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Superior Court Tries Several Civil Cases

Hon. W. G. Harris of Raleigh is Presiding Over Session. Verdict of Jury Set Aside In Divorce Action. Other Cases Tried.

Following is a list of the jurors for the first week: C. L. Richardson, R. D. Dunn, C. R. Whitley, M. B. Baffley, Willie Parker, G. D. Keen, Gibson F. Blackmon, J. H. Wellons, R. H. Lassiter, W. S. Myatt, A. P. Grice, W. R. Smith, C. J. Joyner, A. J. Whitley, Jr., R. C. Youngblood, D. L. Peacock, Isaac B. Parker, Fernie Wood, L. B. Boyette, G. A. Richardson, Herbert Screws, W. M. Bunn, R. L. Braswell.

Second Week.

W. G. Creech, B. F. Johnson, A. B. Woodard, R. W. Sanders, Herman Vinson, M. L. Sherrill, J. Monte Parker, T. E. Smith, J. Henry Hensengill, J. M. Puckett, J. R. Egan, D. W. Glover, W. M. Woodard, J. H. Hale, Jr., C. M. Strickland, G. E. Hocutt, A. A. Wellons, A. J. Price, Jas. F. Wellons, J. S. Cobb, Joe E. Creech, James C. Johnson, E. Dalton Adams, Geo. H. Olive.

Jurors excused: R. D. Dunn, Jr., out of county; G. D. Keen, sick; M. B. Bailey, not to be found; Gibson F. Blackmon, industrial; A. P. Grice, sick; C. J. Joyner, industrial; Herbert Screws, out of county.

Town of Selma vs. R. L. Ray. Order allowing continuance for defendant and allowing defendant 60 days to file amended answer and allowing plaintiffs 60 days thereafter to file reply.

O. J. Matthews vs. L. T. Royall and E. R. Jones. Consent judgment before H. V. Rose, February 22, 1932, in favor of plaintiff vs. defendants in the sum of \$50.00 and interest and cost.

Farmers Agricultural Credit Corporation vs. Jenkins Johnson and J. S. Allen. Judgment allowing J. S. Allen to withdraw exceptions to homestead allotment, and the allotment be declared valid, and by agreement and consent execution will not issue in said cause before October 1, 1932.

J. J. Broadhurst, et al vs. Archie Artis. This is an action on account for goods sold and delivered. Jury sworn and empaneled. Issues to jury and their answers: Are the plaintiffs indebted to the defendant, Archie Artis, as alleged in the answer? Ans.: Yes. If so, in what amount? Ans.: \$500.00.

Frances Wilkins Pittman vs. Paul Pittman. This is an action for alimony. The plaintiff is given charge of the land and the mule to use in trust for her maintenance during the pendency of this action.

Reiland Boykin vs. Charlie Edwards. Called and failed. Judgment of non-suit.

New Era Shirt Co., vs. Kelly's Department Store. This is an action brought by the plaintiff for goods sold and delivered. Jury sworn and empaneled. Issues to jury and their answers: In what amount, if any, is the defendant indebted to the plaintiff? Ans.: \$108.75 and interest on the same from December 20, 1930.

Milton Young vs. Theodore Ellis and W. D. Holt. Action on a contract for labor performed. Jury is sworn and empaneled. Issues to jury and their answers: Was the plaintiff, Milton Young, employed to work on the crops by the defendant in 1930, as alleged? Ans.: Yes. Are the defendants indebted to the plaintiff, Milton Young, for labor on said crops, as alleged? Answer: Yes. If so, in what amount. Answer: \$81.25 and interest from January 1, 1931.

Mrs. Cornelia Strickland vs. Joe Strickland. This is an action for absolute divorce based on charges of adultery on the part of the defendant. Jury sworn and empaneled. Issues to jury and their answers: Has the plaintiff been a resident of North Carolina for two years next preceding the institution of this action? Answer: Yes. Were the plaintiff and defendant legally married as alleged in the complaint? Ans.: Yes. Did the defendant commit adultery as alleged in complaint? Answer: Yes. The court in its decision set aside the foregoing verdict. Judgment denied.

