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## TWENTY MEN GO TO ROADS

June Term Halifax Court Finished Criminal Docket Saturday. Grand Jury Submits Report and is Discharged.

## COUNTY JAIL SEVERELY CRITICIZED

Working through the heaviest docket in years, the June term of the Halifax County Superior Court finished the criminal calendar last Saturday and began Monday morning on the civil docket, twenty defendants, the great majority of whom being charged with violations of the prohibition law, receiving sentences to the county roads ranging from six to eighteen months.

The Grand Jury which, contrary to the usual custom, had been working continuously through the entire term, finished its labors and was discharged by Judge Cranmer on Saturday afternoon. Its report was submitted as follows:

Superior Court  
June Term, 1921  
Honorable E. H. Cranmer,  
Judge Presiding

We, the Grand Jury for the said County and State for the said Term, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have passed upon all cases presented to and received by us and have returned the same to the Court.

1. A committee properly appointed by and from our body visited the County Home, and found the same in a very good condition under the circumstances, and the inmates thereof cared for in a proper manner, as far as facilities would permit.

2. The inmates have been provided with medical attention whenever the same was needed. We would suggest that some arrangement be made for church services for the inmates at least twice a month, as we are informed that there have been no services during the present year.

3. We do recommend that the county immediately provide a modern County Home for the unfortunate, as same is very badly needed.

4. Committees properly chosen visited the chain gangs near Scotland Neck and Aurelian Springs and report both camps in very good condition. The dining halls are properly screened, also the kitchens, and all cooking utensils were very clean. The sanitary conditions about both camps were extra good; the prisoners report fair and just treatment, and all teams looked as if properly fed and cared for.

5. We visited the County Jail and found the same in a very unsanitary condition. The bedding was never aired; fresh sheets have not been furnished once a month in some cells, in others were no sheets at all. The cells were not as clean as they should be kept; water for the purpose of flushing the toilets is not available at all times, and the food fed to the prisoners is not handled in a sanitary manner.

A detailed report of the sanitary conditions of the County Jail was voluntarily submitted to us by the Sanitary Inspector of the State Board of Health, which is as follows:

"Inspection of Halifax Jail on Monday, May 30th, 1921, shows it to be unsanitary.

Conditions are:

1. Baths are not given regularly.
  2. Bed clothes are never aired.
  3. Have not had clean sheets out once in a month.
  4. Food handled in a unsanitary way.
  5. Cells are not kept clean.
  6. No spittoons.
  7. Privies out of order, filth standing in them.
  8. No water to wash hands and face with.
  9. Drinking water has a taste and smells of gasoline".
- We do recommend that immediate action be taken to place and keep the County Jail in a sanitary condition, and to provide for proper bathing facilities in the jail. We further recommend that the jail be properly screened, and the venereal and tubercular prisoners be kept separate from the other prisoners.

5. The public toilet in the basement of the Courthouse was found in a bad condition; there were no seat covers on the commodes, and the toilet room was not properly kept. Several inches of stagnant water was found in the boiler pit in the basement.

The general condition of the entire Courthouse and yards showed that the janitor was not giving same the proper attention. The Clerks of the Court offices

## GRAND JURY SUMMONS 85

Capias Issued Against Nineteen Citizens of This Community. Eight Leave While Leaving is Good.

NO PRELIMINARY HEARINGS HELD

A most unusual departure from precedent was established by Court officials at Halifax on last Friday when they subpoenaed eighty five citizens from Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids to testify before the Grand Jury on a John Doe warrant against some thirty men suspected of selling whiskey, resulting in the issuance of instant capias against nineteen persons under bonds of from two hundred to one thousand dollars.

While it is understood that the majority of the witnesses summoned declared under oath that they knew nothing of alleged violations of the prohibition law on the part of those suspected, considerable testimony of damaging character was elicited from those who did testify, as evidenced by the number of people placed under bond.

Capias' were issued against A. R. Sandlin, Wiley Johnson, K. B. Topping, J. C. Smith, B. Nedder, John Stallings, Bob Vincent, Clyde Stallings, Wiley Hester, Jim Gurkin, T. M. Edmondson, Frank Hudson, Wess Johnson, Gene Moore, H. J. Odom, Jasper Thompson, of Rosemary, Mort Wood, and O. E. Cherry, of Roanoke Rapids, and "Aunt" Martha Carter, colored, of Roanoke Rapids.

