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Defendants Submitting Their Cases to Judge at Dobson

Majority of Cases Are Left to Discretion of His Honor—Practically All Offenses Have Their Origin With Liquor.

The Superior Court at Dobson is this week endeavoring to iron out the weaknesses of many of our people and set them out on the right path of life. To this task Judge A. M. Stack is applying himself and the way in which he tried to impress upon the youthful defendants that come before him one cannot doubt but that good will come from his methods of imposing sentences. The large per cent of the cases have their origin with the traffic or use of liquor and where the defendants are young men and boys and show a disposition to straighten up His Honor is disposed to work out ways to keep them off the roads, and yet throw restraints around them that is calculated to make them have a due regard for the laws of the state.

The grand jury was selected early Monday morning and the charge His Honor gave to it was pronounced one of the finest ever heard at Dobson. He stressed the importance of people having respect for the law and would like to see the country districts better policed by more paid officers or rural policemen. The trouble, he said, was that the average citizen does not want to become a prosecutor of his neighbor and for that reason it would be a good policy for the counties of the state to have rural policemen. Too many commit crimes and leave the state, thus evading the hand of the law. This, he said, should be corrected by the counties offering rewards that would bring back all violators who thus attempted to escape answering for their crimes. His Honor spoke at length about the disposition some have of thinking of the law as being their enemy, and he pointed out the many ways in which the law is man's best friend, barring none except one's mother.

Judge Stack continues to make war on filth and uncleanness and started soon after court met by ordering the removal of all cuspidors from the court room and forbidding the use of tobacco during the sessions of court.

T. N. Woodruff of Lowgap was named foreman of grand jury, the other members being J. L. Holland, S. M. Flippen, H. W. Wood, A. M. Smith, W. B. Edmonds, D. C. Lewis, W. D. Haynes, Eaker Phillips, J. H. Brintle, Scott Cook, A. R. Chilton, J. H. Bullington, J. A. Brintle, E. L. Patterson, W. E. Wright, G. C. Lovill and D. E. Hoffman.

Retires After Fifty-One Years of Service.

Rev. J. A. Cook, who has had charge of the Methodist churches in the country districts about this city, will retire from the pastorate with the close of the work of this year. He will leave this city next week to attend conference at Asheville and will ask to be placed on the retired list. This does not mean that he will no longer preach, but that he will not try to fill regular engagements due to his age and declining strength. He is now 74 years of age and has been an active minister for 51 years. He has been on his present field for a year and has been pastor at eight different points, preaching often as many as three and four times on Sunday and has not missed a single appointment. But the time has come when he can no longer keep up this active life and he will give way for some younger man to carry on.

Mr. Cook has not yet decided where he will make his future home. He likes Mount Airy and this is the place where most of his friends of his younger days live. He is a native of Westfield township and has many relatives about here. But he has four sons living in the city of Asheville, all doing well, and they would like for him to make that city his home. He has not yet decided.

Gold Fish Free.

Only two more days remain during which customers can secure gold fish free of charge from Turnmire & Lamm, local druggists. Up to and including Saturday, this week, all who make a purchase of a 50 cent bottle of cough syrup at their store will be given free of any charge two gold fish, with glass bowl, pebbles and sea moss.

\$195,000 Bond Issue Brings Good Price.

The town commissioners on Tuesday sold to the highest bidder bonds of the city to the amount of \$195,000 at a premium of \$6,350. Bond buyers who were present said this was as high a price as they had seen paid for municipal bonds in some time. The bonds bear five per cent interest and are secured, the first payment being made in three years and the remainder running over a period of 20 years. They were issued to take up notes that had been issued to pay for the improvement of the water works system. Thirty thousand dollars of them went to pay off a note issued two years ago for the water plant in paying for extension of pipe line, and the remainder takes up notes issued to build the new water plant and other pipe extensions.

Visits State First Time Aged Ninety-Seven

Mrs. Nancy E. Taylor, ninety-seven years old citizen of Carroll county Virginia is the guest of her daughter Mrs. C. E. Midkiff on route two. Her grandsons E. C. and H. B. Midkiff drove to Carroll for her and the return trip was made in one hour fifty minutes the old lady standing the trip well and expressing herself as pleased with the good roads and signs of progress in the Old North State. Quite a number of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren have visited her since she came to Surry and it was quite a novelty to them to see "granny" smoke her pipe.

