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Johnston's Part Special Aid Fund

Exceeds All Counties in State
—To Receive \$27,600 For Extended School Term Beyond Six Months

Johnston county gets more from the State Equalizing Fund for the aid of its extended school term than any other county in the state. It will participate in the fund to the amount of \$27,600. This fund is distributed according to the principal of "to him that hath shall be given." Johnston county has gone forward in the last few years in extending its constitutional six months term to eight months in quite a number of districts, and the state recognizes the effort that has been made. Naturally the tax burden is heavier because of the longer term schools, and the legislature had in mind relief of such condition when it appropriated \$1,250,000 to help such districts as show a tendency to help them selves.

Fourteen districts in Johnston county have a school term extended beyond the required six months, and it is among these districts that the \$27,600 from the state special aid fund will be distributed. The largest consolidated school in the county is Four Oaks and Four Oaks gets \$5,764.41. Cleveland, which is the youngest consolidated district, receives the lowest amount, \$30.35. Selma ranks second in consolidation and gets \$4,284.27. Glendale and Meadow, two large consolidated schools in rural districts that have no railroad property to boost their tax fund, receive considerable amounts, Glendale getting \$2,924.84, and Meadow \$3,652.54.

The allocations of this fund to the other districts are as follows: Kenly, \$1,884.42; Princeton, \$2,794.22; Micro, \$2,315.65; Pine Level, \$565.54; Smithfield, \$838.91; Archer Lodge, \$748.66; Wilson's Mills, \$103.18; Benson, \$715.52; Cornth-Holders, \$1,486.56. The latter amount, allocated to Cornth-Holders is based on last year's work. This district recently failed to vote enough taxes to maintain an eight months' school and therefore will not participate in this fund next year. If, after the 1929-30 term, it should be decided to operate an eight months term it would be another year before participation in the special equalizing fund would be allowed. Districts are required to carry their extended term one year before receiving state aid. This sum next year will be divided among the other districts in the county.

It will be seen that Clayton draws no income from the state special equalizing fund. This is due to the fact that Clayton operated its schools for 9 months on a 30-cent tax rate and therefore is not eligible to participate in this form of tax relief.

The last sentence of section 30 of the new school law reads as follows:

"The fund to be apportioned to each district shall then be the amount by which the certified cost exceeds the amount that would be provided by the rate so ascertained and the necessary tax rate of each district shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of the special fund thus received."

This law will apply unless the public ticket and expect to cases, their rates will be made the same, and they will thereby ultimately receive a tax reduction.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Myrtle Benton Hobbs deciphered her name.
TODAY'S TANTALIZER hoawdreasylyb

Married



Phyllis Haver, famous screen star and her husband, Billy Scamman, prominent business man, whose wedding in New York was an outstanding event of the season.

Miss Barefoot Struck By Auto

Suffers Broken Thigh and Ankle; Accident Occurred In Front of Home In Blackman's Grove Section

Miss Alice Barefoot, sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Barefoot of the Blackman's Grove section was seriously hurt Monday morning when she was hit by an automobile as she attempted to cross the road in front of her home. She was brought to the Johnston County Hospital where it was found that her thigh and ankle were broken.

The young girl was going from a tobacco barn to the dwelling house when she stepped in front of a car driven by Jack Lee of the Blackman's Grove section. The girl did not see the car and being somewhat deaf she probably did not hear it. She is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

DEPRIEST TO STAY WITH REPUBLICANS

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Representative DePriest, negro Republican, Chicago, said in a letter made public today that he expected to remain in the Republican party and "fight for the negro's rights" in that party.

The letter was addressed to the Chicago Journal in response to an editorial in the "National Negro Party," which DePriest said was based upon a misquotation of his views by another Chicago newspaper.

"I have never advocated the forming of a special political party for negroes and never expect to." The letter said: "I am a Republican, elected on the Republican ticket, and expected to stay in the Republican party, and to fight for the negro's rights within the Republican party, for that is the only party that has ever passed any constructive legislation for the benefit of that part of American citizens known as negroes."

