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NESMITH TRIAL ENDS, ACQUITTAL FOR DEFENDANT

Hard Fought Contest Finished Last Thursday and Court Adjourns.

NUMEROUS OTHER CASES

Superior Court came to an end here last Thursday afternoon and although a large number of cases were disposed of, about 100 hundred in all, the docket was not finished. Several cases on the criminal docket remain to be tried later, one man being left in jail, and the civil docket which is badly congested remains as it was before.

The Nesmith case was the principal matter considered and it attracted a large crowd both Wednesday and Thursday the day it was concluded. The trial resulted in the acquittal of the defendant, the jury having made up its mind in less than thirty minutes. Jas. Nesmith who killed two negroes, Gus and Louis Carter on Christmas day, was tried on the charge of killing Louis Carter. The grand jury brought in a bill of murder in the first degree but the prosecution decided to change this to murder in the second degree and asked for that verdict.

As stated in last week's News the evidence in the case was all in Wednesday afternoon and the argument began, W. W. Ward for the prosecution and C. R. Wheatly for the defense speaking that afternoon. On Thursday A. D. Ward opened up for the prosecution reviewing the evidence very carefully and explaining the law on the subject of murder in the second degree.

He was followed by C. L. Abernethy who made a strong plea for the defense making his principal effort in attacking the testimony of Goldie Carter or Goldie McCaulay, who was the prosecution's main witness. Solicitor Jesse Davis made the last speech and he went after the defendant with gloves off. He said the defendant lied about killing in self defense, that his act was that of a coward and that if a negro had done what he did the negro would have been lynched. His speech created something of a sensation and he was interrupted once or twice by counsel on the other side who appealed to the Judge to tame him down. Judge Horton went carefully into the evidence speaking about half an hour. He gave the contentions of both sides, explained the law and told the jury they could convict of second degree murder, manslaughter or acquit the defendant. As stated above they acquitted him. The charge of killing Gus Carter still remains against Nesmith, but as the stronger case has already been presented it is thought here that the latter indictment will be nolle prossed.

Besides the Nesmith case the matter of most interest was the large number of indictments of fishermen. Most of these men were charged by Fish Commissioner Jno. A. Nelson with dredging for scallops. A few of the men were acquitted, some convicted and a great many plead guilty and were let off with the costs. One case will be taken to the Supreme Court to test the constitutionality of the law. The following cases were disposed of last week:

Gep. Nixon, larceny, nolprossed.
Major Fuller, assault with deadly weapon, 30 days in jail.
Isaac Dudley, carrying concealed weapons and selling liquor, nolprossed.
Dave Dudley and Mary J. Bell, f. and a., nolprossed.
Robert Dudley and Alma Bell, f. and a., nolprossed.
Henderson Mobley and Galvinia Wilson, f. and a., nolprossed.
Lizzie Bell and Henry Monroe, f. and a., nolprossed.
Willie Bell and Alice Jones, f. and a., nolprossed.
Jno. W. Willis, tried and found guilty of violating fish laws, \$25 and costs.

Alden Guthrie, tried and found guilty of violating fish laws, paid costs in case.
Z. L. Merrill, violating fish laws, guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
J. Durwood Daniels, violating fish laws, plead guilty, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

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PROSPECTS FOR FISH SCRAP BUSINESS RATHER POOR

The season for fat back fishing is at hand and reports are that some fish have been sighted but there are not much prospects that they will be disturbed this Spring. The fishing fleet is lying at anchor as it has been for several months and the factories are closed down because there is no demand for scrap oil. Farmers are buying very little fertilizer this Spring because with low prices of cotton and tobacco staring them in the face they are not willing to invest in high priced fertilizers.

During the Winter months the fat back fishermen have been catching food fish, scallops and oysters and doing other work to fill in the time. They have been hoping that they would be able to resume their regular work in the Spring but for the first time in many years there seems to be little prospect of any thing of the sort. At any rate that is the outlook at present. One of the factories at Morehead City it is reported may start up if an order for several hundred tons of scrap at \$35 a ton can be had. So far as the News can learn there is no intention of any of the owners of the factories around Beaufort to start up any time soon.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS

The Community Club of Beaufort held its regular business meeting March 23rd at 3:30 P. M., in the Old Topsail Club rooms.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Corresponding Secretary in the absence of the recording secretary, and were approved.

The treasurer's report showed no bills having been paid out during the past month leaving a balance of \$69.84 still in the treasury.

The president brought several matters before the club, among these a chautauqua which is coming in May or June under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. She also urged the ladies to take an active part in its welfare.

The question of Federating was again brought up; two letters were read on this subject, one from Mrs. Bettie Windley, of New Bern, who gave us a very great talk at our first mass meeting, the other letter from Mrs. H. A. White, who is president of the Women's Club at High Point, N. C. It was finally decided that the Corresponding Secretary send in application for admittance.

