

BUSY WEEK ON CRIMINAL DOCKET

Halifax County Superior Court with Judge Whidby, of Greenville, Presiding Has Gone Through Lengthy Docket with Dispatch Paul Whitefield Draws Fifteen Years at Hard Labor

WILLIE MILES GETS ACQUITTAL

With a week of exceptionally prompt and efficient disposition of a lengthy criminal docket, the August term of Halifax County Superior Court commenced the last case on this docket late Thursday afternoon, being that of the State vs Mabry of Scotland Neck for the murder of Taylor, his tenant farmer, late in July. Of course, the civil calendar yet remains but this is not expected to consume much time.

Many compliments have been paid His Honor, Judge Whidby, of Greenville, for the despatch with which he has handled his court here as well as for the soundness of his decisions. The cases decided, with the exception of the Mabry murder case, which goes over to Friday, are as follows:

- Maecie Jones, judgement suspended.
- Henry Ousby, assault and battery, \$25 and cost.
- Henry Davis, larceny, eighteen months on county roads.
- Paul Whitefield, burglary. Defendant submitted to a plea of second degree burglary, and received a sentence of fifteen years in the State Prison at hard labor.
- Matthew Bennett, carrying concealed weapons, nine months on county roads.
- Richard Smith, carrying concealed weapons, assault and battery, two years on county roads.
- Sam Bennette, gambling, \$10 and costs.
- Sam Valentine, gambling, \$10 and costs.
- Nick Dempsey, gambling \$10 and costs.
- Nick Daniel, trespass, twelve months on county roads.
- Parnell Carlisle, assault and battery, \$10 and costs.
- Willie Brown, gambling, \$25 and costs.
- Joe Grant, assault with intent to commit rape, not less than five nor more than ten years in State Prison at hard labor.
- Mack Hockaday, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 and cost.
- Lierly, Garner, Barkley, Hinson, and Baleyjack, Rosemary boys, all of whom, except Garner, being from fifteen to seventeen years of age, pleaded guilty to gambling. Judgement suspended upon payment of costs.
- Bill Ransom, gambling, sixty days on county roads.
- Arrie M. Phillips, gambling, \$15 and costs.
- Neil Spruill, carrying concealed weapons, four months on county roads.
- Sam Ashe, carrying concealed weapons, three months on county roads.
- Philip Anthony, assault and battery, \$25 and costs.
- Arthur Jones, assault and battery, \$22 and costs.
- Alex Brown, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 and costs.
- Levy Patterson and Clifton Daniel, gambling, ninety days each on county roads.
- Hayood Bell, carrying concealed weapons, \$50 and costs.
- Willie Miles, arraigned for an alleged attempt to poison his wife was found not guilty. The evidence against him was entirely insufficient, the allegations of some of the witnesses as reported in last week's issue of the HERALD, not being supported at all, and in some cases, not even adhered to by the witnesses themselves.

The Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary Branch of the Red Cross desires to extend its thanks to the Woodmen of the World for their donation made to this society by their Order. Resolution passed at the meeting held August 13th, 1917.

ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Exum Matthews spent Sunday afternoon in Thelma with friends.
G. B. Gee, of Henderson, was in town a few days the past week on business.
W. H. Roberts and family left Saturday for a week's visit to friends and relatives in Rocky Mount.
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sanders left the past week for Henderson and Asheville to be gone the rest of the summer visiting relatives.
J. T. Bishop spent Sunday in Littleton with friends.
Rev. Nat Harrison after a few week's visit to his parents in Brinkleyville returned here Sunday.
Rev. A. G. Carter left Sunday for the Western part of the State, where for the next three weeks he will assist in a series of revivals.
Mrs. S. D. Brown and children, after an extended visit to friends and relatives in Dallas returned home the past week.
Messrs. W. L. and N. B. Dickens of Aurelian Springs spent the day here Friday on business.
J. H. Harrison, Jr., spent the day Sunday in Blackstone, Va. with friends.
Rev. A. C. Chaffin, who was here for the past week been assisting in a revival service in the country, at Quankey Church, preached a strong and stirring sermon Friday evening in the Rosemary Baptist church, leaving Saturday for his home in Cerro Gorda.
Miss Addie Finch is visiting her parents in Franklin County this week.
G. E. Rose and Carl White left Tuesday for the Mountains in Virginia to spend a two weeks vacation.
Clerk Smith, of Henderson, spent Sunday in town with friends.
Messrs. T. M. Jenkins, R. I. Starke and Wm. Wood returned Wednesday from Richmond, where they had been to attend a meeting of the Retail Merchants Association.
Miss Ashbury, of Morganton, spent the week-end with Mrs. G. L. Hayes.
Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hayes and Miss Charlena Hart spent the week-end in Richmond with friends.
Mrs. J. M. Grizzard and Miss Virginia Hart have returned from there trip to northern cities.
J. W. McCann with the Westinghouse, Electric Co., of Atlanta, Ga., who has been here the past week attending to some repair work for the Rosemary Manufacturing Company returned to his home Tuesday.
Robert Rhodes and Will Cloninger arrived here Monday from Gastonia and have accepted positions with the Rosemary Manufacturing Company.
R. G. Brown spent the week-end in Enfield with his family.
L. S. Cannon spent a few days out of town the past week on business.
Mrs. O. C. Hale and children, of near Scotland Neck, are visiting her mother, Mrs. R. A. Crutchfield.
J. E. Cox left Thursday for Winston-Salem for a few days visit to friends and relatives.
Miss Andrews, of Greensboro, who has been visiting her brother Rev. A. H. Andrews, returned to her home last week accompanied by Mrs. Andrews.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams and Miss Margaret Hodges spent Sunday at Enfield.
S. L. Green spent the past week in the Western part of the State on a vacation visiting relatives.
Messrs. J. J. Wade, Robert Dickens, Misses Virginia Hart, Marjorie Grizzard and Margaret Hewitt motored to Panacea Springs Sunday, where they spent the day.
Miss Marjorie Grizzard, of Boykins, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Coleman.
Messrs. C. A. Lyster, Roger

EXAMINATIONS FOR DRAFT GOING ON RAPIDLY

221 Men Called for Examination on Monday and the Same Number Thursday. Monday's Work Showed 16 per cent Physically Unfit. 78 per cent of Remainder Claimed Exemption. Thursday Figures not Available. Twenty-Five Exemptions Granted First Day's Hearing. One Application Rejected

GOVERNMENT APPEALS ON ALL EXEMPTIONS

The Exemption Board of Halifax County faced on Monday morning the almost herculean task of examining physically the 221 men called, arranging for and passing on the flood of exemption claims, and ruling upon the thousand and one points that seemed not to have been covered in the regulations. It was a fagged out bunch of men when the day closed with the physical examination of the 181 men who had answered the call completed, and the preliminary steps toward passing upon the exemption claims of 116 candidates taken.
Applicants first reported for registration, received the physical examination blank, and departed for the department where eye and ear examinations were given. They then went to the weighing room, where they were stripped and were weighed and measured. After which the physical examination of heart and lungs were completed. There was no attempt at privacy, white and colored crowded in for examination together and long queues of curious spectators crowded the windows and doors of the examining rooms.
Of the 221 men called, 181 reported. 151 passed the physical examinations, 116 claimed exemption, or 78% of the men passing the physical examinations. Of course, all claims will not be granted, but it is interesting to note that exemptions were granted 24 of the first 25 applications heard. The list of exemptions granted appears below:
601 Perry Johnson, 924 Lawrence N. Howard, 1146 Walter Shields, 258 S. C. Flood, 739 Jimmie Cheek, 3256 Louis Warren, 2684 Enoch Lewis, 2868 H. W. Crouch, 373 Arthur Jenkins, 3259 Alfiea Whitaker, 1178 Hosea Steptoe, 337 Tussie Williams, 43 Bela O. Smith, 3208 Paul Pittman, 3539 Charlie Suggs, 2181 Allen H. Story, 2967 L. H. Roles, 3496 Jack Hines, 2990 Roy Likes, 140 Columbus Smith, 622 Lake Thompson, 1264 Charles Garner,

POLICE COURT NEWS ITEMS

Dan Holt, colored, cursing on the Avenue at Roanoke Junction, released on payment of \$1.00 fine and costs, in consideration of his having been kept in jail for two days and nights.
Lucius Strickland, charged with stealing \$4.00 in currency from the breeches pockets of B. W. Hubbard, which had been left hanging in a closet at the Roanoke Mills Company, was bound over to the next term of Halifax Superior Court under \$25.00 bond.

