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JUDGE FRIZZELL STRESSES VALUE OF JURY SERVICE

Grand Jury Is Main Agency for Assuring Life and Property Protection

In his address to the Martin County grand jury this week, Judge Paul Frizzell explained the workings of court procedure and pointed out the importance found in that part of the machine functioning and known as the grand jury. The jurist offered no comments in connection with crimes or any particular crime, but he stressed the importance of the grand jury as the main agency for assuring life and limb of all people protection.

"The welfare of the county at large is committed to the care of the grand jury, and no other agency is as instrumental in preserving peace and order than is that body," he declared. And in that connection, Judge Frizzell strongly pointed out that it was incumbent upon a county's citizenship to serve upon the petit and grand juries when called upon to do so.

"Every true, intelligent, and upright citizen should not attempt to escape jury duty when called to serve," he said.

The judge pointed out that in a recent court over which he presided not one citizen called to serve as a member of the jury attempted to escape the duty, but in others, he said, nearly all those called to serve wanted to be excused.

While the judge said he had not had the time to investigate crime conditions in those districts where citizens shirked the duty of serving as members of the jury, he did say that in those courts where the citizens are willing to serve the machinery of the court functions to a greater advantage in assuring peace and justice.

That part of the judge's charge is probably a bit too late, as far as this county is concerned, as only one jurymen asked to be excused, and there were several, say probably a dozen, waiting to take his place.

In its operations the grand jury should not excuse a defendant because of his wealth or social standing, and the jury should not permit malice or hatred to influence a decision unless the testimony warrants the action.

He urged the 18 members of the all-important court body to go about their work in an honest and sincere way. He pointed out to them that it was not their duty to pass upon the guilt or innocence of a defendant, but that it was their duty to examine the witnesses in the case and see if there is probable cause of guilt.

After the witnesses are examined, a vote should be taken, and if as many as 12 think there is probable cause of guilt, a "true bill" should be returned. If true bills are found in any capital crime, murder, arson, burglary, or rape, the jury, or a majority of the body, should return the bill to the court in person, the judge instructed the jurymen.

The duty of each member of the grand jury to report any crime known to him was referred to as an important one, the judge explaining that the body represented all parts of the county and that its members were in a better position to know conditions than are the officers. Even though this duty has been called to the attention of jurymen on many occasions, very few crimes have been reported through that channel, it is generally admitted in this county.

And then Judge Frizzell told the members of the jury that they had the power to summon additional witnesses in those cases where it was possible to gain additional information. This power is seldom exercised, the jurist generally closing his investigation upon completing the examination of those witnesses summoned by the court.

The importance of secrecy in handling the deliberations was mentioned by the jurist, who explained that every member of the body should feel free to discuss the cases before them without fear of personal injury as a result of any such discussion. He also said it was unlawful for one to question member of that jury, that such action might result in a miscarriage of justice.

To Present Play at Everetts Friday Night of This Week

"Finger Prints," a short play, will be presented by the students of the Parmele school in the Everetts school auditorium Friday night June 24th.

The proceeds will be given to the Ladies' Aid society of the Parmele Methodist church and to those of the Christian and Baptist churches of Everetts, it was stated.

The admission is only 10 cents for children and adults.

\$3,000,000 in Gold

A group of Seattle (Wash.) men are financing a salvage party which is attempting, with the aid of modern devices, to recover \$3,000,000 worth of gold in the hold of the steamer Islander, which sank off the coast of Juneau, Alaska, in 1901.

WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st
Elizabeth City at Williamston
Colerain at Edenton
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd
Williamston at Elizabeth City
Edenton at Windsor
THURSDAY, JUNE 23rd
Colerain at Williamston.
Elizabeth City at Edenton
FRIDAY, JUNE 24th
Edenton at Elizabeth City
Williamston at Colerain

LOCALS DEFEAT EDENTON HERE FRIDAY, 19 TO 8

Total of 35 Hits, 27 Runs, And 9 Errors Are Features

Those fans who enjoy hitting and running got their money's worth here last Friday afternoon when Williamston defeated Edenton, 19 to 8, to hold its second rung in the league standing. It was a day for heavy hitting, every member on both teams except one, Suttonfield, Edenton player, got one or more hits during the game, which lasted nearly two and one-half hours.