Bishop Rondthaler Will Preach Here Sunday

Rt. Rev. Edward Rondthaler, D. D., LL.D., will preach in the Grace Moravian Church in this city next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour. The venerable bishop, of Winston-Salem, is known and loved by people all over the state and especially in this sections of the state where he has given more than fifty years of his life to useful service. His sermon will be the beginning of a series to continue each evening next week with Rev. Walter Allen, of High Point assisting the pastor Rev. C. D. Crouch. Quartette music by a quartet from Winston-Salem will feature the Sunday morning service. The public is cordially invited to attend all services at this church and especially the series of services beginning next Sunday. All evening services will be held at 7.30 o'clock.

Kiwanis District Meeting in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Snow left Wednesday afternoon for Durham to attend the Carolinas District convention of Kiwanis International. Mr. Snow is secretary of the Mount Airy Kiwanis Club. The session opened Wednesday night with a short informal session followed by dancing in the Washington Duke Hotel, the formal opening with addresses of welcome and response took place Thursday morning, followed by noon luncheon and afternoon sessions. The annual banquet Thursday night precedes the governor's ball at the Country Club. Friday will be largely devoted to business and the election of officers. Kiwanis ladies were tendered a bridge luncheon Thursday from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. Several International officers as well as district governors past and present are in attendance.

New Member Added to Carter-Walker Firm.

People of this city and adjacent territory will be interested to learn of the addition of W. H. Carter to the firm of Carter-Walker Furniture Co. In the past this firm has been owned by W. F. Carter, Jr., and L. G. Walker, but recently a portion of the stock has been sold to W. H. Carter, who now becomes an active member of this furniture organization. He has been associated as salesman with the firm for a number of years and has many friends who will be glad to learn of his permanent connection with the store as part owner.

KIWANIANS TO HEAR MR. LUCAS.

Vice-President of S. P. U. Co. To Address Local Club Friday Evening.

Of special interest to the people of this city and especially members of the Kiwanis Club is the visit to the county Friday of Mr. John Paul Lucas, Vice-President of the Southern Public Utilities Co., with headquarters in Charlotte. Mr. Lucas comes to Mount Airy on invitation of the Public Affairs Committee of the Kiwanis Club and will attend the meeting Friday evening.

Mr. Lucas is a fluent speaker and has been asked to address the members on a subject of interest to every citizen of the city—that of the development of this section and how the power company can help.

Every member of the club is urged to attend the meeting and hear the message that Mr. Lucas will bring to the citizens of the city.

Building Sites Sold At Auction

The Land Co., last Saturday sold at auction a number of building sites on the quarry road just beyond Ararat river. The property was owned by Dr. M. S. Martin but the sale was conducted by Messrs. Linville, Bennett and Hodge of The Land Co. The tract consisted of about six acres and sold for a total of nearly \$6,000.

This same auction company is this week advertising three coming sales that will prove of interest to the public. Some of the property they will put on the market during the month of November includes the business property of S. C. Stewart on Franklin and Willow Streets, the lands of the late W. J. Herring on the Lowgap road and the Marshall Wagon Works property.

First New Ford Has Been Numbered.

Cram's Automotive Reports, a reliable automobile authority of Detroit, this week sent out the following authentic information in regard to the manufacture and numbering of the first new Ford that is soon to be placed upon the market:

The new Ford car—Number One—has rolled off the production line.

The production motor came off the line at 5 P. M. Thursday and was officially approved and stamped "No. 1" by Henry Ford. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of the company officials, and a permanent record of the occasion was made through the means of moving pictures.

This motor was transferred to the "B" building on Friday, dropped into a completed chassis, and run off the line in the form of a Tudor Sedan.

It was then taken to Dearborn, and it is our understanding that it will be placed in Ford's Museum.

There is still much to be done before volume output can be looked for, including the arrival and set-up of additional machinery.

The working forces in the foundry, motor, pressed steel and other units are being gradually increased, and everything indicates that Ford is finally getting ready to go.

Of course, there are many things that can happen to change the situation, but, as we have previously reported, we believe that early November will find the new cars in production.

Messdames Carl Simmons, T. N. Brock and J. D. Thompson spent Wednesday in Winston-Salem.

Cost of County Audit Continues to Rise With \$650 Added This Month

The status of the county audit remains unchanged and that part applying to the County Highway Commission is in the hands of the accountant Mr. J. W. Hendricks, who has had charge of the work during the past several months. To the present date the auditor has been paid by the county \$3,950.00—just fifty dollars less than a round \$4,000. And during the month of October—the present date—he has been paid two vouchers, one on Oct. 3rd for \$250 and again on last Friday, Oct. 21, he drew out \$400 for services to the county. Just what the \$650 paid out for services during the month of October represented the vouchers do not specifically state. The above amounts have gone to a special accountant and the public is not to be

ELECTION IN VIRGINIA NEXT MONTH.

