

## Judge Daniels Makes Good Record in Conducting Court

Big Docket Was Disposed of in Good Time. Many Convictions Were Secured

The following cases were disposed of at the December term of the superior court:

State vs Joe Hardison and Will Modlin. Plead not guilty. Verdict of the jury was that Modlin was not guilty and that Hardison was guilty of a simple assault. Hardison was fined \$10 and the costs.

State vs Robert O'Mary. Assault with a deadly weapon. Plead guilty, and was fined \$50 and the costs of the action.

State vs Julius T. Wallace. Charged with temporary larceny of an automobile. Plead guilty of forcible trespass and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

State vs Rufus Barnes. Plead guilty of attempted forgery. Prayed for judgment continued upon the payment of the costs, capias to issue a any time in two years.

State vs Biscoe Biggs and G. R. Silverthorn and Durand Mobley. Plead guilty of an affray. Judgment suspended to Silverthorn and judgment suspended as to Biggs and Mobley upon the payment of one half of the costs each.

State vs Jesse Little. Plead guilty of Manslaughter. Sentenced to work on the roads of Edgecombe county for the term of six months.

State vs Tom Horner. Plead not guilty. Verdict of the jury that defendant was guilty and sentenced to work on roads of Edgecombe county for the term of four months.

State vs Joe Godard. Found guilty of selling liquor and pleaded guilty of assault upon a female. Sentenced to work roads of Edgecombe county for the term of one year.

State vs Norman Jones. Found guilty of selling liquor. Sentenced to work the roads of Edgecombe county for the term of eight months.

State vs Ephraim Williams and John Williams. Indicted for false pretense. Verdict of the jury that defendants were not guilty.

State vs Sam Gaynor. Plead guilty of selling liquor. Sentenced to work on the roads of Edgecombe county for the term of 7 months.

## Farmers Are Getting Christmas Money

Christmas Checks On Cotton Being Mailed Out Today To Farmers Of The State

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The first batch of "Christmas checks" from the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association are due to go out Saturday. These checks will represent a second advance of \$25 on each bale of cotton delivered to the association up to December 1st.

The last two weeks have been the busiest that the headquarters of the Ter Heel cotton cooperative has had in addition to having to prepare for sending out thousands of checks to growers, the association has been receiving cotton right along at the rate of nearly a thousand bales a day. There has been a considerable let up in deliveries since the close of November, it is stated, but receipts are still heavy.

The association headquarters report receipts to date of more than 125,000 bales on which advances totaling more than six million dollars have already been made and on which more than three million dollars will be advanced within the next few days.

The physical task of handling thousands of accounts with members will prevent all checks going out on December 15th, but they will begin moving then and the various batches will follow each other in quick succession.

It is safe to say that there will be no Christmas presents this year that will be more gladly welcomed than these advance checks.

## FINE CAR LOAD OF MULES RECEIVED LAST NIGHT

BY L. T. FOWDEN

What looked like one of the finest car loads of mules ever brought to Martin county was received by L. T. Fowden on last night's late freight train.

This makes the second shipment of mules received by Mr. Fowden in the past week. He sent four handsome ones of the last load down to purchasers at Roper and Mackeys.

O. H. Osterman, attorney for U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty company, of Washington, D. C. has been in town this week attending to business for the company.

## MRS. A. ANDERSON ENTERTAINS FRIENDS

Mrs. Arthur Anderson was hostess on Tuesday evening to a few friends in honor of her house guests, Mrs. J. A. Cheatham and Mrs. Baskerville.

After a delightful hour spent in playing bridge, Mrs. Anderson served an ice course.

Those playing were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cheatham, Mr. and Mrs. Baskerville, Mrs. Jno. A. Manning, W. J. Hedges and Mrs. B. W. Hardy.

## NON-CO-OPS ARE HIT HARD BY MR. J. L. HOLLIDAY

COOPERATION AND PROGRESS ARE LINKED TOGETHER AND MAKES SUCCESS

Cooperative selling in eastern North Carolina is not the success that it should be, according to the statement of those who are better informed in all lines of cooperative selling in the United States. As for our county, it has fallen short even of the stride of our neighboring counties. One of the reasons for this is that the business men who are not farming have discouraged cooperation and thereby caused members of the association to disregard their obligations, thinking that their advisors were right. It would like to say right here that there is not a big business in the United States that does not owe all its success to cooperation. As to cooperation among farmers, who can afford to go into any business without cooperation?