AN EASY ONE

Father: "So you interviewed her father last night, eh? Did you make him toe the mark?"
Son: "Yes, dad; I was the mark."
—Legion Weekly.

PERSONALITY OF FLAMES.

(By Rosabelle Hinton, Selma High School)

Anyone who has ever sat before the open grate, gazing with unseeing eyes into a ceaseless, rhythmic flame, will understand what is meant by saying that that flame begins to take strange, eerie, and almost human forms. Sitting thus before my open fireplace, I realized with a start that the fire before me was not merely a convenience for bodily comfort; it suddenly seemed to me a living, active personality.

Then came the startling revelation that there are as many, and as varied, personalities in flames as in human beings. There is the great, raging fire that seems to actually roar its dominance and eccentricity; there is the pale, almost silent, flame that flits gracefully in demure whirls like some chaste virgin. Then there is the flame that spurts and darts as if in joy of its very youth. It breaks forward from the coals like some wild, freed creature, darts upward in a slender arrow, and then dies. One type of flame arranges its slow-burning spirals into sylvan, fairy dells. Finally, there are the fires that burn with a steady service, at least settling into rosy, jovial coals that warm our hearts after our wonder at the beautiful and reckless has gone.

Some flames live only to be admired; others are plain, sturdy creatures, spending their existence in services for others. One fire awakes the past in us because of sheer wonder; another must be aided and gently coaxed. Some are to be loved without understanding; others thaw the frozen desolation of our hearts and are best enjoyed in solitude. A majestic bon-fire, or a smouldering blue flame, sending white puffs and spirals against a darkening sky, awakes something primitive and wildly joyous in us.

One flame dances, one marches, and another waves hesitatingly. Some fires send-out a mellow glow, warming everything with their gentleness. The light of others is as harsh and merciless as human criticism.

WHAT WILL THE SOUTH DO?

The Literary Digest has started another one of its famous polls. This publication has made a number of these polls in the past and they have been remarkably accurate as to the drift of public opinion. The object of the poll now under way is to ascertain how the voters are thinking on the prohibition-liquor question. The weekly summary in the Digest will be read with much interest and the final tabulation will be scrutinized with great care by many people, especially by politicians.

The first report of the poll now in progress shows that in three states of the South, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia, the wet votes outnumber the drys more than two to one. This of course may be changed as the vote goes forward but it is astonishing to learn that the wets have a majority in any group of voters in these three dry states. Anti-prohibitionists claim that there has been a big change in the sentiment of the people as to the drink problem. We had no idea that the South had flopped over although for some time we have suspected that some of the dry political leaders were about ready to flop. This may be partly due to the Al Smith campaign of 1928.

Most of the Democratic leaders are prohibitionists, in theory if nothing else, and yet nearly all of them supported Mr. Smith who ran for President on a wet platform of his own manufacture. Another anti-prohibitionist will be nominated this year and they will support him. It may be that the example set by such leaders as Senators Bailey and Morrison, Governor Gardner and Messrs. Clyde Hoey and Josephus Daniels has weakened the hold of prohibition in North Carolina. The same theory might hold good for Virginia and Georgia. It is a very interesting question and we wonder what the South will do in the Digest poll.—Beaufort News.

NEWPORT FISHERIES FAILS

The Newport Fisheries filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday so the News is informed. This concern is located on an island in Newport river and has been operating a fish oil and scrap factory for a number of years.

Says These Hard Times' Really Soft.

Georgia Woman Many Children and Grandchildren. Says They Are Now Living In Paradise and Don't Know. She Recalls When Times Were Really Tough.

Dexter, Ga., Feb. 13.—Take it from a small, straight, brown-eyed woman who has 105 living descendants—In other words, take it from Mrs. Mary A. Shepard, of Dexter—These so-called "hard" times really are pretty soft!

Rushing in where economists and financiers fear to tread, Mrs. Shepard opines from the wisdom of her 84 years and the depths of the hickory chair which her husband made a half-century ago, that the only depressing thing about the depression is the way her grandchildren and great-grandchildren "complain" about such little things as salary cuts.

