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COURT PROCEEDINGS

Report of Grand Jury for 1923 January Term Person County Superior Court.

We, the grand jury for the January term of Person County Superior Court, beg to submit to His Honor Judge Sinclair, judge presiding, the following report of what we have done.

1. We have examined and acted upon all bills sent to us and have returned true bills and grand presentments in cases that we thought needed such action.

2. A committee from our number visited the county home. We found the inmates of the county home anticipating their early removal to the new home recently completed. This home, erected near the old one at a cost of nearly fifty thousand dollars, is modern in every respect, with running water, steam heat, electric lights, and all conveniences for the aged and infirm. We found the affairs there well managed, plenty of supplies on hand, and evidence that the inmates are well cared for. At present there are 12 inmates, these being composed of four white women, one white man, three colored women, three colored men, and one girl of about eight or nine years of age. This girl is very hard to manage and is giving much trouble out there. We recommend that if possible she be placed in one of the state institutions which are prepared to handle incorrigibles such as she seems to be.

3. We have examined with a great deal of attention and interest the courthouse and the jail. These two buildings present quite a problem. Without doubt there is need not only of a new jail but also of a new courthouse. However, while a make-shift can be made of the courthouse for a while, the conditions in the jail are intolerable. We find that there are no separate compartments in our jail not only for white and black, but not even for male and female. Negroes and white people are crowded in the small cells together during court week, when a great many more prisoners than usual are occupying the jail, and in every respect conditions there are very bad. It seems that new jail facilities must be provided at once.

We are aware that both the present board of county commissioners and the one in office before one have been studying and planning the erection of a new courthouse and jail, and that in 1919 bids were received for the erection of such a building. The bids were so high and building conditions so bad at that time that the bids were rejected, and they have not yet become normal enough to cause the commissioners to desire to let the contract for the erection of such a building. We understand that according to the plans and specifications for the building proposed by the architect and accepted by the commissioners, both the courthouse and jail are to be put in the same building, the modern and logical way of erecting a jail being to put it on the top of the courthouse.

We understand the predicament the commissioners have been in view of the need of a courthouse and jail on the one hand and the ever increasing howl of the taxpayers against the ever increasing taxes on the other hand. We would recommend to the commissioners that they either erect the building proposed at once or that they repair and remodel the present jail so as to meet the requirements of the health laws as cheaply as possible and let the courthouse remain as it is until conditions become such that the imposition of an increased tax for the erection of courthouse and jail will not be a burden on the taxpayers. We leave to the commissioners the choice of which course to pursue, and ask that they adopt the one which will be the most economical in the long run. Unless it can be done cheaply we should dislike to see our money put in a jail which would be torn down in a few years, and yet in view of the exceedingly poor prices which farm products are now bringing taxes are burdensome and we should not like to have them increased unless it would mean a good saving to us in later years.

The offices of the courthouse seem to be kept in a neat and orderly way, and the records to be well kept. More vault space is needed in the office of the clerk of the court and the records of deeds, especially in regard to surveying. There is not room enough in the clerk's office and Superior

Intendant of Education. The courthouse is not at all convenient or modern but it can be made out with.

4. We examined into the matter of the revival of jury lists in this county and find that the compilation of this county are following the law in respect to this and that good and competent men are being drawn for the jury. However we find that the law in regard to the examination of prisoners put in the county jail is not being complied with, and we order that hereafter every person placed therein shall be examined in accordance with the law by the county health officer.

Having reported this work of ours we feel that we have carried out the duties of our office and ask that we be discharged. Respectfully submitted this 30th day of January, 1924.

R. H. Bailey, Foreman.

North Carolina Person County In the Superior Court January term, 1924.

From the report of the Grand Jury and from personal investigation, the Court finds as a fact that the conditions of the jail in Person County is intolerable; that it is in such a defective and unsanitary condition as to constitute a real menace to the health and life of the prisoners, and that there can be no separation of either races or sexes in said jail in its present condition; white and colored and male and female prisoners now being confined indiscriminately without any separation whatever.

