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County Court in Session

Two Weeks Civil Term— Judge Devin Here This Week—The Fields Building Litigation Most Important of All

Judge Lyon became ill Thursday of last week and court was adjourned. Accordingly, very few cases were disposed of last week. Only a few judgements in minor cases were entered. The hot weather was doubtless the undoing of Judge Lyon, who at the age of eighty, has been doing considerable work on the bench and who has prided himself upon his ability to achieve the tasks of younger men. However, the immediate cause of his inability to proceed with the work of the court was a severe case of indigestion.

Judge Devin, here this week, is in his prime, though no one would ever judge by his youthful appearance that he was discovered as a sophomore at Wake Forest when this writer entered college in 1888, of 42 years ago. The 42 years looks more like his full age.

Mrs. Moore of New Bern is stenographer this week, in place of Miss Speight, who is the regular stenographer and was here last week.

The Fields case came up Tuesday morning. The question at issue seems to have been as to whether the furnishers of materials for the \$42,000 Fields building here have claims upon the building superior to those of the bondholders. It is almost evident that somebody has to lose, as the building will not sell for indebtedness, which is \$26,000, presumably including the indebtedness for the site, which is first and is safe, since the first mortgage on the land includes all that the sellers sold and the building too. The others have to get theirs from what is left over when the building is sold with the first mortgage hanging over it. In fact, one or two sales have been made already, and the litigation is to settle the priority of claims. Quite a number of persons and firms are involved.

The decision of the court will be found in another place in this paper if it is rendered in time for publication.

HOME COMING DAY AT MERONEY CHURCH

Last Sunday, Aug. 3rd., was home coming day at Meroney church, near here. An unusual large crowd attended. People from various places in North Carolina and Virginia were in attendance. Services begun at 11:00 a. m. T. B. Beal, Sunday School Superintendent, spoke a few words of appreciation and thanks for the support the people had given in their recent building program. Rev. L. M. Chaffin, the pastor, preached a most soul-stirring sermon on "Our Record on High," using as a text, Job 16:19—"My witness in heaven, and my record is on high." A large number of people expressed themselves on this being one of the best sermons they ever heard. Rev. H. T. Plyler, Business manager of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, was present and led the morning prayer.

In the afternoon, ex-senator J. R. Rives, of Sanford, led in the Home Coming Service. Graham Moffitt, of Sanford, led in prayer. Rev. M. T. Plyler was introduced who spoke on the Home Coming Day services, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Others making short talks were: A. R. Rives, of Sanford; E. E. McIver, of Greensboro; Charles J. McIver, of Burlington; George E. Rives, of Goldston, which were very instructive and helpful. The revival is being held this week, with Rev. J. H. Buffalo, of Carthage, doing the preaching.

C. W. Molt, of Mornersville, was a visitor this week in the home of T. B. Beal.

Bobby Willett, of Raleigh, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Willett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Nall and family, of Greensboro, were week-end visitors in the home of T. P. Beaver.

CALL MEETING DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHATHAM COUNTY

A meeting of the members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Chatham County is hereby called to meet in the Courthouse at Pittsboro, North Carolina, on Tuesday, August 12th, at 4 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing a candidate for County Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. R. J. Johnson.

This the 4th day of August, 1930. WADE BARBER, Chairman

Lightning and Wind Storm Pays Visit

Pittsboro and vicinity was visited last Thursday afternoon by one of the severest electrical storms in its history. Tree after tree was struck in the community and a gas tank at the Justice Motor Company was set afire, but outed before an explosion occurred. Mr. George Brewer lost two of his fine oaks. Several trees were struck on Lanus Hills, it is stated.

There were several spurts of wind at high velocity during the storm. One of the trees at the Mrs. H. A. London place was badly damaged. Other trees in the town suffered from the force of the wind, while corn was laid low in fields where maturity was not advanced. The Methodist church had several window lights broken. The shock of the lightning broke several panes in the Brewer residence.

However, all the damage was more than compensated by a fine fall of rain. Yet there are still at this writing, Monday, some sections of the county in need of rain.

