

SUPERIOR COURT TRIED FEW CASES

TERM SHORTENED ON ACCOUNT OF BIG SUIT AT CAMDEN AND ONLY JAIL CASES DISPOSED OF.

There was only two days of the spring term of Pasquotank County Superior Court. On account of the delay occasioned by the big law suit in Camden county, Judge Bragaw did not convene court until eleven o'clock Friday morning. The court was quickly organized and the cases taken up. Only the jail cases were disposed of. The blind tiger cases of which there were about a dozen had to go over to the fall term of court. None of the blind tigers were jailed. Those who appealed had given bond and the others had accepted their sentences and had gone to the roads.

Nelson Whitehurst, colored, was tried upon the charge of stealing Mr. Tom Williams' iron safe out of his store in Poindexter street. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and Whitehurst was discharged.

The crime for which Whitehurst was tried was committed several months ago. One morning several months ago, Mr. Williams went to his store and found that his big iron safe was gone. He found it up an alley badly battered up. A number of negroes were arrested but all were acquitted in the lower court, except Whitehurst.

A white man named Roeten was tried upon the charge of assaulting another white man named Cale Parker of the lower part of the county. The first charge against Roeten was robbery. But when the case was tried the robbery feature was eliminated. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the defendant was released from jail where he had spent several months.

A negro named Pruden Banks was tried upon the charge of forgery. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. He was rearrested upon the charge of embezzlement in connection with the same case. The jury also acquitted him of that charge. Banks was for several months in the employment of Mr. D. C. Perry. He was engaged to haul wood and coal. He collected money, so the prosecuting witness alleged, and failed to turn it in.

Judge Bragaw took occasion to give the negro a lecture, advising him that it was not shrewdness on his part that caused him to escape, but it was a technicality of the law which he was given the benefit, just as he would give any white man the benefit of such a technicality.

Henry Morris, colored, was convicted of the charge of stealing whiskey and was first sentenced to the roads for four months, but Judge Bragaw finally changed the sentence and required him to give a hundred dollar bond for his appearance at the next term of court to show good behavior.

Two small white boys named Lowry and Frank were taken before the Judge for commitment to the Jackson Training School at Concord, N. C. Mr. Thompson, the superintendent of the institution informed Solicitor Ehringhaus that he could not take the boys at the institution on account of the lack of accommodations. Judge Bragaw continued their bond of fifty each.

Court adjourned Saturday afternoon and Judge and Mrs. Bragaw left for Washington for Sunday.

HERTFORD NEWS OF THE WEEK

MONUMENT TO BE ERECTED IN MAY—SITE NOT YET DECIDED UPON—COURT IN SESSION—OTHER ITEMS.

Monument to be unveiled May 10th. Hertford, Mar. 28.—Special correspondence of the Advance. The unveiling of the Confederate monument, which is to be erected here, will take place on the 10th of May. The Daughters, however, have not yet decided just where the monument will be placed. Three places are under consideration: the court house square, graded school grounds, and a plot in the street in front of the Hertford Banking Company's building.

Superior Court convened here Monday morning, Judge Bragaw presiding. The usual large crowd was in attendance Monday. A large number of attorneys from Elizabeth City and Edenton are in attendance upon the court.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. B. F. Sugg. Mr. Sugg is well-known here, having spent much of his time during the last twelve months in this town. He made many friends while here. He was ill only a few days and died in the hospital at Washington, N. C., March 25th.

The building of the new Norfolk Southern depot here is progressing rapidly and will soon be completed. All the milliners of the town had their spring opening Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Holmes, of Cleveland, Ohio, left to-day for their home after spending a few days here on business. Mr. Holmes is president of the Albemarle Lumber Co. of this place.

Miss Hicks and Miss Branch of Druham, N. C., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Phillips. The former is Mr. Phillips' sister.

GOT 12 MONTHS FOR FORGING A CHECK

Chief of Police Thomas brought back from Hertford Wednesday afternoon a negro preacher named George Skinner, who was convicted in Perquimans Superior Court this week of forgery and was sentenced to the Pasquotank county chain gang for twelve months.

