

## KIWANIANS HEAR STATE COLLEGE SPECIALIST TALK

Ruffner Addresses Tramway  
Gathering On Livestock  
Subject.

## FARMERS GUESTS OF CLUB

Ladies Serve Sumptuous Picnic  
Dinner—Good Attendance  
Present.

The Kiwanis Club met with the Tramway Demonstration Club at the Happy Golf course last Friday evening and was served dinner by the members of that club and other ladies of the community. Every member of the club can testify to the excellence of the feast spread by the ladies of the Tramway section. They returned home convinced of the fact that there are many good cooks in and around Sanford. While the ladies were preparing the table the members of the club amused themselves by throwing horse shoes and engaging in the game of archery.

The dinner was prepared and served by the following ladies: Mesdames D. J. McDuffie, G. S. Cox, Ronn Matthews, G. H. Riddle, N. G. Coie, W. A. Pierce, "Dad" Burns, Cora Buland, Ida McIntosh, Lemuel Piets, Bill Coggins, H. D. Coggins, C. M. Matthews, J. A. Maddox, J. H. Register, J. F. Coley, T. J. McPherson, J. R. Simpson, W. D. Johnson, W. O. Coggins, W. T. Cheshire, G. T. Burge, D. B. Stone, G. E. Willett, Raymond Simpson and Misses Vala Bullis, Glendora Burge, Leola Coggins, Euzella Brantley, Fklat Boyd, Edna Boyd, Nettie Foster, Mae Coggins, Catherine Stone, Alice Stone, Margaret Register, Effie McDuffie, Eunice Maddox, Geneva Simpson, Ida Cole, Julia Johnson, Lillian Maddox, and Alice McDuffie. A number of these ladies are members of the Tramway Demonstration Club. A feature of the program was the beautiful music made by the Tramway string band or orchestra which is composed of Martin Cole, Paul Foushee, Palmer Foster, Earnie Jackson, Worthy Oldham, Mrs. J. R. Simpson, Mrs. A. M. Gaster, Manly Logan. The people of the Tramway section have reason to feel proud of their orchestra.

At the conclusion of dinner the Kiwanis Club met and was called to order by President J. A. Overton, who after expressing the pleasure of spending an evening with the Tramway people, turned the meeting over to H. C. Deane, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. He turned the program of the evening over to E. Frank Andrews, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee. Mr. Andrews introduced Prof. Ruffner of the Live Stock Department of State College, Raleigh, who made the speech of the evening. Prof. Ruffner discussed in an interesting manner the "Problems of the Farmer." In his discussion of this subject he stated among other things that the farmer needed less salesmanship and more sales resistance. He cited the case and said that in theory they were with which farm loans are secured good, but in practice they were a curse as many farmers had lost their land by borrowing money on the land as security and buying things they did not need. Through this many land owners had become tenant farmers. He told of one community that a few years ago had only three tenant farmers and the same community has only three land owners.

## ROTARIANS TAKE BOYS TO LAKEVIEW

Over one hundred boys, members of local Sunday School classes, were feted with a picnic at Lakeview Tuesday afternoon by the local Rotary Club. Swimming and boating were enjoyed by the youths after which the picnic dinner was spread before them.

Rev. Dr. McLaughlin delivered the invocation and then made a short talk to the boys. The party was in charge of A. M. Hubbard.

## WONDER IF ARKANSAS MAN IS STILL BURNING?

The following paragraph is taken from The Express of September 25th, 1896, 35 years ago:

"Some three or four weeks ago the Express published a story that had been floating around to the effect that a man living in Arkansas had cursed God sometime ago on account of dry weather and had caught fire and been burning ever since. A young lady of Sanford addressed a card to the burning man to know how he was getting along and to please describe his feelings. The next mail brought a reply from him and from its tone he was very indignant at the idea of any one believing this story that had been circulated by a negro teacher for the purpose of creating a sensation. He wanted to know if the people of North Carolina had all gone crazy as that made the fiftieth anniversary of the burning man."

## LET'S TRADE IN SANFORD!

During the 45 years history of the Express it has consistently advocated Trade at Home. The files of the paper will bear out that not a year has passed in these years that we did not appeal to the people of the Sanford district in our editorial columns to trade at home. We have always believed in reciprocity or the mutual spirit of cooperation which is the same. We have seen the necessity of it from the time the town was a mere hamlet till the present good day. One secret of the growth and development of Sanford was the cooperative spirit and confidence in the town's future that obtained among our professional and business men all through the years. They realized that this was the only way we could build up the town and bring permanent prosperity to our people. The Express has been a witness to all this and has from time to time made a note of it with a great deal of pride. We felt that perhaps we had a little part in it. But while the town has made great strides along the line of development during past years we feel that much more could have been accomplished had this spirit of cooperation been more uniform and more general in its nature.