Warm Contest Being Waged in Carroll County Between Democrats and Republicans

In November the people of Virginia will hold an election for county and state officials and across the border over in Carroll County a warm contest is being waged between the candidates of the two parties. In the primary held last summer the Republicans, after a heated campaign, nominated Geo. E. Edwards as their candidate for sheriff over the present one, Sheriff Jett. Mr. Edwards is being opposed by Marion Gardner, the Democratic nominee. One interesting feature about the election is the fact that a lady, Miss Winnie Caldwell, is a candidate for the legislature, and a lady is also running for magistrate in one of the districts of the county.

The following are some of the officers that are to be voted upon next month:

State Senate—Thos. L. Felts and Mal Queenberry.
Treasurer—Geo. F. Blankenship and C. B. Worrell.

House of Delegates—Miss Winnie Caldwell and H. L. Franklin.
Edwards and J. L. Tompkins.

Sheriff—Geo. E. Edwards and M. A. Gardner.
Clerk of Court—Swanson Smith, unopposed.

Commissioner of Revenue—C. C. Semones and W. J. Bowen.

Supervisor, Fancy Gap district—W. C. Strickland, J. E. Boudurant and J. E. Jones. Magistrates—Sallie Ashby, David McMillan, J. A. Ayers, W. H. Vernon and J. W. McMillan. Constable—Early Jones, Commodore Ayers.

Two-For-One Sale at Wolfe's.

Full particulars will be given in an advertisement in this paper next week of the "Two-For-One" Sale at W. S. Wolfe Drug Co. This will be the eighth annual sale held by this drug firm at which they sell any product of Nyal goods at the regular price and give another like article free of charge.

Attend Bankers Meeting in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Byerly are spending this week in Houston, Tex., where Mr. Byerly is attending the sessions of the National Bankers Association. They left this city last Thursday and are expected to return Sunday.

G. O. Graves left the first of the week to spend a week in New York City, on business, from there he will go to Chicago before returning home.

Brother of English Queen Dies Suddenly.

London, Oct. 24.—The royal family was plunged into mourning today by the rather sudden and unexpected death of the queen's brother, the marquis of Cambridge, after a serious abdominal operation.

The death leaves the queen with only one surviving brother, the earl of Athlone, now governor general of South Africa.

The marquis of Cambridge had been in poor health for some time, but his condition was not considered serious. Today, however, he was removed from his country home, Shotton Hall, to a nursing home in the adjacent town of Shrewsbury, where he underwent an operation from the effects of which he died.

Musical Patriotic Programs Now Being Held in County

Convention Meets at Beulah Saturday Night, October 29th.—Others Near Mount Airy Next Month.

"Diphtheria on the Increase." Have Your Children Been Vaccinated?

North Carolina unfortunately is among the list of states showing an increase in diphtheria cases for the first nine months of the present year, as compared with the same period during 1926.

During the first nine months of 1927, there were reported 1356 cases as compared with 1286 for the same period in 1926, showing an increase of 68 cases. Diphtheria, during the past thirty days, is being reported at the rate of 20.9 cases per day.

During the month of September we have shown a steady increase of the reported cases each week with a total of 455 as compared to 432 cases reported in 1926. Practically all of the reported cases are persons who have never received toxin anti-toxin.

The average death rate for the past eight years, (1918-1926) has been one death to every 123 cases.

A further analysis of the 1926 reported for the first nine months of the present year shows that 55 per cent occurred in children of preschool age, and 37 per cent prior to the age of five.

Diphtheria has a marked seasonal prevalence, being usually most prevalent during October, November and December, and the indications are that this will be a diphtheria year. Immunizations immediately by giving toxin anti-toxin to all children between the ages of six months and ten years of age, is our only safeguard against this dreaded disease.

Let me urge you again, to have your children immunized against diphtheria, do not be satisfied with three doses, but have the Schick test made, or have six doses given.

DR. W. A. JOHNSON,
County Health Officer.

Literature Department Has Interesting Meeting.

The first meeting of the Literary department of the Mount Airy Woman's Club for the new club year was held in the Community Building Friday afternoon with the new chairman, Mrs. Calvin Graves, in charge of an excellent program, the attendance was good.

