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Superior Court Finishes Trial Criminal Cases

Hollis Found Guilty of Manslaughter is Given Suspended Sentence

The superior court concluded the trial of criminal cases Tuesday, since which time the tedious civil processes have thrown everything into slow gear, so that every stump, every tree, and every ditch can be described in detail by a multitude of witnesses.

The jury in the Joseph Hollis case returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter after a short deliberation Tuesday. The judgment against him was a fine of \$100 and costs of the case and a four-months suspended sentence. It will be recalled that Hollis killed John Keel during an altercation between the two in Poplar Point Township several weeks ago.

W. V. Ormond and Mary Hyman, who were charged with forgery, entered a plea of guilty of an attempt to defraud. The plea, was accepted and Mary Hyman was sentenced to jail for 60 days, judgment being suspended upon payment of one-half the costs of the case. Ormond was fined \$100 and charged with the other half of the costs.

This case was apparently an attempt by Mary Hyman to defraud a Durham insurance company. Mary Hyman procured a policy on the life of her mother, Ada Hyman, who she claimed lived in the Indian Woods section of Bertie County. The policy carried both a sick and death benefit clause, and Mary Hyman paid the weekly installments from the time the policy was issued in the spring of 1926. In the late fall of 1926, she procured blanks upon which to make claim and death proof, saying that her mother had been killed in an automobile wreck and was buried in the Indian Woods section. Mary then procured the services of W. V. Ormond to fill in the blanks for the undertaker and recorder of vital statistics in Bertie county, and he signed the blanks for them.

When the reports of the death went in, it seemed that suspicion was aroused, and before paying the \$300 claim, the company sent investigators to Bertie County, and they found that the Bertie undertaker knew nothing about such a funeral, nor did he authorize the use of his name. Neither did the recorder of vital statistics of that county know anything about the death of a person by that name. The name of the recorder of vital statistics who had held the position some years ago, and who had been gone for a year or more, was used on the blanks.

The insurance company, turned the matter over to the State insurance department, which sent representatives here and worked up the case.

The case was so plain that the defendants waived trial. Ormond admitted that he did all of the work, but simply at the request of the Hyman woman, and that he had no interest in it whatever, nor did he expect to receive any reward for the service he did. It was upon this plea that the gentleness of the judgment was based.

Representatives of the State insurance department were here for the trial, as was Attorney S. T. Thorne, who had been retained by the department to assist in the prosecution.

In the case against Fred Jones, who was convicted by the jury of driving an automobile while drunk, the defendant was fined \$100 and charged with the costs in the case, and his driving license was suspended for 90 days.

Only one divorce had been granted up to yesterday afternoon, which was in the case of K. S. Smith vs. Mary Smith, colored.

Personnel of Warehouse Firms for 1926 Season Announced This Week

Partnerships for the running of the local tobacco warehouses were completed the early part of this week when seven of the members of last year's firms reorganized and two from other markets organized to operate the third house.

The Roanoke-Dixie will have for its proprietors this year Messrs. Joe Taylor, W. T. Meadows, Harry Meador, and Claude Griffin. All of these men were connected with the market last year, but were not with the same house. Messrs. Taylor and Griffin were in partnership with Messrs. Biggs

Stalls and Griffin at the Brick Warehouse, while the Messrs. Meador and Meadows operated the Roanoke-Dixie. The Farmers management remains the same as last year, Messrs. Frank Bennett, Jule Barnhill, and Hubert Morton operating it. For the third house, the Brick, Messrs. Victor Shelburne, of Washington, and Robert Grimes, of Robersonville, will be its proprietors.

All of these men are well known throughout this section of the State, and they bring to the market this year prospects for the best market ever witnessed here.

New Auto Laws Go in Effect 1st

State Speed Law Raised from 35 to 45 Miles Per Hour

Many new automobile laws passed by the recent general assembly will go into effect April 1st.

The speed limit has been raised from 35 to 45 miles per hour outside towns; in town and city residential sections the new limit is 20 miles per hour, and 15 miles per hour in business sections, and on curves and within school zones.

The drunken driver penalty has been doubled, and those convicted for this offense will have to go to prison for from 1 month to 1 year, or pay a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000.

Cars will only have to stop at such crossings as may be designated by the State Highway Commission.

No car, including its load, shall weigh above 9 tons, and none shall be more than 7 feet 9 inches wide.

