

Big Criminal Docket Blocks Civil Actions

Sensational Bell-Murdoch Case Draws Large Crowd To Court House. For Laughing In Court Beaufort Youth Spends Several Hours In Jail. Court Still Going On And All Civil Cases Continued.

The criminal docket swamped Superior Court here this week and all civil cases had to go over until the December term which will be for civil matters only. Yesterday afternoon Judge Harris announced that he did not see how it was possible to try any civil cases this term and so with the consent of the lawyers the civil cases set for trial were continued. At the term of court held before this one the criminal docket took quite a good portion of the term.

Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh, who was appointed Superior Court Judge last January is holding his first term in Carteret. The Judge says he is pleased to be here and from expressions heard around the courthouse he seems to be making a good impression on the public. In his charge to the grand jury Monday he said that we need in this State more respect for the law, better law enforcement and a public sentiment to back up the acts of officials. He spoke of the necessity for good home training as a preventative of crime and commended highly the work of the Welfare Department of the State. He condemned the carrying of concealed weapons and referred to the danger of violating the highway traffic laws. He told the jury that magistrates had no right to collect money under the bad check law. D. M. Salter was made foreman of the grand jury and Herbert Forlaw was appointed in charge of the grand jury.

The case that has excited the most interest at this term of court has been the case in which Claude Murdoch was charged with having carnal knowledge of Ruby Gray Bell a girl of fourteen years of age. Young Murdoch lives at Wildwood and the girl some five or six miles from there up Bogue Sound. The girl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bell who sat by her side in the courtroom. She is large for her age and is a rather good looking and intelligent looking girl. In spite of her youth she showed but little embarrassment while on the witness stand and the lawyers were unable to trip her up.

Miss Ruby stated that her improper relations with the young man began one night in the latter part of May when she and Murdoch took a car ride accompanied by another fourteen year old girl and a young man. She testified that some one in the party had some whiskey and that they drank it. The relations thus established continued for several weeks so she said and that as the result she will become a mother. She testified that she had never had improper relations with any one except Murdoch.

Mrs. Bell followed her daughter on the witness stand where she answered a few questions asked by her counsel. She was overcome by her feelings and was hardly able to talk. The lawyers for the defense did not cross examine her at all. Court then took a recess for dinner.

The first witness at the afternoon session of court was Edna Earl Adams a fourteen year old girl who was one of the party in the car on the night in May referred to above. She said that Murdoch and Ruby left the car and were gone for about a half an hour. She also said that Ruby told her she had had improper relations with another boy. Mr. Hamilton's efforts to shake her was unsuccessful and she was able to take good care of herself while on the stand.

A witness for the defense who created a sensation was a man by the name of Wilbur Heuser who said he was 27 years old. Heuser testified that improper relations between him and Ruby had taken place the first time he ever met her when he and another young fellow named Noby Riggs had picked her up on the road and taken her to ride. Later Ruby was put back on the stand and denied having had anything to do with Heuser and said she did not even know him. Solicitor Clark upon the conclusion of Heuser's testimony asked the Judge to have him taken into custody as he himself was guilty according to his own statement. Several other young fellows waiting to testify along the same lines, according to the lawyers, closed up like clams when they were called to the stand.

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CLUB WOMEN HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

Adopt Resolutions Favoring Continued Progress In Education. Libraries Are Needed

District twelve of N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs welcomed its first president, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, now state president of N. C. F. W. C. at its annual meeting held in Oriental, Tuesday October 11. The morning session convened at 11 o'clock with the club officers present: Mrs. Thomas O'Berry of Goldsboro president of N. C. F. W. C.; Mrs. W. J. Brogden of Durham, chairman of districts; Mrs. M. Leslie Davis of Beaufort, district president and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs of Beaufort, district secretary. Mrs. G. W. Midyette, president of the Oriental Woman's Club brought greetings and a cordial welcome from the hostess club. Rev. B. B. Slaughter offered prayer. Mrs. Ned Delamar of the Oriental club sang "The Old Refrain."

Mrs. M. Leslie Davis, district president, in her remarks asked for hearty cooperation in all her work, that all clubs subscribe to the Sally Southall Cotten Loan Fund, the educational fund of the club; that as many members as possible subscribe to the Club Bulletin, that each club sell its quota of club histories, and that contributions be subscribed by the clubs for the text books to be used in the demonstration test of adult illiteracy work.

Miss Ruth Burke, chairman of American Citizenship, could not be present. Her letter of regret was read by the secretary. In this she urged all club women to study the program of education as prepared by the citizenship department.

