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NOVEMBER TERM SUPERIOR COURT CONVENE TUES.

Superior Court Convened Tuesday, Morning with Judge W. C. Harris Presiding.

The November term of Hoke County Superior court convened Tuesday morning with His Honor, Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh presiding and Solicitor T. A. McNeill of Lumberton representing the state. While the Grand Jury had been empaneled at a prior date, Judge Harris stated to them that it was his custom to stress to the grand jury the importance of a strict compliance of the laws regulating the transportation of school children on trucks and ordered that all the trucks in the county be brought in for inspection Wednesday morning and that the Grand Jury inspect them and see that the law was being complied with. The report of the Grand Jury on the subject will be found below. Wednesday morning Judge Harris called the truck drivers before them and gave them a talk on their duties and the laws governing travel with respect to school buses, stating that a driver of a truck should take the name of anyone passing a truck while unloading children and have them indicted. He found one driver under the age of sixteen as required by law and ordered the solicitor to investigate it.

The case of State vs Chester Wade charged with seduction came up and the State took a nol prosequi, thus ending a case that has created more interest than any in several years. This case had been tried twice before, the first trial resulting in a mistrial and the second in a conviction, Judge E. R. Crammer, of Southport presiding in both trials. An appeal was taken to the Supreme court and a new trial ordered, the Supreme court holding that certain testimony, excluded by Judge Crammer, should have been admitted.

The case of Lawrence Bowyer, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, which was bound over from Recorder's Court and continued at the August term, came up and was tried. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The case of Ed Prévart, bound over from Recorder's Court on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was continued for the term.

In the case of the Andrews, "Big Boy" Fundeburk and George Moore, bound over from Recorder's Court on a charge of breaking and entering the A. & R. warehouse at Timberland, the two first named defendants entered pleas of guilty and after hearing the evidence the jury found George Moore guilty. Sentence had not been passed when this was written.

Thursday morning some ten cases still remained untried and it appeared doubtful if the civil calendar would be reached at this term.

This is Judge Harris's second court in Hoke County and he has made a most favorable impression on the people of the county.

Following is the report of the Grand Jury, which was discharged Wednesday afternoon.

North Carolina
Hoke County

In the Superior Court
November Term, 1929.

To His Honor W. C. Harris, Judge Presiding:

We, the Grand Jury, of Hoke county respectfully submit the following report:

We passed on fourteen Bills of Indictment and found fourteen True Bills.

Reports from Magistrates were examined and found to be correct.

We examined the Court House and Jail, and found it to be in good condition. But recommend the Commissioners to buy one dozen jail hammocks.

We examined the truck drivers of the county and found three under age, Howard Wood, Loyd Croley, Clyde McInnis. But find Howard Wood and Loyd Croley very competent drivers. We also find one incompetent driver, Dwight Pickler. We also find some of the trucks without proper brakes and window lights. We recommend that this repair be made at once.

We also recommend that school children be delivered to their homes on rainy afternoons where they are as far as one-half mile from route.

We, the Grand Jury, find there is being a waste of road work in the county, by plowing up one side of the road and leaving this work unfinished. We recommend that a section of the road be finished when started.

We recommend that the bridge at Bethune's Bridge be repaired on Raft Swamp. And the wash-out at D. Henly, McNeill's place be fixed at the branch.

F. F. McPhaul, Foreman.
W. F. Townsend, Secretary.

At the grave of the departed, the old darkey pastor stood, hat in hand. Looking into the abyss he delivered himself of the funeral oration.

"Samuel Johnson," he said sorrowfully, "you is gone An' we hopes you is gone where we 'specks you ain't."

6,953 Bales Cotton Ginned Prior To 1st

The tabulation of the card reports shows telegraph summary to be correct. There were 6,953 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Hoke county, from the crop of 1929 prior to November 1, 1929, as compared with 10,810 bales ginned to November 1, 1928, says W. M. Stewart, of the Department of Commerce.

Insurance Man Investigate Fire

Deputy Insurance Commissioner, Capt. W. A. Scott, of Raleigh was in Raeford Tuesday and Wednesday investigating a recent fire in which Mr. H. G. Thomas lost his barn and three mules. Mr. Thomas stated that he thought someone had set fire to his property and the adjuster for the fire insurance companies asked the state to have the fire investigated. Capt. Scott has been with the department a long number of years and usually handles cases involving fires of an incendiary origin. He refused to make any statement as to what he found in this case.