Every driver in a car to which an accident occurs is required to stop. This law was designed to curb the "hit-and-run" driver.

No driver shall throw his gears into neutral and coast down hills.

Another new regulation prohibits posters being attached to the windshield, side or rear windows.

A license tag good for six months will be issued July 1 this year, and the regular yearly license will be issued on January 1 thereafter.

Every car is required to carry its registration card in a container attached to the car. The State furnishes this container to the motorist for 50 cents.

First Sturgeon of Year Caught Here Yesterday

The first sturgeon of the season was caught yesterday by Furney Howard in a fishing machine on the river near here. The sturgeon, however, was so small he had no value, being only about 20 inches long and estimated to weigh about 2 pounds.

The sturgeon was once a great commercial fish on the Roanoke River, and the fisheries landed many of the big fellows, weighing as high as 350 pounds each. After the seine fishing ended early in May, large numbers of sturgeon would continue to be caught through August. The industry was destroyed by the lower sound and inlet fisheries year ago, when they practically broke the seed of the sturgeon fishing with nets.

If the new fish and game commission will make it unlawful to take sturgeon from the waters for a number of years, then we may have plenty of them.

Several Americans Killed by Cantonese

United States and English warships engaged in shelling Nankin Thursday after a group of foreigners, including several Americans, had been attacked and killed by Cantonese soldiers.

It seems that the Cantonese forces charged the Standard Oil plant at Nanking and killed a number of the Americans gathered there, some of them being sailors and marines. The warships on guard then began firing to prevent reinforcements reaching the Cantonese attackers.

Other ships from Manila are rushing to the scene to protect the small forces and foreigners now in China.

Meet of Robersonville Parents-Teachers 31st

Robersonville, March 25.—(Special to the Enterprise.)—The parents-teachers' association will meet Thursday evening, March 31, in the school building. The association's members are urged to attend and take part in the business to come before the meeting.

Baptist Revival Begins April 3

Rev. Arthur O. Moore of Salisbury Church Will Preach at Services

Rev. Arthur O. Moore is coming to Williamston for a revival which is to be held at the Baptist Church just before Easter.

The dates of this meeting are as follows: It will begin on the first Sunday in April and will close on Easter Sunday.

The special meetings at the Episcopal church will close just as these meetings at the Baptist church begin. Therefore, the protracted services at the Baptist church will be the only special services going on in Williamston the last two weeks before Easter.

This being true, the people of the Baptist Church wish to extend a special invitation to the general public, and in addition to the other church congregations in Williamston. As nearly as is possible it is hoped that all these congregations may merge their efforts for this common undertaking.

Mr. Moore has been invited to come here because of his splendid abilities as a preacher. It is not claimed that he is a "big preacher," but it is claimed that he is a real and powerful one. He preaches with great simplicity, earnestness, and power. The fact that he is pastor of the strong First Baptist Church in Salisbury is evidence that he is an able and well-qualified man.

Mr. Moore is a man who has both religion and sanity. He is not a freak but an honest man of God.

Cotton Ginnings Not as Large as Were in 1925

In 1926, Martin County raised and ginned 783 bales of cotton less than in 1925, according to a report issued by the State and Federal departments of agriculture. In 1926 there were 7,898 bales ginned as against 8,681 bales ginned in 1925. The total number of bales ginned in the State amounted to 1,238,180.

The report estimated the amount of cotton left in the fields to be around 50,000 bales. In this country there was a very small amount of the crop left in fields, but in many of the counties where the crop was late a greater percentage remained untouched in the fields.

While the decreased experienced in this county last year was not great, it is the general belief throughout this section that the crop in this county will undergo a greater decrease this year.

Robersonville School Seniors to Stage Play

Robersonville, March 25.—(Special to the Enterprise.)—The seniors of the local school are practicing daily for their play, "Mammy's Lil' Wild Rose," which they will present Tuesday night, April 5. The play is a comedy-drama of the Sunny South in three acts. It has an able cast selected from the members of this year's graduating class. The entire action of the play takes place in the cabin-door yard of Uncle Joe and Mammy Celia in the mountains of Virginia.

Various committees are at work now trying to make the play a big success. The teachers are acting as chairmen of the committees and they will be loyally assisted by members of the senior class. The play is being directed by Miss Eva Peole, of the high-school faculty, Supt. R. I. Leake is acting as general manager.

Methodist Program of Services Sunday

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m.; text from Genesis 1:28; and at 7:45 p. m., text from Romans 2:8. Services at Vernon at 3 p. m.