The Constitution and By-laws were read for the benefit of all new members, also the Club was called attention to the fact that the business meeting in April would be the Annual Business Meeting, electing new officers for the coming year and all members were urged to be present.

The Civic Department announced March 14th as "Clean-Up Week" for all citizens of Beaufort.

The Health Department told of a very interesting talk Dr. Swindell gave that department at their monthly meeting.

The Music Department gave some very good plans for the coming month such as community singing at night and cantatas which will be a very great benefit and inspiration to the town.

The president appointed a sub-committee composed of seven members to work in connection with the chairman of the Library Committee. Those appointed were:

Mrs. A. F. Doane, Mrs. Sallie Shelton, Miss Lottie Sanders, Miss Laura Thomas, Mrs. G. H. Ferguson, Mrs. H. C. Jones, Mrs. Jas. V. Caffrey.

There being no further business the club adjourned, afterwards being served tea and cake by the entertaining committee.

Corresponding Secretary.

MAY HAVE DAY CURRENT ON FRIDAYS

It is possible that electric current in the day time may be furnished here to those who desire it at least once a week. Mayor Bushall says that if enough people want the current he will arrange to have it furnished on Friday afternoons. Those who are interested are requested to let Mayor Bushall know about it in order that he may make the necessary arrangements.

NOTICE

Easter Services at the Methodist church Sunday morning and night, with special Easter sermon at night.

MAY MAKE OAHU STRONG FORTRESS

General Wood's Trip To The Philippines May Have A Special Significance

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22.—(Special Correspondence)—It is reported that Gen. Wood's forthcoming visit to the Philippines is far more than an investigation to determine the fitness of the Filipinos for independence. It is understood that his report will deal with matters of a highly technical nature from a military point of view, involving the future policy of the United States in the event of a war emergency developing in the Pacific. One feature of the scheme for defense of the Western Coast is said to be the construction on Oahu, one of the Hawaiian Islands, of an impregnable fortress, comparable to the British stronghold of Gibraltar. A part of the plan is the stationing there of a permanent force of 25,000 to man the defenses. It is claimed that with Oahu developed to the highest point of defense it will become the key position to the Pacific, and the principal base from which to conduct operations against a force attack on our Western coast.

The whole plan for the intensive development of Oahu fits in with the general policy of the Harding Administration for "America First." Not only is the material prosperity of America to be stimulated in every proper way, but the protection of that prosperity from covetous nations abroad is hereafter to be a matter of prime importance. There is no disposition to set up a force that will overawe the rest of the world, but elemental prudence demands that adequate defense be provided against invasion.

Italy Plays Fair

The Italian Ambassador says that his country is preparing her financial rehabilitation in such a way that she will be able to repay her debt to the United States, now amounting to about \$1,700,000,000. He asks that a convenient period of time be fixed within which to pay the obligation, and that any favors extended by this country to other debtor nations be also granted to Italy. There appears to be no doubt that Italy's requests can be met in full, and a way provided for the eventual liquidation of the debt with as little disturbance as possible to her finances. The United States is no usurer, neither is it in a position to give billions of dollars to European nations. Those nations that evidence a sincere desire to meet their obligations to this country will be shown every consideration when the terms of settlement are finally agreed upon.

D. C. Representation

Congressman Stuart F. Reed, of West Virginia, is the author of a measure introduced in the closing days of the last Congress providing for the election of a delegate to the House of Representatives from the District of Columbia. The bill is in line with a growing disposition in Congress to permit the more than 400,000 residents of the District some representation in the law-making body. At present there are seven States with a less population than the District of Columbia, each of which has two United States Senators and at least one Representative. Mr. Reed believes that such discrimination against the people of the District is repugnant to our form of representative government.

DEATH OF MRS. LYDIA NOE

On last Friday afternoon Mrs. Lydia A. Noe passed away after having been in declining health for some months. She had sustained several strokes of paralysis and the latest stroke was the cause of her death. Mrs. Noe was seventy-five years of age, had made her home in Beaufort all of her life and had many friends who regret her departure from this life. She had for a long time been a consistent member of the Methodist church here. Her pastor Reverend F. R. Bumpas conducted the funeral services Saturday afternoon and the interment was made in the family plot in the Episcopal cemetery.

Mrs. Noe is survived by her four children, Mrs. John Rice, Mrs. Etta Whitehurst, Mrs. Chas. Wheatly and Mr. L. J. Noe.

PRESIDENT HARDING'S APPEAL BEHALF OF STARVING CHINA

President Harding has issued from the White House this week an urgent appeal to the American people to redouble their efforts in behalf of the starving millions in China. It reads as follows:

"At this, the earliest practicable moment of my administration, I desire to add my own to the many appeals which have been issued heretofore in behalf of the starving people of a large section of China.

