

NOL PROS TAKEN IN SENSATIONAL CASE TUESDAY

Felton Van Horn Cleared On One Count; Found Guilty on Another

A nol pros was taken in recorder's court here Tuesday by Prosecuting Attorney Wilbur Darden, who could find little evidence to support the claim made in a warrant that Felton Van Horn, white 40, of near Creswell, was aiding and abetting in prostitution of his daughter.

The indictment was sworn out upon information and belief by Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peel, who lives in Creswell, before Magistrate J. F. Snell. It was hinted in indirect testimony that the man even encouraged immoral relations of his daughter with negroes. The daughter in question was 21 years of age.

The only admissible evidence that came before Recorder Darden was that Van Horn and his daughter had been seen riding at night with negroes, but that there was no improper relations between the whites and the colored. Rumors flew thick and fast, but no convincing evidence was offered.

Arthur Edwards, Ky Edwards, Charlie Felton, Charlie Barnes, Woodie Davenport, Sherrod Clifton and Paul Clifton, all white, were summoned as witnesses for the prosecution of the case, but after hearing from three the prosecuting attorney deemed it wise to nol pros the case.

However, Mr. Van Horn, a farmer, was found guilty by the recorder and sent to the roads for two months on a charge of possession of whiskey for the purpose of sale. He entered a plea of not guilty to both counts. Mr. Van Horn had been into court before on charges of drunkenness.

Recorder Darden had 39 capias issued for defendants who had been found guilty of crimes and had been fined and the costs assessed which had never been paid. They will be coming in as the sheriff notifies them. In many cases the costs are being limited, and a 30-day suspended sentence imposed with a commitment to be issued if they are arrested for offending the law within a period of six months.

J. M. WOODLEY PASSES AWAY

Final Rites Held Near Here Monday for Well-Known Farmer of County

Funeral services were held near here Monday for J. M. Woodley, of Creswell, who died at his home there as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was 55 years of age. He was a widely known farmer of Washington County.

Rev. Roy Respass, Christian minister, officiated. Interment took place in a family cemetery near the home. A large crowd attended and many friends contributed a beautiful floral offering. Active pall bearers were: T. G. Alexander, Cortez Swain, Laddie Sevier, Lomas Phelps, Roy Alexander and Earl Phelps.

Surviving are the following children, his wife having preceded him to the grave 12 years ago: Roger Woodley, Creswell; Alma Woodley, Raleigh; Flossie Woodley, Rocky Mount; Paul Woodley, Norfolk; William Woodley, Panama Canal Zone.

Beech Grove Club

The Beech Grove home demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. T. Davis, 16 members were present. Miss Patterson resumed her talk on different finishes and seams which were displayed in samples.

Home improvement also was discussed. Several members had rooms painted, front porch built, kitchen china rack made, also partition removed and living room ceiling.

Club members reported a total of 154 quarts of meats canned.

The "pie contest" game during the social period resulted in a draw between Mrs. E. M. Chesson and Mrs. Cedric Davenport.

Mrs. Davis served valentine cakes and salted peanuts.

Mrs. Patrick Henry Brown Dies at Home in Gold Point

Mrs. Patrick Henry Brown, 42 years old, died at her home in Gold Point last Saturday night at 10 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted the following afternoon from the late home at 3 o'clock by Rev. Jack Purvis. Interment was in the Brown burial ground near the home.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Brown is survived by her mother, Mrs. Bettie Stalls. She also leaves four brothers, Robert Henry and Sam Stalls, of Robersonville, and Simon Stalls, of Tarboro, and three sisters, Mrs. Zeb Brown, Mrs. Jim Manning, and Mrs. Jane Stalls, all of Robersonville.

PEANUT ADJUSTMENT CONTRACTS OFFER PROTECTION TO TENANTS

Landowners Who Sign Agree Not To Reduce Number of Share-Tenants or Share-Croppers Below Number on Farm Last Year

The peanut adjustment contracts contain a special provision to protect the rights of tenants, says B. Troy Ferguson, of State College, who has charge of the peanut program in North Carolina.

The landowner who signs a contract, Ferguson points out, agrees not to reduce the number of his share-tenants or share-croppers in 1935 below the number in 1934.

Furthermore, the owner agrees under the contract to apportion to each tenant the same percentage of the total crop on the farm that he grew in 1934.

