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SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE

Trial of Samet Case Probably Consume Latter Half of the Term — List of Cases Disposed of So Far.

Superior court opened here Monday morning with Judge T. J. Shaw, of Greensboro, presiding. Judge T. E. Finley was assigned to hold this court, but went to Mitchell county, exchanging places with Judge Shaw.

Many favorable comments have been heard on Judge Shaw's able charge to the jury Monday morning. A large number of Stokes citizens heard and enjoyed it thoroughly.

Solicitor Spruill is here prosecuting the docket with his usual ardor and making it hard for offenders to get by without paying the price.

Quite a few minor cases were heard Monday and Tuesday, two defendants being sent to the roads and a number of fines imposed, while in other cases judgment is pending.

On Wednesday the trial of Max Samet and his two sons, Morris and Jake, charged with the burning of a store building in King last summer, was taken up by the court. It is the opinion of court officials that this case will require the time of the court for the remainder of the term for its completion. The examination of the State's witnesses is not completed as this is written, while the defendants have a great many witnesses to be heard. The case is attracting considerable interest. The jury which is hearing the case is composed of Forsyth county citizens, as follows: W. Z. West, S. T. Long, Chas. W. Cook, W. P. Williams, Howard Fulton, W. C. Loman, R. A. McCuiston, T. G. Trivett, L. C. Deal, C. F. Blair, C. T. Mickles, Chas. L. Crews. The defendants are represented by L. M. Swink, of Winston-Salem; Algood & Alderman, of Greensboro; J. H. Folger, of Mt. Airy; Williams, of High Point; J. H. Jarvis, of Walnut Cove; J. D. Humphreys, of the local bar. Solicitor Spruill is being assisted in the prosecution by former Solicitor Bower, of Lexington and N. O. Petre, of the Danbury bar.

Cases passed upon by the court up to the time the Samet case was taken up are as follows: Robert Cardwell, a. d. w., prayer for judgment continued until next term of court on condition that Carixwell pay prosecutor \$15.00.

John Fry, retailing, six months on county roads.

Scott Sizemore, manufacturing liquor, six months on county roads.

J. T. Mabe, possession of whiskey, fined \$50.00 and costs.

Jesse Joyce, retailing called and failed. Capias to issue.

Hub Nicholson, manufacturing liquor, called and failed. Capias to issue.

Howard Golden, assault, not guilty.

Oscar Mounce, assault, fined one penny and the cost.

Jeff Smith, c. e. w., fined \$50.00 and cost.

Jeff Smith, assault, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

B. F. Robertson and A. L. Ziglar, possession of liquor, not guilty.

Ed Forest, fraud, not guilty.

D. V. Bottoms, tried at last term of court on charge of abandonment, failed to pay cost and was delivered to Sheriff by his bondsmen. Judgment pending.

L. A. Berry, failed to report as guardian of three children and using \$525.00 in funds belonging to the children, found guilty. Judgment pending. The court ordered that suit be brought against Berry's bondsmen for the recovery of the money.

FOUR STILLS AND TWO MEN TAKEN

Some Whiskey Also Captured By Officers In Stokes—Men Are Bound Over To Federal Court In Greensboro.

Prohibition Agent P. L. Flinchum and Deputy Sheriff Norman Dunlap last week captured four stills, a quantity of whiskey, and two men. The men arrested were Tandy Hicks, of the Snow Creek section, and David Tilley, of Walnut Cove Route 3. They were given preliminary hearings here before U. S. Commissioner N. A. Martin and bound over to Federal court, which convenes in Greensboro in June. Bonds were fixed at \$500 each and were given and the men released.

REVENUE STAMP ACT SUSPENDED

It Is No Longer Required That Documentary Stamps Be Placed on Real Estate Deeds When Recorded.

At 12 o'clock Sunday night the act of Congress of 1924 requiring stamps on all documentary papers, including deeds, was repealed whereby the last Congress, in the act providing reduction in taxes.

The act was ratified by the signature of President Coolidge on Feb. 28, and provided that its provisions should be effective thirty days later. Thus it was that at 12 o'clock Sunday night the requirement that all documentary papers be stamped was suspended.

This will affect quite a saving to business, especially in real estate, as under the former law a \$1 federal revenue stamp was required attached to each deed for \$1,000 involved in the transaction recorded. With the exception of proxies, the stamps on deeds is about the only difference that will be made in this section in this phase of the general tax reduction bill.

