

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

HEARD AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

For nearly two years, or since election day in 1928, there has been waged in Johnston County a constant battle between the Republicans and Democrats.

The Republicans have fought long and hard for lower taxes while the Democratic politicians have fought just as hard trying to force taxes higher, and thus create dissatisfaction among the voters in the hope that this would enable them to regain the control of the county in 1930.

The chief weapons that the Democrats have used in their fight for higher taxes, previous to the opening of their active campaign in last month, were, first, Claude Canaday who was alleged to have been put into the state senate by political trickery; and later they used the school system of the county by demanding more and more money for school purposes, and by employing lawyers who were paid big fees out of the school funds, and fighting against the board of County Commissioners in the courts, and before the equalizing board at Raleigh.

After opening their county headquarters last month with Jesse J. Williams in charge, they continued their fight through the school officials against the board of County Commissioners, but they failed to get the equalizing board at Raleigh to fully line up with them in their efforts to abstract from the pockets of the taxpayers the immense sum of \$590,250.00 under the pretense that this amount was necessary for the operation of the six months schools of the county this season.

In 1929 the Democrats succeeded in blocking the Republican plans for economy by lawsuits and other means to such an extent that they were able to force the county commissioners to raise the tax rate nine cents on each \$100.00 worth of property even after the Republican board of county commissioners had saved to the taxpayers many thousands of dollars by reducing the salaries of the Republican officials, and by cutting off all help that was not absolutely necessary to take care of the business of the county.

In July 1930 the county commissioners asked all officials and salaried employees to accept a further cut of 10 percent in their salaries and the commissioners even reduced their own pay from \$5.00 to \$4.50 per day; thus sharing the 10 per cent cut in salaries and wages.

The Republican officials accepted the 10 per cent cut, but the clerk of the court and his employees refused and the clerk heaped abuse upon the board of county commissioners. Superintendent Marrow and the county board of education responded by demanding \$28,532.00 more money for the six months schools than they forced the county commissioners to furnish for this purpose in 1929.

Yet in the face of all these facts, the 1930 tax rate has been reduced from \$1.95 to \$1.75, and there will be no deficit. Since they have failed in their efforts to prevent a cut in the 1930 county wide tax rate, the Democratic politicians are reported to have been going from place to place in this county and spinning big political yarns and broadcasting false and misleading reports about taxes, expenditures etc., in the hope of being able to deceive the voters.

But a number of those who have heard the wonderful tales that the Democratic spell-binders are telling about the Republicans raising taxes etc., have been to the courthouse and looked at the records, and they have all gone away pleased after finding that their taxes had actually been reduced. The more of the taxpayers that can be induced to go and search the records the better it is for the Republicans.

Those Democratic politicians who have been going around and telling the voters that the Republicans had raised their taxes in 1930, have gotten themselves into the middle of a bad fix. During the past week people from the different townships have been coming to the courthouse by the dozens and making investigations for themselves, and if any single person, either man or woman has found that they are charged with more taxes than they were last year they have kept that information very quiet. If any one pays more tax in 1930 than in 1929 he has evidently been more prosperous than the most of us, or else some one has tampered with his list since it was passed upon by the equalizing board last summer. It has been found that there has been some tampering with the tax records by

somebody which fact was made plain by the affidavits of Elder H. F. Hutchens, tax lister for Selma township and J. T. Creech, member of the county board of commissioners which affidavits appeared in the Johnstonian-Sun last week.

Both of these responsible men said in substance in their sworn statements that the stock of goods of Smith and Cameron, merchants of Selma which was listed at \$7,000.00, was passed upon by the equalizing board without change.

It has lately been discovered that the figure 7 has been changed to 9, thus making it appear that the value of this stock of goods was \$9,000.00 instead of \$7,000.00 as listed by Mr. Hutchens and later approved by the equalizing board, and the burden of suspicion seems to rest upon the Democrats.

It is a well-known fact that certain Democratic politicians have spent considerable time in the county auditor's office during the last several weeks, going through and copying portions of the records and searching for something that they could use to their political advantage. They have not only done this in the office of the auditor, but in the office of the other Republican officials. In fact at times so many of these Democratic political snoopers were at work in the offices that they inconvenienced and hindered the Republican officials in the performance of their duties. As was stated in the Johnstonian-Sun last week the tax sheets are usually made out with pencils and therefore the changing of a few figures here and there was not a difficult matter.

