

TWO FULL DAYS OF RECORDER'S COURT

Stevens Sent to Roads for Disorder at Holt Lake; Tom Coats 12 Months

A case in Recorder's Court this week which evidenced a good deal of interest was the one against Tom Coats, who, under suspended sentence, had violated the terms imposed by the court, and was apprehended and brought into court the second time.

On April 17, Coats charged with fornication and adultery with one Burla Jernigan, and charged with abandonment of his wife and children, was sentenced to twelve months on the roads. Judgment, however, was suspended upon the conditions that he have nothing further to do with Burla Jernigan and that he provide support for his family. He broke both conditions and the court Wednesday ordered that he now serve the twelve months on the roads given him on April 17.

Officers succeeded in locating Burla Jernigan and she was brought to court, found guilty of fornication and adultery and was sentenced to remain six months in jail.

Wilbur Stevens, who was arrested on the fourth of July at Holt Lake for cursing on the public highway, resisting an officer, and being publicly drunk, plead guilty to all three charges. He was sentenced to the roads for four months and fined \$51 and costs. A capias was issued at the request of the solicitor. Upon information that the defendant indulge in intoxicating liquor for a period of two years, the sentence will be enforced.

Other cases disposed of Tuesday and Wednesday were as follows:

State vs. Prim Gilliard (colored) charged with driving an automobile while drunk. Found guilty and sentenced to work the roads thirty days and pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

State vs. Roger Dublin (colored) charged with obstructing the highway. Plead guilty. Fined \$5 and costs.

State vs. John Nathan Tomlinson (colored) charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Found guilty and fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Henry Howell (colored) charged with violation of the prohibition laws, this being the second offense. Several gallons of liquor were found buried in his yard. He was found guilty and sentenced to 2 years on roads. An appeal was taken to the Superior Court.

State vs. Don Griffis (colored) charged with violation of the prohibition laws and driving an automobile while drunk. Guilty. Sentenced five months on roads.

State vs. Richard Brown charged with violation of the prohibition laws. Guilty. Sentenced eight months on roads. Appeal was taken to Superior Court.

State vs. Willie Beasley charged with blocking. Found guilty and given 12 months on roads. Defendant took an appeal.

State vs. S. R. Renfrew charged with assault with deadly weapon. Defendant pleads guilty. Fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Foxie Holder, (colored) charged with assault with deadly weapon. Defendant found guilty. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Claud Godwin, Marshall Redmond, and Garfield Bodwin (colored) charged with assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon. All the defendants found guilty on the first court and fined \$5 each and one third of the costs each. Redmond and Garfield Godwin found guilty of carrying concealed weapon and sentenced to 30 days in jail. Capias issued at request of solicitor.

State vs. Oscar Hines (colored) charged with larceny. Defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to six months on roads.

State vs. J. C. and Clyde Winstead charged with operating slot machine. Guilty. Fined one dollar and costs. Required to send back slot machine.

Pleasant Grove Co-ops To Meet
An important meeting of members of the Cotton and Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association will be held at Pleasant Grove, Saturday, July 14th, at three o'clock p. m. All members are urged to be present.

'DANGERS' OF PICTURES SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

Lake Junaluska, July 10.—Declaring that most of the films have features that are hurtful in their effect upon children Miss Minnie Kennedy, Nashville, superintendent of elementary Sunday school work of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, in an address before the social service conference of the church in session here, suggested that some organization of parents and other interested citizens should be created for the specific purpose of caring for the local moving picture situation.

Miss Kennedy, member of the committee on education of the international council of religious education, has made an extensive study of the motion picture subject. She said there was great need for a concerted campaign to educate parents as to the "dangers" of moving pictures upon young life.

"It does not seem to be generally known that the moving picture is organized into tremendous corporations that have penetrated every city, town and large village in the land," said Miss Kennedy, "and through the medium of the automobile, the rural places as well. This organization has lain hol dof the children and youth, as well as of the men and women, until, according to the statement of one of the corporations, 12,000,000 people are attending moving picture shows every day.

"When parents and teachers really comprehend the fact that the most powerful agency for impression-making known is conduct, either that of actual persons or that portrayed in realistic fashion, then the first long stride toward reforming the 'movies' will have been made.

"Are moving pictures helpful because of their artistic and literary merit, untainted by evil suggestion, or because of some outstanding message that is effectively presented. On the other hand, the deliberate statement is here made that most of the films presented have features that are distinctly hurtful.

