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L. L. WINDER TO PETITION GOVERNOR FOR CLEMENCY

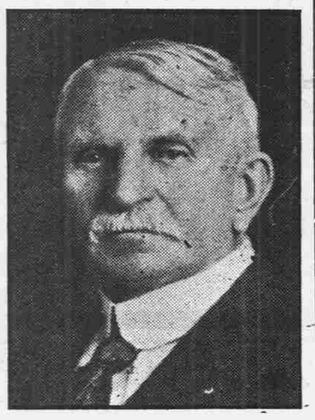
Convict In Sensational Case Here Will Not Wait Upon the Supreme Court's Hearing of Case on Appeal in February

L. L. Winder, sentenced to three years in State's Prison at the November term of the Superior Court in Pasquotank County and whose case on appeal to the Supreme Court is now pending, will ask Governor Morrison for a commutation of sentence. Formal advertisement of his petition to the Governor is published elsewhere in this newspaper this week.

Winder was convicted on a charge of having had carnal knowledge of a 13-year-old girl. A more sensational or more nauseating case probably never was tried in the criminal courts of this county. The case was tried at the September term of the Superior Court and resulted in a mis-trial because of the illness of a juror. At the November trial the case went to a jury and a verdict of guilty was returned. Winder appealed to the Supreme Court and the case on appeal will be heard early in February. But Winder will not wait for the decision of the Supreme Court before pressing his petition to the Governor.

Winder's petition is not regarded favorably by Hon. J. C. B. Ehinghaus, Solicitor of the First Judicial District who prosecuted the case in the Superior Court. It is known that Solicitor Ehringhaus has refused to sign a petition for executive clemency and his attitude toward a commutation of sentence was eloquently expressed by him at the recent trial. When sentence was passed upon Winder here in November and the defendant prayed the Court to give him a fine instead of a prison sentence, the Solicitor was emphatic in rejecting the proposal. "I would consider a fine in this case a travesty upon justice," declared Mr. Ehringhaus. He stressed the fact that the purpose of punishment was two-fold; to restrain the criminal himself and at the same time deter others from the commission of similar crimes. The purposes of justice would not be satisfied with anything less than a prison sentence in the Winder case, in the opinion of the Solicitor.

What facts and what influence Winder hopes to bring to bear at the Capitol are not generally known, but it is almost certain that a commutation of sentence would not insure his freedom. There is another case against Winder pending in the Superior Court here. Winder was tried in the case of Hattie Puckett, a 13-year-old girl with whom he was alleged to have illicit relations. He was to have been tried on a still more serious charge in which Irene Woodard, a pretty 15-year-old girl complained that he had attempted rape upon her. The case involving the Woodard girl was not pressed when the State convicted the defendant in the first case. Those who know Solicitor Ehringhaus' attitude believe that he would immediately bring Winder to trial in the Woodard case and press for another conviction in event that Winder escaped paying the penalty previously imposed.



C. H. ROBINSON

MADE PRESIDENT SHRINE FOR LIFE

Unique Honor Conferred Upon Chas. H. Robinson by Elizabeth City Shrine Club

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club has conferred an unique honor upon its veteran member Chas. H. Robinson, electing him honorary president of the club for the rest of his life. The Shriners just had to do something to show their appreciation of the grand old man and that was the only thing they could think of. W. P. Duff is the active president of the local Shrine.

Mr. Robinson's honorary life presidency of the Elizabeth City Shrine Club comes about this way. Recently a committee of the Shriners called on Mr. Robinson to draw up a lease on the Club's quarters occupying half of the second floor of the Poindexter St. Robinson Building. The Committee wanted to know just what concession Mr. Robinson would make in the matter of a reduction in rents if the Club would sign a lease for 15 years.

Mr. Robinson sniffed, rubbed his nose with the second knuckle of his forefinger, twitched the corner of his mouth and told the Committee with all severity that he would lease them their quarters for a flat sum of $10 a year for 15 years. The Committee nearly fainted. And that's how Mr. Robinson came to be unanimously elected president for life.

