

Dobson Court

Dobson court entered upon its second week Monday and still had a large criminal docket to dispose of. Wm. Graves, son of the Solicitor is prosecuting this week, on account of his father being called to Rockingham to hold a special term. The docket in that county had become so congested that a special term of criminal court was called which was found to conflict with Mr. Graves' work in this county.

This court is notable for the small number of cases the jury is being called upon to decide. The first week of the court it was called upon to decide only two or three cases, most of the defendants preferring to plead guilty and beg the mercy of the court.

Sentence was passed on John Grey, colored man of Elkin, who last week plead guilty to 2nd degree burglary. The Judge sentenced him to 10 years in the penitentiary.

Robt. Wood entered a plea to the charge of selling liquor and must serve six months on the road.

Harden Brannock, who lives at the top of the Blue Ridge, was before the court and plead guilty to carrying a pistol. He was fined \$100 and the cost. The Judge told him he would deduct \$50 from the fine if the young man would bring the pistol into court and give it up. Up to last reports this, however, had not been done. This same proposition was made to a young man last court who was fined for like offense, and neither did he ever come up with his pistol and get the \$50 for it. Just why these people had rather keep their old pistols rather than get \$50 for them by turning them over to the court is one of the mysteries of this day.

H. L. White paid a \$50 fine for carrying a pistol. The weapon on this occasion was captured by the officers and the Judge had the Sheriff to break it up into small pieces and exhibit in open court which was done one morning.

It was proven against Ingle Goad that he sold a half pint of liquor to a minor—six months on the roads, too.

Ernest Jenkins plead guilty to the larceny of a fine pistol. Jenkins' uncle is depot agent at Burch station where a 45 Colt's automatic is kept by the agent, which the boy stole one day when opportunity presented itself. Following a lecture to the boy by the Judge, sentence was suspended upon payment of the cost and his future good behavior.

Elbert Bottomly and Charlie Simmons, of Galax, plead guilty to the larceny of an automobile from the Mount Airy Drug Co. a few weeks ago. Sentence has not been passed. The young men are in jail.

Roby Barnes got on a big spree some weeks ago and drove his car through the town of Dobson in such a reckless manner that he got himself mixed up in the courts. This was one of the few jury trials of this court and guilty was the verdict. Judge Harding has little sympathy for the fellow who tanks up and then gets out on the highway with an automobile endangering the lives of everyone who comes in contact with him. Twelve months on the roads was as light a sentence as the Judge would consider in a case like this.

Johnny Snow plead guilty in three cases to having liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale. Snow is the son-in-law of W. A. ("Billie") Hawks of Lamsburg, Va. Sentence has not been pronounced and Snow is being held in jail by the judge until he decides upon the sentences.

Oscar Cook followed the course of all the others in pleading guilty to retailing liquor. Sentence has been withheld.

Nat Smith, colored boy who lives near Mount Airy, is in jail waiting for sentence for carrying too much liquor around on his mule. The officers intercepted Nat one night riding mule back and attempted to stop him but without success. They did succeed however in dragging a sack containing several jugs of liquor from the back of Nat's mule, while Nat and his mule changed their course down through the woods, leaving the road for the officers. Nat is in jail awaiting his sentence.

The case against Tom Marshall was heard last week, he pleading guilty to the charge of larceny and store breaking. Marshall was charged jointly with Grayson Banner with breaking into the store in this city formerly owned by I. W. West, and stealing considerable quantities of morphine and cocaine. Marshall took the stand and told his story of the affair. He said that he and Banner were both dope users and that Banner told him how he could break into the drug store of Mr. West and get all the dope they wanted and have plenty to sell at a big price. On two different occasions they succeeded in prying open a window in the back of the drug store and supplying themselves. Marshall says that they were to divide the dope equally but on the first occasion Banner give him only two bottles of morphine tablets and \$300 in money as his share of the loot. The second time he got about one-third of the morphine and \$50 in money. He told how Banner

waited on the outside of the store while he went in and found the goods.