Kugler pitched a good game for the locals until the sixth inning, when the visitors started an onslaught that netted them five runs. Herring finished the game, but not until after several more runs were made. Winston, pitching for Edenton, was knocked all over the lot, the visitors using two more moundmen to complete the game.

Latham, Williamston catcher, led the hitting attack with four hits out of six tries. Earps, J. Brown, Coffield, and Whitehurst followed closely with three hits each.

Even though a slugfest featured the play, the game would have been a good one but for the eight errors made by the visitors.

This afternoon the locals meet the undefeated nine of the league, Elizabeth City, on the high school diamond here. Ladies will be admitted free, and a good attendance is expected.

The box score for Friday's game:

Edenton	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
J. Webb, cf	5	1	2	1	0	0	0
D. Webb, 3b	5	0	1	1	0	1	0
Suttonfield, c	4	0	0	8	0	1	0
Dunlap, 1b	4	1	1	5	1	0	0
C. Webb, lf	4	3	1	2	0	2	0
Glenn, rf	4	1	2	2	0	0	0
Chappell, ss-p	5	1	3	4	1	1	0
Partin, 2b	4	1	2	0	2	1	0
Winston, p	4	0	1	1	1	2	0
Totals	39	8	13	24	5	8	0

Williamston	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Earps, ss	6	2	3	6	1	0	0
Taylor, 1b	6	2	1	10	0	0	0
Latham, c	6	3	4	6	0	0	0
J. Brown, 3b	6	2	3	2	2	0	0
Coffield, rf	6	2	3	0	0	1	0
B. Gaylor, cf	4	2	1	1	1	0	0
Whitehurst, lf	5	3	3	1	0	0	0
H. Brown, 2b	4	3	2	1	3	0	0
Kugler, p	2	0	1	0	6	0	0
Herring, p	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
Totals	47	19	22	27	15	1	0

Score by innings:
Edenton 000 105 200—8
Williamston 112 408 30x—19

FEDERAL TAXES GO INTO EFFECT

Little Attention Given New Manufacturers' Tax by People Here So Far

Federal taxes, going into effect today on bank checks, coco-cola syrup, automobiles and tires, candies, sporting goods, toilet articles and other various items, was generally unnoticed by local people who haven't fully awakened to the fact that somebody's going to start paying taxes ere long.

The taxes, much of which will be absorbed by the merchants and manufacturers, have hardly had time to make themselves felt, and methods of handling them are not generally known. But just wait until the end of the month when one sees a 2-cent tax on every check he has drawn. And then wait until July 6 when every first class letter must carry a 3-cent stamp instead of a 2-cent one. Gasoline prices were advanced one cent a gallon this morning at all filling stations, that amount going to the federal government, and which the consumer is to pay every time he buys a gallon of the fluid.

Checks written yesterday will not escape the tax unless they were presented for payment before the day. The law says the tax will be collected when the check is presented for payment, and in that case some checks written days ago might be affected.

And it is no use to put in a supply of envelopes bearing a two-cent stamp, for if one does he will have to add a one-cent stamp to it.

Let Charlie Do It

A report from Hodgenville, Ky., says that Charlie Warren, who acted on the advice of Charlie Fields when he bought the business of Charlie Farrell, employed Charlie Creal to write the deed which Charlie Akin took to the Larue County courthouse where it has been recorded by Charlie Walters.

6 YEAR OLD BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLS BROTHER

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Warren, Has Head Torn Off by Gun Shot

James Earl, 6-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Warren, of Goose Nest Township, was killed instantly last week when his brother, Leon, 6 years old, blew off the top of the infant's head with a shot gun. The baby was sleeping in his cradle, and after the shot was heard and before other members of the family could run to the room, the child's brains and parts of its tender head had fallen to the floor.