Mr. G. R. Farrell, three miles east of Pittsboro, reports since the above was written that lightning hit six trees in his yard. The nearest to the house was only ten or twelve feet and the farthest no more than fifty yards.

22 Counties to Have Eight-Month School

Raleigh, July 30.—"With the voting of a special tax in Hyde county, there will be twenty-two counties operating an eight months school term on a county-wide basis during 1930-31," said State Superintendent A. T. Allen today in a statement to the press.

During 1928-29 eighteen counties ran all their white school for eight months. These counties, according to Supt. Allen, were: Camden, Carteret, Currituck, Durham, Edgecombe, Gates, Guilford, Henderson, Lenoir, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Northampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Transylvania, Vance, Washington and Wilson. During 1929-30 Warren and Greene were added to this list, making twenty counties which operated all their schools for white children eight months or longer.

"Supt. Insoe informed me that three districts in Nash not operating but six months last year will run eight months next year. The voting of the tax in Hyde makes the twenty-second county to signify its willingness to give an eight months term on a county-wide basis to all the children. And in my opinion," continued Supt. Allen, "since the state now participates in the extended term, there is no better time for the schools to begin operating on a county-wide basis."

There are a number of counties which have only a few pupils, less than 500, in schools not operating for as long as eight months during the year. Figures for 1928-29 show that Halifax had only 66 white children not having the opportunity of an eight months term. Cumberland had 105, Scotland 164, Pender 177, Granville 207, Hoke 221, Bertie 235, Forsyth 238, Hartford 264, Clay 284, Jones 296, Chowan 338, Tyrrell 366, Anson 413, Rutherford 423, Avery 439, Polk 451, and Dare 468, white children in short term schools.

"More than 80 per cent of the white children now have the advantage of an eight months school term. Those children not having this advantage are in the rural schools."

Antioch News

The Revival begins at Antioch Christian church Sunday. There will be an all-day service and dinner on the grounds. We are expecting the male quartet from Asbury to sing for us.

Mrs. Etta Fisher has returned home after spending a while with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Thomas on Moncure Rt. 2.

Mr. Norman Dowdy of Durham is spending a few days this week with relatives in this community.

Mrs. Peggy Dowdy has returned home after spending a while with relatives at Bynum.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Langlev of Pittsboro spent a while Sunday afternoon in the home of Miss Geanic Oldham.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thomas of Pittsboro spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Poe.

Miss Lacy Johnson spent the week-end with relatives at Durham.

Miss Lena Siler has opened "The Rearmore Library" in Siler City. She has chosen a choice lot of the newer books and rents them for a small fee. This institution should cause Siler City people and others who visit that town regularly to "read more". As for Pittsboro people, it is as easy to get books from the University library, but probably the average Pittsborger would find it more congenial to discuss books with Miss Siler.

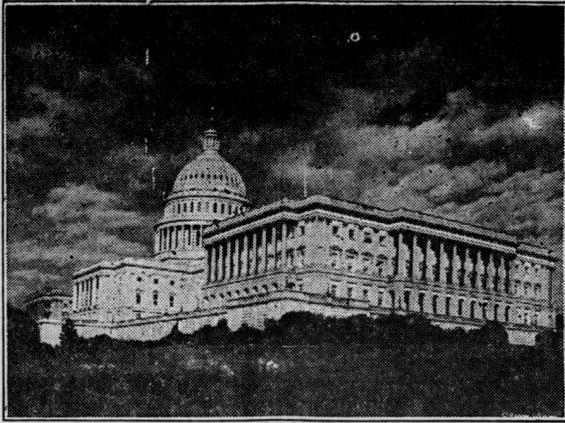


Photo from Wide World Photos

THE NATION'S CAPITOL FROM A NEW ANGLE

A new and unusual view of the United States Capitol, made just before a recent rain storm.

Forges Check

A Chatham Citizen Recklessly Buys Bill of Goods In Sanford and Signs Wrong Name to Check.

One of Chatham's citizens has become utterly reckless, it would appear, in the matter of getting money or goods at other folk's expense. He went down to Sanford last week and bought quite a bill of goods from Isaacson, or rather from one of Isaacson's clerks, and tendered in payment a check signed with the name of a Mr. Johnson, of Hickory Mountain township. When the check had been accepted, a call was made by phone to the Page Trust Company at Siler City and the response showed no account for this Mr. Johnson. A call to the Chatham Bank showed no account.