BOBBY HOUGH TO SHOOT HIS OWN COMEDIES NOW

Perquimans County Boy Who Left Home to Work in the Movies Says He's Making Good

"Bobby" Hough, a Perquimans County boy who went West about two years ago to try his luck in the Movies writes to this newspaper from Culver City, Calif., that he is making good and is organizing his own comedy company to feature himself. He says he has good money behind him and expects to shoot his first film early in January. Hough is an attractive youngster, full of pep and egotism. The last picture he appeared in is "A Sailor Made Man," with Harold Lloyd, to be released about the first of January.

CANVASBACKS PLENTIFUL IN CURRITUCK SOUND

Reports from the North end and middle of Currituck Sound indicates that shooting has been splendid this season and it doesn't seem to be any trouble at all for any sportsman who is a fair shot to kill his bag limit daily, and usually in a short time. Canvasbacks are said to be unusually abundant. William Barber Haynes, the sporting writer, shooting with Jasper B. White, of Waterlily, on Friday, Dec. 23, got their full bag limit of 50 canvasbacks. Andrew S. White, of Syracuse, N. Y., shot in Currituck Sound from Dec. 1 to Dec. 12 and got his bag limit every day except one; that day it rained and he came in with only ten red heads. A record like that could hardly be made anywhere except in Currituck Sound.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

There were 2,699 bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank County from the crop of 1921 prior to Dec. 13th, 1921, as compared with 1,697 bales ginned to Dec. 13, 1920. There were 2,166 bales ginned in Camden County, compared with 1,369 of same dates.

N. A. JONES.

NEW FREIGHT RATES MAY BE BAD FOR US

Lower Freight Rates For Other North Carolina Points, But Higher Rate For Coastal Cities

The new freight rates which will be put into effect January 15, will be a substantial reduction in the rates from the North to Carolina points and from North Carolina points to the south, but some other changes have been made in the adjusted rates which will increase the freight rates between points in North Carolina and points in Virginia.

Points in North Carolina, which in the past have enjoyed the advantages of water rates, based on supposed water competition, will be hit harder than other shipping points in North Carolina. The rates to these ports has been lifted to the basis of dry-land rates all over the state. The new rate for sixth class freight, for instance, to Wilmington is exactly doubled under the new schedules. At the present time, sixth class freight carries a 24 cent rate. Under the proposed rates the sixth class rate will be 48 cents.

It is believed that Elizabeth City will be as hard hit as Wilmington and the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce is taking immediate steps to find out just where Elizabeth City will stand under the new tariffs.

The Corporation Commission is making a close study of the new rates, and will have some formal statement to make about them later on this week.

The general lowering of freight rates together with the elimination of the war tax on freight and passenger service the first of January will mean a considerable saving to those who travel and to those who ship.

MRS. WOOTEN COMING

Mrs. Bayard Wooten, of the Wooten-Moulton Studio, of New Bern, will be in Elizabeth City next week to photograph the students of the Elizabeth City High School for the forthcoming High School Annual. Others desiring an appointment with Mrs. Wooten while she is in the city may secure same by communicating with Mrs. W. O. Saunders, Phone 284 or 172-W. Adv.1t

J. W. FISHER ILL

News reached Elizabeth City that J. W. Fisher, of Jarvisburg, was dangerously ill with acute indigestion and his relatives in this city were summoned to his bedside.

FRESH WATER AT $2.50 A GALLON

But Scallop Fishermen May Be Forced To Be Honest After This

The State Fisheries Commission Board in session in Elizabeth City last week empowered the Commissioner of Fisheries to co-operate with scallop buyers in this state to the extent of buying and installing a scallop testing laboratory at Morehead City, N. C., if necessary, for the protection of the scallop industry.

Dishonest scallop fishermen have gotten the North Carolina scallop in disrepute and certain Morehead City shippers are in a peck of trouble as a result of this dishonesty.

The scallop is a peculiar bivalve. When taken from its shell it must be thoroly washed or it will quickly decompose. In the washing the scallop will absorb a quantity of water. If permitted to soak in fresh water it will absorb its own weight in fresh water. Scallops can be soaked until one gallon of scallop meats has expanded to two and the fact can not be detected by the human eye.

