

WANTS COUNTY TO DOWN BLOODHOUNDS

D. P. Whitford Points Out to Commissioners Where the Animals Are Needed.

ACTION ON MATTER DEFERRED

Board Accedes To Request To Offer County Prizes To The Corn Club Boys.

D. P. Whitford of Askins went before the Craven County Board of Commissioners yesterday and asked that the county purchase a pair of bloodhounds to be used in tracing escaped criminals.

Mr. Whitford made a strong plea for this request to be granted. He said that during the past few years a number of criminals had escaped from the county jail and had not been captured on account of the fact that the county had no way of tracing them.

Persons who commit crimes and who are sought by the police and county authorities also succeed in eluding capture on this same account, he pointed out, citing the case a few days ago when an unknown negro attacked W. D. Stapleford near Bridgeton and robbed him of all the money he had on his person.

The commissioners thought favorably of Mr. Whitford's suggestions and his request but decided not to render a decision in the matter just at this time, intimating that they would take it up at the next meeting.

Prizes For Corn Club Boys.

Another matter which Mr. Whitford brought before the Board was that of the county offering some prize to the successful participants in the Boy's Corn Club contests. This is a matter in which Mr. Whitford is greatly interested and he convinced the Board that this was the proper course for them to take. The Board voted to offer two prizes of five dollars each township in the county to the boys who participated in the contests and who did not win one of the State or National prize. Much interest is being taken by the boys of Craven county in the corn club and these added prizes will tend to increase their zeal.

HURT WHILE CRANKING HIS AUTOMOBILE.

O. L. Wetherington, manager of the Neuse Grocery Company, was painfully injured Sunday afternoon when the crank of his automobile flew back while he was endeavoring to start the engine and struck him on the right hand. It was at first thought that the bones in the hand had been broken but upon examination it was found that this was not the case, the injured member only being sprained and bruised.

SELLS OUT TO CO-OPERATIVE SUPPLY COMPANY.

M. W. Fodrie, who for several years past has conducted a grocery store in this city and who is at present proprietor of the Broad Street Grocery Company, located on Broad street, will tomorrow turn over what stock he has on hand and also the building which he now occupies, to the Co-operative Supply Company which will open for business tomorrow. Mr. Fodrie and his family will remain in New Bern for the present.

Mrs. H. W. Gibbs and daughter, Mrs. Edward Martin, of Beaufort are the guests of Mrs. O. A. Kafer.

WITNESSES IN CASE SEARCHED

SHERIFF LANE WANTS NO HILLSVILLE BUSINESS IN CRAVEN.

Yesterday morning Sheriff R. B. Lane received information that several of the witnesses in the case of the State versus Anderson and Tripp in which the defendants were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon on David Tripp, were planning to cause trouble and that it would be well for him to be watchful during the time that the trial was in progress.

Not desiring to see a repetition of the Hillsville, Va., tragedy Sheriff Lane decided to investigate the rumors and if there was anything to the affair to nip it in the bud. Accordingly just before the trial was called all the witnesses in the case were invited to step in to one of the ante rooms adjoining the main court room. When the men were inside and the Sheriff and his deputies guarding the door the men were informed of the information that the Sheriff had received and told that they must undergo a search. Every man was thoroughly searched for concealed weapons but if they had such articles they could not be found. However in the pockets of David Tripp the Sheriff found a large number of revolver cartridges and shotgun shells. Tripp said in explanation that he had been warned to defend himself and that he was taking the necessary precaution but that he did not have any firearms with him. After the men had been warned not to start the least trouble they were released.

Two farms sold. Yesterday at the court house the Red Hill farm, or the Cox place, as it is also known, was sold for division for \$8,200 to E. J. Walker of Dunn. The farm is on the Neuse road four miles from the city. The Joseph Whitty farm in the Fort Barwell neighborhood was sold for \$3,275 to Robert Elliott. S. R. Street was the auctioneer in both sales.

TEN PER CENT IS EARNED BY FAIR

DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT DECLARED—REMAINDER TO RESERVE FUND.