Hardly old enough to realize what had happened the 6-year-old boy was unable to explain the shooting, but it is believed the gun fired when the boy accidentally knocked it against the baby's cradle. The night before Mr. Warren heard some one prowling around his home. He removed the gun from its rack and looked out a window, but failed to see any one. After placing the gun back in its rack, he heard the noise again, and a second time he removed the gun from the rack and investigated the noise. Making ready for a quick investigation a third time, the man placed the gun beside his bed and dropped off to sleep. Next morning he forgot the gun, and the little boy found it.

No inquest was held, officers pointing out that the facts in the case clearly indicated the shooting was accidental.

Funeral services were held the following afternoon and interment was in the Williams burial ground in Goose Nest Township, near the Halifax County line.

FIREMEN SELL SHOW TICKETS

Joe E. Brown in "Fireman, Save My Child," Benefit Of Local Department

In an effort to create a relief fund, local volunteer firemen and their representatives will start selling tickets tomorrow to the talking comedy, "Fireman, Save My Child," with Joe E. Brown, at the Watts Theatre on Thursday and Friday nights of this week. The theatre management has willingly agreed to share equally all funds raised with the fire department, and tickets will be sold at regular admission prices. The fire company, in regular meeting last night, offered its advance appreciation of any support accorded it in the effort to create a relief fund, but the members pointed out that it was not the purpose of the arrangement to force tickets on the public. While the company with its present chief and personnel has offered a ready and willing service, answering more than 200 calls during the past two or three years, it has made few appeals for aid from the public, as a whole. Real often, members of the company suffer damage to their clothes and sometimes injury to their person. It is to care for such losses and to offset medical bills that the relief fund is created.

The picture, strictly a comedy, is good for many laughs, and according to reports, it will provide you with real entertainment for more than one hour.

The company is planning to sell 500 tickets, and you are cheerfully asked to lend a helping hand to the cause.

Jamesville Man Kills Big Rattler Monday

Oscar Davenport, of Jamesville, killed a rattlesnake in that section yesterday with 12 rattles on its tail and measuring nearly 5 feet in length. Mr. Davenport missed stepping on the reptile by hardly more than a foot before he saw it. The snake, is among the first of that kind killed in this county this season, but, according to reports, there are many more, and not only rattlesnakes but all kinds of snakes.

Cooking Demonstration at Club Rooms Here Friday

The Virginia Electric and Power Company is making arrangements for a big cooking demonstration in the Woman's Club Hall here Friday afternoon of this week. Experts will be here for the event, and the company is planning to give away valuable and useful prizes during the afternoon. The women of the section are invited to attend.

Prices Net to Farmers Are Around \$1 To \$70 a Barrel Yesterday

Although prices are low, Irish potatoes are flooding the big markets, according to information received here yesterday afternoon. More than 1,000 carloads were moved last Saturday, and the producing centers of Virginia had hardly entered the market at that time.

Up until yesterday, 11 carloads had been shipped from this point, a very small quantity when considered along with shipments made from other centers, but about the usual size of shipments ordinarily made here. J. G. Staton was listed as one of the farmers making more than one carload shipments.

Farmers here, after deducting the freight, commission and the grading charges from their receipts, were receiving yesterday from \$1 to \$1.70 a barrel for their offerings, a below-cost of production price, it is said.

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MAKE ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH CAMP FIRE

John E. Wells and Leland Roberson Charged with Firing Ray's Camp

John Emmett Wells and Leland Roberson, white men of Williams Township, were formally charged in a warrant issued last week with burning several buildings at Ray's camp, on Gardner's Creek, near Jamesville, last July. The defendants denied the charge at a hearing held by Justice of the Peace J. L. Hassell here last Saturday, but when probable cause was found, the justice bound the two men over to the superior court under a \$500 bond each.

