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## Person County Superior Court Closed Tuesday

Numerous Cases Disposed Of, Mostly Carrying Heavy Fines upon Conviction

### HARD ON BOOTLEGGERS

Person Superior Court was called Monday morning, with Judge W. V. Barnhill presiding, and Solicitor Umstead prosecuting. There is nothing of special interest on the docket. The following cases were disposed of:

George Graves, mortgaged property; continued.

Eugene and Luther Evans, manufacturing beer; continued.

Robert Nunn, driving automobile while drunk; \$100 and costs.

Nubin Zimmaman, driving an automobile while under the influence of whisky; \$150.00 and costs.

Dave Winstead, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

C. P. Wilson, illegal possession of whisky; \$50 and costs.

A. D. Roberts, illegal possession of whisky; \$50 and costs.

Robert Harrison, illegal possession of whisky; fine and costs \$11.00.

Richard Winstead, illegal possession of whisky; continued.

Mollie Wise Paul, illegal possession of whisky; work 4 months at County Home.

Gene Talley, illegal possession of whisky; continued.

Howard Bass, assault with deadly weapon; not prosessed with leave.

B. T. Peel, Howard Walker and W. G. Shaw, manufacture of whisky; continued.

Hilman Jordan, illegal possession of whisky; \$100.00 and costs.

Dewey Lawson, assault with deadly weapon and reckless driving; continued.

Herman Gentry, assault with deadly weapon and reckless driving; continued.

Charlie Slaughter, illegal possession of whisky; \$50.00 and costs.

Henry Russell and Henry Satterfield, forcible trespass; not prosessed with leave, prosecuting witness to pay costs.

Charlie Taylor and John Hunt, manufacturing whisky; Taylor six months and Hunt four months on Durham County bonds.

Hugh Datt, illegal possession of whisky; \$50.00 and costs, and car ordered sold.

George Sloan, driving an automobile while drunk three months on the roads.

Willie Clayton, seduction; not prosessed with leave, prosecuting witness to pay the cost.

J. H. Greenway, assault on female; gave bond in sum of 500.00, and is to pay his wife \$27.50 per month.

J. R. Tingen, aiding and abetting and assisting in prostitution; not guilty.

Jim Smith, Lonnie Meaden, Ethel Fess, Gronia Cunningham and Joe Waller, affray; Smith not guilty; Meaden failed to appear; Cunningham not guilty; Waller guilty; judgment continued to next term of court.

Erwin Johnson, embezzlement; continued.

Dick Bowles and Huel Tuck, gambling; \$10.00 each and costs.

McKinley Rasboud, assault with deadly weapon; 2 years on Durham County roads.

Herman Gentry, assault with deadly weapon; continued.

Johnnie Dixon, driving an automobile while under the influence of whisky; \$100.00 and costs.

Jack Morton and J. R. Tingen, gambling; Tingen was fined \$50.00 and costs, while Morton's prayer for judgment was continued.

Jack Morton, prostitution; 12 months on roads of Durham.

Jack Morton, illegal possession of whisky; 3 months on Durham roads.

M. S. Clayton, Cora Adams and J. R. Tingen, illegal possession of whisky; (Continued on Page Eight)

William Haines with Sally O'neil in the Baseball hit of the Year "SLIDE KELLY SLIDE" Playing at Palace Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

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## Wilson Police Slayer Placed In County Jail

Eugene Mason, Sobered Up, Weekly Surrenders And Begs not to be Harmed

### WAS AFRAID OF LYNCHING

Wilson, Aug. 9.—Eugene Mason, 45 year-old white man, is in the Wilson county jail charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of officer Joseph H. Ellis, age 28, who was instantly killed in a pistol battle at Mason's home on Academy street this morning at 1 o'clock. Officer Luther F. Barnes was seriously wounded, and is in a local hospital suffering with a bullet wound in his right shoulder.

Mason willingly surrendered to officers and citizens, who were heavily armed, in the upper part of the county near Tar River and the Nash county line about 9 o'clock this morning. He was unarmed when found in a dense swamp and begged the officers not to harm him. He was trailed part of the way by two pair of blood hounds, while hundreds of men scoured the woods and swamps for him in various places.

First news of Mason's whereabouts was received shortly after 7 o'clock when word reached the city that he had been seen at Carter's store, about ten miles from this city, and near the county line. Officers rushed to that place with dogs and immediately picked up the trail, and the seven hour man-hunt soon ended with the apprehension of the murderer. Mason had discarded his pistol, a 22-20 Smith and Wesson, under a house near the outskirts of the city as he fled. The murderer, who was reported as intoxicated by members of his family, was as meek as a lamb when brought back to this city. His nerve shattered and the knowledge that if found by the ever increasing mob he might be shot down on sight is thought to have been responsible for his condition.

