

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION

Only A Few Of the Many Cases On the Docket Disposed Of Up To This Time.—Will Likely Be In Session All Week.

Stokes Superior court for the trial of criminal cases is in session here this week. Larger crowds than usual are in attendance, the docket being a very heavy one. There are three manslaughter cases to be disposed of, none of these having been taken up at this time.

Judge P. A. McElroy is presiding over the court and has made a most favorable impression on all who have sit in his court. Solicitor J. F. Sprull is at his post prosecuting law breaker's with his usual zeal and ability and the docket is being cleared as rapidly as possible, though it will probably require the entire week to complete it.

Up to the hour of going to press the court had disposed of the following cases:

Frank Reid, breaking into store of G. W. Neal, six months on roads.

David Reid, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$50.00 and cost.

John Dogans, larceny, six months on roads.

Matt Thompson, larceny, not guilty.

Frank Hughes, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$50.00 and cost.

Lindsay Vaughn, larceny, fined \$50.00 and cost.

Straway Tilly and Wakefield Southern, retailing, guilty. Judgment pending.

Geanny Bullin, manufacturing liquor, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost and filing bond.

Silas Lewis, carrying concealed weapon, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Colbert Priddy, Noah Mabe and and Everett Mabe, charged with entering Snider Priddy's store. Not guilty.

Lester Sands, Buck Sands, Burke Sands, affray. Burke Sands fined \$25.00 and one-third cost. Lester and Buck Sands fined \$10.00 each and one-third cost each.

J. E. Mabe, having liquor in possession, prayer for judgment continued.

Lindsay Lewis, assault on female, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

C. A. Weaver, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$50.00 and cost.

Hugh Heath, Bogue James and Royal Mitchell, affray, James fined \$25.00 and one-third cost, Mitchell and James taxed with one-third cost each.

James Moore, Jr., and George Moore, charged with larceny of tobacco, trial now in progress.

There are three manslaughter cases on the docket, neither of these having been reached at this time. The defendants are Jno. W. Hall, Henry Thomas and R. T. Allen.

Town Election For Walnut Cove

Announcement is made that an election to name officers for the town of Walnut Cove will be held there on the first Monday in May. It is stated that there will be a number of candidates for town commissioners and a spirited contest is expected.

MISS ALEXANDER FOR GOVERNOR

Mecklenburg's Woman Representative Announces Her Candidacy For Job in 1928.

Charlotte, March 25.—Miss Julia Alexander, representative from Mecklenburg county, has tossed her hat into the political ring for governor of North Carolina, announcement to this effect having been made last night when the Charlotte woman declared she had definitely determined to make the campaign. "I have received so much assurance of support from people of prominence in political affairs that I shall certainly enter the race," the Mecklenburg representative is quoted as saying.

Miss Alexander is the only woman representative in the state assembly and the second who has ever been elected to that body.

WALNUT COVE NEWS ITEMS

Contract Awarded For Hard-Surface Road—Revival At Methodist Church—Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, April 1.—Messrs. R. A. Ellington, Robert Caldwell, D. W. Busic and Dr. J. T. Taylor, of Madison, and Dr. R. G. Tuttle, of Winston-Salem, attended a stockholders meeting of Walnut Cove Drug Co. at Walnut Cove Tuesday.

Mr. Harry LeMar, of North Wilkesboro, was in town a few days this week. Mr. A. W. Preston, of Beleva Creek, was a visitor in town Sunday. The many friends of the Misses Burge are glad to see them out again after several days illness.

Messrs. R. L. and L. B. Austin, of Albemarle, were visitors here Monday.

Capt. C. S. Currier and Mr. U. L. Fisher, of State Highway Commission were in town Monday, making an inspection of State Highway No. 753-A.

Mr. Slick Hartman spent the week-end with friends in Salisbury.

Mr. S. C. Austin made a business trip to Elkin Friday.

Mr. George Martin has been awarded the contract for construction of hard surface road between Fulp and Walnut Cove and will begin work soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hatchison and family spent Sunday with relatives near Summerfield.

Mr. H. R. Beaheld, of Raleigh, was a visitor in town this week.

A revival is in progress at the Methodist church, the pastor being assisted by the Rev. Higgs, of Winston-Salem.

Miss Annie Redman spent the week-end at her home in Pilot Mt.

Mr. Minish Wheeler was a visitor in Pilot Mt. Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Fulton spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fulton.

Mrs. Edwin Carter and Mrs. Paul Fulton spent Saturday in Winston-Salem shopping.

