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MAYORS COURT DOCKET HAS FEW CASES

Three Women Go To Jail To Await Proper Bond

The Mayors Court docket shows but few cases tried recently. Two of which go to the direct credit of liquor and one to running a disorderly house Mamie Brooks, the Mulatto, who has given much previous trouble was entertaining Florine Hopkins and Bessie Chandler, the latter a disreputable negro girl from Hertford.

Their acts in the neighborhood of the Sycamore park were so disgraceful that complaint was made and they were brought before the Mayor Monday morning and each was fined $20.00 and cost. They were all jailed until the fines were paid.

The negress, Bessie Chandler, was required to leave at once for her in Hertford.

The two drinking cases involved Haywood Pate and Pet Bullock. In Pate's case he was fined $1.00 and the costs for being drunk and disorderly. The other Town versus Pete Bullock drunk and disorderly. This case presents the fruits of the habit of drinking so often seen in such cases. Pete is an honorable darkey, clever and of good standing in every way except drinking, which habit sometimes gets the best of him and then he does things a sober man is ashamed of. In this case he was charged with breaking up the furniture around the house. Mayor Hassell let it cost him $6.25 for breaking his own furniture while drunk.

LOCAL NEWS OF BEAVER DAM

Mrs. Sanford Roberson and Mrs. Luther Nicholson went to Williamston Saturday shopping.

Miss Virgil Cullipher spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. J. H. Rogers.

Messrs. M. G. Peel and Roscoe Peel motored to Williamston Saturday.

Messrs. Lester Rogers and John Cullipher were the guests of Miss Bessie Malone Sunday night.

Mrs. M. G. Peel spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. W. T. Cullipher.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Raynor and Mr. Milton Perry spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry.

Messrs. Carl Oakley and Roscoe Peel motored to Bethel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Ira Pead went to Everetts Wednesday to atend to business.

Mr. Milton Perry motored to Williamston Thursday.

Mrs. Sylvester Raynor spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Rogers.

Mr. W. F. Allen went to Williamston Friday on business.

Messrs. John Cullipher, Milton Perry, Billie Cullipher and Alton Allen motore dto Williamston Friday night.

Mr. Eli Ray motored to Williamston Thursday.

Mrs. W. A. Barroughs spent Saturday afternoon with her sister Mrs. Sylvester Raynor.

Messrs. William Cullipher and Mayo Hardison went to Williamston Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Ray motored to Williamston Saturday shopping.

Mr. Minga Rogers of Bear Grass spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers.

Messrs. A. L. Raynor, Milton Perry and H. A. Cullipher motored to Williamston Saturday afternoon.

BEAR GRASS LOCAL NEWS

Miss Mary Bulley spent the week end with Miss Vida Rogerson

The Bear Grass basket ball team played Griffin's school team Friday afterroon and was defeated 23 to 5.

Mr. and Mr. Clue Rogerson spent the weekend with Mrs. Pennie Rogerson.

Mr. A. B. Ayers and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Calvin Ayers.

Mrs. Henry Rogerson is very ill. We hope she will soon recover from her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bailey were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bailey Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ada Taylor spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Taylor.

Mr. Walter Bailey and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Whitehurst.

Mr. Herman Bowen visited friends in Everetts and Robersonville Sunday.

FOUND: ONE BLACK MALE HOG, both ears cropped. Have same in pasture, weight about one hundred pounds. K. G. Strawbridge, R. No. 2, Williamston, N. C. 2-15p

THIRTEEN COUNTIES TO FEATURE LOCAL EVENTS AT KINSTON

Prologue Smows Spirit of East Attracted by Natural Beauties

The pageant "Eastern Carolina in Action" which will be presented on the night of April 11th during the Eastern Carolina Exposition, will have a historical background in which each of the thirteen counties that are members of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce will be featured individually in an historical episode showing an outstanding historical event of the county.

The World War will be represented by members from the American Legion, the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Boy Scouts and Salvation Army from each county.

