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## INCREASE IN CRIME STATE ASTONISHING

Total of 4,322 Indictments Returned Past Year As Against 2,753 Year Previous

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Turington law violators as reflected in Attorney General Manning's biennial report show astonishing increases for 1923-1924 over the year previous, 4,322 indictments having been made under this act as against 2,753 for the year previous.

Crimes have increased generally though the homicidal offenses have been of lesser degree while multiplying. Convictions for murder in the first degree were five for the last year's period as against 14 for the year before, but in the same period second degree offenses jumped from 191 to 232. Onslow led in first degree killings, having four, Columbus and Edgecombe and two each, Granville, Haywood, Lenoir, Buncombe, Rowan and Wilson, one each. Edgecombe, Hoke, Perquimans, Vance and Mecklenburg furnished the five first degree slaughters listed in the attorney-general's report.

The whole number of criminal actions for the last year was 14,321 and for the year before 11,813. First degree murder, criminal assault, perjury, disturbing religious worship, official misconduct and violation of election laws have decreased.

Wake, the hub of the state, center of schools, law and accessories, leads in prohibition violations. The capital county had 242 for last year, against 191. Currituck had no violations for two years. Camden, Dare, Hyde and Stanly had one each.

## JOHN E. GUGANUS DIED SATURDAY

Mr. John Ed Gurganus died at his home near Bear Grass last Saturday after an illness lasting most three years.

Mr. Gurganus was able to be up and about most of the time during his illness, but it was seen long before the end came that bright disease had taken its toll.

Mr. Gurganus was 51 years old in July, the son of Daniel and Martha Gurganus. He married Miss Mollie Roberson who with his mother and brother survives him.

The funeral was held by Elders B. S. Cowing and John N. Rogers on last Sunday afternoon. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

## Epworth League Meeting

The Epworth League met last night with Miss Josephine Sykes, president, presiding with the usual large number of members present. Two meetings were merged into one which were both very good and inspiring.

It was decided upon the invitation of the pastor that the League take full charge of the devotional part of next Sunday night's regular service. Rev. S. E. Mercer, presiding elder, will preach, the League will conduct all of the rest of the service.

It was decided, owing to the school work this week which is heavy on some of the members, to postpone this week's mission study class to next week, holding two study periods next week instead of one, hours of meeting to be announced later. Every member is urged to be present at the church next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. promptly to rehearse for the Sunday night service.—Christine Dodd.

## SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF PEANUT CROP ALREADY MARKETED AND SHIPPED

Nearly 75 per cent of the peanut crop of Martin county has already been marketed and shipped and large shipments are being made daily.

Buyers say that the crop has been short in weight, probably around 85 per cent off and the lack of weight coupled with the small yield has made the peanut crop in this section very poor.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND BOX PARTY EVERETT SCHOOL

There will be a short Christmas program at the Everetts high school tomorrow night (Wednesday). The program will be followed by a box party and the public is cordially invited to attend both. A full evening of entertainment is promised all those who attend.

Miss Katherine White of Jamesville was a visitor in town Friday evening. Messrs. John A. Philpott, Boyd Hight, Bruce Wynne, Hugh B. Anderson and A. Hassell, jr. spent Sunday in Windsor.

Mr. W. S. Rhodes of Hamilton was a visitor here yesterday.

## ROAD TO BE OPENED NEXT SATURDAY

Detouring and more detouring by travelers from here to Rocky Mount and on into Spring Hope for the past two years will end next Saturday when the Everetts-Williamston link of N. C. 90 will be opened for traffic. The contractors have already been instructed to clean this road off and open it on the 20th. Barricades will be taken down, and the road will be open to the public that evening.

The opening up of this road completes project 155-B, Martin-Pitt counties with the exception of the construction of shoulders to the road, but this will not interfere with traffic.

