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RECORDER'S COURT HAD FEW CASES LAST TUESDAY

The Recorder's court had a small docket Tuesday, and three cases coming up for trial. Judge Smith was on the bench and Solicitor Peel prosecuting.

The first case was State vs. J. Law Peel. Having whiskey for the purpose of sale. The defendant pleaded guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs of action.

In State vs. Norman Jones for transporting liquor, Jones was found not guilty.

State vs. Peg Leg Negro for having liquor on hand. Peg Leg was found not guilty.

State vs. Neza Williams was brought into the court for the second time. A fine had been previously imposed upon him and he kept bucking the court until his fine was reduced fifty dollars at Tuesday's session of court.

State vs. Robert L. Sullivan for abandonment was called. This case had been called before and failed. Judgment absolute was asked, and the court reduced the amount of the bond from \$150. to \$50.

COTTON REPORT

A report was released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture at 11:00 A. M., November 21st, giving the preliminary estimate of the production of cotton in the United States, as based on the condition of the crop on November 14th. According to this report, the total production will be 12,892,000 bales which is 2,852,000 bales more as compared to the 10,139,671 bale crop produced last year. There was produced two years ago 9,762,069; 7,953,641 bales three years ago and 13,439,603 bales four years ago. The average production for the five years from 1910 to 1914 was 14,259,231 bales, and for 1915 to 1919 it was 11,481,864 bales.

This report of this year's production shows an increase of 176,000 bales over the estimate of November 1st (two weeks previous). This is, of course, due to the fact that there is a greater certainty at this time of harvesting that percentage of the crop which was previously considered as not safe from damage.

The report released also showed the amount of cotton ginned to that date, 11,147,524 bales, or 86 percent of the total crop. Seven of the fifteen principal cotton states show an increase in production over their last year's crop.

North Carolina Cotton
Of the 760,000 bales estimate as a total crop in North Carolina, 540,500 has been ginned to November, leaving 22 per cent of the crop yet to be ginned. This estimate is 200,000 bales less than was produced last year although the acreage was substantially increased. Due principally to extremely wet weather during the season, the condition fell constantly until the first of November. The reports were as follows: (Condition compared to normal or fall crop prospect) May 25th, 73 per cent; June 25th, 73 per cent; July 25th, 58 per cent; August 25th, 58 per cent; September 25th, 47 per cent and October 25th, 49 per cent.

COTTON GROWERS' ASSN. HAS ADVANCED FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO ITS MEMBERS

According to the weekly report of operations, the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association has advanced members over five million dollars on the present crop. Talking into consideration the fact that the cotton crop in North Carolina is at the best not more than seventy-five per cent of the crop of last year, the deliveries to the Association are remarkably large. A much larger percentage of the state's crop having been delivered to this date.

HIS WIFE "TALKED BACK," TEACHER WHIPPED HER

Stanford, Ky., Nov. 21.—Convicted of whipping his wife, who was also his pupil, Melvin Wright, Lincoln County school teacher, was fined \$500 and sentenced to three months in jail here.

Wright gave his wife a whipping because she "talked back" to him in class.

HOME FOR LITTLE BOY WANTED

A grandmother wants to place a boy 7 years old, bright and healthy with some good christian family who will treat him as a member of the family. Both parents of the child are dead. Address W. A. C. in care Enterprise.

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NATION WIDE AGRICULTURE CENSUS BEING LISTED FOR YEAR OF 1924

An agricultural census was authorized by the 68th Congress for the purpose of establishing a basis for agricultural legislation, and economic estimates. The last agricultural census was listed in 1919 when the prices of agricultural products, and farming property was much higher than it is at the present time. No estimate based upon the 1919 report can in any way apply to present conditions; so for the purpose of establishing a correct basis upon which safe estimates can be made in regard to the agricultural situation, the United States Census Bureau is conducting the present census.