Fruit, berries, potatoes, hogs, or any like business without farmers cooperating with farmers and the whole cooperating with railroads in order to get car lots of farm produce or through shipments in refrigerators or others, as the case may be it is just as impossible to sell your produce at a profit as it has been for those Elizabeth City fish dealers who have striven for success for the last hundred years with all the fine fish of the sounds and rivers of eastern Carolina at their disposal. Today, the fish men of North Carolina are cooperating with each other, and the whole association cooperating with the railroads and a plan is perfected whereby fish are being packed in refrigerators at Elizabeth City and routed through without a stop at Philadelphia, New York or any of the east central markets with layovers and are received at their destination in perfect order.

Think of a hundred years taken to perfect a single plan and think how easy it is to accomplish anything with team work. There is also another in team where we find cooperative selling in play in the fruit business. No, it is not California that we are referring to but our own Duplin county and around Mt. Olive. They are cooperating in growing strawberries and shipping them in refrigerated cars and by cooperation they are realizing in the neighborhood of one thousand dollars an acre for their berries. The potato growers association at Aurora, in Beaufort county are working cooperatively and are realizing from one dollar to a dollar and a half more for their potatoes than other potato growers in the same county.

If others succeed, why can't we? An old school teacher once told me that Yankees fall out and fight, but will never think of breaking up the business which they are cooperating with. Maybe this is a part of the trouble with us southern folks; we make up our minds to kick out and then the next thing, we try to break the institution; let's think these things over seriously and see where we are.

I heard Editor Clarence Poe speak on the subject of cooperative marketing December 5th in Williamston. Editor Poe made a fine pointed talk. One thing he said I am sure all who heard him, that was, that all crops that the farmers were cooperating in the marketing were bringing fairly remunerative prices. I thought too while he talked, that maybe the moon hadn't changed or no big snows had blocked the shipping on the earth since the new snow plows had been installed, and that Wall street had been playing a pretty steady hand, and the side tracks at mills were not overrun since we quit dumping; hence no great changes in the market from day to day.

Men! It is all because of the waking up among southern farmers, and if everlasting stick-to-it-iveness prevails we shall not see these troublesome times with marketing any more.

At this time we have not heard whether there will be Christmas trees at all the Sunday schools in town, but there will be one at the Episcopal Parish house on Thursday evening of next week and one at the Christian church on Friday evening.

## HARDING FAILS TO SHOW NATION WAY OUT OF TROUBLES

Is Right There On Picturing Conditions, But Falls Short On the Remedies

Washington, Dec. 14.—"The president pictures things pretty well regarding the state of affairs in this country, but he offers no remedies as usual," said Senator Simmons this afternoon when asked his view of the address by President Harding to congress.

Entirely different is the view taken after noon when asked his view of ocrats are of the opinion that President Harding is quite a good reciter of things that are evident on all sides, they agree with him that the en by the republicans, but the dem in many matters as the result of republican mismanagement and failure, but they fail to find where the president offers any remedies for the ills which he admits beset the people of the United States.

It was a recitation of problems that President Harding gave congress this afternoon, and it showed that he had had in mind the fact his remarks might have something to do with the balloting in 1924, for he talked on a very large number of the important questions which are affecting the country.

There were many expressions in his address which sounded extremely pleasing to the ear, but which, when carefully examined, are but a happy arrangement of words without showing the way out of the distressing conditions, which are reported. Certainly the picture he drew of the condition of the country and its affairs was a gloomy one, but at no time did he have anything to say which would lead to show that the republican party in power in this country has gone from bad to worse conditions.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MET ON TUESDAY NIGHT AT COUNTY COURT HOUSE

At the second meeting of the local Chamber of Commerce which was held at the court house on Tuesday evening, there were about fifty or sixty members present, and some business of importance was attended to. The constitution and by-laws prepared by the committee appointed, were read and discussed by the members of the Chamber and were adopted after a few corrections. A copy of these will be printed in The Enterprise next week. The constitution provides for committees for every phase of activity that will come under the direction of the Chamber and a committee suggested the chairman of these departments and they were voted upon by the Chamber and duly elected and their names will be published also.