Work on this route from here to the Washington county line is now in process and when it is completed it will afford an improved road from Columbus to Williamston and from Williamston to beyond Spring Hope traffic can go on hard surface.

## CROSS-WORD MANIA BREAKS UP HOMES

Neglected Wives of Cleveland Said to Plan Divorces From Stricken Husbands

Homes in Cleveland, Ohio are now threatened by the cross-word puzzles. The innocent little white and black squares have fascinated so many husbands that legal aid organizations are being swamped with requests to solve the enigma or to start divorce proceedings.

This direful state of affairs was disclosed today by the manager of one of the legal aid organizations, who said that his office was receiving an average of ten letters a day from wives who have to remain at home these evenings just because their husbands are suffering from "cross-word puzzleitis."

All of the letters correspond in almost every detail. One of them is as follows:

"We were happy until recently. Then my husband became absorbed in cross-word puzzles. Since then he has had no time even to look at me or the children. He no more than gets his hat off than it is cross-word puzzles.

"If I talk to him he gets angry. If we do go out for the evening he takes a magazine or newspaper with him and it is a cross-word puzzle.

"Morning, noon and night it is cross-word puzzles. It is breaking up our home, for I have no time for them. He will either have to give up cross-word puzzles and spend some time with his family or I will obtain a divorce."—New York Times.

## Report the Opportunities For Giving Christmas Cheer

We have been requested by several of our people to establish a column in which opportunities to lend Christmas cheer to those who otherwise would not have any, should be listed by number and should tell what was needed in each case.

This is the system used by the Associated Charities in many places and gives individuals the chance to attend to them in person.

The two cases that are known by us now, are:

No. 1. Basket for very aged colored woman.

No. 2. Basket for old crippled woman.

If any one who knows of any other cases where something can be done to carry the Christmas spirit and cheer to the aged and the poor, will report it to The Enterprise, we will publish them by number and then the names of those who will accept the cases.

## FIREMEN TO MEET NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

The members of the local fire department are urged to meet next Thursday night at 7:15 at the City Hall. The chief is especially urged to be present and on time.

Mr. J. L. Davenport of Jamesville was in town today.

Miss Bonner Gurganus will arrive tonight from North Carolina college, Greensboro, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gurganus.

Mr. Stanley Sessoms will spend Friday in Wilson.

Mr. Robert Taylor spent yesterday in Everetts attending to business.

Messrs. Charles Mollie and Joe Everett spent Monday in Robersonville attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Fagan and little daughter of Rocky Mount visited Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Biggs Sunday.

Mr. J. T. McClaron of Everetts was in town yesterday.

## NOTED LABOR LEADER DIES IN TEXAS

Will be Buried Thursday In Sleepy Hollow Cemetery

The noted president of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, died in San Antonio, Tex., last Saturday. His body is en route to New York where services will be held Thursday at 9 a. m. Interment will be made in Sleepy Hollow cemetery of that city.

Samuel Gompers will go down as one of the big men of the age. For fifty years he was the recognized labor leader of America.

Beginning as a shoemaker at the age of ten, he was brought up in service. He attended school only from the age of 6 to 10 in England, his native country. At the age of 13 years he came to America and went into the cigar manufacturing trade, where he organized a union among cigar makers. His leadership to other labor organizations was carried and he soon became president of the American Federation of Labor.

Few men of his time worked more faithfully to create a good feeling between all classes of people the world over than he did. He was always on the look out to see, not only that labor was properly protected but that capital also should have a fair deal.

It is a singular thing that a man representing as shiftless a thing as a labor organization can lead it for half a century and yet be loved and revered by being charged with "selling out."

One of Mr. Gompers' strong points was to go over differences with an adversary before striking, and by this policy, much good was accomplished both for labor and for capital.

