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**THE CRIME WAVE**

The so called crime wave that is sweeping the country and filling our prisons and overflowing our chain gangs is one of the modern wonders of the times that follow the world war. When it will end and to what extent it will yet go is thought for careful thinkers. There has been nothing like it in modern times, and what the solution is no man can say. The courts of the land are taken up hearing the criminal docket and civil causes are often not reached.

It is gratifying to all lovers of justice and fair dealing that this district has a man as prosecuting attorney who can well represent the State in these stirring times. No man has filled the office of Solicitor with more credit to himself and his state than S. Porter Graves. And he has been able to so acquit himself as to run ahead of his party ticket in every election since he has been before the people. It is well known that this district is one that could be easily carried by a Republican if the Democrats were not to have a strong and popular candidate. There is almost no doubt about the election of Mr. Graves at the coming fall election if he is the nominee of his party, which he most certainly will be if his friends are awake to the situation. The only way he could be defeated at the coming primaries in June would be for his friends to feel that his nomination is certain and put forth no effort to counteract the opposition that has developed from Rockingham and Forsyth counties. Certainly this is no time to put the interests of the State in the hands of a man who has yet to make his mark when the situation demands the best talent the country can put forth if the best interests of all the people are to be protected.

**SURRY CITIZEN 102 YEARS OLD**

The editor's family last Sunday went to see a curiosity in the way of a woman who is 102 years old and bids fair to see another birthday. The name of the woman is Mrs. Becky Jane Pack and she lives with her son, six miles east of Mount Airy on the Patrick road. The home where she lives, if you care to pay her a visit, is on a high hill in the big orchard about a half mile beyond the Brower Springs. Mrs. Pack has lived her entire life in the section of Patrick county down on Dan river until about two weeks ago her son brought her to his home where she is now. If you could see her you would not doubt her age, for those who have visited her say that the state of her mind and her general appearance all go to show that she is of great age. Her son who is sixty years old claims to know her age and he says she will be 103 at her next birthday. Mrs. Pack had six children and only the two younger ones are now living. She is too feeble to get about and quietly remains in bed the entire time. Her eyesight is poor but she hears almost to perfection. Her diet is almost entirely milk and she is not able to rest well in a room where there is a fire. She says a fire seems to cause her to have a sensation of sickness. And talk, the old lady talks as freely and as well as a sixteen year old. She delights to tell of her experiences and told her visitors Sunday of things she remembers that happened years ago when she visited Mount Airy. She recalled the names of all the prominent citizens her fifty years ago and told of making a visit to the home of Dr. Joe Hollingsworth and spending the night there, the visit being made to have a growth removed from her nose. She got relief from the operation and was never troubled further with the growth. She can sit up in the bed and enjoys her snuff. She delights to have visitors and in a modest way will tell you that she likes for visitors to make her a present, for it takes money to buy her snuff and then she likes to have new clothes now and then. Those who saw her Sunday say that they have no desire to live to be a hundred years old.

**Mount Airy Boys Honored**

The honor roll for the winter quarter of the University of North Carolina recently published makes special mention of a Mount Airy boy, Collier Sparger, son of J. B. Sparger. Young Sparger who is in his senior year was given five ones on his report for this period. Haywood Merritt, also of this city, likewise is included in the honor roll for this quarter for meritorious work.

Miss Treevor Fowler will lead Junior Epworth League Sunday evening, subject "What Our Missionaries Are Doing for Latin America."

**THE LAW'S DELAY**

We once thought it a great annoyance for the courts to be so long disposing of matters that come before them for a hearing. The world has long cried out against the Law's delay and sought many ways to remedy what appeared to be a great weakness in our system of justice. It is very well known that a civil matter often takes a period of two years to get through the courts in this part of the country. Just why, it would be hard to say, but if neighbor A has a claim for debt against neighbor B he will do well to get his money in two years. On first thought it would appear that the matter could and should be adjusted legally in a month and not keep the man out of the use of his money so long.