"Law me alive!" said Mrs. Shepard. "Folks these days don't know a thing about hard times. I recollect the days right after the war between the states, when I reared my family right here in the Piney Woods of south Georgia.

"I married when I was 18, and my husband had not long been back from the war and we farmed. Many a time, he has driven an ox-team 20 miles to the nearest town to bring home fertilizer, and the mud axle deep all the way. I never knew what it was to buy a pair of stockings nor a pair of socks, I knitted them all.

"We raised cotton and sheep and I spun and wove the cloth to make all the clothes for my husband and the children. I dyed them with walnut hulls, beat up in a sack and boiled and strained to make a brown dye. Or, I went to the creek and pulled branches from the gall berry bushes and made a black dye of them.

"There was plenty of indigo, growing in the woods, wild, in those days and I used it for blue dye. There were no sewing machines in my part of the country and I made every stitch of the clothes with my fingers.

"Law me alive! My grandchildren are living in Paradise and don't know it."

Three generations make up the 105 living descendants of Mrs. Shepard. There are six children, 46 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren, and with the exception of 12, they all live within the limits of the county where they were born.

NEW FISH MARKET.

Mr. Elbert Holt has sold his grocery business and opened a fish market in the building recently vacated by Creech's Restaurant on Railroad street. Mr. Holt will have fresh fish and oysters every day. Read his advertisement in this issue of the Johnstonian-Sun and give him a call. He will also carry a line of cigars, cigarettes and all kinds of cold drinks. Mr. Coon Creech has accepted a position with the new firm.

RANSOM HOOKS ENDS LIFE

In a fit of depondency, said to have been caused by financial adversities, Ransom Hooks, a substantial farmer, residing four miles west of Fremont, committed suicide about 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, by shooting himself with a shot gun.

It is said that no one was at home except Mr. Hooks at the time of the tragedy. He had returned from the burial ground, it is said, where he and tenants on the farm had been weeding the grounds; and after he reached the home he got a muzzle loading shotgun, sat down on the floor, put the stock of the gun against the wall and pushed the trigger with a tobacco stick, sending the entire load into the breast. Tenants found the body sometime later.

The deceased is survived by two sons and one daughter. The sons are Barnes Hooks and Ruffin H. Hooks, both farmers in the section west of Pikeville and Fremont, and the daughter, Mrs. Hildred Woodard, of Johnston county. —Snow Hill Square Deal.

Poultry growers of Lee County have selected an organization committee to proceed with the formation of a county poultry association to aid growers in marketing their product more profitably.

Night Prowler Causes Sensation In Selma

Last Monday night about 9 o'clock the daughter of Mr. J. C. Avery saw some one in the back yard at their home. She immediately notified her father who was in the house at the time, and he ran out in the yard and found a young looking negro out there, but the visitor made a hasty get away. Mr. Avery goes back into the house and turns out the lights. He then sees two men and calls W. H. Pool, Judge Aycock and others who hasten to Mr. Avery's rescue. The negro is chased to the "Big Ditch" near the home of Mr. R. D. Blackburn's home where an effort was made to hem him by surrounding the ditch with men in the ditch and on either side. The negro made a brake through the lines and escaped. Blood hounds were then secured and put on the trail. They trailed to the home of George McCullers, better known as "Leather" a young negro about 18 years old. George was in bed, but a pair of shoes was found at the McCullers home which made a track exactly like the one left under the window at the home of Mr. R. D. Blackburn. George was arrested and lodged in jail to await trial which was set for Thursday (today).

The entire northern end of Selma was in an up-tir for several hours that night and the citizens showed a determination to bring to justice the one who had been prowling about their homes. It is hoped that they have the right party, however no one seems to have identified George McCullers during their efforts to surround him in the Big ditch.

DEATH CLAIMS MR. HENRY T. GARRARD

Henry T. Garrard, of Smithfield, died Saturday, February 27th, at the home of his niece, Mrs. W. D. Johnson who lives near that city. Mr. Garrard had been ill for about three weeks.

