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RECORDERS COURT IS HELD AS USUAL

Negroes Fined For Gambling; Other Cases Include Whiskey Violations

Recorder's Court was held by Judge Noble as usual Tuesday, Superior Court having adjourned in time not to interfere.

The first case to come up was the state vs. John Scott, Debro Turner, Claud Dublin, Sport Woodall and Elmer Woodall all colored, charged with gambling. Chief Cable and Mr. Joe Stephenson caught them gambling Sunday about noon and made the arrests. The defendants plead guilty, and a fine of \$10 each was imposed, each one to pay one fifth of the costs.

Other cases were tried Tuesday as follows:

State vs. Herman Johnson charged with violating the prohibition laws. Not guilty. Prosecuting witness was taxed with the costs.

State vs. Willie Byrd and Loving Byrd, charged with violating the prohibition laws, Defendants were found guilty. Continued for judgment until Nov. 6th, 1923.

State vs. Oscar Stanley charged with larceny. Defendant guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. J. Q. Tart and Ausie Tart charged with violating the prohibition law. Defendants were found guilty on two counts. Upon payment of costs prayer for judgment was continued as to J. Z. Tart. Ausie Tart was sentenced to pay fine of \$100 on first count; judgment was suspended on second count for two years during good behavior.

State vs. Gartha Sanders and Mattie Sanders charged with assault with deadly weapon.

State vs. Rosa Williams charged with assault with deadly weapon and with carrying a concealed weapon.

The last two cases had to do with each other and were consolidated and tried together. Defendants were found guilty. Upon payment of one half costs by Rosa Williams and one half costs by Gartha and Mattie Williams, prayer for judgment was continued for two years during good behavior.

AS KSAUNDERS TO GIVE AN ACCOUNTING

Memphis, Aug. 22.—The Piggly Wiggly Corp., has filed a bill in district court here demanding Clarence Saunderson president of the corporation personally and as head of the Piggly Wiggly company to give an accounting of Class A stock and seeking an injunction to restrain money or notes received from the Saunders from disposing of any sale of such stocks.

COOLIDGE SAYS FUEL NEEDS WILL BE MET

Chairman Hammond of the Coal Commission Does Not Consider the Situation Yet Serious.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Failure of the anthracite operators and miners to reach an agreement at their Atlantic City conference will not be permitted to inflict a fuel shortage on the consumer, it was announced tonight at the White House. While no indication of the administration program was given it was indicated that President Coolidge wished to assure the public that normal requirements for fuel would be met.

Chairman Hammond of the coal commission, who discussed the anthracite situation late in the day with the President, said however, an attempt would be made to fix the responsibility for the failure of the latest negotiations, and it was indicated that the commission's finding in this particular might be incorporated in an emergency report to Mr. Coolidge which is now in preparation.

Mr. Hammond declared the commission did not consider the situation yet warranted the submission of this report but he denied that either of his assistants proposed to take the initiative at this time endeavoring to obtain a resumption of negotiations between the operators and their employees.

"Devil's Grippe", Is New Disease Reported

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.

THE peculiar epidemic, thought to be "Devil's Grippe" now prevalent in parts of eastern Virginia, which last month attacked 150 boys at the New York Catholic protectory in the Bronx, has subsided, health authorities announced today. Only five cases were reported last week and no new cases have since developed. The cause of the epidemic has not been determined.

RICH LANDS ARE BADLY FLOODED

The Famous Rocky Ford Cantaloupe Belt Has Been Ruined and Crop Just Ripened Is Lost.

PUEBLO, Colo., Aug. 23.—Fertile farms and ranches in the Arkansas valley in Southern Colorado experienced one of the worst floods in recent years last night when an immense reservoir on the Apischapa river north of Fowler cracked and precipitated a great rush of water down the valley.

The reservoir built two years ago by farmers of the valley was more than 100 feet deep and had a storage capacity sufficient to irrigate 20,000 acres.

A wall of water various estimated at from 10 to 20 feet high rushed down the valley when the dam collapsed. The break had been foreseen so that residents in the path of the flood had time to escape to high ground. No loss of life had been reported early this morning.

