

SUPERIOR COURT KEPT BUSY WITH CRIMINAL DOCKET

No Big Cases Tried But Quite
A Number of Smaller
Nature

SOME CASES CONTINUED

Up to this time, noon Thursday, Superior Court has been occupied with the trial of cases on the criminal docket. While there has been no case of unusual interest tried quite a number of hotly contested cases have been disposed of. At this hour the Judge has not sentenced the defendants who were convicted. Court convened promptly at 10 o'clock Monday. Judge E. H. Cramer and Solicitor D. M. Clark arrived the day before were ready for business at the appointed hour. In some cases judges have not come until the arrival of the train Monday morning and as a consequence half a day has often been lost. Since Monday court has opened every morning at 9:30 o'clock and the business of the court has gone forward smoothly and with all the speed necessary.

Judge Cramer's charge to the jury was about 30 minutes long and besides explaining the functions and responsibilities of grand jurors contained a number of wholesome moral truths and philosophical reflections. He spoke of the necessity of sure punishment for law enforcement, called attention to the laws against carrying concealed weapons, persons under 16 years old driving automobiles, gambling, selling liquor, and any injury by force or fraud to the person or property of any person. S. A. Chalk of Morehead City was made foreman of the grand jury and Herbert Forlaw was made special deputy for the jury. The large number of persons convicted at the January term of running slot machines were called. Several were not present when court opened but all showed up finally and stated that they were not running the machines any more.

Criminal matters disposed of up to the hour of The News going to press were as follows:

Jodie Norman, larceny of auto, capias and continued.

Sadie Gibbs, violating prohibition law; continued on account of sickness. J. E. Arnold, passing worthless check, tried at January term, judgment complied with, defendant discharged.

Shep Willis Jr., Walter Jones and Hugh Wade, charged with speeding auto. Capias and continued.

O'Neill Gillikin, charge seduction; capias and continued.

H. C. Willis, violating prohibition law. Tried by jury, convicted as to transporting.

Carl Buck, charge murder; not a true bill.

Robert L. Smith, assault with deadly weapon, to wit an auto. Tried and found guilty. Judgment suspended, pay costs and \$75 to Charles Lockhart.

Manly B. Fulcher, defendant charged with assault on a female, verdict guilty.

Charles Fenderson, charge seduction; continued to June term.

Eddie Collins and Jesse Wilson, charge larceny auto tire, verdict guilty.

Lindsay Willis, charged with larceny. Defendant was examined and several other witnesses and jury declared him insane.

Cleveland Long, charge with larceny of tobacco flues. The bill was changed to simple trespass and the defendant was assessed the costs in the case.

C. A. Piner, assault, continued to June term.

Reuben Guthrie, William Bell and Bennie Garner, violating prohibition law. Guthrie and Bell convicted and Garner called and failed.

Ansell Chapin, abandonment, capias and continued.

Nina Dudley and Ike Dudley, assault with deadly weapon, capias and continued.

Logan Whitehurst, abandonment, capias and continued.

O. M. Peterson and A. G. Mercer operating a car under the influence of liquor, not a true bill.

Reuben Guthrie, Dave Bell and Wiley Wilson, violating the prohibition law. Jury trial.

NEW JUDGES APPOINTED.

Since adjournment of the General Assembly Governor McLean has appointed Senator Clayton Moore, of Martin, and Representative Nat Townsend of Harnett emergency judges for Eastern Carolina and T. C. Bowie and H. H. Sink for western Carolina.

Morehead Rotarians Gone to Wilmington

(By Mrs. George Henderson)
The following Morehead City Rotarians left Wednesday by auto for Wilmington to attend the district meeting which takes place there from the 16-18th; Mr. and Mrs. D. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Parham and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Bell.

The bridge club was delightfully entertained last Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Harvey Hamilton on Arendell street, honoring Mrs. Max Stamps of Louisburg, who is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maggie Mallison, an extra table was added besides the club members. The honor guests were presented with an embroidered towel. At the close of the game sandwiches and hot tea were served. Among those invited besides the club members were Mesdames Stamps, D. G. Bell, O. L. Pickering, A. H. Webb, Jr., and J. S. McLohon.

