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REACHES END OF CRIMINAL DOCKET

Walston Found Guilty And Young Wife Goes Back Home

The criminal docket of Superior court was cleared yesterday evening with the exception of one case, that against John Foster, charged with selling whiskey. Foster's case went to the jury Wednesday but Judge Whedbee called a mistrial that night on the failure of the jurors to reach an agreement. Foster is unable to furnish bail for his appearance at the next term of court here and rather than permit him to be confined in the jail for such a length of time a second hearing will be given him tomorrow. He is represented by E. F. Aydtlett and P. G. Sawyer.

The jury in the case against Thomas Walston shortly after this paper went to press Tuesday brought in a verdict of guilty against him. In view of the young man's evident lack of normal intelligence the judge continued prayer for judgement on condition that for the next two years he appear before the court and show that he has ceased living with Miss Brickhouse of Tyrrell as his wife. Walston is under bond of two hundred dollars for his appearance at court here.

Willis James and Charlie Sanders, convicted of breaking into Sharber and White's hardware store Tuesday, were on Wednesday sentenced to the roads, the older boy for eight months and the younger for eleven.

Arthur Lee Brown was acquitted yesterday of the charge of burglarizing C. W. Overman's stables and submitted to the charge of forcible trespass. He was given four months on the roads.

Fagan, the negro charged with shooting another darkey named Brozier after a social in Weeksville section some time ago, was acquitted.

Richard Williams was fined twenty dollars Monday for cruelty to animals, while Ed Collins and J. T. Ferebee, all colored, were given road sentences for selling liquor.

Robert Gibbs, colored, was given 15 years in the state prison for manslaughter; and Will White, also a negro, was given thirty years for second degree murder.

J. E. Commander was found guilty of driving his automobile above the speed limit but was released on payment of costs.

Mrs. Leo Tyler of Jacksonville, Florida, is at the home of her brother Rev. I. N. Loftin, on Pennsylvania Avenue.

NO AGREEMENT IN RELIEF CASE

And After Hours Futile Deliberation Judge Or- ders Mistrial

Attention during this week of Superior Court has centered upon the case of Joshua Relf which came on for trial Tuesday afternoon just after this paper had gone to press. The jury took the case Wednesday at three o'clock and at the close of the morning session yesterday, no verdict having been reached, the judge ordered a mistrial. It is said that the jury stood seven to five for conviction.

Relf was arraigned, on the charge against which he defended himself before this jury, in police court here last May. Nona Relf, his daughter, was the first witness on the stand this week. She made under oath substantially the same statement that she swore to before Judge Turner. Her manner while not all that could be desired, did not appear to seriously prejudice the jury against the truth of her story and in the court room, at least, sentiment from the beginning of the case has been strong for conviction.

Nona Relf is sixteen years old, nearly seventeen. With a babe six weeks old in her arms Tuesday she said that Joshua Relf was the child's father and that he had compelled her, in addition to doing his housekeeping and looking after his orphan children, her half brothers and sisters to "live with him just as a wife." She claimed that she submitted unwillingly to her father's treatment and last February ran away, came to Elizabeth City and told his sister, her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Bundy, of the shameful relation between them, and said that she did not want to go back home. Her aunt would not believe her story but told her mother, Mrs. Russell, Nona's grandmother, about it. Mrs. Russell, with Mr. Harney McPherson, went out to Relf's home and the grandmother severely arraigned the child for telling so awful a story on her father. Mr. McPherson swore that the girl admitted that the report was false but said that she had told it in order to get free of her father and the care of his children. Mrs. Russell, however, did not remember the girl's saying that the story was false.

Unable to get relief by appealing to her father's people and forced by her father to return to live with him, the girl ran away again and came to Elizabeth City determined herself to appeal to the court for protection. After having

GRANDBERRY HARRIS DEAD

Mr. M. G. Harris died at his home on Cedar Street Tuesday night at eleven o'clock.

Mr. Harris had lived in the country near here before moving to Elizabeth City two years ago. His home was then in the Corinth section of this county where he owned a number of farms. Stricken with paralysis three years ago and obliged to retire from active life on the farm, he came to town on account of his increasing feebleness. He grew gradually weaker with succeeding strokes until his strength was entirely exhausted.

Mr. Harris is survived by his wife and six children, four sons and two daughters all of whom are grown. His wife was Miss Mollie Perry of the Heres section. He was a member of the Corinth Baptist church from its organization.

The funeral services were conducted from the home on Cedar Street yesterday afternoon at three o'clock by Dr. B. C. Henning and interment followed in the Overman cemetery.

AN EVENING WITH AUTHORS

'An Evening with the Authors' will afford much enjoyment to those who will be present at the annex of the First Baptist Church this evening at 7:30. The feature of the evening will be the different characters of reality or fiction who are to be impersonated. The admission is free to those coming in costume. The others, 10c for adults and five cents for the little ones. A number of guessing games of the Literary plot have been arranged and a splendid Musical Programme has been prepared. Delicious refreshments will be served at large price and an evening of pleasure is assured all.

RESULT OF VOTING CONTEST

The ten leaders in the voting contest which is now being conducted by the ladies of the City Road Methodist Church are: Millicent Grant, 425; Martin Luther Britt Jr, 181; M. Louise Cartwright, 100; Louise Spence, 100; Bennie Williams, 75; Robert Williams, 75; Hilda Rogers, 60; Bobby Lewis, 65; Evelyn Midgett, 30; Cooper McCoy, 30.

The contest began on March 6th and will close March 27th. The votes are cast at Deans and The Albemarle Pharmacy, and children from one to eight years of age may enter. Votes are sold at one cent each and at the close of the contest prizes will be given to the boy and girl receiving the highest number of votes.