Shiloh Ladies To Have Cake Sale Wed., 27th

The Woman's Auxiliary of Shiloh Presbyterian church will have a cake sale in Raeford the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 27, the proceeds of which are to go to Barium Springs Orphanage. Make your plans to help a good cause. Watch next week's paper for the place and hours.

Historical Rally At Silver Grove Church

On Sunday, Nov. 10th, there was an historical rally at Silver Grove Baptist church, colored, for the benefit of the church. The services began at 2 o'clock p. m. The McLaughlin choir rendered the music. Joe Terry and A. A. Martin spoke on the history of the church. At 3:30 Dr. W. M. Fairley of the Presbyterian church of Raeford preached from 1 Peter 2:2-3. The sermon was well received and his message was enjoyed by all present. The members of the church were glad and appreciated having a good number of their water friends present. The following are the names of the white people attending: Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Cromack, Harry Cromack, M. McLaughlin, E. McLaughlin, J. Campbell, M. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Murray, W. J. McNeill and J. A. Wilson. The members of our church heartily thank all and feel highly complimented at your presence.

F. D. Barrington.

Rev. Jno. A. McMillan Honored By Baptists

The Baptists pastors of the state, meeting at Shelby recently, elected Rev. John A. McMillan of Mills Home Baptist church, Thomasville, as their president and state leader for the coming year. Mr. McMillan is well known in this part of the state and has many friends and relatives in Hoke and Scotland Counties, who will be highly pleased at hearing of this splendid honor and responsibility coming to him.

Saturday Woman's Club Old Clothes Day

The Woman's Club has designated Saturday, November 16th, as Old Clothes Day and are requesting everyone who has any old clothes that they can spare to have them ready Saturday morning and the Boy Scouts will call for them. A great deal of real need for old clothes is being reported to the Woman's Club and they are undertaking to relieve suffering as much as possible. Nearly everyone can and should, have a part in this good work.

Local Talent At School Auditorium

Do you want to learn an easy way to earn a million?
Friday night, November 15, at the high school auditorium, "See You Later," a big three-act musical comedy, will be presented for the benefit of the school equipment fund.

Learn about this big money-making scheme from Neal A. McDonald, the business man; Boswell Bethune, the typical Englishman; Harry Epstein, the indefatigable Jew.

We aren't going to tell you all about the play because we want you to come see it for yourself. So take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and get your tickets at the Hoke Drug Company.

We promise you more than your money's worth; snappy costumes, peppy songs, lively choruses, a splendid cast.

A finished production. "See You Later."

Local High To Play St. Pauls Friday

Raeford high school has arranged a game here Friday with the fast and scrappy St. Pauls high. It is understood that St. Pauls has been anxious for a game with the local Tide on account of the defeat administered to them last season. They are bringing a much improved team here and declare that they will not be satisfied with anything less than a decisive victory. As the football season is only a little half over and because the Athletic club is somewhat in arrears financially, we would appreciate a large crowd.

The game will be called at 3:30 and the admission will be 15c and 25c.

This will probably be your last chance to see some all-state material in action.

GENERAL NEWS

All the soldiers were withdrawn from Marion, N. C., last Monday, leaving the Marion mill village without troops for the first time since October 2nd, when six strikers were killed at the mill gate. Governor Gardner was anxious that all troops be withdrawn before the trial of 5 deputy sheriffs charged with second degree murder, and six strikers charged with inciting a riot, started Tuesday morning. After surveying the Marion situation last week he decided that it would be safe to take the troops away.

The tax rates have been cut in 67 counties, according to figures compiled by the State Tax Commission. The average county levy is 12 cents under 1928. The average rate levied in 93 counties this year is \$1.45 on the \$100 of assessed valuation. The corresponding 1928 rate was \$1.57. The assessed valuation for 25 counties shows a small decrease from \$2,429,000,000 to \$2,408,000,000, or \$12,000,000 less. If this rate should be maintained by the other 15 counties the total decrease would be \$15,000,000.