Ask Permit to Remove Two Daily Trains

Kiwanis Club Members Plan to Represent the Town at Hearing

That the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad desired to discontinue the Tarboro-Plymouth trains has been heard more than once in the past few years. Recently the company filed a petition with the corporation commission at Raleigh asking permission to discontinue the noon-day train. This would also mean the discontinuance of the west-bound train at 4:45 p. m.

At a meeting of the Kiwanis Club last Wednesday the secretary of the club was authorized to write to the corporation commission and ask the date of the hearing, so that the towns affected might send representatives to it.

The "1:16," as it is generally known and called by local citizens, has for years brought a greater part of the mail and express to the towns in this section. Since the schedule of the Norfolk-Wilmington train was changed, passenger traffic on the afternoon train going to Tarboro has shown a considerable drop.

The Kiwanis club will send several of its members to represent the town when the hearing is held.

If the corporation commission approves the railroad's request, every day will be Sunday here, as far as train service is concerned.

Fire Truck Wrecked While Going to Fire

A near-dangerous accident took place just before noon today when a Ford touring car belonging to Susan-Motor company of Washington, and driven by A. C. McDaniel, ran into the town's fire truck while it was rushing to a fire near the Cornerstone colored church at the edge of town.

Henry D. Harrison, fire chief, was driving the truck when the collision occurred.

Hugh, the son of Mr. McDaniel, was in the car with his father and he received bad bruises on his knee and forehead, but they were not serious.

The fire truck and the car were both damaged to a great extent. The local firemen find that when the fire alarm sounds many cars rush around through the streets in perfect disregard of the law. The cars rush in front of the fire truck and as was the case this morning fail to stop when signaled to do so. Two men were signaling the cars to stop where the Jameville roads branches from No. 30, but their warnings were disregarded today.

The delay caused by the wreck, however, did not hinder the firemen from reaching the fire in time to save the little colored residence from being consumed by the flames.

College Crusade Closes in County Tomorrow

The educational crusade which has been going on in the several Christian churches of the county during the past two weeks will close tomorrow.

The purpose of the crusade is to raise an endowment fund for Atlantic Christian college. The Martin county churches responded liberally, meeting the goal which was set.

Those engaged in the work will go from here to Beaufort county Sunday to continue the task there.

Since the beginning of the work six weeks ago, the church people have far exceeded the expectations of the campaigners. A far larger number of people have contributed than to any other call the church has made for educational purposes.

Hamilton Preacher to Address Federation

Rev. Paul West, the Baptist preacher, of Hamilton, will preach to the Federation to night at the Disciples' Church at 7:30. It is to be hoped that the community will avail itself of this rare opportunity and be present.

Dr. Perry Case Will Preach at Jamesville

Dr. Perry Case, of Atlantic Christian College, will preach at the Jamesville Christian Church on Sunday night. Everybody is cordially invited to hear Dr. Case, who is a very forceful speaker and preacher.

Friends of Mrs. Joe Roebuck will be glad to learn that she is improving from a serious illness which has lasted for several weeks.

Miss Lula Mae Keel, of the local high school faculty, is spending the week end at her home in Rocky Mount.

Episcopalians Start Services Here Monday

Schedule of Services to Be Conducted by Rev. Mr. Cook

The evangelistic services in the Episcopal Church begins next Monday night at 8 o'clock. During this week special prayer meetings have been held in various home in the community and a general interest in the meeting has been shown. The Rev. James E. W. Cook, the preacher for the meeting, is well and favorably known throughout North Carolina as a preacher of power and force. Not only is he recognized as a preacher but as a public speaker he is in great demand. Mr. Cook is the grand orator of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of North Carolina, and this honor is not conferred except in the case of exceptional ability. Below is a schedule of the services to be conducted by Mr. Cook:

Monday night: Special sermon to church members of all churches.

Tuesday morning, at 10:15: Address in graded school.

Tuesday morning, 11 o'clock, in the Church: Meditation for Women of the town.

Tuesday night, 8 o'clock: Sermon to youth. All young people invited.

Wednesday morning: Holy Communion at 10:30.

Wednesday night: Sermon to Kiwanians.

Thursday morning, 10:30: Meditation in the Church.

Thursday night: Sermon to the Masons.

Friday morning, 10:30: Holy Communion.

