

MARCH TERM SUPERIOR COURT

Convened Here Last Monday.
Trial of Civil Cases Only

The March term of Superior Court convened here Monday for the trial of civil cases only with Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, presiding.

The first case tried was that of Joe Moore vs Wesley Cheek. Moore alleged that Cheek was indebted to him in the sum of \$37.50 on a contract between them; Cheek set up a counterclaim against Moore for \$60. The jury found that Moore was indebted to Cheek in the sum of \$24, and judgment was rendered in favor of Cheek and against Moore for this amount.

Rosa Stratton vs Lena Poe was an action to have a deed executed by B. F. Poe, deceased, to the defendant set aside on the grounds that B. F. Poe was not mentally competent to make a deed at the time of its execution. The deed in question was written on June 21st, 1918, and acknowledged on July 6th, 1918. It conveyed a tract of land of about 200 acres to Mrs. Lena Poe, wife of A. P. Poe, deceased, who was a son of B. F. Poe, for a named consideration of \$1,000. Mrs. Stratton, who is a daughter of B. F. Poe, alleged that her father did not have sufficient mental capacity at the time of the execution of this deed to know what he was doing, and the jury so found and the deed was set aside.

Roy Lee Dixon vs Wilkins-Ricks Co. was an action to recover damages for breach of warranty in a horse trade. The jury found that the alleged warranty was made, that it was false and awarded Dixon \$200 as damages.

L. C. Ellington vs Jack Johnson was a suit in which the plaintiff claimed that the defendant owed him about \$46 on a chattel mortgage as the balance of the purchase price for a certain mule. The defendant alleged that he had fully paid this mortgage and that Ellington was indebted to him in the sum of \$50. The jury found in favor of the defendant and returned a verdict of \$50 for Johnson and against Ellington.

W. H. Garner vs W. M. Barber arose out of the question of the ownership of some window blinds. Garner alleged that he bought these blinds at an auction sale at the time he bought a house and lot from the defendant. The defendant denied that he ever owned the window blinds and that they were sold at the auction sale. The verdict of the jury was that the plaintiff was not entitled to the blinds.

Up to the time of going to press other cases were disposed of as follows:

J. C. Lane vs R. G. Lasater et al; settled without trial.

Siler City Loan and Trust Co. vs Harry B. Hannah; settled.

J. H. Norwood vs N. L. Broughton; continued.

S. W. Johnson vs T. G. Rawlins; continued.

National Novelty Co. vs T. M. Bynum; compromised.

Robert Palmer vs T. M. Bynum; plaintiff failed to prosecute; judgment by default for defendant on counter claim.

C. L. Lindsay vs A. H. Marks et al; continued.

Maude Holland vs Jessie Seagroves; continued.

Margaret H. Womble vs Jack C. Murphy; continued.

In re the will of M. M. Fogleman; continued.

Old Suit Ended

The recent opinion handed down by the Supreme Court in the case of Buckhorn Land and Timber Co. vs. J. A. Yarborough affirming the decision of the lower court in favor of the defendant, ends a suit of long standing. This was a civil action, begun in Harnett County many years ago and transferred to Chatham in 1915, over the title to a tract of land, originally a part of what was known fifty years ago as the "penitentiary lands."

The plaintiff won at the first trial but an appeal was taken and a new trial granted by the Supreme Court which was held last July resulting in a verdict for the defendant, a Harnett County negro. From the judgment rendered at the last trial, the plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court which has just affirmed this judgment.

NEW WEATHER RECORD

Monday Broke All Records For Temperature

Tuesday's Raleigh News & Observer says that Monday set new records for March weather in Raleigh, according to a statement made last night by L. A. Denson, director of the local weather bureau. The thermometer yesterday touched 86, breaking all records for temperature from January 1 to March 21, inclusive.

To find anything approaching yesterday's mark the weather statisticians had to dig all the way back to 1894 27 years ago. On March 19, of that year, the thermometer touched 85, but recent years have seen nothing like the recent spell of warm weather which culminated in the general shedding of coats yesterday.