Most of the scallops caught in North Carolina are in Bogue Sound, Carteret County, and are shipped from Beaufort and Morehead City. The scallop fishermen of Carteret last year marketed 84,000 gallons of scallops for which they received $3.50 to $7.00 a gallon, bringing into the state more than half a million dollars. The ten cents a gallon tax on scallops paid into the State Fisheries Commission last year amounted to $8,400.00.

Scallops are not bringing so much this year, the price being only about half what it was last year. But the temptation of the scallop fishermen to swell or bloat his product is too strong for a Carteret County fishermen to resist. It is so easy to get $2.00 to $2.50 a gallon for pump water when it is absorbed by a gallon of scallops.

And so the Carteret County fishermen have been soaking their scallops, contrary to the provisions of the Pure Food Laws of the State and Nation. Complaints of the soaked scallops reached th Federal authorities early in the season and inspectors recently entered several cars of scallops enroute from Morehead City to the Eastern markets. Tests of these scallops made by the inspectors showed them to be soaked and sixteen hundred gallons of scallops were seized in one raid. The seizure of these scallops temporarily wrecked the scallop market at Morehead City. The buyers refused to receive any more scallops from the fishermen and the fishermen were compelled to put up their boats and tongs because they had no market Morehead City was shipping scallops at the rate of a thousand gallons per day early in December when the government inspectors began to make trouble.

Making Carteret County fishermen deliver an honest gallon of scallops is a hard job. It must be remembered that it was in Carteret County that insurance agents used to insure the lives of trees and collect the policies when the trees were cut down. There were once two doctors at Beaufort, who would, for their part of the swag, write a certificate of the death of Mr. Old Field Pine, Mr. Water Oak, Mr. Mulberry Tree or any other old tree. Practices like this were not uncommon in Carteret a quarter of a century ago and to-day there are hundreds of fishermen in Carteret who think the Lord blesses them when they take one gallon of scallops to the pump and make it two!

The State Fisheries Commission contemplates installing a chemical laboratory in its offices at Morehead City where scallops may be tested. When a buyer has cause to suspect that some fisherman is loading his product with water, specimens may be sent to the laboratory at Morehead City and the facts established there. It is believed that when the scallop fishermen have a laboratory at their own doors to reckon with that they will not be so free in watering their products.

HOMES WANTED FOR SIX MORE CHILDREN

The North Carolina Children's Home Society, with headquarters at Greensboro, N. C., has six children to place with satisfactory homes in Northeastern North Carolina. Any childless couple, readers of this newspaper, who want a lively baby, a boy or a girl, should make their application to the Society at Greensboro or see Mrs. Anna Lewis, Superintendent of Public Welfare of Pasquotank County. The following children are now ready to place in desirable homes:

Baby boy, 10 months old.
Boy, 6 years old.
Boy, 5 years old.
Boy, 1 year old.
Girl, 14 years old.
Girl, 10 years old.

LOST ALL HER PROFIT ON SALES OF EXTRACTS

Mary Mettrey, who runs a fruit stand and racketshop in an old shed on the W. T. Love property on Poindexter St., was fined $10 in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning on a charge of having sold pineapple flavoring extract and similar concoctions for beverage purposes. The State's chief witness was one Charlie Crank, who testified that he drank 25 to 30 bottles of pineapple flavoring bought from the Mettrey woman last Saturday and that he got a kick out of it.

Three Reasons Why Life is Good on Roanoke Island

MISS IVA JENNETTE

THIS charming 20-year-old lass is a teacher in the Manteo High School. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Jennette of Manteo, and is a graduate of the Greensboro College for Women. She is a splendid example of the type of beauty found on Roanoke Island and her personal charm makes her popular with all who know her. Photo by White's Studio, New York.

MISS PHOEBE GOULD.

PURITAN primness and the sunshine of the South are mingled in the smiles of this 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Gould of Manteo. "Feeb" is a most popular young miss among Manteo's younger set. After her graduation at the Manteo High School she contemplates a course in civil engineering. Photo by Tremont Studio, Boston.

MISS MATTIE GOULD.

