

Love Accuses Highway Body Of Extravagance In Conducting Affairs

Chairman of County Commissioners Charges Road Board Failed to Spend Money Economically

SCOTT OFFERS DENIAL

Would Have Hard Time Finding More Careful Set

JUDGE NUNN AT CURRITUCK FOR THE FIRST TIME

Makes Pleasing Impression

A Scientific "Divining Rod"



Parkers used to locate wells with "divining rods." This man, A. J. P. Bertschy of Omaha, has gone them one better. With his "electrostatic balance," shown above, he has located Nebraska's first oil well at Campbell, in Franklin county.

BRIBE HEARING UNDER WAY NOW

Special Panel of 200 Talemens Called in Daugherty-Miller Case

New York, Sept. 7.—A special panel of 200 talemens were summoned to provide a jury today for trial of former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty and former Allen Property Custodian Thomas W. Miller on charges of accepting a \$291,000 bribe.

Contrary to the Federal Court custom of having prospective jurors questioned by the court, Judge Mack agreed to permit direct questioning by attorneys, with resultant prospect of an entire day or more being given over to selection of a jury.

Federal Attorney Emory R. Tucker expects presentation of the Government's case will require about three weeks, but defense attorneys were unable to say how long they would require as the defense testimony will depend upon what the Government offers.

Richard Merton, German copier magnate, is here as star witness for the Government and is expected to testify as to his participation in the return of \$7,000, 100 cash and Liberty Bond to alien claimants of stock in the American Metals Company.

Lecturer Clash involving Klan

Disturbances in the Independent and Saunders Throws in Verbal Tilt

Between W. O. Saunders, editor of the Independent, weekly newspaper published here, and Dr. J. H. Hawkins, of Newport News, marked the opening of a series of lectures by the latter at the courthouse here Monday night.

The visiting lecturer stated in an interview Tuesday that he had been a member of the Klan and an active worker for it, but that he had left the organization in March, 1925, because he did not approve of the methods of its higher officers.

In opening his lecture, which was directed against the methods of the Roman Catholic Church, Dr. Hawkins took extreme exception to statements appearing in last week's issue of the Independent, in which Mr. Saunders intimated that he was here as a representative of the Ku Klux Klan.

Dr. Hawkins branded these intimations as "an emphatic lie," declaring that he was not a member of the Klan, and was not speaking for it.

Mr. Saunders had come in at the opening of the meeting, and at that juncture arose and told the speaker who he was, adding that Dr. Hawkins' denial of affiliation with the Klan, in his opinion, was the strongest evidence that he was a Klansman.

"They all deny they belong to it," he added.

Dr. Hawkins answered in kind, and in the course of the argument Mr. Saunders stripped off his coat as though to fight. The lecturer told him that was the last recourse of a coward, and proceeded to list his own pugilistic qualifications, stating that he was six feet two inches tall, and weighed 250 pounds.

The upshot of it all was that Mr. Saunders put his coat back on, and walked out of the courthouse before Dr. Hawkins began his lecture.

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East Lake Product Blamed for Busy Court Session

Ascribed to the alleged arrival of a cargo of "white lightning" Friday night from East Lake, haven of Northeastern Carolina moonshining operations, record in many weeks Monday morning, as something of an unheralded celebration of Labor Day.

In fact, it was about the only festivity observable here in connection with the holidays.

Leading the docket were three visitors from Norfolk, Ernest Parker and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Parker, who were arrested Saturday night in the downtown district while hiding in a Reo automobile, after having bumped into several other cars and causing some damage.

All pleaded guilty to a charge of simple drunkenness, and were fined \$5 and costs each.

Ernest and H. C. Parker, who, by the way, are cousins, were fined \$25 and costs each on that count, the evidence being that police had found a small quantity of whisky in the car. H. C. Parker was put under a suspended sentence of 90 days in jail, conditional upon his refraining from driving a car in North Carolina for two years, and upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

Mrs. Parker was fined only \$5 and costs, as may be noted from the foregoing paragraphs, and she succeeded in raising the money. The other two remained in jail until she returned Tuesday with enough money to pay their aggregate fines.

Julian Spencer, John Copeland and Mordred White, charged with disorderly conduct in a Colonial avenue cafe, were fined \$5 and costs each.

Will Stroud, accused of having been drunk and disorderly, and with possession of liquor, was fined \$10 and costs on each count. Police testified he had a pint of whisky on his person when he was arrested.

Jack Stroud, charged with assault, was fined \$20 and costs. The evidence was that he had had an argument with Tom Copeland as the outcome of a crap game on Peartree Road Saturday night, and had struck Copeland over the head with a piece of iron pipe, inflicting a gash which it required four stitches to close.

