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HIGH COURT NEXT WEEK

The people of Surry County will hold a court at Dobson next week to deal with the unfortunate ones of our citizens who have not been able to measure up to what is generally considered to be right. These unfortunate ones are to answer to society for what they have done that is objectionable to the generally accepted rule of conduct, which has been formulated into law. What a people thinks is right becomes to them a law of conduct. All those who make up the community are supposed to abide by these laws and when they fail to do so they are made to answer to society for their failure to measure up.

In dealing with the unfortunate class that fails to conform to the accepted standards of right our courts have a hard problem on their hands. There are degrees of guilt. The same crime is not always due to receive the same punishment. There are often what the lawyers call extenuating circumstances. It is the business and the duty of the court to consider well these extenuating circumstances, to make an effort to get at all the facts that will in any way throw light on the nature of the crime, the motives that caused it, the ability of the guilty one to conduct himself in a normal way, the provocations that he had to contend with that may have prompted the criminal act. It has long been our opinion that the courts make an honest effort to deal justly with the public. We have been made to think that at times the effort to dispatch business caused the court to give too little time to considering a case. It is a trying experience to hold a court. The people are present from all parts of the county. They are there away from home and business and in haste to get away and back to their homes. The docket is crowded and the term of court short and every lawyer wanting to get his case disposed of so that his witnesses can get away and his client go free. In the midst of all this press of business the temptation to dispose of grave matters, matters that involve human freedom and human character and the character of, possibly, unborn children, all is passed over too hurriedly in the desire to dispatch business. To the eager crowd that looks on it is no grave matter that the court hears, but it is a grave matter to the man at the bar and to the folks back home who are his associates.

The idea is growing in the minds of thoughtful people that many cases that will be disposed of at Dobson next week in a time of less minutes than it will take to write this article should be dealt with by a trained and learned physician who would give days and possibly weeks to observation and care of the guilty one before venturing an opinion as to what disposition should be made of him. Many criminals should be sent to a hospital rather than to a prison. It is well known that there are abroad in the land many unfortunate ones who have a well developed case of paranoia, that is nothing less than a mild case of insanity, and liable to break forth any hour into a violent rage that might easily lead to murder or the gravest of crimes. These are really and truly sick people, but the world does not believe it.

The advances being made in medical science will bring much light in coming years about the criminal that is not known today. The medical profession is doing more to advance the cause of human happiness than any other agency, and its investigations of the cause of crime will in the next few years be the means of a more humane way of dealing with sick folks who are today classed as wicked folks.

Club's Department of Literature Meets Friday

The Literature Department of the Woman's Club will meet Friday afternoon at three o'clock in the Community Building. Subject for discussion will be "Certain Conservative Poets", in the book "New Voices." This department has for its new chairman Mrs. Calvin Graves and a year of great interest is in store for the members.

A party was given by Misses Nanie Deatherage and Ada Midkiff Friday night Oct. 14th at the home of Mr. Ben Midkiff in honor of

Interested in Mount Airy The Far Away

"I always like the Mount Airy News where ever I happen to be" writes Mrs. Sam Brown, of Harrison, Texas, formerly Kate Hollingsworth, youngest daughter of Mrs. Cora Hollingsworth of this city. During the past year she has traveled almost all over the United States leaving Washington with snow on the ground in October of 1926 she stopped for lunch out doors in one of the old French gardens in New Orleans where it was too warm to wear coats, then, on to Brownsville, Texas, where it is warm enough for summer clothing all winter. Then up the Pacific Coast visiting the movie centers and seeing how picture films are made in California, then to Oregon where winter clothing is worn until July.

Returning from Portland, where she witnessed the marvelous Rose Festival, she met friends in Denver and traveled by auto through the parks and canyons of the Rockies, where the scenery was wonderful but no prettier, she loyally declares, than in the mountains of our own section where we have nice green trails instead of snow on top of the mountains.

Her marriage took place on her return to Texas and as she wrote early in October she says they are planting vegetables on the ranch for winter market and some of their grape fruit trees have ripe fruit. Their section of Texas is about 30 days ahead of the California and Florida markets. She suggests that if Mount Airy bear hunters would visit Texas they could have the thrill of hunting lions, deer, leopards and bobcats not to mention an abundance of rattlesnakes.

