

Continuation of Testimony Offered By State In The Trial Of Chas. H. Godwin

Friday morning, 9:30: Witness D. W. Lamb of Four Oaks stated that he was employed by the Peoples Bank in August, 1920 as a bookkeeper and worked in the Roanoke Warehouse one-half of his time, the bank and warehouse each paying one-half of his salary. He remained in the bank until May, 1921, when he was transferred to the bank in Four Oaks where he worked a year before coming to Williamston. He testified that he knew Godwin was carrying on a business in the Roanoke Warehouse and that Godwin had exclusive charge of bonds and gave full instructions to him.

John D. Lilly stated that he lived in Richmond, was cashier and vice-president of the National State and City Bank of Richmond. That he came to Williamston to look into the condition of the Peoples bank which he was owed money to. He found numerous entries on the books of the bank and mortgages in property of it. That many worthless notes and others of very little value had been put in the bank for the purpose of trying to cover the shortage, till a shortage of \$20,000 was not covered even by those notes. That Godwin got the money as shown by the records.

John D. Lilly stated that he was cashier of the Bank of Jameville; that C. H. Godwin had a personal account in his bank, that sometimes he would have \$15,000 on deposit. That he made large deposits on December 28th, 30th, 1920. He usually deposited \$1,000 to \$2,000 a day and sent personal checks or cashiers checks.

Joseph S. Griffin testified that a farmer lived ten miles from Williamston in Bear Grass township. He delivered three bonds in exchange for a permanent bond. He inquired for them many times and on November 13th, 1920, he got a part of them but had never received the others. S. C. Crum testified that he, a farmer, bought \$1400 worth of bonds in December, 1920 or January 1919 paid for them and had never gotten them. R. C. Griffin stated that he lived in Grifflin's township, that he left \$250.00 bonds with Godwin for safe-keeping but that they now could not be found, that the Peoples Bank had made it good; and that he gave no one authority to use them.

James Edwin Harrell stated that he left a \$100 bond for exchange in early summer of 1920, which was never received until the bank paid for it after Godwin left. N. T. Tice of Grifflin township testified that he and his father William Edwin Tice left \$100 with Godwin for exchange and that they had never gotten same. That he also paid Godwin \$1000 for the purchase of bonds but that he had never received them Monday morning, March 27th. John T. Price, a farmer of Bear Grass township paid \$1000 for bonds, did not get his bonds nor authorize the use of them.

George C. Griffin testified that he lived ten miles south of Williamston, that he had a \$100 bond; that he delivered it to Godwin for exchange for a permanent bond. He asked Godwin about it numerous times but never got it. He might also have asked others in the bank about it. C. H. Godwin gave him a receipt for it on May 3rd, 1920.

Louis H. Roberson, farmer, testified that he paid Godwin \$200.00 for bonds about December 1917. The check was not cashed until May, 1919. He bought a \$50.00 bond later; saw Godwin several times about the matter of getting the bonds who promised he would attend to it, but never did. W. T. Roberson, miller and farmer of Grifflin township gave Godwin \$100.00 for a bond in 1917, did not get it. He joined the army and went to France. Returned fourth Sunday in August after the war ended. Went to Godwin September 7th and tried to get the bond but he did not have it. He saw Godwin four times about it but never got it. Godwin always gave the answer that he was busy. W. J. Griffin, who lives near the Beaufort county line, had two \$100 bonds; gave them to Godwin for exchange for permanent bonds. He returned one of them but the other was never received. He neither authorized Godwin to hold them or use them.

Simon D. Griffin stated that he lived in Grifflin township, was a farmer and house carpenter. That he gave Luther Peel bond for exchange but never got it. He did not authorize the use of them. Albert T. Perry stated that he lived in Williamston, gave Godwin \$5,000 to buy bonds took typewritten memorandum that money was to be used

to purchase bonds. Godwin told him he would have the bonds in a few days as he was having them registered for the purpose of letting the interest come direct without the trouble of coupons. He never received the bonds. Godwin kept saying the bonds would be here in a few days and paid the interest.

Clarence Latham, Chief State bank examiner, testified that he examined the Peoples Bank on June 14th 1920. He did not learn of any of the C. B. Hassell transactions from the examination until he went in the bank in January, 1921. He approved the audit of Pullen, Henderson and Company, accountants of Richmond Va. He testified that he knew Messrs. Bagby and Lawrence the men who audited the bank and knew that they were capable men. He checked the audit, knew of the items contained therein. He stated that the books of the bank in June 1920, did not disclose the true condition of the bank and did not show numerous items. He found Godwin's shortage \$83,000, besides several bad loans, totaling \$160,000 which the Directors of The Peoples Bank paid. The State Corporation Commission authorized the prosecution of Godwin. He further stated that the bank did not have a Liberty Bond account for its customers at the examination on June 14th, 1920, which was the duty of the office in charge to keep.