While the evidence was described as circumstantial, it was considered sufficient to hold the defendants under bond until the grand jury could examine witnesses in the case. It was stated at the preliminary hearing that Wells and Roberson had said they were going to "burn old man Ray out."

During the past several years, Mr. Jeff Ray, owner of the camp, has added slowly to the fishing post until he had suitable quarters and arrangements for fishing parties and campers. During the latter part of July while the keeper was in Jamesville one of the buildings was fired. Just a few days later a second building was fired about the same time of day and while the keeper was at Jamesville. Several investigations have been made since that time by insurance authorities, and evidence gathered during the past few days was considered sufficient to issue warrants upon for the arrest of Wells and Roberson.

JURY RETURNS SIX TRUE BILLS

All Six Have To Do With House Breaking And Larceny Charges

Grandjurymen, serving the term of superior court now in session, were given inside information yesterday on the various and latest methods employed in house breaking, for during the day that body returned "true bills" in six such cases, and in them they were well informed how the unlawful acts were committed. No other bills were returned that day, but the body is said to have examined one or two witnesses in the case charging John E. Wells and Leland Roberson with firing Ray's camp, near Jamesville, about a year ago.

The burglary charge against Lovingsgood Mordecai was removed from the list of capital crimes and he faced a housebreaking charge at noon today, Judge Frizzell sentencing him to prison for a term of ten years.

Charlie Garfield, negro, associated with a series of robberies by Mordecai was discharged, and the charges were dropped, it was reported.

True bills were returned as follows: Lester and Ira Matthews and Norman Curry; J. D. Wiggins, King D. Carson and John Henry Edwards, colored; Harvey Williams and Ed. Brown and Albert Wilson and Willie James Manson, all for house breaking and larceny; and Henry Everett and Lovingsgood Mordecai, house breaking.

The names of citizens serving on the grand jury: J. M. Hassell, C. F. Perry, Kader Godard, Sam T. Everett, foreman; J. W. Eubanks, Perlie D. Roberson, W. S. White, Walter Beach, Charlie Beach, L. C. Brown, J. Marion Griffin, J. Edward Corey, T. W. Holliday, W. W. Casper, W. P. Harris, W. S. Gurganus and N. D. Griffin.

SHIP 11 CARS OF IRISH POTATOES

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Expect To Finish Criminal Cases in Court Here Today

TO LEAVE NEXT WEEK ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON

Geo. Washington Commission Recognizes Trip of Newspaper Boys

One week from next Thursday a number of Eastern Carolina boys will be leaving for a week's visit in Washington as guests of several newspapers in this section of the State. All subscriptions must be in by Wednesday of next week and the successful workers ready to leave the following day. It isn't too late to get in on this free trip.

The United States Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of George Washington has learned of the proposed trip, Sol Bloom, associate director, forwarding the following letter to this paper a few days ago:

"Gentlemen: It has just come to the attention of this Commission that you are giving a Washington Bicentennial trip to the boys of your county, and I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you for this splendid project and to thank you for the generous spirit of cooperation which you are showing.

"I note with pleasure that the boys participating in this trip will visit a number of our country's most cherished shrines, and indeed I can think of nothing that will give these boys a fuller knowledge and understanding of what George Washington and his worthy contemporaries achieved for our country.

"Again expressing our appreciation for this laudable enterprise, and with every good wish for its successful culmination, I am," etc.

JEALOUS NEGRO CARVES UP WIFE

Wife's Sister Also Seriously Hurt in Cutting Scrape Here Last Night

H. D. Bonds, local colored man, nearly killed his wife, Hattie Bonds, and her sister, Dora Johnson, here early this morning when he carved and sliced their heads, bodies, and limbs with a pocket knife. The blade barely missed the main arteries, and the intestines of one of the women were nearly reached by the knife point, it was said. According to reports, the attack on the two women was one of the most brutal ever known here.

