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## COOPER TO SERVE ROAD SENTENCE

Chief Executive Says He Acts  
In Official Capacity As  
Representative

Raleigh, April 11—Clemency was refused Thomas E. Cooper, former Wilmington banker, now serving a term of eight years on New Hanover county roads for infraction of the state banking laws, in a statement issued tonight by Governor McLean.

At the recent hearing in Cooper's case before the chief executive, numerous friends, including men of the state, appeared in the prisoner's behalf. Governor McLean announced he would consider the petitions and announce his decision later.

"I feel it my conscientious duty to decline to act favorably in this case," Governor McLean said.

The statement: "The application for parole of the prisoner, Thomas E. Cooper, was made to me first more than a year ago and since that time numerous letters and petitions were filed with me, asking that he be paroled before beginning his term upon the roads of New Hanover county, and while he was confined in the federal prison at Atlanta.

Upon his release some weeks from the federal prison, I granted him a respite of 20 days before beginning his term on the roads in order that he might visit his wife and children and attend to some personal matters. He began the service of his sentence at the expiration of the 20 days and soon thereafter his counsel sought and obtained a hearing before the pardon commissioner and before the pardon commissioner and myself in which they asked for parole of the prisoner for the remainder of his term.

"The pardon commissioner made a very thorough investigation of all the facts in the case.

"After personally giving the matter careful and deliberate consideration I have reached the conclusion that a proper regard for the public interest does not justify me in extending clemency to the prisoner at this time. It is true that he has paid the penalty for infraction of the laws of the United States, but that does not, in my opinion, absolve him from paying the debt which he owes to the state of North Carolina.

"The state after all represents the people whose sovereignty is expressed in the laws they have enacted for the protection of their rights, and these laws have been broken by the prisoner.

"In exercising the power of parole vested in me by the constitution of this state, I am acting not in a personal but in an official capacity. I am the representative, not of myself but of the people of the state as a whole. If I were acting for myself, undoubtedly my sympathy for the prisoner whom I have personally known for a long time and particularly for his wife and children, would influence me to grant clemency.

"It is, in fact, painful to me to withhold favorable action which I know would mean so much to them, but it must be remembered that the performance of official duty is not always easy and pleasant. The fact that the prisoner is prominently connected and has powerful friends must not be considered in passing upon his case. We should continue to strive to maintain equality before the law, even though it may be difficult to accomplish."

## Woman's Club Has Red Letter Day

Mesdames Jerman, Bickett, Perdue, and Randolph, of State-Wide Prominence, Address Club at Friday's Meeting.

Friday, April the 8th, was a Red Letter Day in the history of the Woman's Club of Pittsboro, at which time the members of the club had as their guests, Mrs. F. R. Perdue, chairman of the eighth district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs; Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Mrs. Palmer Jerman and Mrs. E. E. Randolph, all of Raleigh, Mrs. Jas. L. Griffin, president, in her usual gracious and charming manner introduced the honor guests, all of whom made inspiring talks.

Mrs. Perdue was lavish in her praise of the Pittsboro Woman's club and expressed her appreciation of the interest and support given by this club and its untiring president, Mrs. Griffin; she further stated that it would be a real pleasure to her to give the report of the Pittsboro club at the State Federation meeting to be held in Durham in May and that she was looking forward to giving her report of this club's activities with the keenest of pleasure. The Pittsboro Woman's Club, she said, had helped to give her a vision for stimulating the spirit of co-operation among the clubs in her county.

Mrs. E. E. Randolph, state chairman of the music memory contest brought an inspiring message to all lovers of music. She complimented Mrs. Victor R. Johnson, chairman of the local department, for the fine work she and her committee had accomplished during the past year, and predicated even greater results for the coming year. She stressed the importance of music in the home and school and now to get boys and girls interested in special things at home instead of the movies and other outside attractions by the solace of music.

Mrs. Bickett made a most favorable impression on all who heard her. She spoke with great force, clearness and fluency. She stressed the importance of examining children before they enter school and the necessity of vaccinating them against contagious diseases before they begin school work. Mrs. Bickett gave a brief history of the work that is being accomplished at Samareand and of the fine achievements at the Kinston school for feeble-minded children.

