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## "Red Light District" Cases Are Scheduled For Airing Before Judge M. V. Barnhill

March Terms of Superior Court Starts Monday; Criminal Cases Will be Aired First of Week and Civil Actions Scheduled to Start Thursday; Julia Nelson and Helen Finley Cases Will Probably Attract Attention

Morehead Bluffs 'red light district' will be in the limelight next week when Superior court convenes here, unless cases against Julia Newman alias Julia Nelson and Helen Finley, alias Ruth Hilbard are continued to another session for some reason or another. Both of these women are charged with prostitution and assignation. Both are the alleged operators of bawdy houses, one of which is "Blue Heaven," known far and wide for its reputation.

Judge M. V. Barnhill, Rocky Mount jurist who has had some famous trials in his career, will preside at the session and Solicitor Dave Clark will do the prosecuting for the State. Criminal cases will be aired during the early part of the week, with a number of civil actions scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

It was Solicitor D. M. Clark who raided "Blue Heaven" several months ago, assisted by R. E. Chaplain, Sheriff Chadwick and T. M. Thomas Jr. This trial should be the head liner of the week as curiosity seekers and patrons too are very interested in what the outcome of the trial will be.

Included in the list of criminal cases that are on the docket facing Judge M. V. Barnhill in superior court convening here Monday are the following: George R. Willis, charged with false pretense; Henry Godwin, charged with seduction; Will Howland, charged with abandonment; M. P. Marshall, aiding and abetting in conspiracy; Adrian Scott, charged with larceny; George W. Whaley, charged with larceny; Hollister Lassiter, carnal knowledge of a child under 16 and non payment of damages; Rufus Cherry, charged with operating gambling device; Matthew P. Marshall, assault with deadly weapon; W. N. Kellum, worthless check; Alfred Willis, trespass and larceny of clams; Clyde Peterson, operating auto carelessly and injury to personal property; Elsie Bryan, violating prohibition law; Donald Mason, petty larceny and Harry Lynch, breaking and entering and abandonment.

Clerk of Superior Court Lawrence Hassell stated this week that several in the above list would not face the judge as they have either skipped bond or failed to answer *capias* issued.

Civil cases scheduled follow:

- Thursday, March 14
  - Whitehurst vs Foreman.
  - Eyer vs Bryce Heirs.
  - Boggs vs W. J. Willis.
  - Mason vs Texas Co. (Def. protest).
- Friday, March 15
  - Morehead City vs Turner.
  - Mansfield vs Wade, (Arthur).
  - Willis vs Mansfield.
- Saturday, March 16
  - 124 Loftin vs Piner.
  - 126 Dill vs Joslyn.
  - 127 Parham vs Arthur.
  - 129 Ramsey vs Serpel.
  - 134 Edwards vs Scarborough-Safrit (Def. protest).
  - 136 Ramsey vs Rollison.
  - 138 Levies vs Humphrey (Def. protest).
  - 142 Mason vs Singer Machine.
  - 143 Bunch vs Rountree.
  - Otis Willis vs Mills et al.
- MOTIONS
  - 28 Bell vs Jones.
  - 32 McCausey vs Wiggins.
  - 52 M. City vs Mace.
  - 65 Lewis vs Chadwick.
  - 70 Willis vs Houdiburg.
  - 0 Hood, Comm. vs Taylor.
  - Otis Willis vs Mills, et al.
  - Hamilton, admr. vs Phillips.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

We hereby announce our candidacy for Commissioners of the Town of Beaufort subject to the approval of the voters at the municipal election on May 7th.

William H. Potter, Dr. L. W. Moore, Richard D. Whitehurst, A. T. Gardner, Clarence Guthrie. Beaufort, March 7, 1935.

### BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Davis of Marshallberg, March 3rd, a daughter.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eudy, of Morehead City, a son, March 2. The infant has been named William Howard Eudy.

## Our Editor Dies



W. G. MEBANE

William Giles Mebane editor and publisher of The Beaufort News for the past 19 years died at 1:30 o'clock last Sunday morning in the Morehead City hospital, following an illness of several months. He was sixty two years old.

About January 1 he was admitted to the hospital in Morehead City for observation and treatment, following which he went to St. Elizabeth's in Richmond, Va., for an operation. Recovering sufficiently for the trip back home he returned to Morehead City hospital on February 9, where he continually grew weaker until his death Sunday morning.

At his bedside when death came were Mrs. Mebane, his two sisters, Mrs. J. T. Donoho of Asheville and Mrs. E. S. Parker of Indianapolis and his niece, Mrs. Jesse Weatherby of Indianapolis and Mrs. Mebane's sister, Miss Mary Robinson of Raleigh. They survive along with one son, Giles Yancey Mebane.

Mr. Mebane was born on a plantation in Fayette county Tennessee, August 8, 1873, the son of the late William Graves Mebane, of Northampton county and Mrs. Emma Caroline Mebane of Caswell county. When Mr. Mebane was 11, his father died. His father's death was due to an illness contracted due to exposure when a prisoner of war on Johnston's Island during the War of the Confederacy. He was an officer in the Confederate army. At the death of his father Mr. Mebane moved to Caswell county, North Carolina, where he spent the remainder of his boyhood on a farm in Caswell county living with his grandfather Giles Mebane.