A meeting of the directors of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association was held yesterday in the office of the secretary at the Elks' Temple. The report of the president showed that the Fair Association had earned ten per cent on the capital stock and the directors voted that a dividend of six per cent be paid on all the stock which had been subscribed prior to the date on which the Fair was held and for which the company had been paid, the remaining four per cent to be held as a surplus fund for improvements. The directors voted to increase the capital by selling more stock.

A committee composed of Clyde Eby, B. B. Hurst, H. B. Craven, Owen G. Dunn and H. K. Land was appointed to take up with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company the matter of placing a spur track to the Fair grounds.

Today at noon the annual meeting of the stockholders in the company will be held in the office of the secretary. Officers and directors for the ensuing year will be elected at this meeting.

TRACES CRIME TO CHILDHOOD

Neglected Children Means Adult Criminals, Says Judge Allen.

NEED FOR WORTHY PARENTS

Grand Jury Asked To Report Children Who Are Without The Proper Guardians.

A two weeks' term of Craven County Superior Court for the trial of both criminal and civil cases convened in this city yesterday morning with Judge O. H. Allen of Kinston presiding. At the opening of the session the following Grand Jury was drawn: C. J. Heath, foreman; L. J. Atkinson, W. J. Butler, Edward Clark, W. P. Hadder, W. I. Brinkley, H. D. Williams, A. O. Wetherington, C. W. Brock, H. W. Armstrong, J. R. Gaskins, J. T. Taylor, A. L. Griffin, A. F. Daugherty, K. L. Dixon, H. B. Daugherty, Herbert Lupton, L. H. Caton and J. J. Willis.

In beginning his charge to the Grand Jury Judge Allen said that there had been much criticism of the present jury system in the past few years and this had tended to cast a reflection on all the juries. However, the majority of the juries had stood the test, but occasionally some failed to come up to the standard. He explained the duties of the juries, and urged that the grand jury do its full duty; investigating all indictments and making whatever presentments they thought should be made where the evidence could be secured.

Contrary to the usual custom of the Superior Court Judges in charging the Grand Jury, Judge Allen did not go into a lengthy definition of the various crimes in the category of criminal law but instead spoke mainly about the ways and means of exterminating crime. "Crime," he said, "cannot be eradicated but it can be reduced. Much crime is caused by neglected childhood. If the Grand Jury could take the prisoners to be tried for crime with which they are charged, in many cases it would be found due to the fact that as children the defendants were neglected. There are in many places minors and children without guardians who are allowed to do as they choose and who are not having the benefits of careful teaching. If the present Grand Jury learn of any such persons they should report the fact and let responsible guardians be appointed for them."

"Ignorance," said Judge Allen, "is another cause of crime. Improve the educational facilities of the county and crime will decrease. The Grand Jury should investigate these facilities, look into the manner in which the schools are being conducted, see that the sanitary conditions are good and that the schools are conducted in a proper manner."

Judge Allen told of several instances in which unsanitary conditions had been known to cause crime and he urged that the sanitary condition of the county in general be looked into and if possible improved. The blame for the majority of the crimes committed today was attributed to the sale and use of intoxicating liquor. "Whiskey is the cause of the bulk of crime," he said. "Some people say that our forefathers drank whiskey and made whiskey and it did not hurt them, and they don't see why they can't do the same. Conditions since the days of our forefathers have greatly changed. We should look forward instead of backward. The whole world is awakening to the fact that something must be done to stop the manufacture and sale of whiskey. I want the Grand Jury to make a thorough investigation and see if the whiskey laws of the State are being violated here in Craven county and if any violators are found to bring them before me."

Before concluding his charge Judge Allen spoke at length on the subject of good roads, saying that these, too, had their influence over crime and that in counties where there were good roads it was noticed that there was much less crime than in the county and every person in the court room appeared greatly interested in his remarks.

At the conclusion of the charge the work on the docket was begun. Considerable time was taken up in going over the docket and arranging the cases and it was not until the afternoon session that the first case was called. The following cases were disposed of during the day:

State vs. Henry Anderson and J. W. Tripp, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon on David Tripp. The jury returned a verdict of guilty against both defendants. No sentence has yet been passed.

