

EDITOR SAUNDERS DESCRIBES TRIAL IN PLYMOUTH

Attacks Methods Used In Conducting Trials

Editor Saunders, of Elizabeth City, in a recent article on the Collins trial in Washington county describes it as "a race winning over law."

The article attacks straight from the shoulder the methods used in conducting trials in the North Carolina courts. He describes H. S. Ward, the leading defense attorney, as being a clan leader. We appreciate his particular phrase, for we had looked and listened a long time to know just what classification to give him. We had thought he was a leader of bulls and asses, as he is either bellowing or braying wherever you see him. But we are entirely willing to adopt Mr. Saunders' phrase, "Pack Leader", because he seems to be able to pack juries and witnesses with considerable skill.

It was openly stated during the Collins trial that there would be no conviction, and at all times the leading citizens of Washington county generally expressed themselves as disgusted with the trial.

Editor Saunders further states that a Congressman in Washington, paid for service as a law maker, comes down to Plymouth to defend Collins, a criminal.

There is, however, a vast difference in a lawyer leaving the halls of Congress and going to his district and defending a just cause or a just man and a man leaving his post of duty and becoming a clan or pack leader, and directing the lawless ways and lawless acts of people who are claimed to defy justice. This practice is given birth to an American class called the "Ku Klux Klan", born because the processes of justice are so often thwarted.

The legal profession stands among the noblest that we have, a peer of the medical and next to the clergy. But it suffers many indignities at its own hands. Some lawyers seemingly take delight in being leaders of liars, rather than lawyers in the nobler

MRS. HARRISON ENTERTAINS EMBROIDERY CLUB

Mrs. L. B. Harrison entertained the Embroidery Club on Tuesday afternoon from four to six. She is having her home remodeled and entertained at the home of Mrs. G. W. Harrison. A very pleasant afternoon was spent before delicious refreshments were served. Mrs. Harrison is always a very pleasant hostess and her meetings of the club are always enjoyed. This one was no exception to the rule.

Gasoline Prices Continue To Change

Gasoline prices are changing more often than the wind, last week it loped up and then down, and then up again. This week it went up again. One significant thing is, everytime you ride you have to pay a little bit more.

It is a bit funny to see the oil people all jumping the prices up and down. It must be that the present "flurry" is for the purpose of raising money for Mr. Sinclair's trip to Europe or to raise money to fight the oil investigation in Washington.

The thing the common people know is everytime they ride a little it costs them a little bit more.

HOG KILLING NEAR BEAR GRASS

Among the hog killings carrying with them an unusual record was that of Mr. John W. Bailey, near Bear Grass. Mr. Bailey killed three hogs totalling 965 pounds, the lightest weighing 233 pounds and the heaviest one 539 pounds.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church school 9:45 a. m. H. M. Stubbs, Supt.
There will be no preaching services as the rector will hold services in Hamilton.

A cordial invitation is extended to you and your friends to attend the Church school at 9:45 a. m.

J. E. WARNER,
Priest-in-charge.

Diego was a name originally given by sailors to Spaniards, Portuguese, and Italians, and is said to be a corruption of the Spanish name, Diego, equivalent to the English name of James or Jack.

FARMERS MEET- ING HELD HERE LAST WEDNESDAY

Plans Of The Interme- diate Credit System Discussed

A meeting of the farmers of Martin county was held at the court house Wednesday which was well attended, farmers from all sections of the county being present.

The purpose of the meeting was to present the plans of the Intermediate credit banking system, and the producers Co-operative Exchange.

The banking plan was discussed by Mr. R. J. Works. This bank was organized by the authority of Congress and operates essentially just as the Federal Land Bank does, except it lends money for crop producing supplies, that is, guano, horses, etc. and only requires plain notes. The country was divided into twelve zones with North Carolina in the Columbia, S. C. banking district. As many banks as desire may organize and work under the Columbia bank and directorate. The Federal Farm Loan Bank requires each borrower to take stock to the amount of 5 per cent of his loan. The Intermediate Bank does not require the borrower to take stock individually, but does require the group or bank of the group of borrowers to take stock. For example, if ten solvent farmers can put up \$1,000 and good notes they can borrow \$10,000 for 6 and 9 months, and case of crop failures can get extensions on one and then two years. However, this plan is not the most feasible, so for convenience the government plan suggests that local banks that have customers needing \$100,000 for the purposes above stated can take 10,000 stock, take the \$100,000 notes of its customers discount same and get \$100,000 which \$100,000 becomes the farmers deposit in the local bank to be used as per application agreement. The O. Keh of the local bank with the statement of the borrower is all that is required by the Columbia bank. This makes a much safer loan for the local bank than the ordinary loan, because in case of loss it only loses 10 per cent of same since that is the extent of its liability. This system will doubtless stabilize agriculture. The old plan of getting all accommodations from one source, the New York money trust, always gave the country a feeling of uncertainty. Credit was too easy in good times and too hard in hard times. The two conditions that cause all panics.

