

## MANY CASES DISPOSED OF In Franklin Superior Court Past Week

Hon. W. A. Devin Holding January Term; Solicitor Brassfield Representing State; Splendid Charge To Grand Jury

The regular January term of Franklin Superior Court was convened Monday with his Honor W. A. Devin, of Oxford, presiding, and Solicitor L. S. Brassfield, of Raleigh, representing the State.

Judge Devin made a splendid and forcible charge to the grand jury in which he strongly impressed upon the members of that body the importance of their duty in enforcing the law. He said it would be largely the responsibility of the grand jury as to whether they should have a good community for the safety and pleasure of their wives and children. He said that no one is a good citizen that is not interested in law enforcement. He spoke of the bad influence of mob law and its ultimate destruction of our commonwealth if allowed to exist. In enumerating the different crimes he paid particular attention to the whiskey traffic and the failure of Justices of the Peace to make reports. His charge was clear, convincing and drew undivided interest from all.

The State is being ably represented by Solicitor Leon S. Brassfield, who succeeded Mr. W. F. Evans, and who is holding his first court in Franklin county. He is impressing our people as being a most zealous and capable officer.

Judge Devin is pushing the business of the court right along and it is not contemplated that the entire two weeks will not be consumed in clearing the docket.

The following were selected as a grand jury: J. R. White, Foreman; S. T. Perry, T. W. Boone, J. D. Alford, J. C. Champion, S. D. Denton, R. N. Mitchell, J. E. Perneli, J. T. Barham, R. L. Horton, G. T. White, P. T. Sykes, T. D. Farror, A. D. Murphy, J. R. Crenshaw, W. B. Tucker, W. H. Holmes, Jr., A. B. Perry, J. P. Pleasant, sworn as officer to grand jury.

The docket was taken up and disposed of as follows:

State vs Nat Perry, carrying concealed weapon, guilty, fined \$100 and costs.

State vs Lorenza Debnam, carrying concealed weapon, pleads guilty, fined \$100 and costs.

State vs Arthur Wright, unlawful possession of whiskey, appeal from Recorders Court, guilty, prayer for judgment continued, defendant to appear at January and October courts 1928 and show good behavior.

State vs Arthur Wright, Frank Gooch, distilling, guilty, judgment as to Arthur Wright, 12 months in State prison, sentence as to Gooch had not been completed.

State vs Jim Wilson, distilling, continued.

State vs G. B. Bell and Kelly Pearce distilling, not guilty.

State vs Ollie Weldon, Charlie Burt Cannady, William Cannady, and Jim Hawkins, distilling, this case was dismissed because it had been tried and disposed of in Recorders Court.

State vs Happy Perry, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty.

State vs J. E. Wright, assault with deadly weapon - leads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Willie Perry, abandonment continued to May term.

State vs Luke Perry, two cases resisting an officer, not guilty in one case, guilty in the other, fined \$25 and costs.

State vs Willie Walker, larceny, pleads guilty, 3 years in State prison.

State vs J. E. White, aiding and abetting in distilling, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Max Garber, larceny, called and failed, bond forfeited.

State vs C. A. Balzon, removing crops, not guilty.

State vs Clyde Bunn, nol pros.

State vs Willie Strickland, assault with deadly weapon, not guilty.

State vs Willie Joyner, larceny, continued.

State vs Washington Davis, unlawful possession of whiskey, not guilty.

State vs Anderson Williams, larceny from the person, continued.

State vs R. W. Sturdivant and Wiley Branch, case of distilling re-instated, it is ordered that upon the payment of \$94.60 and execution of a bond in the sum of \$100 for the appearance of R. W. Sturdivant at October term 1927, the said Sturdivant is allowed until said term to pay the remainder of the former order of the court.

State vs Harold Hudson, resisting an officer, not guilty.

State vs Clarence Ball, careless and reckless driving and assault with deadly weapon, mistrial, defendant enters plea of nolo contendere, prayer for judgment continued to October term.

State vs Willie Walker, larceny from person, guilty.

State vs E. B. Franklin, larceny from person, not guilty.

State vs Ernest Day, aiding and

## Father of 34



President Coolidge recently congratulated Reuben Bland (above) of Reidsville, N. C., who claims to be the champion father of U. S. Mr. Bland is papa to 34 children.

## TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in session on last Friday night as appointed at the last regular meeting, the Mayor and all the Commissioners being present.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Mr. J. T. Pruitt was before the Board with a proposition with reference to securing water supply for his property beyond Fox Swamp. Mr. Pruitt stated that he would want service for as many as twelve residences. The matter was discussed from all points and on motion of P. S. Allen it was agreed that the town would extend their water line to the town limits and connect with any line that Mr. Pruitt wished to install. This motion was seconded by Dr. Fleming and was carried. The matter of furnishing sufficient current for Mr. Pruitt was left to the discretion of the Water and Light Committee.