For years Sanford has been the great trade center of this entire section and it has become more so since good roads reached out in every direction. It has enabled Sanford's progressive and wide-awake merchants to reach out and cover more territory. Go and look at their up-to-date stocks of goods of every description and see if you are not convinced that they have kept abreast of the times and are able to meet the demands of the trading public. We would like to know why they are not drawing a larger per cent of the trade of the Sanford District? They have the goods and sell them as reasonable as the prices that obtain in the cities of the State. Why drive to Raleigh, Durham, or Greensboro and pay out money for gas when you can buy goods just as cheap in Sanford as you can get them in those cities? The merchants of those cities pay no tax to the support of our local institutions and city and county governments. If the farmers in the surrounding country will spend their money here they will help to build up a market for the food products that they raise on their farms. By doing this the benefit will be mutual. Had the census report of last year given Sanford a population of 8,000 instead of little more than 4,000, it is reasonable to suppose that the farmers of this territory would be able to sell twice the amount of fruit, vegetables and other farm products to the grocery merchants and citizens of the town. See the point?

Figures from the Sanford postoffice will show that during the past few years hundreds of thousands of dollars have been sent out of this territory for goods purchased from the mail order houses in the great cities of the North. All this money has been taken out of circulation in this section and has helped to make millionaires of the heads of these big mail order houses. Often the goods purchased from these mail order houses fail to give satisfaction and should they be returned it is some times weeks and months before the money is refunded.

For several weeks a bunch of high-pressure salesmen have been busy in this territory selling high priced ranges to the farmers and others. According to the reports that come in from their work they are finding pickings good. They are no doubt laughing up their sleeves at the great number of easy marks that they have found. They have discovered that the farmers have some money and they are getting their hands on it. In buying this range the farmers are burdening themselves with a debt that will require several years to lift. The Express is informed that the cost of this range is \$139.00. Perhaps just as good range can be had at the local hardware stores for much less money. Why not patronize the local merchant and keep the money in the community? The local business men stand ready to help you should you be so unfortunate as to get your house destroyed by fire or suffer loss in some other way.

## OFFICERS BREAK UP MERRYMAKING

Colored Men, Getting Ready For  
Toast, Scatter On Arrival  
Of Officers.

A colored stag party, in which liquor flowed freely, came to abrupt end Sunday evening when Officers Kelly and Woodell suddenly came upon the scene. The party was being held in a vacant house in Bluefield and the gentlemen of color had clicked their glasses preparatory to giving toasts when the appearance of the officers closed the festivities. The members of the party were fleet of foot, however, and all excepting old "Uncle" Dave Jones, said to be an employee of a road construction company, lost no time in heading for other parts.

Tuesday, "Uncle" Dave was hailed before Judge Tom McPherson in the Recorder's Court, under a charge of possession of liquor, and taxed with the costs. The old negro said he had gone to the vacant house in search of a friend and being urged to partake of the hospitality of the hosts in the act of doing so when the "law" arrived. He had only \$1.00 in his pocket but sent an S. O. S. call to his friends of the road crew to come to his rescue.

E. H. Pace, held as a material witness in a Superior Court case, and against whom there were two charges hanging fire in Recorder's Court, discharged his obligations to the lower court and when last seen, Wednesday morning, was footing it to Charlotte which he said was home.

## CONCLUDE BANK HEARING HERE

Ingle To Submit His Findings  
To Judge Hayes In Next  
Few Weeks.

The hearing which has been in progress here for the past two weeks before Special Master John J. Ingle, of Winston-Salem, to determine the liability of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Baltimore, in the matter of a \$25,000 surety bond for H. C. Newbold, cashier of the defunct Peoples Bank was concluded on Saturday.

Special Master Ingle will report his findings to Judge Johnson Hayes of the United States District Court within the next few weeks. Until then his findings will not be known.

## TOBACCO MEN, ON VISIT HERE, SEE GOOD PROSPECTS

E. J. Hester and W. P. Jordan  
Say There Will be Good  
Grade of Bright Leaf

## WILL RUN WAREHOUSE

Give Opinion That There Will  
Be No Market For Trashy  
Grades This Year.

Messrs. E. J. Hester and W. P. Jordan, who will run the Farmer's Warehouse again this year, have been in Sanford and this section for a week or two looking the situation over. They are visiting the planters in order to obtain information regarding the crop which is now in the making. Mr. Hester, who was interviewed by The Express man last Saturday, seemed to be encouraged over the prospects of a good crop in this part of the beat this year. He thinks there will be a better grade of bright leaf tobacco than was raised last year. More farmers are engaged in the culture of tobacco than in the past few years, but it will be improved by the rains that fell during the past few days. Messrs. Jordan and Hester plan to push the warehouse business this year and buy more tobacco than they did last season. He hopes that one season to get introduced to the planters and learn local conditions. They find that the crop is later than it was last season and expect it to be later in getting on the market. The average is 6.5 later in this section of the belt and more farmers are engaged in the culture of tobacco. Some of the planters are now gathering and curing the first primings and smoke can be seen rising from barns here and there in the country.

