

COURT PROCEEDINGS OF MARCH SUPERIOR COURT

Little vs. Little Proves To Be Interesting Case

State vs. Ned Williams. Assault on a female. Plead guilty and fined \$50. and costs.

State vs. Ned Williams. Forcible trespass. Prayer for judgment. Continued upon payment of the costs.

State vs. Ernest Dean Edmondson. Plead guilty of larceny of property of less value than \$20. Case unfinished.

State vs. John Respar. Bigamy. Plead guilty. Sentenced to Edgemont county roads for the term of twelve months.

State vs. William Highsmith. False pretense. Plead guilty to forcible trespass. Prayer for judgment continued to June term of court upon payment of costs.

The five above cases completed the criminal docket for this session of court and they were all completed yesterday. This morning the civil docket was begun and the case of W. J. Little vs. Marie Little, divorce was the first one on the docket.

The allegations in the case were that Marie Little abandoned her husband W. J. Little of Robersonville on the 28th day of March, 1923 and went to Knoxville, Tenn. where she lived at a hotel as man and wife with one, E. W. Foster, from the 15th day of April until the 29th day of April, and that, at other times and places, she did commit adultery at her home, at Pamlico Beach in Beaufort county and at other times and places with sundry persons.

The above case is receiving much attention on account of the prominence of the plaintiff who is one of Martin County's most highly respected citizens. Mrs. Little had lived in Robersonville only a few years before her marriage, having come there from South Carolina with her parents who took up their residence there.

At this time the defendant is living with her parents at their home in Fayetteville. She was accompanied here by her mother, Mrs. Anderson, who is attending court with her today.

After two hours spent in selecting a jury, the following were decided upon:

Messrs. J. E. Harrison, J. R. Everett, Stuart Tetterton, C. H. Ayers, Luther Davenport, Jesse Keel, John D. Cherry, Walter Mobley, C. W. Mizelle, W. S. White, Biscoe Biggs and J. T. Powell. The case was called and the evidence was heard as follows:

The plaintiff was the first witness called on the case and he testified that he married Marie Anderson, formerly of South Carolina, March 4th, 1920, and that she lived with him until March 28th, 1923 when she left him, without excuse. The conditions upon which she left were held to be incompetent, however.

I. M. Little son of the plaintiff, was the next witness called and he testified that Mrs. Little left his father's home on the 28th of March, 1923. And upon information that she had gone to Knoxville, Tenn. he and J. C. Smith went to that place, employed a detective and they first saw her when they contacted on her trail until she and a man named E. W. Foster entered a house at 701 W. Main Avenue.

The detective, Mr. O'Connor who stated that he was employed to work up the case was called and he further stated that Mrs. Little was pointed out to him by Messrs. Little and Smith and she was then in the company of E. W. Foster, a drummer of Chattanooga and that he followed near enough to see them enter a house at 701 W. Main Ave. at 9:30 Saturday night, saw her again Sunday afternoon and again Monday morning. She left Knoxville Monday night but Mr. Foster did not leave until the next day. Mr. O'Connor testified that he was a private detective and that he got \$10. per day for his services, hit or miss and that he was getting \$10. per day and expenses while here. This completed his testimony.

Mrs. W. O. Borch of Knoxville, Tenn. was then called. She testified that she occupied an apartment house at 701 W. Main Ave. and that she had some rooms to rent and that while away from home at work on the 13th day of April, 1923 she was called on the telephone by a party calling herself Mrs. E. W. Foster, who wanted to rent a room and she told her that she rented by the month at \$30 per month, and, upon reaching home that day she found a man and woman there the man introducing himself as E. W. Foster and introducing the woman as his wife, Mrs. Foster. She said that Mr. Foster paid her the money for the room rent as she required same to be paid in advance and that they occupied same from April 19th until 20, occupying four or five nights and that

CHILDREN MADE BEASTLY DRUNK BY NEIGHBOR

Bottle Passed And They All Took A Drink

A seven-year-old colored child living at Conoho was made so beastly drunk last Friday by a neighbor that it looked for a time as if the child might die. The father and mother of the child very away from home temporarily when the neighbor went to their home with a gallon of liquor. The family consisting of a large bunch of small children were all treated freely and this one drank so much that it came near knocking him out.

The child was taken to Dr. Rhodes who gave it treatment, finally straightening it out.

When the father and mother returned home they found beside their own limp and limber child the other children more or less drunk, the giver of the liquor a state of foolish unconsciousness and a gallon jug nearly empty.