## WAREHOUSES REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Following is a report of some of the leading warehouses in North Carolina for the month of November. The report gives the number of pounds sold during that month and the averaged price paid:

	lbs.	avg. 2
Ahoscie	236,562	\$22.07
Farmville	1,528,462	34.36
Goldboro	454,126	24.11
Greenville	6,317,901	29.78
Kinston	4,287,356	25.57
Pinetops	173,544	27.17
Robersonville	222,764	29.20
Rocky Mount	2,919,570	30.80
Tarboro	287,710	28.58
Washington	622,209	25.32
Williamston	395,588	29.69
Wilson	10,651,713	32.04
Winston-Salem	134,481	26.81

The total for the State was 52,972,173 pounds at an average of \$28.44.

The quality of offerings during November has been about an average with less common grade and more good tobacco. The crop has been short this season and warehousemen state that there has been plenty of good color, but no body. Comments on reports indicate that about two-thirds of the crop has been marketed.

## Game Called Off; Merry Hill Failed to Arrive

The Merry Hill high school team which was scheduled to play the town team here last night did not arrive.

Somebody said he expected their failure to arrive was due to a "frame-up" or "something being put over on the Prof." who is coach of the Merry Hill team. One of the members of the team having been delinquent in some class duty, the professor would not let him out of the class room last Friday in time to get in a match game which the boys had scheduled. The whole team then failed to show up here last night to fill an appointment, that the teacher had made.

## MR. TAYLOR ACCEPTS A POSITION WITH MARTIN COUNTY SAVINGS & TRUST

Mr. Raymond Taylor who has been employed by Mr. K. B. Crawford in his insurance office, will be with the Martin County Savings and Trust company, beginning January 1, 1925.

Mr. Taylor takes a position in the bookkeeping department which was held by his brother, Mr. Howell Taylor, who left Sunday for Raleigh to make his home.

Radio Set burns up, see Sessoms.

Miss Emma Bell Harris will arrive Friday from N. C. college to spend the Christmas holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Yarrell.

Messrs. Bill Long and Julius Purvis spent Sunday in Belhaven.

## \$198.00 SAVED WHEN PEANUTS ARE SENT BY BOAT

Messrs. HASSELL AND FOWDEN ARRANGE FOR BOAT TO GET PEANUTS AT UP-RIVER POINT

Messrs. Hassell and Fowden, local peanut buyers have arranged with officials of the North Carolina and Baltimore Steamboat company to have the company's boat which has been turning around at the Williamston wharf on its trips up the Roanoke, to go on up to the Rainbow farm and to the Poplar Point landing and take up peanuts which will be carried to the Norfolk warehouses.

On a boat load of 2200 bags there will be a saving of \$198.00 in freight rates, the boat line carrying the peanuts for nine cents less per bag than the railroads. This will mean a considerable saving to the farmers who have large quantities of peanuts and will be a welcome saving to the small farmers this year on account of the shortage of crops.

## BASKET BALL NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

Basket ball fans can look forward to the fastest game of the season on Thursday night, the 18th, when the Washington and Williamston town teams meet, as both teams have the determination to win. While they are friends socially, friendship ceases when they step in the court. In spite of the fact that Washington is a larger city than Williamston, the Williamston boys have always been able to hold their end against the Washington team and cleverly defeated them three times out of four last season, with a very close score. It can't be denied that Washington has a wonderful town team as well as school teams, and part of this is due to the support given them by the public. With everything in their favor doesn't phase our boys and they are anxious to get after them to prove to their spectators they are worthy of their support.

Our team has won four games out of five and they lost the fifth one under a great handicap against Aurora. There are more players than have ever played on our town team before. We have ten in number and every man can fight like demons when they are put in the game. This is the line up: Lyman Britt, center and captain, John Henry Edwards, center, Jule Purvis, right forward; Lon Hassell, left forward; William H. Williams, right forward; Frank Carstarphen, left forward; Irving Margolis, right guard; Abram Peel, right guard; Raymond Taylor, left guard; Hugh B. Anderson, left guard; Jim Cocks, official referee; Jesse Harrell, official score keeper; Charlie Jones, official time keeper.