Prohibition Agent To Face Murder Charge

Mount Airy, March 27.—W. H. Ashburn, federal prohibition agent, whose home is at Siloam, this county, was here today on his way to Trenton, Jones county, to be in attendance at the term of criminal court which starts there Monday of next week. Mr. Ashburn is under bond for his appearance there to await the action of the grand jury in connection with the killing of Will Bryant, a negro of the Pollockville section of Jones county on December 22 last, while officer Ashburn, in company with Mayor Beary, of Pollockville, the chief of police of the town of Pollockville and E. E. Potter, a deputy sheriff of Greene county, were making a raid upon a large rum plant in the edge of Jones county.

Geo. Simmons Loses Home By Fire

George Simmons, of Quaker Gap township, had the misfortune to lose his five room residence by fire early this morning. The fire caught from the flue in the kitchen. Only a very few household articles were saved. It is learned that Mr. Simmons did not have any insurance.

ing car intoxicated.

Johnny Jones, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$75.00 and cost.

A. C. Spann, H. W. Spann and J. H. Paul, tried at last term for transporting and released on condition that they appear at this term as witnesses against Eb Nicholson, were called and failed to answer. Later the men appeared and prayer for judgment was continued on condition that they give \$500 bond each for their appearance at next term.

Will Golden, tried at last term on assault charge, failed to show good behavior and capias was issued for his arrest.

Frank King, ordered at last term to pay his wife \$12.50 per month failed to comply with the court's orders and capias is issued for his arrest.

Rural Hall, March 30.—During the recent cold snap many of the peach blooms in this section were killed. However, there seems to be a good per cent of them unharmed yet.

EVERETT MABE SERIOUSLY HURT

Fell Twenty-Five Feet From Bridge, Where He Was At Work, This Morning — Carried To Hospital.

Everett Mabe, a young man employed by the Kesler Construction Co., fell from the bridge which that company is erecting here, early this morning and was seriously and probably fatally injured. Young Mabe was preparing to begin work and had just reached the top of the ladder and started to step over on the floor of the bridge when he lost his balance and fell a distance of about 25 feet to the ground below. After striking the ground at the edge of a 7-foot hole his body fell into it.

After being given first aid here by Dr. R. H. Morefield the wounded man was rushed to a Winston-Salem hospital. The extent of his injuries could not be ascertained, but it was thought probable that his skull was fractured, as he was rendered unconscious, and was bleeding profusely from a bad wound on the head.

Mr. Mabe is a son of John Mabe, of Snow Creek township, and was a valued employee of the bridge company, having been with them for some time. Only recently he had the misfortune to lose a thumb while operating a rip-saw for the bridge company.

TOBACCO SOLD LOW THIS YEAR

Average Price of the Weed In North Carolina During February Was \$13.51—January Was Not Much Higher.

Producers' sales of 13,438,838 pounds of leaf tobacco on the Virginia auction markets during February averaged 11.69 cents per pound. Suncured tobacco is the only variety which reported a higher average for February than for the same month last year. The excellent quality of this type is said to be responsible for the higher prices received. The average price of bright tobacco was \$10.96 per 100 pounds, and this is the lowest average reported since 1920. Dark-fired tobacco, which had been bringing a fairly good price during the previous months, dropped to the low figure of \$11.71 per 100 pounds, while the January, 1926, price was \$15.99 and the February price last year was \$17.46.

So much for Virginia prices. Here in North Carolina not many markets are open in February, but an investigation shows that the average price in the North Carolina warehouses during January, 1926, was the lowest for any Jan. since 1920, these figures being as follows:

1921	\$20.28
1922	\$21.41
1923	\$26.52
1924	\$19.80
1925	\$21.13
1926	\$18.57

Not only will it be seen from the figures that January, 1926, brought tobacco farmers the lowest average of any January since 1920, but prices on those North Carolina markets that were open in February, 1926, dropped to \$13.51, against \$21.13 a year ago.

Native Stokes Lady Dies In Winston

Winston-Salem, March 30.—Mrs. James Moore, 18 years of age, died in a local hospital here yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Moore is survived by her father, William Scott, of King, Stokes county; by four brothers, Buford Spatt, of Winston-Salem; Frank Scott, of Virginia; and Tom and Ollie Scott, of Stokes county; and by two sisters, Mrs. Wesley H. Reid and Miss Lillie M. Scott.