The second part of the pageant will show Eastern Carolina, her present and future, typified in her great agricultural and indutsrial achievements, her civic, religious and educational advancement, represented by all the counties.

The pageant will open with a prologue which shows the spirit of Eastern Carolina attraced by the natural beauties of the place, typified in the butter flies, flowers woods and streams

Following the prologue will come the Indian episode. The first by Bertie County, representing the treaty between Gov. Eden and the Tuscarora Indians. This will show the sigining of the treaty, the burying of the hatchet of warfare, and the peace pipe ceremonial. The second episode in the Indian period will be represented by Green County This will shew an Indian village, the Indians engaged in different industries ad some of the Indian dances. The arrival of an Indian scout announcing the capture of some pale faces causes great excitemet. The paleface captives, John Lawson, a surveyer, Degriffenreid, a Swiss nobleman, and a negro were brought in and tried by the Indian Chiefs. All are condemned to death, but Degraffenreid's life is spared, because he claims to be the King of the Swiss.

The Earlier Settler or Pioneer Period will be represented by Duplin County. This will show the finding of some nuggets of gold by Barbara Gaston in Dupin County, and the excitement created among the townspeople. The further search does not reveal more gold, but a wonderful spring of clear pure water. The location of this spring was the cause of the removal of the present site of the court house at Keenansville to this spot. Barbara Gaston on this occasion meets her future husband, John Beverette, a sea captain. This episode will show the costumes of the Earlier Settlers.

In he Colonial Period the first episode will be represented by Pitt County, showing the States Rights Convention and the Declaration of State's Rights. Prominent men of Pitt County at that time will be impersonated by present residents of Pitt County and the women and children will also be shown in an interesting picture. The second episode will be represented by Wayne County. This will be shown in two scenes. The first will show the departure of Capt. Slocumb from Wayne County to join Col Caswell in an attack on the British and Tories at Moore's Creek. The second will show Mary Slocumb's arrival at the Battle of Moore's Creek after a ride of seventy-five miles through the country to aid her husband, having dreamed that he was seriously injured

The third episode in the Colonial Period will show the Battle of Moore's Creek by Pender County. This will also show the women of the Community making soap to use on the logs of the bridge to keep the British and Tories from crossing.

The fourth episode in the Colonial Period will be represented by Halifax County, and will show the first Provincial Congres framing the State Constitution.

Lenoir County will be shown in a colonial ball during the administration of Richard Caswell, the first Governor of North Carolina and an outstanding state and national figure at that time. A feature of this episode will be the dance of the stately minuet

Edgecombe County will feature the banquet that was given to George Washington when he visited Tarboro on his trip through the South in 1791. The descendant of the toastmaster on that occasion will act as toastmaster at the banquet. Represented in this episode and the guest at the banquet will also be represented by an episode by Johnson County and also by an episode by Nash County showing the social life at that time and the dances the schottische, the heel-and-toe polka and the Virginia Reel.

Samson County will be shown in a panorama of their progress beining wirs the first Judge and Court in the County and coming through to the time of their agricultural development

BANKERS VERY MUCH PLEASED

The following letter was received by he Secretary of the Williamston Chamber of Commerce Tuesday:

Greenville, N. C.
February 26, 1924.

Williamston Chamber of Commerce,
Williamston, N. C.

Gentlemen:

I take this method to express to you in behalf of Bankers of Group One, our sincere appreciation for the invitation to the dance Friday night which was enjoyed very much by those who were able to attend.

You people of Williamston certainly treated us royally and we shall look forward with pleasure to hold another meeting in Williamston sometime in the future.

Yours very truly,
W. H. WOOLARD,
Ex Chairman Group One, N. C. Bankers Association.

PROPERTY TAX RATES

We hear a great deal about the excessive burden of the property tax payer in North Carolina, and all sorts of proposals are being offered to lighten his ax load. We hope the property tax payers will get much sonsolation out of this study which shows conclusively that the property owner in North Carolina is assessed at a lower average rate than in any other state in the United States.