Mr. F. J. Beasley was before the Board with reference to having someone sleep at the fire house who should be compensated and be required to see that the fire engine was gotten out promptly on fire alarms. Mr. Beasley stated that he had instructed Herman Murphy to stay at the fire house for the last two and a half months. On motion of Mr. A. W. Person and seconded by Mr. W. E. White, it was ordered that the clerk issue order to Herman Murphy for two and a half months service at \$15 per month. Those voting aye, Person, White, Fleming, Ferguson and Allen. Those voting no, Howell.

On motion of Dr. Fleming and seconded by Mr. White the following order was passed:

Be it moved that the finance Committee with the Town Auditor, the Treasurer and F. J. Beasley, ascertain the advisability of retiring Louisville town bonds with moneys available and if not considered feasible, that

First, The First National Bank of Louisville be and the same is hereby designated as a depository for the public funds belonging to the Town of Louisville.

Second, That the Treasurer and the Clerk are hereby directed to immediately cause and be deposited in said First National Bank of Louisville, one half of all sinking funds and other funds belonging to the town, on condition that the First National Bank will extend its prorata part of certain accommodations as heretofore extended by the Farmers and Merchants Bank.

No further business the meeting adjourned.

## FIDDLERS CONVENTION

There will be a fiddlers convention at White Level School on Thursday night, January 27, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

## SERVICE PRESSING CLUB

The above is the name of a new enterprise established in Louisville by Messrs. E. T. Whisman and S. T. Cobb, of Wake Forest. They are occupying the room in the Burt building formerly occupied by the Demonstration Agents office. They will engage in the cleaning and pressing of clothes and will no doubt receive a good patronage.

## abetting in distilling, dismissed because case had been disposed of in Recorders Court.

State vs Clyde Barham, injury to personal property, carrying concealed weapons.

State vs Clyde and Tom Barham, disturbing religious worship.

The trial of the docket was still in progress as we went to press.

The grand jury completed its work on Wednesday and submitted its report which will be printed in full next week.

## FLAG AND BIBLE PRESENTATION

Louisburg Junior Order To Put On Program On Sunday, January 23rd, 1927 At 3 O'clock P. M.

On Sunday afternoon January 23rd, 1927, at 3 o'clock the Louisburg Council Jr. Order U. A. M., will present to the Epsom High School a flag and Bible. The public is cordially invited to attend this service when the following program will be rendered:

| PROGRAM                         |   |
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| Song—America                    | Audience                                  |
| Prayer                          | H. A. Faulkner, Chaplain                  |
| Announcements                   | Louisburg Council No. 17, Jr. O. U. A. M. |
| Song—"The Home Road"            | A. F. Johnson, Past Councilor             |
| Introduction                    | Louisburg Council No. 17, Jr. O. U. A. M. |
| Presentation of Flag            | Chorus                                    |
| Acceptance                      | D. T. Dickie, Sec.-Treas.                 |
| Duet—"The Lord Is My Shepherd"  | Board of Trustees Epsom High School       |
| Introduction                    | Maj. S. P. Boddie, Commanding             |
| Presentation of Bible           | 3rd Battalion 120th Inf. 30th Division    |
| Acceptance                      | J. A. Woodward, Principal                 |
| Quartette—"He Lives on High"    | Epsom High School                         |
| Formal Raising of Flag          | Mrs. W. P. Wilson                         |
| Song—"The Star Spangled Banner" | Mrs. T. C. Gill                           |
|                                 | Mrs. W. G. Kearney, President             |
|                                 | Parent-Teacher Association                |
|                                 | Supt. E. L. Best, Jr. Past Councilor      |
|                                 | Louisburg Council No. 17, Jr. O. U. A. M. |
|                                 | Geo. T. Ayscue, Chairman                  |
|                                 | Board of Trustees Epsom High School       |
|                                 | H. A. Faulkner, J. A. Woodward            |
|                                 | Mrs. W. P. Wilson, Mrs. T. C. Gill        |
|                                 | Maj. S. P. Boddie, Commanding             |
|                                 | 3rd Battalion 120th Inf. 30th Division    |
|                                 | Audience                                  |

## TOBACCO PRICES REMAIN GOOD

Louisburg Market Making Splendid Sales; Mr. Inscow Well Pleased With Local Market.

Prices have been especially good on tobacco on the Louisville market since the holidays. All grades except the dark heavy ones are doing well and growers generally are more than satisfied.

All houses are open and making splendid sales considering the unfavorable weather that has been prevalent in this section for the past two weeks.

