the underlying principles he has proposed will be accepted in the conference. The ratification of the document in other countries, and in the United States the President considers as another step to be dealt with before the league of nations plan is perfected.

While he has been following keenly the opposition and adverse criticism of the plan in Congress, the President told Representatives Helvering, Norton and White, who made the return trip with him that he was sure he could convince Congress leaders that there were no fundamental objections.

President Wilson had a much rougher trip coming home than he did going over. Some of the days half the party was confined to cabins, but the President proved himself an excellent sailor and surrendered only once, when the waves and spray were dashing over the bridge and got a wetting while watching the destroyer escort bury itself plunging about in the heavy seas.

There was a lively epidemic of gripe and Spanish influenza on the ship, many of the attaches of the party being confined to their staterooms or the ship's hospital for the entire voyage. None of the principals, however, was affected.

It is reported that fifteen members of the I. W. W., all Spaniards, were arrested for having disseminated literature in their possession and on suspicion of planning to attempt the life of President Wilson in Boston Monday. The prisoners are being closely guarded, and secret service men are at work investigating the alleged plot.

Should Use County Home as Demonstration or Test Farm.

Your paper has been having something to say from time to time recently about the disposition of the county home farm.

My idea would be to conduct the county home under the regular management as it is at present.

Convert the county home farm into a test farm under the direction and personal supervision of the county demonstration agent. Build a suitable

demonstration agent that he may live there and be near his work. With the use of convict labor as suggested in another article in one of your papers he could and should make of this a model farm for the farmers of our county to observe. By producing model crops of various products for observation the county agent could do far more good than in any other way. The actual demonstration of the crop with explanation and instruction as to how it was made would furnish a concrete example of what was to be gained by following the suggested methods.

There are not many originators; most of us are followers and have to be shown before we will believe.

The county has this valuable farm and while the greater portion of it has been lying dormant, or idle, for these years that is no reason why it should not now be developed into a useful and valuable property, producing a handsome income as well as furnishing a living example of what can be done in real up-to-date farming. If it did no more than furnish the example it would be invaluable to our farmers.

To carry out the aforementioned plans there should be levied, for this purpose, such a tax as would raise a sum sufficient each year to carry on the work of clearing, improving and cultivating the land. This tax should be planned to cover a five year period, if necessary. After that the farm would be more than self-sustaining and there would be no further need of the tax for maintenance.

In conclusion let us make of this a test farm, locate the County Agent at this farm use the convict labor to develop it and levy a tax sufficient to cover the maintenance expense until the farm sufficiently developed to carry itself.

If some such method as above suggested is followed you will find that the county home will cease to be a burden to the county and will be self-sustaining in addition to the great benefit our farmers would derive from being able to observe the demonstration work going on there.

J. O. NEWELL.

Mr. L. Kline is on the Northern Markets making purchases for his store.

DID WE WIN THE WAR?

Senator Kirby Says He Is Almost In Doubt When He Hears Partisan Lamentations.

Washington, D. C.—"I am almost in doubt as to whether this country won the war or not," remarked Senator Kirby of Arkansas, after he had listened to a long lamentation from the Republican side of the Senate.

"How in God Almighty's earth did we win the war if we were guilty of the mistakes, stupidity and delinquencies that have been charged against the War Department?" He asked.

"The Senator from New Jersey has accused the War Department of being responsible for the severe winter last year. He has held the War Department responsible for the introduction of influenza into the United States. Why is all this done, and where is there any foundation, in fact, for it?"

"It seems to me some Senator ought to stand by the Government here after it has won the war; that someone ought to have an interest in the conduct of the soldiers on the battlefield being properly presented, and in the country getting a correct view and having a proper appreciation of all the great objects which have been accomplished."

"If here and there a plan has failed or has miscarried, if here or there inconvenience and delay have resulted because of something not having been done as well as it now appears it might have been done, why should this be made a record as an everlasting monument to a single failure of the War Department, which, whatever else may be said, did win this war with the army that it organized and with the army that was sent abroad."

Chickens and Gardens.

The following letter was handed us the past week that we appreciate and hope the cause will receive some resultful attention:

Mr. Editor:—

I for one, am thankful to see that you are taking some interest in the garden makers of this community. I trust that you will keep up the good work. I see that the Government is going to call on people again to make "War Gardens" and intends to set back the clocks as was done last year to give people more time for these gardens. It seems to me to be equally important that our City Fathers grant some protection to these garden makers from their neighbors chickens and some redress when the fruits of their labors are destroyed by these chickens.

—A Lady Citizen.

I. W. W. Plot to Kill Wilson and McAdoo.

A recent press dispatch states that when Secret Service men in Chicago learned of the arrest in Cleveland of Pietro Jierre, an anarchist, they disclosed the details of an I. W. W. plot to kill President Wilson. There are said to have been twenty men in the plot, and funds were raised and the details of the conspiracy worked out.