In 1922 the assessed value of all property listed for taxation in North Carolina amounted to $2,521,115,000 The total property tax collected for all purposes by the state and all the subdivisions of the state—the one hundred counties, the 470 odd cities and towns, and the innumerable local districts of various sorts—amounted to $57,017,000. The total tax levy per one hundred dollars of assessed value averaged $1.47 and the average rate was the lowest in the United States.

In Florida each one hundred dollars' worth of property on the tax books paid an average tax for all purposes of $7.64. Florida had the highest rate in the United States, due largely to her great number of drainage districts and other development enterprises.—University News Letter.

AGRICULTURAL CORPORATION MAKING MANY LOANS

The North Carolina Agricultural Credit Corporation is now making a large number of loans in Martin County.

Those received to date came through the Farm Bank and Trust Company of Robersonville and the Martin County Savings and Trust Company of Williamston.

TO MY FRIENDS IN AND AROUND WILLIAMSTON:

It is with peculiar regret that I have to announce that I am unable to deliver meats in town, from my market, as your town laws say that all meats shall be delivered from one central market, and I am unable to get a market stall there.

Heretofore I have been permitted to sell at my market house on the Washington road because, until last year it was not in town and a reasonable time has been allowed me to close up my affairs.

From present indictions I fear I shall have to leave the town, and will give my patrons due notice before doing so. For the present I will sell for cash at my market, best steak 20c, Roast 15 and 18c. Stew beef 10 to 12 1-2c, Porkchops 20c, hams 25c, Sausage 15 and 20c, and Country Sausage 25c per pound.

I feel that my prices and quality will justify neighbors in forming shopping clubs.

Very truly yours,
O. T. NEWTON.

From the above summary of the Pageant, it will readily be seen that it is going to be the "Biggest Event of its kind" in the South. There will be about 1,000 to take part in this big in-door show on April 11 during the week of the Exposition in Kinston. Miss Olive B. Jackson, the Director of this Pageant, says that nothing of this kind has been staged in this country, where the talent has been taken from such a wide area. It will be simply another case of where "Eastern Carolina leads." Truly it will be said "That all roads will lead to Kinston", during the week of April 7. Kinston will welcome her visitors with open arms and a warm heart. In fact the eyes of several states will be directed towards Eastern Carolina during this auspicious week. Secretary-Manager N. G. Bartlett says that there will be nothing left undone to make the second Annual Show what the people are expecting and even more. Eastern North Carolina will truly be seen "in action."

WILLIAMSTON ENTERTAINED BANKERS

W. H. Woolard Presided Over The Two Sessions

100 BANKERS HERE

New Officers Were Elected For The Group One

Williamston entertained the Bankers of Eastern Carolina February 22.

More than one hundred bankers were in attendance from every section of the north eastern section of the state and several were from Nrofolk, Suffolk, Raleigh and New York at the Annual Meeting of Group One of the N. C. Bankers Association held here last Friday.

Mr. W. H. Woolard of Greenville, President of the Group presided with much ease and poise. Mr. Woolard is a Martin county man and one of the leading barkers of this section.

The proceedings of the business sessions from the opening prayer to the last sound of the gong was worthy of the occasion.

Mr. John L. Hassell's welcome address seemed to set the home fires of good fellowship burning in every visitor present. While all the addresses were full of good things, that of Mr. Gilbert T. Stevenson was perhaps the most highly applauded because it went further than usual regarded as the field of banking. He described the modern trust company as being an institution that affects the home in the midst of its grief, sorrow and needs. The proper administration of estates of those who have had no experience in handling business affairs. Mr. Stevenson gave many instances which trust companies have held the property of estates together until markets justified settlements that caused large savings to the legatees, others in which trust officers have supplied business methods that have caused many orphans to procure education that would not had they been thrown in the hands of an incompetent guradian.