It then became the clerk's job to find the maker of the check, and he hastened to Pittsboro and consulted Mr. J. W. Moore, carrier on RFD 2, who had no Johnson by that name on his route, but who happened to be the brother-in-law of the man whose name was to the check.

Accordingly, he accompanies the salesman to Mr. Johnson's, who saw that he was not the man. But it happened that Mr. Johnson had been in Sanford and seen the citizen in question leave the Isaacson store with a lot of goods. The salesman and Mr. Moore proceeded to Siler City to the home of the man suspected of forging Mr. Johnson's name; thence out to a saw mill in the Brush Creek section, where they were told that the suspect had not returned from Sanford. Back to Siler City they go and await the return. The forger came to his Siler City home and had the goods with him. The salesman, rejoicing, got the goods. Joe Moore says he was a happy man.

The buyer of the goods may or may not have the check back, as it was in the hand of a Siler City officer when the goods were returned. Before there is any legal step taken, if any is to be taken, we hesitate to call the name of the citizen. But in case suspicion should fall upon an innocent citizen, we are ready to state the name.

It was lucky for the salesman and unlucky for the forger that Mr. Johnson happened to be in Sanford and see the forger leave the store with the goods. The latter had mistakenly given Mr. Johnson's address as Pittsboro RFD2, which is Mr. Moore's route; while the real address of the man whose name was forged was Siler City, RFD. If the case goes to court, it will probably have to be a Lee county case, and it should go, if people's rights are to be protected against such scoundrels.

A General Fight

There seems to have been a more or less general fight upon the grounds of Terrell's Chapel, a colored church in Hadley township, Sunday. Quite a number of the bucks were involved and knives and stones played a part in the fracas. Dock Cotten, who claims to have been an innocent by-stander, received a blow from a flung stone which broke a rib, which in turn punctured the lung, according to his report of the doctor's statement. Two sons of Dr. Farrell seem to have been on one side of the contest. One of them got a knife slash on his hand. Those fellows have disappeared, though they seem to have been the minority party. Dock Cotten says there were five or six upon them at one time, but the Farrells seem not to have got hurt worse than the others.

It is personalities, not principles, that move the age.—Oscar Wilde.

S. A. L. Spent 2 Million in N. C.

Figures Given On 1929 Expenditures in Five North Carolina Counties.

According to figures recently issued from offices of the Seaboard railroad, this road spent nearly \$4,000,000 in five counties of this state during 1929, namely Wake, Chatham, Lee, Moore and Richmond counties. This includes wages paid employees, county taxes, school taxes, city and town taxes, state franchise taxes, purchases, and in Wake county a special road district tax. The purchases include money actually paid firms and individuals in those counties and not the amounts of requisitions made out for supplies to be used in those counties but purchased outside these counties.

Richmond county led the other counties in practically all the items. For wages paid employees this county received \$1,719,058.45 against Wake with \$1,431,922.42, the next highest. In total taxes, however, \$600. The former received \$57,751.38. The Seaboard probably passes through more incorporated towns in Wake than in Richmond. In purchases this county received \$73,871.21 against Wake's \$58,751.38. In the grand total Richmond, with \$1,850,237.72, outshines by \$300 Wake's \$1,548,651.66. So this county has not been treated so badly after all, perhaps.

An itemized statement by counties follows, showing the amounts and different items of expenditures by the Seaboard during the year 1929 in the five counties listed:

Richmond—Wages paid employees, \$1,719,058.45; county taxes, \$30,994.01; school taxes, \$8,369.32; city and town taxes, \$7,613.59; state franchise tax, \$10,331.34; total taxes, \$57,308.06; purchases, \$75,871.21. Total, \$1,850,237.72.

Wake—Wages paid employees, \$-431,922.42; county taxes, \$27,216.23; school taxes, \$12,028.92; road district taxes, \$31.47; city and town taxes, \$8,823.59; state franchise tax, \$9,807.65; total taxes, \$57,907.86; purchases, \$58,751.38. Total, \$1,548,651.66.

