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## Only One Case Begun In Court

### Grand Jury Returns Number of True Bills Among Which Are Three Murder Cases Set For Today

The deliberations of the Superior court which convened here yesterday, after the organization of the court and the judge's charge to the grand jury, were slow, and it was not until about four o'clock in the afternoon that the first case got under way.

Just before adjournment Frederick H. Brooks, Jr., who passed the Supreme court examination some time ago, and received his license to practice law, was presented by his father, F. H. Brooks, to the judge, who administered the oath of an attorney.

After court opened in the afternoon the grand jury returned true bills of murder in the cases of state vs. M. C. Blue and James Rogers, both colored, charged with the killing of Ella May Blue, also colored, in Kenly. These cases were set for this morning.

Also a true bill of murder was returned in the case of the state vs. George Ferrell and Taft Boykin, charged with the murder of Alfred Richardson, a negro of the Archer Lodge section. This trial was also set for today.

The only case to be undertaken yesterday was the state vs. William Whitaker, a negro, of Clayton, charged with assault. The prosecuting witness was Mr. Hampey Jones, who it is reported, was a licentiate preacher in the Missionary Baptist church but in recent years, owing to age and infirmities, has been unable to preach or work, and most of the time has subsisted upon charity. The evidence he gave on the witness stand was straightforward and well corroborated by other witnesses. He testified that the defendant, in an attempt to terrorize him, went to his home near Clayton and fired a double-barrel shotgun into his house from which scattering shots hit him in several parts of the body, inflicting serious wounds in the right arm and about the head. The defendant pleads not guilty and has an array of witnesses which will be examined this morning.

The true bills besides the murder cases returned before the close of court yesterday, include the following:

State vs. Worth McLeod, charged with housebreaking.

State vs. W. H. Corbett, charged with larceny and receiving.

State vs. Arthur Haynes, charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

State vs. Howard Oliver, colored, housebreaking and larceny.

Spend Yesterday in City.

Mr. Oscar Peedin and son, Eamy, from Washington, were in town on business Monday.

Visitors To Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Brown, Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson and Mrs. A. M. Calais spent Thursday afternoon in Raleigh shopping.

Visit Friends in Erwin.

Messrs Otho Stephenson and Reuben Johnson spent Sunday in Erwin the guests of friends.

**AUNT ROXIE SAYS—**

By Mc—

I hopes dey'll git de roads fixed so Yankee Limberzines won't carry off too much of dis high taxed Johnston County mud.

**TO SHOW FORD PICTURE**

Tonight a Ford film, "Building for Quality," will be shown at the Victory theatre in connection with the regular show. This is a factory scene, showing the construction of the Ford cars. It is a picture in which the public will be interested. There is no extra charge to see this picture.

**Husband and Wife**

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## Cat to King



Last July an oil field wild-catter today worth \$10,000,000 and an O. King. Such is the story of Robert F. Garland, 36 years old, native of Ohio, who brought in "Discovery Well," first of the Seminole (Okla.) field which is already producing 10 per cent of the total output of crude oil in the United States, according to oil journals.

## Revival Begins At Free Will Church

### Opening Sermon Preached to Large Crowd by Rev. S. H. Styron of Pine Level

The opening sermon for the revival, which is being conducted at the Free Will Baptist church here, was preached Sunday night by Rev. S. H. Styron, of Pine Level. Rev. Mr. Styron selected as the text for his first sermon of a series, the fourteenth verse of the third chapter of John—"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." Basing his remarks on this text he preached a splendid sermon on how each individual should lift Jesus up by telling others of the word, by song and prayer, and by the life he lives. At the close of the sermon several pledged themselves to hold up Christ in their lives by personal work and prayer during the revival.

Mr. Styron is assisted in the services by the pastor, Rev. H. R. Pairecloth. A large crowd was present Sunday night, practically every seat in the house being taken.

Services will be held each night at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. C. J. Thomas leads the singing and special music is rendered each night by the choir.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

**DONNELL WHARTON**

### AGAIN ON DEBATING TEAM

Donnell Wharton again represents his college, Davidson College, on the debating team, which will make a northern trip including the following points: William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va.; Gettysburg at Gettysburg, Pa.; and Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J. Wharton's colleague in the debate is W. H. Branch, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., and they will uphold the negative side of the question: "Resolved, That the United States should cancel the Allied war debts."