Mr. Paul P. Brown, Secretary of the State Bankers Association in his address on "A Man and his Soup" brought out a great lesson in life and showed what may be achieved when every man contributes a bit to the march of progress. He especially applied it to the banker. A bank with only a name, a building and money means very little to a community. The real service of a bank embraces many things. It is helped by helping and serves as a medium of both individual and community help.

Mr. J. C. Taylor, the Royster Boll Weevil man, made a good talk and almost said that the boll weevil would affect the bank as much as the farmer, for the first half of the crop never goes to the bank and if the last half is taken by the insect then the banks will get none.

Mr. H. L. Smith, Secretary of the Pitt County Association, made a short talk filled with good things.

The various committee reports were made and then the Association elected the following officers: C. H. Wood of the Citizens Bank of Edenton, President; Jesse B. Ross of the Bank of Washington, Vice-President; J. H. Waddrop of the Greenville Banking and Trust Company, Secretary-Treasurer; for the executive committee the following were elected: G. W. Prescott of the National Bank of Ayden, V. D. Strickland of the Farmers Atlantic Bank of Aboskie, J. E. Pope of the Martin County Savings and Trust Company of Williamston; D. Rittle of the Carolina Banking and Trust Company of Elizabeth City and M. B. Gilliam of the Citizens Bank of Windsor.

At the close of the session the local bankers and the Chamber of Commerce took the visitors over our good road and the big bridge.

Promptly at 7:30 the visitors met at the Masonic Hall where the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church had prepared an elegant supper, given by the Williamston bankers. The banquet was attended by about 150 bankers and their wives. The menu consisted of every thing good to eat.

Hon Clayton Moore was master of ceremonies and presented a number of speakers who made short talks, among them the retiring president, Mr. W. H. Woolard, and the new president, Mr. C. H. Wood.

The quartett from the Kiwanis Club of Elizabeth City was one of the most popular groups in the whole convention. They are good singers and knew just when to sing and what to sing to inspire all.

Williamston hopes that the bankers will make this their headquarters as it happens to be so near in the center of the District and is perhaps the most accessible point in the District.

The bankers did not close their session until they had passed resolutions of thanks to all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting, Mr. W. H. Woolard saying that the Group had had one of the best meetings it had ever held.

After the supper the bankers and their friends were invited to attend a dance at the Dixie warehouse given in their honor by the Williamston Chamber of Commerce.

SILVER TEA A SUCCESS

Despite the rain and snow during the afternoon there were a great many who attended the silver tea at the home of Miss Anna Pope on Haughton street yesterday afternoon.

It was very attractively carried out with the George Washington idea in the appointments. The guests were met at the door by Hibbel Liverman and Margaret Rogerson dressed as Gen. and Mrs. Washington. Colonial dames served delicious ice cream and home made cakes and candies.

A sum of $25 was realized by the Ladies Aid Society during the afternoon.

FRARMER OF EDGECOMBE GIVES PLAN TO GROW COTTON

Gets Formula Mainly State Department Of Agriculture

In a recent interview with Mr. B. B. Howell of Edgecombe the question was asked, how many bales of cotton did you raise last year." His answer was 900. Of course the next question was in regards to the boll weevil and its activities this year. "Well," he said, "I am going to plant again this year and expect to adopt the following plan Of course I will properly prepare land just as all farmers know it should be prepared, except I will not break the ground very deep. I will use my own formula of fertilizer, which I get mainly fro mthe State Department of Agriculture. For heavy land, a high percentage of acid phosphate, some sulphate of ammonia to insure early growth. On light lands I will lower the amount of acid and increase ammonia and potash. I will put about 300 lbs of this mixture under the cotton. I will plant as soon as the land dries and warms up, but will not plant in mud and will not put seed deep in the earth, just deep enough to be out of sight. The proper amount of seed is from 2 to 2 1-2 bushels per acre; preference, Cleveland big boll variety. When cotton begins coming up, begin plowing with narrow tooth harrows. When it gets a good hold in the ground and bud-leaves grow out, block out with a hoe seven inches or less, leaving 3 or 4 stalks to the hill, do not thin out. This will insure early development and early maturity. The only thing that insures a cotton crop in boll weevil sections."