"The nature of a child is an exceedingly delicate thing. For him to look one time at some act committed is to risk an impression that persists and will express itself later in conduct. A little girl of four, when the picture closed with its usual 'clutch' asked: 'Mother, isn't he going to kiss her?' A five-year-old boy, watching a struggle cried; 'I want to kill him. Why doesn't he kill him?' The minute portrayal of crime, scenes of horror or of bloodshed, 'thrillers' where one thrill succeeds another, deeds of malicious mischief, of deceit, of cheating, of petty theft—these all work havoc in the natures of children.

"Censorship has proved inadequate and hence unsatisfactory. This grew chiefly out of two reasons:

"It works by prohibition, which is not based on education. To cut out arbitrarily objectionable features without at the same time educating the people to know why they are objectionable is to do a superficial work, which eventually fails.

Then there is no agreed-upon basis for judgment, so boards differ with boards, and individuals with individuals.

"While it is evident that there are many beginnings of reform, all that has yet been accomplished is only a pin prick compared with the reform that is needed. Each city, town and community in the land should do certain things.

"Some organization of parents and other interested citizens should be created for the specific purpose of caring for the local moving picture situation. This organization should be so correlated with all moving picture committees of other organizations as to present a unified program.—Associated Press.

PICNIC AT JONES SCHOOL HOUSE

Yesterday the Sunday school at Jones school house and the community at large enjoyed an all day picnic at Jones school house. There was a good crowd present and a splendid dinner was served at the noon hour. Plenty of both red and plain lemonade was served. Just before dinner Rev. D. H. Tuttle gave a victrola concert which was much enjoyed by those present.

Mrs. Swannie Tart of Benson has been spending a few days in the city with friends.

N. C. FARMERS HAVE BOLL WEEVIL IN HAND

Expert Has Just Completed Investigation of the Boll Weevil Progress

Washington, July 11.—B. R. Coad, entomologist, southern field crop investigations, of the department of agriculture, who has recently returned from North and South Carolina, where he made an investigation of the progress of the boll weevil in its ravages on the young cotton plant, reported today that the farmers in North Carolina had the problem of combating the insect pretty well in hand. He said that many planters last fall took the precaution to burn the cotton stalks and the weevil was thus unable to hibernate in the fields. All fields that were burnt off now had comparatively few weevils.

He said that only three effective methods of destroying the weevil after it had got on the cotton plant had been found; dusting with calcium arsenate, using calcium arsenate and molasses and dusting the terminal buds that become squares after the first early squares are plucked from the plant. This latter method should be adopted where the yield per acre is light. Where the yield is more than a half bale to the acre, arsenate dusting can be applied with profit. The molasses method was being used over large areas, but the department of agriculture was still testing this method and had not given it absolute approval.

At Stage of Experience.

Mr. Coad said that the farmers in North Carolina were just now at a stage in their experience of combating the boll weevil where they should be warned not to purchase dusting machines and proprietary remedies against the spread of the weevil not guaranteed by the federal and state departments of agriculture. He said that in every new section of the cotton belt where the boll weevil appeared, and North Carolina was a comparatively new section, the farmers were persuaded to spend many dollars for worthless machines and remedies. This experience had been repeated in every cotton state in the south and these fake machines and nostrums were only a less evil than the weevil itself.

He said the experiments by the government in dusting cotton fields with aeroplanes had proved most successful and that it would be practical for farmers to combine in employing this method.

In Texas, 460 acres of cotton were thoroughly sprayed with poison for the boll weevil at a cost of 15 cents an acre. A flying machine did the job in three hours, charging \$69. To spray 460 acres thoroughly would take a man and team of horses several days. One man with a flying machine and a few gallons of gasoline does it in three days.

The department of agriculture has just issued a bulletin entitled, "The boll weevil problem," of which Mr. Coad is one of the joint authors. It is for distribution among the farmers who can have a copy by writing to the department. It goes into the whole subject and fully describes the three methods of combating the weevil.—Greensboro Daily News.

MAKES \$250 AN ACRE GROWING CABBAGE

Elizabeth City, July 8.—A net profit of \$250 an acre is claimed by Herman Newbern, prominent Camden county farmer, on 12 acres of cabbage this year. The beauty of it is that Mr. Newbern gets this \$2,000 for a crop made between the 27th of March and July 1st, which gives him time to harvest another profitable crop of soy beans, or sweet potatoes from the same land.

Mr. Newbern got 4,000 crates of cabbage from those 12 acres which sold at an average of \$1.50 a crate, giving him a gross revenue of \$6,000, or \$500 an acre. He thinks his yield would have been increased 30 per cent but for the dry weather in May and June.

Mr. Newbern's fertilizer bill on the 12 acres was \$800, and this \$800 is deducted from the \$6,000 in figuring the net profit of \$3,000.

MR. DAWSON IS STATE DEMOCRATIC CHMN.