Bonds, said to have been drinking prior to the attack, resented alleged attentions paid his wife by another man at a negro dance held in the Rokane-Dixie Warehouse last night. He rushed the dance hall about 1 o'clock and left the room ahead of his wife and her sister and made ready to carve them with a knife.

Screams were heard in the Bonds home about 2 o'clock, and neighbors rushing there found the victims bleeding almost to death and much of the furniture torn to pieces. Bonds was gone, and at noon today he was still at large.

Removed to a doctor's office, the women were patched up and were returned home about daybreak after one of the longest periods of flesh patching reported here in some time. Two doctors are said to have sewed and sewed for hours closing the ugly gashes.

Bonds, said to have been extremely jealous of his wife, has done garden work here and there about town for 10 or 12 years.

Change Schedule of Trains Here Next Friday Morning

Effective next Friday morning, the passenger train of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad plying between Plymouth and Tarboro, will operate on a different schedule, it was learned here this morning through Postmaster J. T. Price. The train will reach here at 8:54 in the morning instead of 9:44, the present schedule. It will reach Parmele at 9:25 and Tarboro at 10:25, it is understood.

Schedules on other lines connecting at Parmele will be changed also. The present afternoon schedule will be maintained.

Kiwanis Club Will Hold Regular Meet Tomorrow

The Kiwanis Club will hold its regular luncheon tomorrow at 12:30 o'clock at the regular place of meeting. The meeting will be presided by W. C. Manning, jr., and the full membership is requested to attend.

BORAH BALKS!

Senator William E. Borah, a recognized leader in national politics kicked the bucket yesterday when he spoke in the Senate and announced that he would not support the re-election of Herbert Hoover on the platform adopted by the Republican National Convention in Chicago last week.

Borah's announcement had the effect of a bolt of lightning as he was one of the main supporters of Mr. Hoover in 1928.

The Idaho Senator did not limit his attack to the prohibition plank but he condemned the entire platform as "wholly inadequate and wholly unresponsive to the necessities and demand of the people."

The Senator indicated that he would not head a third party, and if he doesn't do that or doesn't support Hoover then he will have to remain quiet or line up with the Democrats.

MORDECAI GETS 10 YEARS IN PEN FOR BURGLARLY

Henry Everett Gets From 3 To 4 Years on House Breaking Charge

Lovinggood Mordecai, young negro, was sentenced to State's prison for a period of ten years by Judge Paul Frizzell in superior court here this afternoon when a jury found him guilty of breaking into the home of Mr. J. E. Harrison. Mordecai denied the charges right up to the time when the jurist announced the sentence which, it is understood, was advanced also on the robber of Mr. F. K. Hodges' home on the morning of June 5, last.

Mordecai, who was painfully shot when he attempted to enter the Harrison home, appeared in court with his arm in a sling.

Henry Everett, colored, was found guilty of entering the home of Mr. Billie Gurganus, near here, and was sentenced to the State's prison for not less than three nor more than four years.

Charged with breaking into a filling station, J. D. Wiggins, King David Carson and John Henry Edwards, all colored, were found guilty, Wiggins and Edwards drawing two years each, and Carson 18 months on the roads.

In a second housebreaking case, Edwards pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year on the roads. Carson was found not guilty in the second charge and prayer for judgment was continued as to Wiggins.

Will Smith was sentenced to the county home for 12 months and Lewis Keys was discharged in the case charging them with manufacturing liquor.

James Hines was sentenced to the roads for 12 months when he was found guilty in the case charging him with an assault on a female.

Paper were issued for the arrest of Fletcher Bryant when he failed to appear and answer to a seduction charge. J. F. Flanagan was given 30 days in jail on assault charge.

The case charging Closs Roberson with larceny and receiving was continued with the defendant under a \$250 bond.

A nol pro resulted in the case charging D. M. Roberson with reckless driving.

What Of It?