The most important and closing feature of the morning session was the address of Mrs. O'Berry. She especially stressed the educational program. The keynote of the present administration, urging the women to read, think and to decide things for themselves. She asked that they make an effort to establish libraries in the county-wide plan, that they support the State Department of Public Welfare, and the Sallie Southall Cotten Loan Fund, adding that this year twenty one girls are being educated through this fund.

In regards to universal membership, the president seemed to feel that the N. C. Federation should join the general federation, but that there was plenty of time and that she did not want the State federated with the larger body until each club fully understood and was ready to cooperate. After luncheon at the Breeze Inn, Mrs. W. J. Brogden of Durham, chairman of districts, gave her message. She emphasized publicity of club news in local papers, conservation of evergreen trees, planting along highways, building of club houses, and the importance of unit work, each club doing its part towards making the district work worth while.

Reports from clubs were given briefly. Discussions of club problems was entered into heartily. Reports from the two counties, Carteret and Craven, having home demonstration work, were listened to with interest.

Finally a report of committees was given, and through the resolution committee the district went on record agreeing with Mrs. O'Berry that North Carolina most needs in informed womanhood.

The invitation of the Woman's Club of New Bern was accepted for the meeting of the district next year. Mrs. J. H. Stubbs, District Secretary.

BIRTH OF SON.

Information has been received by the News that on Wednesday the 12th a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gregson at Graham, N. C. where they are now living. Mr. Gregson was at one time connected with the Beaufort News and they left here last Spring.

Judge Robinson Dies At Home In Goldsboro

GOLDSBORO, Oct. 17.—W. S. O'B. Robinson, one of North Carolina's best known lawyers and former judge of the Superior Court, passed away this morning at his home here, 90 years after his father settled in the upper part of Lenoir county.

Judge Robinson was born 75 years ago a few miles east of White Hall, where his father, John Robinson, settled following his arrival from Ireland, where he was a member of the faculty of the University of Dublin.

For more than 50 years Judge Robinson had been identified with the legal profession, beginning his practice here soon after reaching maturity. A few years later he was made United States district attorney, which position he held for four years.

In 1895 he was elected judge of the Superior court of North Carolina holding that position for the full term of eight years. After the expiration of his term he resumed the practice of law in Goldsboro and continued to practice until a few weeks ago.

Judge Robinson was twice married. His first wife was Miss Grace Moseley, of Weldon, and his second wife was Miss Annie Pierce, of Weldon. By his first wife he has three sons all being lawyers W. S. O'B. Robinson, Jr. and John M. Robinson of Charlotte and Russell Robinson, of Greensboro. By his second marriage Judge Robinson leaves one son Blackwell Robinson, 11 years of age.

Monday Was Fecitic Day At Courthouse

Prccs and Cons In Route 10 Dissection Jam Corridors Most of the Day—Nothing Stirs

Route 10 had its innings Monday morning and afternoon at the courthouse—the score is still nothing to nothing.

Considerable discussion took place—many serious subjects were talked over, and they still remain serious subjects—some spoke convincingly of the advantage of wending the route over Spring Garden way—others waxed equally as convincing that the highway should remain exactly where the state pans it to go—and in the middle of all the squabble sat Chairman Cutler and his board—with the knowledge which ever way they vote they're bound to be wrong—

The state highway commission has posted a map in the courthouse where they'd like the road located—30 days are allowed for protest to the state highway body from the day the blueprint was posted—up to the time of going to press it was said the county commissioners were still undecided who put the salt in the ocean—

Chairman Cutler said earlier in the week that the matter would be threshed out later at a called meeting of his board.—(New Bern Times.)

U. D. C. SALE.

The U. D. C. will have an apron and pie sale in the windows of Gas-kill Mace Furniture Store, Saturday. Attractive Aprons—Delicious Pies. Get your apron gifts here Saturday! Carry home a home-made pie for Sunday dessert.

State Wide Game Law Requires Hunters To Take Out License

County Game Warden D. J. Godwin has asked the News to publish the State wide game law adopted by the General Assembly at its recent session. As it is a matter in which a good many people are interested the News complies with the request. The article furnished reads as follows:

"All you people who read this enlighten your neighbors, that they may not be indicted for violating the game laws.

It is a violation of the law to hunt without a license;

To take or kill game out of season;

To take in one day more than the bag limit;

To kill a female deer within the next five years;

To buy or sell any game except rabbits and squirrels, coons and o'possums.

To take game by trap or poison, to hunt by auto, to bait for upland game.