He stated that there was no way to check the account on bonds borrowed. He mailed the report to J. G. Staton, President. He did not get the receipt of Mr. Staton, but instead received the receipt for the report from Mr. Godwin, Cashier. His examinations of the bank in 1921 showed the kiting transactions to be for the sole indirect benefit of C. H. Godwin. Godwin drew checks on people in other parts of the state and would take credit for same, when they were returned they were charged to the Peoples Bank. When Godwin left he covered a large amount of shortage by putting in bad notes. When Mr. Latham examined the bank in June 1920, there were no Nitrate Agency drafts found in the cash box, nor were there any such cash items found. Upon cross examination by Judge Winston, Mr. Latham testified that he had continually examined The Peoples Bank since January, 1921. The bank's books showed no evidence of bonds borrowed and he declared that it was the duty of a cashier to see that all entries were properly made.

500 EXPECTED AT DRAINAGE CONVENTION

Plans are being made by the Chambers of Commerce and citizens of Goldsboro to take care of at least five hundred people who are expected to attend the Twelfth Annual North Carolina Drainage Convention to be held at Goldsboro April 22-23. While prominent speakers who have been invited to address the convention will attract a great many, yet it is believed that a majority will come to discuss the drainage or reclamation problem of North Carolina and to obtain information not only as to how to reclaim their swamp and overflow lands, but also how to bring them under cultivation. Others are interested in the question of assessments and how to meet them; how to get their lands on the market; what crops to produce, etc. All these subjects will be discussed by competent men. On account of the importance of this convention everyone who is interested in reclamation work should plan and make every effort to attend.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as administrators of the estate of J. P. Boyle, late of Martin county, North Carolina this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present same to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of March, 1922, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 21st day of March, 1922. M. R. BOYLE, F. L. GLADSTONE, Administrators of J. P. Boyle.

HID OR STOLEN: FROM THE

Methodist church a Crescent bicycle Friday morning. Return of it or information leading to its whereabouts will be rewarded by Mrs. E. P. Whitley

NOTICE OF STRAY

Yellow jersey cow, unmarked has been at my home about two weeks. Owner please come for her. Elisha Moore.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS HONORS COL. LAMB

News and Observer. One hundred county boards of elections of three members each were appointed to office by the State Board of Elections in session here yesterday. Appointees hold office for two years, and will conduct the June 3rd primary and the general elections to be held next November. Two Democrats and one Republican are included on each county board.

The session of the State Board of elections, except for the passage of resolutions of respect for the late Colonel Wilson G. Lamb, for many years chairman of the board. Colonel P. M. Pearsall, appointed to succeed Colonel Lamb on the Board, was elected chairman. R. T. Claywell, of Morganton was elected secretary for the tenth time.

Two lists of names were presented to the board by the two party organizations. On motion of General Beverly S. Royster, two names were selected from the Democratic list for each county, and on motion of Clarence Call, one name from the Republican list was adopted for each county. W. L. Beasley was continued as clerk to the board.

The resolutions to the memory of Colonel Lamb were presented by General Royster, and were as follows: "Col. Wilson G. Lamb was appointed a member of the State Board of Elections by Governor Aycock immediately after the passage of the act of the Legislature creating the Board and served as its chairman until the date of his death.

"His associates on the Board were warmly attached to him and admire him for his real worth. Courteous, courageous, industrious and efficient; Colonel Lamb served North Carolina long and well.

"We desire to pay a tribute to the memory of our friend and to record our appreciation of his virtues, therefore, be it resolved:

"First—That the State has lost a patriotic citizen and a faithful public official.

"Second—That the members of this Board dare personally grieved by the death of their friend.

"Third—That a page of the permanent records of this Board be dedicated to the memory of Colonel Lamb and that these resolutions be inscribed thereon.

"Fourth—That a copy be sent to his family by our secretary."

The board appointed for Martin county is as follows: H. M. Burras, Williamston; B. R. Jenkins, Robersonville; W. W. Walters, Republican Jamesville.