Miss Henderson First Woman to Preside Over the Party Deliberations

With a woman presiding over its deliberations for the first time in the history of party politics in North Carolina, the State Democratic Executive Committee Wednesday night accepted the resignation of Chairman J. Dave Norwood, of Salisbury, and unanimously elected John G. Dawson, of Winston, to succeed him.

Vice Chairman Mary Henderson, of Salisbury, wielded the gavel over the 74 men and women members present either in person or by proxy, and did it with such graceful assurance that even Luke Lamb, inheritor of deep-dyed prejudices against woman's suffrage, forgot procedure and wanted to re-elect her vice-chairman. She was given an ovation.

Save for the acclamation of Chairman Dawson when he ascended the dais and became director of the party's destinies in the State, and the protest raised over W. N. Everett's insistence that his resignation as a member of the committee be accepted the 45-minute session was perfunctory. No nominations other than that of Dawson were offered and his election was by acclamation.

Not even the resignation of A. D. Watts as a member of the committee and the transfer of his mantle to the shoulders of his next friend, James R. Hartness, of Statesville, caused a ripple in the committee session. The resignation was accepted and Hartness elected in his stead without comment from anybody. He goes back as he expressed it, to become a private in the ranks.

Dawson's name was presented to the committee by former Senator Powell A. Glidewell, of Rockingham county, and was seconded by former Solicitor Walter D. Siler, of Pittsboro. Neither speech was more than a minute in duration and such significance as was to be extracted from the situation was observed in the fact that union of the Morrison and Gardner factions of the party was accomplished when these two men rose to speak on the same point.

Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, gave emphasis to the unity of purpose when he declared that Dawson was the fittest man in the State for the place. Senator Charles U. Harris, present by the proxy of Mrs. O. Max Gardner, was instructed to cast her vote for Mr. Dawson. That was greeted with applause, and presently Mr. Dawson was brought forward and given the gavel of office.

Although accepting the post under protest, he declared that he dedicated his entire strength to furthering the cause of Democracy in North Carolina, and invited the co-operation and earnest assistance of every Democrat in the State toward continuing the party in the high mission that it has been called to perform for North Carolina. He was given a rousing ovation of approval, and Judge Neal embodied the pledge in a resolution.—News and Observer.

SEVERE HAIL STORM VISITS SMITHFIELD AND VICINITY

Yesterday afternoon about 4:45 o'clock Smithfield was visited by one of the worst hail and electrical storms that has been in this section in many years. Hail fell for several minutes, the pieces being as large as a bird egg and larger.

We have not been able to learn to what extent growing crops were damaged, but in all probability it is considerable.

Baptist Church

Rev. O. A. Keller, pastor of the Baptist church at Benson, will preach at the Baptist church here Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. There will be no service at the Baptist church Sunday evening, but Rev. Mr. Keller will preach at the Union service at the Methodist church. Those who heard Rev. Mr. Keller on the first Sunday in this month will be anxious to hear him again. His sermons were both plain and practical.

BARACAS & PHILOTHEAS TO GIVE WAR 'VETS' FEAST

Thursday, July 26th, will be observed as Baraca Philatheas Day at the U. S. War Veterans Hospital at Oteen and every Baraca and Philatheas in North Carolina, along with friends, are offered this opportunity to help give the patients at the hospital a real good time.

Baracas and Philatheas were first to begin work among the soldiers as they came back from the war sick and needing our help and encouragement, and it is very fitting that we should honor these gallant heroes who are now making an even more gallant fight to win back the health and strength lost in the world war.

Remember they were our substitutes; they went for us; they fought and suffered that we might live in peace and happiness and the least that we can do is to honor them and express our appreciation in some effective manner. What's better for a real good time than Watermelons? Plenty of watermelons.

Please send your check or P. O. Money Order for this purpose to Mrs. N. Pucker, Asheville, N. C., who is planning an appropriate program and will serve watermelons, more watermelons, ice cold Georgia watermelons.

Money is preferred as we can purchase the melons at wholesale prices and make your gift go further, but cake, candy, fruit or flowers will be gladly accepted.

Remember July 26th is the day. Please send your message of appreciation to Oteen Heroes as soon as possible so we can go forward with our proposed plans.

Yours to "Do Things" for Christ in North Carolina,

MRS. N. BUCKNER,
General Secretary.

PRESIDENT HARDING SAILS FOR ALASKA

Tacoma, Wash., July 5.—In the midst of the blaring of bands, and the farewell cheers of thousands of Tacoma citizens, President Harding sailed today for Alaska, the first chief executive of the nation to visit that territory since it came under the American flag, 56 years ago.