Misses Sparger, Noll and Katherine Hatchison made a shopping trip to Winston-Salem Saturday.

Mrs. E. A. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson and Mrs. Buec Boyles spent Wednesday in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Perry Priddy went to Winston-Salem Tuesday night to see Harold Lloyd in "Hot Water."

Mr. A. H. Marshall, of Pomeroy, Ohio, has accepted the charge of Rector for the Episcopal church here and the first service will be held on Sunday, April 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith Robertson, of Columbus, S. C., spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Davis.

HARRIS CARRYING FIGHT TO PEOPLE

Declares Highway Commissioner Has Favored Durham Against Rural Needs.

Raleigh, March 31.—With speeches at Southern Pines and Hamlet, State Senator Charles U. Harris, of Wake county, is carrying his crusade against Highway Commissioner John Sprunt Hill's administration of fourth district road funds to the sandhills towns along route 50.

He spoke at Southern Pines last night and at Hamlet tonight, appealing for support for the hard surfacing of route 50, the capital to capital highway. Senator Harris is president of the Capital to Capital Highway association.

The Wake senator and the fourth district highway commission have been running a heated contest over the allocation of highway funds and the prosecution of construction work. The senator charged the commissioner with favoring his home city of Durham to the neglect of Raleigh, while the commissioner contended that Wake county "politicians" wanted funds taken from rural counties of the district to build hard surfaced roads into the capital.

Electric Lights For Pine Hall

Pine Hall will secure lights and power from Walnut Cove's power plant on Dan river. The work of putting up the wire has already been started.

TWO CHURCHES FOR KING

Moravians and Christians Will Each Erect Edifices—Other News and Personal Items.

King, March 30.—Rev. Walter Grabs, of Bethania, is here today getting things lined up for the erection of the new Moravian church which is to be built on West Main Street.

Mr. H. H. Leake made a business trip to High Point today.

Mr. O. H. Newsom, who holds a position with the British-American Tobacco Co. and who is located in the interior of China, is spending a vacation with his mother near Germantown. He was in King last week shaking hands with relatives and friends.

Quite a number of King citizens are attending superior court at Danbury this week.

Material is being placed on the site preparatory to erecting a new Christian church on West Main St. The structure will be of brick, size thirty-six by sixty feet and modern in every particular. In addition to the main building there will be five Sunday School rooms. Actual work will be commenced this week.

Robert Carroll broke an arm while at play at Mount Olive school Friday. The broken member was set by Dr. E. M. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Jones, of Winston-Salem, spent Saturday with relatives here.

The Ed Goose baseball team defeated the Dry Springs nine in a game here Saturday. The score stood fourteen and eleven.

Mrs. J. R. Cook spent the week-end with relatives in Mount Airy.

Mr. J. Rufus Wall was among the business visitors here Saturday. Mr. Wall resides at Winston-Salem.

Mr. Clyde Moore, of Mount Airy, spent Sunday with his parents on Pulliam St.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bensley, who reside in Walnut Hills, spent Sunday with relatives in Winston-Salem.

A play, "Tempest and Sunshine," will be given at the high school building on Saturday night, April 4th, proceeds to go towards the erection of the new Christian church here.

Mr. Wilbur Newsom, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with his mother here.

Bishop Edward Rondthaler will preach on Sunday, April 5th, at 3:00 o'clock P. M. in the Junior hall here.

The auction sale for the Moravian circle will be on Saturday, April 11, beginning at three o'clock P. M. followed by supper. The King string band will furnish music. Proceeds will go to religious purposes.

Mr. Ernest Hendrix made a business trip to Winston-Salem today.

Blue Ridge Mountain Under Blanket of Snow

North Wilkesboro, March 28.—The Blue Ridge mountains for a distance of 30 or 40 miles is covered with snow tonight. The snow is visible from this city. Though it is quite cold here today no frost fell last night on account of the heavy wind.

75 Register Under New Bus Law

Under the new bus law for North Carolina seventy-five jitney lines have registered up to the present time. The law became effective March 22nd. All operators of jitneys carrying passengers are required to pay the State \$200.00 and file bonds ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00 for the protection of passengers.

Infant Dies On Danbury Route 1

Danbury Route 1, March 28.—On the day of March 23rd the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Throckmorton died at 10:30 o'clock. The little infant will laid to rest at the family burying ground.

Mrs. J. W. Priddy, of Tobaccoville, has returned home from the Lawrence hospital, and is improving fine.