When Wharton and Branch debate this spring, it will be the fourth time they have been on the same team. As freshmen they debated against Wake Forest's first-year team and won a 3 to 0 decision. In their sophomore year they defeated the Wake Forest varsity debaters, 2 to 1. Last year they lost to the University of the South (Sewanee) by a 2 to 1 vote. Both are editors, Branch being editor of The Davidson, a weekly news publication of the students, while Wharton is editor of Quips and Cranks, the year book.

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## Training School For S. S. Workers

### Has Enrollment of 109 With 90 Receiving Credit For Work Done in the Four Courses Offered

The Sunday School Training School which has just closed at the Methodist church, and in which eleven churches participated, is the most successful school ever held here. One hundred persons enrolled coming from Selma, Kenly, Clayton, Four Oaks, Sanders Chapel and Elizabeth. Of this number, 90 studied for credit and, with the exception of six high school students under sixteen years of age, were awarded certificates.

L. L. Gobel, Sunday School Field Secretary for the North Carolina conference, who directed the school, announced the credits among the various churches as follows: Selma and Selma Mill, fifteen; Clayton, thirteen; Sanders Chapel, six; Elizabeth, one; Four Oaks, three; Kenly, eight; Smithfield Methodists thirty-seven; Presbyterians, four; Free Will Baptists, two, and Missionary Baptists, one.

Of the credits, eighty-three were standard; six were special, and one, office credit.

The school voted at the closing session to hold a similar school here next year. The worship period Friday evening was characterized by expressions from various ones present of appreciation of the faculty composed of Prof. Cannon and Prof. Childs of Duke University, Mrs. O. V. Woosley of Lexington, and Miss Georgia Keene, conference elementary secretary.

## HOME SWEET HOME TO HIGHEST BIDDER

### Inspiration of John Howard Payne's Famous Song Will Be Sold By Present Owner

NEW YORK, March 11.—"Home Sweet Home," is for sale. The inspiration for John Howard Payne's famous sentimental song, the old gray farmhouse, aged by snows of many winters, in which the author spent his boyhood at East Hampton, Long Island, is to go to the highest bidder, it was revealed today.

The home was owned by Gustave H. Buek, president of the Aco Gravel Company, until his death recently. Now his widow, Mrs. Hannah Louis Buek has announced her intention of disposing of the property.

"Home, Sweet Home" sung round the world by Adeline Patti and Jenny Lind, was a part of Payne's opera "Clari, or the Maid of Milan," produced at Covent Garden theatre London, in May, 1823. The song proved profitable for the publishers but Payne, it is said, profited little.

## To Address Farm Bureau.

Mr. J. S. Holmes, State Forester, will address the citizens of Cleveland township next Friday night at seven-thirty o'clock at the new school house. His subject, appropriate for Arbor day, will be, "Beautifying our surroundings with trees and bushes and how to make our woods pay a dividend." Mr. Holmes knows the subject and is an entertaining speaker as well. Anyone interested is cordially invited to come and bring the whole family, says the president of the local farm bureau.

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## Previous Action Of County Board Stands

### Justice Holmes at 86



Twenty-five years ago President Roosevelt called Oliver Wendell Holmes, then 61, to the United States Supreme Court bench. Now at 86 he is still as active as any of the nine justices. "Work is the secret," he says, "and I will never retire."

## Local Scouts Win In Recent Rally

### Troop Two Comes Out Victorious In Contests at Selma—Benson Is Close Second

Boy Scout Troop No. 2 of Smithfield came out victorious in the scout rally for Johnston county held at the school building in Selma Friday night. Three troops took part in the various contests—Smithfield, Benson and Selma. The Smithfield troop made thirty-one and a half points while Benson ran a close second, making twenty-eight points. Test were made in inspection, fire by friction, knot-tying, pyramid building, rescue race, signalling, fuz-z-stick making, patrol yell, and troop yell.

Mr. Marvin Woodall is scoutmaster of troop two of Smithfield, Rev. J. E. Blalock, of the Benson troop, and Rev. A. M. Mitchell is scoutmaster of the Selma troop.

Quite a number was present to see the tests and encourage the boys in their work.

The next scout rally will be held in Goldsboro on April 1, when the Smithfield troop, the winner in Friday's contests, and the runner-up, Benson troop, will meet Goldsboro troops one and six. This is expected to be an interesting meeting, and a large crowd is desired.

