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\$100,000 to provide new buildings. The jury failed to investigate far enough to ascertain that the State school department had investigated these buildings, made certain requirements which were provided and accepted them for school use.

The leak in the roof at the Youngsville school is unfortunate. The editor of the TIMES happens to know that hundreds of dollars have been spent in an effort to stop this leak, but it seems to be an impossible task.

The negro school at Louisburg, evidently needs some minor attention and we believe will get it.

With reference to the action of the jury on the murder charges the public was not so much surprised at the failure of finding a true bill against Faulkner for the murder of his daughter, as they were doubtful at all times of sufficient evidence to support the charge.

It is possibly fortunate for law and order that the matter was not closed at this time, as it would bar it being taken up at a future session of the grand jury when additional evidence may present itself. But surprise was expressed by many when the jury failed to find a true bill against Connie Faison for killing Stallings, when it is understood Faison confessed the killing to Deputy Sheriff P. E. Dean and signed a statement in the presence of Sheriff Moore and others admitting the killing.

Of course the grand jury is not supposed to try a case; to say whether a crime is justifiable or not, or find a person guilty. It's duty is only to conduct an investigation for the State to ascertain whether there is sufficient justification of the charges to take up the time of the Court in trying a case.

It is understood an investigation by court officials of the reckless driving charges has been requested and it is hoped the situation can be clarified and the boys given official credit for the splendid work they are given credit for by their communities, and that the other questions may be amicably settled with the proper protection of the County's and people's interests.

WHO WANTS TO BE 100, ANWAY?

It is a bit disturbing, just as we had been reading about the old Negro of 116 who is living on a Federal pension, in Tennessee, to have the insurance actuaries, who ought to know, come out and say flatly that no human being ever lived to be more than 106, and very few, not more than 30 in a million, ever reach 100. Insurance records and other public documents going back more than 100 years are cited to prove that all of the tales of persons living one or two or three decades beyond the 100-year mark are myths.

Mankind is the longest-lived of all the mammals, living longer than even whales or elephants; but it is curious, at least, that most of the people over 100 were born in places where no accurate public birth records were kept. Such stories come every day or two from the far corners of the earth. People believe them because, probably, life is the most precious thing to all of us, and we would rather not believe that it has a time-limit.

"The days of our years are three-score years and ten," wrote the Psalmist; and for the vast majority, that is as true now as it was in David's day.

WILL IT BE "QUEEN WALLY"?

Next to the question of who will be elected President of the United States on November 3, probably more people in this country are interested in the question whether King Edward VIII of England is going to marry the vivacious American woman, Mrs. Ernest Simpson, after she gets her divorce, which her husband said he would not contest when the case came up for trial in an English court. Nobody knows the answer but the King and Mrs. Simpson, but the underwriters of Lloyd's, the great English insurance exchange, are asking a 25 percent premium to insure London merchants against the postponement of the King's coronation, which had been set for next May. That is taken to mean that British financial minds believe that the King will get married—to somebody—with the result that all plans for the coronation will be changed.

Meantime, the gossips of both sides of the Atlantic are busy speculating as to whether the King intends to marry Mrs. Simpson, whether he can legally marry her, whether if he marries her she can take the title of Queen, and whether he ought to marry her, anyway. All America is interested, because she is an American. Everybody who ever knew the former Miss Wallie Warfield of Baltimore speaks of her in the highest terms as a lady who can hold her own in any society, and whose lineage, if not royal, is at least as good and as well authenticated as that of King Edward himself. She has been the King's constant companion for a long time, and numbers among her friends many of the highest figures in the British peerage. But she is an American, though a British subject by reason of her marriage to Ernest Simpson.

Can the King of England marry a commoner? Nobody seems to know of any law to prevent him from marrying anyone he pleases, except the Act of Succession which prohibits him from marrying a Roman Catholic. But Mrs. Simpson is a Protestant, so there seems to be no legal obstacle in the way of her marrying the King if it so pleases both of them.