A City Councilman of Bath, England, has proposed a tax on bobbed haired women. The consequences may be hair-raising. — Louisville Courier-Journal.

LAWS PASSED FOR STOKES

For Auditing County Books, Issuing Bonds For Road Work and Other Matters.

The following acts introduced in the recent Legislature by Representative E. C. Gann affecting Stokes county are now law:

An act to amend section 4480, article 42, consolidated statutes relating to landlord and tenant.

Section amended so as to apply to the counties of Stokes and Surry. Prescribes short form of liens for securing debts. No particular form required, to effectuate being the intention.

An act to provide for auditing the books of various officers and boards in Stokes county.

Authority vested in the Board of County Commissioners which may employ a competent auditor and cause to be audited the books and records of all elective and appointive county officials, whose report, when approved, shall be spread upon the records of the Board and published if deemed advisable. The auditor shall receive a reasonable and just sum for his services out of the general county funds, the amount to be fixed by the county commissioners. A former statute relative to auditing the books of the county repealed.

An act to make the issue of bonds discretionary with the Board of County Commissioners.

Section seven, chapter 132, public local laws 1923, amended by striking out the words and figures sixty thousand dollars and inserting in lieu thereof the words one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

The issuing of bonds for roads and bridges in Stokes county is declared discretionary with the board of commissioners, which may borrow money, or issue notes for said purposes.

Act to authorize an issue of bonds to fund the floating debt.

County Commissioners authorized to issue and sell bonds of the county not in excess of \$75,000 for the purposes of funding floating indebtedness of the county, incurred by necessary expenses prior to March 6, 1925. Denominations of \$1,000, to run not longer than thirty years and bear a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent.

An act to authorize the commissioners of Walnut Cove to use the money derived from the sale of street improvement bonds for other purposes.

Authorized to use the \$30,000 now in the treasury for the purpose of paying for the construction of water, sewer and electric lighting systems, or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete the work.

An act authorizing the employment of additional clerical assistance for county officials of Stokes county.

County commissioners may employ clerical assistance for county officials not to exceed, in expense, the sum of \$1200 per annum. Person or persons thus employed to be under direct control of the Board of Commissioners.

An act to appoint D. H. Carter a member of the Highway Commission for Stokes county.

Title covers act. D. H. Carter named a member of the County Highway Commission for a term of four years from the first Monday in April, 1925, and until his successor is duly appointed and qualifies.

INVESTIGATING THE CO-OPS

Committee Named For That Purpose Has Not Made Its Report—Expected Soon.

Raleigh, March 30.—The investigation of the inside affairs of the Tobacco Co-operative Association proceeded but nothing much was made public. It is not expected there will be anything for several weeks and until after the investigating committee has made its report. It is generally believed, however, that some "bad doings" are being uncovered by the committee.

Several Slight Snows Reported in Mountains

Mt. Airy, March 31.—Several slight snows have been reported on the mountains north of Mt. Airy and a cold wind reminds of the proverbial March lion but fruit growers say that so far the peach and apple crop are unharmed in this section.

LICENSE CHARGE IN EFFECT JUNE 1

Five Dollar Fee Will Not Become Operative Until Then, It Is Pointed Out.

Raleigh, March 26.—Those who fall before Dan Cupid's onslaught between now and June 1 must pay the register of deeds only \$3 for marriage licenses.

After June 1 to the amount will be \$5. Of this amount \$1 goes to the register of deeds, \$1 to the county and \$3 to the state of North Carolina.

The law for this is found in the revenue act of 1925. For a number of years the price of a marriage license in North Carolina has been \$3.

Casting about for an additional source of revenue the finance committee of the general assembly decided to increase the tax on getting married. There was no objection raised on the floor of either branch of the general assembly.

Commissioner of Revenue R. A. Doughton pointed out today that prospective groom will have a little over two months left in which to save two dollars.

PATRICK COUNTY HAS HOLD-UP

If Federal Government Does Not Act in Prohibition Case, Virginia Authorities Will.

Winston-Salem, March 31.—Investigation into the alleged hold-up on the highway of Patrick county, Virginia, of E. E. Taylor and W. J. Johnson, by William Matthews, prohibition officer, took a new angle today when E. P. Barton, commonwealth's attorney for Patrick county, conferred with Taylor here.

Barton advised Taylor to refer the matter to Ben C. Sharpe, Salisbury, assistant federal prohibition director of North Carolina, in charge of the district.