P. A. Sherman of Ortonville, Mich., hobbled about on a broken ankle and flagged two trains Monday night that might have crashed into overturned coaches and scores of passengers and injured people on the Southern railroad near Oakdale, Tenn. Sherman clambered from the overturned coach in which he and his wife and two sons were riding, and flagged a northbound train and then walking on a broken ankle, made his way some distance down the tracks to halt a southbound passenger train.

Viola Morrison, a colored woman, about 30 years old, was brutally assaulted Monday afternoon at her home about one mile from Maxton, by her brother, James Morrison, 24, who is said to be mentally unbalanced. The woman was attacked with an axe, and is in a serious condition, having received severe gashes and bruises about the face and head. James had been a patient in the hospital for the insane at Goldsboro. He was committed to jail.

Two Big Hits At The Carolina Theatre At Southern Pines

The smartest, most amusing and most original college Musical Comedy that the screen or stage ever saw is coming to the Carolina Theatre Southern Pines, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a Saturday matinee at 3:00 P. M. It's the name is "Sweetie" and Paramount made it.

In it are Nancy Carroll, Helen Kane and Jack Oakie and a supporting cast that was made for the picture. It is a cleverly contrived satire on all college pictures ever made which cleverly utilizes this attractive material and has a vast amount of fun with it.

The picture also contains a cast of over 200 gay, singing college boys and girls, in a collegiate jazz revue in which are a lot of new song hits, hot dances and hilarious comedy as well as a big football game.

Helen Kane is a hit in a custom-made "boopa-boopa-doo" part. Nancy Carroll takes the lead and adds, a sweet singing voice to her always pleasing acting and Stanley Smith is sure fire with the flappers.

"Sweetie" is a surprise picture which you will regret not seeing. One of the greatest pictures of the year is coming on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, (four days), Nov. 18-19-20-21. It is Radio's picture of the century, Ziegfeld's fabulous, all-talking, all-singing, super screen spectacle, "Rio-Rita," with Bebe Daniels and her glorious voice, which will prove a big surprise to all her admirers of the silent screen, in the title role, supported by John Boles, as the bandit, singing as he has never sung before.

"Rio Rita" is the greatest piece of film musical entertainment produced to date and is a positive \$2.00 attraction in any spot. It is not only a fine production in every respect; it is outstanding in entertainment appeal, colorful settings,

One Horse Killed Here Last Saturday

Last Saturday, while transporting several horses in a truck from the Hunters' Meeting in Fayetteville, Bennettsville, S. C., one fine saddle horse belonging to Mr. Dana Crossland of Bennettsville, was found to have a broken leg when they stopped in Raeford. It seems that the horse had a sprained leg when they left Fayetteville and got down the truck on the way here and the leg was broken by the other horses. The owner was unusually grieved over his loss, shedding tears he arranged to have the horse killed. He made all arrangements for its destruction and provided for a decent burial for the animal before leaving here. Mr. Rufus Saunders performed the unpleasant task under a permit had been issued by Clerk of the Court, W. L. Poole.

Gregory & Bushby Has Fine Show Room

Anyone who has an eye for the beautiful should stroll by the show room of Gregory and Bushby and take a squint at their place of business at night. John Cal McLean has "strutted his stuff" on this place and with stream lights playing on the room and windows has made one of the prettiest displays ever seen in these parts.

Box Supper At Bethel School House

The Woman's Auxiliary of Bethel church will have an old-fashioned box supper at the Bethel school house Friday, November 22nd, at 7:30 p. m. Everybody in the community are invited to attend. The ladies, old and young, will bring a box or something else to sell, as cake, pie, candy, etc. The men will bring their pocketbooks, buy and eat. A free entertainment for all. Come and enjoy it. The proceeds will go to Barium Springs Orphanage.

Mrs. Lacy Little Is Visiting Fairleys

Mrs. Lacy Little, Presbyterian Missionary to China, is spending some time with Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Fairley. She and Mrs. Fairley are holding district conferences throughout Fayetteville Presbytery.

Mrs. Little is a daughter of Dr. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, and the wife of Dr. Lacy Little who is also a missionary to China. They are at home on a year's leave.

