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THE SUPERIOR COURT CONVENE MONDAY

A regular term of superior court convened yesterday with Judge A. S. Calvert presiding and Justice T. B. Matthews prosecuting the docket. The following named citizens were sworn as grand jurors: H. F. Andrews, Chas. H. Koebuck, W. W. Neal, J. M. Kierkegaard, W. O. Felt, S. W. Casper, J. O. Manning, T. E. Johnson, Bruce Biggs, Jas. H. Gray, Jas. E. Wynn, Jos. S. Barnhill, K. F. Crawford, T. W. Holtiday, W. T. Culliver, H. M. Smith, W. J. Hodges. Mr. W. J. Hodges was made foreman.

The judge informed the grand jury that their duty was not the simple passing on the bills delivered to them by the Solicitor but that they were the grand body of the county charged with the important duty of investigating crime and reporting it to the court.

That the care of the poor in the county home and those in prison were to be protected by them as well as to be charged by them and for that reason they should carefully inspect the County Home and jail, also the offices of the county and they should make complete reports of their findings. That reports of foremen juries should be investigated and if their necessary recommendations had been ignored the officers neglecting to carry out these recommendations should be indicted. In summing up the grand jury stated that they would not attempt to name them all and certainly would not define them but would make mention of a few of the common ones, which he divided in three classes. First, the crimes against the person or body such as assault, in such degree extending from the simplest assault to premeditated murder and stated that there were but four capital felonies, murder, arson, rape and burglary.

The crimes in the second class are those committed involving property, such as larceny, theft, embezzlement, forgery, etc.

The crimes of the third class are those against the peace, good order and morals of the state. Such as pistol carrying, reckless automobile driving, fornication and adultery, slander, manufacturing and selling liquor. It seems that crimes of the first and second class generally meet punishment but those of the third class are too often smugged and in many cases parties committing such crimes are never brought to the courts because of fear, they are permitted to carry concealed weapons, sell liquor or engage in slanderous talk and get away with impunity because the public is afraid to report them.

Judge Calvert was exceedingly modest and very gentlemanly in his references to the lawlessness in Martin county, saying in a gentlemanly manner that he had heard Martin county was a little backward in law enforcement. Of course that statement cannot be denied and the people are the only force that can remedy the conditions of such things.

After the charge to the Grand Jury, the judge called over the Civil Docket and the unprepared condition of things indicated that the legal fraternity had neglected the docket. Of course the Court was gentle with the bar as it always is, and should be, but still the impression prevailed that things were not moving in a business way.

TOWN TAXPAYERS

Town taxes must be paid. It is embarrassing for the officials to have to resort to extreme methods to collect taxes, but they must be paid within the next few days. Let us have them at once.

G. F. PAGE, Chief of Police.

LOST: NICE RED DUROCK SOW, unmarked. Reward for return. Dr. J. S. RHODES

CAPT. RHEM'S CONVICT CAMP IN GOOD SHAPE

One of the most orderly and sanitary sections of Williamston is that part known as the Convict Camp. Under the kindly but efficient supervision of Capt. Rhem, we find a group of prisoners with a more satisfied look on their faces than you find on any business man's face in town. They are well fed well housed, and well looked after as regards to their health. They work enough to keep healthy, and twice a day take a pleasure tour up and down the old Roanoke, giving them an added inspiration for being hungry three times a day, and ready to sleep eight hours each night.

If all the convicts in the State lead the regular, happy lives as do the prisoners seemingly at Capt. Rhem's Camp, then, indeed, it is no wonder a darkey does not fear a road sentence. There have been no instances of the convicts causing disturbance in the town, or in any way breaking away and molesting peaceful citizens, and it is to be hoped that the same fine conditions now existing will be continually the case.

Having qualified as executor of the estate of Ellen Foster, late of the county of Martin, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to come forward and settle same at once. All persons holding claims against said estate will present same for payment on or before March 16, 1922, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery.

This March 16th, 1921.
JOHN L. HASSELL, Executor.

WANT TO BUY CORN. State how much for sale and lowest price. **RAYWOOD ROGERS,** Williamston, N. C.

A Last Word to the Farmer

Now that planting season is at hand, it might be well to state one more time that quality must be the goal for the farmer to seek during this year's crop.

Under production in all market crops, such as tobacco, cotton and peanuts is absolutely essential according to present world conditions and the outlook for the remainder of the year and such outlook is the only safe guide we have to follow.