Peaches Hit By Frost Last Week

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110 MILES OF ROAD CONTRACTS

Among Roads On Which Bids Were Received Is One From Mayodan To Virginia Line—Nearly Two Million In Bids.

Raleigh, March 30.—Twelve new construction projects let to contractors by the State Highway Commission today comprise 110 miles of hard-surfaced and graded roads and will cost \$1,840,118.20.

The only contract awarded for this section was the road from Mayodan to the Virginia line, going toward Roanoke. G. F. Cornatzer was the lowest bidder at the price of \$55,726.00. The distance is a little more than eleven miles. The bridges on this road will go to Draper & Wood at the price of \$16,862.00. The road is to be graded only, at present.

L. J. Hampton Writes On Politics In Stokes

Editor Reporter: I enclose a short article on politics in Stokes written by L. J. Hampton, of the Winston-Salem Journal. It might be of some interest to readers of your paper who do not read the Journal. The article follows:

Danbury, March 29.—Reactionary Republicans in this county who see another chance to "kill off" the old guard are packing all the sins in the calendar on Hardin McGee and C. M. Jones, who were two of the five men in the State Legislature to vote against North Carolina's good roads program. From indications the campaign this year is slated to become the hottest scrap ever staged in this county of peculiar and surprising political conditions.

Charlie Jones is now holding a Federal income tax job under Collector Grissom. Mr. McGee was defeated two years ago for the State Senate from the district composed of Stokes and Surry by Walter W. Carter of Mt. Airy, whom a writer in the columns of The Danbury Reporter calls "a school boy who was never heard of before." Four years ago Mr. McGee was defeated for the Lower House by C. M. Hauser.

It's a case when the party "bosses" are in for a spell of bad weather, the Turpinites declare, and what they are going to suffer is going to put them in a bad humor. The Jones-McGee combined which "steam-rollered" the Republican convention a week ago, is now coming in for wholesale criticism. Mrs. J. Spot Taylor, who is a candidate for congress in the Fifth district, frankly told the convention, it is said, that she will vote the Democratic county ticket herself if the Republicans fail to nominate good men, men who believe in law enforcement, on the county ticket.

Mrs. Taylor thought she was misquoted on this, but convention attendants say that is what she said, although she may have had something else in mind. But the party supporters are not worrying about Mrs. Taylor. She is a Republican who has always put in good licks for her party and she is one of those who has continually stood for its growth and aggrandizement along progressive and high plane lines.

Democrats Say Nothing

The Democrats in Stokes county are sawing wood and saying nothing. It is hard to find whom they have in mind for the nomination for county offices, the legislature or anything else. They do not hesitate to say they are opposed to the abolishment of the county highway commission, which the Republican convention a week ago declared it wanted to do.

Former Sheriff Hamp Turpin, who is said to have made a fine record in office here, is the leader of the reactionary element in the Republican party who claim they have a balance of power and will swing the vote away from the "old guard" who have "steam-rollered" the opposition every chance they got and still do it, it is averred. The Turpinites, so it is said, didn't have a chance in the convention which the Jones-McGee crowd engineered. Not a

CO-OPS TO MEET APRIL TENTH

Members Will Assemble At Each County Seat To Name Electors Of Board For Tri-State Association.

The first step in the election of directors to conduct the affairs of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association for the coming year will take place on Saturday, April 10th, at the county seats of tobacco growing counties in the Carolinas and Virginia. Members of the marketing association have been called to meet at their respective county court houses on that date and select the names of those to whom they will entrust the election of the directors for the coming year.

The importance of electing strong directors to meet the problems of the tri-state association in its fifth and last year of operation has been urged upon the members of the association in letters mailed last week to the local and county units of the tobacco co-ops in three states. As the present association holds large stocks of tobacco, valued at millions of dollars, and the present membership have considerable financial investment, both in the warehouse properties and the reserve funds of the present association, they have been urged to take a very active part this year in choosing and naming the men who will direct their business at a time when their organization is undergoing the most severe attacks in its history.

Following the meetings of tobacco-growing members of the association, which are called for April 10, the names selected by the growers in open meetings will be placed upon ballots and mailed to every member of the association in the three states with instructions to scratch such names as the member may desire from the ballot, choosing one half of the nominees from his county for the task of elector of the new director, or scratching all names as desired and adding new names as his choice in their place.