Mr. West told the court that they had stolen on the two occasions about \$600.00 worth of morphine and cocaine. He said that at the price dope dealers are reputed to sell it that what they had stolen from his store would have netted them around \$3,000.00. None of the medicine was ever recovered for it was weeks after the theft before they were apprehended. The Judge has not pronounced any sentence on Marshall, saying he wanted to think over this case. He said if it was a case of plain stealing he would know what to do, but he realized that one addicted to dope was more to be pitied than blamed, for the use of these drugs always brought out the bad that is in a man. Banner is at liberty under a \$1,000 bond and was not in court.

Johnny Snow plead guilty in three cases of having liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale. Snow is a son-in-law of W. A. Hawks, of Lamsburg, Va., and is now in jail. He was sentenced to the roads for 12 months.

Sebron Strange and Charley Jessup were placed in jail this week waiting to be carried to the camps. Strange was convicted about two years ago for retailing, but sentence was suspended on his good behavior. Before another court had come around he was caught selling liquor again and the Judge at court last fall sent him to the roads for 12 months from which sentence he appealed to the Supreme Court. Charley Jessup was convicted and sent to the penitentiary some time ago for 14 months charged with the death of O. N. Swanson last summer when he ran into him on the public road with his automobile. It was claimed that Jessup was drinking at the time and driving his car in a reckless manner. He appealed his case to the Supreme Court also. Both Strange and Jessup lost their appeals in decisions handed down about two weeks ago and the Judge this week ordered the former sentence of the court put into effect.

The case of C. W. Williams charged with an assault with a deadly weapon was settled soon after it started by Mr. Williams paying the cost in the action. Mr. Williams was superintendent of Mountain Park school at the time this action was started. The trouble had its beginning when he attempted to correct a boy who was attending his school. The young fellow was an orphan and had been sent to this school by his brothers who stated to Mr. Williams that he would perhaps have to deal firmly with the boy. The boy had not been there long before he and his teacher had trouble. When Mr. Williams attempted to punish the boy he resisted and fought back. During the time Mr. Williams called in some of the other boy students to assist him. As the result of this the boy enlisted the aid of some of the neighbors and had warrants issued for Mr. Williams, and also the students who helped to punish him, for an assault. Following this trouble Mr. Williams immediately placed the boy in an automobile and brought him to Dobson and turned him over to J. A. Jackson, the juvenile judge. After the evidence was all in the Judge ruled that Mr. Williams had been within his rights in the punishment he inflicted on the boy at the school. He however stated that a technical assault had been committed on the boy by Mr. Williams when he brought him to Dobson against his will as this power is vested only in an officer. And so Mr. Williams was acquitted of the charge of an assault on the boy when he whipped him, but was taxed with the cost for a simple assault on him for bringing him to Dobson against his will. The Judge gave the boy a little lecture, telling him that if he did not change his way he was destined to travel a rough and rocky road in this world. Mr. Williams was defended by W. L. Reece and W. F. Carter, while some of the people of the Mountain Park section employed H. H. Barker and R. C. Freeman to assist in the prosecution.

Mrs. Ethel Baldwin Dead
Mrs. Ethel Baldwin wife of Robert B. Baldwin died at her home April 23rd after an illness lasting two months. Mrs. Baldwin was twenty five years of age, and a loyal and consistent member of Oak Grove Methodist church. She is survived by her husband and a little seven year old daughter. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shelton of the Quarry section.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor Rev. G. W. Williams.

Primary Commencement
The primary commencement was held in the Rockford street school building Friday evening. The teachers and children deserve a great deal of credit for the excellent program of songs, recitations drills, etc.

A pageant, "The Coming of June" and an operetta "The Trundle Bed" directed by Miss Seay were especially beautiful, the parents having provided beautiful costumes for the little folks.

Central Methodist Church Notes

Dr. H. K. Boyer, Pastor
Rev. T. A. Sykes of Greensboro will fill the pulpit next Sunday morning and evening in the absence of Dr. Boyer. The Rev. Mr. Sykes is associate editor of the Christian Advocate.

The Junior Epworth League will be in Mothers Honor on Sunday evening at 6:45, with Miss Ruby Younger as leader. Every mother is requested to be present.

On last Sunday evening the following were elected as officers of the Jr. League for the coming year: President, Kathryn Moore; vice-president, Kathryn Long; secretary, Alice Partridge; treasurer, Beulah Bommer.