It is needless to say that less acres, with more personal attention and better attention, good seed and good guano will make a higher grade of produce than less attention to those matters.

A little scientific farming along with plain everyday farming is a mighty good system for successful crops.

Have you ever had your land analyzed to see just what kind of fertilizer is most needed?

Do you know when you are using too strong a mixture of fertilizer, or too weak a mixture?

Do you know what soil is best suited for certain crops, etc. etc.?

Do you know the best seed to use? The farmer like the business man, is going to revolutionize his way of doing business, from now on, and financial independence is to be the motto.

The less market crops are raised, the law of supply and demand, makes higher the price.

Make the farm feed you and your family first—make your incidentals, such as cattle, poultry, hogs, and truck pay pour living expenses, and then what you sell of cotton, tobacco, and peanuts, try to put aside on interest, or good investments.

The great Martin County Fair will no doubt show some exhibits of farm produce this fall, the like of which has never been seen—aim to raise better crops, and for Quality.

Also, there is some pride in knowing that your peanuts, or your cotton or your tobacco is better than your neighbor's, and that you are the best farmer in the neighborhood.

Human nature is the same the world over, and the keynote to success is to have the products of your work better than demanded; and the same is true in all walks of life, and it will be only a matter of time before the people of Martin County will realize this to a much greater extent than heretofore.

Within a few years, seventy-five per cent of the farms of the County will be on national highways—hard surfaced roads—and it behooves every farmer to get his premises in shape.

A little whitewash here, and a little paint there will make the old place look like new, and you will be proud of it.

This paper is absolutely for a great use and better Martin County, and there is plenty of room to climb before reaching this pinnacle of greatness.

Individual endeavor is the master secret, together with co-operation and plenty of both.

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DON'T FAIL TO REDUCE THE TOBACCO ACREAGE

The absolute importance of reducing the acreage of bright tobacco is becoming more and more in evidence every day.

There is no demand whatever for low grades and will not be to any appreciable extent until conditions in Central Europe become more stabilized and their commercial and financial situation very much improved and there is nothing now to give any encouragement that this will take place anywhere in the near future. As this chaotic condition continues, the necessities of life will become more and more an essential to Europe and tobacco and cotton must wait.

There being two years' supply of common tobacco now on hand will result in low grades of tobacco continuing to be way below the cost of production, and the only salvation is to have a half a crop planted, which will possibly make from ten to fifteen per cent more per acre than a full planting, with every reason to believe that the result of this reduction in planting will be good to the tobacco, which is the only kind that there is any chance of being in good demand.

Therefore, every farmer should take this into serious consideration and feel that the only way to have a reduction is for everybody to reduce. From a circular letter in the Tobacco Association of the U. S., published by request.

ROANOKE RIVER BRIDGE AND ROAD ENORMOUS PROJECT

To build any kind of a road thru Conine Swamp is no small undertaking, but to build a roadway which will meet all the requirements of an existing War Department, covering military thoroughfares, is a real engineer's job.

To watch the progress made over in Conine is to realize that real engineering is being done. The elevated roadway is fast approaching the Roanoke, leading from the Bertie Highlands and right now preparations are being made for trestling Conine Creek.

Chief Haxton, with an efficient force of supervisors and operatives, is very much on the job, and the good results of his labors is easy to see. We do not know the pet name of his Camp at the base of operations, but it does not take a name to make this spot a source of attraction of hundreds of visitors making the pilgrimage there every week. Sunday afternoons are the popular visiting days, with about an equal number of night-seers from Bertie and Martin Counties.

The contract for the Bridge has been awarded a reliable firm of contractors, and building material has been shipped, and due to arrive here this week, at which time actual operations will begin.

Over half a million of dollars will be spent on this great undertaking, and elaborate plans are being formulated to start work on a national hard-surfaced road leading from the bridge thru Martin County and on to Rocky Mount. This will naturally take its course thru Everetts, Robersonville, Parmele, Bethel, Tarboro, etc., the purpose being to make a connecting link of a highway between Norfolk, Va. and Raleigh, N. C.

Our people should give every aid and support to the finishing of this great project, as it will bring much need fortune to the citizens of Martin. In the way of better roads, quicker trade routes, more visitors, and sounder prosperity.

HOW ABOUT THE WATER PLANT?