Skinner thought he was pretty "slick." Mr. J. H. Parker gave him a check for \$232. In making out the check he failed to write the amount. Skinner wrote the amount. He wrote the amount fifty-two dollars and thirty-two cents and changed the figures to correspond. Then he got his wife to go to the bank to get the check cashed. His wife was first arrested and when she got in jail she told on her husband.

MCCABE & GRICE'S BIG OPENING

McCabe and Grice held their annual spring opening Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, during which time they displayed one of the most magnificent arrays of stylish spring goods ever shown in this city. This store had been prepared for this event by the hands of artists in decorating and it presented a beautiful appearance.

Music was furnished during both days by Mrs. Luther Mann, one of the most skilled pianists in the city.

The event had been advertised extensively and the crowd came to witness this merchandise display which is an annual event in the lives of the shop-going public of this section. The store was thronged during the two days with patrons and friends of this store, who praise very much Mr. McCabe's taste in his selections of stylish goods and of the clerks in displaying them.

Mr. R. E. Quinn of the Quinn Furniture Company spent some time in Duplin county this week visiting his parents.

PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD

CAPTAIN OF CORPS OF UNITED STATES ENGINEERS TO BE AT SCUPPERNON ON NEXT TUESDAY.

United States Engineer Office. Wilmington, N. C., Mar. 27, 1912. The Advance.

Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Sir: Among other items, Congress in the River and Harbor Act approved February 27, 1911, provided for a preliminary examination of Deep Creek, North Carolina, from its mouth on Albemarle Sound to the head of navigation.

I have been directed by the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, to hold a hearing in connection with the preliminary examination of Deep Creek, North Carolina, for the purpose of affording interested parties an opportunity of presenting their views on this improvement.

I therefore beg to inform all interested in the improvement of this waterway that I will be at the store of T. J. Basnight at Scuppernon, N. C. at 9 o'clock a. m. on April 2nd, 1912, and request them to be present at that time and place for the purpose of giving such information as they may have with reference to the proposed benefits which would result from this improvement, and stating the character of the improvement desired. Written communications will also be considered at that time.

Any not themselves interested in this improvement personally, are respectfully requested to furnish me with the names of any persons who may be interested. Also communicate to them the time and place of this hearing, and inform them that the invitation extends to all parties having any interest in the matter.

Very respectfully,
H. W. STICKLE,
Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

ELIZABETH CITY TIGER CONVICTED IN HERTFORD

C. H. Freeman, a white man, was convicted in Perquimans Superior Court this week upon three counts for selling whiskey.

Freeman was a resident of this city until a few months ago. While here he was continually in trouble about selling whiskey and spent a good part of his time in jail for either selling whiskey or being drunk. He moved to Hertford and it was not long before the police of that town got him for selling booze. He managed to get an acquittal and kept on selling. The officers finally got him so that he could not get out of it and he was convicted. Very likely Judge Bragaw will send him out of the state.

ELKS MINSTREL TO BE PRESENTED APRIL 11TH

Billie Hollowell, manager of the Elks big minstrel, which will be presented in the auditorium of the high school on the evening of December 11, is preparing to introduce a large number of high class specialties along with the regular performance. He will render a number of his most interesting songs and dances and other members of the company will present some very interesting special features.

Mr. J. M. Harney and others will present a parody on the Floradora Sextette.

Mr. Billie Hollowell will sing the famous song, "You Gotta Stop Kickin' My Dawg aroun'."

The costumes for this occasion will be the finest and most artistic minstrel toggerly ever exhibited in this city.

U. D. C. HAVE CHARGE OF RINK

The skating rink to-night will be in charge of the Daughters of the Confederacy. All lovers of skating are cordially invited to be present.

BANQUET WAS QUITE A SUCCESS

LOCAL TRAVELING MEN AND A FEW VISITORS PRESENT—INTERESTING SPEECHES—THE BANQUET TO BE AN ANNUAL EVENT.