The Producers Exchange is a fertilizer selling organization that sells only for cash to its members fertilizers of guaranteed quality at the prevailing cash prices.

GOES ON TRIAL TODAY 'ON MURDER CHARGE

Kinston, Jan. 23.—Eason M. Swain will go on trial here tomorrow morning on the charge of murdering Rudolph Koonce, young taxi driver, on December 7. Swain has been in jail since the hour of the alleged crime. Koonce was shot dead at his home in the eastern end of the city.

The state will seek to prove that Swain sought Koonce the night of December 6, failed to locate him, sat brooding until an hour past midnight, when he made an effort to secure admission of infidelity from his wife, and finally, about the break-fast hour, drove to Koonce's home, called him out and shot him down. After the defendant's surrender he made an alleged statement to police authorities in which he said both Mrs. Swain and Koonce made confessions of wrong-doing.

It was rumored today that the defense might make an effort to have Swain tried in the second degree. Counsel some time ago expressed confidence that the prisoner would be able to prove his statements.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A. J. Manning, Pastor
Sunday school 9:45 a. m., W. C. Manning, Supt. Morning services 11 a. m., second and fourth Sundays. Evening services 7:30 p. m., Christmas Endeavor 6:45 p. m.

All are cordially invited to attend all these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stone and Miss Sarah Cook visited Washington Wednesday evening to see the basket ball game.

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WASHINGTON NOSES OUT OVER WILLIAMSTON

One Of The Fastest Games Of The Season

Before a crowded house at Washington Wednesday night the greatest and fastest basket ball game that a crowd ever witnessed was played between Williamston and Washington town teams. The Williamston team had around one hundred and fifty followers that cheered and helped the boys on their tip toes, but quickly discovering that it was impossible to win against the referee. But after all our team should never be forgotten for their determination to win. Holding, pushing and shoving, the referee could never see or make fouls any way possible by a Washington player. It was enough to make spectators believe that the referee had never seen a basket ball game. But, however, he could see every foul the Williamston boys made, and a lot they didn't make. They were offering to bet money, not the players, but the spectator that the Washington team was going to cripple our star player and get him out of the game before the first quarter was over, but he was a wolf in the forest after his prey. Mr. Wolfe was after the ball at all times and got it, and was out of danger so quick that it was impossible to find him. The referee's decision, of course, is final in all athletic sports, and our players took his decisions like gentlemen thru the entire game and fought like demons when they were entitled to stop anytime during the game. They were asked by a number of the spectators to stop and forfeit the game to Washington, but they felt like the referee would eventually get ashamed of himself, so they continued playing. They went there determined to win and every spectator there including Washington spectators knew that they did win, and the referee's conscience never hurt him.

The score by quarters. The first quarter was 3 to 0 in favor of Washington. That score didn't stop our team, for they went there to win. Second quarter was 5 to 3 in favor of Williamston. Then they should have quit. Third quarter score 16 to 15 in favor of Washington. Fourth quarter and last one the score was 24 to 23 in favor of Washington according to the referee's decision. Our spectators were in no way disappointed as they knew that the score should have been 25 to 19 in favor of Williamston.

Before a crowded house at Williamston on Tuesday the 22nd, our boys played Scotland Neck and defeated them by a score of 43 to 29, which proved to be a wonderful game, and there has never been a dispute regarding our referee, as he has always been advised to give the visiting team the benefit of the doubt. Our team up until now hasn't been defeated this season, and it is deserving everyone's support in the surrounding community. If you have never seen them play, see the next game. Basket ball is the greatest athletic sport that we have in our country, refine and entertaining to ladies, gentlemen and children. Let all attend the games and give the boys the support they deserve.

THE GYPSY GIRLS QUINTET AT RED CROSS THEATRE AT WINDSOR SATURDAY NIGHT

The fourth number of the National Lyceum Course, which Windsor is so fortunate to have, this winter, will be given in the Red Cross Theatre, tomorrow night, January 26th. This is to be "The Gypsy Girls Quintet", composed of five charming art stars, each one a soloist. They will play five instruments, the program consisting of American composers, enhanced by splendid vocal solos duets and choruses as well as instrumental selections, a beautifully balanced ensemble. Part two consists of Gypsy songs, stories and the appealing gypsy melodies of all nations. The Gypsy Girls Quintet is an experienced organization with a program full of keen enjoyment. Their past record has shown qualified success.