Dee Little Injured At Oil Mill Monday

Dee Little a colored man who works for the Hoke Oil and Fertilizer Company at their cotton oil mill in the south edge of town, accidentally stepped into the seed conveyor last Monday morning and had his right foot severed across the instep. Dr. R. A. Matheson was called and after cording his leg above the knee to stop the flow of blood, and giving other temporary relief, hurried him off to Highsmith hospital where the wound received proper treatment. It was a painful injury, but at last accounts, he was doing as well as could be expected.

Wreck On Raeford-Aberdeen Highway

Last Sunday night between 9 and 10 o'clock there was a head-on collision between a Cleveland car driven by John Williams, colored, and a Chevrolet driven by L. V. McPhatter, also colored, and both of Moore county. Williams who has an unsavory reputation, was accompanied by another negro man and McPhatter had several colored people in the Chevrolet with him. All were more or less injured and both cars were badly wrecked. Williams, it is said, was in a drunken condition and had a pistol in his car, and he is now under indictment for driving a car under the influence of whiskey and for having a pistol. The wreck occurred on the Raeford-Aberdeen highway between Sanatorium and Ashley Height.

Competitive Rifle Match Thursday

On next Thursday, Nov. 21st, there will be a competitive rifle match over at the old Black place in the Fort Bragg reservation with at least three companies competing. A number of prizes will be given for the best shooting, including six turkeys. If a turkey at this time of year doesn't make a fellow shoot his best there's something wrong with him.

fine music, exceptional cast, splendid singing, comedy par excellence, dance ensembles, brilliant costumes and forty minutes of Technicolor (and what color) finale
"Rio Rita" is a picture you will want to see the second time.

Party Bags Eight Prong Buck Monday

Monday, the 11th, was observed as Armistice Day in Raeford with all business houses closed and as one fellow expressed it, "just another Sunday." A large party went to Overhills on a deer hunt and were successful in bagging an eight prong buck, though they had to get a soldier to kill him for them. They are telling tales on Mr. G. D. McQueen, assistant cashier of the Bank of Raeford, to the effect that the aforementioned buck ran by him and scared him about out of his wits, he being speckled in color sometime after. This rumor had not been confirmed when the News-Journal went to press.

J. H. Blue Returns From Artillery School

Mr. J. H. Blue, local civil engineer, has just returned from a two weeks special training in the Fort Monroe Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Va. Captain W. L. Poole states that Mr. Blue made an excellent record while there. He will be at home from now on, engaged in his regular occupation. Captain Poole states that Mr. Conrad Barnard, who is taking three months training at the same fort, is making a fine showing.

ROBESON COUNTY MAY HAVE WELLS FULL OF OIL SOON

Oil Prospectors Have Secured Leases On Several Thousand Acres Of Land In Raft Swamp Township; Oily Substance Burns In Lamps Readily.

Lumberton, Nov. 12.—E. R. Smith and G. Gillespie, of Fort Landerdale, Fla., oil prospectors, have been in Robeson County for the past five or six weeks and have secured leases on several thousand acres of land in the vicinity of the Davis filling station, 6 miles from Lumberton, Raft Swamp township, where oil has been flowing from a pump for the past several weeks, according to reliable information given The Robesonian. Some of the leases are on land as far away as six miles from the station.

Finding the oil at the pump at the filling station brought to the minds of some of the older citizens of the community facts that lead them to believe there has been a trace of oil in Raft Swamp township for the past 30 years. For years people have been having trouble with their pumps out there, often getting a brownish sort of substance which resembled the type of oil that is coming from the Davis pump. People recall that they have been seeing something like oil on top of the water in the small streams of the section for years; and during the past several days searchers apparently have found more of this substance than was known to exist. Some people have gone to the bottom of the streams and have also found that the leaves have a trace of the oil.

Burns Readily.

The oil that has been coming from the pump is of a brownish color similar to the looks of orange crush. It has a peculiar odor, at first smells of linseed oil and then of refined kerosene. It burns with ease and some of the Raft Swamp people have been using it in their lamps. The oil found in the streams and holes thereabout resembles that of the pump. One man dug a hole last week and later went back to find that it had partly filled with water that had such a substance on top.

