

## MORE HOPE FOR PARDON WILCOX

### Governor's Delay in Reaching Decision Regarded Favorable Omen

Interest all over the state has been manifest in the effort to obtain the pardon of James Wilcox, convicted in Perquimans County over twelve years ago of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the penitentiary for thirty years. In Elizabeth City where sentiment was strongest against him the tide of feeling has turned and a vast majority of the people in the county have signed the petition for the prisoners pardon. Outside of the family of the girl murdered only one letter has gone to the Governor protesting against Wilcox's release.

Several efforts have been made to secure Wilcox's pardon during the twelve years that he has been a prisoner but none of them previous to this aroused a great deal of interest. It was the news some time ago that the young man was a victim of tuberculosis that did most to work the change in the general feeling of the people that has come about.

How this movement for the pardon of James Wilcox began and reached its culmination in the recent application to the governor makes a most interesting story.

One of the prosecuting attorneys when Wilcox was tried for his life was Roscoe Turner of this city. Some months ago Turner lost his eldest boy under the most distressing circumstances. Among those who heard of his misfortune and wrote him a letter of sympathy was Wilcox himself. Turner was touched by the letter and wrote to Wilcox expressing his appreciation and hoping that he might some time find opportunity to serve the man sick and in prison. Wilcox replied telling Turner of his failing health and suggesting that the time might now be opportune to retain his release.

So, Mr. Turner says, began his effort for the pardon of Wilcox. Letters were written to men of prominence all over the section. Then articles appeared over Mr. Turner's signature in the newspapers appealing to those who thought Wilcox had been punished long enough to put their names on a petition for his pardon, and finally a notice that application for the pardon would be made to the Governor was published in this newspaper.

When Mr. Turner went to Raleigh to put Wilcox's case before the Governor he had on the petitions which he took with him or which were sent directly to the Executive probably five or six thousand.

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## MANY ROBBERIES DISTURB MOYOCK

### But Clues Have Been Discovered Which May Lead to Burglar's Arrest

Moyock N. C. March 30—Monday night, March 22nd, the store of C. R. Vandecarr & Co. was entered by an unknown person and about twenty five dollars worth of shoes and hats stolen, in addition to a suit case. The intruder secured entrance through a window over the market house, lighting his way by means of matches which were found at different places in the store. The following morning Mr. J. W. Shores of Elizabeth City was called over the telephone to bring his blood hound. Mr. Shores arrived at noon with his dog which immediately took the trail stopping at a tenant house on the land of Mr. Hubbard Jones, between Moyock and North west. However, none of the stolen property was found at this place. There was nothing on the premises to indicate that the negro living in this particular house had stolen the property, consequently no warrant was issued for his arrest. This store was robbed of several pairs of shoes a month ago and the blood hound followed the trail to this same negro's house as in this case. Several people saw a negro in the vicinity of northwest with two bags and a suit case on Tuesday after the robbery, Monday night. The description on the one in his possession answers the one stolen from the store of C. R. Vandecarr & Company.

Friday night March 26th two negroes attempted to break into the store of Fiske & Charlton with an axe. One of them succeeded in breaking the panel out of the door while the other one was watching. Mr. Fiske, a member of the firm heard the noise and went into the front yard of his home near the store to investigate the cause and saw the negroes as they were leaving the store having been scared away before they had actually accomplished the robbery.

## WILL SERVE NUNNALLY'S

The Albemarle Pharmacy advertises a Nunnally Demonstration for Friday afternoon, April 9th. A sales lady from the factories which produce the well known Nunnally candies will have the demonstration in charge, displaying and serving Nunnally's to patrons and friends of this store and expounding the good qualities of these confections.

Wholesome German 'Zweiback' may be had now and all the time from Parker Bros. Ad

## ELKS MINSTREL ATTRACTS INTEREST

The Minstrel show to be given by the Elizabeth City Elks next week has already attracted wide interest in the three towns in which it is to be given and in the communities surrounding these towns.

The dates for the performances are: Elizabeth City, Tuesday, April 6th; Hertford, Wednesday, April 7th; Edenton, Friday, April 9th. Tickets have already gone on sale and are selling rapidly. Those who received a copy of the Elks Minstrel Booster this week, which contained among many other things the program for the show, will be the more desirous of attending.

The opening and closing choruses, the Elks quartette, together with a number of solos by the stars of the company—who are many in number and varied in accomplishment—offer an alluring suggestion for a merry evening.

## FIRE ON SOUTHERN AVENUE

A fire on Southern Avenue at two o'clock Thursday morning did considerable damage to the residence of Mr. John Jackson and came near causing the death of his children.

The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp which had been left burning in the room where the children slept. Mrs. Jackson heard the noise and ran to the children's beds, finding them in flames, and was just in time to save the children. The fire department arrived soon after and stopped the fire after a damage to the roof and the back part of the house had been done.

## NOT MADE IN GERMANY

Elizabeth City's newest Main Street Grocers announce in this issue of The Advance the fact that they are carrying in stock fresh 'Zweiback', made in America but made as the Germans make it. This announcement will doubtless be of interest to housekeepers no matter toward which European nation their sympathies turn just now.

## TOBACCO IN CURRITUCK

Deputy Sheriff C. T. Grigg of Currituck was in the city yesterday. Mr. Griggs was the first successful tobacco grower in Currituck County. He grew some last year, got a good price for it, and will put in about four acres this year.

## DR. BLACKWELL TO PREACH

Dr. C. S. Blackwell will preach at the First Baptist Church at the morning and evening service on Easter Sunday. At the morning service a number of new deacons will

## A STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION

The relatives of James Wilcox, feel that they would like to make this public acknowledgement of the kindness rendered to them by Mr. Roscoe W. Turner in attempting to secure a pardon for James Wilcox. Mr. Turner has worked unceasingly and untiringly in this matter for us. He has refused any compensation of any kind, and given to us the very best of his time, thought, energy and ability.