Chatham—Wages paid employees, \$41,988.40; county taxes, \$10,818.98; school taxes, \$2,421.92; city and town taxes, \$295.67; state franchise tax, \$3,547.21; total taxes, \$17,083.78. Total \$59,072.18.

Lee—Wages paid employees, \$61,325.48; county taxes, \$10,505.89; school taxes, \$4,459.37; city and town taxes, \$664.97; state franchise tax, \$4,402.36; total taxes, \$20,032.59. Total \$81,388.07.

Moore—Wages paid employees, \$90,839.76; county taxes, \$12,484.23; school taxes, \$7,371.19; city and town taxes, \$3,914.04; state franchise tax, \$4,623.78; total taxes, \$28,393.24. Total \$119,235.

The total expenditure in the five counties of \$3,658,382.63.

Mr. L. B. Hester, Jr., is home for a brief respite from his work at Poughkeepsie Business College. This young man is taking a real course in accounting. He spent two years at the University or North Carolina and has been at Poughkeepsie, one of the most noted business schools in the country for the past year. By remaining for the summer session he expects to complete the two-year course by January 1. He was in Pittsboro Monday, with his father, Mr. L. B. Hester, Sr.

Mr. W. Gerry Fields has just completed a neat six-room bungalow in West Pittsboro, which is to be occupied by Mr. Fred Justice.

The calf sometimes catches the wolf.—Russian proverb.

Mr. Scott Advises Increase of Cows and Pastures

The following letter, received by Mr. H. F. Durham, from W. Kerr Scott, farm agent for Alamance county, should be of interest to Chatham farmers in general. Mr. Scott writes:

Dear Mr. Durham: Your letter of July 31st inquiring about the possibility of the condensery received.

A few days ago we had representatives of one of the large condensery concerns here looking over the situation. They appear very much interested in what was going on and stated that they were seriously considering coming to this territory, but were not quite ready to say what they would do. We, of course, are very anxious for them to come and are doing what we can to interest them in coming to this section. The business men of Mebane are doing everything they possibly can to induce them to come.

In the meantime we are going right ahead with the development of pastures, development of the cows and increasing herds, knowing that reason they have not yet decided to come is because of the small number of herds, only medium pastures and a small volume of milk.

I would suggest that you people go right ahead with development along this line and while it may be a temporary situation and you will find it hard to find a market for milk products, yet that is the reason the people are holding off, because there is not enough milk to be attractive to them.

Just as soon as we hear anything encouraging we will let you know.

Yours very truly, W. Kerr Scott, County Agent. Graham, Aug. 2.

Death of Miss Jones

Funeral services for Miss Leoda Jones age 36, daughter of the late W. W. and Cynthia Jones, died at her home in Staley early Friday Morning, were conducted from Rocky River Friends Church at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. J. T. Kenyon was in charge of the service, assisted by Mrs. J. T. Kenyon and Rev. T. F. Andrews, pastor of the church.

Miss Jones was a much beloved christian character. During her illness she was always cheerful and concerned about the welfare of those about her. She joined Pleasant Grove Pilgrims' Holiness Church when a girl and remained a faithful member until death.

The large crowd attending the funeral and the many flowers she speaks the high esteem she was held in the community. She is survived by one brother, J. L. Jones, of Siler City, RFD, and one sister, Miss Gertrude Jones of Stanley.

Burial services were held at the home of C. M. Staley, Jr., W. E. McMasters, H. A. Holmes, S. W. Moon, and C. D. Ferguson.

Flower bearers were: Misses Etta Lancy, Othello Mace, Lillian Curl, Della Mace, Rachel Kivett, Dorothy Fox, Sarah Staley, Elizabeth Fox, Clara Mace and Cladie Coble.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

W. P. Carter Cut Off In Prime Of Life

Many friends regret the passing of Mr. W. P. Carter, who died at the age of 52 at Watts Hospital last Friday morning, after an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Carter was a native of western Chatham. He married Miss Lina Harmon, sister of Miss Cordie Harmon, Mr. J. W. Harmon, Mr. Obie Harmon, and others. Mrs. Carter died just two years and two days prior to the death of her husband. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Theodore Clayton of Roxboro and Mrs. Laura Burch. The latter lost her husband a little over a year ago. Hence Mrs. Burch has been bereaved of mother, husband and father in a period of two years and two days.