"I am informed that the American Committee, and the church and other organizations cooperating with it, have already remitted several millions of dollars to the American and international relief committee in China, and that already a great relief work has been accomplished. Nevertheless, my information is that the means thus far placed at the command of these organizations are entirely inadequate to the task they confront. Since the beginning of this relief movement a much more accurate understanding of the grave situation has become possible. The Department of State has from time to time made public information received through its representatives in China as to the conditions prevailing there. The picture of China's distress is so tragic that I am moved therefore to renew the appeals heretofore made and to express the hope that the American people will continue to contribute to this humanitarian cause as generously as they possibly can.

"The cry for succor comes to us from a people far distant, but linked to us by manifold ties of friendly association, confidence and good will. The American nation has never failed to demonstrate its friendship for the people of China and that friendship has always been reciprocated in a manner which I feel justifies the hope that this hour of China's great distress our people will do everything in their power for its amelioration."

Thus far the response of North Carolina to China's need has been encouraging, over fifty thousand dollars having been forwarded through various channels, but there are yet many thousands of comfortable and luxurious homes in the State whose walls the cry of this Lazarus has not penetrated.

To save a life from now until summer takes only three dollars—three cents a day—and there are few in this land of plenty so poor that they cannot have the satisfaction of saving at least one. Never before has it been possible to secure this privilege at such small cost. This is "bargain day" in human lives; but one must hurry to take advantage of it.

All contributions should be placed in the hands of the local committee, where there is one, or mailed to China Famine Fund, 310 Tucker building, Raleigh, N. C. Every dollar is promptly cabled to China and begins its work of salvation within a week after it is given.

MRS. H. W. FULLER

The body of the late Mrs. H. W. Fuller was brought here Monday from Greensboro where she died on Sunday. Mrs. Fuller had been in poor health for a number of years and had stayed in a Sanitarium in Greensboro for the past two years. Her remains were accompanied here by her son Mr. W. W. Fuller and Mrs. Fuller, of Charlotte. The deceased lady was a native of Beaufort and a member of one of the old families here. She was 63 years of age. Her nearest surviving relatives are her son W. W. Fuller, daughter-in-law Mrs. Fuller and grandson William W. Fuller, Jr. The funeral services took place at the Methodist church Monday afternoon and were conducted by the pastor Reverend F. R. Bumpas. The interment was in Ocean View cemetery.

CHILDREN OF CONFEDERACY ORGANIZE

The Children Chapter of the U. D. C. was organized at the home of Mr. W. H. Taylor Monday afternoon. The chapter was named Annie Carter Lee who was the daughter of General Lee, and who was buried in North Carolina.

The officers elected were as follows: Miss Emma Tyler, President, Miss Elizabeth Runley, Secretary, Miss Marie Clawson, Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Leader.

PLAN TO RELIEVE FARM STRINGENCY

Effort Being Made To Organize National Farm Loan Association Here

In order to enable farmers to borrow money and in some measure relieve the financial pinch that is inconveniencing many, a movement has been started here to organize a National Loan Association. C. L. Stancill the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce here wrote the Secretary of the Treasury about the matter and has received pamphlets and letters explaining how the organization is effected. For full information those interested may see Mr. Stancill at the County Court House.

Some time back the Federal land banks stopped lending any money but they have begun to function again, and it is now possible for land owners to organize an association and borrow money if they comply with the Government regulations.

Money is lent by the land banks at a rate not higher than six per cent and on 5, 10, 20 or in some cases 40 years time. The lowest sum that can be borrowed is \$100 and the highest is \$10,000. Nobody except farmers can join the associations or borrow any money from the land banks.

The first step to be taken by those who wish to borrow from the land bank is to organize an association. The association must have not less than ten members but it can have as many more as it wishes. Every borrower has to take stock in the association according to the amount he wishes to secure. If he wants \$100, he must take one share of stock which costs five dollars. He can pay straight out for the stock or have it deducted from the proceeds of his loan. The plan of buying stock makes the association cooperative in character. If the association prospers the shareholders will receive dividends on their stock.

Several parties who are interested in the proposed Farm Loan Association here are working on it and they expect to organize at an early date. Any who are interested may see or write C. L. Stancill about it.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Transfers of real estate as evidenced by deeds filed with the Register of Deeds are as follows:

Dianah Foy to Piner Bros, lot No. 12 in square 60 Morehead City, consideration \$80.

W. C. Lockhart and wife to Eddie Copelon 2 lots on Bogus Sound, near Camp Glenn, consideration \$800.

T. D. Webb and Bro., to Elihu C. Boyd lots Nos. 14 and 15 in square Morehead City, consideration \$40.

E. C. Boyd and wife to Katie D. Whitley lot No. 11 in square 152, Morehead City, consideration \$10 &c.

Cason G. Murphy and wife to Willie G. Murphy 2 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$10.