In the case of the State vs. James Campbell, charged with forcible trespass, the defendant pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs of the case.

Sampson Davis pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon but sentence has not been imposed.

TO WAGE WAR ON THE HOOKWORM

Another Six Weeks Campaign Authorized By Board of Commissioners.

STROSNIDER TO DIRECT IT

R. E. Snowden Appointed Road Engineer—Board Opposed to Sale of A. & N. C. Stock.

The Craven County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting in this city yesterday. This meeting was of special interest on account of the fact that many matters of importance were brought up and transacted.

Dr. C. F. Strosnider, who is now conducting hookworm dispensaries in Pamlico county, appeared before the Board and after telling of the benefits resulting from the dispensaries operated here some months ago, made a proposition to conduct dispensaries in the county again for a period of six weeks, if the Board would donate two hundred and fifty dollars to be used in the work, the State paying the other expenses.

There was some discussion on the offer but every one of the members was in favor of having the dispensaries again operated in Craven county and Dr. Strosnider's offer was accepted. The work in Pamlico county will be concluded within a few weeks and the work will then be taken up in this county. In the meantime Dr. Strosnider will conduct an advertising campaign and get everything in readiness for the opening. Several hundred people infected with hookworm took the treatment when the dispensaries were previously operated in this county and the majority of these have been reported cured.

Employ Road Engineer.

Another matter of interest before the Board was that of employing an experienced man as road engineer. This matter has been discussed at length several times but only recently was any definite action taken. R. E. Snowden, of Snowden N. C., an expert road engineer and one who comes highly recommended, was accepted to fill this position at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars a month and a conveyance to travel over the county. Mr. Snowden will enter upon his duties at once.

Opposes Sale of Stock.

Craven county owns twelve hundred shares of stock in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railway Company and therefore is greatly interested in the proposed sale of the stock owned by the State to E. C. Duncan. Every member of the Board expressed himself as opposed to this sale and resolutions opposing its sale were adopted. C. D. Bradham, the chairman, was instructed to go to Raleigh and present the resolutions to the Craven county representatives in the Legislature, asking them to do all in their power to discourage the sale of this stock. Several other minor matters were taken up during the day and after the auditing of the bills the Board adjourned.

CONDUCTORS GET RAISE IN WAGES

NORFOLK SOUTHERN GIVES FIFTEEN TO SIXTY-FIVE PER CENT INCREASE.

Sunday's Norfolk Virginian -Pilot says:

"Through the mediation of Judge Martin A. Knapp of the Court of Commerce in Washington, railway conductors on the Norfolk Southern and the management of the road yesterday agreed on a new wage scale giving the conductors from 15 to 65 per cent increase in pay.

"While the conductors did not get the increase in wages asked for, their representatives said last night they were granted a living wage. The increase they said falls now to bring the scale of wages on the Norfolk Southern up to the basis agreed upon by other Southern railroads last October."

ANOTHER ISSUE OF CONFEDERATE MAGAZINE OUT SOON.

The next issue of "Carolina and the Southern Cross" will come out in a few days. It will appear a little later than was desired by the editor, Mrs. Henry Archibald of Kinston, but the delay was unavoidable owing to having to wait for certain articles that had been promised. The forthcoming number will have numerous articles of interest and as like its predecessors will appear in a marked degree to those interested in preserving in complete and accurate form the Confederate history of the State.

Miss Lillian Jones of Beaufort is a guest of Mrs. G. A. Kafer.

BOND ISSUE FOR GRADED SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Votes To Ask General Assembly For An Election.

NEW BUILDING A NECESSITY

Twenty Five Thousand Dollars Is Amount of Issue To Be Voted On.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the New Bern Graded School, held last night a committee was appointed to draw up and present to the General Assembly a set of resolutions asking that the power be given to the citizens of New Bern to vote on a bond issue of twenty-five thousand dollars to be used in the erection and furnishing of an additional school building.