Readers will understand that only five men start the game but all ten of these men are seen in action at every game.

In addition to this game on Thursday night, our school boys play the Everetts school team. The last time these two teams met it was the prettiest game that spectators ever witnessed, ending with a score of seven-teen and fifteen in favor of Everetts.

To close a score makes our boys determined to win the next game, while the Everetts boys feel determined to beat them with a larger score. It will be decided later whether this game Thursday night will count in the championship of the school teams. That will be left with Mr. Ricks and Mr. Phillips, who represent the two teams. While these two games will be played for the benefit of the Episcopal church, we thank Mr. Phillips and Mr. Ricks for considering us and letting their boys play Thursday night.

Don't forget that the whole community is invited to be there Thursday night and when you have purchased one of the tickets from the ladies who are selling them, you are getting value received for your money, two hours of basket ball playing, the "cleanest" athletic sport that has ever been offered to the American public.

This amusement guaranteed to meet with your approval. First game starts promptly at 8 o'clock.

W. T. STONE, for the success of the boys.

## GLORIA SWANSON IN "THE HUMMING BIRD" PLEASES

"The Humming Bird," a picture of wonderful scenes and of intense interest was seen at the Strand theatre by most 200 people. The picture proved to be one of Gloria Swanson's best pictures and, in our estimation, far surpassing "Zaza" another of Miss Swanson's pictures.

This is Paramount week at the Strand and exceptionally good pictures are being shown.

## BOY'S LIFE IS THREATENED BY BEAUFORT MAN

Forces Boy to Drink and Then Demands A Cigarette or Life

Jasper Ayers, a young white man from Beaufort county, forced the old theory of give and receive last Sunday when he met up with a young boy on a road in the Smithwick's creek section.

The ten year-old son of Mr. Chas. M. Peel was walking a road in that section when he was overtaken by Ayers who was riding a bicycle. Ayers dismounted and invited the boy to take a drink, which the youngster refused to do. Upon refusal to drink made by the boy, Ayers caught him and forced it down his throat. Then Ayers demanded a cigarette from the Peel boy who told him he had no cigarettes. He was then told by Ayers if he did not give him a cigarette he would kill him, making known that he had a pistol in his pocket.

The little boy, resorting to the best method of escaping death, told his assaunt that he would give him some money to buy him cigarettes with if he would not kill him. The suggestion must have been accepted by Ayers, for when the boy produced his pocket book, containing a small amount of change, Ayers seized it and rode away.

Several neighbors soon heard of the affair and set out to find Ayers. They overtook him, placed him under arrest and turned him over to deputy sheriff Luther Peel who placed him in jail here.

Ayers claims he was just playing and also that he is not strong minded. As to these claims, we do not know whether there is any truth in it or not. Pouring liquor down the throats of small boys by force and then robbing them of their money is not to be tolerated.

## LOCAL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR NOVEMBER

The following is the honor roll for the local school for the month of November:

First grade: Billy Griffin, John Gurganus, Noah Gurganus, Robert Gurganus, Murr W. Holloman, John F. Pope, Lawrence Lindsay, Mike Katter, Harry Stubbs, George Lee Roberson, Frances Barnhill, Alta Critcher, Leya Mae Glenn, Henry Gurganus, Marie Hardison, Alice Harrison, Blanche M. Harrison, Elizabeth Howard, Christine Jenkins, Grace Manning, Mary Robertson, Hannah V. Everett.

Second grade: Alma Shirley, Roger Critcher, Warren Roebuck, Euzelia Hardison, Mayo Hardison, Clarence McKel, Ada Bullock, Jack Manning, Billie Clark, Mattie Gurganus, Nell Hardison, James T. Barnhill, Oscar Anderson Jr., Josephine Anderson, Billie Pope, Herbert Whitely, Alvereta Weaver, Dorris Teel, Shelton Hall, Annie Wynne, Atwood Gurganus, Bruce Holloman, Horace Ray, Ruth Price, Hubert Cherry, Vernon Godwin, James W. Dixon, Hardy Rose.

