

Court Docket Light Last Two Sessions

Some 15 cases were completed in recorder's court at the regular weekly session held on March 12 and 19 according to a study of court records on file at City Hall. Ten defendants were found guilty of public drunkenness. Other cases and outcomes included: Prayer for judgment was continued for two years against Mrs. John W. Costner, who was found guilty of violating the state compulsory school attendance law. Charles Fronberger, 26-year-old Negro, was found not guilty of non-support charges and the plaintiff was ordered to pay costs of the action. Prayer for judgment was con-

tinued for two years against James Clinton, 21-year-old Negro who was charged with non-support. Prayer for judgment was continued against Marshall Wright, 25-year-old Negro, who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Samuel Williams, 39-year-old Negro, was found guilty of "driving under the influence" and carrying a concealed weapon and was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. Williams was also ordered not to operate a car on the roads for two years.

Southeastern North Carolina's second annual junior dairy cattle show will be held at Wilmington on September 27-28.

Employment Law Violator Fined

James M. Humphreys, of Kings Mountain, was found guilty of violating the Security Law when tried before J. Lee Roberts, justice of the peace, on Tuesday. T. L. Whitley, of Gastonia, Claims Deputy, brought charges on behalf of the Employment Security Commission alleging that Humphreys failed to report his earnings correctly when he filed claims for Unemployment Compensation benefits for the weeks ending January 22, and 29, 1951. He reported earnings of \$9.00 for week ending January 29, Mr. Whitley said.

Through his counsel, H. L. Kiser, the defendant entered a plea of not guilty. Evidence was presented showing Humphreys was employed by R. C. Stroupe on January 20, 24, and 25, 1951, and was paid \$18.00 on January 20, 1951, and \$27.00 on January 25, 1951. The defense established that the defendant kept only \$9.00 of the \$18.00 paid January 20, 1951, giving the remainder to his son who helped him that date.

Magistrate Roberts found Humphreys not guilty on the charge alleging fraudulent reporting for the week ending January 22, but guilty on the charge for week ending January 29, 1951, and imposed a fine of \$20.00 plus costs of the action on the latter charge.

Mr. Whitley stated that since no benefits were paid as a result of the claims filed, the defendant will not be denied any further benefits for the remainder of his benefit year, but will be declared ineligible for the week ending January 29, 1951, and the claim for that week cannot be used in establishing benefit eligibility.

The Employment Security Law prescribes penalties for false statements regardless of whether or not any benefits have been paid as a result of those false statements.

Production of winter cover crop seeds set a new record in 1950.



SCENE FROM RECENT LITTLE THEATRE PRODUCTION — Shown above is an on-stage picture taken at the recent Kings Mountain Little Theatre production of "Rebecca." Members of the cast in the scene are, left to right, Sonny McDaniel, Al Ralston, Faison Barnes, Sam Stallings, Mrs. Al Ralston, M. C. Poston, Mrs. Sam Stallings, and Jimmy Spivey. Stage settings for the production, locally built by Jose S. Evans, Jr., Mrs. P. G. Padgett, W. J. Melcher, J. G. Darracott and M. C. Poston, attracted much praise for their professional appearance. One additional play is scheduled for the current season, and announcement concerning it is scheduled soon.

Shelby Little Theatre Official Praises Production Of "Rebecca"

Praise for the work of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre was received recently from a member of the board of directors of the Shelby Little Theatre.

Jerry L. Hawkins, of Shelby, wrote the following letter of congratulations after seeing the recent production of "Rebecca": "Congratulations! Your production of "Rebecca" was truly an artistic achievement. How an organization so young can present, skillfully, such a difficult play is quite astounding.

"Especially praise goes to the little publicized staging and lighting committees, whose set was, without exception the finest I have seen for a non-professional production.

"The entire cast was most convincing in their portrayals but orchids to; (one man's opinion of course), Tootsie Gillespie as Beatrice Lacy, Fanny Ralston, as Mrs. Danvers, and Mr. Faison Barnes as Colonel Julian, whose performances equaled many of the professional interpretations.

"Apologies for not getting back stage to personally congratulate all of you. It was a good play, well done. "Do keep the Shelby Little Theatre posted on your future productions. We are most interested in your success as you are our nearest Little Theatre neighbors.

"P. S. Programs also rate commendation."

The goat population in the United States increased during 1950 for the first time since 1945.

Blanton, England On Debating Trip

MARS HILL. — Demouth Blanton of 1001 West Mountain street and Harold England of 200 Fulton street are representing the Mars Hill College forensic team at the annual forensic tournament at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.

The tournament began on Wednesday, March 21, and the competition will continue until Saturday, March 24.

Blanton and England are two of seven students who will represent Mars Hill in this tournament which will feature forensic competition among various college and university teams throughout the nation.

As a representative of the men's debating team Blanton will participate in the debating exercises, give an informative speech and a drama reading. England will deliver a declamation and will give drama and poetry readings.

Both students are members of the Philomathian Literary societies, England having won the societies' annual declaimers medal, a medal given each year for the outstanding society debater. Blanton served the society as

secretary during the CI term of the first semester. He is also serving the campus as vice-president of the Baptist Student Union and is a member of the International Relations Club. England is a member of the Dramateers, an organization of students especially interested in dramatics.

County Polio Group To Buy Iron Lung

The Cleveland County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will purchase in the near future an iron lung, first of several expected to be bought by the county within the next few years.

Sam Stallings, chairman of the recent March of Dimes campaign, made the announcement. The purchase will enable the chapter to return a borrowed lung, now occupied by a Cleveland county child who can remain out the lung — and live — only a few minutes at the time.

Mr. Stallings said the purchase was possible due to the heavy contributions made by county citizens during the campaign.

Warfarin, newly discovered rat killer, does not contain any well-known ingredients but is a single chemical in itself. It kills rats by reducing the normal clotting ability of the blood and causing them to die by internal bleeding.

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