Capias' could not be served on Jim Gurkin, T. M. Edmondson, Frank Hudson, Wess Johnson, Gene Moore, O. E. Cherry, H. J. Odom and Jasper Thompson, who have left the community without address and in some instances rather light in the matter of baggage.

The evidence against none of the defendants has been given out and no preliminary hearings have been held. With the exception of those departed all have given bonds except Wiley Hester and Martha Carter, whose present address is the Halifax County Jail. Some of those against whom action was taken have not been generally identified in the public mind with whiskey selling and the action of the Grand Jury in their particular cases came as a distinct surprise to the majority of people in the community.

and the Register of Deeds offices were inspected and found in good condition and proper order.

L. G. Shell  
Foreman of Grand Jury.

The following cases were disposed of Friday and Saturday in addition to those given in last week's issue of the HERALD: John ("Peg") Perry, of Rosemary, charged with selling whiskey and carrying concealed weapons, was found guilty upon the county roads. This sentence was later reduced to fifteen months. Richard Savage, of Roanoke Rapids, charged with the selling and transportation of whiskey, was found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months upon the county roads.

Ernest Moody, who was arrested with Savage, and charged with aiding and abetting in the transportation of liquor, was found guilty. Judgment in this case was continued.

George Hencher, charged with running a house of ill fame, in South Rosemary, was found guilty and sentenced to two years upon the county roads if found in the county after five days.

Walter Jackson, selling cigarettes to minors, six months upon the county roads.

Ben Dowtin, selling whiskey, three months upon the county roads.

Tom Daniel, selling whiskey, twelve months upon the county roads.

## ROANOKE RAPIDS PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. J. J. Lawrence, of Kingston, is spending some time here with her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Akers have returned after spending several days out of town.

Mrs. Guy E. Waller and daughter, of Rocky Mount, are spending some time here in the home of Mrs. B. F. Brown.

Miss Sula Williams is spending this week in Henderson.

Mr. F. M. Brown spent several days in Pittsburg this week on business.

Mr. Jim Cranwell is now actively engaged with the Roanoke Rapids Power Company.

Messrs. Earl Daughtry, Walter Wafford and Julian Allsbrook have returned from Chapel Hill.

Mr. J. W. Cates and sons, Clarence, J. W. Jr., and Roy, spent a few days here this week.

Mrs. T. W. Wafford is attending the Grand Chapter meeting of the Order of Eastern Star in High Point this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graham visited friends here a short while this week.

Mrs. S. J. Bounds and daughter, Rebecca, visited relatives in Graham this week.

Mr. Peter Norwood spent Sunday in Skippers, Va.

Miss Catherine Smith has resigned her position with B. Marks and accepted a position with the Roanoke Fibre Board Company.

Miss Clara Hearne left this week for her home in Bynum, N. C.

Mr. Tom Clark, of Brinkleyville, spent a short while here Tuesday.

Mr. C. E. Matthews, Jr., spent a few days in Richmond this week.

Mr. W. W. Kidd and family, of Warrenton, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mr. Louis C. Witherspoon is visiting relatives in Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grimmer and daughter, Mattie, spent Sunday in Petersburg with relatives.

Mr. C. H. Satterwhite, of Henderson was in town this week.

Mesdames Green and T. M. Faison have returned home after visiting relatives out of town for some time.

Mr. W. W. Lynch, of Lawrenceville, spent the week-end here with his brother, Mr. W. G. Lynch.

Mr. S. B. Jones spent Sunday in Petersburg.

Mrs. B. Marks attended the Graduation Exercises at Chapel Hill this week.

Miss Cammie Vaughan left this week for Greensboro College.

Mr. Abe Norinsky spent Sunday out of town.

Mrs. M. E. Rainey, of Stone-wall, is here visiting her daughters, Mrs. J. F. Vincent and Miss Ruth Rainey.

Miss Mary Davis, of Wilmington, has arrived to take charge of the Western Union.

Miss Annie Workman spent the week-end in Kinston with friends.

Mrs. Walton, of Morganton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. McMurray.

Miss Annie Cherry spent the week-end in Scotland Neck with friends.

Miss Mary B. Powell left this week for her home in Warren Plains.

Miss Virginia Tillery is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrison attended the wedding of Mr. Harrison's sister in Brinkleyville Wednesday.