Third grade: Myrtle Brown, Billie Liverman, Clayton McKel, Virginia G. Taylor.

Grade four B: Jim Rhodes, Jr., Reg. Simpson, Ruth Ward, Mary C. Williams.

Grade four A: Wheeler M. Manning, Ernest Harrison.

Fifth grade: Hazel Brown, Edith Peele, Charles Manning, Albert L. Clark.

Sixth grade: Charlie Bowen, Mary Alice Dunning, Norma Perry, Otis Marie Roberson, Buck Saunders, Ralph Taylor, Josephine Harrison.

Seventh grade: Margaret Rodgers, Hibble Liverman, Elmer Peele, Edwin Peele, Mary Carstarphen.

Eleventh grade, Margaret Manning, Laura Orleans, Benjamin Courtney.

## Oak City Team Wins Over Everetts Five

On Friday afternoon, Oak City met Everetts on the local court in a contest which was rather close during the first half. The feature of the game was the team work of the visitors who presented a very smooth working team.

Oak City won the game because of the ability of its forwards to shoot goals. However there was no sign of team work on the part of the local boys, but on the contrary the work of two individuals.

Oak City, Dec. 15.—Everetts high school loses to Oak City by a score of 22 to 10.

Mayor Hassell and Messrs. Harold Everett and W. V. Pool visited friends in Aprahoe Sunday.

## WILLIAMSTON LEADS MANY SMALL MARKETS

The report of the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture shows that Williamston stands ahead of all the smaller markets in the State with the exception of Farmville which is primarily a tobacco town in the heart of a tobacco growing territory.

There are only four markets ahead of Williamston and Greenville's average is only .09 above Williamston's, leaving only three that have a superior standing over the local market.

From the figures of the report it will be seen that the other two towns with the exception of Farmville are Wil on and Rocky Mount and to compare the smaller markets, one has to take into consideration the amount of tobacco that is sold on those markets which is shipped in large quantities. And the tobacco that is shipped is usually of the better grade because for one will take the trouble or the time to send scrap or even very poor grades of tobacco to a larger market when one can take it to a near by market.

Williamston and Martin county are proud of the tobacco markets that have been run in the county this year and they will work for the advancement of the market next year more than ever before.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Belhaven, N. C. Dec. 15.—Miss Lita Sawyer entertained the Las Vegas posas club Tuesday evening in compliance to one of the season's most popular and attractive bride-elects, Miss Sophornia Topping. The rooms were attractively decorated with Christmas evergreens. With the delicious ice course served, by the hostess, the guests were presented with small satin bags of rice, bearing this inscription:

December 26, 1924 thus announcing Miss Topping's approaching marriage to Mr. Julius Purvis of Williamston, N. C. After the refreshments, the bride to be was presented with the end of a satin ribbon and told to pull. Doing as she was bid, she soon found herself showered with many useful cooking utensils, which were gifts of the club members.

Excluding the guest of honor, those present were Misses Rachel Bishop, Mildred Johnson, Estelle Crawford, Julia Rowe, Ruth Campbell, Mabel and Katie Topping, Almetta Sawyer, Mary King Ellison, Elizabeth Wilkerson.

The above announcement will prove to be very interesting to the many friends of the contracting parties, Mr. Purvis having lived near and in Williamston for the past several years. Miss Topping was a popular member of the Everetts school faculty in 1923-1924 and has many friends in that section of the county.

## Martin County Man Heads Nashville Kiwanis Club

At a meeting held last week to organize a Kiwanis club in the enterprising town Nashville, a former Martin county citizen, Mr. Harry Fagan was elected president of the organization.