Chief of Police R. E. Lawrence Attending Police Chief's Association

The North Carolina Police Chiefs' Association is being attended Thursday and Friday of this week by R. E. Lawrence, Chief of Police of Mount Airy. The association is being held in Durham and Mr. Lawrence said that they were expecting over a hundred members to be present. Chief Lawrence is a member of the executive committee of this association. The purpose of this association of the police of North Carolina is to study the ways in which the betterment of the State may be increased by a more improved system of policing; to bring to the police departments of North Carolina a united understanding which will facilitate their policing and advance the welfare of the people of the entire State.

Bridge Club Luncheon At Blue Ridge Hotel

The members of the Thursday Afternoon Bridge club entertained at a luncheon Monday at one o'clock complimenting Mrs. John Sobotta and Mrs. E. H. Kochitzky, who have recently returned from Europe, where they spent the greater part of the summer.

The beautifully appointed table was arranged in the private dining room of the Blue Ridge Hotel and covers were laid for twelve. The color scheme of yellow was carried out in the attractive place cards and almond cups with a lovely centerpiece of dahlias in an amber glass bowl and four low candlesticks holding tall yellow tapers. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, turkey with dressing and frozen cranberries, peas in patties, candied yams, celery, hot rolls, tomato and asparagus salad, dainty dessert with angel food cake and coffee. After the luncheon bridge was played in the hotel parlor, which was artistically decorated with fall flowers and at the conclusion of the game Mrs. Sobotta and Mrs. Kochitzky were each presented with attractive gifts. Mrs. R. B. Crawford, Jr., of Winston-Salem, the only guest outside of the club members, was given an arm bouquet of flowers.

Your Own Birthday Party

You are invited to attend a birthday party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Garvin, opposite A. Valentine's dwelling Saturday night, Oct. 22, at 7 o'clock.

Bring a penny for every year of your age. The party is given by the Flat Rock Presbyterian Church and the proceeds will be used for a heating plant for the church.

To Meet Mrs. Aiken

Mrs. George Clift was hostess to a number of friends at her home on route 2 from 2:00 to 4:30 P. M. Tuesday honoring her sister Mrs. Robert Aiken, of Wilmington, Del., who is her house guest. A delicious ice course was served during the afternoon.

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COWELL-RAMSEY MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Services Continue With Sermons Directed Church Members—Prayer Services With Shut-Ins a Feature.

The Cowell-Ramsey evangelistic services in progress at the Haymore Memorial Baptist Church have taken on new life during the last few days, singers from the First Baptist Church have rendered a fine service notable among their contributions were a solo "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" sung by Miss Emma Johnson Sunday morning, a very inspiring solo by Mrs. James Bray Sunday evening and singing by a male quartette Wednesday evening.

The church was packed to overflowing Sunday evening and large crowds are attending each evening during the week. The Rev. John Cowell, Jr., gets hold of the hearts of the people, not only those of the Haymore Memorial congregation but of all denominations and no denomination who have attended the services and listened to his discourses. His sermons have been of the highest order and show a great deal of preparation and deep thinking for a young man with only a few years experience in the ministry.

His sermon Sunday night on "Why I Believe in the Bible" was truly a masterpiece and the great audience went away marveling at how a young man could have ancient and Biblical history at his command to present it in a way which would make the oldest Bible student wonder at the rapidity with which he could bring in both Bible prophecy and the fulfillment of the same from ancient history.

Haymore Memorial Church is being reorganized completely and is being put on a working basis that will develop it into a church of tremendous power and usefulness. The congregation is being gotten together and it is freely predicted that within the next few days it will be a membership without faction—one that is welded together to such an extent that it will be like a great army, ready for the conflict to oppose any forces of evil in the city at large.

There have been no propositions to the unsaved as yet, the evangelist has directed each sermon to the church membership and will continue to do so until the entire membership has been given an opportunity to come out solidly and without compromise with the world, through lives thoroughly consecrated and laid on the altar of God. When this is accomplished more can be done in a few services to reach the unsaved than in a year with a compromising worldly membership.