ISSUES PROCLAMATION ON HOME-COMING WEEK

A proclamation calling on citizens of North Carolina to observe the week of October 14-19 as "Homecoming Week" has been issued by Governor Gardner.

The week was set aside by the 1929 General Assembly as an occasion for the regathering of the state's sons and daughters at the dedication of the new state-owned fair park here and for county homecoming celebrations wherever they can be arranged.

The event is in the way of recognition of the progress of the state in the last quarter century.

Governor Gardner called upon educators chamber of commerce secretaries and educational workers to aid in the organizing of homecoming committees in the counties to supplement the efforts of the central committee in Raleigh.

Mrs. Roxie Ogburn and Mrs. J. H. Ogburn, of Willow Springs, and Miss Gladys Ogburn, of A. A. Gier, spent yesterday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ogburn.

Fail To Agree On School Budget

Matter May Be Referred To Clerk of Court; New Proposition of Board of Education

The County Board of Commissioners and the County Board of Education spent three hours Monday afternoon discussing together the school budget, but when the two boards adjourned they were still far apart in their opinions as to the school budget.

On June 29 the board of education presented its budget for the operation of the schools in Johnston county for 1929-30, which for current expenses, capital outlay and debt service totaled \$572,653.34, as compared with \$547,900.84. This budget was not accepted by the county commissioners, and they called together the school committee of the county who voted to resubmit the budget to a joint consideration of the two boards.

At the joint session, County Superintendent of Schools H. E. Marrow, presented in writing for the education board a proposition which would effect a reduction of \$3,369.75 in the original amount. The county commissioners had not reduced their ideas of reduction to writing, but at a later time they outlined a proposed cut of \$25,275.62. Such a reduction, the board of education felt would cripple the efficiency of the schools, and a joint meeting was held Monday in another effort to arrive at a satisfactory reduction which would not impair the work of the schools. The commissioners, after the discussion had proceeded at some length, informed the board of education that their minds were made up and that they would hold out for a cut of \$25,275.62.

The board of education had gone over the proposed cut of the commissioners, and had a new proposition in writing to offer which would reduce the operating cost of the schools \$16,586.19, but which would in the opinion of the board permit the schools to maintain their standard of efficiency. This proposition accepted the suggestion of the commissioners to issue insurance in one year policies which item alone would cut the budget this year \$14,000, though in the end being more expensive. The amended proposition, however, would mean that the total budget would be slightly in excess of last year's budget due to an increase in the debt service of \$24,292.06, the amount of this fund being fixed by law. The total budget as amended calls for \$555,906.71 as compared with \$547,900.84 of last year.

The failure of the two boards to get together on the amount to be appropriated for schools will likely cause the matter to be referred to the clerk of the court. In the event that the clerk of the court fails to render a decision pleasing to both boards, the matter may go to the Superior court. The new proposition of the board of education as presented at the joint meeting Monday afternoon is as follows:

The board of education acknowledges receipt of the communication of your board of July 20 stating that in your opinion \$25,275.62 could be cut from the school budget and the efficiency of the schools not impaired. Considering your suggestion which was made by our board on July 18, we are only \$7,705.87 apart. In order to intelligently appraise this difference it is necessary to further analyze and compare the budget.

As you know the law divides the school budget into three funds—Current Expense, Capital Outlay and Debt Service. The debt service fund must include all bonds, interest, installments and sinking fund contributions due on all of the school indebtedness of the county including the per capita due the charter district of Benson. The capital outlay fund must include the cost of new buildings (unless financed by bond issue) with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ogburn.

Air "Hitch Hiker"



Mrs. Lucien Zacharoff of New York, who plans to go clear across the country with her husband as the first airplane "hitch hiker" in history.

National Guards Ready For Camp

Local Unit Will Leave For Fort Bragg Aug. 11; Invites Public To Visit Armory and See \$70,000 Equipment; Organization To Be Proud of

On August 11 the members of the local National Guard will go to Fort Bragg for fifteen days' encampment. The members of this military unit are in fine trim, and will no doubt make a splendid showing while in camp.