Mr. Howell says that he credits most of his success to the State and U. S. Departments of Agriculture. That most of his best ideas came from others, but that he has had to apply them himself. He further states that there are a few people in Edgecombe who know all they want to know and refuse to hear others.

OAK CITY QUINTET WINS CLOSE GAME OVER FARM LIFE SCHOOL TEAM

In a game played under unusual circumstances Oak City defeated the Farm Life School team by the score of 10 to 9. The game was played on the Williamston court on a floor which had been prepared for a dance, meal having been spread on the floor making it rather slick for basket ball

Both teams played well under the conditions. It required just nine minutes before either team was able to score. The passing of both teams was good. However, close guarding kept the score down.

The game was one of the closest yet played between the two teams and was exciting all the way through as neither side was able to get far ahead of the other.

BOX PARTY AND SPEAKING AT MIZELLE SCHOOL

The public is cordially invited to attend an entertainment, a box party and a speaking at Mizelle school house February 29.

Be sure and attend. Lawyer Harry Stubbs of Williamston will deliver a talk, after which will follow a program by the school. Immediately after this the boxes will be sold to the highest bidder.

ENTERPRISE INSTALLS MIEHLE PRINTING PRESS

Old Landmark Is Now Awaiting The Junk Man

With this issue The Enterprise comes from a brand new Miehle two roller press made by the Miehle Printing Press Company of Chicago. Heretofore we have made the paper ready not knowing when we would be able to mail, but now the tide has turned and all we have to worry about is getting to press. Our last issue, which was printed on the old land mark remained on the press six hours before we were able to mail the papers. The boys carried the forms to press last Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock and at three the last paper rolled through. During the operation four persons operated it, one at each side and one at both ends. This was necessary as no one knew where the papers would be delivered. After six tuilesome hours running the press was stopped and the force was so disgusted and mad with it that not a one went for lunch, but secured a sledge hammer and went to work. All he parts that offered the least bit of resistance the hammer was used and by knocking and pulling it was out of the way by the next morning. Several fingers were mashed but in spite of this one member of the force remarked that he had never enjoyed anything better. So the old Campbell that has served so faithfully since the Civil War now lies in the rear awaiting the arrival of the junk man.

Something rather strange about the press that we were never able to understand was the scare it threw into everyone who operated it. Why the boys would just run from it just as if it were a bear or lion or something. Not so long ago each member of the force would pass the buck on to the other. One would start and in a very few minutes he would call out to another to take hold while he went up the street for something, and he would leave. While the first one was out the second would call the third and when the last member was called all the other members would be out and taking the greatest pains not to return until the alarm was over with. That system soon wore out as no one would offer assistance.

Just before the new one was completed the greatest argument ever heard was between the members of the force as to who was going to run the Miehle.

We are sorry for the lateness of this issue, but we think it best to be real late once instead of being a little late every issue; so look for us on time in the future. Mr. Pledger the erector from Atlanta says he is going to give us a good start and that we will not have any trouble as far as the press is concerned.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Miss Mary White, of Greenville spent the weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Mollie White.

Mr. J. E. Hughes of Raleigh visited friends here Monday.

Miss Ida Orleans of New York and Buffalo is visiting her uncle, Mr Nathan Orleans and Mrs. Orleans at their home on upper Main street

Mrs. R. S. Critcher and Mrs. R. D. Critcher left Tuesday morning for Lexington where Mrs. R. S. Critcher will visit her son, Mr. Percy Critcher and Mrs. Critcher for a month. Mrs. M. Duke Critcher will return next week.

Mrs. W. C. Manning is visiting her daughter Mrs. S. S. Lawrence and Mr. Lawrence for a week at their home in Richmond.

Mrs. J. G. Staton has returned from a visit to friends in Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

Mrs. F. W. Hoyt and Mr. Frederick Hoyt spent the week end in Norfolk.

Mr. Goodwin Dunning of Aulander was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning during the past week.

