

Superior Court Next Week to Try Several Important Cases

To Try Alleged Bank Robbers and J. M. Pugh

Slayer of Silverthorne Will Plead Self-Defense

Superior court will convene Monday with Judge Henry A. Grady presiding.

The most important case is that against J. M. Pugh, charged with killing Beamon Silverthorne by cutting him to death with a knife. It is expected that the State will charge first degree murder upon the ground that Silverthorne had turned away from Pugh after some dispute, and that Pugh caught him around the neck with his arm, held him and cut him to death. Pugh, however claims that he did it in self-defense.

The most important case, probably, will be that of Percy Woodward, Geo. G. Moore, C. K. Morris and James Walters, alleged bank conspirators. It will be remembered that these men were planning to rob the Planters and Merchants bank at Everetts and that they postponed the act when they became suspicious of their local partner.

According to the evidence given by the young men, the robbery would have been made had they not been arrested so soon. Since their arrests they have been in the Tarboro jail awaiting court here next week.

There are several charges against the four, and should the State fail to convict them of the conspiracy mentioned, the other charges will be brought. The Federal government wants them for stealing automobiles in one state and moving them to another. Morris has a sentence awaiting him at the penitentiary, he having escaped that place after serving only a few months of a four-year sentence.

The plans of the four men formed one of the smoothest plots in the county's history, and no doubt but they would have been successful had it not been for information gained through Mr. W. R. Cherry of this place. He took the plans from the four and made them known to officers of the town and county.

Kiwanis Hears N. G. Bartlett

Urges Club to See That County is Represented At Exposition

The Kiwanis Club had as its honor guests Wednesday, Rev. Walter B. Clark and Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Bartlett made an address in which he urged the club to see that Martin County is properly represented at the Peanut Exposition to be held in Windsor the week following Christmas.

This will be the first peanut exposition ever held in the world, and the peanut will be shown in all of its forms, and every channel of its usefulness will be displayed. It will possibly be a surprise to most of the growers who have had a life's acquaintance with the peanut to learn that it is made into more than 150 valuable articles.

There will be many other enjoy-

New Judge and Solicitor of Recorder's Court



Judge J. Walter Bailey and Solicitor Hugh G. Horton who took over the work of the Recorder's court here last Tuesday. Mr. Bailey is from Everetts, Mr. Horton is a local man. They are both young men standing high in their profession and their communities.

New Recorder H.G. Horton Is Assumes Office

William Harris Given First Fine Imposed By New Recorder

Joseph W. Bailey, of Everetts, judge of the recorder's court, took the office Monday, succeeding J. C. Smith, of Robersonville, and held his first court Tuesday.

Judge Bailey is only 25 years old. He was born and reared in Everetts and graduated from the Everetts and Robersonville High Schools. He then attended the Randolph-Macon Academy at Bedford City, Va., and studied law at Wake Forest, receiving his law license in 1923.

Judge Bailey worked for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. for about five years, most of the time as telegraph operator and agent at Everetts.

The first case before the new judge was for cruelty to animals, in which William Harris was charged with running over and killing Pearl Leggett's dog. Much interest was shown in the case. Extra counsel had been employed to prosecute the case. A verdict of guilty was returned and a fine of \$25 and costs was the first judgment of the new judge.

No other cases of note were heard. On account of superior court being in session here next week, the recorder's court will hold its next session the third Tuesday in this month.

B. S. Courtney Buyer of F. L. Edwards' Business

Mr. F. L. Edwards, who has been in the undertaking business here for about two years and a half, has sold his business to Mr. B. S. Courtney, who will continue it in connection with his furniture store. Mr. Courtney expects to keep his undertaking department up to a high standard and will be prepared at all times to render efficient funeral and embalming service.

Mr. Edwards, since his residence here, has given good service to the public. He had good equipment and was able to furnish service equal to any furnished by undertakers of the larger cities.

Mr. Edwards will return to his home in Kinston to assist his father, who has become almost an invalid and is unable to care for his business affairs, which are extensive. Mr. Edwards being the only child yielded to the pleadings of his father and mother to return where they might have him near.

Mr. Edwards and wife and two sons have occupied apartments in the Tar Heel Building since they have been here, and their many friends regret to see them leave. They expect to go about the last of the month.

MESSRS. O. W. Hamilton and C. A. Askey were business visitors here last evening.

able features to the exposition, according to Mr. Bartlett, who says it will be a great time for eastern North Carolina and Virginia.

Rev. Mr. Clark made a short talk full of interest.

The general business affairs of the club were taken up and disposed of, and the meeting was one of the best yet.

The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

Dec. 12.—"The Boy Samuel."—1 Samuel 3:1-10, 15-19.