Miss Lois Wooten spent the week-end here this week with friends.

Messrs. Moody Hedgepeth and Joseph Pearce spent a few days in Raleigh this week.

Mr. C. S. Stannage has leased the Peoples Theatre from Paul Robinson and will give his entire time to its management.

Mrs. M. S. Chandler and son Wilson, and Mrs. W. B. Simmons of Portsmouth, are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allsbrook.

Mrs. Ferguson, of Halifax, is a visitor in the home of Mrs. Job Taylor.

Miss Elizabeth Redding, of Wilson is spending some time here visiting Miss Florence Bain.

Miss Ella Grant, of Littleton, is visiting Miss Louise Bain.

Mrs. Henry Roberson, of Portsmouth, visited Mrs. S. F. Patterson this week.

Miss Emily Burgwyn, of Jack-

## CHAUTAUQUA OPENS ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Lectures and Concerts Given Twice Daily at Big Tent Draw Large Crowds - Better Program Than Last Year.

GUARANTORS GO OVER TOP

Chautauqua opened its Tenth Anniversary program here on Wednesday afternoon with a concert by the Four Artists, and a lecture Wednesday evening by Elliott A. Boyl on the "Advantages of a Handicap" which received quite unusual approbation from those who heard it. On Thursday afternoon a series lecture was given by Dr. Henry T. Colestock, Chautauqua Superintendent, and a concert by the Boston Musicians' Quintette. Last night Dr. Frank Bohn delivered a very interesting lecture on "All the World and Ourselves".

Although the biggest numbers of the program are yet to come, the general impression seems to be that this year's program is starting out a good deal better than the program last year. Tonight is a big night in the program, with the presentation by the Comus Players of the Comedy Drama "Nothing but the Truth" and should certainly draw a large audience.

The Guarantors have again gone over the top with the guarantee but by an exceedingly close margin. They feel however, that under present conditions they have been exceedingly fortunate. A week ago all indications pointed to a heavy deficit and the guarantee was raised only through strenuous efforts on the part of many guarantors.

Saturday afternoon and evening the McGrath-Knox Entertainers will give a concert and Saturday evening Dr. Gregory Zilboorg, a former member of the ill-starred Kerensky cabinet, will lecture on "Russia in Revolution". There will be a Union Meeting of all the churches of the community held in the Chautauqua tent Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Selections from sacred music will be rendered by the McGrath-Knox Entertainers. This meeting will be free and the public at large is cordially invited to be present.

Monday afternoon we will have a concert by the Operatic Orchestral Club and a lecture by Dr. Jesse H. Holmes on "News Headlines - an Interpretation." Monday evening Balfie's Bohemian Girl" will be given by a full cast of singers with orchestral accompaniment - the big feature of the 1921 Chautauqua program.

Junior Chautauqua will delight the kiddies Tuesday afternoon. There will be a pageant "Junior Holidays" given by the children of the Junior Chautauqua and a regular "Punch and Judy" show by Will H. Smith, whose father and grandfather before him have been "Punch and Judy" artists. Tuesday evening will close Chautauqua with a brass band concert by the Dunbar White Hussars.

son, is spending some time in the home of Mrs. T. W. M. Long. Miss Urquhart has returned from a visit to Jackson.

## Garland E. Midyette

Attorney-at-Law

Jackson, N. C.

June 13th, 1921.

Dr. T. W. M. Long, Mayor Roanoke Rapids, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

Dear Sir-

At your last Court my attention was called to a charge that was made or being circulated that R. H. Jackson, had sold whiskey, and James Tanner and Percy Tanner, whom I do not know except by reputation were responsible for this report, and perhaps the authors of the charges. Mr. Jackson, is one of the police officers in your town, and in view of this charge and his position I have made a careful investigation of the charges, and am satisfied they are not true, but on the contrary they were inspired by people in sympathy with the unlawful sale of whiskey in your community, and by hostility to Mr. Jackson, who has been unusually active in the apprehending of violators of the Prohibition Laws, and thereby made himself odious to those who desire to sell liquor in violation of law, and many who are in sympathy with the sale of liquor. My observation is that Mr. Jackson, is a fearless and faithful officer, and needs to be encouraged and commended for the services he has rendered in these matters. I would prosecute him as vigorously as I would anyone if I had the least idea he was guilty.

Yours very truly,

G. E. Midyette, Solicitor.

Adv.