Mr. G. H. Harrison was elected vice president, this office not having been filled at the previous meeting. This was a very encouraging meeting for all those who are interested in Williamston's progress. The Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. P. B. Cone reported one hundred and thirty two members on roll and \$982 in the treasury which speaks for itself of the strength which is being put behind this organization.

## Sandy Ridge Items of Local Interest

Misses Rowland Godard, Katie Mae Cherry and Mrs. J. H. Riddick spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. N. Hopkins.

Mr. Irvin Coltraine was the guest of Miss Gladys Roberson Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Roberson and Miss Rowland Godard went to Williamston on shopping trip Thursday.

Mr. Clyde Williams was the guest of Miss Fannie Roberson Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Cherry spent Saturday with Miss Marie Riddick.

Mr. Irvin Coltraine went to Oak City Tuesday on business.

Miss Katie Mae Cherry spent Saturday night with Miss Fannie Roberson.

Mrs. J. N. Hopkins and Mrs. J. H. Riddick and Miss Louellie Riddick spent Tuesday with Mrs. S. E. Hardison.

Friends of little Miss Helen Coltraine will be glad to learn that she is improving fast.

Mr. W. A. Perry has returned from Rocky Mount to spend the week with his family.

Messrs. W. H. Daniel, J. R. Lanier and J. H. Riddick went to Williamston Tuesday.

Sentimental girl: "Oh, professor, what would that oak tree say if it could talk?"

Professor: "I am an elm tree."—Los Angeles Times.

Rub-My-Tum, An Antiseptic.

## LOCAL NEWS NOTES FROM FARM LIFE SCHOOL

Short Course of Farm Instruction To Be Given Beginning in January. Special Instructors.

The farmers short course or part time classes in agriculture will begin January 5th and will be held on Tuesday and Friday nights of each week for five weeks. The subjects to be taught will be farm crops and fertilizers. In addition to the regular agricultural instructor who has charge of the work, there will be several prominent men in agriculture from other parts of the state to take an active part.

Miss Josephine Davis, one of our teachers, is sick in the hospital suffering with rheumatism and will be unable to return. Her classes regret very much to learn that she will not be able to return.

In the absence of Mr. Lucas, who was to speak to us last Friday evening, Mr. W. C. Manning gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the subject of cooperative marketing.

There is to be an oyster supper and house on Friday night, December 15. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Adelsberger of Virginia gave an instructive talk last Wednesday evening to some of the patrons and students of the school, his subject being lime and its beneficial effects on the soils.

Miss Hedges and Miss Peel spent the week end with Miss Ida Roberson and report a good time.

It would be just as well to pause before turning the U. S. over to Lenin, Trotsky and the other Soviets. Unlike Russia, we would have no crown jewels to hock when the concern went broke.—Judge.

## NEGROES ARE GOING NORTH TO GET WORK

Leaving Atlanta for the North By Carload, Is Reported

Cleveland, Dec. 14.—Another migration of negroes from the south to the industrial cities of the north is believed to be under way. During the last few weeks many negroes from Georgia and Alabama have gone to work in Youngstown and Pittsburgh steel mills, according to advices received here, while hundreds have obtained employment in Cleveland.

According to William R. Connors executive secretary of the negro welfare association, 1,387 negro men from outside the city have registered for employment during the last four months. Some of these, he said, returned to their old homes during the recent depression, but most of them had left the south for the first time.

"They are leaving Atlanta" for the north by the carload," Connors said. Between 500 and 1,000 obtained employment at the Carnegie Steel company at Youngstown and a smaller number at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, advices stated.

Hundreds have gone into the Connelville coal-field since the middle of the summer.

Lured By High Prices. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 14.—Thousands of southern negroes, discouraged by the failure of the cotton crops under boll weevil conditions and attracted by the comparatively high wages in the industrial districts, are leaving the farms in the south for northern cities, according to railroad officials who have confirmed dispatches from Cleveland saying that another negro migration was in progress. Many also are reported going from state farther south to North Carolina, where an extensive road building program is under way.

Most of the negroes of this section are going to Detroit, with many buying tickets for New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, it was said.