It was reported from various parts of the valley that the loss in live stock was considerable and great damage done to farm buildings and crops.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ORPHAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Orphan Association will be held at the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh on Wednesday, September 19, 1923, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. To those interested in orphanage problems the program may be of interest.

The Association is composed of orphanage workers and sympathizers from all religious bodies, fraternal orders, benevolent societies, social clubs and people generally who manifest an interest in the care and protection of orphan children. The organizations enumerated are requested to send representatives.

Those who can conveniently do so are invited to attend and contribute to the interest of the gathering.

The Program

The program is as follows:

10 a. m.

Meeting called to order by President J. J. Phoenix.

Invocation—Rev. M. L. Kestler, Thomasville, N. C.

Address of welcome—Rev. A. S. Barnes, Superintendent Methodist Orphanage, Raleigh.

Response—President John J. Phoenix, Superintendent Children's Home Society of North Carolina.

10:30 a. m.

Annual report of the President.

Annual report of M. L. Shipman, secretary and treasurer.

Appointment of Standing Committees by the President.

11:15 a. m.

Address: "Our Orphanage Population"—Miss Mary G. Shotwell, Bureau of Child Welfare, State Board of Charities, Raleigh

Address: "The Teen Age Boy"—Rev. G. Floyd Rodgers, Charlotte.

12:30—Recess for luncheon.

2:00 p. m.

Address: "Supervised Play for the Dependent Child"—Rev. William H. Wheeler, superintendent Orphanage, Charlotte.

Address: Rev. M. L. Kestler, General Manager, Thomasville Baptist Orphanage.

Address: R. L. Brown, superintendent Oxford Orphanage.

Address: L. B. McBrayer, superintendent North Carolina Sanatorium for Tuberculosis.

COOLIDGE INVITED TO JOHNSTON CO.

Asked To Deliver Dedication Address at Bentonville In October

Washington, Aug. 22.—President Coolidge will be invited tomorrow by a delegation of southerners to deliver an address at the dedication in October of a monument at Bentonville, N. C., making the spot where the last victory was won by the Confederates during the civil war. The date of the dedicatory exercises, the President will be told, will be arranged to suit his convenience.

Colonel Benchan Cameron, of Durham, N. C., will head the delegation, which will include William G. Brämham, chairman of the republican state executive committee in North Carolina; Mayor Manning, of Durham; M. E. Newson, president of the Durham Chamber of Commerce; Speaker Dawson and Representative D. O. Everett, of the North Carolina house of representatives; General Julian S. Carr, former commander of the Confederate Veterans; Mrs. B. N. Duke, of Durham, and Professors Brown, of Trinity college, and Connor, of the University of North Carolina.

DIFFERENT REPORT REGARDING STRIKE

Charlotte, Aug. 23.—Places of all strikers at Highland Park Mill No. 3 have been filled and the plant is running with its normal force L. E. Anderson superintendent announced today but J. E. Barrett declared 150 operatives are still out.

Mr. Anderson asserted only 29 went out when the strike was called after the discharge of the worker. These have been ordered to vacate their houses and a majority of them will fight this it is said.

GOLD PIANO AT WHITE HOUSE FASCINATED MRS. COOLIDGE

But Policeman Ordered Her to "Step On" As She Paused to Examine The Instrument

Washington, Aug. 18.—"Please step on," said a White House policeman to Miss Grace Goodhue, of Vermont, 18 years ago, when she paused to examine the gold grand piano in the East Room.

She has "stepped on." Soon she will go to the White House, not as a visitor but as mistress of the mansion and the gold piano.

The first visit of the present Mrs. Calvin Coolidge was made as a tourist in Washington on an Easter trip with several other young school teachers in New England.

They were "doing" the White House like hundreds of other visitors. It was in the Roosevelt administration when policemen were numerous about the White House and loitering within or without the mansion was discouraged.

The gold piano was new, a gift to the White House, not to any person. It was made to order by a famous firm, with the shield of each State in colored enamel forming a high relief all about the gold case. The American eagle is conventionalized to form the legs, which are in tow tones of gold.