These ballots to be effective must be cast in person or by mail at the county seats on or before May 8.

By this means the members will be given the opportunity of carefully choosing the electors of the new board, which will this year largely determine the fate of the present association.

The delegates who are elected at this meeting will meet in each of the 22 electoral districts on May 15 to nominate the directors for the coming year from each district.

The final step in this year's election of directors for the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association will be the big annual meeting in Raleigh, N. C., which is scheduled for May 18. United States Secretary of Agriculture William Jardine has been invited to attend the meeting of members of the association at Raleigh and has signified his desire to be present.

S. D. FRISSELL.

Ira W. Moser Is Foreman Grandjury

Ira W. Moser, of Yadkin township, is foreman of the grandjury serving at this week's term of Stokes criminal court. Other members of the body are as follows: J. L. Frances, G. A. Jones, M. F. Edwards, D. E. Smith, J. R. Dunman, S. P. Dearmin, J. D. Flinchum, J. E. Holt, M. P. Watts, M. L. Hunter, J. P. Slawter, Presley Palmer, J. J. Martin, Claud Moser, Burwell Overby, W. T. Dunlap, Curtis Smith.

A Correction.

In last week's issue of this paper in the report of the County Highway Commission the total receipts of the board for the year appeared in the column where the overdraft should have been. The overdraft of the board is only \$24,150.97, while the receipts were \$261,049.15. The figures were reversed by the printer and we are glad to make the correction.

single Turpin man was named a delegate to anything and it was taken as a direct slap in the face. By L. J. Hampton.

TRAFFIC HEAVY ON STOKES ROAD

Men in Charge of Maintenance On Danbury - Walnut Cove Highway Are Anxious To See It Hard-Surfaced.

Maintenance men on the State highways counted traffic on their respective roads March 19th. Patrolman W. R. Sands counted six hundred and seventy-two cars and trucks pass over the Danbury-Walnut Cove road in 10 hours he was on duty, and he stated traffic was not as heavy as usual on the day he counted. Several counts recently made by the State have shown that only two other roads in the seventh district have more traffic than the Danbury-Walnut Cove road.

Mr. Sands states that the men in charge of highway maintenance in this district are very anxious to see the Danbury-Walnut Cove road hard surfaced. They find that the traffic on this road is so heavy that it is next to impossible to maintain it. A great many heavy trucks are passing over the road constantly and the wear from these is much more than from passenger cars.

It is learned that District Engineer, C. S. Currier is of the opinion that it would be economical to pave this road, and a recent report was to the effect that Highway Commissioner A. S. Hanes some time since stated that if the necessary money was available when the grading was completed he would hard-surface the road.

According to dispatches being sent out from Raleigh it is more than likely that the next Legislature will authorize probably ten million more road bonds. In that case our district would get something like a million dollars and Commissioner Hanes would then be in position to give us a hard-surface road, if he saw fit.

LARGE INCREASE IN N. C. CARS

This State Now Ranks 17th In Number Of Automobiles Registered, According To Data From Washington.

Washington, March 30.—North Carolina showed a 12.6 per cent increase in the number of automobiles registered in the State during the year 1925, according to a report just made public by the United States Bureau of Public Roads.

North Carolina ranked sixth in the number of busses and public-owned cars registered.

This per cent of increase was less than 32 other States, however, although the State ranked seventeenth in the number of cars registered, with 340,287 vehicles.

The North Carolina figures, however, are based on only six months July to December 31, as the fiscal year ends June 30. Other States adhere to the calendar year in motor vehicle registration.

The various types of motor vehicles in North Carolina during 1925 totalled as follows: Passenger cars, including taxis and busses 211,384; trucks and road tractors, 28,903; taxis, etc., 2,102; busses, 2,446; trailers, 500; motorcycles, 863; State and local cars, 4,110; and publicly-owned motorcycles, 0.

North Carolina ranked sixth in number of State and other publicly-owned cars with only California, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Pennsylvania having more.

Back To Stokes After 31 Years Absence

Walter Baker, son of the late Franklin Baker, of Stokes county, and half brother of Jas. H. and Wiley Baker, of Meadows township, who left Stokes about 31 years since, arrived here recently to visit relatives, this being his first visit home since he left. Mr. Baker, who is now about 50 years of age, has never been married. He has visited many sections of the United States since leaving Stokes.