## MR. B. I. PEEDIN DEAD

On Wednesday morning, February 23, at a quarter after ten o'clock the death angels visited the home of Mr. B. I. Peedin and took him to rest. He leaves a wife, two sons, five daughters, three sisters and one brother besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He had been in a very low state of health for two years or more, and was confined to his bed two weeks.

Mr. Peedin was a member of the Pine Level Free Will Baptist church and was one of its best known members. We believe that he has gone to rest. He was seventy years and three months old. The funeral service was held at the home by Rev. S. H. Styron and Rev. T. M. Bizzell, and the remains were laid to rest in the Peedin family burying ground. A large crowd attended the funeral.

Written by a neighbor,

MISS BETTIE GURLEY.

Mr. Lee Jones Improving.

Mr. Lee B. Jones who underwent a very serious operation at Rex Hospital in Raleigh last week was somewhat improved last night. His many friends hope for him a speedy recovery.

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## Chemist Explains Fertilizer Value

### Dr. DeLoach, of Morris Fertilizer Co., Addresses Kiwanis Club

The regular weekly luncheon of the Smithfield Kiwanis club was held Thursday in the San-Gla-Sta Lodge at Holt Lake. At this luncheon about twenty-five or thirty Johnston county farmers were present. The feature of the evening was a very able and instructive address to the club and its guests by Dr. DeLoach, chief chemist of the Morris Fertilizer company.

President Geo. Y. Ragsdale called on Mr. G. C. Cunningham, representative of Morris Fertilizer company, to introduce Dr. DeLoach. Dr. DeLoach's subject was "Fertilizer." His lecture was supremely instructive from start to finish. He went into the analysis of fertilizer and the make-up of the different kinds. He illustrated by chart the cultivation of cotton and corn from its beginning. He stated that cotton is a plant that needs an early start and that cotton properly fertilized at the very beginning makes the best cotton.

He said that if it was properly treated at the beginning with a high type of fertilizer with plenty of plant food in the fertilizer, that cotton would mature thirty days earlier than cotton planted in the old way, and the same thing applies to corn and any other farm products. He made it clear that the higher type fertilizer with the higher percentage of plant food is unquestionably the fertilizer to use. In the higher grade quality the sand is eliminated and the freight on the sand from the point of origin to the point of destination. The actual chemical make-up of the higher plant food fertilizer causes the plant to mature more quickly because it gives the plant at the start the very thing that Nature gives, only more of it, so, consequently, the plant which has had this kind of treatment at the beginning naturally thrives. The speaker stated that cotton, corn or any other agricultural product could be made much cheaper with the use of higher type fertilizer.

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### TAKES \$125,000 POLICY ON FOUR VOLUMES

### Set of Biography of the Signers Most Carefully Guided By Owners.

NEW YORK, March 8.—An insurance policy for \$125,000 to cover any damage by fire, collision or overturn of conveyance to four books which are daily being transported a distance of less than one hundred yards was taken out yesterday by Harry F. Marks of 31 West Forty-Seventh Street on four volumes comprising the "Biography of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence," which contain the autograph signatures of each of the signers.

The policy which is described as unique in insurance circles was issued by the Federal Insurance Company of 5 South William Street, Freek, Libby and Co., Inc., of 110 William Street, being the brokers. It includes liability for damage to the books while they are in transit each day between Mr. Marks' place and the vaults of the Empire Trust Company at 15 West Forty-Seventh Street, a few doors away.

The four volumes make up Copy 17 of the 160 copies of Sanderson's Biography of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence," revised and edited by Robert T. Conrad and published in 1865 by William Brotherhead.

As far as is generally known, there are fewer than thirty complete sets of the autographs of the signers, and the number in private hands is about ten. The others are in various libraries and museums, the New York Public Library having a set that is considered to be among the best of the collection. One complete set is in the Library of Congress, having been presented to the nation by J. Pierpont Morgan.

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## Opens Court Here



JUDGE W. C. HARRIS

## Delivers Charge To Grand Jury

### Judge Harris Comments Upon Condition and Points Out Duty of Grand Jury; P. H. Etheridge Foreman

A one week term of criminal Superior court for Johnston county convened here yesterday about eleven o'clock, with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding. Judge Harris has just held a two week's civil term of court in Johnston county, but this is the first criminal term over which Judge Harris has presided since being made a judge. The grand jury was impaneled, P. H. Etheridge, of Kenly, being made foreman.