The unit stationed at Smithfield is made up of local young men and is known as the Headquarters Battery and Combat Train, Second Battalion 113 Field Artillery, North Carolina National Guards. This battery is commanded by Capt. H. L. Johnson, who is aided by two junior officers. The peace-time strength of the battery is three officers and personnel of about fifty men. The existence of the battery in Smithfield is dependent upon the willfulness and patriotic spirit shown by local men in volunteering their services, for which they are paid by the Federal government. They also receive an additional bonus check from the state. Its existence also depends upon the moral and financial support of the community and county. It would be of much interest to the people of Johnston county to stop in at the armory from time to time and see just what this unit means. It would be of still more interest to visit the battalion on drill night which is Thursday night of each week and observe the men at work.

The equipment for the battery which is furnished by the Federal government represents an investment of more than \$75,000. This equipment is composed of trucks, tractors, signal devices, telephones, uniforms, tents and various other things necessary for the battery. The instruments used in collecting field data are very expensive. There is one "range finder" valued at \$900; there are two B. C. scopes valued at \$1,800 each; two French aiming circles at \$400. Visitors on drill nights would see these instruments in practice.

The rent of the armory is \$1,200 annually, \$600 of which is paid by the state, the remaining \$600 being paid by the county.

The battery members are paid quarterly with Federal and State checks. The annual aggregate sum of these checks will amount to nearly \$7,000, practically all of which is spent right here in the county.

For the encampment, which begins August 11 and lasts for fifteen days the battery will receive a full quarter's pay. Its members are furnished uniforms, food, medical attention when necessary, and proper training. Besides the military instruction received at Fort Bragg, special attention is paid to training the men in hygiene and athletics.

The National Guard is looked upon by military authorities as the county's first line of defense and the different units pride themselves on their efficiency. The men in the local battery are taught telegraphy, signaling, telephone communication, map-making

Young Reynolds Gets Five Months

Is Tried In London For Manslaughter In Connection With Death of Arthur Graham, In An Automobile Accident

Richard Joshua Reynolds, well known 23 year old member of the Reynolds family of tobacco fame in North Carolina, was sentenced in London Wednesday to five months in prison after a jury had found him guilty of manslaughter. The young man's automobile last May struck a motorcyclist, Arthur Graham, causing his death. Reynolds was alleged to have been intoxicated while driving the car.

The trial of Reynolds began last week and had almost reached its conclusion when it was discovered that the foreman of the jury had been talking to two of the defendant's witnesses. The judge, while absolving the defendant of having any connection with the conversation ordered a new trial, which began again as soon as a new jury was summoned.

The case has aroused considerable interest because of the wealth and prominence of the defendant. Money has been used freely in employing counsel, and young Reynolds is said to have provided well for the widow of Graham.

The sentence imposed Wednesday did not mention "hard labor," and Reynolds will be assigned light work. The sentence dates from the beginning of his trial, and he will be released before Christmas. Young Reynolds took the verdict and sentence calmly.

There has been some rumor that Reynolds might appeal his case, but this would not release him from custody.

In imposing sentence, Justice Humphreys said: "The offense of driving a car while in a state of drunkenness or near drunkenness is far too prevalent these days, and, so far as the courts can do so, it must be put down with a firm hand. You had the misfortune, while driving a car in that state, to kill that young man. You must be punished."

"I believe you are sincerely sorry for what happened. I cannot take into account the fact that you provided out of your great riches for the widow of the man you killed. I have, however, taken into consideration your youth—you are only 23 years old—and an excellent character has been given to you."

Young Reynolds' business interests included not only tobacco, but aviation. He is part owner of the Glass-Staples Tobacco company of this city. He has made several visits to Smithfield, coming at one time in his airplane.