It is the plan of the trustees for the proposed building to contain eight or nine rooms and to be equipped with the most modern fixtures. With such a building added to the school plant, the schools would be prepared to furnish accommodations to all school children for some time to come.

The school buildings are now very crowded and some time ago the Board of Trustees was compelled to announce that no beginners could be received at the opening of the spring term on Feb. 17.

T. A. Green was elected chairman and H. M. Groves secretary and treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

NAME DIRECTORS OF EASTERN FAIR

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING HELD YESTERDAY—ELECT OFFICERS NEXT WEEK.

Yesterday at noon the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association Company was held at the office of the secretary in the Elks' Temple. This meeting was for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the company.

Three hundred and seventy-two shares of stock were represented and the following directors were elected: J. Leon Williams, John Aberly, J. S. Miller, T. A. Uzzell, L. C. Tolson, H. K. Land, B. B. Hurst, T. G. Hyman, H. B. Craven, A. H. Banget, J. Wernon Blades, W. C. Willett, J. G. Dunn, W. W. Griffin, Thomas Thomas, C. D. Canfield, Owen G. Dunn, J. K. Dixon, R. H. Mills, Dr. N. M. Gibbs, Felix Harvey, W. A. McIntosh, T. H. Pritchard, W. C. Rodney, D. W. Basnight, J. A. Jones, Dan Richardson, M. D. Lane, F. L. Bray, D. P. Whitford, Jesse Claypoole, E. B. Hackett, Clyde Eby, C. L. Ives, Charles Coplon, T. D. Warren, A. T. Dill, L. H. Custer, Jr., E. H. Meadows, Jr., and J. M. Mitchell.

The directors will hold their first meeting next Monday and elect officers for the year.

NEGROES DRUNK, ROB WHITE MAN

SEVEN BLACKS TAKE SEVEN DOLLARS FROM CARTERET COUNTY CITIZEN.

Sheriff R. B. Lane yesterday sent two of his deputies to Thurman to locate and place under arrest Ben Taylor, Remus Hawley, Sam Canady, William Leary, William Wallace, Cole Coleman and Edward Fagan, colored, on warrants charging them with assaulting and robbing a Mr. Daniels near that place last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Daniels' home is at Cedar Island, Carteret county, and for the past few weeks he has been located at Hardison's beach engaged in fishing. Sunday afternoon he went for a walk through the country and accidentally ran across the crowd of negroes. The negroes were intoxicated and as soon as they saw the white man they surrounded and seized him and threatened to take a life if he did not give them all the money he had.

At that time Mr. Daniels had only about seven dollars and he handed this over to them without any delay, realizing that they were too much intoxicated to know what they were doing and fearing that they might do him bodily harm.

He was then released and went at once to a magistrate and swore out warrants for them. When the negroes sobered up and realized the seriousness of their offense they returned part of the money and asked Mr. Daniels not to prosecute them. However, the warrants were still in the hands of the officers. The men if located, will be brought to New Bern and placed in the county jail until a preliminary hearing can be held.

NEGRO ATTACKS G. B. HARDISON

Waylays Well Known Citizen As He Starts To Drive Through Gateway to Farm.

WAS CARRYING LARGE KNIFE

Arrested, Bound and Locked Up. Grand Jury Now Consider Case.

G. B. Hardison of Thurman was in the city yesterday and appeared before the Grand Jury as a witness against Oscar Stamps, a notorious colored man who lives near Thurman and who is charged with holding up Mr. Hardison last Sunday night and attempting to assault him with a deadly weapon.

According to Mr. Hardison's narrative of the incident the affair was filled with harrowing details and will doubtless long be remembered by him. He had been away from home during Sunday afternoon and darkness had fallen when he reached his farm. There is a large gate through which one must pass before entering the premises and on one side of this stood a negro man just before reaching the gate the negro ordered Mr. Hardison to stop and when the latter failed to do this the negro attempted to drag him from the buggy.