## ROSEMARY PERSONAL AND LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. J. A. White, of Richmond, was in Rosemary Monday.

Mr. A. L. McCalley, of Fredericksburg, Va., spent Monday in town.

Miss Bertha Cox has returned from Peace Institute, Raleigh.

Mr. H. H. Smith, of Norfolk, was a visitor in town Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Council, of Hickory, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Council.

Mr. W. A. Kennedy, of Charlotte, was here Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Whitaker, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mrs. B. P. Cooper.

Mr. A. F. Black, of Norfolk, was here Monday.

Mr. Eugene Lehman has returned from the University of N. C., Chapel Hill.

Mr. C. E. Crymes, of Norfolk, spent Monday in town.

Mrs. W. T. Council and two children returned this week from Hickory.

Mr. W. M. Sanders, of Oakland, N. C., was here Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. Hewitt and Miss Jean Hewitt returned yesterday from Washington, D. C.

Mr. E. W. Simpson, of Raleigh, spent Tuesday here.

Mr. Charlie Spencer has returned from the State University and has accepted a position with Taylor's Drug Store.

Mr. E. Falkner, of Henderson, was here Tuesday.

Judge Cranmer spent Sunday night in town.

Mr. Joe Taylor, of Oxford, is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Elizabeth McKennie has returned from a visit to Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. F. E. Lyon, of Savannah, Ga., was here yesterday.

Mr. John W. Vick has returned from Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

Mr. Stanford Travis, of Weldon, was here Monday night.

The brotherhood of St. Andrew met Monday night in the rector's study in All Saints' (Episcopal) Church.

Mr. Robert L. Dickens spent Sunday night in town.

Miss Annie Medlin returned this week from Baltimore.

Mr. H. R. Halman, of Charlotte, spent Wednesday night in Rosemary.

Roanoke Rapids-Rosemary defeated the Boykins Baseball Club 12 to 3 at the local park Saturday afternoon.

## Roanoke Rapids Locals

Mr. J. R. Myrick spent one day this week in Enfield on business.

Mr. Clarence Grimmer was a passenger of Lieut. W. H. Fillmore in his return aeroplane flight from Roanoke Rapids to Victoria, Va., last Wednesday.

Mrs. Grimmer motored to Jarratts, Va. where she met Mr. Grimmer bringing him back home.

## BOARD BARS POOL ROOMS

Will Issue No Licenses This Year to Operate Pool Rooms in Roanoke Rapids. Revoke Licenses of Jitney Drivers Under Indictment for Selling Whiskey.

## CHIEF JACKSON GETS VOTE OF THANKS

### RENO ALLSBROOK FOUND IN NORFOLK

Arrested There He Waives Extradition and Returned to Roanoke Rapids Wednesday Night. Had Forfeited Thousand Dollar Bond in Liquor Case.

### CHARGED WITH AUTOMOBILE THEFT

Reno Allsbrook, who forfeited his bond of one thousand dollars at the June term of Halifax County Superior Court, was arrested in Norfolk and brought back to Roanoke Rapids on last Wednesday night, under an instant capias issued by Judge Cranmer.

Allsbrook was recognized by Chas. W. Brown, a former member of the police force of Roanoke Rapids, while walking down Granby Street. Brown spoke to him and walked along with him until they met a policeman whom Brown informed that Allsbrook was wanted in Roanoke Rapids and the arrest followed. Allsbrook, at the time of his arrest, was working in a clothing store in Norfolk and living in the home of a sister.

Upon his arrival here he was served with a warrant sworn out by W. A. Davis charging him with the theft of an automobile and was tried Friday morning before Recorder A. L. Clark on this charge. Evidence was brought out to the effect that Allsbrook took the automobile from a garage at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. H. C. Leitner, in Rosemary. He was overtaken by Mr. Davis and others between Emporia and Franklin and accompanied them back to Roanoke Rapids. He was not indicted for the alleged theft until after his departure from town. The Recorder found probable cause and bound Allsbrook over to the August term of Superior Court under two hundred dollars bond.

At the date of going to press this bond had not been furnished and as Allsbrook is also wanted on a capias, it is probable that he will spend the time between now and court in the county jail.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

### METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. L. B. Jones, Pastor

Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Sermon at 11 A. M. Union service at the Chautauqua tent at 8 o'clock Sunday night.