POPULARITY COUNT OF SANDERS THEATRE

Miss Eliza Ives ----- 3,272,900
Miss Virginia Puckett 2,448,560
Miss Louise Morgan -- 1,591,790
Miss Ventrice Moore 1,000,800
Miss Elva Whitley --- 1,766,600
Miss Elizabeth Lewis 536,300
Miss Elsie Boyette -- 234,100
Miss Rose Grantham -- 122,200
Miss Gladys Johnson -- 121,800
All popularity tickets must be in by August 15.

Presbyterian Services, Smithfield Sunday 11 a. m. At Progress 3 p. m. Union services at the Presbyterian church Sunday at 8 p. m. with Rev. J. D. Bundy of the Methodist church preaching. Men's Bible class at 10 a. m. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Berlie McLamb was found guilty of manufacture and possession of beer. A 90-day road sentence is to be suspended upon condition that her father, Roman Watson, keep her with him and not allow her to work away from home during the next two years and pay the cost of the action.

G. W. Whitman was found guilty of trespass but was discharged upon the payment of the cost.

Major Byrd, charged with housebreaking and larceny, was found not guilty.

Nathan Layton was convicted of the larceny of two radiators in the value of less than \$20. He

W. T. Woodard Finds Hens Profitable

Keeps Record of White Leghorn Flock and First Month Shows Net Increase of \$30.74

Johnston county has quite a number of farmers who have found it profitable to keep a flock of good poultry. Mr. W. T. Woodard of Pine Level is one of these men who can say that poultry is a profitable side line. He not only says that this practice is profitable but he has the facts and figures to show for themselves.

Beginning the first of June Mr. Woodard, through the influence of J. B. Slack, county agent, started a system of record keeping on a flock of White Leghorns.

During this first month of record keeping Mr. Woodard made a profit of \$30.74 above the cost of feed on his flock of 128 White

Regular Session Recorder's Court

Several Criminal Cases Tried In Local Court on Tuesday of This Week

Several criminal cases were tried in Recorder's court here Tuesday, the following being disposed of:

Grover Hurst was found guilty of larceny in the value of \$15 and was sentenced to the county roads for a term of twelve months. He is to be discharged at the end of nine months provided the cost is paid.

Robert Lee Lake was sent to the roads for malicious injury to personal property. He is to be discharged at the end of 60 days provided the cost is paid.

C. B. McLamb entered a plea of guilty to giving worthless check. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Bud Hudson was found guilty of possession of beer and was sentenced to the roads for a period of four months. The defendant is to be discharged at the end of 60 days provided the cost is paid. He gave notice of appeal.

Hillary Minshew, charged with assault with deadly weapon, was not convicted.

Ollie Jones, colored, convicted of larceny of watermelons, was sentenced to the roads for a term of 60 days, to be discharged at the end of 30 days provided the cost is paid.

Charlie Dunbar, who was found guilty of the larceny of watermelons, was sentenced to the roads for 60 days. He is to be discharged at the end of 30 days if the cost is paid.

Sam Richardson, who was convicted of the possession of wine, was sentenced to the roads for 90 days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and the cost.

Eliza Watson was found guilty of the larceny of a watch in the value of less than \$20. A 90-day jail sentence is to be suspended upon condition that her father, Roman Watson, keep her with him and not allow her to work away from home during the next two years and pay the cost of the action.

Berlie McLamb was found guilty of manufacture and possession of beer. A 90-day road sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$50 fine and the cost. The amount of \$25 was remitted from the fine.

G. W. Whitman was found guilty of trespass but was discharged upon the payment of the cost.

Major Byrd, charged with housebreaking and larceny, was found not guilty.

Nathan Layton was convicted of the larceny of two radiators in the value of less than \$20. He

Clayton Man Fires Bullet Into Brain

John Wallace Ends His Own Life; Domestic Troubles Assigned As Reason For Act

The second suicide to occur in Johnston county within a week took place early Monday night when John Wallace shot himself with a pistol at his home in Clayton. He is said to have borrowed from a friend the pistol with which he fired the shot through his brain that ended his life.