Pierre, according to information in the hands of the Secret Service, joined a band of nihilists while he was a prisoner in Leavenworth penitentiary. All were to be released on the same day. They vowed that President Wilson should be killed, and also vowed they would kill the chosen member of their gang if he did not carry out the assassination. A short time before they were released last fall, they drew lots to decide which of them should kill the President, and Pierre drew the death ballot.

The plot also included the murder of William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, according to the Secret Service men, and it is said to have involved several anarchists.

The loyalty of two Italian convicts serving sentences in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth is said to have revealed the plot.

President Challenges Critics To Test People of America's Sentiment.

Mechanics Hall, Boston, Feb. 24—President Wilson in his first speech here today on landing from France invited the critics of the league of nations plan to "test the sentiment of America."

Men, he declared, who would have America fall the world in its hopes, saw only beyond the nearest horizon. "They do not know the sentiment of America," he said.

Speaking of hopes and aspirations of the people of Europe for a lasting peace, which he said were pinned to the United States as the "friend to mankind," the President said he had no more doubt of "the verdict of America in this matter than I have doubt of the blood that is in me."

"The nations of the world have set their heads now to do a great thing and they are not going to stop short of their purpose. I do not speak of the governments but of the peoples who will see that if their present governments do not do their will some others will—and the secret is out and the present governments know it."

Messrs. J. H. Best and C. B. Clark left Tuesday for Richmond, Va., where they will purchase the tools and supplies for the Hines-Best Auto Sales Rooms.

G. D. ALLEN IS MADE CHAIRMAN

FRANKLIN COUNTY COTTON ASSOCIATION.

Organization Effected in Court House Wednesday—Officers Elected—Resolutions Endorsed.

About fifty or more citizens of Franklin County met in the Court House here on Wednesday and organized the Franklin County Cotton Association, in accordance with a request from Governor Bickett and the Central Committee.

The meeting was called to order and explained by Mr. C. H. Stanton, Franklin's Demonstration Agent, who called for the election of a temporary Chairman. Mr. S. A. Newell was unanimously elected and called on A. F. Johnson to act as temporary Secretary.

Mr. Newell, after announcing that the first business before the gathering was to make a permanent organization, stated that nominations were in order for a permanent chairman. Mr. G. D. Allen, of Youngsville, President of the County Farmers Union, was unanimously elected. Other officers were elected as follows:

Vice-Chairman—C. P. Harris,
Secretary—A. F. Johnson,
Treasurer—F. B. McKinnie.

A telegram and the resolutions passed at the Raleigh meeting were read. The resolutions were unanimously adopted by this association.

Mr. F. N. Egerton, President of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, explained the position of the bank in loaning money on cotton. He said that with all the desire to take a mans word for his cotton, the Bank had to require the cotton to be stored in some warehouse and insured before they could consider the loan.

The Chairman called on Messrs. W. J. Cooper and C. H. Stanton to give all present an opportunity to join the Association. They reported receiving the signatures of thirty-two.

The Chairman called on Mr. F. B. McKinnie to explain the Warehouse bill now before the North Carolina Legislature.

Upon motion the meeting unanimously endorsed the Coopers State Warehouse bill now before the Legislature, and urged the members of the General Assembly to pass same without delay.

A motion prevailed making the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, with Mr. C. H. Stanton, an Executive Committee, who, in addition to the regular duties of such a committee, were instructed to select a township committee of good men for each township, and arrange for another meeting as early as practicable, when these committees would be elected, and a speaker be secured to address the body. The date of the meeting, when set, to be advertised.

A roll call showed all townships represented except Dunn, Hayesville and Gold Mine.

Quite a lot of interest was in evidence among those present and indications are that the farmers of Franklin County will join together this year for their mutual benefit. A healthy condition was shown in the fact that practically all the farmers present had already decided to reduce their cotton acreage and require their tenants to make more home supplies.

Don't Let Up Now.

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Because the war is practically over, many people think that they can let down on the high standard of proficiency attained on the farms last year, and the year previous. This is a mistake. Simply because things were "got going" last year is no reason why they should be left to themselves this year. The present condition of the cotton market and the vital need for planting other crops this year is a real problem that needs the best of thought. The fact that many other states are going into the business of growing tobacco, and that the trusts have on hand a bountiful supply, should warn farmers that too much tobacco can be grown this year.

There is still need for food, however. The farm family will need food all the year around. All the families in the towns and cities, and in other countries, will need food. If all the food used on the farm is produced there, and the cotton and tobacco grown for surplus cash, then the farmers of North Carolina will not be "hit so hard" this fall.

North Carolina needs to use fertilizer more intelligently. Lands need more lime. Livestock in the shape of pure bred pigs, blooded dairy cows, pure bred beef cattle, sheep, and draft horses can all be raised in North Carolina. There are a number of problems that now require careful, earnest attention. Don't let up, but keep up the same spirit that helped to win the war and make a winning on the farm. Study the problems about the farm. Call on the County Agent or the woman agent, as the case may be, or write to the Agricultural Extension Service at Raleigh for aid in the different perplexing problems which will arise on the farm this year.

Mr. E. F. Thomas spent the week-end with his wife in Raleigh.