Tenants producing peanuts on farms covered by contracts will share in the benefit payments in accordance with their respective interests in the total crop, Ferguson explains.

PARITY CHECKS

A total of 150 parity checks on cotton were received last week in Farm Agent W. V. Hays' office. Producers were asked to come for their checks. Two forms are issued to tenants, who tended cotton with the tenant and landlord, each getting their part of the money.

Over 515 peanut contracts covering an acreage of approximately 4,852.3 have been signed, according to Mr. Hays.

CHEVROLET HAS LEAD IN SALES

Company Reports Margin of 4,378 Cars for the Past Year

Detroit.—Recent predictions in A. D. N. that Chevrolet would be returned the leader in 1934 passenger car registrations as well as commercial car titling were confirmed a few days ago when final returns from the state of Mississippi completed the round-up for the year. These returns, compiled by R. L. Polk and Co., show new passenger car registrations in the United States during 1934 reached a total of 1,888,557 as compared with 1,493,794 in 1933, and truck registrations to the total of 403,941 as compared with 245,869 in 1933.

In the case of passenger cars this is the highest yearly total reached since 1930, while truck registrations are the highest since 1929 and the third highest in the history of the industry.

In the passenger car field the 1934 sales took a definite trend toward the lower price brackets, with Chevrolet, Ford and Plymouth registering 1,367,991 units out of the 1,888,557 by all makes combined. Of this total, Chevrolet got 534,906 passenger cars against 530,528 for Ford, while in the commercial car field Chevrolet registered 157,534 against Ford's 128,278.

In view of the late start which Chevrolet suffered in 1934 due to the result of Ford registering 63,126 against 66,960. August also found Chevrolet leading for the month, but the margin was reduced 1,316 units, with Ford registering 54,357 against Chevrolet's 55,673. This found the two companies going into the last quarter with Ford still leading for the year by a margin of 21,318 units, with the totals standing 412,597 for Ford against Chevrolet's 391,279.

During the last quarter Chevrolet held the lead in each month with the exception of October when Ford broke into the lead.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent, announces the following schedule of club meetings for next week:

Monday afternoon, February 18, at County Bridge.

Tuesday, Pleasant Grove.

Wednesday, Swain.

Thursday morning, Creswell and Cherry 4-H clubs.

Thursday afternoon, Creswell Woman's Club.

Friday, Alba.

Saturday morning, curb market.

Come. The sales receipts for last Saturday were \$28.89. Help us to make it \$30 next Saturday. Mrs. Joe Brown led in sales for last week.

Miss Alethia Norman, 86, Of Creswell, Dies Monday

Creswell.—Miss Alethia Norman, 86 years of age, a resident of Washington County living near here, died early Monday morning following an illness of several weeks. She was an active member of the Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist church. Surviving is one sister, Mrs. H. A. Leitchfield.

MR. W. O. NORMAN DIED MONDAY AT HOME IN ROPER

Was Well Known and Popular Throughout County

Funeral services were held at the home in Roper Tuesday for Wiley Orelous Norman, 52 years of age, who succumbed Monday at noon as the result of uremia following an illness of several days. He was well known and well liked in Washington County.

Rev. E. L. Stack, pastor of the Roper circuit of Methodist churches, officiated. Interment took place in the old Walker cemetery near Roper. A large crowd attended. Active pallbearers were Baton Swain, Lindley Windley, Norman Chesson, Loyis Spruill, J. M. Leary, and Vernon Chesson. Members of the Roper band, of which the deceased's son was a member, were honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Norman was salesman for years for the Buchanan Motor Company at Roper and when the same firm moved to Plymouth. Also at one time he was employed at the Roper Lumber Company and played on their baseball team. Surviving is a widow, Mrs. Deldee Walker Norman, and one son, Thomas Wiley Norman.

QUALITY COTTON SEED SAID TO BE LOW THIS YEAR

Some Lots Are Germinating Less Than 50 Per Cent In Eastern Area

Indications are that North Carolina's cotton planting seed for this year is very poor, warns P. H. Kime, plant breeder at the N. C. Experiment Station.

Some lots of seed are germinating less than 50 per cent, especially in the Coastal Plain area, according to reports from tests made recently. The damaged seed in the Piedmont area is not quite as bad, Kime says.

The poor condition of the seed is due largely to the wet weather last September. Where cotton was open at that time some of the seed rotted and some sprouted in the lock. Considerable damage also occurred while the damp seed was in storage.