BEING a sister of Phoebe would entitle her to some distinction; but having so many charms of her own, she'd be exceedingly popular anyhow, altho she'll be old enough to vote three or four years from now. She's also a high school student with an engineering turn of mind. She prefers the mechanical side of that profession. Photo by Tremont Studio, Boston.

STORES REPORT UNUSUAL CHRISTMAS BUSINESS

Leading Retailers Report Increase In Dollars and Cents Over Last Season

Spite of the general depression and the prevailing pessimism of recent months, Elizabeth City merchants enjoyed a holiday trade exceeding in dollars and cents the trade of any previous season, according to information furnished this newspaper by leading merchants. This was particularly true in the case of those stores that advertised persistently.

O. F. Gilbert, proprietor of Mitchell's estimates his increase in business this season at 40 per cent over any previous season. "We worked harder, advertised more and sold on a closer margin of profit this season," says Mr. Gilbert, "and to these three facts we attribute our gratifying increase in business."

J. T. McCabe of McCabe & Grice says that his business for the past three months has exceeded in dollars and cents any previous three months business in the history of that busy store. This means that the volume of goods sold was even much more, as prices this year are 25 to 50 per cent lower than the prices of a year ago. Mr. McCabe says, however, that the demand has been greater for the lower grades of merchandise. People shop more carefully and look twice at prices. At the same time McCabe & Grice report the sale of more than 100 ladies' fur coats this season, at prices ranging from $50 to $300 a piece.

People shopped earlier this Christmas than in former seasons. Sales were steady all thru the month of December and no great increase in sales forces was required to handle the Christmas Eve rush. Eleventh hour shoppers this year bought mostly neck ties, handkerchiefs, toys and low price novelties. There was not much high priced gift giving. More diamonds and more suites of fine furniture were bought in former seasons.

FISHERMEN DENIED MORE NEW TERRITORY

Too Many Pound Nets Already in North Carolina Inland Waters

Petition of Manns Harbor fishermen for permission to fish pound nets in the middle of Croatan Sound between Mashews Creek and Colington, just North of Roanoke Island, was denied by the State Fisheries Commission Board in session here the other day.

The Fisheries Commission was inclined to grant the petition of the Manns Harbor fishermen but for the fact that it would undoubtedly have been followed by numerous other petitions for more restricted territory. The truth is, the Commission has already granted too much territory for pound net fishing and some of the territory now occupied by pound nets should be opened up. There are more than 4,000 pound nets fished in North Carolina inland waters and shad entering these waters in quest of a spawning ground stand very little chance. If something isn't done for the protection and conservation of this fancy edible fish it will be only a few years until the shad is as extinct in the waters of North Carolina as it is now practically extinct in the Connecticut and Hudson rivers where it once abounded.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Fire believed to have started from a defective flue destroyed the home of Joe Berry just outside the city limits and near the Norfolk Southern Passenger depot Tuesday afternoon. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

NOTICE

To Whom it May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Governor of North Carolina for a commutation of the sentence imposed upon him at November term 1921 of the Superior Court of Pasquotank County upon a conviction of having violated section 4209 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina. L. L. WINDER.
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WHEN IT PAYS TO BLOW YOUR HORN

The American Magazine Will Tell About Saunders and The Independent.

Under the caption, "The Autobiography of a Crank, and How He Got Over Being a Crank," the story of W. O. Saunders and THE INDEPENDENT will be told in an early number of The American Magazine.

How a newspaper as bold and fearless in its utterances as THE INDEPENDENT managed to establish itself in a town of 10,000 inhabitants has been an enigma to thousands of thoughtful men and women at one time or another. Within recent months John M. Siddall, editor of The American Magazine, got hold of a copy of Saunders' book, "A Concept of Life and Other Saunders Editorials." Mr. Siddall had never in all his experience seen editorials like those from a country newspaper. He wrote for specimen copies of THE INDEPENDENT itself. Then followed certain correspondence between the editor of North Carolina's most intertaining weekly and America's most enterprising monthly magazine. The editor of THE INDEPENDENT lunched with the editor of The American Magazine at the Hotel Vanderbilt in New York City on Thursday, Dec. 15. "If you will go back home and write a 5,000 word article about yourself acceptable to The American I will pay you $400 for it," said Sid.