There will be a regular meeting of the Josephine Frank Missionary society Thursday evening at the home of Miss Margaret Ashby.

An interesting meeting of the Woman's Missionary was held in the ladies parlor of Central M. E. church, Monday afternoon.

A special feature of this meeting was a comprehensive and detailed report of the annual meeting, of the State society, held last week in Salisbury, the report being made by Mrs. R. H. Leonard who attended as a delegate from the local society. Quite a lot of business was dispensed with at this meeting.

As is customary, all the denominations united in a union service last

Sunday evening which was a fifth Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Fulghum of the Second Baptist church preached a most interesting and forceful sermon to a large congregation. Special music featured this service which was held in Central church.—Reported.

BULLOCK REPORTED TO BE IN STRANGE CLIME

Hamilton, Ont., April 30.—Belief of rumors that members of the Ku Klux Klan had pledged themselves to kidnap him and take him back to Norfolk, N. C., to face charges of murder and inciting riot, has caused Matthew Bullock, American negro, to seek refuge on another continent, his friends declared here.

Bullock evaded extradition to Norfolk on two occasions, and then the vague rumors of Ku Klux interest in his case reached him. The Rev. J. D. Howell, who led the campaigns for funds to fight the negro's extradition, said these rumors had worried Bullock a great deal. He added he had received word from Bullock of his safe arrival at the haven of refuge.

Howell refused to reveal Bullock's place of refuge. Funds for his journey, it was reported, were supplied from the defense chest, to which thousands of members of his race and many white people contributed.

Police Report for April

Chief of Police Lawrence this week made the following report of arrests and conviction for his force during the month of April:

Drunk and disorderly,	13
Speeding,	3
Parking at hydrants,	1
Affrays,	7
Larceny of autos,	2
Gambling,	4
Carrying pistol,	1
Total,	31

Pie Supper at Dobson

There will be a pie supper at the school building in Dobson Friday evening, May 5th, 1922 at 8:30 o'clock. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the school. Everybody invited.

NOTICE

North Carolina, Surry County Town of Mount Airy.
Under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina and the ordinances of the Town of Mount Airy, authorizing the sale of lands in the town of Mount Airy for assessments levied against said property for street improvements, I will offer for sale at the Court House, Dobson, N. C. on the first Monday in June, it being the 5th day of June 1922 at 12 o'clock noon, the following property for the assessments levied against same, interest and costs of sale.
Property of S. E. Marshall, lying on the north side of Pine street 90 feet

frontage, being his residence. Amount \$148.62, interest \$2.88, cost \$1.70, total \$153.20.

Property of E. G. Gilmer, lying on the north side of Pine street, 80 feet frontage, being a vacant lot. Amount \$162.41, interest \$2.45, cost 1.70, total \$166.56.

Property of Mrs. W. G. Hogan, lying on the north side of Pine street, 64 feet frontage, being her residence. Amount \$178.24, interest 2.38, cost 1.70, total \$182.32.

Property of Mrs. Claude Beard, lying on the north side of Pine street, 80 feet frontage, with dwelling. Amount \$162.41, interest 2.38, cost 1.70, total \$167.39.

Property of Christopher Binder, lying on the south side of Pine street, 197 feet frontage, being his residence. Amount \$283.25, interest 6.68, cost 1.70, total \$291.63.

Property of J. M. Clark, lying on the south side of Pine street, 100 feet frontage, being his residence. Amount \$270.68, interest 4.05, cost 1.70, total \$276.43.

Property of Mrs. C. W. Gwyn, lying on the east side of North Main street, 111 feet frontage, being her residence. Amount \$319.30, interest 4.79, cost 1.70, total \$325.79.

Property of J. B. Holyfield, lying on the west side of North Main street, 100 feet frontage, being his residence. Amount \$230.09, interest 3.45, cost 1.70, total \$235.24.

Property of the Circuit Methodist parsonage, lying on the east side of North Main street, 100 feet frontage, with dwelling. Amount \$165.55, interest 5.18, cost 1.70, total \$172.43.

Property of J. D. Minick, lying on the east side of North Main street, 198 feet frontage, being a vacant lot. Amount \$675.27, interest 11.52, cost 1.70, total \$688.49.

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