Planting seed of low germination results in uneven stands and low yields, he warns, and growers whose seed is bad should arrange to buy good seed of the standard varieties known to do well in this state.

Those who have not given their seed the germination test should do so at once, he urges, so that if necessary they may be able to get good seed in plenty of time for planting.

Joe G. Dixon Visitor Here Last Wednesday

"Business is not so bad as to cause complaint in my line," said Joe G. Dixon, of Wilmington, president of the Carolina Handle Company, who was here Wednesday with his wife. Mr. Dixon left the National Handle Company here last summer after having been connected with them for a dozen or more years to enter the handle business for himself.

His plant has been running regularly although the output is much less than the local handle plant. C. E. Nelson is secretary of the company which Mr. Dixon heads. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon were here attending to some business matters in regard to their property here.

Creswell Junior-Senior Club Holds Meeting

Creswell.—The Creswell Junior-Senior 4-H club met February 7th with 16 members present. The president being absent, the vice president, Christine White, took charge of the meeting.

After the business session, the meeting was turned over to the home agent, Miss Patterson, who gave an interesting discussion on health, which she defined as being the quality of life that enables one to live most and to serve best. She will be here in two weeks to get a record of the members' health.

Schools In Roper To Reopen Next Monday

Public schools in Roper are expected to reopen Monday after being closed for some time on account of sickness in the community and among the children. Colds and influenza played havoc with attendance and it was thought wise to close the school for 10 days or more.

Creswell Man Has Arm Broken by Machinery

The right arm of Sam Comstock, middle-aged white man of the Creswell section, was broken in two places Friday when it became entangled with machinery at a grist mill near here. He was soaping the belt when his clothing caught, dragging him into the machinery. The arm was broken below and above the elbow.

Entries in Newspaper Contest Will Close Saturday at Noon

BETTER PAY FOR TEACHERS URGED BY LEGION POST

Resolutions Passed by Recent Meeting of Legion Made Public

The following petition has been issued for publication by Dr. C. McGowan, commander of the James E. Jethro post, No. 164, of the American Legion:

In view of the fact that living costs have increased 40 per cent and more that teachers of the state of North Carolina have borne an excessive proportional part of the state's indebtedness by having their salaries reduced 35 per cent from the 1930 schedule. Be it resolved by the American Legion Post, 164, of Plymouth, North Carolina:

1. We petition the General Assembly to restore the former salary schedule.

2. We petition the General Assembly if not to comply with article No. 1 of this petition to at least increase the salaries of the teachers in North Carolina to the extent that the best-trained and equipped educators of the state may stop their exodus to states where the remuneration for services performed is sufficient to enable them to live in a manner required by the public which they serve.

3. We petition the General Assembly to restore the reduction in salary in order that the teachers of the state may return to their former standard of living because of the fact that the teachers of the state have been unable to maintain their wardrobes, provide for themselves the necessities of life in a manner that is necessary to the standard of the profession as required by the public.

4. We petition the General Assembly to restore the salary cut at least to an amount that is commensurate with the increase given to the other state employees of the higher brackets whose services are no more essential to the future citizenship of North Carolina.

Any one who has tried a brick brooder for brooding chicks will tell you that they can't be beat. They are as near fool-proof and fire-proof as it is possible to get. Plans can be secured at the county office.

Hog killing time is here. Do not wait much later if your hogs are large. Three main factors of keeping meat are bleeding, chilling, and clean curing vessels.

"Pigs should not be knocked or shot; this more or less paralyzes the pig, and he will not bleed clean. Turn him on his back and stick him. Remember salt will not keep blood."

Use no salt until all the animal heat is out of the carcass. Leave the women and lard off until the following day. Cold meat handles better, and the cuts are much neater.

Dirty barrels will not keep meat. Wash in scalding lye water, soak out and air barrels before putting down your meat.

Formulas for dry cure, brine, and other methods may be secured at the county office. Eight pounds of salt per hundred pounds of joints properly rubbed into the meat is enough. A little brown sugar keeps the meat soft and adds to the flavor. A little salt petre will add to the color of your meat. Do not leave hams and shoulders in cure over three days per pound. A ten-pound ham for 30 days will give a good cure and will not taste too salty.

Tobacco growers are urged not to go above their 85 per cent allotment. Many think it much better to stay at 70. Growers below four acres will need to take advantage of the full allotment, but others should stay well within the minimum. Surplus sales cards will probably be scarce this fall.