### Surprise Birthday Party

Sunday, August 7th was a happy day in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Laws of Hurdle Mills. They had more visitors that day than could be entertained in the reception room of their home so the porch and big trees that shade the pretty lawn was converted into a living throng of friends and relatives who had gathered there without Mr. Laws' previous knowledge. This fine old gentleman and war veteran began to wonder why so much company and then it dawned upon him that on this day he would pass by the eighty-fifth mile stone that has marked his way through life. There was around one hundred friends and relatives present and everybody had a good time. At the dinner hour one of those wonderful country dinners was spread, blessing upon it being invoked by Rev. H. E. Lance who also made a fine address in keeping with the occasion. The family wishes to extend their thanks for the assistance rendered by the neighbors in making this a successful and happy day for their father. May he live to enjoy many more just such.

### Bennett Place To Be Beautified

Durham, August 8.—The Bennett Place, located a few miles west of Durham, on route No. 10, will be made more beautiful through the gift of land by T. M. Davis, of Durham county, adjoining that owned by the state. Already a stone wall, the gift of B. N. Duke and others, is being built alongside the highway, giving the site whereon the war between the states came to a final close, a distinctive appearance and adding to its beauty. The place has been visited by hundreds of people from all sections of the country because of its historical importance. Upon the ground where the soldiers from the north met and fraternized with those of the south, while Generals Sherman and Johnston were negotiating the terms of surrender, now stand the chimney of the old cabin, destroyed by fire a few years ago, wherein the two generals met. A granite shaft has also been erected, as a memorial to the cause, and a stone pavilion adds much to the appearance of the place.

### Death of Mrs. Stephens

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## Edison Today



A special camera study of Thos. A. Edison as he appeared this week at Department of Commerce offices where he discussed the rubber industry—in his attempt to find a plant substitute. Mr. Edison was 80 Feb. 11

## Mr. Woody Died In Georgia

Mr. W. C. Woods died in Tifton, Ga. last Thursday, and was buried Saturday afternoon. He was about 50 years old, and leaves a wife and three daughters, Misses Fannie Bell, Mary and Mildred Woody; four brothers, Gus Woody and Carl Woody of Bethel Hill, and Waley Woody and Ivey Woody of Richmond; two sisters, Mrs. Majda Health of Richmond and Mrs. E. Y. Jones of Bethel Hill. Mr. Woody had been making his home in Roxboro for the past year or two, prior to that time living on his farm in the Concord section. Only a few weeks ago he went to Tifton, Ga., where he was interested in the warehouse business. Mr. Woody was well known and very popular throughout the County.

## Wrenn Disowns Statement Given By His Attorneys

Leasburg Defeats Hightowers Nine

A very interesting game of base ball was played Saturday between the Leasburg and Hightowers team. The game was played at Trollers Store and the score was nine and five in favor of Leasburg. Robert Briggs playing center field for Leasburg made an excellent catch of Smith's fly. The Leasburg team has been doing some good work this season.

### Sacred Concert

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the Methodist Orphanage Singing Class gave a sacred concert at Brookdale Methodist Church. They were greeted by a large congregation, and we have heard the singing highly complimented.

### Death of Mr. Melton

Mr. J. E. Melton died at his home in Olive Hill section Saturday night at about 10 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted from the home at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. His body was laid to rest in the family cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Currin.

### Excursion to Norfolk

The Norfolk & Western Railway Company will run an excursion from Durham and Roxboro to Norfolk, Va., on August 22, and will give all who care to go four days stay in Norfolk and Virginia Beach. The fare is very low, only \$3.75 for the round trip. See advertisement in another column.

### Will be with The Hyco

Mr. J. G. Roade will be with the Hyco Warehouse the coming season and cordially invites all of his friends and acquaintances to bring their tobacco to the HYCO. He is an old experienced tobaccoist and will be of service to all who sell with the Hyco.

## O'Briant's Victim Dies; Will Go On Trial For Life Soon

Mr. Long Arrives In Scout Plane

Mr. M. R. Long and Capt. Yost Landed Near Roxboro Sunday Afternoon

Sunday afternoon, just about dusk, Mr. M. R. Long and Capt. Lloyd O. Yost, the latter of Conyngham, Pa., landed in a field near town, having flown from Conyngham, a distance of more than 600 miles in less than six hours. It was reported around town that Mr. Long had purchased the machine and was piloting it, but Mr. Long said this was a mistake, as the machine did not belong to him. However, he stated, he was considering the purchase of a flying machine, but would have to have considerable more experience before he would attempt to pilot such a machine.

## Meeting Of Mary Hambrick Auxiliary

On Wednesday, August 3rd, the Mary Hambrick Auxiliary met to take "Studies in Methodist History," by J. M. Culbreth. Fourteen registered for this intensive study. This was an all-day meeting, with a bountiful lunch served in the basement.

## Back From East

Mr. Benjamin C. Clayton of Roxboro, route 5, was in town Monday and had with him samples of some very fine tobacco that he cured for one of the big tobacco growers near Farmville, N. C. Mr. Clayton stated that he and his son cured twenty six barns on this one farm and every one of them were fine curings.

## Ex-Banker Also Denies That He Ever Forged a Name To School Notes

North Wilkesboro, Aug. 9.—"I have never signed or forged any man's name to a Wilkes school or county note in my life," was the emphatic statement given out today by Clem Wrenn, who is confined to his room by sickness.