Mrs. V. M. Wimberly, of Surpter, S. C., is doing some wonderful work each morning at 9:30 with her Bible talks on prayer and the Holy Spirit. She is also meeting with the young women every afternoon at 3:45 and they are doing some fine work in Bible study and extension service. They are planning to hold services in the homes where there are shut-ins some of these services have already been held which were attended by 50 or more young women from the different churches and are expecting even larger attendance within the next few afternoons.

Mrs. W. Fulton Hostess

Mrs. W. Fulton was hostess to the members of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club and other friends Tuesday afternoon when bridge was played at nine tables. Dahlias, delphiniums and ageratum made colorful and graceful floral decorations. The high score club prize was won by Mrs. R. W. Sparger and visitor's prize by Mrs. Martin Bennett, each received a double deck of cards. The consolation, a dainty lace handkerchief, fell to Mrs. Hugh Holcomb. Mesdames E. G. Smith, E. C. Bivans, J. G. Harrison and C. F. Clark assisted the hostess in serving a salad course with mints.



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Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Service Wed. 7:30 P. M.
Intermediates 6:00 P. M.
Junior League 6:00 P. M.
Senior League 6:00 P. M.

The pastor preached last Sunday evening for the Ardmore congregation in Winston-Salem, this church was organized while the Rev. Mr. Newell was the presiding-elder of the Winston-Salem district and the first sermon was preached by him in a dwelling house. The Ardmore church was celebrating its third anniversary. It is now a strong and influential church and has an edifice ranked among the best in the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carr joined the church by letter, they came from Stone Mountain, Ga., and are located in the home of W. E. Merritt, Jr., on Raleigh street.

Bob Sides and Luther Edwards will be Boy Scout leaders this winter which assures a prosperous season in scout work.

Miss Cornelia Carroll and Mrs. Lewis Lamm are leaders of the Girl Scouts and under their care the girls are enjoying hikes and other outdoor affairs during this wonderful fall weather.

The Philathea class of Central Methodist Church elected the following officers at their class meeting Monday evening: Mrs. O. H. Yokley; pres. Mrs. W. B. Hale, vice pres.; Mrs. W. W. Christian, sec.; Mrs. Walter Leonard, treas.

Presiding-elder E. W. Fox preached a great sermon at the evening hour Sunday.

The playground has been put in good shape and wired for lights so it can be used day or night. A furnace has been installed in the parsonage for which the pastor's wife is particularly rejoiced. The parsonage is so constructed that it is hard to heat with stoves and grates and the furnace will contribute to the comfort of the present pastor and his family and remain to bless those who come after them.

Bound, Gagged 21 Hours Stanly Man is Rescued

Albemarle, Oct. 16.—Numb and semi-conscious after lying bound and gagged for more than 21 hours, Albert C. Deputy, 25, of Albemarle, was found by two small negro boys at the

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edge of a wood on the Lawyer's road last night at 8 o'clock.

Rural police who were summoned after his release said he told them he had been blackjacked and robbed while riding in the automobile of a man who promised to take him home.

Deputy was suffering from severe nerve shock and from the effects of the low temperature of Saturday night when found, police said.

He had struggled against his bonds fiercely at first and then in fear and desperation, he declared.

Again and again he attempted to call for aid through the handkerchief and gag, but nobody heard him. His arms were bound beneath his legs and he could not use a limb. His struggle to unloose the knots was futile. Along the ground he rolled and squirmed in an effort to reach the roadway. Bushes and boulders harrowed him.

At last, when his cries were be-

coming more and more feeble he heard footsteps. His cries were overheard by colored boys who approached with frightened voices and released him.

Rural police officers say Deputy told them he bargained with a man in a cafe near the Southern railway station to carry him home for \$5. When he got into the machine, according to his story, he noticed two quilts in the back of the car, but thought little of it. Now he believes they concealed several men who later attacked him and robbed him of \$100.

Deputy can identify the driver of the machine, he believes, according to the police.

He was sent to the city police station to rest and recover.

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