In 1887 he graduated with honors from Bingham Military school, then located at Mebane, under the direction of the late Major Robert Bingham. He was Captain of his class at Bingham and a member of the Alpha Tau Miga fraternity. In the same class at the military school with Giles Mebane was Robert W. Bingham, present ambassador to Great Britain. Finishing school he moved to Graham where he worked with his uncle, Banks Holt. With an associate he installed the first telephone line in Al-

### FIVE MEN SENTENCED BY MAYOR TAYLOR MONDAY

A total of 140 days was dished out by Mayor Bayard Taylor in Police court Monday night. Each of the defendants were colored, and local corn liquor played no unimportant role in getting them up before the Mayor.

Willie Fulford, disorderly conduct and drunkenness was given 30 days. George Johnson for being drunk and fighting was given 20 days. Matt Bailey for fighting got 10 days. Pope Johnson, drunk and disorderly was given 30 days and Luke Johnson on a similar charge was given 20 days.

amance county which was later sold to Southern Bell at a tremendous profit. Later he was engaged in the mercantile business in Greensboro, and then became Associate Editor of the Greensboro Industrial News, owned at the time by Carl Duncan, a native of Beaufort. While in Greensboro he organized the Merchants and Manufacturers club, the first business club in that city and which is still in existence. Later he moved to Concord and was editor of the Observer

Leaving the newspaper field for a while he traveled for the American Tobacco company. But on a visit to Beaufort in 1916, Clyde Morton, then owner of the Beaufort News, sold out to Mr. Mebane. The News under his editorship became one of the outstanding weekly newspapers in North Carolina, one greatly respected and quoted for its editorial policies. This newspaper while under his direction became a member of the N. C. P. A. An active member of the Republican party, Mr. Mebane played his politics in an upright and straightforward manner, always quick to see the mistakes of his own party and never dealing in personalities.

Mr. Mebane served on Legislative Committees from time to time and until the past three or four years was a faithful attendant at the N. C. P. A. meetings in Chapel Hill each summer.

A candidate for Congress in 1928 and 1930 he polled the largest vote ever given a Republican in the Third District.

He married on November 10, 1925 to Miss Ruth Amelia Robinson, of Raleigh, daughter of John Allen Robinson, of Carteret county and Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Kneiss Robinson, formerly of Bethlehem, Pa. Giles Yancey seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mebane is a pupil at St. Paul's school.

Mr. Mebane was a descendant of the Graves, Yancey and Mebane families who played an important part in the early history of North Carolina. He was the grandson of Alexander Mebane, who was a member of the Provincial Congress meeting in Philadelphia after the Revolutionary War.

### SETH PIPKINS NOW WITH PRITCHARD AND HOLLOWAY

Seth Pipkins who has been with the repair department of Sound Chevrolet company for some time has gone to Pritchard and Holloway where he will be manager in charge of the repair department, according to an announcement elsewhere in this newspaper this week. Mr. Pritchard says that he feels fortunate to obtain the services of Pipkins who is classed as an expert automobile mechanic.

## Alvah Hamilton Will Continue To Serve As Tax Collector Of Carteret County Two Years

"Kid" Hill of Newport Almost Got the Job, Getting Two of Five Votes Cast at Executive Session of Board of Commissioners on Monday; Motion Passed Appointing List Takers For 1935 Tax Listing in Various Townships

### BURIAL SERVICES IN RALEIGH

Reaching Raleigh about four o'clock Monday afternoon, the funeral procession following William Giles Mebane to his last resting place assembled at the Church of the Good Shepherd. From there the city provided a police escort to Oakwood cemetery, where the Rev. Henry G. Lane, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church in Richmond, conducted the burial rites assisted in prayer by Rev. Mr. Fenwick, rector of St. Paul's in Beaufort.

His body was placed in the family plot of Mrs. Mebane in Oakwood cemetery.

A special committee of the North Carolina Press Association, composed of John Park, publisher of the Raleigh Times, Capus Waynick, chairman of the State Highway Commission; Representative Fred Sink of Davidson and Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, represented Mr. Mebane's fellow newspapermen at the service.

Pall bearers at the services in Raleigh included: Aycock Brown, William Hatsell, Earl Mades, and Edgar Weaver of the Beaufort News staff, F. C. Salisbury retired newspaperman of Morehead City and Dave Jones, long time friend of the late Mr. Mebane.

## JOSEPH ROBINSON PASSED SATURDAY

He Played Important Role in Activities of Carteret and His Homestead, Atlantic

Funeral services for Joseph M. Robinson, 62, were conducted Sunday afternoon from the home in Atlantic. He died suddenly Saturday from heart attack. Rev. C. A. Linberger of the Missionary Baptist church in Atlantic officiated at the services, assisted by members of the Franklin Masonic Lodge, of which the late Mr. Robinson was a brother.