### All Saints' Church

(Episcopal)

Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, Rector

Roanoke Avenue

Mr. Leonardo Andrea, Lay Assistant

Next Sunday is the fourth Sunday after Trinity. The 7:30 o'clock early celebration of the Holy Communion will be omitted. 9:45 Church School. T. W. Mullen, Supt.

11 o'clock morning service. Union service at Chautauqua tent Sunday night at 8:00 P. M. A most cordial welcome is extended to the public.

### Presbyterian Church

Rev. Stanley White, Pastor

Miss Margaret McLeod, Pastor's Assistant

Mr. Stannage, Organist

Mr. J. H. Harrison, S. S. Supt.

Sunday School 10:00 A. M. Morning Service 11:00 A. M. Christian Endeavor 7:15 P. M. Junior Christian Endeavor 8:00 P. M.

Evening service 8:00 P. M. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 8:00 P. M.

## PETER SMITH DROWNED THURSDAY

While bathing in the reservoir of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company on last Thursday night, Peter Smith, aged twenty five, an employee of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company and a former service man, suffered death by drowning, caused by heart failure in the opinion of the Coroner. Smith was alone in the reservoir at the time of his death, although a number of men and boys had just gotten out, and as he made no outcry, his disappearance was not noted until too late.

It was decided at a meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners held on Tuesday, June 14, to refuse all applicants for pool room licenses for the year beginning July 1. This action was taken with the approval of Dr. T. W. M. Long, Mayor, and Commissioners S. F. Patterson, Wells D. Tillery, L. O. Anderson, Louis Grimmer, and M. D. Collier, and has been under consideration by them for some time.

The Board passed unanimously a vote of thanks to Chief of Police R. H. Jackson and those of his associates who have cooperated with him for ridding the town of immorality and lawlessness. The Board discussed the alleged charges of whiskey selling against Chief of Police Jackson and were informed by the Mayor that he had personally gone to Halifax in this connection and that both Judge Cranmer and Solicitor Midyette expressed the belief that these charges were a frame up pure and simple; that the Court had taken no action and advised Mr. Jackson to take no action. A letter from Solicitor Midyette confirming this was ordered published in the ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD for two consecutive weeks.

After a full discussion of the matter of licenses for jitney drivers the Board revoked the licenses of all jitney drivers who are now under indictment for selling whiskey and the town clerk was ordered to revoke the license of any jitney driver who might be indicted hereafter promptly upon receipt of report of such indictment.

It was ordered that all those desiring jitney licenses for the year beginning July 1 should make application to the Board of Town Commissioners and that such applications must receive the approval of the Board before their issuance.

W. S. Hockaday was appointed Town Tax Collector. A. C. Zollicoffer, Town List Taker, A. L. Clark, Town Recorder, and L. O. Anderson, Town Treasurer and Clerk.

A. T. Allen was appointed at a salary of \$100.00 per month, he to furnish his own horse and wagon, to clean up the streets and alleys of the town.

The Town Clerk submitted the Treasurer's report for the year ending June 1, 1920, which was approved and ordered published in the ROANOKE RAPIDS HERALD.

## WHEEDEN-BROWN

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Trueblood, of Weldon, was the scene of a quiet wedding on last Friday morning at ten o'clock when their daughter, Mrs. Effie Trueblood Brown, became the bride of Mr. Lee Wheeden. Rev. Stanley White, of Roanoke Rapids, pastor of the Presbyterian church, performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a traveling gown of blue canton crepe with hat and gloves to match.

Mrs. M. L. Shearin, of Raleigh, sister of the bride, softly played Mendelssohn's wedding march. She was attired in a tan georgette gown with blue trimmings.

The bride entered with her father, Mr. S. Trueblood, who gave her in marriage, and the groom had as his best man, Mr. D. P. Wike, of Rosemary. The ring ceremony was used.

The house was artistically decorated with June daisies and potted plants.

Shortly after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Baltimore and other northern points after which they will be at their country home "Cedarva".

## DUDLEY DIMERY KILLED HERE

On last Friday afternoon, while at work cleaning up around the mill of the Halifax Builders Supply Company, Dudley Dimery, a colored employee, in some way came in contact with a rapidly moving circular saw splitting his head almost completely open. He was taken to the Roanoke Rapids Hospital where he died some hours later. From the nature and extent of his injuries it is considered remarkable that death did not occur instantly.