Judge Harris, then, proceeded to deliver his charge to the jury in which he called attention to certain conditions as he sees them, pointed out the sacred and honorable duty of the grand jury to investigate violations of the law in Johnston county.

Judge Harris stated that owing to an increasing population in North Carolina, owing to a multiplicity of laws, and owing to other reasons, crime is on the increase in this state, and that it is time something should be done about it. Instead of cataloging a number of remedies for the situation, Judge Harris stressed only one—more respect for the law. It is not a question of whether people like the laws or not. They have been written and it is the duty of every citizen to obey them. It is the duty of the court to enforce the law, but it is the duty of the people to assist the court. Judge Harris thinks the officers should receive more support from the public. Officers frequently get criticism, and if deserved, all right, but too seldom does the officer for doing his duty get a pat on the back with some such words as, "well done, good and faithful servant."

Judge Harris then reviewed the crimes that the grand jury will in all probability have to consider, mentioning the capital crimes first. There are too many homicides in North Carolina, thinks the judge, and one remedy would be more drastic laws protecting human life, among which might be laws regarding the carrying concealed weapons. The judge paid his respects to mob violence, and the danger of persons taking the law into their own hands, and was particularly emphatic in his views concerning the violations of automobile laws. Careless and reckless driving is causing too many deaths, and the penalty for driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated, in the opinion of the judge, should be such as not only to deter the offender himself, but to be a warning to any one else. Violations of prohibition laws, larceny of autos, and the bad check law came in for a share of consideration, and attention was called to the fact that magistrates must report to the court concerning all criminal actions in a magistrate's court.

Judge Harris closed his charge with a commendation of the welfare work in North Carolina, stating that it is the duty of every citizen to assist the state in its efforts to improve its condition.

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## Co-ops Mailing Farmers Checks

### Nearly Forty Thousand Dollars Being Distributed Among Johnston County Farmers

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association is making a distribution of approximately one and a quarter million dollars to its members who have cotton pooled in the short time pool, according to an announcement received from association headquarters at Raleigh. Checks are being mailed as fast as they are written and it is expected that the distribution will be completed inside of 10 days. The distribution to members in Johnston county will amount to approximately \$38,087.

The present distribution brings the price of all cotton to 10 cents per pound, basis middling. About 60 per cent of the association receipts has been sold and if there is no radical change in the market, it is likely that all cotton in the short time pool will be closed out and final settlement made to members some time in the early part of July as usual. Our sales up to this time have been very satisfactory and unless there is a marked decline in the market our members can look forward to a very satisfactory settlement for cotton of the 1926 crop.

While there has been no clamor from any member, or any group of members for a spring distribution, it is quite generally known that they are looking forward to this payment very eagerly as a means for paying cash for Spring fertilizers.

## MISSION RALLY TO BE HELD AT WILSON

The General Board of the Baptist State Convention, of which Dr. Charles E. Maddy, Raleigh, is the general secretary, is putting on several series of mission rallies throughout the state during March and April with a view to informing the Baptist people about the work of their denominational program and of warming their hearts for more sacrificial service for the saviour.

The rally in which the people of this section will be most vitally interested will be the one to be held in the Wilson first Baptist church Tuesday, March 22 from 10:30 to 3 p. m.

Dr. Samuel H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist church of Elizabeth City, who has led this church in a marvellous forward movement, will be one of the principal speakers at this meeting. Other speakers from Baptist headquarters at Raleigh will be present.

All the pastors and representative men and women from each of the Baptist churches of this section are expected at this meeting. Dinner will be served at the church.

## BREAK INTO STORE

Sunday night thieves broke in the store of Wallace Grocery company and carried away cigarettes, flour and other produce from the store. Entrance was made through the back door, which was broken and the glass knocked out.

It is said that an attempt was made to break into this store during the recent snow, but the thieves were not successful in their venture.

## FIDDLERS CONVENTION

There will be a fiddler's convention at Ayoock School, Wayne county, Saturday night, March 19.

## A Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one leechers his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Ticket must be called for before the following issue.

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Marvin Stephenson deciphered his name last issue.

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