'Free Instructions' how to make pictures with your 'Kodak' will be given you by ZOELLER the photographer. (adv)

MR. ST. JAMES DEAD

Weeksville, N. C. March 18.—Mr. St. James, reported in the last issue of this paper to be then improving, died Tuesday morning at half past five o'clock. Mr. St. James became a member of the Union Methodist church about ten years ago and has lived a consistent christian life since that time, being always present at every service of the church.

Mr. St. James was about 45 years old and the nearest relatives surviving him are two cousins. The funeral was conducted at the grave at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the James burying ground by J. H. Whedbee. Mr. Bennie James directed the interment and a large procession followed the remains to the grave.

BLACKWELL MEMORIAL CHURCH

Rev. I. N. Loftin will speak Sunday morning from the subject, "The sincerity of love". At this service the right hand of fellowship will be extended to new members. At the evening service Mr. Loftin will speak from the subject, "The second coming of Christ,—is it hat and?"

INSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM ENJOYED

The D. H. Hill chapter, U. D. C. met with Mrs. E. M. Stevens Tuesday afternoon. After an instructive program of historical questions and answers interspersed with beautiful old songs by Mrs. Winder, accompanied by Mrs. Turner, the business of the organization was transacted. The main subject under consideration was the selection of a speaker for the tenth of May Memorial exercises. The chapter hopes to secure a speaker that will help to make the day a great success. Thirty eight dollars was reported cleared by the Festival held recently in the Gas Company's office. After delicious refreshments the meeting adjourned to meet on the third Tuesday in April.

WOMEN WHO ARE HARD TO FIT

Have you what is called a 'difficult figure' to fit? Then make an appointment for a fitting during the week of March 22nd to 27th.

A little talk with Miss Watt an associate designer of the Redfern Corsets and an authority on scientific corseting, will soon convince you that your so-called 'difficult figure' is nothing more or less than not knowing the right model for your style. She will gladly assist you in selecting the right one and in fitting it to you. Adv

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NEW MANAGEMENT FOR GAS COMPANY

And Free Courses in Do- mestic Economy Will Be Offered

At considerable expense, the Gas Company is bringing to Elizabeth City, Miss Helen W. Jones of Philadelphia to give Demonstrations and Public Lectures on Cooking and Domestic Economy. These will be open to the white people and will be given at times and places to be announced later by the Gas Company. Miss Jones' services are also offered free to the civic leagues, societies, etc. which may wish her to lecture before their organizations. She will be here during the month of April and is fully qualified to do this work having made a life study of it.

Upon request the Gas Company will have Miss Jones call at any home to inspect the Gas range or appliances and demonstrate to the housekeeper or cook, just how to bake, broil or roast with gas economically. This appears a liberal offer and many families will no doubt take advantage of it.

Domestic Economy is not being taught in many of the schools of the state and no doubt this city is behind the times in this respect. This branch of science, the value of which is evident, is, however, gradually taking the place of the Latin and Greek taught in former days. It gives the young girls something of real value and material benefit to take home with them from school.

Classes of colored servants are also being organized in the city and they will be taught how to cook with gas and use it economically. This will be of great benefit to the people of the city and the movement will most probably receive the co-operation of all, as the servant problem is one of the perplexing problems of the day. As an inducement to the servants to attend these classes, the Gas Company will pay ten cents an hour for their time, if they will attend five lessons or more. This applies to all servants whether they are now employed or not.

The executive management of the Company changed hands a few months ago and Mr. J. D. Shattuck, an eminent gas engineer, has been employed to direct its operation, together with the several other plants of the system. Mr. Jas. T. Stallings has been retained as Superintendent. It is understood that the Company will expend considerable money in improvements and extensions within the next year, and will furnish the people with the best service obtainable.

This Company pays a considerable amount of taxes to the

FORMER CITIZEN MAKES ADDRESS

Son Of Currituck Who Has Achieved Success Back Home

Poplar Branch N. C. Mar 15.—On Friday afternoon in the High School auditorium under the auspices of the Woman's Betterment Association Mr. Samuel Ansell, legal advisor of the Secretary of the United States Navy Department at Washington, D. C., delivered an interesting and inspiring address on the Value of Education to an audience composed of the Betterment Association, the school and many citizens of the community. Mr. Ansell's address showed extraordinary ability in organic thinking.

Mr. Ansell is a native of Currituck county, where he spent his boyhood. He was born near Coinjock about forty years ago. In his early youth he showed marks of extraordinary native ability. When but a boy he towered over his companions in his studies and in his thinking. He helped his father who was clerk of the Superior court of this county, transact his business. After leaving the public school in this county, he went to Elizabeth City and studied in the school there under Prof. S. L. Sheep. After that he taught school in Currituck county for several years, and then passed his West Point examination and entered there.

Since leaving West Point he has risen steadily from one government position to another. He was an active leader in the Spanish-American War, after which he became Military Governor of the Phillipine Islands. When he left the Islands the Manila Dispatch said that he had whitewashed the entire islands and proclaimed him the greatest man who ever had control of that territory. He has continued to rise, and is to day legal advisor of the United States Navy Department.

As a man who figures strongly in national affairs, Currituck county, North Carolina, and the South feel proud of his achievement.

Mr. Ansell's work is so important that he was not able to remain for a great length of time with his people here. He left Saturday morning for Washington, D. C., but expects to return for a visit in June.

WEEKSVILLE NEWS

Weeksville, N. C. March 18.—Mr. New Cowells is improving after a severe case of pneumonia.

Mrs. Bell Simpson suffered a severe attack of Paralysis Tuesday, but has regained speech and consciousness.

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