It was a time when the bottle was passed and they all took a drink. A good case for the courts.

Mr. Ayers Announces Himself a Candidate For Sheriff

Mr. A. B. Ayers announces himself for the office of sheriff in another column of this paper. Mr. Ayers is a merchant of Bear Grass where he has been in business for a number of years and is held in high esteem in his community.

INDOOR CIRCUS OPENED LAST NIGHT WITH LARGE NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE

The indoor circus opened last night with an extremely large crowd in attendance. Mayor Hassell opened the show with a short and appropriate speech explaining that the Todd-Town Indoor Circus was here under the auspices of the Williamston Chamber of Commerce and was supposed to be a clean wholesome show.

The Dixie warehouse is all cleaned up and a regular white way has been arranged all the way around.

The church booths, under the auspices of the Christian, Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal women societies and the Philanthropic Class of the Baptist church fill up one side of the warehouse and side shows and candy booths occupy the rest of the space excepting the plat form and seats for the main show.

The show was rather good. Mr. Trout as Bono amused the large crowd for a while. There were other acts which also proved amusing.

Tomorrow night will be the big night in the way of fashion. Margolis Brothers and Brooks will stage a fashion show using furnishings direct from their store and local models.

Messrs. Chas. J. Sawyer, Jr., Bond Gilliam, Jr., and R. Louis Madry of Windsor were in town last night attending the indoor circus.

They had only one room and contained only one bed. She further stated that she had no knowledge that they were not man and wife until April 29th. Re-Convene, 1st witness—

J. C. Burks, lived in Knoxville for 20 years, has been married 7 years. E. W. Foster and a woman claiming to be Mrs. Foster occupied a room in our house most of the nights from April 13th to April 20th. They spent a few nights in small towns around. They claimed to have been married about a month. Witness identified pictures of both Foster and Mrs. Little X, Ex.

States that Mr. O'Connor called him on phone and gave him first information about E. W. Foster and Mrs. Little not being married.

E. R. Mezz, resident of Catawba county, N. C. and lived in Knoxville in 1923 worked with O'Connor, National Detective agency and gave about the same testimony as given by O'Connor.

Mrs. Neva Ross, I live at Robersonville, in telephone business manager and operator, March 21, 24, 25 and 26, 1923. Mrs. W. J. Little called E. W. Foster, Knoxville on March 21, 24, 25, and 26, and that Mrs. Little wanted to come to the office and pay for the messages.

Miss Maggie Sparks, telephone operator at Robersonville, March, 1923. I knew Mrs. W. J. Little well. Mrs. Little called E. W. Foster of Knoxville on March 25 and March 28. I heard her say that she was going to Knoxville.

The above is the testimony as heard up to four o'clock, the time of our going to press.

EXPOSITION COMMITTEE MAKES FINAL PLANS

Moving Picture Contest Discussed; To Have Fashion Show

The Exposition Committee met Monday afternoon in the offices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and decided among other things to let the Restaurant Concession and the Bottled Drink Concession during the week of the Exposition out on a competitive basis. Any organization in the territory will be entitled to bid on one or both of these concessions. The concession will be let separately, however.

The committee also discussed plans for holding a moving picture contest, different from anything attempted in this section so far as the members of the committee recall. The plan is to have the young ladies of Eastern Carolina, either single or married, to enter the contest. They will pose in their own little cat on the stage Monday afternoon, the opening day of the Exposition. The cameraman will take their picture, allowing each a certain number of seconds. The audience will be spectators while the performance is being carried out. The pictures will then be taken to Atlanta, developed and be brought back, to be shown on the screen Saturday night, the last night of the Exposition. The young lady who makes the best "Star" will be given a handsome cash prize. In addition to taking the young ladies a moving picture of the parade would also be made and shown on Saturday night.

The committee recognizes the fact that you can't have a picture unless you have some body to take, and before going ahead with this contract, the management would like to hear from any young lady in the territory who would like to get in on this contest, in the event that the contract should be made for taking it. If you are interested, please address a letter to N. C. Bartlett, Secretary-Manager, Ki. c. s. N. C. If the plans materialize, you will be notified in plenty of time to work out your act. This will give the young ladies of Eastern North Carolina an excellent opportunity to be the winner in a section contest. If you are interested please let the management know immediately. The decision to make it will depend on the number of replies received within a short time.

The style show will be open to any firm in the territory covered by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. This will be held on Thursday night immediately following the Queens' contest. If you are interested in this please let the Secretary know immediately so that plans may be made for pulling this big event of the Exposition. The style show last year was not only interesting but very profitable to those who took part.