According to Mr. Denson there has been only one day in the 23, day period beginning Feb. 27 and ending yesterday in which the average temperature for the day has not exceeded normal. The sole exception was on March 4, which fell one degree short. The average for the period has been 16 degrees above normal and has the kind of weather which the books say should not arrive in this locality until the first week in May.

But the average temperature yesterday was 75 degrees, a full 13 points above the mark of 52 that is set down in the books for March 21, and was the brand of weather ordinarily expected in the last days of May.

However, there must be an end to all good things and the period ended with the record smasher yesterday. Colder weather has prevailed in the North and West for several days and Mr. Denson stated last night that Raleigh people will have to wait several weeks before getting "more of the same."

Religious Services

The religious services, conducted by Rev. J. J. Boone, pastor of the Methodist Church here, are nightly growing in interest. Large congregations attend and many have given their promise to live a different life in the future.

Regular services were held last Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, instead of 11, an unusual event in church circles in this community, but the pastor was not only astonished but greatly pleased at the large attendance so early in the morning. These meetings will be continued the balance of the week and will probably close Saturday night.

Foust-Stroud

A marriage of much interest was solemnized on last Friday at the home of Mrs. O. B. Stroud at Ore Hill when her daughter Miss Belle Stroud was married to Mr. Eugene Harris Foust, of Mt. Vernon Springs.

A most attractive ivy covered altar had been improvised in the front parlor, under which the couple stood to take the vows. The ceremony was performed by Rev. O. A. Keller, pastor of the bride. The wedding march was played by Miss Kate Hudson.

The bride is a young woman of rare personality and loved by all who know her. She was educated at Meredith College and is quite a musician. The groom is the son of the late Mr. John M. Foust and Mrs. Foust of Mt. Vernon Springs. He is a man of sterling worth.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES REQUIRED

Under the new law that has been passed by the last Legislature, it is more difficult to get married than ever before. In addition to the requirements formerly prevailing, the contracting parties must each produce a certificate from a reputable physician showing that their physical condition is such as to meet the requirements of the law. For the information of prospective candidates for matrimony, we publish below the forms of certificate required:

Certificate required of female: To the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, N. C.:

This is to certify that I have this day examined _____ and find the nonexistence of tuberculosis in the infectious stages and that she has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be of unsound mind.

This _____ day of _____, 192____, _____ M. D.

Certificate required of male: To the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, N. C.:

This is to certify that I have this day examined _____ and find the nonexistence of any venereal disease, the nonexistence of tuberculosis in the infectious state, and find that the applicant has not been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction an idiot, imbecile or of unsound mind.

This _____ day of _____, 192____, _____ M. D.

Case Tractor School

The Case Tractor School, which has been in session here for the past two days, was a surprise to its promoters and others. There were quite a number of persons here in attendance from all parts of the County and some from adjoining Counties. Three of the Case experts were here and gave lessons on all parts of the tractor mechanism and those who listened to these tractor doctors seemed to be deeply interested.

Every working part of a tractor was laid bare upon a table and each piece was shown by pictures on the wall exactly where they fitted. Two or three tractors were torn to pieces and were shown to pupils how to put them together again.

Some of the boy pupils of the Pittsboro High School were also present part of the time and took much interest in the lecture given by one of the Case men.

It is one of the best schools of its kind ever seen here and probably in North Carolina and is being well attended. The school continues to-day, finishing the three day's term.

Y. A. Oldham

The funeral services of Y. A. Oldham, originally from this County but recently of Graham, were conducted at Lystra Church in Williams, township Monday afternoon. Mr. Oldham died at Graham Saturday night, March 19th at the age of about 75 years.

During the war between the States Mr. Oldham fought bravely as a Confederate soldier for the cause of the South. As he fought, so he lived, courageously and uprightly. At all times a man of the highest character, he enjoyed the esteem and respect of all who knew him.

