

BIG DOCKET FOR NEW COURT TERM

Judge Finley Will Have Plenty of Work to Do When He Opens Court.

When Judge Thomas B. Finley opens a special term of criminal court here next Monday morning, he will face a docket of 165 cases, according to tabulations completed Tuesday afternoon by Deputy Clerk of the Court James E. Yandle. Sixty-six of the cases have developed since the special term of criminal court in early December. Judge Finley is to preside here in Superior courts for the next six months.

One of the cases on the docket next week is that against J. W. Summers, former medical practitioner here, who is charged with having performed a criminal operation upon Mrs. Eva Winkler, of Mount Holly. George Barnicastle, of Mount Holly, is charged with being an accomplice.

Lewis Long, alleged bootlegger, who was a fugitive from Mecklenburg county in forfeiture of a \$1,500 bond and who was captured some weeks ago in Danville, Va., is to be tried on the charge of violation of the prohibition law. The case is expected to attract maximum attention because of the sensations that have surrounded it.

J. A. Queen and A. K. Harwell, two white men, also are to be tried for alleged handling of liquor. Harwell was taken some weeks ago at Camp Greene by officers who were looking for Bud Lipard, alleged notorious bootlegger of the Western part of the State. Queen was taken at the same time but gave bond and was later arrested on a second charge of the same kind and the alleged theft of a car. He escaped with handcuffs on as he was being taken along West Third street here by Lincoln county officers to the Mecklenburg jail. Just now he is at large but officers expect to produce him in court.

A. E. Burke of Winston-Salem, is to be charged with handling liquor. He was the man who left Charles W. Shuman and a car bearing a Winston-Salem tag at the Sloan's Ferry bridge some weeks ago and ran away as Constable Tom Hubbard, of Paw Creek township, fired a round of shots at him on his failure to halt.

Some of the other defendants on the forthcoming docket are: Mr. and Mrs. Darnish, charged with larceny from several stores; James W. Roberts, charged with false pretense in connection with the sale of oil stock; E. A. Rogan, white, charged with intent to commit rape; E. R. Collins and R. L. Carter, white boys charged with larceny of an automobile, and Eugene Crook, white, charged with operating a car while under the influence of liquor.

ANTI-BETTING LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 28.—An act of the Legislature of Alabama of 1919 prohibiting the making of a wager on a horse race or other form of sport was held unconstitutional in the Inferior Circuit Court here this morning. Notices of appeal were given by State attorneys. The decision grew out of a test case brought by H. C. Murran, president of the Mobile Business Men's Racing Association, and it is believed the court action assures a ten to fifteen days' racing meeting here in the Spring, to follow the fair grounds meeting at New Orleans.

ALBEMARLE GIRL IS FOUND IN HOSPITAL

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Miss Lillie Dale Russell, 23, of Albemarle, N. C., who disappeared from the south branch of the Young Women's Christian association, was found yesterday afternoon at a local hospital where she was admitted shortly after her disappearance on Christmas night. The girl's condition is not thought to be serious. Hospital officials were puzzled over the girl's identity until today, when she revealed her name.

WARREN RESIGNATION PRESENTED TONIGHT

Raleigh, Dec. 28.—Thomas E. Warren, for eight years chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in North Carolina will tender his resignation to the committee when it meets in Raleigh Wednesday night. J. S. Norwood of Salisbury is the only candidate for the position.

SURE RELIEF FOR INDIGESTION

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MAHAFFEY TAKES BALDWIN'S POST

Change in Personnel at Weather Office Has Already Become Effective.

C. E. Mahaffey, a native of Greenville, S. C., has arrived here and taken up his duties at the United States Weather Bureau as successor to H. McPh. Baldwin, who has been here for two years in the capacity of observer for the local station. Mr. Baldwin is retiring after being in the service of the United States weather bureau for 41 years.

Mr. Mahaffey came to Charlotte from the weather bureau at Little Rock, Ark. Prior to that he saw service in the weather bureau at Key West, Fla., and later at Greenville, S. C.

C. S. Lindgren, who came here a little more than two years ago to become meteorologist at the local station, will remain here in that capacity. The weather bureau here is considered one of the important stations in the United States and the man in charge was advanced to the place of meteorologist some years ago when G. O. Arto was still in charge.

ORPHANS GUESTS AT CHRISTMAS OCCASION

In automobiles marshalled by members of the congregation, the children of the Thompson Orphanage were delightfully entertained Tuesday evening by the Sunday school of the Church of the Holy Comforter in the parish rooms of the church.

The rooms had been appropriately decorated for the occasion and an attractive program prepared. The teachers, matrons and superintendents as well as the children were present.

The children of the Sunday school rendered the program, one of the features of which was a violin solo by Charles Smith, accompanied by his sister, Jane Smith, on the piano. The carol, "Holy Night," sung as a duet by Misses Lavise and Anna Everett Little, the attractive daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. Little, were well received, as was the folk dancing by Misses Della Chesnut and Ella Foreman.

