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**AS WISE AS SERPENTS**

No man can afford to ignore the fact that there is a race problem here in the South. For a man in position or place of influence to in any way give his consent to anything that even suggests race equality is fatal. This was strikingly illustrated this week when Prof. Lindeman a teacher in the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro resigned his position and will now leave the state and hunt work elsewhere, thus putting himself to much inconvenience and depriving the college of a most valuable teacher. All this comes about for the reason that the professor permitted his negro cook to give a party to her friends in the basement of the Lindeman home. The negro woman was making the basement rooms her home while filling the place of a cook for the family. And negro like she wanted to give a party just like the white folks were in the habit of doing. She was given permission and invited in her lady friends who proceeded to enjoy themselves in the basement room of the home.

Now it would be hard to pick a flaw in all this, and no doubt Prof. Lindeman and his family are justly indignant at the hurrah that has been raised. As soon as it was known that the negro party had been held in the home such a commotion was made that the wires carried a big story to every part of the nation, making a great display of the fact and greatly exaggerating the whole affair.

The good professor may be wise and a man of great learning, and capable of much usefulness in the world, but he has not yet learned that he cannot trample on the prejudices of a people and get by with it. The prejudices may be entirely unreasonable and unjust and all that, but the people of this southland are not yet ready to permit anything that savors of negro equality. Of course it took a mint of exaggeration to make the cook's party appear to be a step in the wrong direction, but it will be wise for men from the north to let the cook's hunt other quarters in the future.

**TO THE FRIENDS OF PORTER GRAVES**

The friends of Solicitor S. Porter Graves may not need any reminder to cause them to be active in his interests. And yet it is well to not forget that a Solicitor is too busy with the duties of the office he fills to make a canvass. And then it is never considered in the best of taste for Judges and Solicitors to be too active in the campaigns when they stand for re-election.

The primary that will determine who shall prosecute the criminals in this county and district for the next four years will be held the first week in June, and from this date to the primary Mr. Graves will be busy every day holding courts in the district and will have no time to make speeches or to do any kind of work in his own interest without neglecting the duties of his office. He has just completed a two weeks term of court in this county and will be in Rockingham county for two or three weeks where he will prosecute several murder cases and every day of his time is fully taken up during this month, thus leaving him no time to work for his own interests in the coming primary.

The men who know of his great ability as a prosecutor and able defender of the rights of law and order should not forget to speak a good word for him and to take care of his interests, for it is no time to be placing the important office of Solicitor in the hands of untried men.

If the friends of Mr. Graves are at all active there is not the least doubt about his nomination, and if nominated he will most surely be elected, for he is known to be one of the best officers in the state.

**Aged Lady at Rest**

Miss Matilda Cleveland Franklin of route 3 died at her home Sunday evening after being confined to her bed about a year. She was 82 years of age, and a daughter of the late Wiley and Mary Tolliver Franklin of this county. She is survived by three sisters Miss Judy Franklin who with Miss Tilda occupied the old home and Mesdames Pattie Tolliver and Jim Callaway of Concord Tenn, and one brother Mr. Shade Franklin of Sunnyside Va.

The funeral was conducted at the home Monday afternoon by Rev. D. V. Price and the remains laid to rest in the Franklin family graveyard.

**FOR OUR FAR AWAY READERS**

It would be a real pleasure for many of our former citizens to come back and visit the scenes of their youth now that old Surry has made such wonderful improvement. For he it known that Surry has furnished good citizens for many years who have grown up here and then moved away to some other city or state and located, thinking that they could thus better their condition in life. Conditions of living have changed wonderfully here during the past ten years. Ye editor crossed the county one day this week in an hour over good roads every step of the way. Years ago he, many times, put in a whole day making this same trip with a horse and buggy over rough, single track, hilly, rocky roads. Now every stream is bridged with a good steel bridge and the roads wind about the hills with an easy grade that make it practicable to cross the country in any direction without making a shift of gears. And all along the roads where once stood little three room houses now one sees many modern homes and broad, fertile fields that show, beyond question, that many of our people have made wonderful progress in the art of scientific farming.

This section of country is blessed this year with a crop of fruit that bids fair to surpass anything we have had for years. This is now the 10th day of May, and while it is not impossible to have killing frost here yet, it is not probable. Every tree of every kind is loaded with fruit. The leaves are about grown and all nature is spreading itself in an effort to look good. The farms all along the roads show that the farm work is well up with the times, for the land is plowed and much of it planted.