The "Happy" Harry Forte all star minstrel given under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Morehead City last Friday night at the school auditorium was played to a full house. It was one of the best amateur performances given here in some time. Special stage scenery, electrical effects and colorful costumes added much to the affair. The minstrel ensemble was full of melody, clear local bits and amusing stunts. The Club realized the amount of over \$200. The show has planned to go to other towns in Carteret County.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS INDICATE SOME BUSINESS

Real estate has been fairly active in the county recently as indicated by deeds filed for record with Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace. Up to yesterday they were as follows:

G. W. Duncan, Com. to J. O. Barbour, part lot, Beaufort for \$1325.

Jesse Morton and wife to R. C. Modlin, tract near Beaufort for \$10.

W. S. Chadwick to Trustees Graduated School, 1 lot Beaufort for \$10.

T. W. Memborn and wife to J. C. Rashberry et al 2 lots West Beaufort, valuable considerations.

A. J. Daniels Jr. and wife to Elmore Daniels, interest in 2 tracts near Morehead City for \$500.

Seth Daniels and wife to Elmore Daniels, interest in 2 tracts near Morehead City for \$500.

Clifford Daniels and wife to Elmore Daniels, interest in 2 tracts near Morehead City for \$500.

A. B. Buck et al to James R. Bell, 1 lot Morehead City for \$10.

I. W. Haskett and wife to Georgia Rhodes, 3 lots Newport, for \$10.

Mrs. Mollie Haskett et al to Ivah W. Haskett, 2 lots Newport for \$10.

L. A. Merrick and wife to Royal & Hamilton, 100 acres near Newport for \$10.

Anson Gillikin and wife to Curtis Gillikin, 1-2 acre near Straits Township, for \$50.

RIPE STRAWBERRIES SEEN HERE YESTERDAY

March the 16th is a little early for ripe strawberries even in this section but it is a fact that some berries are ripening around here. Mr. W. P. Smith brought in a few yesterday that were ripe and looked good enough not only to eat but to bring a fancy price if he had had enough of them to put them on the market. The big strawberry section in this State is around Chadbourne and Mount Olive from whence many carloads are shipped ever year. Growers here say that berries can be grown around Beaufort more successfully than there because they can be put on the market earlier. Not enough are grown hereabouts though to make the business one of much importance.

SNOW DID NOT STOP RURAL DELIVERY HERE

Evidently some folks around the postoffice in Raleigh do not know what a mild climate Carteret county enjoys. When rural carrier W. A. Pierce sent in his voucher which showed no time lost on account of bad weather the Raleigh office sent it back and asked if there was not some mistake about deliveries from the 2nd to the 5th of March. However there was not any mistake. It is true that rural carriers did not deliver any mail during that snowy period but Mr. Pierce did not miss a day. It is rare indeed when the weather or any thing else prevents him from making his daily rounds.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith March 6th, a daughter named Mattie Maryland.

TAX ASSESSORS HAVE BEEN NAMED BY COUNTY BOARD

Survey Work On Davis-Atlantic Road To Start At Once.
To Build Soon

TRUCK WEIGHTS REGULATED

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners held here Monday the necessary officials were appointed to assess the value of real and personal property in the county. This is the year for re-valuation and this work will get under way soon. County Auditor Stancil was appointed supervisor of the work and D. W. Morton was appointed assistant supervisor. Those who are to assist in the work in the various townships are the following:

Beaufort township, D. E. Langdale; Morehead, Charles V. Webb; White Oak, W. F. Taylor; Newport, C. A. Bell, Harlowe, J. R. Ball, Merrimon, D. M. Salter; Straits, Marshallberg and Smyrna, M. M. Pigott; Portsmouth, W. O. Williams; Harker's Island to be supplied.

A motion was passed by the board instructing the county engineer to complete the survey on the Davis-Atlantic highway. Also to instruct the Simmons Construction Corporation to proceed with the construction of the road as early as possible, starting at the Atlantic end and build a concrete base, asphalt top road.