The 3 W Warehouse will be run by Mr. W. F. Wood and others as it was last year. A. J. W. Tilley, of Tilley Bros., who had charge of the third warehouse here last year, has closed a contract to work with the Farmer's Warehouse. It is not certain as to what will be done about operating the Tilley warehouse this season. Mr. Tilley is expected to come to Sanford in a few days to make some definite plans for operating the warehouse.

Tobacco men who have seen considerable of the tobacco area of the country say it will not be useless for the farmers to bring to market the lugs and trashy stuff of the crop, for with the enormous crop apparently on hand, the large supply in the dry-lug houses and stacks of stocks, in-factory stuff is being to be salable at any price. The carry-over in the bright leaf section of the tobacco and Kentucky territory reached 1,167,000,000 pounds in the hands of dealers and manufacturers in October, 1 last fall, with that stock on hand and the big crop of last fall coming on top of it no difficulty is found in ciphering out why the price of tobacco was down, or why it is likely to be down again this season. North Carolina raised her acreage this year 57,900 acres. Kentucky increased hers by 74,000. Tennessee increased by 12,000. Tobacco farmers may profit by thinking this over.

## OCTOGENARIAN HAS READ EXPRESS FOR 45 YEARS

Mr. M. C. Pierce, who lives over near the Moore county line in this county, was here the first of the week attending court. Mr. Pierce who is a member of a family of people noted for their strong rugged character, strict honesty and longevity, will be 82 years of age on his next birthday. No man stands higher in his community than Mr. Pierce. His advice has often been sought by neighbors with problems to solve. Mr. Pierce is above the average in intelligence and reads and thinks for himself. He has never missed an issue of this paper during its history of 45 years. He subscribed for the paper when the first issue came from the press in a little building where the Lutterloh Drug store now stands on Chatham Street. Much local history has been made since that date and a lot of water has run under the bridge.

May Mr. Pierce who is now in the evening shadows, continue to enjoy a long and honorable life.

## ALDERMEN WILL DISCUSS PAVING

Apportionment of surface treatment of the city's streets to each of the wards and a discussion of which streets the treatment will be given were matters taken up by the Board of Aldermen Tuesday night. Decision on any of these matters was deferred until Friday night.

The appropriation recently voted by the board calls for 29,000 square feet but estimates of the amount of surface treatment in each ward, as presented by members of the board, has been asked to reduce its estimates so that an agreement may be reached Friday night. Mayor Warren R. Williams presided at the meeting. Town Attorney J. C. Pittman was present. The contract for the surface treatment which was let several weeks ago was awarded to the Bicommissio Earth Corporation, of Raleigh. Employees of this concern are now in the city preparatory to beginning work on the streets.

## STATE IS WEAVING MASS OF EVIDENCE GEORGE GOSS CASE

Testimony Offered By Prosecution Proves Damaging Defense.

## MAY FINISH CASE TODAY

Resumption of State's evidence in the case of George Goss, chocolate-colored Negro, on trial for life on a charge of having murdered his wife, Sallie Goss, was taken up in Superior Court this morning. This case, which got under way yesterday morning, for which a large part of the day was spent in impaneling a jury, is expected to be completed before the adjournment of court today.

Particularly damaging testimony to the cause of the defendant featured the trial yesterday afternoon. The State scored heavily with the introduction of the testimony by Fred H. McBryde, local taxi operator, from whom the defendant rented a car on the morning of the murder. D. B. Teague and H. M. Jackson have been appointed by the court to represent the defendant.

Sam Phillips plead guilty to an assault as charged in the bill of indictment and was sentenced to six months in jail and to be assigned to the Highway Commission for work on the roads. Phillips was charged with having thrown a rock into an automobile in which former State Highway Commission Frank Page and a companion were riding. Seeing that his friend had been struck, Mr. Page leaped from his car and ran down Phillips, bringing him to Sanford. Phillips is said to have been drinking and contended in his testimony that it was a companion and not he who threw the rock.

Convicted of breaking in a smoke-house belonging to M. C. Pierce, 82-year-old Lee farmer, Pete Knight, Tuesday received a sentence of 15 months in the Lee jail. Knight was defended by H. M. Jackson. The court ordered a verdict of not guilty in the case of Donald Seymour, young Sanford white man, who was charged with breaking and entering the Bobby Burns Service Station some time ago. Seymour acted as his own attorney.

Howard Thompson plead guilty to breaking and entering the store house of R. L. Ferguson. He was given an eighteen month jail sentence.

check, was released upon payment of the costs. In the case of Willie Clark, who pled guilty to forgery preparer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs.