HARRELL—OSBORNE

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. J. H. McCracken at the home of Mr. J. R. Starling on Saturday evening at 9 p. m. when Miss Mary Belle Harrell, daughter of Mr. Samuel Harrell of Williamston, N. C. became the bride of Richard U. Osborne of Miami, Florida. The bride was attended by Miss Gwenlyf Griffith Osborne and the groom by Mr. Samuel Harrell, Jr. The bride who is an attractive brunette looked charming in her traveling dress of navy blue tulle and accessories to match. Miss Osborne looked pretty in a smart dress of gray canton crepe with trimmings of blue beads and a large gray Spanish comb set in sapphires by her father. Very pretty bridal music was sung after the ceremony by Miss Gwenlyf Osborne in her usual finished style. A bridal dinner was served at a late hour to the immediate relatives after which the happy couple left on the midnight train for points south and Miami, Florida, where Mr. Osborne will resume his former position with the state.—Washington Daily News.

NOTICE

To Laura Moore and all other persons: You will take notice that I purchased 2 acres of land listed to Laura Moore in Williams township at a sheriff's sale for tax at the court house door of Martin county on Monday, June 6th, 1921. You will further take notice that unless redemption is made I will demand a deed for said land under the said tax sale at the expiration of one year from June 6th, 1921. This March 3rd, 1922. E. S. PEEL.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Drucilla Mizelle, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to file the same on or before February 18, 1923, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This the 18th day of February, 1922. LUCY MIZELLE, Administratrix of Drucilla Mizelle.

Local News and Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Adler of Plymouth were the guests of Messrs. Irving and Frank Margolis Sunday.

Miss Sallie Dickens, of Enfield, the court stenographer is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hardy while in town.

Miss Arline Murrill left Friday for her home in Richlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Peel of Stokes are visitors in town while the former is attending court.

Mr. Luke Lamb of Raleigh spent the weekend here with his family.

Friends of Miss Eva Peel will regret to learn that she is very sick with influenza in Robersonville where she is a member of the High School faculty.

Judge Horton and all the attorneys appearing in the Godwin trial left Saturday afternoon for their respective homes but returned for the early morning session of court yesterday.

Mr. R. E. Roberson spent Sunday and Monday in Washington and Rocky Mount.

There is considerable influenza in the town and county. Physicians report, however that it is in a very mild form and predict that it will be entirely blotted out with the advent of warm weather.

Mr. R. M. Reddick Jr., of Gatesville is in town attending the Godwin trial.

Mrs. R. J. Peel is spending the day in Robersonville.

DEBATERS TO GO TO CHAPEL HILL

It was reported in our Friday's issue that the Williamston affirmative team won in the debate on The League of Nations with Scotland Neck held on Friday night in the school auditorium. The negative team won their fight with equally as wide a margin in Scotland Neck on the same night. This is the first opportunity Williamston has had to compete in the semifinals of the state debate since it was organized several years ago and the best wishes of the community and especially The Enterprise go with Misses Emma Bell Harris and Mary Clyde Leggett and Messrs. Frederick Hoyt and Bryant Carstarphen in their tryout in Chapel Hill on April 6th.

NATIONAL GUARD MEETING

The Williamston platoon of Plymouth company I of the North Carolina National Guard held a called meeting Friday night for the purpose of announcing recently appointed non-commissioned officers. Garland Anderson was made sergeant; Clyde Anderson, Hugh B. Anderson and Jack Booker, corporals. A number of first class privates were also announced. Monday night at eight o'clock is drill night and every member is expected to be present. Lieutenant M. D. Watts is the officer in charge.

MAN DROWNED

Rose Reddick, a young negro man, was drowned in the Roanoke river Monday. Julian Hassell was taken a fishing flat up the river and Reddick and another negro were doing the rowing. Reddick "drowned" his oar, that is he handled it in such a way that when he attempted to raise it from the water to make the regular stroke the strong water had taken it and snatched him overboard. He sunk under the flat and after passing entirely under it was only seen for a moment or two floundering and kicking in the water. The body was rescued about an hour a hundred yards down the river where it had drifted.

COLORED MAN SERIOUSLY HURT

Bill Tyson a colored employe of the State Highway Commission was seriously injured yesterday afternoon when a tree fell upon him. Tyson, with two other men, was assisting in revising the Windsor road near Rock Fish Swamp and the tree which was being felled by the force did not fall in the intended direction, thereby resulting in Tyson's accident. He was rushed here by way of automobile and boat for medical aid. The extent of his injuries had not been determined at this writing.

A SMALL HOG, UNMARKED AND

weighing about one hundred and twenty-five pounds, black and white spotted has been at the J. A. Everett farm in Poplar Point for about six weeks. Owner please call for him. W. Harold Everett.

THE FIRST YEAR OF REPUBLICAN RULE

(Second installment.)