Friday night service: Community service. Friends from Windsor, Hamilton, Everetts, and Robersonville, are cordially urged to attend.

Saturday night: Service in St. Martin's, Hamilton.

Sunday morning, 8 o'clock: Holy Communion with junior choir.

Sunday, 3:00 o'clock: Service at Holy Trinity Mission.

Sunday, 8 o'clock: Evening prayer and sermon.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services and the prayerful cooperation of all churches is requested.

Many Shad Caught at Jamesville Tuesday

Shad catches at the Fleming fishery, Jamesville, last Tuesday almost equaled those of the best days of the season last year. One catch netted 68 of the fish, another 52, while those during the remainder of the day were not so large. Last season the fishery hardly ever caught so large a number of shad at one haul. Wednesday and yesterday the weather was so cold that the catches dropped considerably, and at times the seine would bring in no more than one or two shad and only a few hundred herrings.

Big Meeting Monday of Everetts Woodmen

Everetts, March 24.—(Special to the Enterprise.)—The regular meeting of Everetts Modern Woodmen will be held Monday night, March 28, at 7:30. All members in good standing are invited to attend. There is to be three candidates initiated at this time if nothing prevents, and a good time is promised both the candidates and the members.

From all reports there will be a few visiting members from Rocky Mount and other camps. Aside from the initiatory service there will be social entertainment for all.

MOVES TO OFFICE FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY H. G. HORTON

Mr. W. G. Peole, agent for the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, moved his office to the Farmers and Merchants bank building this week. Mr. Peole, for some time has had his office in the building once occupied by the late Dr. J. B. H. Knight. He will occupy the office recently vacated by Attorney H. G. Horton. Mr. Horton has moved to the office recently occupied by Biggs and Stalls.

New State Laws to be Out the First of April

The State printers are giving the best service in the history of the State in printing the laws of the General Assembly in 25 days after the body's adjournment. According to Secretary Everett, a new speed record will be made this time by putting the laws out by the first of next month. There has been much delay heretofore in issuing the laws, causing much embarrassment to the courts and the public for months after the passage of the laws they could not be had.

State Dentist Will Be Here Week April 4

Dr. L. H. Butler, one of the State school dentists, will arrive here April 4 to examine the teeth of all the school children in the county and to treat those cases where it is possible to do so. Mr. Butler is now holding a clinic in Tyrrell County, but he will complete his work there next week.

Dr. Butler is sent out by the State Board of Health, and a period of two months will be necessary in treating the school children of the county. The treatment will be for those children between the ages of 6 and 12 years, inclusive.

Death of Miss Jennie Boyle

Was Former Resident of Martin County; Dies in Brunswick, Ga.

Yesterday afternoon at four o'clock Miss Jennie Boyle of Brunswick, Ga. was buried in the Hamilton cemetery beside her parents. She was the daughter of the late John Mac. Boyle of Scotland and Mary Plumb Boyle, of England. In early womanhood her parents came to America and lived in Plymouth where her father was a prominent citizen. The family later moved to Hamilton where she was reared.

She was educated at Mount de Sales School for Girls near Baltimore and while there became a member of the Catholic church. She has for the last several years lived with her sister, Mrs. Robert Everett in Brunswick, Georgia.

The deceased was in her seventy-eighth year and was survived by three sisters, Mrs. Irene Smith, of Williamston, Mrs. Robert Everett, of Brunswick, Ga., and Mrs. Augusta Cotton, of Baltimore.

Accompanying the body were two nephews, Frank Howell of Waycross, Ga. and Richard Everett, of Brunswick. Rev. Father Manly, of Goldsboro assisted by Rev. C. O. Pardo of the local Episcopal church, conducted the funeral.

Robersonville School Girls Present Program

Robersonville, March 24.—(Special to the Enterprise.)—The home economics girls of Robersonville high school showed originality in the composition and presentation of the home economics program given at the county teachers' meeting here Friday, March 18. In the first chorus, a welcoming number, the girls appeared very neat in their food laboratory uniforms which they made the first of the year. After this chorus, a short play, "Proper Dress for High School Girls," was given. In the chorus which followed the girls wore the dresses which they had just finished.

The exhibit on the wall spaces in the lower hall was an indication of the persistent work of the new seamstresses, who did well.

The refreshments on sale, especially the lemonade, aided in making those who attended more comfortable. Proceeds from the sales will go towards the home economics maintenance fund.