To be sure, no King of England has married a commoner since Henry VIII took Anne Boleyn to wife; but that is not to say it can't be done. An old English law prohibits any member of the royal family from marrying without the monarch's consent, but surely King Edward could give his own consent to his own marriage. And if the question of nobility is a serious one, nobody can prevent the King from making Mrs. Simpson a duchess or a marchioness before he marries her. Kings have ennobled their favorites in the past—without marrying them. King Charles II's blood runs in the veins of some of England's proudest families, descendants of his illegitimate children of whom Nell Gwynne was the mother, and upon whom he conferred title of nobility.

It seems to be true that whomsoever the King legally marries becomes the Queen, although the husband



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DETROIT . . . Lieut. John M. Sterling (above), set a new air speed record, averaging 217.5 miles per hour, to win the 1936 Mitchell Trophy Race. The late Brig.-Gen. William E. Mitchell, U. S. Army, established the annual event.

NEGRO MINSTREL AT H.R.-W.L.

A Negro Minstrel will be given at H. R.-W. L. School on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, at 7:30 o'clock, which will provide fun for everybody. You can't afford to miss it. A small admission will be charged, which will be used for the benefit of the school.

A number of small farmers in Swain County will use a ton or more of lime each this fall as a demonstration. So far twelve men have purchased 50 tons.

TRUCK DRIVERS OK.

Principal Miller, of Edward Best School writes regarding the grand jury report as applies to his truck drivers:

To the Editor:—For the information of the people in my school district, namely, Cedar Rock-Cypress Creek, in which Edward Best school is located, who, perhaps have been wondering about the Grand Jury report published in the Franklin Times last week concerning the bus drivers of Edward Best and Justice schools, I have this to say:

First, the ten drivers who transport children in this district have been chosen with extreme care, their driving experience, their age, and their dependability having been considered. They are sons of some of the best citizens in the County. They welcome at all times any criticisms about their driving which are intended to improve their driving. Some of them have driven a school bus from 10,000 to 15,000 miles without an accident.

Second, if any person can furnish me any reliable evidence that any driver has been guilty of willfully driving a bus in a reckless manner while it was loaded with children, he (the driver) shall be discharged at once.
 R. E. Miller, Principal,
 Cedar Rock-Cypress Creek School District.

of a reigning Queen does not automatically become King. Queen Victoria's husband had only the title of Prince Consort.

It is all interesting speculation, especially in view of the fact that "Wally's" forthcoming divorce will be her second. King Edward's great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, would not recognize or receive a divorcee, but times and moral judgments have changed in the 35 years since Victoria died. It is hardly likely that anybody would try to snub "Queen Wally," if things should turn out that way.—Selected.

Public Calendar

Events of College of Particular Interest to Louisburg People.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 Dr. R. F. Yarborough, County Health Officer

Diphtheria
 Diphtheria, a germ born contagious disease, is not only a dangerous disease; especially for infants and small children, but the after effects are often most serious. This disease has been more prevalent this year than for many years.

All children should be given the Schick test, which shows if they are susceptible to Diphtheria. If this test is positive they should be immunized. Children under six years of age susceptible to Diphtheria by the Schick test should be given Toxoid (one dose), older children, Toxin-Antitoxin (three doses). Bring the children to the Health Office or to your family physician and the Schick test will be given and if positive they should be vaccinated against Diphtheria.

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1. Rev. F. B. Peele, pastor Methodist Church in Selma, 10:30 Tuesday, November 3, Methodist Church.
2. Faculty Musical Recital, Prof. I. D. Moon and Prof. Mary Finch, 8:00 Wednesday evening, November 4, Little Theatre.
3. Dramatic Club Program, Prof. Martha Auten in charge, 10:30 Friday morning, November 6, Methodist Church.
4. Dr. D. B. Bryan, Dean Wake Forest College, 10:30 Friday, November 13, Methodist Church.
5. "The Cuckoo's Nest," comedy play to be presented by Dramatic Club, under direction of Prof. Martha Auten, 8:00 Tuesday evening, November 17, Opera House.
6. Music Program, Prof. I. D. Moon and Prof. Mary Finch, 10:30 Tuesday morning, November 17, Methodist Church.