"Fo' drummers and two gentlemen, seh!" This was a negro reporter's response to the inquiry of the proprietor of a hotel as to how many guests the in-coming bus had just brought up. The proportion of drummers in the company which assembled at the Southern hotel last Saturday evening to enjoy the banquet to drummers provided by the Chamber of Commerce being even larger than in the case just mentioned, it is not necessary to say that the crowd was a jolly and merry one.

Boosting and feasting marked the passing of the evening. It would be better, perhaps, to say feasting and boosting, for the feasting came first; and the fellow that couldn't boost after the feast must have had a grouch indeed.

Secretary Lamb was toastmaster, and he presided with his accustomed poise, and felicity of expression. When the last course had been served and those present were enjoying the excellent cigars provided for the occasion by Roger C. Lang of Greensboro, the speech-making began. The following was the program:

Welcome and Greeting—E. F. Lamb.
What the Traveling Man Sees Abroad; What He Should Be At Home—Major Flora.

The Home Banking and Mercantile Interests—H. Robinson.

Wholesale Grocery Trade—C. W. Stevens.

Trade Extension and Transportation—G. R. Bright.

Building and Manufacturing—C. E. Kramer.

Fishing Interests—A. S. Foreman.
The Traveling Salesman and His Influence—W. H. Weatherly.

Elizabeth City as a Shopping Center—C. W. Meick.

A Drummer's Duty to His Home Town—D. M. Jones.

Advertising a City—Herbert Peele.

Responses were called for from J. H. LeRoy, H. H. Hayman, Jay Scott, Mr. Johnson of the Dare Lumber Co., and J. A. Hooper of Fowler & Co. Only the fact that a number of business men on the program were not present marred the evening's pleasure. Otherwise, no detail or circumstance was lacking, and before, at a late hour, the banqueting and boosting ended those present expressed, by a rising vote, their unanimous appreciation to Mr. T. C. Jones, Manager of the Southern hotel, for his part in making the evening so enjoyable a one. A letter was also read from Mr. Lang at Greensboro, presenting his compliments, along with the cigars, to "The Traveling men, the best men in the world."

As the company was leaving the dining room Mr. Lamb announced that the banquet would be repeated next year.

STEAMER EL FREIDA AT OREGON INLET

The steamer El Freida of the State Militia service left here yesterday morning at five o'clock to go to Oregon Inlet, where the violations of the fish law are taking place. She was manned by a crew of 28 members of the different divisions of the naval reserves, and was acting under orders of Fish Commissioner Vann, who accompanied the expedition.

The local brigade of naval reserves furnish ten men of the ship's complement, the number asked for. These readily volunteered to go at a meeting of the Reserves Tuesday night.

The ship is armed with war equipment and goes to the scene of disturbance prepared to enforce the law, peacefully if it can be done; or otherwise by force.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Owens have moved to Norfolk where they will reside in the future.

MAY ESTABLISH HOOKWORM DISPENSARY.

Dr. Hughes of the State Hook Worm Commission came here this week to make investigations as to the hook worm disease. A large number of school children were examined. If he finds that the subjects examined, are infected with the disease sufficiently to warrant it, he will advise the commissioners to open a dispensary in this county for the treatment of the hook worm disease.

A campaign conducted some time ago in Gates county, showed that the disease was very prevalent in that county. Examinations of subjects in the other adjoining counties showed that the disease exists in these counties too. This leads the health officers to believe that the disease also exists here.

MR. OLD TO LEAVE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank Mr. W. T. Old tendered his resignation as cashier to take effect May 1st, 1912.

Mr. W. G. Gaither, Jr., was elected cashier to succeed Mr. Old.

Mr. Old is one of the best known bank cashiers in North Carolina. He became cashier of the First National Bank 19 years ago and has held the position during all these years. He has been connected with the bank during the period of its growth into one of the leading financial institutions in North Carolina and his ability as a bank officer has had much to do with making the bank what it is to-day. Mr. Old resigns to take a position with the Seaboard Bank of Norfolk. He will enter upon his duties as vice-president of that institution about the first of June of this year. It is regretted by the people of Elizabeth City that Mr. Old will leave the city to make his home in Norfolk and it is especially regretted in financial circles.