This action is to be taken in order that the federal authorities will have an opportunity to take notice of the alleged hold-up. In case Sharpe's department does not see fit to pursue the investigation, the commonwealth attorney stated that he will institute proceedings in the case immediately.

Such incidents fall within the jurisdiction of the federal courts, according to the advice of the commonwealth's attorney. However, if the federal authorities do not bring the case into court, the grand jury of Patrick county will consider it, and if a true bill is found, Barton will have it cited in the Patrick county courts.

At such juncture the defendants in the case will have the right to ask its removal to the federal courts.

Brim's Grove News Items

Brim's Grove, March 30.—Mr. Jesse Venable is ill at his home on Pinnacle Route 2 with pneumonia, his many friends are sorry to learn. Mrs. J. H. Bulington continues very ill at her home at Pilot Mountain, her many friends are sorry to learn.

The little daughter, Mary Fern, of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gravitt is right sick, we are sorry to note.

Mr. Taylor Tuttle and sister, Miss Elsie, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Irene Covington on Pilot Mountain Route 1.

Messrs. Sam Covington and Taylor Covington called on Misses Pearl Johnson and Ruth Martin Saturday night on King Route 2.

Brim's Grove defeated Volunteer Saturday in a basket ball game. The was 14 to 13 in favor of Brim's Grove. Mr. Hicks won the star of Brim's Grove. He threw 12 baskets.

Rev. J. H. Haynes, of Mt. Airy, will preach at Brim's Grove Sunday night, April 5th.

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Revival Begins At M. E. Church

A series of revival meetings were started at the M. E. church here Sunday night, with services every night. Pastor A. J. Bowling is being assisted in the meetings by Rev. W. L. Dawson, who is a very forceful speaker. Mr. Dawson has preached here before and is well known and very much liked by Danbury people.

Law enforcement needs some of the kick that bootleg liquor has.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

CO-OPS TO MEET HERE SATURDAY

To Select Delegates To Name Directors—Important Meeting For Tobacco Growers.

A meeting of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association has been called for Saturday, April 4th, at the court house in Danbury, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State convention when directors of the association will be chosen.

A full attendance of members is urged as the meeting is considered important.

BUILDING SCHOOL HOUSES IN STATE

Prof. J. J. Blair's Report On Number Constructed Since 1919.

Raleigh, March 30.—Since the session of 1918-1919, the number of public school houses in North Carolina has decreased 879, it was pointed out today by Professor John J. Blair, head of the division of school house planning, who said the decrease was due to consolidation. In other words, the standing of advancement, he said, has shifted from number to quality and equipment. The consolidated rural school sometimes takes the place of a group of shacks and make-shift buildings.

The number of school houses steadily increased, a few each year, from 7,382 in 1890-1901 to 8,239 in 1918-1919, when the peak was reached. Since then there has been a decrease.

"When a comparison is made between the number of rural and city school houses," said Professor Blair, "it will be seen that the increase prior to 1919 and the decrease since then applies only to rural schools, both white and negro. The number of city schoolhouses has increased every year, with but one exception."

Until 1922-1923, he pointed out, all school building was the result of local initiative. The funds were provided by local bond issues and private donations, together with that aid the state literary fund could give by an annual revolving income of from \$100,000 to \$200,000, which was loaned to districts for ten years at four per cent interest.

The general assembly of 1921 did two things to stimulate the erection of better schoolhouses. First, it voted \$5,000,000 bonds to be used as a loan fund for counties. In the next place it started off the state highway program by voting an initial \$50,000,000. School authorities attribute the advancement in education more to good roads than to any other one contributing factor. A second \$5,000,000 loan fund was voted in 1923 and a third in 1925.

School property includes all buildings, sites and equipment. The total value of school property in North Carolina has increased from less than \$2,000,000 in 1900-1901 to approximately \$60,000,000 at the present time. It is pointed out that the increase in the value of school property has almost kept pace with the amount of money spent for good roads in this state.

Beginning with an average value of \$174 in 1900-1901, the average white rural schoolhouse last year was worth \$5,726. The value of the average city schoolhouse in 1900-1901 was \$12,125, in comparison with \$78,704 last year.

The total number of schoolhouses in the state last year was 7,360. Of these 4,928 were for white children and 2,432 for negroes.

The value of all white school property was \$53,177,235. Of this amount, 50.6 per cent was invested in 342 city schoolhouses and 49.4 per cent in 4,586 rural schoolhouses.

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