As a sequel to the crap game, Al Divers, Edward and Graham Moore and Noah Seymour appeared in court Tuesday morning, and paid fines of \$10 and costs each upon submitting to a charge of gaming.

Charged with being drunk, Lennel Norman, Jerry Johnson and Frank Lilly, all colored, were fined \$5 and costs each.

Levie Pool, colored resident of Camden, was required to pay the court costs of an action in which he was charged with having parked his car too close to a fireplug.

CITY TAX RATE REMAINS SAME AS LAST YEAR

Mayor McCabe Blocks Council Move to Cut Trees on West Main Street, to Permit Widening

FEREBEE GIVEN RAISE

City Manager's Salary Increased to \$275 Per Month; Ordinance Passed To Restrict Parking

Fixing the city tax rate at \$1.22, the same figure as last year, raising City Manager Ferabee's salary \$25 a month, and turning down a proposal for the cutting of about 16 trees on the south side of Main street as the high lights of the session, the City Council touched upon a little of nearly everything under the sun in regular meetings at the Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

The tax rate is divided into four items, the city bonded bond for the year at \$2.00, the school second fund being .25 cents, the third school bond fund .20 cents, and the fire fund .12 cents. Again this year, the poll tax was fixed at \$3. In items of \$2 for street labor and \$1 for the graded schools. The tax on sanitary toilets was increased to \$1 from last year's figure of \$2.

The Main street tree question was introduced again by a recommendation by L. E. Johnson, engineer in the employ of W. C. Olson, Inc., in charge of city improvements here, that some 16 trees on the south side of Main street, between Road and Pershe be cut down to permit a "bow" in the street to be straightened out.

When the question came to a vote, Councilman Morgan, Bright and E. J. Colson went on record as favoring Mr. Johnson's suggestion, with Councilmen Kramer, P. C. Colson and Hughes against it. Mayor McCabe, mindful of his promise to the Woman's Club not to let anything happen to the trees when they were not represented, vetoed the motion.

A letter from Attorney C. E. Thompson in which Mr. Thompson respectfully declined to serve on a special committee authorized by the Council last month to investigate charges of graft preferred by City Manager Ferabee against L. B. Colpepper, and counter charges by Mr. Colpepper, Mayor McCabe reported that he had been advised also that Fire Chief J. J. Taylor was chosen unanimously to succeed him.

A petition from property owners on North Water street, asking that the street be widened somewhat and re-paved between Main and Burgess streets, and that the bridge on Polkwater Creek be made shorter and lowered and the approaches be raised, was presented by Attorney E. F. Axtell. The Council gave Mr. Axtell a grant, sufficient money was available from the proceeds of the recent street improvement bond issue.

Water street also came in for consideration in the matter of parking. Mayor McCabe breaking another tie in favor of prohibiting parking on the east side of the street between Colonial avenue, eastwide Matthews street, and the State highway bridge.

The matter of improved dairy regulations here, with a view to assuring a pure milk supply for Elizabeth City, was taken up through the reading of a letter from H. E. Miller, of the State Board of Health, giving assurance that he would come here at his earliest opportunity to survey the situation, and that probably it would be accompanied by W. L. Cleveland, of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry at State College.

Representative J. Kenyon Wilson was present, and upon being presented by Dr. Zenas Peattie, city health officer, discussed a recent visit to Raleigh, in which he went into the local milk situation with Mr. Miller and others. He stated that Mr. Miller recommended the grading and pasteurization of all milk sold here. The Council deferred action in the matter, pending Mr. Miller's visit.

City Manager Ferabee's report, in substance follows: "Street work, garbage, trash collections and other sanitary work, and maintenance work on cemeteries have been kept up."

"Up to September 1, 1925, the city had 41,625 feet of curb and gutter has been laid on Church, Ehr-

Airplane Parachute Is Success



The latest invention for aircraft safety, a monster parachute to support the entire airplane as well as the pilot, was tested and proved a success at Ingleswood, Calif., by R. Carl O'Neil, who flew to a height of 6,000 feet and then let the parachute loose. The upper picture shows the parachute in action before the test was completed. The stunt was financed by James H. Duff, of the Famous Players-Lasky movie picture production.



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Union Methodists Will Celebrate Centennial

Sunday, September 12, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of Union Methodist Church and it will be celebrated with an all-day meeting and an interesting program.

The morning will be given over to Children's Day exercises which will be followed by dinner on the grounds.

In the afternoon beginning about 2 o'clock there will be addresses by Dr. W. A. Stuart of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. H. E. Spence of Duke University and the dedication of the Sunday School Department by Dr. F. S. Love of the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City. L. E. Goddard is also planning to be present and speak from the pulpit.

He is the superintendent of the Sunday schools of the North Carolina Conference.