A few minutes after 2 p. m., the scheduled hour of departure, the United States naval transport Henderson, which for the next 20 days will be in reality the White House, got under way, circled the harbor, and steamed past the Tacoma stadium, where a few minutes before the President and Mrs. Harding had received the God speed of Governor Hart, of Washington, and where the President had declared for an American merchant marine second to none.

As the big transport swung by the stadium, those assembled there to hear the President speak cheered. Mr. and Mrs. Harding acknowledged the cheers and waved the farewell from the bridge until distance made them only indistinct figures to those on shore.

The President, as he boarded the vessel, was in an unusually happy frame of mind; pleased by the reception given him in Tacoma, glad to obtain a few days rest after the 15 days transcontinental trip, and overjoyed by the prospect of realizing the ambition he has held almost ever since he entered the White House—an ambition to visit the great northern territory and obtain first hand information with respect to its problems.—Associated Press.

VALUABLE DIRECTIONS FOR CANNING.

One cause for failure in canning is the desire to get as much food as possible into a jar. If a can is little room for water, and the result is a thick, dense, compact product through which heat travels slowly and with difficulty. In such a case, the chances are that in the entire cooking process the food in the center of the can is never heated even to boiling point. The little organisms which happens to have this advantageous position come through the cooking process unscathed. It won't take them long to spoil such a jar of food. Better to follow the directions faithfully: "Pack the vegetables loosely in the jar. Shake gently, but do not press down the contents. Leave a space of one-half inch at the top of the jars. Add one teaspoon of salt to each jar and fill with boiling water."

MUCH INTEREST IN A LOCAL WHISKEY CASE

Clifton Beasley Sentenced to Roads for Six Months And Fined \$500.00

The Recorder's Court has been quite an interesting event in the county and in this city for the past several weeks because of the number of cases dealing with whiskey. The officers have been unusually active in rounding up offenders of the prohibition laws, and because of the prominence of some of the defendants, the court room has been filled when these cases have been tried. The most recent case which has excited considerable local interest was the State vs. Clifton Beasley charged with violating the prohibition laws tried in Tuesday's Recorder's Court. He was indicted upon four counts for selling liquor and having it in his possession for the purpose of sale.

Three witnesses for the state were Ansley Pilkington, John R. Coats, and L. E. Lee. Pilkington stated that on Feb. 10th he bought whiskey from Beasley. He stated that about noon he bought a bottle, that about two hours later he bought some more, and that night he purchased another pint.

John R. Coats, who has recently come to Smithfield from Pleasant Grove township stated that on June 6 he went to Beasley's store and asked about some whiskey, stating that he wanted some but had only a dollar and a half to pay for a pint. Coats said Clifton Beasley offered to lend him fifty cents and told a negro to get him a pint of liquor. The pint thus purchased with the exception of a small amount was exhibited in the court.

On April 5th, according to the testimony of L. E. Lee, Lee went to the brick yard and tried to buy some whiskey. He told a negro who was dispensing it, that he had no money. The negro told him he would hold his check until the following Monday. Later Lee received a letter written on C. W. Beasley & Son's stationery in regard to the check which had been turned down. Lee finally sent the \$2.00 by Charlie Beasley, the young brother of Clifton Beasley.

A number of character witnesses for the defense were put on the stand. Aside from his alleged connection with the selling of whiskey at the brick yard store, Beasley proved a good character. The line pursued by the lawyer for the defendant was to tear down the evidence for the state by proving the character of the state's witnesses to be bad. Just how far he succeeded was evidenced in the sentence pronounced by the judge in giving the defendant six months on the roads and a fine of \$500. An appeal was immediately made to the Superior court.

This is the second local whiskey case to be tried in the Recorder's Court within the past few weeks, road sentences being imposed in both instances, and in both instances an appeal has been taken. The people of Smithfield will watch with interest the outcome of the two cases.

JOURNAL OF BALLOON IS FOUND IN BASKET

Cleveland, July 11.—The navy balloon A-6698 piloted in the national elimination balloon race out of Indianapolis, July 4 by Lieut. Louis J. Roth with Lieut. T. B. Null as his aide, evidently dropped into Lake Erie Thursday night or early Friday.

Lieut. Strong, U. S. N., who went to Port Stanley today and shipped the wrecked balloon and its basket, which, with the body of Lieutenant Roth, were recovered from the Lake, to the naval air station at Lakehurst, N. J., said on his return tonight that he had come into possession of a journal giving the account of the flight. The last entry was made at 11 o'clock Thursday night. It showed that the balloon was flying at an altitude of 12,000 feet.

Robbers in the Senate!

"John, John!" whispered a Congressman's wife. "Wake up! I'm sure there are robbers in the house." "Robbers in the house?" he muttered, sleepily. "Absolutely preposterous. There may be robbers in the Senate, Mary, but not in the House. Absurd!"—Ex.