By C. H. DICKEY

Multitudinous children move about over the pages of the Scriptures. I am sure that Haven is literally moving with these little angels. The children! The children! How the churches have neglected them. Yet, without Scriptural precedent. Here a little child is ministering to the Lord; and Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven was composed of such.

It is high time that the Protestant churches of America make a larger place in their program for the children, the little children. It is easier to form than to reform; easier to grow than to transplant; easier to keep than to lose and win back. When shall we ever awake to the importance of the child in the midst.

Advanced educators now tell us that the most important time in the child's life is even before he enters school at six years of age. Many people have the crazy notion that a child under 12 is too young for things spiritual; but I believe that soon after 12 he becomes almost too old for things spiritual. It is either win them early or lose the most of them. It is either hold them for the church and the Kingdom, or bid the major portion of them good-by, so far as these two are concerned.

Samuel's mother knew; she gave him to the Lord even before he was born. And upon his birth she made good her pledge. Useless to say that the Lord did not refuse the noble gift she made; He never does refuse gifts like that. Samuel was lent to the Lord; given to the Lord; accepted of the Lord; and used of the Lord.

The story of the boy's call is beautiful in the extreme. God speaks to children—ah, to the little children—even to very young children. I somehow believe that they can hear what He speaks even better than we who are grown up. Children were not told by Jesus that they must become like adults before they could enter the Kingdom; but adults were told that they would have to become like children before they could enter. We have had this thing all reversed. It's high time we face about.

It is not surprising that the Lord used this boy after a marvelous manner. Of course he did. If any parent will give his or her child to the Lord today, and place it in an environment of religion and keep it there, the Lord will use that child, too.

Never in the history of the world has so much been done for children as is being done today. They are excited, enthroned, provided for a noble fashion; and surely, as the years come and go, we shall reap a wonderful harvest for this. But this exaltation of the child is not nearly universal—society is educating him and providing play grounds and making diets, all of which is wonderful; but the spiritual side of the child's nature must keep pace or we shall expect a result out of proportion.

Of all people in creation, God wants the children. Let us dedicate them to Him—all of them, and do it like Samuel's mother, even before they are born. God will accept them and Christ will receive them.

60,000 Pounds Tobacco On Market Here Today

Conservative estimates placed the number of pounds of tobacco on the local floors today at 60,000. This is one of the largest sales of the week.

While no bills had been finished at noon today, it is thought that the average will easily go above \$28.00 per hundred.

A large number of farmers made good averages today, and with prices remaining at their present point and with good weather, larger breaks are expected here next week.

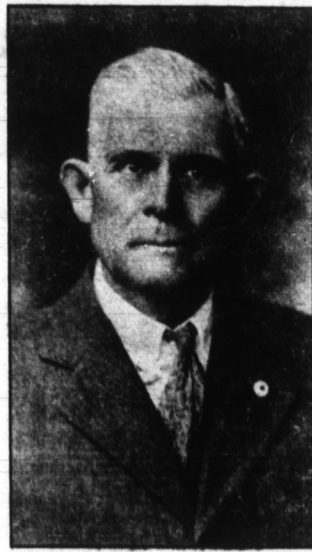
The market closes next Friday, the 17th for the Christmas holidays. It will reopen after Christmas about the 12th of January.

Stores to Remain Open At Night

The merchants of the town will keep their stores open every night, beginning next Wednesday night, December 15 and will continue to do so through Christmas week. They will do this to give their customers who cannot shop in the day an opportunity to do so at night.

Mrs. Lawrence Lindsay spent several days with her sister, Mrs. C. H. Yost, of the Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., and her brother, Mr. Daniel Gano, of Norfolk, Va.

A. L. Roebuck Succeeds Roberson as Sheriff



Martin County's new sheriff, A. L. Roebuck, who took over his duties last Tuesday, and ex-sheriff, H. T. Roberson, while turning over practically all the duties of the office, will finish the collection of the county's 1926 taxes.

Roebuck Takes Roberson Held Over New Office Office 7 Years

First To Handle Office Under New Salary System

Archibald L. (Baldy) Roebuck assumed the duties of the important office of sheriff Monday.

Mr. Roebuck was born near the Pitt County line in Robersonville Township September 22, 1866, on a farm, where he grew to manhood. He married Miss Melissa M. Wynn and moved to Cross Roads Township when a young man, where he has lived and farmed since that time.

He has succeeded both as a farmer and as a citizen, giving much time to the advancement of all the good works of his community and county, being an ardent supporter of education and church, as well as civic improvements. He might well be called a leader for good in his community, always having time to help a neighbor in sickness and distress. His life has been such that his neighbors say of him that if he makes as good a sheriff as he does neighbor and citizen, he will honor his county. As an evidence of his good reputation he succeeded in procuring the nomination for the office of sheriff over as popular a man as H. T. Roberson.