All voters are urged to visit the polls early Tuesday, vote the Democratic ticket and give President Roosevelt and Gov. Hoey the biggest majority ever rolled up.

Sure they were joking. Franklin County Democrats are not only loyal, but good sports. They will march up to the polls Tuesday and make a cross in the circle just the same as they would expect others do when their choice of candidates failed of nomination.

There is a special law passed for Franklin County that makes it unlawful for any one to beg, either directly or indirectly within the County, without the special permission of the Welfare Officer, who the law requires to make an investigation and determine the worthiness of the particular case before giving such permission. The same law makes it the duty of the Sheriff and all police officers and constables to stop persons soliciting funds without such permission. Attention is called to this because of so much violation of this statute recently.

There is no reason to believe that any government agency or administration did all to return better conditions, and there is no dispute that the Roosevelt administration and the North Carolina Democratic administration furnished the power and the backing that caused the machinery of normality to begin to roll back our way. Now you are given an opportunity to show your appreciations of this action. Go to the polls on Tuesday and with your vote keep the party in power that has given you this assistance in times of greatest need.

GRAND JURY REPORT

Since the recent grand jury report has been the subject of so general discussion, we feel that, in the interest of the public and the grand jury some comment will be in order. In this instance be it remembered the grand jury has information that is not given to the public and upon which they are in position to give a more intelligent report. This comment is made, not in a sense of criticism, except constructive, but with the hope of bringing minds together on a more friendly conclusion.

The TIMES has commended the grand jury for its straight-from-the-shoulder report. It still commends it for such a report, where circumstances and conditions warrant it and we in no way mean to discredit their efforts to establish the truth. About the only questions involved are did they go far enough in their investigations or did they unintentionally go to the extreme in their statements.

In the reference to the jail the TIMES is not in position to give any information on the action of the janitor, except to say that in view of the Commissioners and Welfare officer's inspections it doesn't seem that such conditions should be allowed to exist. However, we do feel, that the use of the jail for the storage of confiscated blockade stills, with their dirty and filthy odor should not be allowed. Neither should any portion of the jail be used for the storage of the election machinery or other equipment of the County. We do not now, nor never have felt that these conditions were sanitary, healthful, safe or convenient. The safety and protection of the prisoners, to say nothing of the convenience and proper care of the County property demand a change. In this respect the grand jury was right.

With respect to the reckless driving of the ten truck drivers of the Edward Best School this appears to be an instance where the grand jury used language in excess of what was intended. Generally people do not believe they intended bringing criminal charges against the boys without preferring presentments to be tried out in open Court. Information from persons representing the boys and the school authorities show that two members of the jury visited the school for investigation of the trucks, that two of the drivers were requested to drive trucks for tests and to drive fast and stop quick, which they did, and for which they were reprimanded by the Principal, who did not know they had been so instructed. They were not driving on the highway, nor had they children in the trucks. The record of these drivers is four years of daily service during school time without accident. The boys are resentful for having been the only ones in the County reported as reckless when they have been so zealous of their record. The school officials and the parents and friends of the boys feel hurt by the report, in view of such a favorable record.

That portion of the report dealing with the school buildings at Justice and Bunn, in a general way, is acceptable; the public generally would be glad to see nice modern, brick structures in the place of the wooden buildings. But what would happen if the recommendations of the grand jury were carried out? Children would be denied instructions for a while because neither Edward Best or Bunn Schools could accommodate the children without these buildings, and the County would be put to an expense of between \$75,000 and

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