We regret to complain under ordinary circumstances would not do so but when we review the work done of the Williamston Light, Water and Sewer system and think of the countless acres to come when we are being under the heavy hand of Jew and think of the time killed on the job, we admit we have not come in a thousand miles of our duty. Why is it that the town authorities don't give some attention to the "improvement" of money drawers who work so slow that they are almost as quiet as tombstones on a hillside graveyard on a September morn.

We have watched the movement of the boss men on the job and they seem to move with plenty of money and vim. What then is the trouble, have they missed the support of the town? Have the town authorities reviewed the work? Who is looking after the town people's interest? We do not like to ask all these questions but we are anxious to know if we are still paying the labor bill plus a per cent. If so that is possibly the reason, for it is said that when a man knows he is working for a given sum per day and some other party is getting a commission on him, that he will not work well.

If you want good fertilizer, and at the right prices, don't fail to see Lee Lee Forester.

If you want real fertilizer at reasonable prices, see Leslie Forester.

Local News and Personal Mention

Miss Sally Harris of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson spent the weekend at home with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Harris.

Miss Jamie Edwards returned Sunday from High Point where she has been visiting her parents for a week.

Misses Clyde Roberson and Mary Spivey of Plymouth spent Saturday in town shopping.

Misses Stella Ward who has been attending Peace Institute in Raleigh is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ward.

Mr. Wilson Lamb Jr. went to Iason Sunday.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church took its play, "The Goose Creek Line" to Hamilton Friday night and had a successful entertainment. A good sum was realized.

Mr. George Truettell of Norfolk and Mr. Edgar H. Robinson of Atlanta spent the weekend in town with friends.

A large party enjoyed an outing on the Roanoke Sunday afternoon on the new gasoline boat owned by Mr. Bill Cherry. The weather and pleasure conditions were ideal and there are prospects for many such outings during the spring and summer.

Mr. Arthur Barber of Rocky Mount was a business visitor in town Friday.

Mr. Tom Farrow of Tarboro was registered at the Atlantic Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Walter Saubry of Hamilton is a Court visitor here this week.

Editor Henderson Mizelle of the Robersonville Herald was in town yesterday.

Miss Cromartie, stenographer for attorneys Dunning and Moore spent the weekend at home with her family in Greenville.

The Epworth League will hold an April Fool Party on Thursday, March 31st, at the Masonic Hall, at 8:00 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. Frank Page, Highway Commissioner, Mr. J. B. Clengman, Mr. H. K. Witherspoon, all of Raleigh, and Engineer A. E. Snowden of Kinston were in town Saturday night and Sunday inspecting the work of engineer A. K. Haxton on the Roanoke Highway.

WOMANLESS WEDDING TO BE UNIQUE

The Womanless Wedding, to be given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church, under the auspices of Mrs. A. R. Dunning, will be an hour of genuine, wholesome entertainment. The leading and best known of the town are among the principle characters, and no doubt their wives, sweethearts, sisters, fathers, mothers, brothers, friends, and others will all be present. This affair will be held next Monday night at the School auditorium, at popular prices for seats and standing room.

Many in attendance will witness a "Womanless Wedding" for the first time, but it is safe to assume that back of the scenes, will be found the guiding spirits—the ladies.

CARE OF CHILD OF PRE-SCHOOL AGE

(Continuation of address of Dr. W. F. Warren before the Mother's Club.)

What can be done for the child and how may it be accomplished? In a general way the principles which control the care of other children are applicable at this period with certain modifications necessitated by the needs of a particular age. The education of mothers in caring for children of this age is of prime importance. Such instruction should include not only the care of the well but also the general care of the sick. I believe that a great deal can be accomplished thru this individual instruction in the home.

The mother is taught amid home surroundings to which she is accustomed and with such utensils as she may be familiar. Such instruction takes up home hygiene, ventilation and the like, regularity of meals, the kind of food best suited to the children's needs and the economic choice and preparation of such food, the kind of clothing for indoors and the proper wraps for outdoors.

Instruction should also be given in the general principles of the prevention of disease and especially how to detect the more apparent signs and symptoms of the common ailments. Two classes of children deserve very careful consideration, those deformed by tuberculosis or infantile paralysis and the feeble minded. The first class are numerous in many instances go unnoticed until a large amount of information has been lost. The other class—the ever increasing group of the feeble minded can be detected at an early age and such as are capable of instruction may be sent to suitable schools, for instance, our School for the Feeble-Minded, at Kinston, which by the way is doing a most noble work.