A motion was passed instructing Commissioner Peletier to have repairs made on the Bogue Sound road between the end of the hard surface and Bogue. M. A. Norris road supervisor was instructed to resume work on ferry landing at Harkers Island and Gloucester, also to make repairs to Stella bridge.

A motion was passed instructing the county engineer to make up an additional estimate as to the amount claimed by the Coast Construction Company on the fill between Beaufort and Morehead City, and to submit the same to District Engineer Snowden. Will also try to ascertain if the Highway Commission will pay the county for the fill if the county does pay for it.

A motion was passed that the board of Commissioners and Board of Health employ jointly a whole time worker as county welfare officer and public health nurse.

A motion was passed authorizing the chairman and clerk to borrow \$5,000 from the budget of the Board of Education. A motion was passed increasing the salary of County Auditor Stancil \$500 per year.

A motion was passed authorizing the payment of the transportation of Confederate veterans to the re-union at Tampa, Florida on April 4th.

An ordinance offered by Commissioner Huntley and seconded by Commissioner Taylor was adopted which regulates the weight of trucks on hard surface roads. On the 9 foot road it will be unlawful to operate a truck with capacity of more than 3 1-2 tons and on the 16 foot road truck must not have more than 7 tons capacity.

Attorney J. F. Duncan came before the board and asked permission to withdraw the petition of the Harker's Island Ferry Co. for a ferry franchise. This was granted. There was no reference in the minutes to the audit of the county's affairs which was made some weeks ago.

JOHN A KLINE ENDORSED BY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

The meeting of the county Republican executive committee which was in session in Beaufort Saturday for the purpose of recommending a candidate for the Morehead City post-office gave its endorsement to Mr. John A. Kline. The board was in session for a right good while and the question was debated very thoroughly. Having secured the county committee's endorsement Mr. Kline will also have the backing of the State organization. The appointment may be made in a few weeks if the authorities at Washington approve the committee's recommendation.

MOREHEAD HARBOR HEARING.

The News is informed by Major W. A. Snow that a public hearing is to be held in regard to changing the existing harbor lines of Morehead City. The hearing is to be held at the city hall on March 23rd. All persons who are interested in this matter are invited to attend the hearing and express their views.

Federal Rum Chasers In Eastern Carolina

Norfolk, March 14—"Hidden City" bootleg metropolis, located in an almost unpenetrable section of wilderness in Dare county, North Carolina, has fallen before an attack by federal sea and land forces, working together, according to information received here. The raiders returned to Manteo, N. C., and were hungry because they had been absent about ten days and did not have sufficient food, the exhibition being delayed in its work because of the recent blizzard.

Three federal rum chasers, commanded by Captain Glen Willis and 24 federal prohibition agents under command of Prohibition Administrator A. G. M. Duffie and Chief Prohibition Officer London composed the raiding force which successfully invaded what is known as the wettest spot on the Atlantic coast.

Twelve "Hidden City" stills were captured, some of them so large that their mash was heated in boilers such as portable saw mills use. Several hundred gallons of liquor were captured and destroyed.

The federal men reported that no attempt had been made by the lords of "Hidden City" to conceal their stills, because they were confident that no expedition would ever be able to get up the river.

The value of the liquor and distilling apparatus destroyed is believed by the raiding party to exceed \$50,000.

Four of these rum chasers have been in and around Beaufort and Morehead City for several days. They do not tell their business much but it appears that they are keeping a lookout for rum runners that may undertake to come across the bar.

POLICE COURT HAD SOME BUSINESS MONDAY

Last week there was no session of police court at all. This week though it came to life with about half dozen defendants on trial, nearly all of whom were charged with drunkenness.