In both House and Senate Republican factionism is rampant. The party does not seem to be united upon anything.—Washington Star. (Rep.) Congress gumped up the tax revision programme, man-handled the whole tariff revision question and made a nauseating spectacle of itself in the handling of the bonus problem. Its record will surely give every thoughtful Republican cause for alarm.—Manchester N. H., Union. (Rep.)

Today (March 3) marks the close of the career of Mr. Will Hays as a member of the cabinet. To millions of Republicans it is a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing. As an old-line Republican, representing a rock-ribbed Republican district in Illinois, I join in this feeling, a feeling that is well-nigh universal among Republicans a feeling that I know is overwhelming in my district.—Representative Tom Williams. (Rep. Ill.)

Is there a man on that side (the Republican) of the House who will rise in his place and say at this moment that the American government has not the poorest representatives in foreign countries that it has had in fifty years, some of them being a disgrace? I do not see anyone getting up to defend them.—Representative Garner. (Dem. Texas.)

It is difficult now to find a laboring man who will admit that he voted for Harding, and most of those who admit it are ashamed of it, and declare they will never be guilty again. In Ohio in the Hocking Valley, in the President's own state, coal miners have not averaged much over fifty days work in a year, and they are suffering for the bare necessities of life, and many of them are at the point of starvation.—Rep. Robert Y. Thomas, Jr. (Dem. Ky.)

"Everybody is giving this Congress hell."—Rep. William R. Wood. (Rep. Ind.)

ASKS FOR MORE CLUB MEMBERS

An appeal to country boys and girls in North Carolina to take up club work, has just been issued by H. H. B. Mask, assistant state agent of the Agricultural Extension service. Pointing out that boys and girls agricultural clubs now have more than 500,000 members in the United States, he asks that North Carolina this year increase her enrollment to 10,000. "We need ten thousand, wide-awake boys and girls in North Carolina to enrol in this fine work. Will you be one of 10,000 to volunteer? This opportunity is yours only for a few years so take my advice and get in the game now. Just think what has been done by other boys and girls in club work. There is Jerry Moore of South Carolina and Walker Lee Dunson, of Alabama, who at fourteen years of age made for themselves a place in history and won a national reputation, by growing more corn on an acre of land than had ever been known before in the history of the world. Then too, there are thousands of boys and girls who have engaged in club work who can say that club work has won for them many things which they could not have won by staying out."

Mr. Mask is sending out letters to local club leaders outlining plans for 1922 and suggests that clubs may be organized with five or more members. Information can be obtained from school teachers, county agents or by writing to State Club agent Raleigh N. C.

MORE WAR MATERIAL READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STATES

Five million board feet of lumber and \$220,000 worth of other surplus war material, consisting of steam and gas engines and machine-shop equipment all unused, recently was made available to State highway departments for road construction. The material is to be distributed by the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, as were large quantities which were helpful to many states in road building last season. Most of the lumber was intended by the Army for the construction of a pier at Charleston, S. C., and is suitable for highway bridges. The machinery and equipment are stored as ordnance supplies at the Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, Del. This material is particularly in demand and an allotment has been requested by each of the 48 states.

WHY NOT SAVE THE MIDDLE MAN'S PROFITS

Why pay more when you can have it done cheaper. See me before letting your plumbing contract. GEO. T. KEENE, Practical Plumber, Phone 185 or 167, Opposite City Hall.

The Office Cat

By Junius

ATTA BOY A barber who hailed from Perdus would continually urge a shampoo; He talked so of dandruff That the townfolk got damnuff And made that poor barber skidoo.

The man who lays down on the job picks a mighty poor couch.

A good many women have said "Oh, this is so sudden," when what they thought was "Well, it's about time."

Health hint: Never laugh at your wife when she cries.

Creditors have better memories than debtors, says St. Slocum.

Joe the Plodder says the world looks to a fellow about like he feels.

Editor—one whose business it is to separate the wheat from the chaff and then print the chaff.

It's a wise cow who knows her own milk after it's delivered to the city, gurgles Amos Taah.

SCIENCE NOTE California grows more lemons than any other state except this state of matrimony.

It is funny how the people who are so crazy to get all the gold they can will invariably pass by the golden rule.

POEME

Dare to do right Dare to be true And crooked stock salesman Will be after you.

Little girls like to play with dolls, and so do some of their fathers.

There are two things Los Angeles refuses to admit—Earthquakes and Fatty Arbuckle.

This old world would get along better if dumb folks wouldn't do so much talking.

LIZZIE

Lizzie, Lizzie, fuel eater Was a Ford, you couldn't beat 'er Up hill she wouldn't run so well But down hill she ran like— Blazes.