Mrs. Palmer Jerman, whom Mrs. Griffin in introducing her, said, "She would tell us what the legislature did and what it didn't. That she was known throughout all North Carolina for splendid achievements and that two years hence she would make a fine running mate for Max Gardner," was at her best. Her talk was full of vigor, enthusiasm and inspiration. She recounted the achievements of the past legislature; complimented the men who were instrumental in securing the passage of the measures advocated by the state federation, and stated that we could always rely on the men to take care of the material things but that the spiritual things of life were largely in the hands of the women. She stressed the great need of a more highly developed political consciousness and impressed on her hearers the power dormant in the ballot, which is useless unless used. It was a great talk and thoroughly enjoyed but the writer is keenly conscious of her inability to even give a sketchy account of it. Mrs. Cecil H. Lindley and Miss Emily Taylor, with Mrs. J. W. Hunt as accompanist, delighted all with their lovely singing.

## Witness Admits He Once Kissed Dog For Five Dollars

Elizabeth City, April 10—Charlie Watt Taylor swears he wouldn't "do anything for money" but he admitted he kissed a dog once for \$5.00.

The admission came out while Taylor was appearing as a federal witness in federal court here.

He blushed furiously over the exposure, but explained it was 15 years ago when he was a boy.



## SAPIRO REFUSED A MISTRIAL

Judge Raymond Sharply Re-  
bukes Plaintiff for Unwill-  
ingness to Obey Court

Detroit, Mich., April 11—After a sharp rebuke from the court because of "your apparent unwillingness to obey the injunction of the court," Aaron Sapiro today demanded and was refused a mistrial in his \$1,000,000 libel suit against Henry Ford.

The unexpected announcement came just before the close of a day which had been devoted listlessly to a further search through Sapiro's eleven years of connection with farmer's cooperative association, for fees he had received.

One bitter wrangle just had been concluded when Senator Reed, of the Ford counsel, asked the plaintiff who was under cross examination for the tenth day:

"Did you tell anything to do with the organization of the Union Growers' Association Indiana?"

"Yes," replied the witness. "Now, so as not to waste any time on time, did you get some fees out of it?" asked Reed in a sarcastic tone.

Judge Raymond in baling the angry exchanges between Reed and Sapiro just a moment before had demanded the cross examination be confined to organizations from which it was to be proved, Sapiro had received fees, stating that two much time was being lost.

"I don't waste any time on it," Sapiro shot back at Reed as he began thumbing through the record of his income from cooperatives.

"Witness, that is not necessary at all," interposed the Judge.

"Was not that addressed to me, your honor?" asked Sapiro.

"No, that was addressed to the court," returned Reed as he sat down, and the storm broke over the heads of Sapiro and his counsel.

"You will confine yourself to answering questions or the court will have to take other action," began Judge Raymond.

"I have suggested a sufficient number of times, not only the suggestion but the reason for it and it ought to be perfectly apparent. I must insist upon you confining yourself to answering of the question, and I shall have to be more insistent in the future, than I have been in the past because of your apparent willingness to disobey the injunction of the court."

## Killing of Lee Sheriff Tragic For His Family

Officer Lost His Savings In Bank  
Failure—Widow Must Rely On  
Own Efforts

Sanford, April 10—Two shots fired by blockaders on a late January Sabbath afternoon entered the brain of James L. Turner, sheriff of Lee county, while he was in the pursuit of his sworn duty, and ended a life well trained in the school of hard knocks. For this murder four men are now on trial in Lee county Superior court, and no matter how the trial ends, the result will not erase the hardships that the tragedy has brought upon the sheriff's little family.

The late sheriff was born on a Harnett county farm, but removed when a boy to Sanford. He attended school here before his family moved here. For fifteen years he served Sanford as a fearless and reliable police officer.

By dint of hard work, he was able to lay by a few thousand dollars in addition to supporting and educating his family and taking care of his feeble parents. Just a short time before Sheriff Turner's untimely and tragic death, the bank in which he had his little savings, deposited, the Banking Loan and Trust company, failed, wiping out the little funds so sorely needed by the widow and her three children.

The widow, formerly Miss Maie Lowe, married Mr. Turner fifteen years ago. She was a native of Robeson county, which she left when very small. She was reared in the Presbyterian orphan's home at Barium Springs, from which she graduated in 1911. She has been in constant attendance at the trial, accompanied most of the time by Mrs. Fred Kimel, of Raleigh, sister of the slain sheriff.