For the past ten years Mr. Carter had been employed by the highway commission. He was located at Roxboro till a year or two ago, when he was sent to Pittsboro. Only recently he had been transferred to Roxboro again, and he and Mrs. Burch were living with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton.

Taken with appendicitis, he was carried to the hospital, but manifestly rather late for a successful outcome.

The burial was at Mt. Zion Methodist church last Saturday morning. Rev. J. A. Dailey conducted the funeral services. Employees of the highway commission acted as pallbearers. A large crowd was present to pay last respects to a friend and former neighbor.

A good citizen is gone.

Mesdames Cordon, Jerome, and Miss Carrie Jackson and the Cordon and Jerome children are spending this week at Wrightsville Beach.

Court House Catches Fire

Blaze Was Discovered Early Wednesday Morning—Originated from Box of Sawdust Used as Spittoon—Small Hole Burned in Floor

Fire originating in a box of saw dust used as a spittoon burned a hole in the upper floor of the court house Wednesday morning and had begun to blaze upon the stair rounds when discovered by Mr. B. Moffitt, one of the jurors, who was using the grand jury room as a sleeping place.

Evidently, there had been less spitting in the box than dropping of cigarette stubs, and the saw dust smoldered through the night. Fortunately, it was five o'clock in the morning before it blazed and was ready to do business. If it had been twelve o'clock when it broke into flame, the probability is Mr. Moffitt would not have discovered it till it was too late to save the building with the limited fire equipment of the town.

The hole in the floor is about the size of one's hand. Mr. Moffitt and Mr. Berry Talley brought a pallet along with them to town when they came to serve as jurors and have been getting their meals at the cafe and palleting in the grand jury room. Mr. Talley was spending that night with Mr. W. E. Brooks and Mr. Moffitt held the fort alone. It was clearly fortunate that he had chosen this bunking place. The court house is not the finest in the state, but it is plenty good enough for poor folk, and it is still there. However, we judge that a different kind of receptacle for cigarette stubs will be provided.

Teachers Now Average Higher Scholarships

Raleigh, July 30.—The rural white teachers of Mecklenburg county retain first place among all rural in the highest scholarship, according to the current issue of State School Facts, official publication of the Department of Public Instruction.

The rural white teachers of Mecklenburg county now have average training equivalent to 3.73 years in college. Last year when this county took the lead in this respect, these teachers had an average training of 3.44 years. According to School Facts, the average training of teachers in this county has increased over a years and a half (1.62 years).

Durham county retains its position of second place in respect to training of rural white teachers, the average scholarship for 1929-30 being three and a half years in college. Carrituck is third among the counties in training of rural white teachers.

Other counties having white teachers employed whose average training is three years or more in college and their rank in this respect are Lenoir fourth, Guilford fifth, Gaston sixth, Warren seventh, Vance eighth and Pasquotank ninth.

The average training of all white teachers in the state, School Facts points out, is now approximately two and a half years in college. In 1924-25 the average training of rural white teachers employed was only one year in college. Within five years there has been an improvement of one and one-half years in the average training of these teachers.

The average training of rural colored teachers has increased from less than high school graduation in 1924-25 to nearly a year in college in 1929-30. The rural colored teachers have improved their training during this five-year period one and one-fourth years.

The County Statement

No citizen should fail to study the statement of county finances appearing in this paper. You will notice that several districts have deficits, but the Record is informed that they are of several years standing and are gradually being cut down. The bonded indebtedness of the subdivisions are in part covered by the sinking funds reported in another section of the statement.

The tax rate has been held the same as last year's rate, though the poor fund has been besieged by scores of needy and numerous ones have been added to the list of those drawing help for support. It will be noticed that the uncollected taxes for 1929 amount to over \$53,000, to which sum penalties for late payment will be added when collected.

The statement deserves study, and we believe that the commissioners deserve credit for pulling through as well as they have.