Mr. Joseph T. Inscow, of Castalia, Route 1, one of Franklin County's most progressive, prosperous planters was in Louisville this week and speaking of the Louisville tobacco market said:

"Aside from our share crops, my son, P. H. Inscow and I planted five acres in tobacco in 1926, and considering an imperfect stand, we called it four and a half acres. It brought us a little over \$1700, and we sold all of it in Louisville except two barns."

"I believe it paid us to sell in Louisville where we know the folks and the folks know us, as we were just a little better pleased with our sales in Louisville than elsewhere."

Get your next load ready and bring it on to Louisville.

## EDWARD BEST HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The work of the spring semester is progressing very satisfactory. The pupils are pursuing their studies with renewed interest and enthusiasm. The library societies have reorganized and are doing good work. Six new pupils have enrolled making the total enrollment of 116.

Our main objective of the school at this time, is to increase the number of volumes in the library. Much interest is being manifested, and we hope to make a favorable report later.

Miss Vallie Inscow, Miss Alice Strickland, Miss Mary Fowler and Mr. Grove Griffin have been selected to represent the Edward Best High School in the triangular debate to be held this spring.

The boys basket ball team have new suits of which they are quite proud. The girls team have theirs ordered, and hope to appear in them some time in the near future.

All members of the school, teachers and pupils, sympathize heartily with Mr. J. T. Pearce and family because of the death of Mrs. Lynn Pearce, one of the neighborhood and school girls. She was beautiful and attractive; had a very sweet disposition; and numbered her friends by her acquaintances. She was a member of the Cedar Rock church and lived a most beautiful Christian life. Therefore we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. Rev. J. A. McIver in the absence of the Pastor, Rev. R. P. Downey, conducted the funeral services in a most beautiful and impressive manner.

## WOMANS CLUB TO MEET

The Womens Club of Louisville will hold a special meeting on Thursday afternoon, January 27th, 1927 at 3:30 o'clock at the graded school lunch room. All members are urged to be present.

The biggest fish in the social swim is not always a good catch.

## OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, January 17.—With two weeks of the General Assembly ended it is increasingly apparent that the reforms in county government and the approval of the budgetary system for operating the State government are outstanding matters.

More than half the bills thus far introduced have a bearing on reforms of various parts of the county government along the lines suggested by the county government commission and it is increasingly apparent that some definite state-wide reform of counties will be handled by the legislature.

On the subject of the State budgetary system the opinion of the General Assembly members is overwhelmingly in favor of the Governor's budget plans and hardly has a governor ever been so heavily endorsed on any measure as he is on the operations of the executive budget act during the past two years and the plans which he has for its operation during the remainder of his term. The report of the governor and budget commission, it is believed, will be adopted almost without changes, or if there are any changes they will be so slight as to not amount to much. The research and experience of the governor and budget commission in drawing up their recommendations are the guiding posts of the legislators.

The body has gotten definitely to work and the committees appointed during the past week are functioning at top speed. A number of state-wide measures are up for consideration and before long the fur will begin to fly fast and furious. The election system, judiciary, operation of motor vehicles, state constabulary, and other matters are receiving attention.

The budget commission report revealed that the value of the State property in and nearby to Raleigh has a valuation of twenty million dollars. The bill to repeal the title registration law probably will be snuffed under when the aid which it has been in recovering autos has been detailed to the legislators. The condition of the State general fund as of December 31, 1926, showed an overdraft of \$790,459 but when the heavy collections of Revenue start coming in between now and June 30, it is expected the overdraft will be turned into a large surplus. A number of biennial reports have come in since the legislature started and these will furnish a great deal of food for future legislation, it is believed. Among these are the education department, state prison, attorney general's office and highway commission. The budget and appropriation measures have been introduced and it is expected that the committees will grant hearings before finally reporting them back for action. Heads of departments and institutions are to be questioned as usual and committees will investigate recommendations of the Budget Commission before passing finally upon them. There is to be no guess work in handling fiscal matters by this legislature. The State is said to be worth around fifty-six million dollars over and above its entire indebtedness the value of the State Highway System heading the list of values with \$126,656,675. The University is second in rank with a value of \$6,492,414 and the State administration plant at Raleigh tips the scales at \$6,036,409. Next in rank is the college for women at Greensboro valued at \$5,468,645.

If the budget acts are approved by the General Assembly it is said that a cash surplus will accrue by the end of Governor McLean's administration two years hence. If it appears that appropriations made by this Legislature are excessive the Governor and his commission may use the pruning knife and pass the excess along to the next administration. Cuts in appropriations during the last biennium amounted to \$351,000. With half a million more revenue than at first estimated available a surplus may reasonably be expected without much guess work. Any calculation may as well take into consideration the additional sum provided in the Turlington Pension bill now well on the road to ratification. This would provide relief for all Confederate soldiers who hereafter apply for a pension and deserving widows of the same. Pending third reading of the bill in the House it was sent back to the Appropriation Committee to make sure of no reduction of the amount now allowed to Confederate veterans. It is a pretty safe bet that there will be no excess in appropriations over revenue believed to be available when money shall be needed during 1927-28.