Now is a good time to prune the fruit trees, spread manure and plow the garden, repair worn and broken tools, trim and dock the lambs and trim all the male calves.

Expect Negro Woman Shot February 3 Will Recover

Recovery appears certain now for Christiana Smith, 23-year-old negress, who was shot during an altercation in the Sugar Hill colored section here February 3 by Willie Miller, negro, who is in jail here waiting for trial.

Dr. C. McGowan, who attended the victim at first, despaired of her life as it was found that her intestines had been punctured seven times. Barring complications, it appears now that she will live. The wound was caused by a bullet from a .32-caliber pistol. The bullet penetrated a door, behind which the negress was seeking refuge.

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Pays Compliment To Teachers of County

"I never found your teachers more receptive and interested, and I agree with you that I think they are working," wrote Miss Juanita McDougald, of Raleigh, a representative of the division of instructional service in the State Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. Norman is very appreciative of the impression that the teachers are working hard, as they are cooperating with him and the state department to do the best possible in educating the children of this county.

Income Tax Man To Be In Plymouth March 6th

Representatives of the United States Internal Revenue Department will be in Plymouth at the post office March 6 to assist taxpayers in filing 1934 Federal income tax returns. There is no charge for this service. Penalty and interest is incurred by those failing to give attention to this matter.

Parents and Teachers Meeting at Creswell

Creswell.—The parent-teacher association held its monthly meeting at the schoolhouse last Thursday night with a good attendance. A good program was rendered by the senior class. Ice cream and cake were served.

Home Demonstration Clubs District Meet

The district meeting of Martin, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell, and Pitt home demonstration women will be held in Greenville on April 10. The program committee met last week and outlined plans.

Plymouth Young Man on Wake Forest Honor Roll

R. S. Cohoon, of Plymouth, is listed on the first semester honor roll, which has just been released at Wake Forest College. This distinction denotes work between 90 and 100 per cent perfect.

Cohoon is a sophomore in the academic school.

County One of Five To Pay No Inheritance Tax

Washington County was one of the five counties in North Carolina which did not pay into the government any inheritance tax during 1934. Tyrrell county citizens paid \$1,872. Alleghany paid \$298. The other four not paying were Carteret, Graham, Hyde, and Jackson.

ROAD DEBTS

Should the North Carolina General Assembly accede to suggestions that the state assume payment of county road bonds, then Washington County would turn over to the state officials an outstanding road debt of \$229,000, which has been piled up over a period of years.

However, the joint roads committee of the two branches of the legislature rejected such a measure, but there is before the committee a bill sponsored by a group of representatives to set up a fund of \$1,000,000 to aid the counties in discharging this debt.

A decision on this will come along in due time.

PASSAGE IRISH POTATO BILL IS EXPECTED SOON

Plan Is To Create Contract Similar To One Used In Tobacco Control

Speedy enactment of the potato control bill is expected when presented to Congress within the next few days according to Representative Graham A. Barden in a letter to the Beaufort News last week.

"I have given considerable time to the potato situation and we hope to draw up a bill as near as possible like the tobacco bill," the Congressman wrote. "At present we are trying to determine the sentiment of the people." It is necessary to get a bill that every one concerned will want insured its speedy enactment. The Congressman was high in his praise for his colleague, Representative Lindsay Warren, of this district, who has devoted so much time to the potato measure and who will introduce the bill in the House, probably this or next week.

Under the tentative bill, potatoes would be classed as a basic commodity, production quotas would be set and a tax levied on production in excess of the allotments.

Representative Barden also had some interesting remarks to make on the increased tobacco production for this year. His beliefs are similar to those held by farmers over this county. He says:

"I have been very much concerned over the tobacco situation in Eastern North Carolina. The Department of Agriculture announced some time ago that the crop would likely be increased to 700 million pounds. This has reference, of course, to the flue cured tobacco. During 1934 the crop consisted of 540 million pounds. I have been and am now very much opposed to raising the crop to 700 million pounds. While the tobacco companies have estimated the demand to be 700 million pounds, I do not think we should increase the production to the figures of the demand, for if this were done we would find ourselves making the market a buyers' market instead of a sellers' market and thereby reduce the price to figures far below those we have enjoyed. I do think, however, that the crop could and probably should be increased to under no circumstances more than 100 million pounds, which would make the 1935 crop 640 million pounds, 60 million less than what the tobacco companies estimate the market demands to be."