Mr. Wrenn was emphatic in saying that he had not given out any signed statement to his attorneys, Julius A. Rousseau, of this city, or John H. Folger, of Mt. Airy, or to Solicitor John E. Jones, from whom much information is said to have come relative to Wrenn's actions in the issuance of \$150,000 alleged spurious county notes.

The statement is given out yesterday by Mr. Wrenn's attorneys, naturally, caused a sensation here, and last night rumors, yet to be proved, were rampant. The peculiar thing about the statement issued by the attorneys, is that the "natives" don't seem to be taking it very seriously, and still believe that if anything wrong has been done in the way of issuing irregular notes, Mr. Wrenn has had plenty of help.

In denying that he has signed any man's name to a school note or county note, it is pointed out that there is yet much explaining to be done as these notes carry the signatures of such men as A. Brower, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; Andrew H. Casey, attorney for the board and chairman of the Republican party in Wilkes; T. M. Chrysler, county treasurer; J. F. Jordan, as attorney for the Board of Education, a position he has never held; C. C. Faw, chairman of the Board of Education; C. C. Wright, county superintendent of schools, and Chas. G. Gilbreath, attorney for the Board of Education.

People here are apparently awaiting the true facts in the forged note matter and any "white-washing" on the part of any person is a little untimely right now, they seem to think. Mr. Wrenn's demands of the papers that they give him denial the same prominence that they gave the statement as given out by his attorneys yesterday.

## Notice

I advertised in last issue of THE COURIER W. Y. Pass, T. W. Pass & Son and Hines and Rogers. I wish to announce that this was an error caused by comparison in the office on the last day.

W. Y. Pass, T. W. Pass & Son and Hines and Rogers had paid their tax in full.  
N. V. BROOKS, Sheriff.

Now is the time to cull-out those "boarder" hen san dkeep only the best layers for winter eggs and brooding, advise poultry specialists at State College.

## Large Amount Tobacco Is Sold On S. C. Market

Five and Half Million Pounds Of Tobacco Sold on Opening Day of Market

### LOW GRADES SOLD WELL

Florence, S. C., Aug. 9.—Sales of tobacco on the opening day of the auction markets in the South Carolina bright belt are estimated at 5,500,000 pounds which brought an average price of between 18 and 20 cents a pound. Because of the late opening of the warehouse the farmers have cured the greater part of their tobacco and have it ready for market.

Warehouse floors on nearly all the larger markets were from the district indicate that blocked sales took place on several floors. At Mullins, S. C., where there are seven warehouses only three were sold.

It is estimated that \$1,100,000 was placed in circulation yesterday as a result of the tobacco break. Tobacco of the lower grades sold remarkably well if anything slightly better than last year while the better grades, according to warehousemen, were off in price. Grades running in value from 20 cents and under were eagerly sought by the buyers. Cigarette grades are especially desired, according to the tobacco men.

All of the large domestic and foreign tobacco companies are represented on the various markets. It is estimated that the value of the South Carolina crop this year will be close to \$15,000,000. It was \$13,411,420 last season.

## What Would Happen To Roxboro?

What would happen to Roxboro if there were no Christians here? "Christianity has founded its triumphs and shown its fruits in every case the same. Virtue, social order, prosperity every nation and tribe upon the globe; and its results have been in every case the same. Virtue, social order, prosperity, blessedness, the elevation and improvement in all respects of the human life, are the uniform and exclusive inheritance of those who receive the gospel."

This is the theme for consideration at the First Baptist Church next Sunday.

Sunday School 10:00 a. m. R. L. Wilburn, Suppt.

Preaching 11:00 a. m. subject: "The Salt of the Earth." 3:00 p. m. subject: "A Christless World."

B. Y. P. U.'s 7 p. m. Miss Julia Yancey, General Director.

"The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18.

A Cordial Welcome is Extended to All.  
W. F. WEST, Pastor.

## Mr. Reade's Big Yield

Mention was made in our last issue concerning some fine Irish potatoes grown by Mr. J. G. Reade, but we failed to mention the yield. He planted one-half bushel, and after "grubbing" them during the summer put away 15 1-2 bushels. Mr. Reade says his wife cooked one of these potatoes for dinner and after the family had dined on them there was half of it still on the table. Mr. Reade challenges the County for any one to show as good a lot of 10 bushels grown from a half bushel planting.

We hope Mr. Reade will enter some of these potatoes at the Bethel Hill Community Fair.

## Mystery Meeting

The Rotarians held their weekly meeting last Wednesday afternoon. It was known as "the mystery meeting," as few knew where the meeting would be held. The Durham Rotary club held a similar meeting, all the members being instructed to follow the leader. Both clubs met at Happy Oaks. Mr. E. V. Boatwright's country place, where barbecue and Brunswick stew was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

It was a most enjoyable occasion, Durham being represented by about 75 enthusiastic members. Jim Long welcomed the visitors, while the response was made by Bob Flowers.

William Haines even better than in "Brown of Harvard" in "SLIDE KELLY SLIDE" playing at Palace Theatre Monday and Tuesday.