Mrs. Daniel L. Bell and little daughter, Elizabeth McLin, returned home from Rex Hospital, Raleigh, last Saturday afternoon.

KARL JANSEN, THE HUMORIST

Will Appear at the Academy Monday Night, April 4

Karl Jansen, of Ashland, Ky., the famous humorist, entertainer and impersonator, will give one of his entertainments at the Pittsboro School Auditorium on Monday night, April 4. This is the first time this well known entertainer has ever scheduled a program for this town. The program will consist of humorous selections, various impersonations and also dramatic presentations of famous scenes from Shakespeare. He will give a lecture to the students during the day on some of Shakespeare's plays.

Mr. Jansen has been on the stage at this kind of work for several years having given entertainments at the various summer schools in the State and also at most of the larger high schools. The price of admission is 35 and 25 cents. All cordially invited.

MR. T. H. PERRY WRITES AGAIN

Editor of The Record:

When the imaginative mind of man begins to play upon the unknown quantities, and peradventure there would be an explosion, that would reveal the unheard of argument that the most correct and economical way to have good roads, is for a township to give a note of long standing, at a high rate of interest, to pay for having a plat of land broken, then quietly wait in happy anticipation for the full moon in July, or some other convenient season, when this newborn infant shall have grown into full maturity and usefulness, provided it gets the proper attention of some horticulturist or other stimulations to enable it to follow the meandering of a beautiful trellis or lattice work, which leads through fields and forests, finally sinking into oblivion, where the toad and highland terrapin snooze in happy seclusion, to await the announcement of an approaching "fiver" on high gear at breakneck speed, over the best type of new roads, would be far in advance of any discovery of the present century, should such reasoning come to pass.

But the attractive features of these new ideas of one who claims to know the difference between "a spouting geyser" and an ordinary mud hole, is the theory that a wooded area, where the seed tick has not been forced to migrate to other parts in search of good wholesome food, or the fire fly has not been annihilated by use for domestic lightning, while waiting for a dry season so that John D. could send in his tank of light fuel, should not with propriety, modestly ask that the Commissioners of Chatham County construct a road of modern type through Hadley township somewhere along the line of the old Pittsboro and Graham road so as to connect these two towns by a line that leads through a section where it would accommodate three times more people in this County than any other route between these two points.

Besides, the people of this community have made as great an effort as any I know of anywhere by spending, in the last two years, \$165 for road scrape, \$30 for four-horse plow, \$20 for two scoops, put into good condition six miles of country road, so as to get our Raleigh papers out from Siler City, 16 miles away, the same day printed, built 3 1-2 miles of new public road, taken over 10 miles of other County roads, all of which are now in splendid condition (wish you could see them), and built two small ten-foot bridges, all of this up to January 1st, 1921, with only \$40 expense to the County. Since January 1st over 100 days of work has been given to the roads of this section.

Just few years back we built one 80-foot and one 60-foot bridge of good oak across Terrell's Creek, free of cost to the County. So when Pittsboro and Graham has been connected by a good road through this section (as I am sure will be done soon) we will have what justice demands.

This is positively my last on the road subject. T. H. PERRY.
Siler City, Rt. 4.

TERRIBLE NEW POISON

Three Drops of It Fatal If It Touches Skin

The chemical warfare service of the United States army has discovered a liquid poison so strong that three drops will kill any one whose skin it touches. Falling like rain from nozzles attached to aeroplanes, the liquid would kill everything in the aircraft's path, it is said.

"One plane, carrying two tons of the liquid, could cover an area 100 feet wide by seven miles long in one trip and could deposit enough material to kill every man in that area."

"The only limit to the quantity of this liquid which could be made is the amount of available electric power," he continues, "as nearly every nation has virtually an unlimited supply of the necessary raw materials. It would be entirely possible for this country to manufacture several thousand tons a day, if the necessary plants were built. During the Argonne offensive the entire First American army of 1,250,000 men could have been annihilated in 12 hours if Germany had had 4,000 tons of this material, and 400 planes equipped for its distribution."