Whipping his horse Mr. Hardison managed to escape the negro's clutches and went to the home of a relative nearby to secure assistance. After getting reinforcements Mr. Hardison returned to the scene of the encounter and found the negro still remaining by the gate. He was told to throw up his hands. At first he refused to do this but when he saw that Mr. Hardison was armed with a shotgun his hands went into the air. Upon being searched a large knife was found on his person. This was taken from him and he was securely bound and brought to New Bern and placed in the county jail.

Mr. Hardison is one of the best known citizens in that locality and the attack on him created a great deal of excitement when the facts became known. Yesterday the Grand Jury investigated the affair and if a true bill is found the negro will be tried at this term of Superior Court.

SHOWS INTEREST IN DISPENSARIES

PEOPLE OF PAMLICO EAGERLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TREATMENT.

Dr. Strosnider, the hookworm specialist, returned to Bayboro yesterday after a visit in the city to confer with the Craven County Board of Commissioners relative to again operating dispensaries in this county.

Speaking of the work being done in Pamlico county Dr. Strosnider said that the citizens were taking much interest in the dispensaries. More than thirteen hundred have been examined and of this number about seven hundred have been found to be affected with the disease. This is an unusually large percentage and shows that the section was badly in need of the dispensaries.

The work in Pamlico county will continue for about three more weeks and Dr. Strosnider expects to examine several hundred other patients during that time. The date for the opening of the dispensaries here will be announced just as soon as the different stations at which they are to be operated are decided.

BINGHAM COACH BEGINS DUTIES

Henry Blanchard Arrives at Mebane—Has the Best Of Testimonials.

IMPROVE THE WATER WORKS

Commandant Nalle Returns to Resume His Work For the Spring Term.

Bingham School, Mebane, N. C., Feb. 3.—Henry Blanchard of Bristol, Va.—Tenn., has arrived to begin his duties as coach of the baseball team. Mr. Blanchard is considered one of the best players and coaches in the United States and is sure to make a success of the season. The boys are beginning to practice now, and everybody is out on the field each afternoon. Fred Blakley, the manager, is completing a fine schedule for the number of games allowed, and Bingham is anticipating many victories as he won during the football season.

Extensive improvements have been made in the water works system since he fell term opened. A new power house has just been erected, a new pump, pump jack, and line of pipe run in, and an additional gasoline engine has been installed. This will make a large increase in the water supply. A new saw and saw rig have been put in the wood yard, and the 1. H. C. engine overhauled and made practically new.

Since Christmas, the school has received some very nice new boys. Other new boys are expected soon. All the boys, both new and old, have settled down to work for the spring term.

Mrs. L. B. Wolfenden of Marion, N. C., made a short visit to the school and entered her boy, Earle recently.

Major Adrian Nalle, who has been an entirely successful commandant for the past three terms, has returned to resume his work for the spring term. He was first captain at the V. M. I., stood first in military there for four years and since he has been at Bingham has maintained in the military department a very strict yet just and kind discipline.

Dave Taylor, son of Dr. D. T. Taylor, of Washington, N. C., who has been a cadet at Bingham for the last three years and who graduated in the spring of 1912, having been since then one of the best football men at the University of North Carolina, has been visiting the school.

NOTES FROM ERNUL.

Ernul, Feb. 4.—The weather in this section is ideal and the farmers are making extensive preparations for planting the crops.

The Sunday school at this place is being largely attended and is proving of great benefit to both young and old. J. E. Avery of Birmingham, Ala., spent Sunday with his son, J. R. Avery. Benjamin Powers of New Bern was in town Sunday visiting friends.

George W. Ippock, who is a student at the Southern Shortland and Business University at New Bern, spent Sunday at this place with his parents.

Leslie Smith of Maysville was among the visitors here last Sunday.

Mrs. Amy Boyd of Cove City spent last Sunday with her brother, J. R. Avery.

W. H. Caroon of Bridgeton, who has been visiting here, has returned home. Miss Bela Willis has gone to New Bern for a short visit with relative and friends.

Great chance for reports of peach crop failures this spring.

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