Last week we held the usual spring term of court in the county and it caused our jail house to be filled with men and women who must now serve terms on the roads or in confinement for their past deeds. Is it not strange that citizens who live under such exceptionally good conditions as we have here will persist in living a life that society must take them in hand and proceed to render discipline just as if they were children. Truly the crime wave seems to have hit these parts as hard as it has other sections. And truly the way of the transgressor is hard.

Many of our far away readers may not have a very comprehensive idea of just what has been done here in the way of making good roads. We had a talk one day recently with the county engineer, Mr. I. W. Barber who has located many of the roads and who knows the country better, possibly, than any other man, and he says that if there were as much as fifty miles more new roads made this county would have a complete system of public highways. That would mean that every neighborhood and every citizen would live near a good road, not necessarily along one, but at a distance that he can easily make a road to the improved road. There must be not less than 400 miles of improved road in the county and but few homes are more than two miles from some improved road.

And our county officials seem to be wide awake to keeping all these roads in proper condition, for everywhere there is evidence of the road scrape and the drag. There are some bad places but not many.

Here in our own town, where the people are supposed to be progressive, the visitor back home would find the worst roads that could be found in the whole county. Our town people seem to be unwilling to put up the taxes sufficiently high to make a system of streets inside the town limits that are anything like as good as the roads of the country districts. Once you get out of town, the saying goes, you are all right, but the big problem is often how to get out of town. For months now some of the leading outlets that connect with the county roads are almost impassable. But all this will change in time, for the "tight wads" may control for a time, but the spirit of progress is like a great river—it sweeps through the land with an irresistible force and better conditions are as sure to come as the day follows the night.

**Gets Six Months for Selling Liquor to Minor**

In the Recorder's court Monday Judge McCargo sentenced Yancy Cobler to the roads for six months. The way the officers caught this defendant is something out of the ordinary. It seems that Cobler had induced a small boy to buy a pint from him. Afterwards the boy became drunk and when his father learned of it he forced his son to tell all about the transaction which resulted in Cobler's arrest and conviction. He appealed his case to the Superior court and is now out on bond to await trial at Dobson next October.

Friends of Rev. Tom P. Jimison will be interested to know that members of his congregation at Spencer have presented him with a new automobile.

**Getting Things in Shape for Sewer System**

The city is gradually getting matters shaped up looking to the construction of a modern sewer system for the town. For some years this subject has been before our town commissioners, but only last week was a move made leading toward actual work. The bonds to do this work with and also to pay off a floating indebtedness, have been advertised for sale. The sale of these bonds will be conducted by Bray Brothers, bond dealers and sellers of Greensboro, and they are supposed to find a buyer for them on the day of sale who will have the money ready on the spot.

Information that is required by all bond buyers is being gathered together by this concern in advance of the sale so that there will be no delay in getting the money. The sale will be some time in June.

On condition that the sale of these bonds is successful the town commissioners last week entered into a contract with the J. B. McCreary Company, of Atlanta, Ga., to build the sewer system. This company will furnish all engineers for the work, a ditching machine, necessary tools, and see that the town is supplied with certain skilled labor. At all times the town will have authority to make any change or suggestion as to the work, who is hired, where the material is purchased, etc. The work is to be done on a percentage basis with a guaranteed estimate that the job will not cost more than a stipulated amount. Figures furnished the town give this cost at about \$67,000.00. If all goes well with the sale of the bonds work is expected to begin by July 1st.

**Finding Much Liquor**

A cog has slipped somewhere in the machinery of our local boot-leggers and whiskey dealers—a misunderstanding may have arisen somewhere down the line between the jobber and the buyer. What the cause is must evidently be of serious concern to some of our citizens for during the past few days the Sheriff and Police have been going out and bringing liquor back in large quantities thus interfering with the usual vocations of some of our residents.

Tuesday morning people passing by noticed five five-gallon oil cans in a bunch of bushes near Sides mill on Needmore street, and on examination it was found to be liquor. Sheriff Ashburn was notified and took charge of the valuable contents. Just how come this liquor at that particular place or why it was there is a question that no one has answered. Possibly it was put there for delivery to some one who failed to make a getaway with the cargo before its discovery.

Len Taylor is also mixed up with the law. Officers made a search of his premises Tuesday and found that he had 15 gallons on hand. They almost caught him in the act of bottling it up for sale, he just having finished this work. The liquor was in half-gallon fruit jars, and a few bottles in pints—since liquor has gotten cheaper along with many other articles it seems to be the custom to peddle it in half-gallon quantities instead of the pints as was the custom during the time of more balmy days. Len is now in jail in default of bond and talks freely of his trouble. He admits his guilt but being an invalid makes the excuse that it was an easy way to make a living when he was unable to work.