"The chemical warfare service is developing protective clothing to entirely cover the wearer and make him impervious to the deadly liquid."

Barbecue and Fish Fry

There will be a barbecue and fresh fish dinner, served at the Buckhorn Falls Power plant, Eastern Monday, by the Corinth School Betterment Association. Ice cream, candies, soft drinks, etc., will be dispensed on the grounds. In case of unfavorable weather, dinner will be served indoors. A limited quantity of live fish will be for sale. Good roads all the way. Come and enjoy a day's outing and a good barbecued dinner.

Bynum Notes

Paul Jones and Numa Perry spent a few days in Greensboro last week.

Mrs. Everett Andrews and children visited Clarence Andrews Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Overacre and children and Mrs. S. M. Moore, of Pittsboro, spent the week-end here with friends.

Miss Flossie Cole spent the week-end with her parents at Riggsbee.

Billie White and family spent Sunday with relatives near Banks' Chapel.

Garland Johnson and family of Sanford, spent the week-end with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hearne.

The play that was given here Saturday night by the school was a success and was enjoyed by all. The sum realized was \$22.30.

The school here will close next Friday, 25th. The play (Dot, the Miner's Daughter) that was given here last Saturday night, will be given at the Fair View school house at Riggsbee Friday night, the 25th.

Prof. Noble, at the University at Chapel Hill, will give a lecture here on Education Saturday night the 26th, at 8 o'clock. Public invited.

Frank Atwater has gone to Raleigh where he has accepted a position.

Dr. L. E. Farthing, of Wilmington, spent Monday here.

ELECTRICITY WILL BE FREE AS WATER

The New System Will Revolutionize Life According to Scientist

Coal-less cities and furnaceless homes, usually considered the dream of the scientist, are coming, according to Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, the world's famous electrical wizard. The day is not far distant, according to the electrical expert, when electricity will be almost as free as water, and he predicts that it will revolutionize the mode of present-day life.

"When heating is all done electrically we can maintain an average temperature in our homes regardless of the weather outside," he said. "Electrical apparatus will cool the air in summer, keep the humidity normal at all times, and provide ventilation summer and winter."

"Cooking by electricity will be much more satisfactory. No more coal ranges and a great deal of our food can be cooked on the table. Entertainment in our homes will also be improved. We just push a plug into a base receptacle, as we do for a vacuum cleaner, and we can have a concert in our homes. Music will be supplied by a central station and distributed to subscribers by wire, just as we get our telephone service today. Perhaps this will be by wireless, the house being equipped with a radio receiving apparatus. With this arrangement improved, we may hear grand opera stars as they sing in European capitals while sitting in our libraries at home."

"With the electrical improvements to come there will be a change in our transportation system. There will be more electric automobiles and bicycles and electricity will be used so generally that the cost will likely be apportioned on the basis of a tax, like our water tax of today. The charge will probably be so much a plug, as we are now charged so much a faucet. Electricity will be so cheap that it will not pay to have meters installed, readings taken and a good system of accounts kept."

PAREGORIC

A spring sign—a barefoot boy.

The peace treaty has been signed again.

Telling the Truth—Headline. Suppose an editor— It's no use to say any more.

What has become of the old lady who used to sit in the chimney corner and smoke her pipe?

Young lady, if you are afflicted with bad nerves apply dish water to the hands three times a day.

A South Carolina magistrate smelled a distillery three miles away. That's nothing. A Pittsboro man smelled liquor made in New York.

Bath, at one time the capital of the province of North Carolina, is now 216 years old. A man whitewashed his chicken coop there one day and the citizens thought the fellow had lost his mind.

Congress Passed 400 Bills

During the Sixty-sixth Congress more than 23,000 bills and resolutions were introduced and a few more than 400 passed, according to figures just compiled. In the house 17,293 bills and resolutions were introduced, while the number in the senate was 5,784.