Although the exodus is wide spread it is not of the organized variety these officials said. It is more of an individual nature, many of those traveling north being negroes who work in industrial centers during the world war and others being hired men of negroes who have remained in the north and who are now sending money to bring their relatives to new homes.

The movement has been under way since early in the summer, when it became apparent that crops would be short and that conditions in industrial centers were improving, according to S. H. McLean, district passenger agent for the Southern railroad.

The majority, he said, are farm hand discouraged through inability to make money from their cotton crops due to the boll weevil conditions. He said that there was no indication that the northern employers were soliciting labor in this section of the south at least.

## WILLIAMSTON'S CHURCH SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEK

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. A. J. Manning, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m., W. C. Manning, superintendent. The pastor will preach at Maple Grove at 11 a. m. Every body cordially invited to attend.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Church school 9:45 a. m., H. M. Stubbs, superintendent. Dr. A. C. Tebeau of Alexandria, Va., will preach at the Church of the Advent at 11 a. m. He will preach at St. Martin's church at Hamilton that evening.

PRESBYTERIAN. J. T. Wildman, pastor. Services will be held at Parmele both morning and evening.

BAPTIST CHURCH. A. V. Joyner, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a. m., J. C. Andrews, superintendent. If you are not contented with any other school we give you a hearty invitation to come and join one of our well organized classes. Sermon by the pastor 11 a. m. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 6:45 p. m., Miss Sallie Harris in charge. Sermon by the pastor 7:30 p. m. The Junior B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the music at this service. This is young people's night. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Senior B. Y. P. U. Wednesday evening at 8:15. You are cordially invited to attend all these services.

MRS. P. H. BROWN AND MRS. MINNIE BALLANCE HOSTESSES. From eight thirty until twelve on Tuesday evening, Mrs. P. H. Brown and Mrs. Minnie Ballance were joint hostesses to a few friends, at their home on Smithwick street.

Tables were arranged for bridge and that popular game was enjoyed throughout the evening. Mints were served while the guests were playing and then delicious ambrosia and Christmas cake were served afterwards.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford; Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson; Miss Daisy Wynne and Messrs. Bob Heyenrich and Hubert Warren.

## EMBROIDERY CLUB IS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. B. S. COURTNEY

The doors of the attractive home of Mrs. B. S. Courtney were thrown open to the members of the Embroidery club of which Mrs. Courtney is a very popular member.

The whole lower part of the house was decorated and mistletoe and the Christmas spirit prevailed through out the afternoon. The members were very busy making Christmas presents and plans, so the time passed very happily.

A delicious ice course was served by the hostess and each guest was given a pink carnation favor.

Besides the members, Mrs. Courtney had as her guest, Mrs. Jno. F. Thigpen.

## THE IDEA FOR CENTRALIZATION NOW SUGGESTED

THE WILLIAMSTON CITY GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE IMPROVED (By JAVELYN.)

Once upon a time Williamston collected a few hundred dollars each year from its poor but honest citizens, and without favoritism, divided the spoils between the town constable for lighting the street lamps on moonshining nights, one by two teachers at the free school, and repairs to a few of the worst mud holes in New Town.

But today, dear readers, our municipality owns and operates a large half million dollar water and electric plant, a large public high school, up keeps several miles of streets and sidewalks, collects several thousand dollars in taxes from poor citizens and made the "sign of the red light" noticeable on Main street. Then, too we have in our own name, a great big family residence, known to a few as the City Hall, but alas—there's nobody home.

The four winds of Heaven could not have improved in scattering our public offices. The board of aldermen feel like strangers around the City Hall; the mayor only comes forth out of seclusion and grades by official abode when some darky over looks one of the town's ten commandments of public behavior; the high mogul of the electric department for the payment of meter dues find safety and refuge in some cloistered office, far from the clamoring crowd a reward is offered if one can locate the superintendent's lair; the assessor expert dwells mostly in the imagination; the city tax collector always be found, except in his office.

The Chamber of Commerce says it will soon have a flourishing young city. Every day we are getting better and better; but to be at our best why not make some changes in our city government. We have a very beautiful town hall, with great, nicely furnished, luxurious offices, already ready and waiting for our public officials, rent and lights free, and a ton of coal during the winter months, and electric breezes during the mosquito weather. Now, what could be more tempting than such. Evidently, there's "a nigger in the wood pile" somewhere—for to date these offerings have remained unnoticed and unsought.