MRS. EDITH M'CORMICK IS GRANTED A DIVORCE

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Edith R. McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, sr., millionaire oil king, was granted a divorce from Harold F. McCormick, president of the International Harvester Company, in Superior Court today.

No provision for alimony was included in the divorce decree, which was signed in court by Judge Charles A. McDonald after Mrs. McCormick had filed suit for divorce on charges of desertion against Mr. McCormick, who admitted the charges.

TO DISCONTINUE JOINT MEETING

Ohio Coal Operators Will Draw Own Wage Scale With Union Miners.

Columbus, Ohio., Dec. 28.—Announcement by the Southern Ohio Coal Exchange that its members operating mines in the southern Ohio fields would discontinue negotiation of wage scales in joint meetings with other districts in the central competitive field and propose an individual scale for their employes which would not provide for the "check off" system of collection of union dues, was regarded in various lights here today.

W. D. McFatey, secretary of the exchange, declared that the action of their organization, taken at a meeting late yesterday, was not intended as a blow to unionized labor, but that they were "driven to the move" by the ability of concern in West Virginia and other fields to undersell them.

White officials of the Ohio Miners' Association maintained silence, expressions of opinion from other quarters indicated belief that the decision of the operators was the initial move in an effort to establish "open shop" conditions for all central competitive fields, where practically all the holdings operated by the seventy members of the exchange are located.

The first hint that establishment of the new system of wage fixing had been decided upon came with publication late yesterday of a letter sent by the exchange to John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis. Replying to a letter from Lewis requesting that representatives be sent to Pittsburgh to decide the date for a wage conference for all central competitive field districts, the operators flatly refused to participate, saying that "the plan of fixing wages employed in the past has seriously contributed to the existing state of depression throughout southern Ohio."

MRS. W. A. GRAHAM IS HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

Mrs. W. A. Graham was painfully, but not seriously injured, at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning by an automobile, a Ford sedan, as she was about to cross Independence Square.

Mrs. Graham had just stepped off the sidewalk into the street when the automobile, coming up South Tryon street, turned into East Trade street, at what observers said was a rather rapid rate of speed. Mrs. Graham was hit by the side of the car and knocked over toward the street car track. The driver of the car avoided driving over her by cutting his car into the sidewalk. He knocked over the sign that stands at the crossing as a guide to traffic. After he brought the car to a stop he came back to see what damage had been done.

Mrs. Graham was picked up and taken to her home on West Seventh street between St. Peter's parish house and the Charlotte Station. Dr. Graham, who was not at home when she arrived, but who came a few minutes later, said Mrs. Graham was not much hurt and was resting easily.

WILKINSON ATTENDS OPENING OF BRIDGE

W. C. Wilkinson, commissioner of this district of the North Carolina Highway Commission, went to Albemarle Wednesday to attend the ceremonies incident to the opening of the fine steel structure over the Yadkin river which has been built under the jurisdiction of the State highway commission. The bridge's construction is being widely heralded as one of the construction events in connection with the work so far done by the State commission, not only because of the cost involved in the work, but because of the opening up of a nearer route which is of great importance to facilitate the movement of transportation through that entire section of the State.

CITY IS BOOMING NEWCOMER SAYS

Baltimore Dentist, Here to Locate, Finds Charlotte to be Thriving.

That Charlotte is booming compared, financially, with Baltimore, Md., is the statement of Dr. Buford D. Corl, formerly on the staff of Johns Hopkins hospital and the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, who has arrived here to make his home in the future. Mr. Corl will open a dental office in this city after the first of the year.

An advertisement in a Baltimore paper for labor would come near creating a riot in that city, he said. "The unemployment is not only large, but growing. Offices and home for rent can be picked up all over the city. In Charlotte I find demands have already been made for every kind of building available. Since arriving in the city I have seen that this place is on a boom compared with Baltimore."

Dr. Corl further declared that he believed Charlotte to be one of the most fortunate cities in the country in this respect. He has been in several large Northern cities recently and is of the opinion that the worst business conditions prevail in the North and not the South.

GERMAN EFFORT CANNOT SUCCEED

Conditions Imposed Must be Modified by Allies, Says Annual Report.

Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The effort of Germany during 1921 to fulfill her peace obligations has failed and it is idle to think that any political or economic efforts will now succeed unless these conditions are modified. The annual report of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce, issued today, says: "Those who still believe the London ultimatum can be carried out," says the report, "either are without judgment or do not desire fulfillment of the destruction of Germany, which in time would react on France, England and America."

BOY SCOUT BAND IN ACTION AGAIN

The Boy Scout band will play the old year out and the new year in Saturday night from 11:30 o'clock to 12:30 o'clock in front of the city hall, according to an announcement by A. F. Bartlett, director of the band.

This public appearance of the band will be the first since the program of the best selections known by the band. Mr. Bartlett has especially prepared the program to suit the occasion and a touch of real New Year spirit is expected to be added to the evening by the music.

NEWSPRINT OCCUPIES THE TARIFF MAKERS

Washington, Dec. 28.—Newsprint occupied the attention today of Senate tariff makers, manufacturers asking for protection for their industry and newspaper publishers urging that the papers be retained on the free list, as proposed in the Fordney bill.