MR. H. C. SPIERS WILL PREACH ON WAR

Mr. H. C. Spiers, of Weldon, who will fill the pulpit at the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church on next Sunday morning, will take as his text "The Call of God." Mr. Spiers has made a deep study of the Bible and has some very interesting ideas in regard to the Prophecies and their fulfillment in the present World War. Everybody is invited to come out and hear him.

All magazine-subscribing members of the Red Cross, who have not received copies of the Red Cross magazine are requested to notify Mrs. W. L. Long promptly.

Warren, and W. C. Bass spent Monday in Halifax on business.
F. C. Hego, after a week's stay in Winston-Salem visiting relatives, returned home Tuesday.
Miss Minnie Exum Suggs, after an extended visit to Miss Charlena Hart, returned to her home in Greenville, Tuesday.
Miss Addie Finch, of Rosemary, and Miss Lera Wilson, of Bailey, N. C., spent last week in Durham and Raleigh visiting friends.
Miss Addie Finch spent Saturday in Chapel Hill visiting her brother, G. V. Finch.

HALIFAX ITEMS

The Sater Hotel prepared to feed three hundred on Monday, the first day of court.
Henry Joyner, of Garysburg, visited friends in town this week.
Lonnie Daniel, of Rosemary, was in town Friday on business.
A. L. Clark, of Roanoke Rapids was here on business last week.
J. T. Chase, of Roanoke Rapids was in town Friday on business.
Mrs. J. L. Weller and children have returned to their home in Norfolk.
Crowds from the country and nearby towns have attended court here this week.
T. Drewry was a visitor here this week.
The Methodist Ladies Aid Society had their monthly business meeting with Mrs. Willis Wilcox on Monday.
R. Bernard Field, of West Point, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. G. Butts this week.
Miss Lucy James Butts was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. F. Musselman several days this week.
The young people are practicing for a play, "Mr. Bob" under the direction of Mrs. Sterling Gary and Miss Rebbe Ousby for the benefit of the Red Cross fund.
Donald McCluer, Farm Demonstrator for the county, was called to his home in Mississippi for examination by the board.
W. C. Bass and Roger Warren were here on business Monday.
Geo. L. Hayes, L. G. Shell and J. J. Wade, of Rosemary, attended court Tuesday.
Jno. Merrit and Frank Ivey were visitors here Monday.
Mr. Richards, of Rocky Mount, visited his parents here Monday.
Mr. Whitehead, of Enfield, was here last Saturday on business.

Engagement Announced

Blackstone, Va., Aug. 4.—Mr. Henry Stokes announces the engagement and approaching marriage of his daughter, Margaret Cabell, to Mr. John Henry Harrison, Jr., of Rosemary, N. C. The wedding will take place early in September.
The bride-to-be is one of Blackstone's most charming young ladies, possessing those traits of character which have endeared her to a large circle of friends and admirers. Her loss to the town will be keenly felt especially among the younger set of which she is an attractive member.
The groom-elect is a prominent young business man and merchant of his home town, where he has already met much success and where a bright future awaits his futher efforts.—News and Observer.

Mr. Peter Shaw

Mr. Peter Shaw died at his home in South Rosemary, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Shaw was about forty years old and leaves a wife and children.
He was a member of the Christian Church and the Red Men of Rosemary. His remains were buried Friday afternoon in the Roanoke Rapids Cemetery, Rev. Raleigh L. Topping conducting the services.

Health Hints.
Don't eat too much, don't drink too much, don't work too hard, keep on the shady side of the street and keep your health.

ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Jim Lynch, of Greenville, S. C., spent Sunday here with his family.
Miss Ada Flowers, of Goldsboro, arrived this week to take a position with Roanoke Mills.
Miss Lula Brown is spending the week in Norfolk.
Miss Bettie Brown spent several days in Seaboard this week.
Mrs. A. L. Pruden and little son, Harvey, are spending some time with relatives in Gumberry.
Miss Estelle Hamlet spent several days in Lillington this week.
Miss Mary Daughtry spent the week-end in Norfolk with relatives.
Messrs. A. L. Robertson, W. P. Vaughan and Ed Woodruff spent Sunday at Ocean View.
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graham are visiting relatives near Burlington this week.
Mr. R. A. Barrett spent several days in Durham and Burlington this week on business.
Miss Irene Johnson spent the week in Garysburg with Miss Susan Fitzhugh.
B. F. Williams, of Norfolk, was in town Monday on business.
Miss Lizzie Leitner has returned home after spending some time in Seaboard.
Mrs. O. C. Elmore, little daughter, Edith, and Miss Annie Elmore left Wednesday to visit friends in and near Lawrenceville.
Miss Rosa Smith and Mrs. Nannie Peel and little daughter, Bernice, returned home Sunday from Ocean View.
Mrs. Francis Joyner and daughter, of Littleton, were the guests of Mrs. Francis Joyner, Jr. Tuesday.
Clarence Topping, of Massey's Business College, Richmond, spent the week-end here with his parents.
Mrs. T. H. Hudson, Mrs. Nora Rice and children, Mrs. Blanch Stephen and daughter, Meiba, Mrs. W. M. Saunders and son, Marion, left Saturday for Big Island and Lynchburg.
Miss Lucy Adeock, of Brinkleyville, spent a few days here with relatives this week.
Rev. C. H. Trueblood is in Cove City conducting a revival.
Mrs. Charlie Allbrook and children, of Weldon, spent a few days here last week with relatives.
Miss Susie Allbrook returned Thursday from Portsmouth, where she has been visiting relatives.
Miss Meta Jones who is attending Massey's Business College at Richmond, spent the week-end here with her parents.
Miss Birdy Williams is visiting relatives in Henderson.
M. E. Faison left this week for Portsmouth where he expects to take up work.
W. E. Byrne spent Monday in Richmond on business.
W. L. Long spent Sunday in Suffolk.
Miss Rosa Smith left Tuesday for Wilson to visit relatives.
Mrs. G. E. Buckner left Sunday to visit relatives in Henderson, Oxford and LaCrosse.
Miss Ottie Stinson is visiting relatives in Burlington.
Mr. Ed King spent several days last week in Hansome with relatives.
Misses Lessie Bray and Mary Cherry spent a few days this week in Hobgood with friends.
R. F. Windleman, of Jamestown, spent Sunday here with his family.
Misses Jacobico and Leekle Windleman are visiting relatives and friends in Farmville and Greenville.
S. S. Spivey, of Petersburg,

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BULLETIN

BIG DRAFT ARMY TO BE ASSEMBLED SEPTEMBER 1
Arrangements have been completed for the bringing together in the big training camps of all the new soldiers who have been called under the selective draft act. All the news concerning the selection and movement of those soldiers will be of interest to all our subscribers who will find that THE ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD, carries each week all the news of the nation, state and county. This news is prepared by experts in a way which will please all our readers.

WHY WE FIGHT

There has been much confused thinking and talking in many parts of the country about the entrance of the United States into the war on the side of the allies. Everybody ought to know just why we are fighting the German government. In this issue of THE HERALD there is printed a very clear statement on the question. It was written by Dean Shaller Mathews of Chicago University, one of America's leading historians and scholars. Don't fail to read the article. Then you can tell traitors in our midst where to head in!

Mrs. C. H. Satterwhite, of Henderson, arrived this week and joined her husband who has recently started a lumber business here.

Miss Fleetwood, of Jackson, and Miss Lucy Clements, of Garysburg, are the guests of Mrs. D. M. Collier this week.

Mrs. B. Marks left Tuesday for northern cities to buy fall goods.
Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shell spent a few days in Richmond this week on business.

Miss Verna Davenport and Miss Meta Jones returned to Richmond Monday.

Miss Anna Gannaway left Monday for Lynchburg. She is spending a few days here this week visiting relatives.

Hosten Rice, of Pennsylvania, is here visiting relatives.
Allen Chancey, of Washington, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. W. D. Ellis and children, of Richmond, are visiting Mrs. W. L. Long.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hancock and children spent Tuesday in Scotland Neck with relatives.

J. L. Bain, of Greensboro, is visiting his father, A. L. Bain.
E. R. Ricks visited relatives near Enfield this week.

Mrs. W. F. Horner is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wyche on their tour through the Western part of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Chase and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Mosher motored to Petersburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bounds, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grimmer and Dr. Hachman motored to Petersburg Sunday.

Mrs. L. S. Mosher entertained the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Collier and baby are spending a few days at Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Moore left Sunday for Jamestown where he has a position.
Mr. Roy Mohorn returned Friday after visiting friends in Durham and Littleton.
Donald McCluer, of Halifax, was in town Friday on business.