Why, Oh why, can't we appoint a mayor and let him be strictly His Honor? The mayor, together with other municipal duties, just enough to keep him out of mischief, and allow him a living salary. He could grade, more than pay his salary in the address service, convenience, and savings to the people and the town. Why not keep open house down at the City Hall. Let the mayor also be an imaginary city manager under guidance of the aldermen, and incidentally supervise the clerical of our revenue department, look after the purchasing and, upkeep of the streets, and listen occasionally to the plea of some poor might get something done by seeing the mayor.

Can you imagine how nice it would be, and how you would feel to show your out of town friends what a fine system of city government we have: and how convenient for you who have business, along municipal lines to know just exactly where to go to find the fountain head. If this great improvement you think, would not be too great a shock, then locate the alderman in your part of town and ask him to read this article. This is one of the improvements which will help us "in every way to get better and better each day."

Girl He Won By Mail Elopes at Wedding Hour.—Headline. Another horrible example of the inefficiency of our postal department. Must we always suffer?—Froth.

666 Cures La Grippe

## Government Sues A. C. L. Railroad Hauling Bad Cars

SUIT FOR \$1,100 FILED IN FEDERAL COURT UPON SUGGESTION ATTORNEY GENERAL

The United States has filed suit in federal court at Wilmington against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, for \$1,100, alleging that the railroad violated the safety appliance act in hauling 11 bad order cars over a part of an interstate commerce highway. This action was brought upon suggestion of Attorney General Daugherty, at the request of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The government, through United States District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker, contends that the Coast Line operated these defective freight cars while devices on said cars were in bad condition.

The suit is regarded as an unusual nature in federal court circles, and is one of the natural results of the company's inability to keep its rolling stock up to standard conditions of excellence during the strike, which so far as the A. C. L. is concerned, still remains unsettled.

## Optimism Prevails In The Textile Industry

CAROLINA MILL MEN LOOKING FORWARD TO PERIOD OF "NORMALCY"

Charlotte, Dec. 13.—A distinctly hopeful and optimistic tone prevails in the textile industry of North Carolina and mill men are looking forward to a period of "normalcy" and reasonable profits, according to Hunter Marshall, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the Cotton Manufacturer's association of North Carolina, who was discussing impressions gained at the mid winter convention of the association which was held a few days ago at Pinehurst.

Asked for a resume of the year in the industry of the state, Mr. Marshall declared that the present situation is very different from that which existed at the beginning of the year when the financial and business depression was still being acutely felt. "During the early part of the year," he declared, "the process of liquidation was still going on and market conditions were anything but favorable. It was the exceptional mill during that period which was able to show any profit at all, and many operated more from the necessity of providing employment for their operatives than from any hope of profit. Even then, however, manufacturers were hopeful of better conditions and except in rare instances, wages were maintained, the present level being from 50 to 70 per cent above the pre-war level. Many manufacturers curtailed operations to some extent rather than lower their schedule of wages."

Mrs. B. T. Nobles and sister, Miss Laura Hobbs and her brother, Mr. Albert Hobbs of Clinton arrived this week to join Mr. Nobles who is a member of the force of the Enterprise publishing company. They are making their home with Mrs. Erah Cobb in New Town.

First Bum: "Dis coal strike am gonna make it a hard winter for us." Second Same: "Why so, Sawdust?" First Bum: " 'Cause therell be so no' wood that we'll hafta refuse to cut."—Judge.

SCOUT ACTIVITIES. Williamston Troop No. Two held its regular weekly meeting at the scout hall Thursday, December 14, with Scoutmaster Lilly, presiding.

Scoutmaster Lilly made a short talk on "A Scout's Daily Good Turn," after which we had a short drill. We then adjourned to meet again December 21st.

THE SCRIBE. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Hanes and little son of Washington spent Wednesday here with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White. Mr. Hanes is very pleasantly remembered here as Miss F. H. Hodges who she attended the V. M. S. High school.

The man who said school days were happy was right, but he forgot to mention the nights.—Exchange.

Ad in Manufacturer's Record: "No machinery used. We tan your hides the old fashioned way."—Atlanta Constitution.

To Prevent a Cold, Take 666.