Whereupon it is considered, adjudged and ordered, that said jail building be closed and that the sheriff shall look said building and permit no prisoner to be confined therein, until the further order of this court.

It is further adjudged and ordered that until the further order of court, all prisoners in Person County shall be committed to the jail of Durham County and all charges for the transportation of prisoners and other necessary charges, together with the jail fees incurred in Durham County be paid by the commissioners of Person County.

A copy of this order, certified by the Clerk of this Court, shall be due authority to the officials of Durham County for the commitment of prisoners in Person County, to the jail of Durham County.

N. A. Sinclair, Judge Presiding.

NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT

PERSON COUNTY Jan. Term, 1924.

To the Hon. N. A. Sinclair, Judge Presiding.

The undersigned Solicitor of the Tenth Judicial District respectfully reports to the Court that he has examined at this term of said Court into the condition of the office of D. W. Bradsher, the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, that he finds said office well administered in all respects, that said Clerk keeps in his office all the books, required by law, properly indexed for speedy and convenient reference.

He further reports to the Court that, so far as he can ascertain, the accounts of the said Clerk, both as Clerk of this Court, and as Receiver, are regular and correct.

Respectfully submitted, L. P. McLondon, Solicitor.

Tenth Judicial District. Examined, approved and ordered recorded.

N. A. Sinclair, Judge Presiding.

NEURO CAPTURED IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

On September 29th, 1923, Robert Brooks, colored, shot Harry Paylor in a fight which they engaged in at Mc Zion church, colored, and made good his escape. Paylor, recovered and nothing more was heard of Brooks until recently, Sheriff Long located him at Pittsburgh, Pa., and last week he went after him returning with him last Friday night.

MEETING OF FOSTER LOCAL

The next meeting of the Foster Local will be held at the colored school, near Paylor's store, on Feb. 22nd, 1924 at 6:30 P. M. There will be a special program and every body is invited to attend.

H. P. Peck, Chairman.

A. V. O'Brian, Secretary.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

AT THE PRINCESS Watch Out For These Productions. They Are Worth Your Attention.

"We Give below a list with dates of the Coming Productions, of which we can say is the greatest line up of pictures ever offered to the people of Roxboro.

THURSDAY, Feb. 21st. Rex Beach's Epic of Lawless Alaska "THE SPOILERS" with Milton Sills, Anna Q. Nilsson, Noah Berry. A Cosmopolitan Picture.

FRIDAY, Feb. 22nd. D. W. GRAY'S Supreme Masterpiece "DREAM STREET" with Carol Dempster, Ralph Graves and William Ferguson. A United Artists Production.

MON. and TUES. Feb. 25 - 26th. Richard Harding Davis Story "STEPHENS STEPS OUT" with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Theodore Roberts and Noah Barry. A Paramount Picture.

FRIDAY, Feb. 29th. Tod Browning's Production "THE DAY OF FAITH". This great drama of Humanity, bares the throbbing soul of mankind. A Cosmopolitan Production.

MON. and TUES. March 3 - 4th. Glasco Ibanes's great novel "ENEMIES OF WOMEN" with Lionel Barrymore, Alma Rubens. Cosmopolitan's one million dollar Masterpiece.

FRIDAY, March 7th. Clarence Badger's Production "RED LIGHTS" with Marie Prevost, Alice Lake and Johnny Walker (The Year's greatest mystery Picture).

MON. and TUE. March 10 - 11th. Frank Lloyd's Production "ENEMIES OF VENGEANCE" with Norma Talmadge and Conway Tearle. A historic romance of France in the 16th century.

Watch for dates "Green Godliness" "Flaming Youth" "Mighty Like Rose" "Three Wise Fools" "Six Days" "Fighting Blade" "Call of the Wild" "Ponjola" "The Man From Broome" "The Common Law" "Woman to Woman".

According to the present arrangements we will have for exhibition some time during July, James Cruze's "THE COVERED WAGON".

Plan ahead now not to miss these pictures.

THE PRINCESS THEATRE Kirby Bros. Props.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The last Teachers' Meeting of the year was held last Saturday with only a few teachers absent caused by epidemics in some of the schools which had closed for a few days.