A. E. Tilley left Tuesday for Durham to make arrangements with the commissioners of that county to use the prisoners who are in jail at Dobson and must serve a road sentence.

**Sheriff Gets Still, Liquor and Men**

People tell us that Sheriff Ashburn is leaving mighty little grass under his feet these days for he it known there are two others who are aspirants for this office—former Sheriff U. G. Belton, of this city, and W. O. Bryant of Ararat. But with a Republican primary before him the Sheriff nevertheless finds time to go out occasionally and bring in a big copper still. Sunday afternoon the Sheriff in company with Chief Lawrence made a little tour up in Stewarts Creek township and brought back a 50-gallon copper still, two men, and destroyed 14 gallons of liquor.

The officers found the still in full operation, with four men standing by quietly watching the last of the beer slowly give forth its fruits. The still had evidently been in operation for some time for it was then making its last run and its operators had about 14 gallons of liquor run out and ready to carry away. The officers made a dash for the place and succeeded in capturing two of the men present—Robt. Towe and Jim Easter. The other two made their escape. When stopped Towe was found to be carrying a big pistol which the officers had to take from him by force.

Towe and Easter were brought to this city Monday and given a hearing before Squire Allen Sparger who bound them over to Dobson court under bonds of \$1,000 each which they were unable to give and are now in the county jail where they will remain until next October unless they can raise the bond.

Both these men have a reputation of dealing in and making liquor. It has not been many months since Towe finished serving a two year term in the federal penitentiary for blockading.

**Prisoners to Penitentiary**

As an aftermath of the two weeks term of criminal court just closed at Dobson Sheriff Ashburn and his deputy J. H. Gwyn, left Wednesday for Raleigh with seven prisoners to place in the penitentiary. Those carried were:

Tom Marshall, for two years. Broke into West Drug Store, this city, and stole a large quantity of morphine. Plead guilty.

Ollie Burrows, 3 years, and Morgan Wiles, 2 years. These were young men from Winston-Salem who were caught some weeks ago stealing tobacco from the barns of farmers in Shoals township and had carried it to Winston to sell. Wiles admitted his guilt but Burrows stood a jury trial which convicted him.

John Grey, colored, 10 years, for 2nd degree burglary.

Chas. Simmons and Elbert Bottomly, 2 years each. They plead guilty to stealing the auto of the Mount Airy Drug Co. about a month ago.

Chas. Jessup, 14 months, convicted of manslaughter when O. N. Swanson was killed by being run into by Jessup with an automobile.

In addition to the above there are eight prisoners now in Dobson jail waiting to be conveyed to the roads of some county where they can be used, most of whom were violators of the liquor laws.

**Telephone Superintendent Here**

Mr. Ralph Duncan, of North Wilkesboro, superintendent of the Horton Telephone company is in the city this week, in the interest of the local telephone company. Mr. Duncan has charge of the entire system which includes North Wilkesboro, Elkin and Mount Airy lines and will be here about once a month. Mr. Belton will continue to adjust all telephone troubles if they are reported to him.

**REMEMBER**


**Mother's Day**

Sunday May 14th.

If your mother is living send her flowers.  
If she is not living wear a flower for her.

Place your order now.

**W. S. Wolfe Drug Co.**  
Agent Van Lindey Florist



**Town People Slow About Listing**

T. W. Davis county tax supervisor is disappointed in the failure of the people of Mount Airy to list their tax promptly. More than one-half the time for listing has passed and he tells us that in Mount Airy township not more than 10 per cent of the people have listed their property. The county has men paid to do this work and the time is short for the service of these men. After they finish their work those who have failed to list will be required to list before the County Commissioners with a penalty added for such failure. Mr. Davis is gratified at the way the people in the country districts have responded. In some townships the work has been completed and the list turned in to Mr. Davis. However in Mount Airy township the people do not seem to realize the importance of promptness on their part in this matter.

**Important Business Changes**

Deals have recently been made in this city which causes several business

**Special License Tax Due June 1st**


All State Special License tax will be due on June 1st. Those who have not renewed their license by that time will be taxed with a penalty for such failure. Call at my office and attend to this without delay.

Among those who are required to have a state license are: Soft drink dealers, soda fountains, cigar and cigarette dealers, autos for hire, lawyers, doctors, dentists, hotels, restaurants and many others.

Your failure to attend to this may mean extra cost to you.

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