What is said to be the world's smallest electric motor, built by Emmanuel Hahn, a York (Neb.) jeweler, is the size of a pea and revolves at the rate of 24,000 revolutions a minute from a 3-volt battery.

34 Head of Cattle Bring \$3,055 at Sale in Burke

At the recent auction sale of pure bred Guernsey cattle held at Morgan, Burke County, 34 animals were sold for \$3,055. Burke growers sold three and bought 13 of those offered.

Rotary Club Helps Start Demonstrations at Sylva

The Rotary club of Sylva has helped the county agent of Jackson County place ten demonstrations in the use of limestone as a soil improvement measure.

STANDING OF CLUBS

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Elizabeth City	4	0	1.000
Williamston	3	1	.750
Edenton	1	3	.250
Colerain	0	4	.000

NUMBER CASES ARE CLEARED FROM DOCKET

Long Term Sentences Are Imposed by Judge Frizzell

Beginning its one-week term here yesterday, the Martin County Superior Court heard a number of cases during the day and was fast nearing completion of the criminal docket this afternoon. Reports received from the courthouse at noon today indicated that the criminal cases would be cleared from the docket some time this afternoon or early tomorrow, when, in all probability, work will be started on the civil docket. There was some doubt today as to what civil cases would be called first, but it is understood that the Clark and Johnson damage suits have priority over others.

After completing his charge to the grand jury yesterday morning, Judge Paul Frizzell, presiding, questioned Tiller James, charged with manufacturing liquor and fined in a previous court, for two or three minutes and sentenced him to the roads for 18 months. The court immediately took on more dignity, and spectators lent an attentive ear to the proceedings.

The main case of the day was that charging Alton Sawyer with fornication and adultery, Judge Frizzell voicing his opinion in clear and strong tones in the matter. A plea of nolo contendere was entered by the defendant and accepted by Solicitor Gilliam, and then the judge had his say. In a quiet and easy way, he admonished the girl in the case, Millie Brickhouse, of Tyrrell County. "It is not in anger or hatred that I say I would send you to the roads for five years if the law was so fixed, for you have cast a dagger into the very heart of one of the most sacred institutions in the land," Judge Frizzell told Sawyer when he sentenced him to two years on the roads. Sawyer sat calmly through the judge's talk and accepted the sentence without a change of expression. No charge was preferred against the young woman, but Judge Frizzell stated as his belief that she should be placed in jail for 12 months for her part in the crime. The jurist pointed out to her the faithfulness of her father, and urged her to conduct herself in the future that she might repay that great debt. The courtroom was packed, and a pin would have made a noise had it fallen to the floor while Judge Frizzell frowned upon the uncouth Scandal.

Sawyer, estranged from his wife for five years although they lived in the same home, left Columbia with the Brickhouse girl several months ago. They lived in Williamston for a few weeks and were later arrested in Robersonville, where they continued to live together as man and wife. On May 31 he was sentenced to the roads by Judge Bailey for a period of 15 months. He appealed, and therein apparently failed.

A nol pro resulted in the case charging Reddick Griffin with hunting without license.

Will Smith and Lewis Keys were given until next September to square themselves in the eyes of the court for manufacturing liquor. They were fined at a previous term, and were given until the next term to make full settlement provided they paid one-half the fines and costs now.

Roy Whitehurst, tried at a former term in an assault case, was ordered to pay the remainder of the fine and cost of the case and go to the roads for a period of six months.

Lester Matthews was sentenced to the roads for two years, Ira Matthews for 12 months, and Norman Curry for six months for breaking into and robbing Roebuck store in Parmele some time ago. Curry turned witness for the State, and got a comparatively light sentence. The other two fought the case and were found guilty by jury. Jim Biggs was found not guilty by a jury in the case charging him with larceny and receiving.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving, John R. Whichard was fined \$50 and was taxed with the costs, prayer for judgment being continued until the September term.

Ralph Bond was found not guilty by a jury in the case charging him with larceny and receiving.

Edward Harrell, charged with assaulting a colored man named Gainer