The Open Season

Squirrels ----- Sept. to Jan 15

THE SPECIAL EDITION

The Special Bridge Edition of the Beaufort News will appear in a few weeks. Most of the material for it is in hand and the actual typesetting and printing will begin in a few days. Enough advertising has been secured to make the edition possible. It will carry many illustrations and articles that are intended to tell the story of Carteret county's progress in recent years. No further advertising soliciting will be done but firms who have not secured space in the edition can arrange for it by calling by telephone or writing this office at an early date. Every large business organization or enterprise in the county ought to be represented in this special edition for their own advantage as well as to advertise the county.

BEAUTIFUL CHRYSANTHEMUMS BROUGHT TO NEWS OFFICE

The Beaufort News office was presented with a lovely bunch of chrysanthemums Wednesday morning. They were grown just outside of Beaufort at the home of Mr. Sol Willis and are the first, blooms of the season, so far as the News is aware. They have attracted the attention of all visitors to the News office. Miss Powell, the Home Demonstration Agent was so struck by the fine blooms and length of stem that she wanted them entered in the Newport Fair. The chrysanthemums were grown by Miss Neva Willis, who is employed here at the Bank of Beaufort.

CHARLES L. FULCHER DIED IN WILMINGTON TUESDAY

The body of Mr. Charles L. Fulcher of Wilmington who died at his home there on Tuesday the 18th was brought to Beaufort for burial Wednesday. Mr. Fulcher was a victim of Bright's disease and had been in bad health for some months. He was sixty years of age. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Betty Fulcher, formerly Miss Betty Weeks of Beaufort, a daughter Mrs. Sanford Ruark of Wilmington, a sister Mrs. J. B. Webster of Wilmington and two brothers Messrs. Ambrose and Jesse Fulcher of Beaufort.

The funeral services for the deceased were conducted yesterday at the home of Mr. A. J. Fulcher on Ann Street by the Reverend L. L. Smith pastor of Ann Street Methodist church. Mr. Fulcher having been a member of that denomination. A number of friends and relatives attended the funeral. Many beautiful floral designs were sent by sorrowing friends. The interment was in Ocean View cemetery. Mr. Fulcher had been a resident of Wilmington for 18 years but was well known by many people in Beaufort who regretted to learn of his death.

NEW TEA ROOM OPENS.

Morehead City is now the proud possessor of two tea rooms, a new one just having opened under the management of Mesdames Dupanty and Piner, known as The Pie Shoppe. Delicious salads and pies are to be the specialties.

Police Court Cases Were Mostly Drunks

A considerable number of defendants faced Mayor Court last Friday afternoon. Most of the indictments were for drunkenness. J. V. Gutierrez was charged with having been drunk and admitted and was fined \$1 and costs.

Alfred Wilson, colored, disorderly conduct was given the choice of paying \$5 and costs or working ten days on the streets. He took the latter.

Julius Dunn, charged with drunkenness denied it but the Mayor thought otherwise and fined him \$1 and the costs.

Grayer Hudgins driving on a closed street was let off with the costs.

Fred Lloyd, drunk, submitted. He was fined \$1 and costs.

Gilbert Glancy, parking on wrong side of the street. Case was dismissed.

Floyd Robinson, drunk, submitted, fined \$1 and costs.

Cass Stanley, drunk, submitted, fined \$1 and costs.

Lemuel Mason, drunk and disorderly, denied the allegation. He was fined \$1 and costs.

John B. Conleton failed to appear to answer a charge of drunkenness.

Community Club Has Four Main Objectives

The Beaufort Community Club held its first meeting Thursday Oct. 6 in the club room at the old school building, with Mrs. S. F. Hildebrand, president, in the chair.

The treasurer, Mrs. O. B. Moore, read a most encouraging report, showing that the club is financially in better condition than at the beginning of last year.

Twelve new names were submitted for membership and accepted—last year the paid up memberships numbered eighty-six including associate members.

Mrs. Thomas Duncan, chairman of hospitality committee, asked that she be notified of sickness of club members.

The library committee reported seven new books purchased and three donated since last year. Members and outsiders were urged to subscribe to the library as this is its only means of support.

The president reviewed briefly the four objectives of the club for the coming year. All of which are now in process of being carried out.

The organization of associated charities, the county-wide library, organization of girl scouts, and the three-day home chautauqua. The Associated Charity organization is being completed; Mrs. S. H. Haywood is librarian and will further that project. Miss Seig has already organized the girl scouts; and Mrs. H. M. Hendrix is to direct the home chautauqua which will take place some time in November.

Members wishing to join any special department were asked to notify the department leaders or the president.