The committee, although composed of Kinston citizens who had this matter to decide, declared open and above board, that this is an Eastern Carolina affair all the way through. They emphasized the fact that the Exposition is no more a Kinston affair than it is any other town, except it is going to be held in Kinston this year. The Kinston business men helped finance the Exposition last year, although it was held in another town, and they have not asked any other town to help finance the big show this year, but they are extending a cordial invitation to the entire section to help enjoy it. No individual will profit from the money that he has in it. If any is left over after expenses are paid it will be used to promote the interests of Eastern North Carolina. It is your Exposition as much as anyone's.

Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. W. C. LIVERMAN, Pres. Williamston Aux.

Did Not Refer to Armour Fertilizers

In a recent reference to the matter of the consolidation of the Armour Packing Company, made in this paper, some of our farmers got the impression that it might refer to the Armour Fertilizers. We wish to correct that impression and say that so far as the Armour Fertilizers go, we think them to be some of the best manufactured and understand that the tests by the State Department of Agriculture show the Armour brands to come up to the standard claimed by the manufacturer.

We make this statement for the purpose of correcting the impression that the reference was to the Armour Fertilizer Company.

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Martin County and soliciting the support of the Democratic voters in the Democratic primary to be held June 7th, 1924.

A. B. AYERS.

Mrs. Dick Hayes has returned from Washington where she visited relatives. She will spend sometime here with her brother, Jim Robertson before returning to her home in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Britt spent the week-end in Tarboro.

SPRING TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE

Judge Bond's Charge to Jury Emphasizes Value Orderly Government

The spring term of Martin County Superior Court was convened Monday morning with Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton presiding and Solicitor Donnell Gilliam representing the State.

The roll of the jurors was called and the following were drawn to serve on the grand jury: John L. Hassell, foreman, John D. Biggs, L. B. Harrison, John W. Green, George W. Blount, J. M. Hopewell, E. T. Hodges, H. Z. Hyman, Geo. W. Taylor, R. L. Smith, W. C. Ellis, A. D. Wynn, Noah E. Roberson, D. A. Ausbon, H. H. Hopkins, S. R. Coburn, H. S. Johnson, W. L. House.

Judge Bond made an extensive charge which was not confined so much to specific law violations as he did the value of orderly government and the blessings and safety it gives.

That if we are to receive the full benefits of government we must respect and obey the laws that make it a government. That every violator of the law should be brought before the bar of justice regardless of race, color or standing.

He properly emphasized one thing and characterized it as the weakest thing, or point in our whole court system, that is the failure of the commissioners to properly guard the jury box, keeping only such names therein as measure up to the highest standard of citizenship in truth and honor. And the failure to do so too often left nothing but the dignity of the court and the solemnity of the oath to give color to trials.

The judge further stated that we are now facing a period of supreme need for law and order. Our present day methods and abundant opportunities have caused our thoughts to center on new things and our feet to follow new paths. That all laws on the books have been passed with a view of making conditions in life better for ourselves, our children and our grand children.

Judge Bond further stated that the teaching of children a disobedience of the laws such as waiting on illicit distilleries, playing poker and other such things, was the cause of many murders and other serious tragedies.

The judge said he denied having any hobby but had to admit that he hated those who are guilty of cruelty to animals punished to the limit.

Aulander, Windsor Charges to Meet Here March 27th.

On Thursday, March 27, a group meeting of the Aulander, Windsor and Williamston charges will be held in Williams' M. E. Church. The pastors of each charge will be present.

Speaking by the Missionary conference officers. The morning session will begin at 10:30 a. m. Intermission for lunch to all out of town visitors at the Masonic Hall 12:30 o'clock. Afternoon session begins 1:30 o'clock.

Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. W. C. LIVERMAN, Pres. Williamston Aux.

DR. JNO. D. BIGGS MAKES SPEECH AT COURTHOUSE

Hon. E. F. Aydlett, Another Candidate Makes Short Speech Also

Dr. Jno. Dewson Biggs, a democratic congressional candidate from the first district and one of Williamston and Martin county's most illustrious sons, made his maiden speech in his campaign for that worthy office during the noon recess Monday of the Superior Court which is convening this week.

He was followed by Hon. E. F. Aydlett of Elizabeth City, another candidate for congress, from the first district who was also present and who made a very pleasing speech to the voters of Martin county.