The young woman from Vermont had never seen anything like it, and naturally, she wanted to see it closer. Her friends had passed into the hall as she lingered to study the instrument, and then the guardian of the room issued his polite command to step on.

NEW COTTON CO-OP WAREHOUSE IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, August 23.—N. E. Edgerton announces the completion of the Raleigh Bonded Warehouse—the warehouse that is to be used by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association for storage of cotton the present season. This is one of the most modern storage warehouses in the State.

"But," said Mrs. Brown, "will it take him half an hour to get through his 'lastly'?"

TOBACCO CO-OPS OPEN WAREHOUSES

Small Deliveries at Local Warehouse; Prices Said To Be Satisfactory

The Tobacco Cooperative Warehouse opened here Tuesday along with other warehouses in eastern North Carolina. The deliveries at the local warehouse, however were small, but according to information obtained from those in charge at the warehouse, there was general satisfaction over the prices received. Seven cents per pound was the highest received on the local market as a first advance.

From the papers, it seems that deliveries every where were small on opening day. Advances as high as twenty dollars for the best grades on several markets were reported. The cooperative association are not anticipating large deliveries for several weeks, owing to late harvesting in eastern North Carolina.

A. V. Bobbit, association warehouse manager for eastern North Carolina, commenting through the News and Observer on the opening of the cooperative houses Tuesday said:

"There has been entire satisfaction all over the territory today, not a complaint from any one. Nothing has shown up but the common priming and the first advances on them in some instances average over 20 cents.

"There were crowds at many receiving points, and with only the lower grade showing up, everyone was satisfied. Those who delivered tobacco and the spectators were equally enthusiastic. The deliveries were better than expected, owing to the small amount of tobacco that has been graded, several points having received from six to eight thousand pounds. I am looking for as good, if not better, receipts tomorrow than today."

TWO PREMIERS TO TALK IT OVER

London, Aug. 23.—Recognizing the futility of a further exchange of lengthy note on the reparations issue Prime Minister Baldwin has decided to meet Premier Poincare on the former's return from his vacation at Aix La Baines it became known today.

The British premier will not formally ask his colleague for an appointment but will make known quietly his readiness to meet to witness the whole problem.

A TREE DEDICATED TO PRESIDENT HARDING

The American people rather pride themselves upon being hard-headed, practical, matter of fact, unsentimental. But there is one sentiment of which no American is ever ashamed; a fervent and burning patriotism. Wherefore it is that the dedication to the memory of the late President Harding, of the second largest living thing in all the world a giant redwood tree in Sequoia National Park, by Col. John R. White, superintendent of that reservation, has brought tears to more than one eye in official Washington.

Joyce Kilmer, gentle poet, who gave his life for his country in Flanders Field, wrote:

"Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree."

And, excepting only the General Sherman tree, the President Harding tree is the most beautiful example of God's tree handiwork in the world.

It seems peculiarly fitting that two men who gave their lives for their country should be linked in this way; Kilmer, a humble soldier in the A. E. F., whose delicate skill with words will live long after the wounds of war have healed, and Harding, whose skill at understanding people drew a nation together in closer bonds of unity and love.

Kilmer loved trees so much that he wrote of them often. One of the greatest trees in the world is forever to be linked with the name of a much loved patriot. Generations yet unborn will revere the memory of him whose name is now given to the huge Sequoia, and will quote again from Kilmer:

"A tree depicts divinest plan But God Himself lives in a man."

First Horse to Drink at Fountain on Square

WEDNESDAY morning just after the water was turned on to test the connections of the beautiful new fountain erected on the court yard square by Mr. W. M. Sanders, Willis Mitchiner, a colored man who lives in the country, drove up Second Street and watered his horse. This horse has the distinction of being the first thirsty beast—for the day was hot—to appreciate what man had provided for his comfort. More than one "swig" of the running water was required to quench his thirst.

UNUSUAL WEATHER RECORD IS MADE

The Coldest August This Section Has Ever Known; Thermometer Drops From 91 to 54 in N. C.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 23.—August weather records continued to tumble today throughout the south. Lower temperatures were general, some of the southern states reporting decreases of approximately 32 degrees over that which prevailed during the forepart of the week. In a number of cases the drops were accompanied or preceded by rain fall. Atlanta's lowest temperature yesterday as reported by the local weather bureau was 68. Early today the mercury was still falling and the coldest August weather was predicted by the local weather man who declared the temperature probably would descend as low as 60 degrees.

