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ARE THEY WED, ARE THEY NOT?

The Legality of Ceremony Performed at Courthouse Wednesday Is Questioned.

COURT WILL DECIDE

"Wedded but Parted," "Wife in Name Only," or "Loved and Lost," would probably have been the title that Laura Jean Libby would have chosen for the romance, one scene of which was staged in this city Wednesday afternoon, when, not the cruel and disdainful rival, but the beautiful and attractive deputy in the register of deeds office, snatched the marriage license from the very hands of the officiating magistrate, and thus put a stop to a marriage between a thirteen-year-old girl and her lover.

Miss Mildred Braxton, aged 13, and Cary Harrison, some years older, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Luby Cade, came from Lenoir county to Smithfield Wednesday and tried to obtain a license to get married. It seems that they had been to Wayne county and had failed, but the persistence of Cupid caused them to speed on to Smithfield where they made another effort. As Miss Luma McLamb, clerk in the register of deeds office, was working away at her books, a man and woman came to the office and inquired where the health officer might be found. She gave them proper directions, but in a few moments they returned, asking if a Wayne county health certificate would do. It was the noon hour and Miss McLamb was the only official in the office but she never once lost control of the situation. She told them that they would have to hunt a Johnston county physician. In a short while they returned, flung down a health certificate from Dr. A. H. Rose and asked for a marriage license. The young deputy inquired who was to get married. The man answered that he was the fellow. Miss McLamb, told him that the bridegroom could not procure his own license. Nothing daunted, he stepped to the door and called in another man who gave his name as Dubery Langston who swore out the license, stating that the age of the bride was eighteen and the bridegroom twenty-three. They were then ready for a preacher or a magistrate. They left the register of deeds office, found Mr. D. T. Lunceford, a justice of the peace, who has his office in the courthouse, and were ready for the "lived happily ever after" chapter when the proceedings which frustrated the marriage plans took place. About this time some one casually called to Miss McLamb to come see what a baby she had sold a marriage license for. Miss McLamb rushed into the hall, saw the bride-to-be a different person than the one for whom she thought she had sold a license, and as the justice of the peace was pronouncing them man and wife, tore the license from his hands.

"Hold them until I get the sheriff," urged Miss McLamb, and she hastened to the sheriff's office. In a few minutes passers-by in front of the courthouse saw four fleeing figures cross the street to the postoffice with Deputy Sheriff.

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me



For my ole Man's Chris'mus present I thinks I'll gin' him a ortomatic rockin' cheer.

Buys Whole Town



WHEN THE government decided to abandon Nitro, W. Va., Hamilton G. Scott bought the entire town and turned it into a flourishing industrial center.

Dr. Orr To Head Medical Society

Other Officers Chosen At Recent Meeting; New Members Are Enrolled.

At the recent meeting of the Johnston County Medical Society held in this city officers for the new year were elected. Dr. W. J. B. Orr of this city was chosen to head the society during the coming year with Dr. J. H. Stanley of Four Oaks, as vice president. Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. Dr. B. A. Hocutt, of Clayton, Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Benson, and Dr. A. H. Rose were selected on the Board of Censors. Delegates to the State Medical Society were chosen and Johnston county will be represented by Dr. B. A. Hocutt, or in case he is unable to attend, his alternate is Dr. Orr.

Two new members were added to the roll at this meeting. Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist who has moved back to Smithfield after a year's sojourn in Raleigh, again joined the society, and Dr. W. G. Wilson, who has recently located in this city as general practitioner and Dr. F. M. Aycock, of Princeton, were enrolled.

The interest in this meeting of the medical society was unusually keen, a number of topics being discussed with profit. The society has as its aim a close cooperation in rendering high class professional service. Plans were formulated for the society's activities for the ensuing year.

Morrison Says He May Want Support Again

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—Former Governor Morrison last night told the members of the Men's Club of the Second Presbyterian church that he might want them to vote for him again. His assertion was regarded by members of the club as significant, although he did not clarify it.

The remark was wedged in fact down in his speech appealing for a progressive ballot in North Carolina.

Selling Agency Is Very Successful

Sales Corporation Handles The Cotton of N. C. Cotton Growers Association

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—"Striking success has followed the organization of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Sales Corporation, a selling agency of the Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association," said General Manager U. B. Blalock today. This agency was organized by and is the property of the Cotton Growers' Association and is managed by the officers of the association and does not cost the farmers a single cent for operation.