In the announcement of Dr. Biggs, he stated that there were six candidates in the field seeking the nomination and he paid a fitting tribute to each one individually. He, then, enumerated the circumstances that caused his own announcement. First, he made no fight against the legal fraternity holding the office but he stated that he saw no reason why only a lawyer should represent the people, that there are other vocations in life equally as important as law and representation should be given to those from the other professions, also to the business men and farmers.

Next, Dr. Biggs said that he felt that Martin county was entitled to furnish a representative for congress, as it had not had one since the Civil War while Beaufort county has had a man in Congress as far back as the average man can remember.

Dr. Biggs made a very fine impression on all those who heard him yesterday and those who know him best know that he would always be clear, concise and to the point as he was yesterday and would take a stand for what was good for those he was representing without any hesitation. In these days of temptation the people need to send somebody to Washington to represent them who has had no affiliations with the big money interests of the country and such a man is he.

Martin county offers in Dr. John D. Biggs a candidate who will do everything in the power which would be his to see that right and justice prevail in the administration of our government. There are many who are tired of the country being run by a band of politicians and right here in our first district, Dr. Biggs is gaining followers as a plain, everyday man who will honestly represent the people.

At the conclusion of Dr. Biggs's remarks he introduced Mr. Aydlett who is the possessor of a very pleasing and affable personality and who did not attempt to make a set speech, and in the course of his remarks did not fail to commend the people of Martin county to vote for him so long as their own candidate was in the field, but he did ask their support in case he retired from the running in the event of a second primary.

Mr. Aydlett, like Dr. Biggs, is not a politician of the old school, and he has held a high place in the councils of his own party he has always been content to let the other fellows have the office and he has stood by the party principles.

He did state in a very few words some of the things he advocated and would work for in case he was nominated and elected. First, that he believed at this time we should have a restricted immigration law, that the soldiers should be given a bonus, a school system that is so democratic that the poor country children are given equal opportunities as those of the rich city children. He expressed hearty approval of the good roads program and advocated a plan to finance agriculture in much the same way that railroads and manufacturing are financed. He favored in the way of taxes, large income tax and low property tax.

Mr. Aydlett in a very impressive way gave his idea of the duties of the office-holder. He felt that the office-holder was a trustee, a servant to do for the people rather than to do the people. Mr. Aydlett was reared on a farm in Camden County and he says that he courts that one of his big assets, having gained there knowledge of life and people that he would have gotten no where else.

Messrs. Alfred Wamsley and Dick Osborn of Rocky Mount were in town Sunday.

Mrs. A. V. Joyner returned home Sunday evening from Rocky Mount where she had been at the bedside of her son, Rayborn who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week. The little fellow is getting along as well as could be expected.

W. J. JOHNSON DIES AT HOME IN OAK CITY

Considered One of Most Successful Farmers in County

Mr. W. J. Johnson of Oak City died at his home Thursday night. Mr. Johnson was in usual good health, ate supper and took his seat in the house, lighted his pipe and in a moment was dead. Dr. Long says the cause was heart failure.

Mr. Johnson was about 70 years old and was a farmer all his life and until a few years ago lived on his farm a few miles from Oak City. About two years ago he moved to town. He was considered one of the most successful farmers of our county. He was vice president of the bank of Oak City and was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the county.

He leaves a widow and six children, Messrs. T. H. and W. J. Jr., Mrs. H. J. Etheridge, Mrs. Jennie Harrell, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Mrs. J. R. Rawls.

Mr. Johnson was not a member of any church, but was a strong believer in the Primitive Baptist church and was buried at his farm with Elder Strickland of Hobequot administering the funeral rites.

Robersonville and Williamston Teams Battle to Tie, Monday

Williamston high school girls and those of the Robersonville high school had led to a tie last night on the Robersonville court in one of the best games played yet by either team.

The game was exciting from beginning to end and furnished fast amusement for the spectators.

The score of 23 to 23 shows that neither basket was allowed to remain idle.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

The following announcement has been received by many friends in Williamston of the contracting parties Mr. and Mrs. Edward Benjamin Higgins request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Marguerite Annie to Mr. William Robert Everett on Wednesday, the second of April at eleven o'clock at Immanuel Baptist Church Greenville, North Carolina.

JAMESVILLE LOCAL NEWS

Miss Geneva Martin spent Saturday with relatives in town. Miss Leontine Davenport spent the week-end with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Davenport.

Mr. John A. Griffin was in town Saturday afternoon. Misses Beatrice White, Opal Brown and Marion Griffin motored to Cross Roads Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. James.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lilley and Mr. B. F. Lilley motored to Wilson Monday.