The article was written by Dec. 19 and mailed to Mr. Siddall on Dec. 20. The American Magazine's check for $400 reached Mr. Saunders on Christmas morning. Creditors, one at a time, please!

NOT ENOUGH TURKEYS FOR ELIZABETH CITY

Local Dealers Couldn't Begin to Get Enough Birds To Supply the Christmas Trade

Many Elizabeth City homes went without turkey for their Christmas dinner because local marketmen couldn't buy enough turkeys to meet the demand. The demand for turkeys on the local market did not indicate anything like hard times in Elizabeth City. Dressed turkeys at 60 cents a pound were in demand and the local dealers sold out all of their poultry stocks. One lone goose was left over in the City Market from Christmas.

Most of the local dealers found it difficult to get turkeys this Christmas. Most of the farmers shipped their fowls to the Norfolk market. Turkeys sold at 60 cents to 75 cents a pound on the Norfolk retail market. Turkeys did not sell so high in the North. Some retail dealers in New York City stuck out for 70 cents a pound, but most New Yorkers bought their Christmas turkey at 50 to 60 cents.

CHEAP LENSES
ARE EXPENSIVE LENSES

There are no bargain days nor substitutes for good eye glasses. Cheaper materials can be substituted for almost anything except a correctly fitted lense. "Cheap" lenses oftentimes cause trouble of a more serious nature than the defects they are supposed to correct. Only people who have been trained to recognize defects of vision and to know how to make a proper correction are capable of advising on such an important subject as lenses. Avoid trouble by consulting reliable professional people and taking their advice.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY
Optometrist
Bradford Bldg. Elizabeth City, N. C.

SET FIRE TO HIS BARN CHRISTMAS EVE MORN

Act of Incendiary Cost J. J. Morris Near $8,000 With Only $800 Insurance

J. J. Morris, a prominent young farmer of Salem Township in this county, suffered a loss of $7,000 to $8,000 covered by only $800 insurance when some one set fire to a warehouse on his farm at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, Dec. 24. The warehouse or barn was an immense structure on which Mr. Morris had recently spent more than $1,000 in repairs. It contained 2,500 bushels of corn, about 1,000 bushels of soy beans and many farm implements and machines. The fire was started from a corner of the building on the outside and was discovered too late for the owner to save it.

Mr. Morris has only one clue to the origin of the fire. A few weeks ago he found several bags of soy beans concealed in some underbrush in the woods on his farm. Believing the beans to have been stolen from him, he recovered them and put them in his barn. He believes his barn was fired by the party who had stolen his beans.

It will cost Mr. Morris $3,000 or more to replace the barn alone. He was several times advised to insure the property, but neglected his insurance and found himself protected to the extent of only $800 when the blaze was over.

JAMES WILCOX GETS IN LIME LIGHT AGAIN

Famous Principal In Cropsey Case Fined For Reckless Driving

James Wilcox, who has been leading a quiet and uneventful existence in Elizabeth City since his release from the State Prison about two years ago, jumped suddenly into the limelight Monday after Christmas in an automobile accident which might have cost the lives of one or more persons. Wilcox, driving a Ford touring car at a speed of 30 miles an hour, according to witnesses, collided with another Ford on the Weeksville Road driven by James Brinson. In the car with James Brinson were George Brinson, Clyde Bright, Miss Ruth Brinson and Miss Maggie Bright. The Brinson car was badly wrecked and the occupants bruised and badly shaken up. Wilcox didnt stop, but kept right on going. When overtaken by a third car and told that he had "murdered up a woman back yonder," Wilcox expressed surprise and went back to the scene of the accident. He was found guilty of operating an automobile in a reckless and dangerous manner and fined $50 in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. He took an appeal from the Recorder. Wilcox denies that he had been drinking.