"All the former members of Union Church are given an urgent invitation to be present and the general public cordially invited to come and share with us in the good things for both soul and body," says Rev. W. T. Phipps, pastor.

Ingleswood, First, East Cypress, Broad, Pearl, Personna, Cedar, Broad and Deer streets, and on Colonial and Broadway avenues.

"Elizabethans street paving has been completed, the concrete base on West Church street has been completed and the laying of brick thereon is about 90 per cent complete, some will be finished this week."

"The work of paving South Road street was begun several days ago, and the base has been completed from the rear to the second street. The work of curbing and constructing concrete gutter has reached about 75 per cent."

"First street, Broad street, East Cypress street and nearly all of Colonial avenue have been repaved and an asphaltic road has been paved with the exception of catch basins."

CURRITUCK HAS STEPPED INTO HIGHEST GROUP

Only Albemarle County to Attain This Distinction and One of Four Counties of State

WITH NEW HANOVER

In Short Time Has Forged Ahead of Line to Standard of Schools Long Ranking High

Currituck, Sept. 7.—That Currituck alone of all the counties of the Albemarle has stepped into place in Group A schools in North Carolina, a distinction attained by only four counties in the entire State, and at the same time is pressing New Hanover County a close second in the race for first rank in the group, with an efficiency index of 75.9, as compared with 75.6 for New Hanover, because known as nearly here Monday when Mrs. Maud G. Newbury, County Superintendent of Education for Currituck, presented that fact to the Board of Education at its September meeting.

The only other counties in the State winning place in Group A by attaining an efficiency index of 70 or more were Pamlico and Durham, with indices respectively of 72.9 and 71.9. Last year only two counties were given places in Group A, namely, New Hanover and Pamlico. Thus Currituck, in taking second place in Group A on the basis of last year's work, forged ahead of Pamlico, which outranked Currituck on the basis of work done in the session of 1925-26. If Currituck can maintain this year the ratio of progress as compared with other counties of the State of last year, the county will take first place among North Carolina counties in the efficiency of her schools.

How far Currituck has outdistanced her sister counties in the Albemarle is indicated by the fact that only two counties in this section are given ratings in Group B. These two are Washington and Hertford, and the latter county has not until recently been included in the Albemarle group.

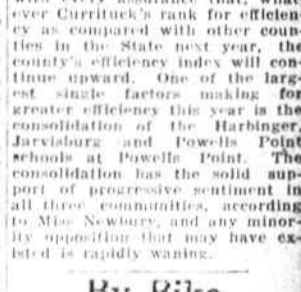
Pasquotank is in Group C, with an efficiency index of 59.7, based on the work done in the rural schools of the County, which puts Pasquotank in twenty-fourth place among North Carolina counties, as compared with Currituck's second place. Camden ranks thirty-fourth, with an efficiency index of 56.8; Gates thirty-fifth, with efficiency index of 56.7; Dare fifty-first, with efficiency index of 52.9; Perquimans fifty-third, with efficiency index of 52.9; and Tyrrell sixtieth, with efficiency index of 50.9.

The foregoing statistics as to the educational efficiency of the schools of the State are set forth in the September issue of School Facts, published by the State Department of Education.

With the opening of Knotts Island school this week, the 1926-27 session of the schools of Currituck County is well under way with every assurance that, whatever Currituck's rank for efficiency as compared with other counties in the State next year, the county's efficiency index will continue upward. One of the largest single factors making for greater efficiency this year is the consolidation of the Harbinger, Jarvisburg and Powells Point schools at Powells Point.

The consolidation has the solid support of progressive sentiment in all three communities, according to Miss Newbury, and any minority opposition that may have existed is rapidly waning.

By Bike



D. Bowen, 47, has returned to his home at Gatesburg, N.C., after a 18-months' bicycle tour that carried him through every state capital, into Mexico and north into Canada. He has been an enthusiast since 1901, and has ridden on his wheel to every world series ball game and every eaywyrite championship game in this country since then.

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urch northwardly to Brothers' are, a distance of about two miles, be continued another mile. The board promised to give the request favorable consideration in the event sufficient money was available for it when other prior projects had been paid for.

MOTHER AND WIFE ARE AUTO WRECK VICTIMS

Hickory, Sept. 7.—Word was received here today from George D. Lancaster of this city stating that his mother was dead and his wife not expected to live, as a result of an automobile accident near Kinston.

TRADES UNION MEETS

Charlotte, Sept. 7.—Six hundred delegates gathered here today for the opening of the first annual session of the North Carolina Allied Trades Union. Representatives from nine organizations are in attendance. The sessions will last through Thursday.

COTTON MARKET

New York, September 7.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 17.75, December 17.95, January 18.02, May 18.29, July 18.42.

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