The sacred cantata, "The King Cometh", repeated by special request by the Windsor Choral Society, a few days ago, was thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by a large audience in the Baptist church. The Choral Society stands for only the best in music, and after seven years of success, is more flourishing and enthusiastic than ever.

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Sunday will be the last day of his work here for some time.

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INQUIRIES RE- CEIVED FROM MANY PLACES

A Great Movement For Eastern North Carolina

The Secretary of the Eastern Carolina chamber of Commerce announces that although only one week has passed since the full page advertisement appeared in the Manufacturers Record which marked the beginning of the nation-wide advertising campaign that the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is fostering, dozens of inquiries have been received by the headquarters of this organization in Kinston. The requests for literature have come from Colorado, Texas, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky and North Carolina. "Every mail brings some request for literature about this section of the State", Mr. Bartlett stated.

According to the Secretary, the big publication is not out yet, but it being printed now and will be ready for distribution within a few weeks. It will contain statistical information about only those counties that had membership in the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. It isn't too late to get in on this if there are other counties that want to become members.

The cover page will, as far as possible, portray the advantages of Eastern North Carolina. It will be printed in four colors and the drawing was made by one of the biggest engraving concerns in the South. It will be so attractive that the person who happens to get one will look twice at it.

"We are just beginning a movement that is going to mean a great deal to Eastern North Carolina", president Royall said the other day when he read the plans of the campaign.

MRS. CLAYTON MOORE HOSTESS CENTURY CLUB

Paper On North Carolina History READ

Mrs. Clayton Moore was hostess to the Twentieth Century Club on Wednesday afternoon from three thirty to five thirty, entertaining at her lovely home on Church street. Pretty bowls of narcissi and jonquils with shaded lights made an attractive background for the assemblage.

There was a short program, a paper prepared and read by Mrs. Wheeler Martin Jr. on North Carolina history, and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes gave a reading and Mrs. W. K. Parker prepared Current Events which were read by Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr.

After the program a short time was spent in conversation before Mrs. Moore served a delicious salad course with coffee and after-dinner mints.

Those invited besides the member were, Mrs. J. L. Williams, Mrs. P. E. Cone, Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen, Mrs. Leslie Fowden, Mrs. Maurice Moore, Mrs. Oscar Anderson and Mrs. E. S. Peel.

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WILLIAMSTON DIVIDES DOU- BLE HEADER

Higs Lose To Vanceboro While Town Quint Wins

The Williamston High School basketball team suffered defeat Tuesday night on the local court in the Dixie Warehouse administered by the boys of the Vanceboro Farm Life School, to the tune of 24 to 11.

Joyner for the visitors started the fancy work and his teammates followed in his footsteps, for the score began to rise. The Vanceboro team put up a good game and was never in danger of being defeated. Joyner for the visitors led both teams in scoring with 13 points. Carstarphen and Ward played the best game for the home team.

The Williamston town quint added one more victory Tuesday night when they defeated Scotland Neck 43 to 30. The visitors put up a good fight and their passwork was quite effective. Moore and Bennett played the best game for Scotland Neck. Wolfe led both teams in the number of points scored.

The line up and summary follows:
Scotland Neck (20) Williamston (43)
Moore R. F. Hassell
Bennett R. F. Orleans
White L. F. Wolfe
Holliday, D. V. C. Taylor
Holliday, D. H. R. G. Margolis
L. G. L. G.

Allshots for Holliday, D. H. Scotland Neck scoring, field goals: Moore 5, Allshots 1, Bennett 6, Holliday D. V. 2; Foul goals: Moore 1, Williams 1, Wolfe 15, Margolis 2, Foul goals: Hassell 1, Wolfe 3, Margolis 1.
Time of periods 10 minutes.
Scorer, Harrell Eimer, Edwards; Referee, Stubbs.

FERTILIZER PEOPLE IN AIR AS TO PRICE TO BE CHARGED

\$22.50 Is Price To The Dealer; \$23.50 To The Farmer

The fertilizer people seem to be in a general upheaval as to prices. In their recent announcement of a cut in price they suffered themselves to be misunderstood. They gave a price of \$22.50 which meant to dealers and the dealers mistook it as the price to farmers and sold accordingly. So now the general price so far as we know, is \$22.50 to dealers and \$23.50 to farmers.

Some are still selling at \$22.50 to farmers and some even lower than that, but the standard price seems to stand now at \$23.50 to the farmer.

MRS. EDGAR COLLINS DIES AT JAMESVILLE

Mrs. Edgar Collins died at Jamesville at the home of her sister, Mrs. Alexander Corey at Jamesville Wednesday.