There is yet another side to the question. When the law suits develop there is always two sides to the difference, and always a possibility of each man being in the wrong, else the suit would rarely develop. Too often the men who are parties to the suit both get mad and are in no mental attitude to reason with, and usually are unreasonable in their demands. Under such conditions for a court to make a disposition of the case would, so far as the court goes, settle the difference, but the matter might yet remain unsettled in the minds of the parties to the suit. But the matter is not adjusted in a month or a year, and all parties to the suit have plenty of time to "cool off" and to take a reasonable and sensible view of the matter. When time has made it possible for this mental adjustment to take place it is not hard to settle most cases even without a trial. We suspect that a very large number of suits are adjusted by agreement in the office of the lawyers and never come to a trial in the courts. But these adjustments can hardly ever be made until all parties have time to "cool off" and get in a mental mood to listen to reason. And then when the matter is adjusted it is much more likely to be satisfactory to all parties interested.

When looked at in this light the age old cry of the law's delay may not be so very bad after all.

**FOR OUR FAR AWAY READERS**

It would be interesting for our far away readers to see this beautiful country at this time. The woods are just beginning to turn green and all nature is trying to show itself off to the best. The lawns are as fresh and green as a new carpet. The garden truck is beginning to show its head in well kept gardens. The past months have had abundant rainfall and the earth is full of moisture and ready to yield a bountiful harvest if man will only do his part.

The annual Easter rain has come and gone and along with it the temperature was dangerously near the point where fruit would be killed, but it escaped and all prospects are now bright for a bountiful crop of fruit this year.

This section now has some of the most prosperous farmers to be found anywhere, and when our people learn that it does not pay to try to get crops off of poor land this will be one of the garden spots of the world, for we have the climate and the rainfall and every needful thing to make conditions favorable to man.

**M. F. Butner Moves From Surry**

M. F. Butner, former superintendent of roads of this county, who has lived in Shoals township for years, is this week moving his family to Pine Bluff, in Scotland county, near Aberdeen. Mr. Butner makes this move for the reason that he has taken charge of a large boundary of land in that section consisting of 6,500 acres. This land is owned by a large corporation and Mr. Butner has been employed to supervise the clearing of it and planting it in peach trees. The program of work as planned on will require several years of Mr. Butner's time. It is with regret that we see Mr. Butner leave Surry and he carries with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

**DOBSON COURT**

Surry Superior court convened at Dobson Monday for criminal and civil cases and will continue for two weeks. Judge Harding of Charlotte is presiding and Solicitor S. P. Graves prosecuting.

The largest attendance seen in years at an opening of court was present on the first day, it being a big occasion of the farmers who are interested in the cooperative marketing of tobacco. The morning of the first day was consumed in selecting the grand jury and the charge of the Judge to them, which was an able one as has been heard from a bench in Surry. Many favorable comments have been made on it and the people were highly pleased with his instructions and interpretations of the laws of our land.

Judge Harding talked at some length on our compulsory school law and asked the grand jury to be particularly careful and see that every one is presented who has failed to comply with this law, for he said he considered the violation of it one of the worst crimes on society that could be committed. He sees in this compulsory education of our youth a better and more law-abiding citizenship, for in education there is instilled the desire to do right and become a peaceful and law respecting person.

The grand jury is composed of the following: P. E. Simmons, foreman; T. H. Scott, R. B. Short, J. H. Mitchell, W. B. Hale, W. W. Beamer, C. C. Briggs, J. A. Blue, A. L. Bunker, J. J. Alfred, W. F. Beamer, D. S. Hodge, J. A. Chipman, D. T. Bennett, C. L. Matthews, Joe Allen, Floyd Riddle, and J. W. Harbour.

Monday afternoon and Tuesday were taken in hearing cases where the defendants plead guilty, the jury not being called upon sit on a single case during these two days. Most of these cases were matters of affrays, carrying concealed weapons or being mixed up in liquor transactions and usually the defendants were allowed to pay the cost and enter into a bond for good behavior.