There are three children: William Howard, a manly lad of 14 years; Edith Maie, aged eight, and the baby girl, Wiley Raie, aged three.

Mrs. J. Turner, slender, almost girlish in appearance, does not harbor bitterness and hatred toward the four blockaders, whose murderous guns robbed her of her life companion, breaking her heart and snatching away her source of support. She is facing the uncertain future with a brave heart, and the people of Sanford have made a solemn resolution to give their help as well as pity.—Greensboro News.

Any woman can manage a man, but few can manage another woman.

## GOLDSTON NEWS

The Juniors' entertained the Seniors and faculty at an enjoyable reception given at the town hall Saturday evening, April the ninth. The hall was attractively decorated in the Senior class colors, gold and purple. Pine and dogwood blossoms were used in profusion.

Misses Eva Burns and Kriebel Tyson served punch in their charming manner as the guests assembled in the hall.

A number of lively games were played in the beginning which were much enjoyed. Then partners were arranged for, which was followed by an interesting flower contest.

Pink and white block cream and cake were served by the junior girls, which was followed by salted peanuts. They were presented to each guest in golden hand-made tulips, which were beautiful and unique.

Those present were the following: Faculty: Prof. J. H. Moore, Misses Louise Womble, Ethel Key, Ola Ramon, Pearl Johnson, Edith and Dessie Roberts, Nannie Cox; Seniors: Misses Jewel Jenkins, Lucy Kirkman, Mary Womble, Elkins, Messrs. Edward Barber, Murly Cheek, John Wiley Garner, Eugene Burke, Aubury Burk, L. B. Hester, Edgar Alexander, Wade Goldston, Juniors: Elizabeth Hester, Linda Womble, Willie Goldston, Kidel Tyson, Bessie Poe, Eva Burns, Wiley Beale, Billie Beale, Lindon Elkins, Samuel Cheek, Joseph Goldston, Hoyle Stinson, Kemp Moffitt, and John Henry Chaffin. We were glad to have Misses Louise Brooks, and Mary Alice Hall as honorary guests. They are teachers who are observing and teaching in the Goldston school.

The seniors and faculty were surprised, but delighted, when they received very unique invitations Monday to go fishing at Gulf. They were driven to Gulf in a truck and stopped on the bank of the river where each one tried their best to catch a fish, but they were unlucky fishermen. They were given fish enough to eat anyway. Fires were built and fish were fried. All enjoyed the fish, and the party was very pleasant in every way.

Miss Grace Burke delightfully entertained Misses Brooks and Hall at her home Friday evening.

The Goldston baseball team was defeated by Siler City team at Siler City last Thursday afternoon, 15-16.

The way a family's necessities just equal the breadwinner's income is an inexplicable mystery.

## Monthly Meeting Of The Woman's Club

The Report of Year's Work Shows  
Fine Record of Achievements;  
Mrs Griffin Thanks Members

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Pittsboro was held in the club room Wednesday afternoon at three-thirty. Following the reading of the collect, the minutes of last meeting and the reports of standing committees, the chairmen of the different departments gave their annual reports. The outstanding achievements of the club for the past year were: the bringing here of Dr. Albert S. Root of Raleigh to examine babies and small children free of charge; the tuberculosis and adenoid clinics; the presentation of a Trombone, suitably inscribed to the school to be used by some worthy pupil; the securing of the services of Mrs. Leavitt as teacher of expression in the school; the furnishing of musical data to the teachers in the high school, and the presentation through one of the members of the music department of the life of certain composers, with their best known compositions; the furnishing of music for the Fourth of July celebration; the community sing given on December 26th, when more than a hundred voices sang the beautiful Christmas carols; the presentation to the county of a handsome flag for the court house square; the securing of Dr. Hubert Poteat, who gave a most enjoyable lecture-musical; a part-time scholarship for a pupil in expression; the annual bazaar, the purchase of a piano for the club room and the presentation to the school of Mrs. Cotten's History of North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Victor R. Johnson, chairman of the nominating committee, gave her report which was as follows: For treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Hunt, for secretary, Mrs. Edwin B. Hatch, for chairman of the health department, Mrs. F. C. Mann.

Mrs. Julian M. Gregory was elected delegate to the meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which will be held in Durham May 3, to 5. Mrs. Jas. L. Griffin, president of the club, also goes as a delegate by virtue of her office.