Experience will show that the food of the child should be cautiously and slowly enlarged as the child grows older, adding to the milk diet of infancy, cereals, fruits, vegetables, soups and a little meat and by giving what larger quantities of these as the child's age increases. This plan should be followed out through childhood but during the first five years the diet should be restricted to those foods which best supply the requirements of health gradually and are at the same time adapted to the child's digestive organs. One of the most serious conditions which affect children is malnutrition. This means that the child cannot get enough suitable nutrition from the food eaten to supply the bodily needs. This may be due to actual lack of food but children of well-to-do people often suffer from serious malnutrition; then it is due in some cases to badly selected and poorly prepared food, in others it is due to overeating or eating irregularly or it may be due to illness or congenital defects in the digestive organs, lost or decayed teeth, adenoids or diseased tonsils or frequently to some obscure cause. When the latter case a specialist in children's diseases should be consulted and his advice taken in order to put the child in normal condition. Frequently children who sleep in overcrowded rooms and fall to get fresh air at night appear under-nourished. It is absolutely necessary that those in charge observe the proper selection of foods and the best way of preparing them for the children. The child's digestive organs are no more capable of digesting the foods of grown people than are their brains and muscles capable of doing the work of grown people. Remember that the intestines like brains, legs and arms, must be gradually trained to hard work until by slow degrees they become accustomed to taking care of the food eaten by adult members of the family. It is a serious error to assume that a child's special food needs can always be supplied by foods appearing on the family table and that methods of preparing and cooking them will always be suitable to children. Many articles which may be digested by adults such as boiled cabbage, baked beans, fried foods, sausage, fritters, pastry, puddings, etc., are dangerous as food for the child under six years of age. Never allow children to eat food exposed to flies—and see that the dining room as well as the kitchen is screened.

(To be continued.)

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT (Episcopal) Holy Week Services Tuesday and Wednesday, 4:30 P. M. Monday and Thursday, Holy Communion, 11:00 A. M. Thursday afternoon, 4:30. Good Friday, 11:00 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. Easter Even, Holy Baptism, 5 P. M.

Just received two carloads wire fencing. Be prepared for the stock law when it goes into effect on the 16th. Cheap for cash. C. D. Cartstaphan & Co.

Modern Dances Are Doomed

The modern dance is doomed. Ministers, educators, eugenists, physicians, police, and now even the dancing masters themselves, have been arrayed against it.

For a decade the dance craze has swept the nation, endangering the health and morals and blasting the spiritual life of millions of people. Millions of dollars have been wasted in educating the wrong end of the human anatomy, and many of our national ills can be directly traced to this untoward hysteria.

Not long ago the seriousness of this thing was brought to our attention by a visit to our old alma mater—a state university of the Middle West. A very noticeable weakening in morale led us to ask those in authority concerning the causes. To our intense interest, the dance was cited as one of the most direct.

Of the lists of students "flunked" or "conditioned" during the first semester of the present school year, an astonishingly large percentage was made up of those who danced to excess. All of the social functions of the fraternities and fraternities of the institutions, with practically no exceptions, are dances.

The social calendar is jammed with these events so that the more popular students are in a continual round of pleasure and until the wee hours of the morning. It was therefore, no wonder to us that when one professor said to us that one of these little society ladies had not answered a single question in his classes during the semester. Neither were we greatly surprised when we learned from a local physician that he had himself, in this same period, ordered eighteen of the sweet young things home to mother because of physical irregularities directly due to the dance.

The minister in one of the leading churches cited us instance after instance of young women prominent in church work becoming infatuated with the dance and wholly abandoning their former zeal. Steps are now being taken to bring about dance reform in this university. As early as last June, President Hibben, of Princeton, and Dean Jones, of Yale University, sounded a note of warning concerning the evil influence of the dance upon the morale of university students.

Possibly men and women will listen to such impartial testimony. There has been a marked tendency to ignore the righteously indignant voices that have been continually raised by the pulp and the religious press against the dance. There has scarcely been a time when observant and thinking ministers have not condemned the dance as an immoral institution periling the respect of woman, the continence of man and the whole Christian social order. It seems that these fiery prophets are going to be vindicated.—**Lookout.**

ATTENTION, MR. MERCHANT!

Last year business seemed signing to you, but this year unless all risks fail you will have to go after it. There is no need waiting and hoping that it will be passed around on silver platters.