Sam Robinson, young Colon negro, against whom the grand jury found a true bill of having by force and violence unlawfully taken and carried Ruth Black, a 15-year-old colored girl, will probably be tried later on in the week.

## GRAND JURY REPORT

To His Honor E. H. Cranmer, Judge Presiding.

We, the Grand Jury for the July term, 1931, Superior Court of Lee County, North Carolina, beg leave to make the following report:

1. That we have passed on and returned all bills sent to us by the Solicitor.
2. We have visited all the offices of the court house and find all records in place and well kept. We find some badly needed repairs to the overhead ceiling and walls, but we do not recommend this work done only as funds are available.
3. We visited the county jail and find same in good condition with a few small repairs to windows and plumbing that has already been ordered. We wish to recommend that the solid iron plates be removed at once from the lower part of the upstairs windows to allow proper ventilation.
4. We visited the county home and find same in excellent condition. We thank the presiding judge and the solicitor for their kind instructions as us in the discharge of our duties.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. F. Makepeace, Foreman.

## HOLD FARM MEET STATE CAPITAL

Farmer's and Farm Women's  
Convention To Be Held In  
Raleigh Next Week.

The annual Farmer's and Farm Women's Convention will be held at State College in Raleigh next week. It has been the practice of State College and the State Department of Agriculture to have one week set aside solely for the purpose of providing a profitable and interesting program for farmers and farmers wives of the State. This is the state's greatest annual agricultural gathering.

Interesting programs have been arranged for each day beginning Tuesday morning, July 28th, and continuing through Thursday and part of Friday. There will be a general meeting each day from 11:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. at which outstanding speakers will appear on the program. There will be sectional meetings earlier in the mornings and in the afternoons for those interested in the different agricultural and livestock subjects.

Those wishing to stay over night will be given rooms in the college dormitories free of charge, and they can get meals at the college dining hall for 35c each. Convention week offers a good opportunity for farmers to take a vacation at a very small cost and at the same time get the latest information on that phase of farming they are most interested in. E. O. McMahan, County Agent.

## GOSS ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

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## JUDGE CRANMER OPENS SUPERIOR COURT SESSION

Southport Jurist, After Five  
Years Absence, Presides  
Over Lee Court.

LAWYERS MUST BE ENFORCED

A two weeks mixed term of Lee Superior Court convened at the court house last Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, presiding and Solicitor C. L. Williams, in charge of the docket for the State. Where court opened very few people were in the court room except those who had business there. The farmers were too busy in their crops to come and spend the time at court.

Judge Cranmer, who believes in pushing business in the court room, soon had the grand jury selected and qualified. The jury was composed of the following citizens: Fisher Makepeace, foreman; L. C. Coggins, R. M. Cline, A. A. Dalrymple, K. E. Foumoffitt, J. A. Medlin, E. M. McNeill, shee, Sam Godfrey, W. O. Kelly, K. R. W. C. Oliver, E. M. O'Connell, J. Will Phillips, Ira Parrish, A. H. Pattishall, R. J. Thomas, Sidny Womack, and W. M. Womack.

In his preliminary remarks to the jury Judge Cranmer said that he was glad to come back to the little county of Lee, "No, big county," said he when he saw A. F. Sowell come in the court room and work with his good citizenship in the capacity of a court. While he did not take up much of the time of the court in his charge to the jury he made the duties of this important arm of the court very plain. He spoke of the prevalence of crime among young people and said that in many cases they were leading a life of sin and dissipation due to a lack of proper training in the home. He spoke of the mania for gambling and instructed the officers to break up gambling by slot machines if it were carried on in the county. Judge Cranmer emphasized the importance of enforcing the law against the liquor traffic and the violation of the traffic laws.

A venire of 50 men was summoned from which to get a jury to try George Goss, colored, who was arraigned in court upon the charge of killing his wife. A true bill was found against Goss by the grand jury. It was agreed that this jury should also sit at the hearing of Sam Robinson's case.

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## POULTRY SALE TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Bring Poultry To Palmer and  
Reeves' Stable; Plenty of  
Trucks and Coops.

The July cooperative poultry sale will be held in Sanford on Saturday, July 25th. There will be a truck and coops to receive the poultry at Palmer and Reeves Stable on Endor St. from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

Heavy Hens will sell for 14c a pound, Leghorn hens 11c, roosters 8c, and colored chicks 2 1-4 pounds and up 22c. These prices are the lowest ever offered for poultry at a cooperative sale in Sanford. However, it will pay to sell young roosters that will weigh 2 1-4 pounds and up for they will bring more money at 22c a pound at that weight than they will ever bring again. It may pay to sell some of the old hens that have quit laying, but it should be kept in mind that the price of hens is always lower during the hot summer months than at any other time of the year, and we should be able to get a better price for our old hens.

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