Mrs. Collins was visiting her sister and was taken with pneumonia Sunday and died Wednesday. Besides her husband she leaves an infant child 3 days old. She was buried Thursday at the Primitive Baptist cemetery in Jamesville. The funeral was by Revs. Messrs. Lowe, of the M. E. church and Sawyer of the Baptist church.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE
METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., J. E. Pope, superintendent. Let every teacher make a special effort to be on time.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m., and at 7:30 p. m.

Let every Methodist in Williamston make a real effort to attend his church next Sunday.

E. D. Dodd, Pastor.

Mrs. L. B. Wynne, Mrs. Sam Barrhill and Mrs. Ed James are visiting in Lakeland, Fla. for some time.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. H. Knight arrived home Tuesday night from a trip to the Southland.

DIPPING OF CATTLE TO START EARLY PART OF MARCH

But One Passed By No Longer A County The State

The law requires all cattle in Martin county to be dipped during the 1924 season, which begins in March. This is much trouble and has worried our citizens very much in the past, but it is now a law of our state, made by legislators from those counties which had already passed through the same process. Now we have only one course, that is to carry out the law and work ourselves from under the quarantine law, so that we may transport cattle to all markets.

We hope to soon forget the troubles and to receive the benefits for ages to come.

MR. MARSHALL WILSON CHAM- PION HOG RAISER

Mr. Marshall D. Wilson is champion hog raiser for this season, as far as we know. He killed a polan china Monday that weighed net 795 pounds.

The pig was given Mr. Wilson by Dr. James S. Rhodes in the fall of 1922. The first of April last Mr. Wilson penned the hog and Mr. P. R. Rives put him on a ration test for five months, feeding him four ears of corn only each day. Mr. Rives admits the ears were picked, but says the improvement was very slight and on September 1st he began a full ration of corn and says that very little was fed him except corn. This proves the old point that corn is good for hogs and hogs.

Mr. Wilson thinks the hog was not over 2 1/2 years old and was an open range field and woods raised hog until April first when the test was commenced.

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN ATHLETICS HERE

The athletic spirit seems to be better in Williamston, than for many years. Professor Wolfe, principal of the Graded School, has gotten together two basket ball teams in the school, one of girls and one of boys. He has also assisted the town in developing a cracking good team.

The school teams are, of course too young to expect star players of, but they seem to be developing along the line of good players.

Nothing adds more to the life of a school than good, honest hard play, and every child should be required to play a reasonable amount of his or her time.

HERTFORD GIRLS DEFEAT WILLIAMSTON 16-9

The Hertford High School girls defeated the Williamston High School court here at the Dixie warehouse court before a large crowd Thursday night. Both teams seemed to be off in passing and goal shooting. For the visitors Elliott and Jenkins played the best game. Manning, Harrison and Harris played a good game for Williamston. There were a great many fouls called on both sides, several of the players being disqualified.

The line lineup and summary follows:
Hertford (16) Williamston (9)
Elliott F Manning
Lowe F Harrison
Jenkins F Page
Chappell F Harris
Dozier G Orleans
Knowles G Wynne
Langston Jones Joyner
Substitutions, Williamston, Joyner for Harris, Andrews for Page, Hertford, Langston for Knowles, Jones for Dozier.

Hertford scoring field goals, Elliott 2, Lowe 1, Jenkins 3, Foul goals Elliott 4 out of 10.

Williamston scoring, field goals Manning 2, Harrison 1, foul goals Manning 2 out of 6, Harrison 1 out of 6.

Time of periods 8 minutes. Referee Wolfe.

WANTED: REGULAR AND TRANS-
IENT BOARDERS, 302 N. Houghton st.
Williamston, N. C. Phone No. 48
Mrs. J. C. Crawford.

Mr. Louis Griffin is spending some time with Mr. J. L. Coltrain and family.

Mrs. Jim Askew, of Plymouth was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Riddick Wednesday.

Messrs. Leo and James Roberson went to town Wednesday on business.

Miss Gladys Roberson spent Tuesday night in town with Mrs. Robert Brown.

Miss Rowland Godard returned to Rocky Mount last Sunday after spending some time relatives. She was accompanied by Mr. Frank Hopkins.

Miss Nina Jones spent last week with Miss Louella Kiddick.

Miss Eliza Coltrain entertained a large number of friends with a sugar pulling Wednesday night.

Mr. Howard Hopkins was the guest of Miss Lavenia Hopkins Sunday.

Miss Bessie Green was the guest of Miss Fannie Mae Rberson Sunday.

Mr. George Hardison was the guest of Miss Katie Mae Cherry Sunday evening.

Miss Louella Riddick spent Thursday night with Miss Katie Mae Cherry.

Mrs. B. A. Critcher and Mrs. E. Duke Critcher spent Wednesday and Thursday in Rocky Mount.