The deceased was a young man about 30 years of age and was in the insurance business. Domestic troubles are said to have driven him to his tragic death. He left a note addressed to his wife and six year old son, who was in Goldsboro when the tragedy occurred, saying that "troubles caused the act."

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of his father, Mr. W. B. Wallace, who lives between Clayton and Smithfield, and interment was made in the family burying ground. Rev. Arthur Creech, pastor of Bethesda Baptist church, conducted the service.

FUNERAL S. B. JOHNSON HELD HERE TUESDAY

The funeral of Mr. S. B. Johnson, who died suddenly here Monday afternoon was held at the residence Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the Methodist church of which the deceased was a member, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle.

Interment was made in the city cemetery. A lovely floral offering covered the grave. The pall bearers were W. F. Grimes, C. F. Gordon, W. L. Fuller, J. C. Ennis, J. E. Gregory, and W. T. Holland.

SURVEYING NEUSE RIVER WITH VIEW TO NAVIGATION

Mr. O. M. Page, who is with the government engineering forces at Wilmington, was in Smithfield Wednesday in the interest of a survey of Neuse River, with a view to navigation, flood control, and power development. The data collected will be used at the meeting to be held in Goldsboro on August 16 at which time the public is invited to present their views on the subject.

LOSES BARN AND STABLES BY FIRE

Mr. E. L. Breedlove who lives in the Pisgah section had the misfortune Tuesday night to lose his barn and stables by fire. He has no idea how the fire started. The blaze was discovered about nine o'clock and all of the stock was got out of the stable unhurt. Mr. Breedlove estimates his damage at about \$2000 which is partly covered by insurance.

FRANKLIN CLUB GIRLS PASS THROUGH CITY

Tuesday thirty or thirty-five 4-H club girls of Franklin county with their home demonstration agent Miss Caldwell, passed through Smithfield enroute to White Lake for a week's camp. While in the city they enjoyed cold drinks furnished by the city fathers, a courtesy which seemed to be thoroughly appreciated.

"WHITE ELEPHANT" SALE PUT ON IN THE CITY

A "White Elephant" sale was sponsored by one of the circles of the Methodist Missionary society Monday afternoon and a nice little sum was realized for the treasury. The affair was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Austin. Mr. S. T. Honeycutt was the auctioneer and considerable fun resulted when the packages which had been so graphically described were opened by the high bidders.

was sentenced to the roads for six months, to be discharged at the end of four months provided the cost is paid.

The following were called and failed and the judgment was nisi sci fa and capias in each case: Golden Parker, charged with giving worthless check, C. D. Wals-ton, L. Brown, Z. D. Oliver, Henry Lynch and G. W. McLamb.

Represents New York Paper. Mr. Donnell Wharton has been in Gastonia for several days attending the strikers' trial as a representative of the New York Herald-Tribune.

A CARD OF THANKS
To the kind friends and neighbors who so willingly came to us in our hour of trouble, when our dear husband and father was taken from us by death, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks:

MRS. S. B. JOHNSON,
MRS. W. H. DUPREE,
WILLIAM JOHNSON.

Attending Young Peoples Camp. Misses Margaret Edmundson, Lucile McLemore, and Louise Biggs left Wednesday for the Granville Young Peoples Camp near Raleigh where they are spending this week. Others going from this section were: Miss Dixie Rhoades, of Progress; Miss Lela Robbins, of Community; Bruce Wood, of Oakland; and delegations from Kenly and Selma. Rev. and Mrs. Chester Alexander and Miss Lillian Blue of this city and Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Waddell of Selma are attending as counselors.

This is the third year this camp has been held. Granville Presbyterian holding the first young peoples camp of this kind in North Carolina. There are 110 young people in attendance and twenty instructors giving worth while courses. The camp will continue through August 7.

Aunt Roxie Opines
By Mc—

"De law ort ter make wives be stylish enough to wear a pleasant smile and husbands better be made ter furnish all material and pay cash fer it."