An interesting report for work in the public welfare and health department was read. Mrs. W. G. Mebane, as chairman, plans to do works much needed in the town. A sick chest is to be one of the features, clothes and bed linen towels to be donated by those who can help, for the use of needy sick people. These will be properly laundered and returned for future use.

The club meets the first Thursday of each month at 3:30 p. m. in building. The attendance at the October meeting was splendid, thirty four members being present. All members are asked to be at the next meeting, and to co-operate with the president and others in the work for the year. Pub. Chairman.

Fair At Newport In Progress Now

Newport fair, or Carteret county fair as it is called nowadays, opened up this morning. Although a little cool and windy the sun is shining brightly today and reports reaching the News are that a pretty good crowd was on hand for the fair opening. The fair will continue through tomorrow and Saturday and big crowds are expected for both days.

The exhibits at the fair this year were expected to be large and a number of amusement features have been provided. This is the first time the fair has lasted three days and the management hopes that the longer time will make for the success of the occasion. It is hoped to make it a still bigger event next year.

BIRTH OF A DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Guthrie a daughter October 13th. The child has been named Addie Lou.

WINTER COMES TO NORTH CAROLINA

Cold Winds And Snow In Mountainous Section Usher In Winter Season

CHARLOTTE, Oct. 18.—With the mercury falling generally over the state, winter's vanguard appeared yesterday in the form of drifting white snowflakes flanked by leaden skies, rain threats and a general assurance that frigid blasts are not far way.

It was the first snow of the year. While not heavy the flakes fell with certainty in Yancey, Mitchell, Henderson, Watauga and Haywood counties, Mountainous folk spent a day of discomfort, while at Asheville the temperature at 8 o'clock last night was 38 with indications pointing to an almost certain freeze.

Overcast skies tended to cool the mercury at Wilmington, to bring eastern North Carolina its coolest day of the present season. Down into the forties—with swishing winds both cool and damp—the mercury dropped.

Along portions of the coast showers fell, cool and disagreeable. Blustery clouds raced rampant throughout the heavens of the Old North State with overcoats a necessity rather than a comfort, fires roaring their cheerful refrain and blankets in preparation for whatever the weather man may have doled out in official edict.

Misting rains fell intermittently at Greensboro and nearby sections, extending as far south as Salisbury.

Charlotte spent a day and night cool, damp and gloomy. At few points was the sun noted yesterday and then only for fleeting periods during which it gleamed weakly only to yield to the spirits out of the north-land.

The gas house gang of Dixie had descended upon the populace.

Blowing Rock Section Has First Snow of Season

Blowing Rock, Oct. 18.—The first snow storm of the season struck Blowing Rock today, and, driven by high wind, continued all day. The snow melted as fast as it hit the ground until nightfall then the temperature began to drop sharply.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following deeds have been recorded by the Register of Deeds since last week:

- H. C. Jones and wife to B. C. Van Wye and wife, 2 3/4 acres H. I. for \$10.
- Floyd Loftin and wife to J. A. Hornaday, 1 lot Beaufort, for \$100.
- E. C. Person et al to Jennie T. Person, 41 acres Beaufort Township, for \$2400.
- W. A. Ballou and wife to Lucy Ballou Guthrie, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$100.
- Clement Wade and wife to S. C. Holloway, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$1000.
- E. H. Gorham and wife to T. D. Lewis and wife, 1 lot Morehead City, for \$100.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Only one permit to wed has been issued by the Register of Deeds since last week and that was to Curtis Hayes and Mary E. Rhue, White Oak.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

| High Tide | Low Tide |
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| Friday, October 21 | |
| 5:09 A. M. | 11:05 A. M. |
| 5:30 P. M. | 11:15 P. M. |
| Saturday, October 22 | |
| 5:54 A. M. | 11:33 A. M. |
| 6:12 P. M. | 12:01 P. M. |
| Sunday, October 23 | |
| 6:33 A. M. | 12:10 A. M. |
| 6:51 P. M. | 12:39 P. M. |
| Monday, October 24 | |
| 7:10 A. M. | 12:44 A. M. |
| 7:27 P. M. | 1:16 P. M. |
| Tuesday, October 25 | |
| 7:44 A. M. | 1:16A. M. |
| 8:00 P. M. | 1:50 P. M. |
| Wednesday, October 26 | |
| 8:16 A. M. | 1:49 A. M. |
| 8:33 P. M. | 2:24 P. M. |
| Thursday, October 27 | |
| 8:47 A. M. | 2:20 A. M. |
| 9:05 P. M. | 2:59 P. M. |