"Heretofore the cry of the tobacco companies has been that too much tobacco was raised and therefore they could not pay a fair price. Should we increase our crop to their figures, it is very evident to me that we would find ourselves confronted with the old proposition. I feel that any increase made in the crop should be used first to iron out and adjust the existing inequalities which now are working hardships on certain farmers."

"The average big grower is satisfied with his present allotment, and I certainly think that any increase should be applied first to the emergency cases, and such increase as is left could be distributed on a percentage basis."

Woman's Club To Sponsor Play Here on March 28-29

A committee representing the Woman's Club, headed by Mrs. H. A. Liverman, as their president, met recently with a representative of the Universal Producing Co., of Fairfield, Iowa, and made arrangements for the staging of a new and different type of amateur production entitled "The World's All Right." This production is to be staged on March 28 and 29 in the Plymouth High School Auditorium. Further details will be made public later.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE TURNED IN BY 9 WORKERS

Best Work So Far Is Being Done by Mrs. Darden and Miss Gardner

Things are beginning to move along now in The Roanoke Beacon subscription and prize campaign but not so fast that a new worker couldn't enter today and with a few hours work secure enough renewals and new subscriptions to the paper to put them in the running for the leading award of \$300.

The above prize and others will be given out at the close of the contest on March 9th to those persons securing the highest number of credits as issued on paid subscriptions to The Beacon. The following schedule of votes is now in force and will continue on to February 23rd, when there will be a sharp decrease in the value of the credits given. For a one-year subscription 100 votes; two years, 300 votes; and three years, 600.

Nine Report Subscriptions

All in all, there are about nine candidates who have turned in subscriptions. At the present the best work seems to have been done by Mrs. S. F. Darden, of Route 1, Plymouth; and Miss Winona Tee Gardner, of Plymouth. There is little to choose between these two workers, as the records stand, with Mrs. H. D. Peel, of Roper, having done third best.

Others turning in subscriptions and eligible for one of the five cash prizes or a commission on the work accomplished are Miss Margaret Hooker, of Plymouth, with four subscriptions; Mrs. R. E. Dunning, also of Plymouth, with two reported in to the office. Miss Callie Davenport, of Creswell, has sent in two, Miss Ester Knowles, of Roper, five all told; Miss Elizabeth Vail, of Route 1, has two to her credit, and last on the list, E. M. Clifton, of Roper.

Those interested in taking an active part can see for themselves by referring to the list of workers and possible contenders as published in the advertisement concerning the contest found on another page that many more have sent in their names and have been furnished with the subscription receipt book and other help that goes without cost to all entrants. But, as mentioned in a previous paragraph, there are about nine in all who have turned in subscriptions.

Subscriptions or the votes given on subscriptions determine the winners. The money for the prizes is on deposit here in the Branch Bank at Plymouth, as stated several times before. Those who do the best work and earn the prizes, regardless of the amount of money turned in or the number of subscriptions will be declared the winners on March 9th, three weeks from this coming Saturday, when the judges make their final count and check of the reserve vote coupons.

Last Call for Workers

This week will be the last opportunity one will have to enter their name and take an active part in the contest. The entry list is due to close at noon this Saturday, February 16, so if you are one of those who have been thinking about taking an active part and for one reason or another failed to get your name in, you must do so before noon of the 16th, which is this Saturday.

You might think you are late in taking an active part as Miss Rosalee Swain, of Creswell, Route 2, wrote the other day when sending in her entry. But we can assure her and any other person who wants to take an active part that they are in no way late. The maximum number of votes given on subscriptions is now in force and will continue until February 23rd. Very few subscriptions have been received at the office and the big prizes are just waiting for some outstanding worker to enter their name and reap the harvest.

Remember, Saturday at noon is the last opportunity to enter. You can enroll now by clipping the coupon from the advertisement or by simply sending in your name to the campaign manager, The Roanoke Beacon, Plymouth, N. C.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McGowan Is Dead

Creswell.—On Tuesday, January 29, the messenger of death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McGowan, of Newland section, and claimed as its victim their little baby son, Jimmie, age 5 months.

Surviving are a mother and father, three brothers, Charles Jack, and Bryan McGowan, and one sister, Ruby Ray McGowan. Pneumonia was the cause of death.—Reported.