The Nashville Graphic says, "with in the next few weeks President Fagan hopes to have the organization in fine working shape and functioning in the interest of Nashville's social, religious and financial upbuilding to that extent as will make Kiwanis an important factor in the accomplishment of many things now needed for the town and community."

Mr. Fagan holds a responsible position in a Nashville bank and is one of that city's most enterprising young citizens.

## Schools Close Friday For The Holidays

The local schools will close Friday for the Christmas holidays and will not reopen until Monday the 5th of January. This will give the students a much needed rest of two weeks and bring them back on the 5th of a new year all prepared to meet the hard assignments that are sure to come before another holiday rolls around.

While the local school closes Friday for a two weeks vacation, there are others that will close only for a week.

Give him a pair of roller skates—the kind that Calpepper Hardware Company sells.

## BIG PAYMENTS FOR COTTON COOPS

Mailing of Checks Will Begin Today And is Expected to Be Completed by Dec. 20.

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—During the six days following December 15, checks aggregating approximately one and a half million dollars will be mailed to members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association from the general office of the association in Raleigh. These checks represent the first distribution on cotton of the 1924 crop delivered to the association. The mailing of the checks will begin Monday, and the office force expects to complete the work not later than December 20. Farmers living in about sixty counties in this state will receive these checks and the distribution of this money at this time will likely mean the settlement of many accounts and in like manner tend to bring considerable business to the merchants and bankers of the cotton section.

Members of the association who have delivered cotton to the association will receive distribution checks on all cotton on which the drafts reached the Raleigh office prior to December 1. Cotton delivered in December will be evoked up in January. Naturally the office force had to set a date for the accounting and hence the announcement.

For several weeks the weather has been particularly well suited to the picking of the crop and the southern section has gathered practically all the crop of cotton, but in the northern section, with a later season, the farmers are still busy picking and ginning.

The receipts of cotton by the association continue to hold up well the prospect is that North Carolina association will handle a much larger percentage of the crop this season than was received last year. It seems also that the North Carolina association is likely to handle a larger percentage of the crop than other cotton associations.

Without any membership campaign, cotton farmers are signing contracts right along and the membership of the association is steadily growing.

Miss Margaret A. Hardison of Griffin's township died last Sunday afternoon from an attack of pneumonia with which she was taken only three days before her death.

Miss Hardison was 81 years old, the daughter of the late David Hardison and wife, Apha Hardison. She leaves one brother, Mr. W. A. Hardison and a large number of nephews and nieces.

She was buried at the Hardison Mill cemetery yesterday afternoon.

## MISS MARGARET A. HARDISON DEAD

She was buried at the Hardison Mill cemetery yesterday afternoon.

## Double Wedding Sunday Afternoon

Cupid was busy around six o'clock Sunday afternoon in our city. The Register of Deeds, Sam Gotsinger, issued licenses for Mr. Robert Stalls and Miss Lillian Gurganus and Miss Fannie Bland and Mr. W. H. Roberson, all parties being residents of the Cross Roads and Robersonville sections.

The contracting parties then went to the Baptist parsonage where at six o'clock they were married by Rev. K. L. Shirley.

## ENTERTAIN FRIDAY EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godard, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson entertained at the Godard home in New Town last Friday evening from 8:30 to 12. The home was effectively decorated with holly, pines and haw berries, the Christmas idea being carried out in the decorations.

Upon the arrival of the guests punch was served from one side of the dining hall and later in the evening delicious refreshments of chicken salad and pimento sandwiches, cheese Saratoga chips, pickles, celery were served, from the dining table.

Dancing and cards were enjoyed during the evening.

Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. John Manning, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Peel, Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Cone, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rome Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Brown, Mrs. Carrie B. Williams, Mrs. Delia Carson, Miss Annie Crawford and Messrs. J. L. Hassell, J. S. Peel, W. F. Thomas, W. V. Pool and R. T. Warren, Harry Biggs, Bill Ricks.

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