The state of North Carolina has been divided into five Districts, and a Supervisor appointed for each District. The following counties are included in the fifth District, under the supervision of Mr. E. B. Lewis, with headquarters at the Federal building, Washington, N. C.

Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pitt, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

Sample copies of the schedule or report that you will be requested to fill out have been mailed by the Census Bureau at Washington, D. C. to practically every farmer in the above mentioned counties; fill these out, and hold them until the enumerator calls for your report. If you have not received your sample copy, be prepared to give the enumerator your best information and cooperation.

This work is very important, and it is highly essential that all farmers and business men give the government agents, who are engaged in the listing of farms, their best cooperation. All agricultural legislation, and all estimates for the next five years will be based upon the reports that the various states send in, and the efficiency of the Census report will be determined by the accuracy of the report that you make to the enumerators.

We therefore urge the people to be as accurate as possible, and to lend every cooperation in order that the work may be completed as early and as accurately as possible.

E. B. LEWIS, Supervisor of the fifth District of N. C.

MANUFACTURERS OF FAMOUS COOK STOVE HAVE ARRANGED TO SELL ON CREDIT

More and more manufacturers are making financial arrangements where by their dealers can sell their product on the time payment or installment plan of purchase. The installment plan, which is merely an expression of faith in the business morality and integrity of one's neighbor or customer, is endorsed by the best financial authorities. It is recognized as dignified, legitimate, and even altruistic in that it makes available for the average family the good things in life which otherwise would be unobtainable. The Majestic Manufacturing Company, maker of the famous Majestic Ranges for forty years, this year is permitting it product to be sold on time payments. R. S. Courtney Furniture company is the local Majestic dealer and he will extend terms to those of good credit standing who want a little time to pay for a new Majestic.

A representative from the factory will be at the above named store all next week to demonstrate all the new features of the stove. The public is invited, whether interested or not, to visit Mr. Courtney's store next week and witness the demonstrations.

MR. JOE WYNNE KILLS A FORKER WEIGHING 675 POUNDS

Mr. Joe Wynn of Cross Roads killed a hog last Tuesday which weighed 675 pounds. Mr. Ashley D. Wynn, a brother to Mr. Joe, killed a young bull the same day which dressed 584 lbs. This is proof that good stock can be produced in this section.

So far Mr. Wynn is the champion hog raiser who has reported this season.

Mr. R. A. Townsend left Wednesday for his home in Keyville, Va. He has been a buyer on the local market for the past several seasons and has gained the admiration of everyone. We hope to see him go.

Mrs. Robert F. Heydenreich of Beaufortville spent Thanksgiving here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts.

Mr. W. F. Thomas left Wednesday for Lynchburg, Va. where he will spend the Thanksgiving season with his parents.

PRINCIPLES THAT RULE THE DAY IS TEXT FOR REV. MR. SHIRLEY'S THANKSGIVING SERMON

Beautiful Theme For Thanksgiving Day Outlined by the Speaker

BEAUTIFUL THEME FOR THANKSGIVING DAY OUTLINED BY THE REV. R. L. SHIRLEY, SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Union Thanksgiving service that has become an established custom in this city, was opened with a number of beautiful songs and organ numbers arranged by the choir of the Methodist church. The Rev. E. D. Dodd pastor, was in charge of the services and he was assisted by Reverends A. J. Manning and C. O. Pardo.

Thanksgiving, as an occasion to enlarge our gratitude for the worldly benefits that have come during the year, as a time for pledging firmer faith in the principles of this great country and for renewing our thanks to the Almighty for the countless blessings bestowed was described by Rev. Mr. Shirley in a strong discourse.

The Rev. Mr. Shirley quoted a passage from Psalms in opening his splendid sermon, in which he contrasted the meaning of Thanksgiving Day as it had been established by the Puritans and the accepted observance of the present day. The principles of the constitution as a basis for Thanksgiving were outlined by the speaker in saying:

"Whoso offereth the sacrifice of Thanksgiving glorifieth me and to him that ordereth his way aright will I show the salvation of God."—Psa. 50:23.