Mr. Gaither, the new cashier has held the position of assistant cashier in this bank for more than a year. He is a young man of ability in financial affairs, and is of sterling integrity and capabilities. He will make an able successor to Mr. Old in this responsible position.

LAVENSTEIN HAS BIG OPENING

Lavenstein Brothers held their annual spring opening last Tuesday night beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Lavenstein's opening are important events in the lives of the shop-going public, and this opening was of special note, and was the real beginning of Lavenstein's big department store, corner Main and Poindexter streets; by far the most beautiful store in the city. Lavenstein has occupied this store since late last fall, but he has waited until the spring "to spread out" in his big store and give Elizabeth City people an opportunity to inspect at its best this big city store in their midst.

The opening event was well advertised inviting the people to come out and see the beautiful and stylish merchandise, and the people came too. It was estimated that fully two thousand people attended this opening. This big store had been filled with up-to-date spring goods, which had been arranged in telling effects by the hand of Mr. Hunter White, a decorating artist of great ability. No store in Elizabeth City ever presented a more beautiful appearance—and charmed the shop-going public as this store did Tuesday night.

Zeigler's band furnished the music for the occasion of the opening and the music was high class too, quite in keeping with grand display of the opening.

Souvenirs were given away in great numbers to those who visited the store during the evening.

Malcom Mann, a former citizen of this town, but now a resident of Hampton, Va., was here this week prospecting with a view to opening an electrical supply store here.

FISH LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

COMMISSIONER VANN ON BOARD EL FREIDA WITH NAVAL RESERVES AT HIS BACK—

Fish Commissioner Vann is down in Dare county after the violators of the fish law. He is invested with the authority by the governor of the State, to take the matter in hand and settle it for once and always.

Some time ago Mr. Vann was notified that the law was being violated by the fishermen, one in particular. He went down to the inlet where the violations were taking place, and the fishermen openly defied him to execute the law, and to enforce them to obey it. It is said that the fishermen made threats of violence against Mr. Vann should he attempt to enforce the law and remove the nets. Mr. Vann went to Raleigh to consult with the governor as to the conditions in the fishing sections of Dare county and the governor empowered him to call out as much of the state militia as he needed to enforce the law.

Last week the El Freida went to the scene of disturbance and removed some of the nets that were setting beyond the limits prescribed by law, and Mr. Vann informed them that he would make another trip in a few days to see, if they had taken the hint and had removed their nets. That is the mission of the El Freida in the down sound section. Mr. Vann proposes to confiscate every net that he finds setting out of the territory prescribed by law. He has used every method that he knows of, to induce the fishermen to obey the fish law without having to confiscate their property, and if nothing else will do the nets will be taken and sold by the commissioner.

It is not expected that there will be any real trouble as soon as the fishermen learn that Mr. Vann is in earnest about enforcing the law, and that he has the means at hand to enforce it, but that they will remove their nets rather than have them confiscated.

Those best informed as to the fishing conditions say that these violations have been going on ever since the fish law was enacted, and that former officials have not been able to enforce the law properly on account of this spirit of lawlessness. Since the fish law has been enacted there has been a disturbance among the fishermen around these inlets, and this "row" would last until the fishing season was over without the violators being compelled to obey the law. But this rag won't work with Mr. Vann, the new fish commissioner. The law has got to be obeyed right now, not the middle of May, or next year; and the violators of the law have got to pull their nets up or lose them.

Mr. Vann is smarting under the treatment he received on a former visit at the hands of the violators and he has got blood in his eyes for them.

Many fishermen of eastern North Carolina are gratified at the stand Mr. Vann has taken in suppressing these violations, and they feel certain that when the violators are once put down, and convinced that they have got to obey the law there will not be any more trouble.

HUMOROUS PLAY AT BLACKWELL

A humorous play entitled, Graduation Day at Wood Hill School, will be presented tonight in the annex under the auspices of the Baracaphilathe Union of Blackwell Memorial Sunday school. Some of the best local talent will take part in presenting this performance. The play abounds in ridiculous situations and funny sayings, which makes it very enjoyable. The lovers of good entertainment who enjoy a hearty laugh will find this performance a rare treat.