So regretfully did we hold this meeting that it may be we will ask the teachers to meet again on the regular date. It has been pleasant to work with such an enthusiastic, responsive corps of teachers, and we hope to have them all back with us again next year.

The Board of Education is asking that a map of the boundaries of each school district be made out by the committeemen and sent to this office at once. This is very necessary. Letters are being mailed to the committeemen making suggestions as to how to do this on a map. Also budget blanks are enclosed which the committee will please fill out for next year's work and return with the map. This has been explained to the teachers and any information will be gladly given by them to the committee.

The committee are also requested to look after the school houses and desks and call school furniture and make a report of the condition in which it is left at the close of the school.

Sincerely, Mrs. J. A. Beem.

ON THE HONOR ROLL.

We notice from the Uplift paper published at the Jackson Training School, that Calvin Paylor has been on the honor roll for the past two months.

From commendation to duty we are at your service with the best of our building material in this section. Don't mind and sold the same way.

ROXBORO, N. C. FEB. 13, 1924.

WED. CLEMANTINE

CLEMANTINE Frederick was born Feb. 12th, 1845, and died Jan. 28th, 1924, at the home of her brother, Mr. L. P. Frederick. She was the daughter of Bannan and Joanna Frederick, who with three brothers and three sisters preceded her to the grave years ago. She was a member of Lee's Chapel M. E. Church, joining while quite young. She lived a faithful consecrated life to God and died in the triumph of a gospel faith and passed through the valley and shadow of death fearing no evil but was comforted by His red and staff.

She was confined to her home for more than a year suffering several strokes of paralysis.

Rarely has there ever passed into higher life a gentler, more patient or braver soul nor one whom three dwell a purer childlike faith and hope. She has left an inheritance which will live on in those lives which came in contact with hers. She left only one brother, besides many relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral services were held from the home by her pastor after which she was laid to rest in the family burying ground beneath banks of beautiful floral offerings.

She is gone but not forgotten. By the ones who loved her best, And we hope, to meet in Heaven Where our souls will be at rest.

—Com.

MINSTREL AT LONGHURST.

There will be a minstrel at Longhurst Saturday night, Feb. 16th, at 7:30 o'clock, for the benefit of the school. Admission 20 and 35 cents.

AN APPRECIATIVE LETTER

Somers, N. C. February 6, 1924.

Mr. S. P. Satterfield, Ins. Agt., Roxboro, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the various checks sent me amounting to eleven thousand four hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$11,492.00) in full payment for my store building and stock of goods destroyed by fire on December 27th, 1923. You and your adjusters have been uniformly nice and courteous all through the settlement. I am replacing my store with a brick building and when I begin business I will advise you and will give the entire business to you. I take pleasure in recommending your agency to all who wish insurance. Again thanking you, I am

Yours very truly,

Signed, E. E. Talley & Co.

MR. AND MRS. WOODY ENTERTAIN STAG PARTY.

Last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Woody entertained a stag party from 8 to 11 o'clock. There were four tables, two for bridge and two for rook, and after playing several rounds a turkey dinner was served.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Come to our next Parent Teachers Association! There's a reason! This invitation is cordially extended to every father and mother in Roxboro. Is the father a parent? This question is sometimes asked at our meetings. But judging from the great number of mothers who do not attend it is just as pertinent to ask "Are ALL mothers parents?" Finally, "Are all of our teachers, honest-to-goodness up and down and all around teachers?" Their absence from the regular monthly meetings justifies our last question. Then, too, the presence of our Supt. would add wonderfully to the moral of our discussions. These questions bring us to the real vital need of our Association—the need of co-operation. Without it our organization is dead. With it many wonderful improvements are possible. So, fathers, mothers, teachers, and Supt. watch out next week for the program of our next meeting to appear in The Charter.

Kate Harden Winslow.

—NOTICE

Archie Johnston having left my employ without my consent all parties are hereby notified not to hire or harbor and Johnson, or having broken contract with me, all parties disobeying this notice will be prosecuted.