According to reports, Richmond, Va., last night experienced the coldest August weather in its history when the mercury registered 49. The maximum temperature for the day was reported as 79 degrees. A 32 degree drop in one hour was reported in the Carolinas yesterday when the mercury dropped from 91 to 54.

DISASTROUS WATER SPOUT

Genoa, Aug. 23.—A huge water spout burst upon the coast of the Genoese Riviera today injuring numerous people and doing much damage.

LATEST RECORDS OF FORDS AND TRUCKS

Detroit, Mich.—Production of the Ford Motor Company has gone to 6,900 cars and trucks a day.

And the new production figure means that within one eight-hour working day Domestic Assembly Branches of the company are at present turning out four times as many cars as were produced in the entire first year of the company's existence.

The new production record was set up Friday, July 27th, when domestic output reached 6,900 cars and trucks, the Ford News announces. This is 23 better than the previous high day of June 30th when production was 6,884.

During its first year the company produced 1,708 cars, so last Friday's production was just 75 more than four times that figure and was 1,905 more than the first three year's output of the company which totaled 5,002.

COOLIDGE WILL RIDE TO OBTAIN EXERCISE

Washington, Aug. 16.—President Coolidge will probably find his recreation in horseback riding rather than in golf or motoring—the means of rest utilized by most Presidents of the last decade.

Since assuming the duties of the Presidency Mr. Coolidge has been taking a walk each morning, leaving his hotel about 6 o'clock and returning before the downtown district becomes crowded. Today his walk took him to the White House stables, where he looked over the horses and selected from them a big chestnut bay named General for his own use.

Mr. Coolidge did little horseback riding while in Washington as Vice President, but in the course of his vacations on his father's farm in Vermont he rode frequently.

JUROR IS FOUND MENTALLY UNSOUND

Judge Daniels Orders Mistrial and Murder Case is Continued to December

A unique situation in the workings of a court developed here in Superior Court this week when, after sitting on a case for two days, one of the jurors became mentally deranged, in consequence of which Judge Daniels who was presiding, declared the case a mistrial and turned the defendant over to the sheriff until the December term of court. Such cases are very rare, and possibly a hundred years may go by before another such case happens. It is without precedent in this state.

The defendant Allen Pennell, who was being tried for the alleged murder of James E. Woolard, gave bond for his appearance at the December term of court.

The situation has more than the usual interest. On Thursday of last week a special venire of 100 men was summoned here from which to draw a jury for the murder trial. By dinner the jury had been drawn, but for some reason, the docket was changed so that another case which consumed a day and a half, was tried before the State vs. Pennell. Saturday morning this trial was begun. All day Saturday witnesses were examined, but not nearly all. Court adjourned until Monday morning. Monday the entire day was spent hearing evidence in the case. Thirty or more witnesses in all were put on the stand. Monday night found all the evidence in hand and it only remained for the lawyers to review the evidence and for the judge to charge the jury before the jury would be allowed to take the case for a decision. Monday afternoon, one of the jurors, Mr. Aurelius Jones, showed signs of mental derangement, but not until Tuesday morning was anything done about it. Tuesday morning Dr. Thel Woods, the county health officer, was called, who stated that Mr. Jones' mind was mentally incompetent to participate in the deliberations of a jury. Whether his condition is temporary or not remains to be seen. It appears from those who know Mr. Jones, that he became worried, during his confinement with the jury a period of five days, over the whereabouts of his little son. His wife died several years ago leaving a small boy. The father has had entire charge of the child since then, the two living together alone. The devotion between the two has caused comment from time to time, they never being separated unless by necessity. The enforced absence of Mr. Jones from home and from his boy, from the trend of his wondering remarks, in all probability preyed on his mind to the extent that he became unbalanced.

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DISCUSS CREAMERY FOR SMITHFIELD

N. G. Bartlett, Secretary of Eastern Chamber of Commerce Confers With Business Men of City

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