Those who had to answer to the charge of having too much liquor aboard were Tom Sadler, Dick Mason, Floyd Robinson, Lionel Arthur and Tom Parkin. Each of the defendants denied the drunkenness charge and several had witnesses who testified that they were not drunk on Sunday afternoon or evening. Most of the defendants however admitted having had a drink or two and several citizens from the eastern part of town testified that they were all plainly under the influence of whiskey. These citizens also stated that conditions in that part of town were bad as to disorderly conduct and that they and other law abiding citizens wanted some protection from the disorderly element.

After hearing the evidence in the case Mayor Thomas pronounced judgment which was a fine of \$10 and costs as to Dick Mason, Tom Sadler and Floyd Robinson. Lionel Arthur and Tom Parkin, according to the evidence were not drunk much and they were let off with the costs.

Maria Suggs, a colored woman, charged with having thrown an ax helve at Mack Suggs her husband was let off with the costs. She and Mack said they were "just playing" and in fact they often engaged in sport of that kind. This ended the afternoon's performance.

MRS. L. C. BAKER DIES.

The many friends in Beaufort of Mrs. L. C. Baker, nee Miss Thelma Garner, were greatly shocked to learn today that she had died after a short illness in a Richmond, Va. hospital. Her death occurred at one o'clock this morning. Mrs. Maude Garner, her mother, was with her at the time of Mrs. Baker's death. Mr. Baker lived in Beaufort a few years ago and was the principal of the High School here. Since their marriage last Summer Mr. and Mrs. Baker have made their home in Richmond. Mrs. Baker's body will be brought here for burial and the funeral will take place Saturday. The hour of the funeral has not been announced at this writing.

PASTORS EXCHANGE PULPITS.

Reverend J. E. Holden, pastor of the Methodist church in Morehead City, and Reverend Leland L. Smith, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church here, will exchange pulpits Sunday morning. Services will occur at the usual time and everybody who can do so is invited to the respective churches to hear these two gentlemen.

ADJOURNMENT OF LEGISLATURE CAUSED GENERAL SATISFACTION

General Assembly Passed 1173 New Laws And Some Resolutions. Made Some New Judges, Killed Governor's Radio Scheme, Increased School Equalization Fund, Passed Game Law, Road Law And Various Others

HARKER'S ISLAND SCHOOL MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

Our professor Geo. D. Hardesty has employed Mr. W. M. Hancock and Walter Nelson as helpers to put down cement walk from the school building front door to the main road 4 feet wide and 88 feet long which will soon be complete and has recommended two more from the school building front door to front door of teacherage which will be at least 100 feet. Another from teacherage front door to main road about 80 feet.

We are glad to see our school grounds improved. Mr. Geo. D. Hardesty the new principal has and is doing wonderful works for us. We are proud of him and hope to have him next year.

The moving pictures have been wonderful for the past few months.

We are glad that Charlie William Hancock who got his arm broken by an unruly Bridgeport engine is improving.

Mr. Alex Willis who has been quite ill for several months with tuberculosis is better now.

Hazel Guthrie, a small girl who has had diphtheria is now improving.

Some work is being done to the M. E. Church, North by D. N. Brooks, W. M. Hancock and Alfonza Guthrie. There have been lots of improvements made such as removing the bell, put in columns, packed it up, and put new pillars under it and made the old look new.

COMMUNITY CLUB SHOWER GIVEN LAST THURSDAY

Entertaining from 3:30 to 5:30 Thursday afternoon at the club room the Ways and Means committee gave a delightful shower and house warming to all members of the Beaufort Community Club.

The club room was most tastefully decorated in spring flowers, the club colors of green and white being carried out in various ways. Special invitations had been sent out to all members and during the afternoon many attended.

Receiving the guests was Mrs. A. D. O'Bryan, chairman of the Ways and Means committee, who presented them to the receiving line of presiding officers: Mrs. S. F. Hildebrand, president, Mrs. J. S. Gutsell, vice-president, Mrs. S. H. Hayward, secretary, and Mrs. Wallace Brinson, treasurer.

From the receiving line Mrs. M. Leslie Davis, chairman of hostess, conducted the guests to the tea table where delicious sandwiches with tea was served by Mrs. H. A. Lewis, Mrs. Sam Darling and Mrs. Charles Hatwell.