The deceased had previously requested that Rev. D. H. Tuttle conduct the funeral services, but owing to sickness Mr. Tuttle could not serve, and Rev. B. T. Hurley, pastor of the Methodist church in Smithfield conducted the services, assisted by Rev. E. R. Shuler, pastor of the Mt. Zion Methodist church, where the deceased held his church membership, in the presence of a large crowd of relatives, friends and acquaintances. The burial service was at the family burying grounds in Cleveland township, the pallbearers being, S. W. Lassiter, J. Y. Baker, G. B. Smith, R. H. Higgins, Chas. H. Johnson and Jesse Whitley.

The deceased was born in Cleveland township in April, 1858, and had he lived until next April he would have been 74 years of age. He was the son of Rev. Thompson Garrard, a Methodist preacher, and was educated at Trinity College, being a class-mate of Rev. D. H. Tuttle in the class of 1880. Two sisters preceded him to the grave.

Among those from a distance to attend the funeral were two nephews-in-law, B. D. Wood and J. F. Hardee, of Norfolk, Va.

Approaching Marriage.

Mr. and M. L. Stencil have received an invitation to an approaching marriage, reading as follows: "Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McLamb invite you to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Luma Smith, to Mr. Maurice Francis Carter, on Wednesday, March 23, 1932, at 10 o'clock A. M., Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va.

"At home after April 5th, Apartment Four, 501 North Boulevard, Richmond, Va."

It will be remembered that Miss McLamb was formerly Register of Deeds of Johnston County, and was the first woman ever to be elected to this office in Johnston County, and her many friends here and elsewhere will read this announcement with interest.

SITTING OR SETTING

They were arguing as to whether it was correct to say of a hen "she is sitting" or "she is setting." "The question," said the farmer, "don't interest me at all. What I want to know when I hear a hen cackling is whether she is laying or lying."—Progressive Farmer.

Proceedings of Recorder's Court

State vs. Hobson Mumford, colored laborer, aged 17, for profane and indecent language on public highway, etc., found guilty. A six months road sentence to be suspended during next two years, on condition that defendant does not violate prohibition law again in North Carolina during that time.

State vs. R. L. Tyner, white laborer, aged 30, for operating car while intoxicated. Guilty. Fined \$50 and cost. Defendant forbidden by law to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days.

State vs. D. E. Price, white farmer, aged 50, for receiving stolen property. Not guilty.

State vs. Willie Moses, colored laborer, aged 21, for operating car while intoxicated. Guilty. Defendant given 60 days of county roads and forbidden by law to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during the next 90 days.

State vs. George W. Garner, white for trespassing. Not guilty. No cost to be taxed.

State vs. J. E. Wooney, for operating car while intoxicated. Called and failed. Judgment nisi sci fa and capias.

State vs. Hubert Pilkington, white farmer, aged 18, for abandonment and non-support. Guilty. Prayer for judgment is continued upon payment of cost and on condition that defendant provides adequate support for family during next two years.

State vs. Luther Riggins, colored laborer, aged 25, for larceny of hog, value \$5.00. Guilty. Defendant to be confined in jail of Johnston county for term of 60 days and assigned to work on public roads.

State vs. Harvey Allen, white farmer, aged 30, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession of one-half gallon of whiskey. Road sentence of 90 days, to be suspended during next two years upon condition that defendant pays \$25.00 fine and cost and upon condition that defendant does not violate the prohibition laws during next two years.

State vs. Daniel Lee, white farmer, aged 19, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty. Defendant given 60 days on public roads.

State vs. Mike Ingram, white farmer, aged 35, and Ed Ingram, white farmer, for violation of the prohibition law. Ed Ingram found not guilty and discharged. Mike Ingram found guilty of possession of 3 gallons of whiskey for purpose of sale. Road sentence of 90 days, to be suspended upon payment of \$25.00 fine and cost and upon condition that defendant does not violate the prohibition law during the next two years.

State vs. Isaac Fulton, colored laborer, aged 26, for larceny of one log, value \$5.00. Guilty. Defendant given 60 days on public roads, this sentence to begin at expiration of sentence he is now serving (90 days).

State vs. Elizabeth Robertson, Nellie Hall, Iola Boykin, and Louise McAllister, for trespassing. All defendants guilty of simple trespassing. Prayer for judgment is continued during the next two years upon condition that defendants are of good behavior. No cost to be paid by the county.