W. R. Jackson.

Society

The Bridge Club had their regular meeting on last Thursday morning with Mrs. W. R. Woody at her beautiful new home on Main Street. Bridge was played at three tables and many interesting games were enjoyed. A most delightful menu was served by the hostess assisted by her sister Miss Maude Barnett consisting of Grape fruit, turkey, cranberry sauce, green peas in butter, stuffed celery, hot rolls, coffee with whipped cream. Those present were Mesdames E. M. Davis, S. A. Jones, W. C. Watkins, G. W. Kane, J. J. Whithead, M. K. Long, L. M. Carlton, A. S. deVlaing, T. B. Woody, and Miss Mary Harris, Franklin Graves of Mt. Airy, N. C. and Elizabeth Noell.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Frank Wilson delightfully entertained in honor of Mrs. Frank Howard, a bride of December. Boston Rock was the name of the evening. Five tables were arranged in the living room for the game. The house was very cozy with potted plants and white hollyhocks. A delicious salad course, coffee with whipped cream and candy, was served by Mrs. Wilson and assisted by Misses Mattie and Catherine Hatchett. Those enjoying this were Mesdames Frank Howard, Joe Blanks, E. E. Thomas, F. O. Carver, B. B. and H. W. Newell, L. C. Bradsher, W. R. Woody, I. O. Wilkerson and Misses Ethel Newton, Elizabeth Noell, Ruth Newton, Edna Bradsher, Eva Newton, Bertha Clayton, Wilma Thomas, Annie Clayton, Esther Thompson, Evie Long and Mary Harris.

Mrs. T. E. Austin delightfully entertained the Friday Afternoon Book Club on Friday afternoon. Six tables were arranged for the game of Boston Rock. Beautiful pink carnations were used as a decoration. The hostess assisted by Mrs. Preston Satterfield served a delightful salad course, coffee with whipped cream. Attractive favors of red roses filled with nuts were given to the following: Mesdames Frank Howard, A. S. deVlaing, L. M. Carlton, B. E. Love, E. E. Dunlap, T. W. Henderson, J. A. Long, W. R. Woody, M. K. Long, J. W. Noell, W. F. Long, W. T. Pass, R. J. Teague, W. C. Watkins, H. W. and J. J. Wingstead, Connor Merritt, G. W. Thomas, E. M. Davis, E. C. Long, Emory Winslow and Misses Evie Long, Edna Bradsher and Mary Franklin Graves of Mt. Airy, N. C.

Miss Millie Jane Brooks entertained a few friends last Friday evening in honor of her house guests, Misses Sadie Brooks and Louise Dowdy of Durham and Mrs. Tyler Shankle of Albemarle. Games were enjoyed and delightful music by Mrs. Shankle. The hostess served a delicious, ice course with cake.

The regular Monthly meeting of Brookdale Methodist church had their meeting with Mrs. Earnest Wilkerson on last Friday evening. After the business the ladies talked for more than an hour. The hostess served delightful fruit and candy to the following: Mesdames P. T. Clay, A. E. Jackson, Geo. Fox, L. T. Standfield, Maxie Fox, Buck Garrett, Exxy Carver and Misses Irma and Sallie Wilkerson.

A pretty affair of this week was the dinner given on Monday evening by Mrs. G. J. Cushman, for Miss Ruby Hall, whose marriage takes place on Thursday. Covers were placed for six guests. The table was pretty with its decorations of pink. The lights being shaded with pink, with pink streamers extending from the chandelier to the corners of the table. The center piece was of pink sweet peas and lilies. At each place was pink baskets filled with salted nuts, the bride's chair marked with white bow of ribbon. A delicious five course dinner was served to Mesdames Ota Hight, M. H. Daniel, T. C. Henderson, Miss Ruby Hall, Mary Willie Hall, and Mary Check. The guest of honor or was presented with a pretty vase.

The Review Club met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. R. H. Oakley. Mrs. E. E. Thomas led the song lesson, which was "American Pioneer Song" written by a local author. Fred Winslow. After a short review

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