Friends and fellow-workers we have assembled here today upon the call of our Chief Executive to offer thanksgiving to Him "who has made of one every nation of men to dwell upon the face of the earth and having determined their appointed seasons and fixed the bounds of their habitation that they should seek the Lord and feel after him if happily they may find him." We are not a christian nation just because God is embodied in the constitution or because a provision to worship is there but because of the spirit back of the constitution in the hearts of the people. In religious liberty is guaranteed to all. That a day set apart for so sacred purposes should be spent in profanation, exuberance and irreverence is by all justly to be regretted.

Thanksgiving is an American, we may say a Puritan institution. In many respects it resembles the Hebrew feast of ingathering. It was first observed in 1621 by the survivors of the Mayflower, who met together to render thanks unto Him who giveth every good and perfect gift. When sin and oppression in England had become well nigh unbearable many of her braver sons and her daughters sought refuge in a new land. They came seeking not corn and wine, but God and liberty. Among these stalwart sons were to be found the Puritan fathers whose asceticism was assisted no doubt by the severity of the task of building a home and founding a nation in wilds of America.

Contrast their struggles with those of the early Israelites, who, fleeing from Egyptian bondage, pressed on toward the promised land. How similar in many respects was their abiding faith in the Almighty that led those Puritan fathers to come together at harvest time to thank God for His merciful loving kindness and manifold benefits. They were children of the old testament, they dwelt long and tenderly on the words of praise in the Bible. "Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth." "I will bless the Lord at all times," and other kindred phrases were much in the speech.

And now why have we come together this day and what is the purpose of our meeting? This is not merely a day for the cessation of commercial activity, the exuberance of youth or the mollification of oneself but rather it is a day for the expression of a grateful heart for the blessings bestowed by the Heavenly Father. Let us always be grateful; for the sin of ingratitude is one of the meanest and most common to which humanity is heir. Shakespeare was right when he said "How sharper than a serpent's tooth 'tis to have a thankless child." We are the children of a great loving Father who has showered upon us untold blessings and we can never know how greatly His heart is pained when we fail to thank Him for his loving kindness to us. For what things shall we be grateful you may ask? I answer: we stand in a three fold relation to society. We are citizens of the United States; we are subjects of a better country; and we are members of the human

family. To fill out the full measure of the day should be grateful because we are Americans, because we are christian and because we are members of the human family. "Breathes there a man with soul so dead who to himself ne'er hath said this is my own, my native land." "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty." Yes, grateful as Americans for the wealth of the wooded hills, the hidden treasures of the mountains, the products of the plains, and the riches of the seas are all alike, contributing to the success of our life and the enriching of our nation.

We are the granary and treasury of the world. Many are the nations of the earth that look to us eager-eyed and hungry-hearted and are fed out of our abundance. God grant that we shall never become a nation of haughty landlords and cringing serfs for "ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey where wealth accumulates and men decay." but may we continue to be the cradle of liberty, the city of refuge, the open door of opportunity and the golden gate of the future.

Chiefest of all we are christians. Years ago an illustrious president declared that the nation which knows God, in which the religious spirit wanes, alters or fails is doomed to die. He voices the experience of humanity. We must cling to God or else all is lost. For it is the certainty of God that makes men and nations great. Some times the way is dark, despair almost overwhelms, the forces of evil seem to triumph but behind the dark, dim unknown standeth God in the shadow keeping watch over his own.

There are signs of cheerful optimism there has never been such an age of charity and of service. The public conscience is awakened and public interest aroused. The church is grappling with the forces of evil with renewed zeal and energy. She is, or at least ought to be, the maker of public opinion. She is the only force contriving for the betterment of morals and at the same time exalting Jesus Christ as the saviour of sinners, the hope of humanity and the right of the world. It is the pulpit that must always point to Him as the Light, the Truth, and the Way of Salvation. Let us believe with Browning, that "The years at the spring, the days at the dawn, the lark is on the wing; the snail is on the thorn, the mountain is imperiled; God is in His heaven, all is right with the world."