HOW CHAIRMAN DIXON'S HEAD GOT SCRATCHED UP

A pretty and popular Edenton miss whose name must be withheld figured in a mild sensation in a Pullman sleeper on a Norfolk Southern train, No. 4, at Edenton the other morning. The young miss had occupied lower berth No. 10 in the car from Raleigh. When she got off at Edenton she discovered that she had left her rings in berth lower 10. She rushed back to the train and dashed into the Pullman and to berth lower 10. Rudely jerking the curtains aside she plunged into the berth, thrusting both hands under the pillows where she had deposited her rings. She thrust both hands under the pillows in the darkness and discovered that she had her arms around the neck of a modest little bald-headed man. Instead of getting back into the car from Raleigh, pretty Miss Edenton had entered the car from New Bern and had gotten hold of J. K. Dixon Chairman of the State Fisheries Commission, who was enroute to Elizabeth City. In her excitement at finding a man occupying the berth which she thought she had just vacated, the young lady didn't do a thing to Mr. Dixon but try to tear his remaining hair out. And that's why Chairman Dixon showed up in Elizabeth City with scratches all over his head.

ELIZABETH CITY HAMS AND BACON

Local Concern Will Develop Industry Here To Compete With Virginians

The beginning of what may develop into a big meat packing industry at Elizabeth City was made this week with the opening of a small packing plant and smokehouse on West Main St. extended, just beyond the Norfolk Southern passenger depot. Casper S. Lamb, a native of Belvidere, Perquimans County, is the superintendent of the plant and he has associated with him a well known Elizabeth City banker and a progressive manufacturer. The venture will not lack capital.

Mr. Lamb says that a modest beginning is made this year and his concern expects to buy only 75,000 pounds of pork this season. He is offering 10 cents a pound for dressed pork and getting all the pork he can handle at that price.

Mr. Lamb is an experienced packer who is expert in the methods of curing and smoking that have made the hams and bacon of the Piney Woods section of Perquimans County famous for their mildness and excellent flavor. He will make a specialty of hams and bacon. From the rest of the hog he will make lard, sausage and hogs head cheese. The spare ribs, backbones and tenderloins will be offered to the local trade or sold thru other markets.

Mr. Lamb is persuaded that capital invested in a complete slaughterhouse, packing and refrigerating plant would not be wisely invested at once. He says that many packing houses have failed on the slaughtering end of it; the cost of slaughtering live stock absorbing much of the profit from the other end of the business. Mr. Lamb says it pays better to let the farmer do the dirty work of killing and dressing the meat until a business has been developed to such proportions that it is necessary for the packer to do his own slaughtering.

Mr. Lamb is sure that Elizabeth City capital has too long neglected an industry that has made millions for Virginians. We have heretofore shipped our fresh pork to Virginia and bought it back in Virginian cured hams and bacon.

A STRICTLY BUSINESS MAN IN EVERY DETAIL

Christmas Thieves Got Mrs. Pendleton's Furs and Jewelry, but the Doctor Had 'Em Insure

Not even a pair of Christmas thieves could get the goat of Dr. A. L. Pendleton, Post Master, Bank President, Pharmacist and Wholesale Druggist of Elizabeth City, tho a pair of thieves entered his home about seven o'clock Christmas night and stole about $800 worth of jewelry and wearing apparel. The theft didn't worry Dr. Pendleton overmuch because he had an insurance policy of $1,000 covering the very items stolen. He took out the policy about the time the Lowry boys were raiding Elizabeth City homes four or five years ago and had kept it up ever since. The policy covered the family jewels and wearing apparel and contained a clause covering wines, beer and whiskey. Dr. Pendleton had the latter clause stricken out and the thieves never touched his cellar at all. He is convinced that if he had let the insurance cover his liquid refreshments at all he wouldn't have had a spike left for his Christmas punch. The burglary of the Pendleton residence was effected while the family was out for dinner.

LET'S HOPE OLD SANTA GOT BY WITH HIS SLED

Elizabeth City's first Community Christmas Tree which was lighted up on Christmas Eve and was to have blazed cheerily away all this week, ceased to function Monday night when thieves stripped it of its many colored electric bulbs and most of its tinsel. The unadorned tree has stood the public square all this week without lights or tinsel, a solemn monument of reproach to a type of vandalism that would steal flowers from the graves of the dead or rob a widow of her mite. It is to be hoped that Santa Claus himself got thru Elizabeth City without losing his sled and reindeer.

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