The purpose of the Sales Corporation is to handle cotton of the association, selling direct to mills. In previous years, the Cooperative Association has not been able to do an extensive business with the mills—the records showing that the sales were divided eight per cent to the mills, twenty-two per cent to exporters, and seventy per cent to cotton merchants and shippers. Since the organization of the Sales Corporation the percentage of sales to mills has jumped to forty-three per cent—a remarkable demonstration of the value of the Sales Corporation to the Cotton Cooperatives.

Mr. Blalock is very much pleased with the result of the Sales Corporation and believes that the Cooperative Association will find the new method of marketing a benefit to the membership. The selling agency doing this work without any additional expense to the farmers is a big feature.

Speaking of the progress made by the Cotton Growers Association, Mr. Blalock said that the management is much encouraged because of the general tone and morale of the membership—out of 38,000 members the Legal Department has found that legal proceedings to compel delivery was necessary this season in only eleven cases. In fact, the membership is so well satisfied that resort to the courts, to enforce the contract, is passing away.

Last season the Cotton Cooperative Association handled a little less than ten per cent of the total crop of the South, with the North Carolina Cotton Growers' leading all of the States in percentage of deliveries. The receipts this season have already gone beyond the receipts of any former year, having reached approximately 145,000 bales, and General Manager Blalock expects the 160,000 bales will be delivered before the season closes.

"The most serious condition that confronts North Carolina cotton growers," said Mr. Blalock, "is in the matter of the type of cotton grown on North Carolina farms. For some years, Dr. R. Y. Winters, the seed specialist of the Department of Agriculture, has urged farmers that only the best seed be used and that every effort be made to select the seed suited to each section. The Cotton Growers' Association has heartily cooperated with Dr. Winters in this work and has kept the matter before the 38,000 cotton growers who are members of the association. So far, there has not been the result that the matter deserves.

"The mills of this section, North and South Carolina," said Mr. Blalock, "have been forced to turn to other states for the proper staple for use in cloth mills, using North Carolina cotton only for the rath- er coarse numbers of yarns. The American Spinning company, with headquarters at Greenville, S. C., sends to Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, for cotton to be used in the cloth mills, and in a recent letter said, 'the farmers (of North Carolina) have allowed their cotton to deteriorate in length of staple and body so that we could not use it.' In this same connection, the International Cotton Committee of the Spinners and Manufacturers Association, of England, an organization controlling practically all of the mills of the world outside of the United States, has made an urgent appeal to the Cotton Growers' Association for more care in the varieties of cotton grown. The

Forty-Six Deaths By Automobile Accidents

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—Automobile accidents cost 46 lives in North Carolina during the month of November, according to a report of violent deaths given out by the vital statistics bureau of the state board of health. Accidents on streets and highways caused 36 deaths, while 10 occurred at grade crossings.

Fire caused the next greatest number of deaths, 37 persons having died of burns during the month. Other causes of violent deaths were: suicide, 7; homicides, 15; accidental gunshot wounds, 14; drowning, 2.

DEPUTY CAPTURES A WHISKEY STILL

Warrants Issued For Six Men That Were Found At The Still

Single-handed, Mr. O. H. Barefoot, deputy sheriff in Meadow township, captured a fifty-gallon capacity whiskey still Monday evening just about dark. Mr. Barefoot located the still, after he quit his work, about two and a half miles north of Peacock's Cross Roads. A number of men were at the still when the deputy sheriff went up on them, and warrants for six have been issued. One was said to be so full of the blockade stuff that he was unable to make his get-away. One of the men as he ran shot at the deputy, but failed to hit him.

Mr. Barefoot destroyed two barrels of mash that had not been run, and one barrel that was in the still. Five gallons of what appeared to be corn whiskey was captured.

Mr. Barefoot says that since his appointment as deputy sheriff in Meadow township last February he has taken or helped to take twelve copper stills.

Fifth French Cabinet Member Resigns Post

Paris, Dec. 15.—France's financial troubles today caused the downfall of the fifth minister who has grappled with them during the past eight months. Louis Loucheur failed, as did Caillaux, to propose solutions that the principal elements of the government emergency in the chamber of deputies would accept, and was obliged to resign, after receiving from the finance committee of the chamber, the second rebuff in two days.

The opposition to Mr. Loucheur came from the same groups that obliged M. Caillaux to retire, namely, the socialist and extreme radicals.—Associated Press.

Presbyterian Services

Smithfield Presbyterian church Sunday morning 11 a. m. Sunday evening 7 p. m. Special Christmas messages. Public cordially invited.

BANKER PAINTS ROSY PICTURE

Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, Says Favorable Conditions Beckon Us Onward.