State vs. S. A. Parrish, white farmer, aged 38, for operating car while intoxicated. Guilty, and fined \$50 and cost. Defendant ordered and directed not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days. Appealed.

Wednesday, February 24.
State vs. J. C. Wilson, colored laborer, aged 19, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession of one pint of whiskey for the purpose of sale. Defendant is given 60 days on public roads.

Tuesday, March 1st.
State vs. James Terry, colored farmer, aged 21, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession of whiskey for purpose of sale. Defendant is given 60 days on public roads.

State vs. R. A. McLamb, white farmer, for worthless check. Case remanded to Justice of Peace court of J. M. Lawhon.

State vs. Howard W. Benson, white farmer, aged 21, for operating car while intoxicated. Guilty, and fined \$50 and cost. Defendant forbidden to operate motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days.

Lindbergh Baby Was Kidnapped Tuesday

Charles Lindbergh, Jr., Was Put In Bed Shortly After 7 O'clock and Nurse Peeped Into Its Room at 10 O'clock and Found Baby's Crib Empty; News Is Flashed Around the World.

Hopewell, N. J., March 2.—Chas. Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., 20-month-old son of Flying Colonel, was kidnapped last night from his nursery in the Lindbergh country home near here.

He was spirited away in a dark green Chrysler sedan registered in the name of Herbert W. Allen, of Margate, N. J., and reported to have been stolen in Atlantic City, police said.

The car contained two men, who stopped at least two persons prior to the kidnapping and asked directions to the isolated Lindbergh home.

Within an hour after Col. Lindbergh himself telephoned the first alarm, police squad cars blockaded every Jersey road for miles. They had orders to stop any suspicious persons or cars.

The child, clad in a blue sleeping robe, was put to bed at the usual hour, 7:30 p. m. At about 10 p. m., someone peered into the nursery. The crib was empty.

The first newspaperman to reach the home was an Associated Press reporter who ran a mile over muddy, rut-out roads to reach a phone to send the first direct news from the resident.

Col. Lindbergh, bare-headed as usual, was pacing the grounds, while troopers and detectives went over the place with flashlights, seeking clues.

Mrs. Lindbergh, who telephoned the news to her mother, Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, at the Morrow home in Englewood, N. J., was inside the house but was shielded carefully from newspapermen.

A close friend of Mrs. Lindbergh said she was expecting another child within three months.

The house glowed with lights. A butler appeared at the door, obviously distraught, but he, like the employer, refused to make a statement.

The police, dashing pell-mell to the place, were delayed by the mud-soaked roads. It was an hour before they reached the house, which is perched amidst the Southland Hills, on the second highest eminence in New Jersey.

At the Morrow home in Englewood, it was said Mrs. Morrow had not decided whether to leave at once to be with her daughter.

The first police news of the crime came in the following blunt teletype message:

"Col. Lindbergh's baby kidnapped from Lindbergh home at Hopewell, between 7:30 and 10 p. m. Boy, 19 months, his age actually is 20 months, dressed in sleeping suit. Search all cars."

HOSPITAL NEWS

Smithfield, March 2.—Mrs. Gus Rigas, of Smithfield, died last Wednesday night at 8:30 in the hospital after having undergone a serious operation.

Miss Virginia Broadhurst, of this city, who was placed in a plaster cast last week, was removed to her home Thursday.

Mr. Bradley Herring, of Dunn, who has been in the hospital for treatment of a fractured leg, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. L. H. Jones, of Smithfield, was admitted last Tuesday for a major operation and is getting on fine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Carroll, of Wendell, a daughter, on the 25th of February, Mother and child doing nicely.

Miss Mabel Stanley, of Four Oaks, who was admitted Tuesday, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday and is getting along fine.

Mr. Allen Wheeler, of Benson, who was admitted the 27th, was operated on the same day for ruptured appendix. His condition is fair.

Mr. Elmer Wellons, Jr., of Smithfield, who underwent an operation for appendicitis last week, returned to his home Friday.

Miss Gertrude Fields, of Selma, Route 1, who underwent an operation for appendicitis the 17th, returned to her home Saturday.