Then as individual members of society, we ought to be grateful, for from whence cometh health, food and talent; love, peace and joy? Do not these call for gratitude? There may be some lives far from the crowd who have felt no disappointment, but they are few. Disappointments and bereavements come to all some time or other. It is easy to be grateful for the good things, but let us be grateful also for the things that seemeth not to be good. Sorrows may have come, our hearts may be heavy; we may sigh for the touch of a vanished hand and long for the sound of a voice that is still. We may dream of "Tender grace of a day that is dead and will never come back to us," but if poverty and disappointment has dimmed our vision let us remember "That ours is the common fate of all, into each life some pain must fall." And yet again "For all some sweet hope lies deeply buried beneath human eyes and in a few years angels may from its grave roll the stone away."

Yes, He is calling to us as citizens, as christians, and as individuals to remember Him. Let us come and offer the sacrifice of Thanksgiving. Here Lord is the increase which thou has loaned me, it was thine, my life is thine, my time is in thy hands. Help us heavenly Father to realize that "All things are ours, and we are Christ's; and Christ is God's." Then we shall be able both to say and to sing sincerely:

"Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to thee; take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise"

Mr. Carl Kelly of Washington was a business visitor here this week.

Mr. James Sawyer of Windsor was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams spent Thanksgiving in Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Harrington were shoppers here this week.

SHOW TUESDAY NIGHT MEETS WITH GREAT SUCCESS

"The Flapper Grandmother" a musical comedy presented by the Guild of the Episcopal church last Tuesday night, met with overwhelming success, financially and otherwise. To give the show a just write-up is impossible. It was plumb good, it went over the 50 per cent mark, the crowning effect in the theatrical world, New York included and then some more, fall in the effort of giving it due credit.

The debutante flappers would make the best look bad in comparison. The rag doll chorus was just too sweet to talk about. The jelly beans, well if you failed to see them you just missed half your life. And more in regard to the jelly beans, they were more or less becoming in their make-ups. We will spare our business manager in print but "hot dog" will be long remembered by us.

New Talent Discovered
While the discovery of America was of great importance it could not have been more startling than when the weak but harmonious notes flowed from the lips of our present Mayor, J. L. Hassell. This alone was worth double the admission fee. And as for Rastus Jones we would don him with a waiter's coat, a pair of striped socks, and checkered trousers; and put on a permanent color and just call him perfect.

The audience was not once spell-bound but was in a mist of laughter throughout the performance and gave every evidence at the conclusion of the play of a wonderful evening's entertainment.

An attraction which made the evening very much more enjoyable was the Windsor-Williamston Impromptu orchestra which played before the performance and between acts.

Mrs. Watts, whose music is always the soul of inspiration, was ably assisted by Messrs. Evans, Sawyer, Hassell, Ricks and Watts.

BARACCA CLASS VISITS INMATES AT COUNTY HOME

The Baracca class of the Memorial Baptist church visited the inmates of the County Home and held religious services for them last Sunday afternoon.

The old men and women clearly showed their appreciation to the young men who were responsible for their hour of worship. And the meeting was also inspiring to those taking part.

Very little thought is given our County Home inmates and very few things done to cheer their, their sad life. But let other organizations follow the footsteps of the Baraccas and visit the Home.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING MONDAY NIGHT FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL

The regular meeting of the Senior Epworth League was held at the church last night and a very interesting program relative to missions was rendered. Mr. John Cowell of Fayetteville was present and made a very timely talk on "Missionaries."

After the program and the business meeting was concluded, a social was held at the home of Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, just across the street from the church.

Punch was served by Miss Patie Edmondson just after entering the home. Attractive contests and games were enjoyed for an hour before a fruit salad was served.