The Democrats have spent more time in the offices of the Republican officials within the last few weeks searching for something that they could use against the Republicans in the campaign than has been done by anybody in recent years, if ever before. The Democrats have put out more false and misleading statements this year than has been done before by any party in many years; everyone of which has acted as a boomerang when the people investigating and learned the facts.

In their desperate search for an issue the Democrats are thought to have changed the figures on some of the tax sheets for political purpose, as there is no known reason why anybody else should have wanted this done.

PROCEEDINGS OF RECORDER'S COURT

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 1930

State vs. J. W. Raynor. Charged with worthless check. Nol pros with leave.

State vs. M. E. Langdon. The State took a nol pros in this action of forcible trespassing.

State vs. Joe E. Talton. Trespassing. Nol pros.

State vs. B. B. Stallings. The defendant was charged with trespassing. The state took a nol pros.

State vs. Joe Deans, Willie Deans, and S. E. Sproggins. Charged with mismanaging crops etc. Nol pros.

State vs. Wilbert Ingram. Charged with worthless check. Nol pros.

State vs. Celia Dixon. Charged with mismanaging crops. Nol pros.

State vs. J. F. Hall. Charged with larceny. Nol pros. State vs. Albert Harris. Charged with injury to personal property. Nol pros.

State vs. Jack Boswell, Joe Davis, and James Crawford. Charged with larceny. Nol pros with leave.

State vs. L. Brown, charged with non-support. Nol pros.

State vs. Ben Allen. Charged with assault. Nol pros.

State vs. Pete Stanley, Marvin Stanley, Floyd Stanley, and Mallie Stanley. Charged with mismanagement of property. Nol pros.

State vs. George Whitley. Charged with larceny. Nol pros.

State vs. J. T. Lee. Charged with worthless check. Nol pros.

State vs. Jesse Blackman. Charged with mismanagement of crops. Nol pros.

State vs. W. H. Slocumb. Charged with trespassing. Nol pros.

State vs. J. M. Lawhorn. Charged with trespassing. Nol pros.

State vs. T. E. Talton. Worthless check. Nol pros.

State vs. W. A. Powell. Worthless check. Nol pros.

State vs. W. A. Gibbs. Charged with assault with deadly weapon. Nol pros.

State vs. B. I. Tart. Worthless check. Nol pros.

State vs. J. L. Woody. Charged with assault. Nol pros.

State vs. Gaston Johnson and Jasper Johnson. Both were found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Gaston Johnson to go to jail for the term of 4 months and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay 1-2 cost. Defendant to be

discharged at end of 60 days if cost is paid. Jasper Johnson is to pay \$50.00 fine and cost. Both appeal.

State vs. Murray Ballenger. Charged with Violation of Prohibition Law and found guilty of possession. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Ira Conner Surlis. Charged with Violation of Prohibition Law. Guilty possession of 1-2 gallon of whiskey. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Conner Surlis. Guilty of assault and reckless driving. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of \$100.00 and cost, but this judgment is left open subject to charge at discretion of Judge Parker.

State vs. M. J. Clifton. Found guilty on a charge of worthless check. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost and check. Notice of appeal.

State vs. Bill Ap Barbour. The defendant was found guilty of fornication and adultery. He is to go to jail for the term of 4 months and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay cost. Defendant to be discharged at end of 90 days provided cost is paid. Appeal \$200.00 bond.

State vs. C. G. Dickinson. The defendant was charged with Violation of the Prohibition Law. He was found guilty of possession and transportation of 1-2 pint; and fine \$10.00 and cost.

State vs. C. C. Williams, Jr. The defendant was charged with Violation of the Prohibition Law, and found guilty of possession and transportation of 1-10 pint. He was discharged upon payment of cost.

State vs. Barney Whitley. Charged with assault and incest on child. Not guilty of incest on child. Guilty of assault on child. He is to go to jail for the term of 90 days and assigned to work roads of Johnston County and pay cost. Jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$25.00 fine and cost. He was given time to pay.

State vs. Charlie Wells. He entered a plea of guilty as to being drunk and disorderly, and to go to jail for the term of 60 days and was assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay cost. Defendant to be discharged at end of 30 days if cost is paid.

State vs. Harold Coleman. The defendant entered a plea of guilty as to the charge of beating a ride on train. He is to go to jail for the term of 30 days and assigned to work roads of Johnston County and pay cost.

State vs. Rowland Little and Toy Collier. Charged with attempt to rape and assault. Not guilty.