FARM CROPS BASIS

The following article, written by Mr. Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh, for the next issue of the "Tar Heel Banker" will be of interest to our readers and we are publishing it for their information:

It would be impossible to separate entirely the local business outlook from that of the National. They are closely intertwined, and especially so in these latter days when the progressive North Carolina spirit makes it one of the integral factors of general business life.

A state cannot be localized that presents the startling facts and figures required to indicate its activity, and activities, that North Carolina does, namely:

First in value of tobacco manufactured annually.

First in value of tobacco produced annually.

Second only to Massachusetts in value of cotton textiles manufactured annually.

First in value per acre of farm crops produced annually.

Fourth in aggregate value of farm crops produced annually.

Eighth in manufacture of furniture.

Fourteenth in population.

Fifteenth in value of all manufactures.

Twenty-seventh in area.

Federal taxes paid for year ending June 30, 1925—\$166,962,875.00, only four states paying more, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Michigan.

Estimated true value of property in 1900—\$681,982,000.00.

Estimated true value of property in 1922—\$454,110,000.00.

It takes a vivid imagination to visualize the busy workers, whose hands made possible such a showing, and with these facts before us we can readily comprehend the outstanding position we occupy among our sister states.

As to the prospects for the coming six months—the opinion of one man is worth about as much as the opinion of another. One watchman can point out the "signs of promise" of the night or of the season about as well as another. The trend of things may be noted, but the final results depend upon the crops, and they upon the seasons of rain and sunshine no less than upon the industry and faithfulness of the farmer.

Undoubtedly, favorable conditions beckon us onward. Money is plentiful and in the hands of men who recognize the necessity of providing for the planting, cultivating, gathering and marketing of the crops—and they are ready to join hands with responsible far-

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White Schools Selling Tags

To date the following amounts have been reported by the white schools of the county for the new hospital, the funds derived from the sale of hospital tags:

- Kenly, \$7.00.
 - Meadow, \$5.40.
 - Benson, \$1.00.
 - Princeton, \$8.10.
 - Pine Level, \$1.90.
 - Clayton, \$2.00.
- A donation to this fund was made by Miss Emily Smith, of Elevation township, who gave \$5.00.

Dodge Brothers To Cut Prices

Reduction Applies To All Cars Purchased Since Midnight December 15.

According to an announcement made here recently there will soon be a considerable reduction in the price of Dodge cars. The reduction will not only apply to cars purchased after the date of the announcement, but to all cars purchased since midnight of December 15. The new prices on the cars will be announced on January 7. At that time an immediate refund will be made of the entire amount of the reduction to owners of cars purchased since Wednesday.

Dodge Brothers, Inc., state that the reduction is due to the recent ten million dollar expansion program which will almost double the capacity of the Dodge plants for 1926. There is no change in the policy of the Dodge Brothers Company—the policy of constant improvement without yearly models.

Burlington Votes For \$100,000 Publicity Fund

Burlington, Dec. 15.—Voters of the city of Burlington today approved a plan submitted to them to provide \$100,000 for a publicity fund, when a special election was carried by a safe majority. There was a total of only 812 registrations in the four wards of the city, and at a late hour the number of votes of the eligible registration was sufficient to cause an announcement that the measure had been carried with only 22 votes against it. According to the law not more than one fourth of one per cent may be levied as a special tax to raise this fund.

Ford Sales Surpassed November Year Ago

All records for early winter Ford sales were broken during November when 146,788 passenger cars and trucks were delivered to retail customers in the United States. This is an increase of approximately 25,000 over the November sales a year ago.

Another evidence of the popularity of the improved Ford passenger cars is shown in the enrollments in the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan, which have risen to unprecedented numbers. During November a total of 31,425 persons enrolled under the plan and began paying on cars, more than twice as many as enrolled during the same month last year.

As the holidays approach deliveries of cars to customers who have been buying them under the weekly purchase plan are increasing. Some began paying on their automobiles as long as a year ago, others during the early spring and summer months, long before the Improved Ford types were introduced. All now benefit in the convenience and comforts afforded by the improved cars and their increased value, without any additional cost.

A CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our appreciation for the kindness of our friends and neighbors who rendered service at the death of our dear father. May God bless each and every one.
MISS NAOMI VINSON

GASTON OLIVER TO BE TRIED IN MARCH

Champ Fiddler



NEAR NORWAY, Maine, lives "Mellie" Dunham, seventy, who won a silver cup for being state's best fiddler. He also claims distinction for having made snow shoes Peary wore when he discovered North Pole.