Messrs. N. R. Daniel, N. S. Roberson, Claude Jones and Joe Martin were in town Monday. Mrs. W. B. Gaylord spent Monday night with her sister Mrs. S. E. Hardison near Williamston.

Mr. J. G. Staton of Williamston was here Monday. Dr. J. E. Smithwick and Mr. M. C. Jackson motored to Williamston Monday night.

Messrs. J. G. Godard, W. C. Manis and Wheeler Mar in of Williamston were in town Tuesday attending to business matters.

Mr. Dennis Taylor of Williamston was in town Wednesday. Mr. George Mizelle motored to Darleux Tuesday night.

Dr. J. D. Biggs of Williamston was in town Wednesday on business. Messrs. Edgar Davis, E. H. Hardison, Jas. W. Griffin, Charles Sexton and Tommie Holliday were business visitors here Wednesday.

LOCAL NEWS OF BEAVER DAM

Messrs. Frank Bennett and Carl Strawbridge motored to Williamston Saturday.

Mr. M. G. Peel attended church in Everetts Sunday. Mr. Minga Rogers spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers. Mr. Lester Rogers arrived home Thursday from Durham where he has been on business for the past few days. Mr. John Culipher went to Everetts Saturday night. Master William Peel has been on the sick list for the past several days. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers spent Sunday afternoon in Williamston with friends.

SHERIFF ROBERSON LAYS OUT ROAD TO MONKEY STILL

Is Ushered to the Scene By Member of Out-lawed Band

Last Friday Sheriff Roberson is an order from the Board of County Commissioners to lay out a public road in Griffins township and leading to the Beaufort county line. After procuring a jury and performing all the duties incident in the laying out of the road, Subtle by the astute olfactory nerve of the sheriff detected the scent of rum and began to hunt. The trail soon led him to a big woods where he found many signs. After waiting a few minutes there he soon discovered a colored boy hauling lightwood to the still and he confiscated the boy who told him where the still was and who was operating it. The sheriff had the boy to drive him to the still where two colored men were hard at work loading up for a charge. Apparently they thought their white boss was coming up and paid no attention to the approach of the mule and cart until it had reached within twenty yards of them, but when they made the discovery they ran like wild men.

The sheriff took the still, a 100 gallon one, six barrels of beer and such tools as they had and found another stand of beer consisting of two vats with about 200 gallons of corn meal mash and two bushels of meal. The man caught was named Elijah Gorham and those making their escape were Randolph Carter and Randolph Ore. They were agents for a white man who does the running and engineering.

It is supposed that this principal has lost within the last ten years about 15 stills and has escaped capture on every occasion.

GIVE HIM A PAT ON THE BACK

If your neighbor has met with reverses, and his business is down at the heels and his troubles and worries are piling up and says that the world cannot feel (Go show him that troubles hell borrow,

And never pay back what is slack, And say it will clear up tomorrow, And "give him a pat on the back." If he tells you he knows you're mistaken,

That there is a life in his plans In spite of the pains he has taken; And still has his head in his hands, Go show him the folly of sighing, And put him upon the right track, Brace up—and go on again trying, And give him a pat on the back, If you happen to be late for dinner, And your wife says that everything's wrong

And calls you a miserable sinner, Just hit up a Jubilate to g., Pretend that you're not in a hurry, And give her an old-fashioned smack; Don't debate about trouble and worry, And give her a pat on the back, That will smooth matters out—such a greeting

Is better than all you can do, And remember that while you are eating

To throw in a compliment too; The chances are she will be smiling, And call you her fun-y old Jack, And thus while the time you're being-guiling

Just give her a pat on the back, If your Butcher or Grocer or Baker, Should some day be not feeling well,

Don't call him a miserable Faker; But help him his troubles dispell, And bear with his mood for the present,

For he soon will be on the right track— And try to make everything pleasant, And give him a pat on the back, Thus you'll find others across you'll lighten

As you mix with the everyday throng, And their joys and the pleasures you'll heighten

By a smile or a word or a song, And esteemed you will be for the pleasure,

When your genius fills up what they lack, For we all are cheered up in some measure,

By getting a pat on the back. —J. E. WARNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marshall and daughters, Misses Marjorie and May Belle Barrhill of Robersonville spent today in town with Mrs. I. B. Wynne at her home on Houghton street.

Misses Martha and Della, Kate Ward of Rocky Mount arrived last night to visit their father, Mr. W. T. Ward at the Atlantic Hotel for several days.

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