State vs. Lester Richardson. He was acquitted on a charge of mismanaging property.

State vs. Lester Richardson. The defendant was charged with mismanagement of property, and found guilty. He is to go to jail for the term of 90 days and assigned to work roads of Johnston County and pay cost. Defendant to be discharged at end of 60 days, if cost is paid. Notice of appeal.

SMITHFIELD DEFEATS CARY IN CLOSE GAME

In a close game with Cary high school eleven here last Friday Smithfield won 12-6. The game started off slow as neither team could make much headway, but Smithfield came back strong in the second half when Russell Parrish, quarterback, tossed Sam Honeycutt, right end, a neat pass and after side stepping several of Cary's would-be tacklers crossed the goal for the first touchdown of the game.

Cary also came back strong and drove the ball deep into Smithfield's territory and on the fourth down Cary passed the ball across the line for a touchdown. They failed to make the extra point, however, and the score remained tied 6-6 with only four minutes to play.

Cary kicked off to Smithfield and on the first play Parrish again tossed a beautiful pass to Bill Norton, left end, who caught the ball almost on top of his head when he was completely covered by two defensive men — a beautiful play. Smithfield then got back her old fighting spirit and in the next play Parrish completed a beautiful pass to Honeycutt, who again ran for another touchdown.

This was the fourth game of the season to be played by Smithfield and the first game in which the local team has been scored on — having won all he previous games.

A game with Mount Olive is scheduled to be played on the local grid next Friday. The public is cordially invited out to see the game. Only a small admission fee will be charged as the visiting team has to be paid

HOSPITAL NEWS

Mr. Otis Parker of Middlesex, Route 1, is a patient in the hospital as the results of an infected arm. He is getting along fairly well.

Mr. George Crocker, of Pine Level, had his tonsils removed in the hospital Tuesday, Oct. 14, and is getting along fine.

Mr. W. N. Holt, of Smithfield, is getting along fine since he was operated on in the hospital Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Little William Hayes Oliver of Smithfield had his appendix removed in the hospital Tuesday, Oct. 14, and is improving.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Sasser of Smithfield, last Saturday, a baby boy. The mother and baby are getting along fine.

Mrs. M. C. Benson of Wilson's Mills, who took a blood transfusion in the hospital was able to go home last Friday.

Mr. J. C. Barbour, of Benson, who has been taking treatments in the hospital for some time was able to go home Sunday.

Mrs. D. H. Banefoot of Benson, route 2, underwent a serious operation in the hospital last Tuesday and is slowly improving.

Mrs. Charlie Dibbs, of Dunn, who has been in the hospital for the past few days taking treatment was able to go home Sunday.

Mr. Y. B. Parker of Four Oaks, Route 3, who was in an accident some time ago, is slightly improved.

Mrs. N. H. Falls of Goldsboro, Route 1, who has been in the hospital for the past few days is slowly improving.

Mrs. W. C. Oliver, of Four Oaks, was able to return home Thursday, Oct. 16, after undergoing an operation in the hospital.

Mr. Albert Crumpler of Pine Level, who had an accident some time ago, is getting along just fine in the hospital.

Paul Humphrey, who has been in the Johnston County Hospital for several weeks as a result of being in an automobile accident, is getting along just fine.

Mrs. H. P. Raper, of Kenly, was able to return to her home Thursday, Oct. 16.

SOCIAL

Mr. J. E. Bynum of Farmville was the guest of Miss Lynn Kilpatrick Sunday.

Gray Staples has returned from a business trip to New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Forlines and children attended the State Fair at Raleigh Thursday.

Miss Edith Henry, a student at State College, spent the week-end here.

Mr. George Grove, a member of the Smithfield High School Faculty, spent the week-end in Raleigh with his brother, Sherman Grove, who is a member of the engineering department at State College.

Mr. Cecil Lawrence, a member of the Smithfield high school faculty, spent the week-end at his home in Kenly.

Miss Mary Ellen Lawrence of Raleigh spent Sunday in the city with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lawrence and daughter, Lois, attended the State Fair at Raleigh Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. C. Stencil and James and Moses Stencil of this city spent Sunday in Wilson with relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Stallings and Louise Stallings of Selma.

Miss Isabel Morgan, a student at Meredith college, Raleigh, spent the week-end here with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Morgan.

Miss Margaret McLemore of this city, left last week for a Charlotte hospital where she will undergo treatment. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rogers were called to Wilmington Monday on account of the sudden death of Mrs. Roger's father, Mr. Salling.