In the course of the afternoon a round table discussion of the club took place, Mrs. G. W. Lay spoke briefly of the ideals of the club and the purpose for which it stands. Mrs. A. D. O'Bryan asked for the hearty cooperation of all members in helping her to provide furnishings for the club that all would be proud of. She suggested that the club colors of green and white be carried out whenever possible. Mrs. M. Leslie Davis, chairman of public welfare, spoke of the need of Associated Charities in Beaufort and asked all members to give serious thought to this phase of club work.

Just before the departure of the guests, the president, Mrs. S. F. Hildebrand unwrapped all gifts and exhibited a fine display of linen, cooking utensils, glassware, furniture and many cash donations, gifts of the guests to the club.

PERMITS TO WED.

Permits to enter the matrimonial state issued recently by Register of Deeds R. W. Wallace are as follows: Hinkley Guthrie and Pollie P. Guthrie, Harker's Island, N. C.

Charles Golden and Nettie Idleberg, Morehead City, N. C.

ROOK PARTY TONIGHT.

Mrs. H. C. Jones and Miss Nellie Jones will entertain some friends at a rook party this evening at their home on Queen street.

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)
Raleigh, N. C., March 14—State officialdom "heaved" a sigh of relief when the gavels fell finally and simultaneously in the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of 1927 shortly after the hour of twelve o'clock on last Tuesday night. State department heads always experienced a period of suspense while the Legislature is in action and the recent session proved no "exception to the rule." Not a single official questions the good intentions of members of the General Assembly, but the despatch with which many measures are enacted during the closing days creates concern in official circles which borders on desperation in the ranks of officials with efficient organizations and plans for future development. A "harmless little bill" is often the most dangerous and it is little wonder that a feeling of uneasiness creeps over the heads of departments with the approach of the closing days of a legislative session. However the General Assembly which completed its work in the early hours of March 9th, 1927, has to its credit constructive rather than destructive measures with all major State departments reasonably well satisfied with the results of its labors.

A week prior to adjournment found the calendars of both branches crowded with important proposals seeking solution. Only a small number of State-wide measures had found their way to the statute books. The Revenue Bill had barely started on its way through the House; the appropriation measure was still in committee; the educational controversy threatened a hopeless split between the Senate and House and the question of "outlining" additional superior court districts had not been settled, although the Senate had previously approved the suggestion of seven new districts and the House four. Weekend pilgrimages were abandoned and three weeks of work crowded into one by holding sessions morning, afternoon and night. During the closing days the spirit of compromise predominated and all differences over major issues were amicably adjusted. Conference committees were called into service the game of "give and take" ended controversies debated without solution in open session.

All told the General Assembly of 1927 passed 1173 new laws and 70 resolutions, a total of 1243, while scores of bills found their way to the table during the last couple of days. The court controversy was compromised without the creation of new districts. The Senate substituted for the House bill providing for four additional districts a measure authorizing the Governor to appoint four all-time emergency judges, two from the east and a like number from the west and the latter body acquiesced rather than adjourn without making any provision to relieve crowded court dockets. The appropriation bill for permanent improvements went through practically as it was written by the committee. The House eliminated the item of \$90,000 for a radio station and the Senate added \$25,000 for hospitals for the insane. As finally enacted the bill carries an appropriation of \$5,247,000. The item for maintenance of charitable, educational and penal institutions is around \$15,100,000. The sum of \$750,000 was added to the equalization fund of 1925 for the public schools making that fund for the ensuing biennium \$3,250,000.

Few measures sponsored by Governor McLean were rejected. He asked for a law providing for the negotiation and sale of notes of the State in emergencies; authority allowing boards of directors of State hospitals to work inmates; the passage of bills to improve county government; to provide for the custody, investment and application of repayment of loans made from special building funds of the State; an issue of \$600,000 40 year payment State bonds for the construction of a bridge across the lower Chowan River; the creation of a Tax Commission; extend life of the Education Commission; fix uniform compensation for members of boards of trustees; enlarge the powers and duties of the Board of Pub-