Three young men, Ellis Cook, Sam Simmons and Roy Jessup, plead guilty to transporting liquor and the last two were fined \$300 and Cook \$100 for their misdemeanor. They must also show excellent conduct for two years.

The negro John Gray of Elkin who stood charged with burglary was permitted to enter a plea of second degree in that offense. The Judge heard the evidence but has not yet pronounced any judgment. Gray entered a home where a negro girl was sleeping one night last winter, and attempted criminal assault choking her and then dragging her out of the window, down into a hollow. The screams of the girl frightened the man and he fled but was captured the next day.

John Witt paid the cost of the action against him where he was charged with the death of his friend, Jim Brooks, who was killed when Witt's car went over an embankment one night last winter with both of them in it. Witt escaped with only minor injuries but Brooks was killed instantly. The state was unable to show where Witt could be held for any negligence and so let it go off the docket by Witt agreeing to pay the cost of the action. In addition to this he agreed to pay the widow, Mrs. Brooks, \$200.00.

There are several cases that will be tried later in the court which will be hard fought one, of which will be that of A. W. George, charged with breaking the Merchants Bank at Elkin. The Solicitor has served notice that he will ask for trial of it on Thursday, this week.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

To the Republicans of Surry County: I take this method to announce myself as a candidate before the primaries for Register of Deeds of Surry County.

There may be a great many Republicans in Surry county who do not know anything about my qualifications for this important office, so I will refer you to the following persons who know me and know whether or not I am qualified to discharge the duties of the office acceptably and to the entire satisfaction of the public. I refer you to the present Clerk of the Superior Court, the Ex-Clerk, the present Register of Deeds and the Ex-Register of Deeds, the present Sheriff and the Ex-Sheriff of Surry County.

I served as Deputy Register of Deeds under W. A. York and have assisted the Register of Deeds in making out the tax books for the last twelve years, so you see I have had a great deal of experience in the office of Register of Deeds.

I feel sure I can discharge the duties of said office to the satisfaction of the public. I will greatly appreciate the support of the Republicans in the primaries. 5-19c

Rockford, N. C. HARDIN G. HOLYFIELD

**A Man Hunt Follows Theft of Automobile**

On last Saturday night some one stole a Ford roadster in this city belonging to the Mount Airy Drug Co. The theft was soon discovered and the proprietors of this firm at once began a hunt for the guilty ones and also for their car. Two young men, Charley Simmons and Elbert Bottomly from over about Galax, were later captured and are now being held in Dobson jail in default of bond for the crime. It seems that these young men left here Saturday night with the stolen car, going to Stuart, Va. From there they made a trip to Max Meadows and for some reason backtracked to Hillsville. Here they became short of funds and endeavored to sell the car for \$100. The officers of that place suspected something wrong when such a low price was being asked for the car and attempted to arrest the young men, but they were able to get in their car and make a try for their freedom.

The officers started in pursuit and the driver of the stolen car gave up the race after a few miles, but the other occupant wanted to continue the race on foot, and so he changed the contest from that of an automobile to a foot race. Report says he was able to dodge about over the country for four hours with the officers in close pursuit. During the meantime the entire neighborhood had taken an interest in the man-hunt and when the capture of the young man was effected there are said to have been more than two hundred men and boys in the crowd that was trying to corner their prey.

**Captured Stilling Outfit in Residence**

Wednesday of last week Sheriff A. L. Ashburn seized a complete stilling outfit in the home of Matt Draughn, who lives between Mount Airy and Dobson. In some way the Sheriff got suspicious and made a search of this man's home with the result that he found stored away in the loft above his kitchen a nice copper still, worm, cap and all the necessary equipment for making good blockade liquor. Mr. Draughn explained to the Sheriff that he had the outfit to make a little for his personal use as his family needed it for the "flu." He was placed under a bond and will be given a hearing in the Superior court.

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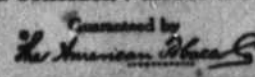


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