Mrs. R. C. Gillett has returned from Waverly, Va., where she visited relatives.

Mrs. Ed Ward has returned from a visit to her mother in Durham.

Charles Davis has returned to this city from New York City and other northern markets, where he went in the interest of his store here.

Mrs. J. A. Campbell and little daughter, Mary Lee, left Tuesday night for Delray and Lakeland, Fla., where they will spend a month with relatives.

Miss J. D. Underwood returned here Monday from Atlanta, Ga., where she attended the undertakers

FUNERAL OF MRS. LOARING-CLARK HELD IN SMITHFIELD

The funeral of Mrs. Alfred Loaring-Clark who died in an Asheville sanatorium Friday night at 11:45 o'clock was held yesterday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Austin, in this city. Rev. Milton A. Barber, D. D., rector of Christ's Church, Raleigh, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. J. D. Bundy of the Methodist church.

Rev. D. H. Tuttle had known Mrs. Loaring-Clark since childhood and paid a very fitting tribute to her life. The choir from Christ Church, Raleigh, sang "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Won," and "For All the Saints."

The casket was removed from the room which had been converted into a veritable hot house, so great was the number of floral offerings that it took two trucks to carry them to the city cemetery. The pall bearers were: Sam Toler of Rocky Mount; Norwood Holland, Tilden Honeycutt, Frank Skinner, and George Ragsdale of Raleigh.

Mrs. Loaring-Clark was one of Smithfield's proudest daughters. After graduating from the local high school she graduated from Hollis College at Hollis, Va., with honors and then toured Europe. It was on this tour that she met her husband. They were married September 29, 1926, and went to live in Memphis, Tenn., where her husband was rector of an Episcopal Church. They lived in Memphis for three years, but about ten months ago Mrs. Loaring-Clark was taken ill with pneumonia following the birth of her second child. She made a brave fight but after being moved to several different hospitals she died in an Asheville sanatorium.

She is survived by her husband and parents, two small children, Margaret Ada, aged two and a half years, and Sarah Austin, aged ten months, and one brother, Billie Joe Austin.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Blake Lassiter of Four Oaks, Route No. 4, to Alma Sidney Creech of Smithfield, Route 2.

Floyd Milton Wood of Benson, Route No. 2, to Miss Ruby Wood of Four Oaks, Route No. 3.

Percy Lee Ferrell, of Raleigh, N. C., to Miss Annie V. Ellis of Clayton.

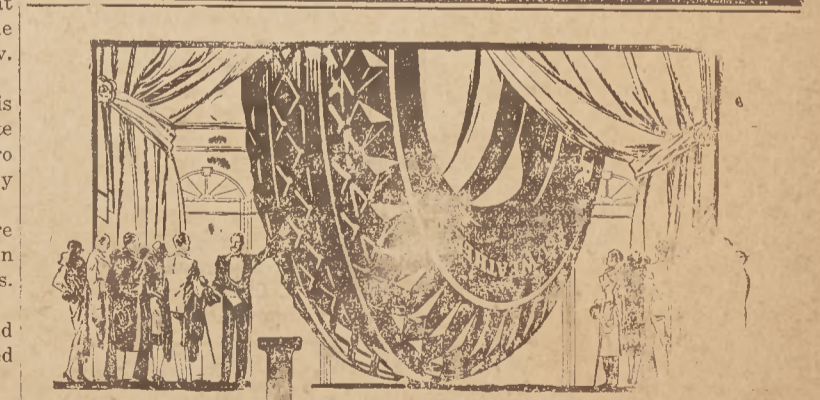
Paul Love McDaniel of Fairmont to Miss Ida Florence Wilder of Clayton.

ENTERTAINS AT DINNER

Mrs. D. H. Creech of Smithfield delightfully entertained Miss Alice Creech and Mr. Jimmie Phelps of Goldsboro, and Miss Margaret Aycock and Durwood Creech at dinner in her spacious home here Sunday night. The table was beautifully decorated with fall flowers.

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in those two mortgages executed by N. G. Rand and wife, Mary E. Rand, on April 1st, 1918, and recorded in Book 46, page 166, and on August 9th, 1919, and recorded in Book No 59, page 445, in the Registry of Johnston County, to the undersigned, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, the said undersigned mortgagee will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House Door in Smithfield, N. C., Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1930, at 12 o'clock, Noon,



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