Did you ever stop to think how polite it is to invite people to see you, how thoroughly most people appreciate a courtesy, that people trade with the merchants they like best, that folks actually wait to be helped by a favorite clerk and where only three people like to hear an old sour grouch whine and complain at everything in, on or above the earth, there are nine hundred and ninety seven people who love a smile and a little cheer along the way. So, Mr. Merchant, tell the folks that all those high priced goods are gone and that you no have what they want at the new price. Tell them that you are selling cheap and make it so.

We suggest the best way to invite folks to come to your store is through our paper. We make our ads attractive so our readers will not fail to see them.

We are carrying this issue an advertisement guaranteed to be of interest to the farmers of Martin County. The International Harvester Co. advises us that they have reduced prices on a large per cent of their line of products. This reduction is based on published prices for 1921. Their policy is to reduce prices as the cost of reproducing the articles makes it possible, taking the loss on inventory on hand, also the future reduction in labor rates has been considered in this revision of rates on the International Harvester co. is offering attractive sales to the public in the form of every-kind of farm implement.

Taylor and Pool sell right fertilizers right.

For safe fertilizers, cheap, call on Taylor and Pool.

BUILDING BOOM THIS SPRING AND SUMMER

Williamston will have a small boom in the late spring and summer, provided the plans of a number of our citizens are carried out.

Chief of Police Page will erect a handsome bungalow on Main Street, adjoining the residence of Mr. J. D. Simpson. Already the garage is completed, and the lumber and brick for the main buildings are being delivered on the lot.

Mr. Warren Biggs is completing his buying of material for a California mission bungalow to be erected next to the Baptist Church on Smith Street.

B. S. Courtney, esq. is ready to contract for a handsome residence to be built on his lot near the Graded School. Hon. Clayton Moore has about completed his plans for the erection of a modern home on Church Street.

The Big Dormitory to be an annex of the Graded School and built on the campus will no doubt be started in the near future. This will be a great forward step by the Education Board and will fill a long needed want in this community.

Peel-Griffin Company are negotiating for the completion of their magnificent store building on Main Street and the Community as a whole wish them every success in their big undertaking. This building will be decided addition to the business section of Williamston; it will bring more trade here and will be of mutual benefit to the town as a whole, when they open for business this fall.

Julius Peel will build a model residence and investment office on the Moore property sometime during the summer and will start actively in this line of business this fall.

Mr. Forrester, now living in Newtown in the old Latham home, will build an attractive bungalow in Watts Grove on a residence lot recently purchased of Julius Peel.

The Building and Loan have a number of applications in for money with which to build homes, and no doubt many more buildings will be erected this summer not yet listed.

Williamston will start on a sure steady progress from now on, and with a return to normal no doubt the town will take on a healthy continuous stride.

Building will never be any cheaper than it is now, with the present inactivity and depression, and those contemplating and prepare to build could not select a better time.

Lumber has taken a decided drop in price, along with all other building material; common labor is nearly normal, and skilled labor is coming down—so now is the ideal time to erect that building—provided, of course, you have the wherewith.

The Alphin-Dunn Pumping Co. is negotiating with a number of wholesale houses, with the idea of getting an extended credit for their customers enabling every family in Williamston to have waterworks and paying for same on the installment, easy way plan. This will mean quite much to the citizens, as the water will soon be turned on and everybody wants to have waterworks, and of course, it is needless to remark that money is not very plentiful. If the Alphin-Dunn Co can make such an arrangement it will add much to their patronage and business popularity.

JULIUS PEEL CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ENTERPRISE

Julius Peel, who for the past several months, has been a regular contributor of articles for this paper, will continue in such capacity, but for obvious reasons his name to each article will be omitted, and such articles will come under general office make-up.

STRAND THEATRE THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Paramount Picture

Just L. Leaky
ROScoe (FATTY) ARBUCKLE
(An Arrangement with Joseph H. Schenck)

"The Life Of The Party"

STRAND THEATRE

—THURSDAY—
FATTY ARBUCKLE IN "THE LIFE OF THE PARTY"
—FRIDAY—
CLYDE COOK in "THE HUNTMAN"
BENNETT COMEDY "THE UNHAPPY FINISH"
"VELVET FINGERS"
Last Episode.
—SATURDAY—
W. S. HART in "BETWEEN MEN"
"DON'T WEAKEN"
SMUB POLLARD