CITY'S CHARITY BLANKETS POOR

More Was Given Than There Was Room to Receive During Christmas.

That there were more people willing to give in Charlotte during the Christmas festival than there were to receive is a singular fact that is without equal in the annals of the local Associated Charities, according to Miss Anna L. Wallace, assistant-secretary of that organization.

Miss Wallace declared that the office of the Associated Charities was literally swamped with people during the holidays whose one question was, "Where can I find some one in need of assistance?" As a result of this wholehearted willingness to help the poor, over 700 needy were looked after and Christmas cheer carried to every distressed family about in the city. After every single individual and family in the city had been visited by benevolent citizens, people continued to flock to the Associated Charities and express surprise that there was no one in need of assistance.

"Isn't there even a little child I can help?" is a question that Miss Wallace was forced to answer in the negative scores of times. There was not one small tot in the city who did not get a visit from Santa Claus and so far as is known not one home that did not radiate at least some of the Christmas cheer. Every solitary human being that could be found was left in smiles, and from one end of the city to the other the spirit of the Yuletide reigned.

"It looks as if there were not one time when such willingness to give will be manifested throughout the entire year," declared Miss Wallace. She expressed her belief that Charlotte people possess a greater thoughtfulness of the poor than any city she had visited during the past few years.

WILSON CELEBRATES BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

Washington, Dec. 28.—Former President Wilson today quietly celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday at his home here.

While no deviation from the daily program of the Wilson household was planned many cablegrams, telegrams and letters containing greetings were delivered at the Wilson home on 8 street during the day. Several of the more intimate friends of Mr. Wilson called to extend their greetings in person.

MAXWELL WILL BE HEARD HERE

Rate Expert of Corporation Commission to Address Shippers

A meeting of the officers of the Charlotte Shippers and Manufacturers' Association was held at 1 o'clock Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of arranging some of the details in connection with the annual meeting of the membership of the organization to be held January 11, at which time A. J. Maxwell, of the corporation commission, will be guest of honor and chief speaker.

The special committee of the officers appointed to arrange for the program of the annual meeting is composed of Lewis Burwell, president; H. W. Eddy, J. H. Carter and W. S. Croighton.

The committee ran over plans associated with the meeting and discussed a number of incidental features that are to be a part of the program.

Mr. Maxwell will speak on the rate situation as it now applies to North Carolina, a subject on which he is regarded as more competent to speak than any other man in North Carolina. He will also advise as to the coming alterations in the rate structure in this territory as he has been advised of such in advance by the carriers, telling also something of what the corporation commission is doing to remedy existing defects in the situation as it now stands.

HONEYCUTT NOT AT MEETINGS OF BOARD

Commissioner Honeycutt has not attended a meeting of the City Commissioners for a week, it was said Wednesday at the city hall. No reason was assigned for the absence of the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Commissioner Honeycutt was said to have absented himself from the council chamber at the 11 o'clock daily meeting about the time the agitation in regard to the recent "sprinkler" bill had reached its peak and it was thought that this has, perhaps, had something to do with his absence.

Commissioner Honeycutt has indicated to friends recently, as well as for some time prior to the recent agitation, that he had no authority in connection with the administration of the affairs of the city, that Mayor Walker and Commissioner Starnell were the men to deal with municipal suits themselves, but he indicated that so far as the transaction of public business is concerned, he is a non-entity at the city hall.

It was indicated, however, Wednesday at the council chamber that, in the continued absence of Mr. Honeycutt from the meetings of the commissioners, the other two officials are not exercising any authority over the affairs of the department over which Mr. Honeycutt presides, that these matters are still in his hands entirely and that the board will continue to regard Mr. Honeycutt as the authority in dealing with business pertaining to the departments of fire, police and health.

GENE DEBS WILL GET A WELCOME

Terre Haute Plans Rousing Reception for Socialist Leader on Arrival.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 28.—A town welcome awaited the return of the Socialist leader, Eugene V. Debs, to his home last Sunday through Presidential commutation of his ten-year sentence for violation of war laws. Friends and neighbors, regardless of their own views of Debs' doctrines, as well as his followers were expected to meet the train and escort the Socialist leader to his home.

Although disappointed by the attendance at a preliminary meeting here, the Socialist leaders here were confident that tonight's demonstration, featured by a parade of the downtown district, would attract a big crowd.

Mrs. Debs said she would be at the station, preferring that her reunion with her husband be alone in the privacy of their home.

HARVEY LEAVES FOR CANCEN

London, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—George Harvey, the American Ambassador, accompanied by Mrs. Harvey, left for Cancun, Mexico, today. He will act as observer for the United States at the conference of the San Pedro Council, which will open January 4.

PINEHURST WILL NOT ENTERTAIN HARDING?

Washington, Dec. 28.—While there was no official statement, indications at the White House today were that President Harding had abandoned his tentative plan to spend a portion of the holidays at Pinehurst, N. C.

The President had a full list of engagements for today and one of the members of the Cabinet was authority for the statement that the Cabinet would meet Friday, as usual.

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