Employment Conditions Good at End of Nov.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Despite seasonal recessions in building activity, and the suspension of anthracite mining due to labor controversy, the United States employment service reported today that workers throughout the country generally at the end of November were fully employed.

Little, if any increase in the actual number of workers on pay rolls was recorded between October and November but both months were declared to show returns that could be considered satisfactory.

Father of Dr. J. W. Whitehead Is Dead

New Bern, Dec. 14.—Abner P. Whitehead, 79, prominent citizen of the county, died Saturday night at the home of his daughter at Bachelor. The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon, with interment in Cedar Grove cemetery here. Surviving him are his wife, five daughters, Mrs. Willie Biggs, of Bladen county; Mrs. E. S. Hancock and Mrs. Nellie Thomas, of Wilmington; Mrs. J. B. Ecton and Mrs. C. C. Smith of Bachelor and four sons, Dr. J. W. Whitehead, of Smithfield; Dr. A. P. Whitehead, of Rocky Mount; Carl Whitehead, of Morehead City, and Earl Whitehead, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Halt! Attention! Making Daddy Behave

Micro, Dec. 15.—The faculty of Micro graded school will present "Making Daddy Behave," a royalty farce in three acts, in the Micro school auditorium Saturday evening, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

Bring a car full of friends and enjoy two and one-half hours of real fun. Laugh until your sides hurt while Grandma and Daddy's two daughters give him "some much needed lessons in good behavior."

More men than one tremble from fear when Ardita, the world-to-be-renowned-vamp pays a visit to her admirers who have written her such thrilling love letters. She finds that their letters and actions don't correspond. Nevertheless her appearance gives Grandma, John and Daddy's two daughters the opportunity to make "Daddy Behave." How did they make use of this opportunity? See for yourself Saturday night.

The Case Is Postponed On Account of the Illness of the Boy's Mother.

IS ALLOWED BAIL

The Superior Court in session here is speeding away with all possible haste, and several cases are being disposed of daily. On Thursday of court week the case taking up most time was that of state vs. Reddin Cobb, of Princeton, charged with abandonment. The jury after deliberating several hours, acquitted the defendant.

After hearing the evidence in the case of state vs. M. C. Carr, of Elevation township, charged with violating the prohibition laws the solicitor took a nol pro.

Gaston Oliver who is charged with the killing of James Woodard, which resulted from a gunshot wound inflicted on Thanksgiving day near the home of the boys near Pine Level, was represented by Judge F. H. Brooks, who stated that owing to the illness of the boy's mother at the present time that the defendant would not be ready for trial at this term of court. After a statement from the solicitor that the defendant would not be tried for any greater crime than second degree murder, the boy was allowed to give bail in the amount of \$1,000. Judge Brooks announced that he could give the bond and that all would be ready for trial at the March term of court.

Pou-Parrish Post Elects Its Officers

The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion held its meeting Tuesday night at the courthouse with a large number present. At this meeting new officers were elected, the following being chosen: D. Carlton Stephenson, commander; Jas. H. Wigg, vice-commander; S. E. Hogwood, adjutant; and H. V. Rose, historian. The chaplain will be appointed at the next meeting of the post.

At the next meeting a dinner will be served and State Commander Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, will make an address. A full attendance is expected at that time.

Teachers Leave For Christmas Holidays

The teachers in the graded school are leaving this week to spend the Christmas holidays at their respective homes as follows: Miss Glenn Ward, Edenton; Miss Eunice Boyette, Chatham; Miss Minnie Woodard and Mrs. J. P. Ashley, Black Mountain; Miss Virginia Strange, Richmond; Miss Ruth Poindexter, Franklin; Miss Leah Love, Monroe; Miss Katherine Brown, Mocksville; Miss Ethel Craig, Gastonia; Mrs. Kula D. King, Garnet, S. C.; Miss Helen Matthews, Black Mountain; Miss Jeannette Plowden, Manning, S. C.; Miss Cary Heath, Harmony; Miss Frances Burton Crews, Oxford; Miss Estelle Fitchett, Tampa, Fla.; Miss Vera Pritchard, Chapel Hill; Miss Beulah Creigler, Madison, Va.; Miss Helen Baker and Miss Sallie Wiley, Greensboro, Richmond and New York; Miss Frances White, Scotland Neck, and Miss Georgia Pearsall, Red Springs.

Christmas Sermon At Methodist Church

There will be a Christmas sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker. You are invited. If you enjoy good music you will be glad to be present.

At 4:30 p. m. will be the white gift service. There will be an interesting program. The offering will be for the local poor. At night there will be no service.