An outstanding feature of the program was a discussion by Miss Katherine Price of Alfred Noyes, the English poet, and consisted of a sketch of his life, criticism of his work and reading of some of his poems.

Lives and works of Katherine Lee Bates and Lizette Woodworth Reese given by Mrs. C. C. Creveling included biographical notes and selections of their poems, and Miss Mary Franklin Graves read some of the better known poems by Bliss Carman.

Meeting of this department will be held every third Friday and all members of the Woman's Club who are interested are invited to join this department.

Service at Flat Rock Methodist Church Sunday.

Preaching service will be held at Flat Rock Methodist Church at 3 P. M. Sunday, Oct. 30th. There will be no preaching Nov. 6, as the annual conference will be in session on that date.

A son, Raymond, was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. DePalma, Saturday morning.

The Bible class of Flat Rock Presbyterian Church will meet Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Garvin at 7 o'clock.

Sunday School Convention Saturday and Sunday.

The Surry County Sunday School Association will meet in Calvary Baptist Church west of town beginning at 2:30 P. M. Saturday, adjourning at six for supper and reassembling at 7:30 P. M. Sunday services will begin at the Sunday School hour and continue through the afternoon with a recess for dinner. A number of the best speakers of the denomination in the county will be in attendance.

Surry County has launched its huge musical patriotic program with a most successful and enthusiastic splash. Two conventions have been held, the first in Bryan Township, October 15th, and the second at Lowgap, Franklin Township, October 22, and at each of these not a single seat, not even a temporary seat, was unoccupied, standing room being difficult to find.

A vast array of musical talent has made the conventions real musical treats—strong enough to cause numerous parties to follow the conventions and hear a second time. The thirty or more musicians from all parts of Surry county, and from Forsyth, Stokes, Yadkin, Alleghany, Wilkes and Virginia attending these conventions have furnished one or more real artists on each musical instrument, while the quartets have been the strongest features of the conventions.

A background of enthusiastic patriotism, initiated with a half minute of impressive silence in honor of our soldier dead, the audience standing with bowed heads and continued by stirring patriotic addresses has lent a happy coloring to the occasion of pleasure. A keen interest, the result of talented performers on the various instruments, has held the vast audiences from the first number to the last, the final quartet being encored for a third selection even after midnight.

The prizes, amounting to fifty dollars at each convention, have been distributed widely by the decisions of the judges. Virginia has won first prize, guitar, Harbert Higgins, and second prize, string band, Smith-Higgins. Alleghany county has won two prizes: old time fiddler, G. W. Brooks; banjo, Paul Miles; also one second: quartet, Glade Valley. Forsyth has won one first banjo, R. B. Smith; also three seconds, banjo, J. W. Wicker; old time fiddler, R. B. Smith. Surry has won seven firsts, old time fiddler, Crawley Hamlin; modern violin, Ralph McGee; guitar, Dewey Hall; modern violin, Garnet Warren; string band, Warran's Four Aces; quartet, Roaring Gap, (twice). Also six seconds, old time fiddler, Crawley Hamlin; modern violin, Crawley Hamlin; string band, Warren's Four Aces; guitar, Irene Sparks; guitar, Dewey Hill; quartet, Lowgap.

The next convention takes place in Stewart's Creek township at the Beulah Consolidated school auditorium Saturday night, October 29th. Arrangements are complete to seat 700 people and more than that number are expected to be present. The two problems in regard to the conventions are to find enough seats to accommodate the crowds and to carry the program through before too late at night.

On November 5th the convention will meet in Long Hill, at the Ararat Consolidated school auditorium; on November 12th at the Rock High School auditorium; on the 18th at Salem Consolidated school, and continues one every Friday night and Saturday night until December 17th.

November Club Meeting Friday Week.

The November meeting of the Mount Airy Woman's Club will be held in the Community Building Friday afternoon, Nov. 4 at 3 o'clock. A full attendance of members is desired.

The Cleveland police department uses a 'caution car,' an automobile equipped with loud speakers on the roof, to cure persons of jay-walking. Once addressed by a loud voice from an unseen source, 'Don't do that again. Cross the street at regular crossings,' the jaywalker seldom repeats his offense.

Colorow Point, 2,000 feet above Clear Canyon, was the spot selected by the Ute Indians to which went an Indian who had committed any unforgivable crime against the tribal laws, to pay the death penalty by leaping from the cliff.