Those present were Misses Evelyn Harrison, Olive Murrill, Josephine Sykes, Elizabeth Garganus, Pattie Edmondson, Martha Leggett, Myrtle Glenn, Christine Dodd, Sophie Little, Mary Clyde Leggett, Frances Garganus, Sue Leggett, Mattie Lou Garganus, Ellen Cowing, Helen Sumner and Mrs. Jim Leggett, Messrs. Warren Everett, Julian Harrell, George Harris, John Cowell, Bill Harrison.

TOBACCO MARKET CLOSED UNTIL NEXT MONDAY

The local tobacco market closed yesterday for the holidays and will open again Monday, December 1st.

The proprietors state that the Williamston market will be in full swing until Christmas and everything will be done to insure those sellers here that they will receive just as high prices here as are being paid in Eastern Carolina.

Miss Myrt Wynne will return Sunday to Raleigh where she will resume her studies at St. Mary's School.

Mr. Bettie Ward was in the city Tuesday shopping.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MARTIN COUNTY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

By R. A. Phillips
Our ideas about the function of a public school have changed considerably in the last decade. It was not long ago when "reading, riting and rithmetic," commonly valued the three R's, was considered sufficient education for the average young man or woman. The school houses were unattractive in every way and no attempt was made to keep the children in school by making it interesting for them. Long wooden home-made benches on which the boys often carried their names with jack knives and desk of the same kind made up the furniture of the average school. Maps and charts were few and blackboards were painted plaster, with chalk in hard lumps. No attempt was made to beautify the school grounds or furnish any form of physical drill. The children were supposed to have sufficient exercise by chasing each other about the grounds and walking to and from school. The people were always distressed because their children disliked school so badly and it was necessary to regularly use the strap to persuade them to go. These were the schools of years ago in Martin and other counties and in some places of very much recent date. We are happy that such conditions are fast being eliminated throughout the county.

The first move was to improve the surroundings by installing a separate seat and desk for each child so shaped that he could sit with comfort. Then the various teaching apparatus have been greatly improved. This was a long step in the right direction. Finally people concluded that "book learning" was not sufficient but a strong healthy body should be developed to support a strong healthy mind. Therefore the interest in Athletics, Athletic programs and contests has gradually developed.

At first a few posts were erected in the school yards with horizontal bars across the top and on these boys would see how many times they could draw themselves up and touch their chins. Many persons objected to even this small beginning as they got a wrong all right in their young days without anything of the kind. The attitude of the people in this regard is slowly but gradually changing and there is quite a widespread interest in Athletic equipment for the school and for Athletic contests among the people. They are of course looking for the teachers of Martin county for guidance in a wholesome Athletic program.

In view of the foregoing we recommend that the teachers of Martin county form an Athletic Association to direct and control Athletic programs and contests, that Athletics may be stimulated along sound lines and on a high plane. I recommend the following constitution.

Article 1. Name.—The name of this organization shall be the Public School Athletic Association of Martin County.

Article 2. Object.—The object of this association shall be to foster good feeling and good sportsmanship in the Martin County Schools; to stimulate, to control, and to direct along sound lines and on a high plane Public School Athletics in Martin County by means of Public School Athletic Contests.

Article 3. Officers.—The officers of this association shall be the chairman, vice-chairman and a secretary-treasurer.

Section 1.—These officers shall be elected annually by the teachers of the schools that are members of the Association.

Section 2.—The office of the secretary-treasurer shall be the general clearing house for the association. All correspondence as to contest shall be conducted through the secretary's office. The secretary-treasurer shall keep a record of all meetings of the association and of the executive committee. He shall have charge of all funds of the Association and shall render reports to the executive committee and to the association.

Section 3.—It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at the meetings of the executive committee, and in charge of the various contests. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to call meetings of the executive committee. The chairman in conjunction with the secretary-treasurer and executive committee shall set all dates for meeting of the Association.