Messrs. James E. Griffin of this City and Douglas Carter of Asheville and students at the University of North Carolina spent the weekend here with the family of Mr. Griffin.

Mrs. Fannie Carstarphen left Monday for Rocky Mount where she went to be with Mrs. W. T. Ward who is very ill.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson left yesterday afternoon for Rocky Mount where she will visit her mother, Mrs. Martha Hardison who is still confined to her bed following a stroke of paralysis.

Miss Maree Hodges and Mr. Buffaw of Washington were in town Sunday.

Miss Helen Hodges of Washington is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur White and Mr. White at their home in New Town.

MONTICELLO IS SCENE OF DAY-BREAK WEDDING

Rev. Dodd Weds Couple at 5:30 Sunday Morning

The Monticello Cafe of Williamston was the scene of a very romantic wedding Sunday morning at day break between the hours of 5 and 5 o'clock, when Miss Jennie Sorrie and Mr. Alphus Sutton of Enfield were united in marriage by Rev. E. D. Dodd.

The couple left Enfield Saturday evening at 8 o'clock and arrived here some time during the night. They got the Register of Deeds up and procured the license and went for the preacher, in the meantime the manager of the Monticello Cafe had made place attractive for the event. An improvised alter was in the back and here an arch was used in the color scheme of green, yellow and green.

The bride wore a blue serge dress trimmed in grey and she carried a corsage bouquet of lily of the valley.

There attending the bride and groom were Miss Mary Newsom of Enfield, Mr. Robert Sorrie of Enfield and Mr. Edward Harrell of Rocky Neck.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Sutton motored to Washington, N. C. where they will visit his father, Mrs. Albert Allgood of Washington, N. C.

BANKERS PASS RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were passed by Group One of the Nrth Carolina Bankers Association.

Be it resolved on behalf of Group One, North Carolina Bankers Association,

First: It lends extreme to the citizens and bankers of Williamston our most hearty appreciation for more in this fine city and the official hospitality they have extended to us today, and their thoughtful consideration in providing for our comfort and pleasure.

Resolved,

Second: That we thank the Rev. A. J. Manning for his invocation and on our behalf to ask we be good enough to favor Amen.

Resolved,

Third: That we hereby extend thanks and orden appreciation to Mayor Hassell for his cordial words of welcome extended in his fine and greatly appreciated address.

Resolved,

Fourth: That we greatly appreciate the excellent manner and matter in the mayor's welcome address and by our chosen representative, Mr. Fountain.

Resolved,

Fifth: That we are at a loss to adequately express gratitude of this Group to Mr. Gilbert T. Stevenson for his most interesting, informing and impressive address, "Personal Service in the Trust Business." We were all greatly helped thereby and will take home with us the impression and information embodied in it, and for which purpose a copy of it will be presented to Mr. Stevenson.

Resolved,

Sixth: That we are to congratulate the entire banking force of the State upon their selection of Paul P. Brown as State Secretary, bringing to the office fine enthusiastic service, and thank Mr. Brown for his most helpful and excellent address.

Resolved,

Seventh, That we extend to Mr. J. O. Taylor the appreciation of the Group for his attendance and consent to be placed on our program and for his excellent advice and pleasing address.

Resolved,

Eight: That we extend to the citizens and automobile owners of this city our grateful appreciation for the most enjoyable rides given us.

We desire hereby to express our appreciation for the banquet held this evening which we all enjoyed very much.

J. B. SPARROW,
A. B. STRICKLAND,
J. L. ROLLINS, Committee.

Mrs. H. M. Stubbs and little son, Harry visited her sister, Mrs. Sam Scott in Goldsboro several days of this week.

Miss Mat Perkins of Greenville spent the weekend with Miss Margaret Everett.

Hon Francis D. Winston of Windsor passed through here Monday enroute to Raleigh wheer he went to attend a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Mrs. Val Teel will return Thursday from Norfolk where she has been in the St. Vincent's hospital for the past several weeks.