We sincerely trust, that some day, in some manner, we may be able to show our gratitude to him in a more substantial manner.

Respectfully,  
J. W. WILCOX,  
MRS. EDWIN FEREBEE,  
MRS. SAM WILLIAMS.

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## POPLAR BRANCH WINS AND LOSES

Poplar Branch, April 1st.—The debate here last Friday night between South Mills and this school interested greatly the large audience that gathered to hear the young speakers. The Poplar Branch debaters, who spoke on the affirmative were Beatrice Parke and Fletcher Spry. The South Mills representatives were Mary Forehand and Mac Jones.

Rev. C. P. Jerome presided and Messrs Harrell and Hodges acted as secretaries. The judges were Prof. Blumberg of Harvard, W. D. Cox of Moyock, Dr. J. C. Baum, Jr., W. T. Griggs, of Poplar Branch, and Mr. Albert Farley of Minnesota.

The query was ably discussed by both the affirmative and the negative debaters and the debate was won by a vote of three to two in favor of the Poplar Branch debaters. The attention given by the audience was perfect and the greatest enthusiasm and admiration for the work of the debaters was expressed.

The debate at Manteo on the same evening in which Poplar Branch representatives spoke on the negative side of the question was won by Manteo by a vote of three to two. Prof. Isley accompanied the debaters to Manteo.

On Friday afternoon the primary grades will give an Easter egg hunt. On Sunday night an Easter service will be held in the High School building. Rev. C. P. Jerome will preach a special Easter sermon and there will be Easter music. The service will be at eight o'clock and everybody is invited to attend.

A considerable amount of work was done on the high school grounds Saturday morning. Fifteen men and ten teams worked hauling dirt and making improvements on the yard in preparation for the county commencement.

Mr. G. A. Forbes of Minne-

## WANT TO BEGIN SCHOOL LIBRARY

### An Entertainment Benefit Library Fund to be Given Soon

Fraulein Charlotte Best will give a recital at the High School auditorium on the evening of April 12th. Fraulein Best is a dramatic soprano singer of Norfolk who comes with high praise of her pleasing voice and attractive personality.

The proceeds of this concert will go toward the beginning of a library for the Elizabeth City Graded School.

This school has no reference library and is therefore in respect far behind many schools of less prominence and progress. Friends and patrons of the school are urged to lend their support to the earnest efforts now being made in this direction and to begin by attending this entertainment given for the library fund.

## BROTHERS BUY BROWN BUILDING

The Brown building on the corner of Main and Water Streets now occupied by the D. R. Morgan Company has been recently purchased by Messrs DeFord, prominent farmers of Camden, and leased to the firm of Silverthorn & Morrisette, who will enlarge their stock of furniture and move into their new quarters as soon as the change can be conveniently made.

Mr. T. E. Browne of the Department of Agriculture gave an interesting lecture in the auditorium last Thursday night. He lectured on the forming of corn, poultry and pig clubs.

The High School announcement for next year is being prepared. The honor roll for the past month is as follows:

- I.—(a) Linda Walker, Alvin Saunders, (b) Elsie Balance, Elbert O'Neal, Ralph Aydlett.
- II.—Myrtle O'Neal, Ambrose Doxey.
- III.—Thitis Walker, Estelle Achlin, Mabel Grandy.
- IV.—Mac Baum, Frank Aydlett, Arthur Garrenton.
- V.—Mildred Doxey.
- VI.—Ruth Craine.
- VII.—Blanche Griggs, Venie Parker.
- IX.—Maud Griggs, Marvin Overton.
- X.—Samuel Walker, Fletcher Spry.

E. R. Johnson, of Currituck was in the city yesterday.

## PREPARING FOR COUNTY EVENT

### Poplar Branch Getting Ready For County Commencement This Year

Poplar Branch, N. C.—Currituck County commencement will be held here Saturday April 17th. This will be another star day in the educational development of this county.

Prof. N. W. Walker, State High School Inspector, has accepted the invitation to make the address of the day. Prof. Walker is a native Currituckian, having spent his boyhood at Poplar Branch. He received his first schooling in the public schools of this county, later going to Elizabeth City's school and being under the instruction of Prof. Sheep. After teaching for a few years he entered the University of North Carolina where he completed the four year course in three years and at the same time made the Phi Beta Kappa grade, a much coveted honor.

Mr. Walker next became Superintendent of schools at Ashboro N. C., for 1903-1905. At the end of this time he was called back to the University to take the professorship of Secondary Education. In this work he had in his charge the training of the University students for teaching in the High Schools of the state. In 1905 on account of his marked success in this work he was made State Inspector of High Schools, which position he is now successfully filling. Mr. Walker is also director of the University Summer School. The rapid development and marked success of this school during the past few years is due in great measure to his untiring efforts and unusual executive ability.

Poplar Branch and Currituck County will welcome Prof. Walker's coming on the 17th with pride and pleasure. He is, indeed, one of Currituck's noblest sons, and one of the State's greatest educators. A cordial welcome is extended the entire county and to friends elsewhere to attend the Currituck County Commencement on April 17th and hear, among other interesting numbers of the program Prof. Walker's address.

The High School here urges the elementary schools of the county to make all possible haste in their preparation for the County Commencement on Saturday April 17th.

According to Dr. Newbern's program each school in the county may send one declaimer and one reciter from the seventh grade to compete in a contest for prizes, and each school may send one speller from any grade to compete in a spelling.

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