An event of note during the week of General Assembly proceedings was a very inspiring and enjoyable address to a joint session in the House of Representatives on Thursday by Mrs. Ida Clyde Clark, writer and lecturer of note, who is in the State collecting data for the Century magazine which she is serving in the capacity of editorial contributor. She insisted that the women do not wish to run the Government, but were willing to help the men to make a complete job of it and suggested teamwork as a means of getting the best results. Mrs. Clark is highly intelligent, instructive and entertaining and a most cordial welcome to the State capitol and the General Assembly was accorded her.

## SENATOR SPAINHOUR, OF BURKE, WOULD DO AWAY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF LAW HAVING TO DO WITH VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, THE NORMAL SCHOOLS, THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS AND OTHER IMPORTANT EDUCATIONAL FEATURES OF THE STATE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

He also wanted to pass a bill reducing the number of members of the board of education in Burke county from five to three and allow the republicans representation on the board. The latter bill received a favorable report from the committee to which it was referred, but the Senate adopted a minority report offered by Senators Moore of Martin and Johnson of Duplin, by a vote of 27 to 17, and the proposed measure went to the unfavorable calendar, a fate which is likely to befall the other measures attacking the school system of the State. Representative Everett, of Durham proposes to divide the State into three judicial circuits for superior court judges, instead of two as at present, increase the number of judges, solicitors and judicial districts from twenty to twenty-four, do away with emergency judges. In addition to the introduction of measures providing these changes Mr. Everett has presented a resolution calling on the Governor to furnish the Judiciary Committee with complete information relative to the number of emergency judges commissioned during the past two years and expenses of the same. The administration measure presented by Representative A. D. McLean, of Beaufort, calls for a vote on an amendment to the Constitution placing the superior courts under the supervision of the Supreme Court. Members of the legal profession in the Assembly held divergent views on the subject and a spirited contest is in prospect. A bill by representative Smith of Wake, would give the State Highway Commission supreme authority in locating roads instead of having its decisions set at naught by the courts of the State as in the Newton and Lumberton cases; Senator Broughton's bill to limit allowances drawing capital punishment allows juries to recommend that the death penalty be not imposed on three of the crimes on which it is now demanded, rape being an exception in the bill; Senator Sharp of Rockingham offers a bill providing for the abolishment of the county school system in favor of a State plan to be supported by a State-wide property tax based on a re-valuation of all property under the supervision of a board of assessors composed of nine members including the commissioner of Revenue who would be ex-officio chairman, a radical departure from the present system and likely to awaken the ire of the established order; Doctor Oscar Hayward, of Montgomery, is dead against roadside betting and tipping parties and a bill he introduced in the House recently would authorize all officers of the law to examine and search automobiles found parked by the roadside of public highways, ground of suspicion being the fact that they are not in motion; if the bill by Senator Blount, of Pitt, passes the constitution of the United States will have to be taught in the public schools beginning with the eighth grade and in all tax supporting State institutions; Judge Francis D. Winston, of Bertie, has an idea of creating a game reserve in eastern Carolina where he says there are extensive areas suitable for this purpose, especially along the Chowan and Roanoke rivers and Albemarle Sound. The Council of Women is to renew the fight for an Australian ballot law; a two-week marriage ban; an eight hour day for children in industry; a reformatory home for negro girls similar to Samarcaud for whites and a farm colony for women offenders older than those received at Samarcaud. A similar program met with defeat at the hands of the last General Assembly, but the ladies started earlier this year and propose to "dig in the last ditch." The State Department of Public Welfare is supporting some if not all of these proposals and kindred subjects announced in its biennial report just out, a document of no man proportions of idle suggestions.

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK HAS GOOD YEAR

At the regular meeting of the stock holders of the First National Bank of Louisville, held on January 11th, the report of the cashier showed a net profit for the year in excess of ten thousand dollars, after allowing five thousand dollars depreciation on furniture and fixtures and other equipment and paying the regular 6 percent dividend, which was paid to stock holders on December 21st.

Officers and directors re-elected were as follows:

W. E. White, President; F. J. Beasley, Vice-President and Cashier; Wm. B. Barrow, Assistant Cashier. The Directors are W. E. White, Chairman; F. W. Justice; S. A. Newell, Harry H. Johnson, F. J. Beasley; bookkeepers and stenographers, Mrs. E. F. Griffin and Miss Eleanor Collier.

The officers, directors and shareholders were well pleased with the excellent condition of the bank and are looking forward for a good year for 1927.

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Whenever common sense is applied, there isn't much use for law.