Judge Nunn Speaks to Kiwanians Wednesday

The weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club was held at the Woman's Club Wednesday, with Robert L. Coburn in charge of the program. Kiwanian Coburn invited Judge Nunn to speak preceding a short business discussion. Judge Nunn, discussing briefly North Carolina and particularly eastern North Carolina, described the progress and development made in this section within the last few years. He referred to the living conditions, the prices of land, and the contrasts generally found in the different sections of the State. The judge insisted that eastern North Carolina, with its fertile land and natural advantages, would demand an increase in valuation in the future, and would enjoy a more prosperous period in its history.

Children's Service at Baptist Church Sunday

The children of the Baptist church and Sunday school will be addressed at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning.

At this service "one of these little ones," Alta Critcher, will be baptized. The children, their parents, and their Sunday school teachers are asked to keep this service in mind.

Sunday night the pastor will preach at the regular hour.

Will Test New Type Tobacco Here This Year

Two Test Farms Will be Run in the County During Season

A new kind of tobacco, the cash variety, will be introduced in this county this year when experiments are carried on at two test farms in the county. Mr. Floyd, of the extension division, of Raleigh, was here two days this week going over the plans for the test farms with County Agent F. B. Brandon. Besides bringing a new type of tobacco to this section, the experimenters will test several brands of fertilizer in growing tobacco.

As far as is known, the cash variety is not used at all in this county; while in Franklin, Granville, and other counties it is the main type. Mr. Floyd stated that it was more of a cigarette tobacco than any other kind raised, and that its use is expected to become general within a short time in this part of the State.

Mr. Floyd, a specialist in tobacco raising, will visit the two test farms in this county all during the season and assist Mr. Brandon in handling the tests.

Similar tests will be carried on in Bertie County, and Mr. Floyd left here yesterday for Windsor, where he will go over plans with Mr. Grant, Bertie's agent.

Since tobacco is one of our main crops, the results obtained from these farms will be closely watched by farmers in the county this year.

Washington-Carolina Boat Line is Bought

The Norfolk-Baltimore and Carolina boat line recently bought out the Washington-Carolina line. The purchasing company has for several years operated boats between Baltimore and Norfolk and points between Norfolk and this place. The additional line, bought from Gilkin brothers of Morehead City and Norfolk, will add to the Norfolk-Baltimore and Carolina company's schedule trips between Norfolk and Washington.

The line made its first trip to Washington a few days ago and will continue that run until the boat recently bought by the Norfolk-Baltimore and Carolina line is equipped for the service.

Gilkin brothers sold their interests in the Washington-Carolina line after their boat was burned several weeks ago.

The Dorothy Leigh, one of the Norfolk-Baltimore and Carolina line's best boats sprang a leak in Edenton the early part of this week and had to be towed to Norfolk. Repairs have been made and the boat will go back into the water today or tomorrow.

Painfully Hurt When Motorcycle Hits Truck

James Bishop, 19-year-old white boy of Newport News, Va., was badly cut just above the heel of his right foot here yesterday afternoon when his motorcycle hit a Dodge truck in front of the Culpepper Hardware Store on Main Street. He was carried to the Biggs Drug Store, where his wound was dressed by Dr. Rhodes.

Bishop, accompanied by his friend, Paul Jones, also of Newport News, left Savannah, Ga., about noon Tuesday for their home in the Virginia city. As they were coming down Main Street they started to pass the Dodge truck, which was going in the same direction and at a low rate of speed. The truck driver, Minga Rogers, of Bear Grass, held out his hand, but did so too late to prevent the motorcycle, going about 15 miles an hour, from hitting the truck. In the collision Jones was thrown from the motorcycle, but escaped injury. Very little damage was done to either the truck or the motorcycle.

The two young men remained over here last night, and will continue their journey some time today, but not on the motor cycle.

Special Demonstrations at Courtney's for 3 Days

Mr. J. D. Enright, representative of the Sellers Kitchen Cabinet Co., Elwood, Ind., will arrive here this afternoon to hold a three-day demonstration of his company's cabinets at the store of B. S. Courtney. Mr. Enright will hold demonstrations for three days, beginning tomorrow and lasting through Tuesday.

Mr. B. S. Courtney, local dealer, is making an attractive offer to prospective customers during the demonstration, and every one is cordially invited to investigate without obligation the unusual offer being made.

Miss Eloise Darden, of Kenly, visited her sister, Miss Mildred Darden, here yesterday and today.

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