Mr. Roebuck will be the first sheriff to serve the county under the salary system. With the heavy expenses necessary to properly execute the duties required of a sheriff, he will necessarily have to handle the job with considerable care to get more than a modest living.

Mr. S. Harcom Grimes, of Gold Point, will serve as first deputy to the new sheriff, also an office of importance. Mr. Grimes is well known in the county and has the reputation of being a capable and honorable young man.

Sheriff Robuck has moved his family to Williamston, residing on East Main Street near the courthouse. His son will take over the management of his farm in Cross Roads Township.

Oyster Roast Enjoyed By Three Hundred

One of the largest oyster suppers held here took place last night at the plant of the W. I. Skinner Tobacco company when the local tobacco members of the chamber of commerce and Kiwanis club and their wives. Near three hundred attended, and in the number there were some great oyster eaters. While the forty bushels did not run out, there were not so many left.

The board of trade proved itself a real host, and the supper was well enjoyed by the large numbers attending.

Methodist Bazaar Very Successful

The bazaar and supper given by the ladies of the Methodist Church at the Woman's Club last night was quite a success. Though the weather was bad the crowd was good.

The supper consisted of turkey with all that goes with it, as well as almost any other thing which is usually found on a well-ordered menu.

There were many useful and valuable articles of various kinds for sale. These articles had been prepared and donated by the ladies and friends of the church. There were also numerous things to amuse the children.

All the prices were reasonable, no extortions.

Mr. J. D. Brame, of High Point, was here yesterday and today.

Section Suffers Loss in Death of John M. Green

Died Early at His Home On Washington Road Last Wednesday

John M. Green, who for several years has been an invalid, died at his home on the Washington road early Wednesday morning and was buried on the farm where he had resided for more than half a century, yesterday.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Manning, who for 18 years had served as his pastor at the Macedonia Christian Church, of which Mr. Green had been a useful member for more than 55 years.

Mr. Green was born in Martin County October 18, 1848, the son of Jesse V. Green and Ann M. Smithwick Green. At the age of 24 years he married Miss Minnie A. Leggett, of Beaufort County, who survives him, they having lived together for 54 years.

They were the kind of people that we have to recognize as "real folks." The folks that did their duty in church and state affairs and always extended the hand of sympathy to those in need.

Mr. Green leaves two children, Henry C. Green, who has lived at the old homestead with his parents all his life, and who in their declining years has helped and comforted them; and John W. Green, of Williamston; and one sister, Mrs. R. H. Rogerson, of Bear Grass.

He also leaves two half brothers, Jesse D. Green, of Baltimore; Jas. E. Green, of Winterville; and one half sister, Mrs. Otis Rhodes, of Jacksonville, Fla.

2 Clubs Formed at Local School

To Sponsor Public Speeches and Triangle Debates

Literary activities were greatly increased when the students of the local school assembled and organized literary and dramatic club. The literary club will have that phase of work which has to do with the training of debaters and other public speakers. Twenty-two of the leading students in the high school have been enrolled, and it is expected that a greater number will join at the club's next meeting. Sophie Little was elected president of the club and Miss Mary Harrison was made vice president. Paul Simpson holds the secretary-treasurer office. Hibble Liverman and Martha Rogerson were selected to form the membership committee. With Mary Alice Dunning, Annie Mae Williams, Tillie Perry, and Josephine Harrison on the program committee, excellent programs are expected at all the club's meetings. The club meets every first and third Wednesday of the school month, and an initiation fee of 25 cents is charged.

The dramatic club has an initiation fee of 50 cents, and its meeting are held every second and fourth Wednesday of the school month. The club is headed by Jessup Harrison and has Margaret Rodgers as its vice president. Frances Williams is the secretary and Darrell Price is treasurer. Hazel Edmondson, Ollie Marie Roberson, and Thelma Cook form the play reading committee.

These two clubs, though just recently organized, are expected to be of great help in developing literary and dramatic material in the local school.

Sunday Services at Memorial Baptist

Sunday morning the pastor will have for his sermon outline, "Giving—of Substance, of Service, and of Self." At the evening hour the subject will be, "Walking With the Savior."

On Wednesday evening at 7:30 (December 15th), those studying the mid-week Bible course will have the last two books in the Old Testament—those completing the course we began a year ago. It is desired that a large attendance be present at this last mid-week service before Christmas.

Sunday morning, December 19, the Christmas sermon will be delivered, and that evening at 5 o'clock (at twilight), the white gift Christmas service will be held. Much preparation is being made for this service, and the general public is invited. On the following Thursday night the children will have their Christmas tree, and on Sunday, December 26, there will be Sunday school, as usual, followed by a unified church service at 10:30 o'clock, after which there will be no further service in the church that day.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY
A New Serial
"The Phantom Police"
with
Herbert Rawlinson
Don't miss the 1st episode—
Also Comedy and Western.

Always a Good Show