Article 4. Executive Committee.
Section 1.—The executive committee shall consist of the chairman, the vice-chairman secretary-treasurer, the County superintendent and all other superintendents or principals of schools in the Association.

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TWO BEARS KILLED BY ONE MAN DURING THIS WEEK

Mr. Simon P. Roberson of Griffin township has the championship among bear hunters of Martin county so far as we can find out. He bagged two bears in one week and such a record is hard to beat anywhere.

On Monday Mrs. Nick Daniel saw a bear go ambling by her home in leisurely fashion and then attempt to crawl over a wire fence nearby. She telephoned to some neighbors and they came with dogs and guns and began the chase which Mr. Roberson soon ended with a single shot at brain.

Tuesday night, Messrs. Roberson and W. C. Whitley were coon hunting near the same place the same bear was killed. In a few minutes after their arrival the dogs were on the trail of a coon, so they thought, and had him "tree'd" in a few minutes. When the men arrived, they saw not a coon but a big black bear "a setting up the tree". Again Mr. Roberson shot once and the second bear was added to his list.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB ENTERTAINED WEDNESDAY

The Twentieth Century Club was entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. John W. Manning at her home on Church street. The interior of the home, the whole floor of which was "brown together, was decorated with red roses and long leaf pine.

An interesting program was rendered. There were three solos charmingly rendered by Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. L. C. Bennett and Miss Eva Wynne.

The topic of study for the meeting was "Luigi Pirandello" and Mrs. Della Carson read a paper on his works, which brought out his prominence as a poet and a writer of short stories.

Mrs. J. S. Rhodes read a criticism on his "Six Characters in Search of an Author" which when presented in Rome in 1921 resulted in a riot and his fame as a dramatist was made overnight. Both papers were much enjoyed.

Current events were prepared by Mrs. C. H. Godwin, and were very interesting.

At the conclusion of the program, the hostess assisted by Misses Carrie Delle White, Margaret Manning and Laura Orleans served a delicious salad course consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, cheese straws, and hot tea. Turkey baskets suggestive of the Thanksgiving season, filled with mince were given each guest.

Invited guests for the afternoon were Mesdames, W. C. Manning, R. V. Hardy, A. T. Crawford, Henry Crawford, C. O. Pardo, Lawrence Peel, R. G. Harrison, C. A. Harrison, C. R. Hassell, L. C. Bennett, G. H. Harrison, J. D. Woodard, A. R. Dunning, Carrie Biggs Williams, J. D. Biggs, Kenneth Lindsley, Lawrence Lindsley, A. Anderson, W. E. Warren, E. D. Critcher, Roy Garganus, Eason Lilley, B. A. Critcher, A. Hassell, Marriott Britt and Hugh G. Horton.

TWO CHURCH UNIONS IN COUNTY THIS WEEK END

There will be two unions in the county the coming Saturday and Sunday. The Primitive Baptist Union will be held with the Smithwick's Creek church and a great meeting is expected. The Christian church of the Macedonia District will meet with the Macedonia church for their quarterly Union.

"There will be several ministers from other districts present and for both days there have been interesting programs planned" says the pastor of the Macedonia church, A. J. Manning.

NOTICE

Notice to all members of the peanut growers' association and any peasant farmer who may be interested in the price of peanuts, there will be a meeting of the peanut growers of Martin county at the courthouse Saturday, November 29th at 3 o'clock. Every member of the association is earnestly requested to attend. The association forces no member to deliver simply requests his attendance.—Peanut Growers' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Justus F. Randolph of Washington attended the "Flapper Grandmother" here Tuesday night.

Mrs. Francis D. Winston and Chas. J. Sawyer of Windsor attended the show here Tuesday night.

Mr. Hart Shumaker will leave tomorrow for his home in Kentucky after being here as auctioneer with the Dixie warehouse for the past three months.