Mr. Robinson was held in high esteem by all who knew him, especially by his neighbors in Atlantic. He always showed an interest in Carteret county and his home town. He had served as county commissioner and also on the local school board.

Surviving children are: Mrs. Howard Nelson, Atlantic; Mrs. Hugh E. Hardy, LaGrange, Mrs. E. G. Heath, Cove City; Misses Vera and Eleanor Robinson and Justin Robinson of Atlantic and Carlton Robinson of High Point.

The large throng who attended the funeral attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Interment was made in the Atlantic cemetery.

### Covering The WATER FRONT By AYCOCK BROWN

Mr. Mebane was responsible for me coming to the coast to live. Back in 1928 when working on the Herald as police reporter, I wrote a letter to "the editor, Beaufort's Leading Newspaper, Beaufort, N. C." I did not know his name, nor the name of his paper, but he gave me the chance to come down here and live and I have been on salt water ever since.

He was a native of the up-state hilly country just like myself. We had something in common about our choice for living on the coast. It is hard to explain in words—something about this scheme of things down here that held us. I say it is hard to explain, but from the office window we get a view of Old Topsail inlet. Maybe that is the answer. Many times Mr. Mebane and I would be sitting in the office talking about business and other things our conversation would lag and we would catch each other gazing out of the window towards Old Topsail and the Ocean beyond. Today I am gazing out of the window alone. But somewhere, somehow I believe he is seeing the view he loved so much, just as I see it today.

Mrs. Wetherington of Peletier came into the office today. She was telling (Continued on page five)

### MOSTLY ROUTINE BUSINESS

Alvah Hamilton was reelected as tax collector for Carteret county by the Board of County Commissioners meeting here on Monday. He will serve for a period of two years at a salary of \$2,000 per annum. This was the most important episode of the Commissioners' meet.

It was gossip on the streets prior to the meeting that in addition to Collector Hamilton there were two other candidates out for the job. The Board went into executive session for the election of the collector. It is understood from county officials that of the five present, three voted for reelection of Hamilton, two cast votes for C. M. (Kid) Hill of Newport and none were cast for Wilbur Willis of Beaufort who was also said to be in the lineup for the office.

Upon motion it is ordered that the following persons be appointed List Takers for 1935 Tax Listing.

Townships— Straits—Gerald Whitehurst. Smyrna and Wiliston—Geo. W. Davis.

Portsmouth—Mrs. Abner Dixon. Cedar Island—T. L. Goodwin. Hunting Quarter—J. O. Mason. Merrimon—Hugh Salter.

Beaufort—Mrs. Maude Chadwick and W. G. Dudley.

Morehead City—C. V. Webb. Harlowe—J. Raymond Ball. Newport—G. E. Sanderson. White Oak—W. F. Taylor.

Harkers Island—Clayton Fulcher. Marshallberg—Earl Davis.

The Commissioners will request S. H. and P. W. C to make improvements in certain roads of county, namely the Merrimon road, Merrimon township, McCabe road from Route 10 to E. W. Webb property, Old Wildwood road, Ball road, Harlowe, and West Beaufort road from Quinn's Fisheries to James Whitehurst's place.

Sheriff Chadwick's bond was accepted and he will be re-imposed Minnie Hamilton will receive \$5 from Jones Company will supply County home with food for month of March. Commissioner Chadwick voted 'NO' but four others yessed a motion and it was ordered that R. P. Oglesby's (J. W. Oglesby) taxes be adjusted for 1931-32 on a basis 1933 valuation, and in settlement of said taxes any surpluses shall be turned into Collector on 1932 and prior taxes.

Fire policies will be renewed on county buildings. Teachers script will be accepted for 1933 and prior taxes conditioned upon 1934 taxes paid in cash, same to be accepted subject to approval of L. G. Commission. County Auditor has been instructed to proceed with copying tax abstracts. The Steve Buck property in White Oak township will be listed for past five years by County Auditor. The county will pay 50 cents daily on the hospitalization of Eddie Riggs now at State Sanatorium.

Mrs. Floyd Robinson, Mrs. Tamer Willis, Mrs. L. B. Willis and Mrs. James Golden be allowed \$5 monthly from the poor fund same to apply on their taxes. Joe and Addie Lewis who have been receiving \$5 from poor fund will now get \$7.50 and Mrs. Minnie Hamilton will receive \$5 from this fund, half of which will be in cash to her, and half to apply on her taxes.

With the approval of the Local Government commission, a contract of Abrahams and Whitaker and Carteret county will be accepted.

Carteret county will pay \$25 monthly for office rent in Morehead City.

### NEWS WILL CONTINUE

Mrs. Mebane stated today that the Beaufort News will continue to operate for an indefinite period under the present management.

### TOTARIANS TO HOLD INTER CITY MEETING

Rotarians of the five cities in this section will hold a group meeting on Thursday night, March 21, at Kinston, as the second inter-city gathering of the kind this spring. The first was held in New Bern some weeks ago at the Gaston hotel, with a large attendance.

The program is being arranged by a Kinston committee. Each club in the group will be asked to present a stunt. The five clubs are at Kinston, Ayden, Beaufort, Morehead City and New Bern.