Under the auspices of the club a cotton program under the chairmanship of Miss Bertha Coltrane, will be put on April the 19th.

This movement is being put on to stimulate the local use of cotton.

Mrs. Jas. L. Griffin, president, in a few well chosen words graciously thanked the members of the club and the chairman of the different departments for their unfailing loyalty and support given her during the past year. The club by a rising vote pledged anew their support and to give of their best efforts in serving the town, community and school, through the channels of their club, the coming year.

## The New Fish Law In Effect Thursday

Licenses Required for Any Fisherman Within Any Fresh Water Stream.

Raleigh, April 1.—Attention, fishermen! The 1927 fishing law went into effect today.

It is an act "looking to the propagation and protection of game fish in North Carolina," its title says.

Fishing licenses are required for any fisherman, resident or non-resident of the state, in any public fresh water streams, ponds, lakes, with reel, jointed rod, or both, or by casting with line and rod of any description.

For a resident county license fee is set at \$1; for a state license, authorizing fishing in any county, \$2, and for a non-resident of the state, \$3.

Fishermen must wear a button showing his license number.

When the husband's favorite study is economics and the wife's is poetry you've got to expect an occasional difference of opinion.

## JUDGE ARRESTED IN BRUNSWICK

Charged With Violation of  
National Prohibition Law  
And Rum Running

Calabash, Brunswick County, April 7.—The long arm of law reached deep into Brunswick's flowering dogwood forests today to lay hand on Walter M. Standland, 34-year old judge of county recorder's court, charging him with violation of the national prohibition law in connection with alleged activities of a gigantic rum running ring that based on the banks of Little river.

The farmer-jurist, called from the field where he was plowing, faced the music in the front yard of his humble home, buried deep in the woods that wall in this little town that boasts nothing more city-fied than a nondescript building that carries the label of postoffice. That was at noon. Five hours later he had waived examination before United States Commissioner Louis Goodman in Wilmington's palatial customhouse and been released on bond. Standland's case, the first of importance growing out of the recent raid and seizure of \$10,000 worth of Scotch liquor and champagne, caught near here, will come up for trial at the spring term of federal district court which convenes in Wilmington on the morning of May 9.

The youthful recorder was not visibly affected by the visit of the officers. Dressed in blue overalls, a blue shirt and wearing a big sundown, Standland walked composedly from his park when the arresting officers parked their machine in his front yard and greeted all in an affable manner, shaking hands all around.

Told by United States Deputy Marshall Harrelson that he had a warrant for him, the recorder requested that it be read. He listened attentively and then advised that he would be ready to go as soon as he "washed up and changed clothes." The officer readily agreed to this request.

Standland, apparently a farmer in every sense of the word, pumped water into a bucket for his ablutions. He had considerable trouble with his pump, but with the aid of one of the officers finally wired the pump handle up enabling him to get water. His three little girls, unaware of the drama that was being enacted before their eyes, played unconcernedly on the front porch, smiling shyly at the detachment of officers that included A. G. McDuffie, prohibition administrator for this district, J. K. Pearson, enforcement agent who was instrumental in working up the case against the recorder, and the deputy marshal who served the warrant. Mrs. Standland was at home but she remained inside the house.

"It's the price I am paying for my stand against liquor and lewdness," Judge Standland told Marshall Harrelson as the jurist's Ford coughed its way out of the yard on the 50 mile grind to Wilmington. "I may go to Atlanta," he said, in a matter of fact tone, "but I am not guilty of anything but living an upright life and enforcing the law. I am not surprised at the turn of things," he continued, "I might have known something like this would have happened after I convicted Clew and Foster Thomas last Monday and gave them road terms for violating the prohibition law. I know they are the ones that have involved me in this, but Mr. Harrelson," he continued, "you have the wrong man."

William J. Atkins, for twenty years messenger for the Bridgeport Trust Company, Bridgeport, Conn., was back in his home county last week, closing his business as executor of his father's will. William is an intelligent colored man, and is trusted with important missions by the big bank for which he works. Twice a week it is his business to accompany an armored truck bearing great quantities of cash.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

The following couples have received license for marriage recently: Slocumb Fox and Alma Perry, Siler City; Lester Andrews and Mary E. Waters, Siler City. The last named couple were married here by Rev. R. R. Gordon last Friday.