Willie G. Murphy and wife to Henry G. Murphy 2 acres in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$10.

C. G. Murphy and wife to Henry G. Murphy 1 acre in Hunting Quarter township, consideration \$10.

T. T. Garner and wife to A. E. Gray lot in Newport, consideration \$1,200.

Margaret Guthrie to Edw. B. Nelson 1.4 acre on Harker's Island, consideration \$100.

Angeline T. Willis to Anson H. Gaskill, Jr., 1-7 acre on Harker's Island, consideration \$10.

Henry L. Gillikin and wife to Edw. Lawrence and wife 3 acres in Straits township, consideration \$50.

E. W. Sabiston and wife to W. F. Adams 37 3-10 acres in Morehead township, consideration \$6,000.

A. F. Moore and wife to A. S. Nelson lots 3 and 15 and half lots 4 and 12, in square 28 Morehead City, consideration \$7,500.

Sarah D. Robertson to James O. Garner lot on Live Oak Street, Beaufort, consideration \$750.

W. J. Hales and wife to W. Cuff Willis 1-2 lots 1 and 2, square 21, Morehead City, consideration \$100.

D. F. Willis and wife to Abbie Cannon and Winnie Powers lot No. 10 a square 63 Morehead City, consideration \$625.

Frank King and wife to Fannie B.

FIDELIS CLASS OF BAPTIST CHURCH ENTERTAINS

Last Tuesday evening at eight o'clock found the Sunday School rooms of the First Baptist Church beautifully decorated with pines, yellow jasmine, wisteria and Easter lilies, with a touch of the class colors, gold and black, adding much to the beauty of the rooms. The occasion for the above was in planning for one of a number of socials which the class has in store for the future.

Under the spell of Victrola music the guests entertained themselves as soon as they arrived until the program for the evening was announced. First, all entered into the "Age" contest, which tried the wits to the utmost. Mr. Vernon Harrell won first place with Mrs. John Johnson close behind for honors. The next number of the program took most all the remaining time of the evening. After being paired off by matching cross-cut advertisements, each guest was presented with a blank "biography" book, each page being suitably entitled. With scissors and paste and the determination to be an author, each one set out to fill up the book with suitable advertisements from a stack of various magazines. The biographies of the young men as written by the young ladies, and those of the young ladies as written by their escorts, afforded very unique mementos of the occasion.

After being again paired off by corresponding numbers all enjoyed refreshments of ice cream and cake. The merry crowd of young people dispersed shortly after eleven o'clock, all declaring a pleasant evening had been spent.

The success of the evening was largely due to the energetic Social Committee of the class, Misses Anne Harrell, Mavis Parsons and Theres Hill.

Those present were the following: Misses Esther Lewis, Elizabeth Simpson, Theres Hill, Geneva Scott, Addie Mason, Mavis Parsons, Clyde Neal, Annie Harrell, Pearl White, Rebecca Robinson. Mesdames John Johnson, A. L. White, Harry A. Day, Messrs. John Johnson, Vernon Harrell, William Darling, Hubert Fodrie, John Springler, Joe Chinnis, Robert Taylor, Steve Robinson, Clarence Tatum, Edgar Tatum, and Rev. Harry A. Day, teacher of the class.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Permits to wed issued by the Register of Deeds recently were:

C. T. Broadhurst, of Kinston and Miss Flora Bell, of Camp Glenn.

J. R. Pittman, of Lukins, and Miss Mattie Banks also of Lukins.

HAVE YOUR GARBAGE READY

The News is requested to print again the schedule for cleaning up garbage in the town. It has appeared in the paper already and circulars explaining it were also printed and distributed but it seems that the public does not yet fully understand the matter. Cards will cover the town on the following days:

Mondays and Thursdays.—From Moore to Craven street.

Tuesday and Fridays.—From Craven to Marsh street.

Wednesdays and Saturdays.—From Marsh to Fulford street.

The ladies of the Community Club say they appreciate the help which the City Administration has given them and they ask the public to lend their cooperation in order that the town be cleaned up kept clean.

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS

The regular business meeting of the Community Club of Beaufort, will be held Thursday March 31st, instead of the first Thursday in April. All members are requested to be present.

Cor. Secretary:

McIntosh 43 acres in Beaufort township, consideration \$10 &c.

T. S. Dixon and wife to McLenon Fuicher 6 acres in Morehead township, consideration \$115.

T. S. Dixon and wife to Lonnie Fuicher 4 acres in Morehead township, consideration \$50.

I. Sheldon Bell to Arthur Midgett lot No. 16 in square 71 Morehead City, consideration \$700.