When a town boasts these days that its jails are empty, it is merely handing a left handed compliment to its police force.

"You would stand by your grocer," argued the Business Booster. "I always do when he is weighing my purchases," replied Mrs. Housekeeper.

When you feel all shaken up, it is probably flivver complaint.

HONORS ARE EVEN

A woman doesn't make much headway driving a nail, but did you ever see a man try to wrap a bundle of laundry!

Some women are particular to sterilize the broom handle, but leave the hairbrush looking like a horse-hide or saddle-blanket.

While there is life there is hope for everybody except the undertaker.

Marriage with no bank account is like buying a high priced car on payments. The darn thing'll likely be busted up before the obligations are all canceled.

WHAT IS A FLAPPER?

A nifty little stride, Eyes that open wide, A cute "baby stare" Lotta bobbed hair, —That's her!

True love twixt man and dwife is like a real diamond an' durn near as rare, opines Dynamite Dan.

A doctor often tells his patients to go to a warmer climate—when they are slow in paying their bills.

There is no disagreement in the family about one thing, and that is the desirability of owning an automobile, says a local married man.

SHE KNEW A HOG

A woman was waiting to buy a ticket for a concert when a man bumped into her. She glared at him, feeling it was done intentionally. "Well," he growled, "you needn't eat me up." "You are perfectly safe," said she, "I am a Jewess."

THE NEWS AROUND THE CAPITAL CITY

Shaking 'Em Up

Raleigh N. C., March 27.—Governor Morrison having appointed a very "composite committee to suggest to the next legislature ways and means for improving the present "system" of county government in North Carolina—with Joseph Daniels, Henriot Clarkon, Armistead Jones; Tom Warren and "sich-like" all on it—he is now said to be "considering" the consolidation of the three great state educational institutions, namely, the University of North Carolina; the A. & E. State College at Raleigh, and the State College for Women at Greensboro. It is thought by some that the representatives from each institution consulted about the matter would have some trouble in getting very close together.

John E. Woodard, dean of the Wilson bar, has shied his hat in the arena as a candidate for judge of the second judicial district. Judge Geo. W. Connor now riding the circuit, is also a candidate, and it is said that T. T. Thorn, of Rocky Mount will be in the race also.

F. H. Fries, on Winston-Salem has been appointed new national councillor for the North Carolina Bankers Association to represent it in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

The February term of the United States District Court which convened here on February 6th, adjourned with the docket of the court less congested than it has been in years. "I do not recall ever transacting such a large volume of business in the same length of time during all of my service on the bench," stated Judge Connor, after adjournment of court.

Tobacco Growers to Buy Warehouses Organized tobacco growers intend to keep faith with all warehouse interests and will offer owners of warehouse property an opportunity to sell or lease their holdings to the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, according to announcement from the Raleigh headquarters of the association here.

The association has already been assured the use of a large number of properties at a majority of important marketing centers in the Carolinas and Virginia, and has secured assurance of ample financing to carry out its program of constructing receiving points wherever necessary.

Sixty-five thousand Carolina and Virginia growers who cooperate together to market their tobacco are inviting the cooperation of the warehousemen of the three states through this offer of their leaders which affords an equal chance to all who attend these meetings. This announcement was made by T. C. Watkins, Jr., director of warehouses, who, with the committees on warehouses composed of directors from three states will attend all meetings.

Meet With Warehousemen Warehousemen and owners of warehouses in North Carolina will be notified of the opportunity to confer with officials of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association regarding final terms for the leasing or sale of their warehouse facilities, as agreed upon by directors of the association.

These meetings of North Carolina warehousemen with directors of the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association will take place in Greensboro, in the rooms of the chamber of commerce, at 11 a. m. Thursday, April 6 and in the Raleigh chamber of commerce the next day at the same hour. Letters mailed to over four hundred warehousemen in the three states and signed by T. C. Watkins, Jr., director of warehouses; J. Y. Joyner, chairman of the warehouse committee; N. H. Williams and T. B. Young, of Virginia and South Carolina, respectively, state that the association expects to offer an acceptable proposition to warehousemen, covering their physical properties. The association will need the services of a number of experienced and efficient warehousemen upon acceptable terms according to this letter.

Present Contract

At these conferences in the Carolinas and Virginia, the association will present to the warehousemen a contract generally offering to lease or purchase all warehouses at their actual market value, as determined by agreement or arbitration, payable along the lines indicated in the association's standard agreement which citation's standard agreement which 65,000 tobacco growers and many warehousemen have signed.

Will Hays is going to inspect the

Hollywood movies. Bet his wife goes along.