While there is great interest in the developments, there are many who are skeptical and are not convinced that there is oil in Robeson county. Many people from Lumberton have gone out into the section and seen traces of the oil and are unable yet to explain where it comes from. The fact that the stuff smells of refined kerosene has caused many to be skeptical.

The leases that are being signed, none of which has been recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county, give the lessees the right to the land for oil prospecting purposes for a term of 5 years, and as long after as oil is found thereon. The persons leasing the land furnish all equipment and do the drilling, and the lessors get one-eighth.

Mr. Smith formerly lived in Kings Mountain. He married a sister of Willie J. Prevatt of Lumberton. He has had some experience in the oil business, it is said. Mr. Gillespie is said to be a retired lawyer and Superior court judge of the State of Missouri. He has had right much experience in the oil industry, it is reported.

Prayers Answered

New York, Nov. 11.—(Autocaster)—Michael Pannone, 3, was an invalid unable to talk or hear until his dying grandfather prayed for three hours for the return of the boy's health. He has now fully recovered and his parents attribute his recovery to his grandfather's prayers.

HOKE TEACHERS HOLD BANQUET TUESDAY NIGHT

Educational Forces of Hoke County Witness Fine Program, With An Address By Mr. Jule B. Warren, Of The State Department of Education, As The Climax.

On Tuesday night in the Kiwanis hall, the high spot in the scholastic year was reached when the Hoke County Teachers' Association held their annual banquet, entertaining school trustees from all parts of the county, together with their wives and several county officers and the Mayor of the Town of Raeford, Mr. R. L. Bethune. Mr. R. A. Smoak, principal of the Antioch school, acted as toastmaster and handled the program like a veteran, avoiding any and all dull moments and keeping his program running with unusual smoothness and effectiveness.

It would be useless to comment on any one number on the program for every part was rendered most ably and was well received by all present. One incident that was not on the program was the presentation of a gift by Mr. Smoak on behalf of the teachers of the county to County Supt. W. P. Hawfield. In a few well chosen words, Mr. Smoak expressed the loyalty and support of the teachers for the cooperation that Mr. Hawfield has given them and attributed the success of the schools of the county to his aid to them. The speaker of the evening had occasion later to refer to this presentation as a fine tribute to the spirit of cooperation that was so evident.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Jule B. Warren, of the State Department of Education was introduced by Supt. Hawfield and made a very able address in which he went in to the comparative school costs for 1900 and 1928, showing the difference in the purchasing power of the dollar, the difference in the length of school term, the difference in the number of subjects taught and the difference in the number of children in school today compared to twenty eight years ago. His figures on this comparison were more interesting and encouraging. He spoke of the fact that about half the population of the state paid no property tax but received the same school advantages as those who did. He indirectly said that these should be corrected with a tax on luxuries, such as chewing gum, cosmetics and the like for which the people of this state are spending some \$65,000,000.

Whether or not one agreed with all that Mr. Warren had to say, all would agree that he was well informed on his subject and a deep student of present day school problems.

Following is the program that was carried out, together with the committees who were responsible for the carrying out of the arrangements. The excellent dinner was served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the American Legion.

Song, Carolina; Prayer, Dr. W. M. Fairley; Welcome Xymena Smith; Response, W. E. Freeman; Introduction of Teachers, W. P. Hawfield; Solo, Mrs. Barrington; Reading "Education," Miss Kirkpatrick; Indian Dance, Under direction of Miss Tyson; Reading, Mrs. E. B. Garrett; Jokes, Supt. W. E. Pell; Declaration, Famous Universal Education, Carl Aiken; Address, Mr. Jule B. Warren.

Reception Committee

W. E. Pell, Chairman; Miss Kary Lou Goddie, Miss Treva Auman, Miss Gola Willoughby, Miss Elizabeth Stutts.

Finance

W. P. Rodgers; Toast Master

R. A. Smoak, Principal Antioch school.

New Feature Added For Our Readers

The News-Journal is glad to announce that it is, through Publisher's Autocaster Service, able to furnish its readers with a column of "hot" comment upon the news of the week. This column is prepared by Mr. Frank Parker Stockbridge of New York.

Mr. Stockbridge needs no introduction to any who read his article "Small Town Papers," which ran in the Saturday Evening Post last year. A newspaper man for more than forty years, he began on a small town weekly and went through the mill to the head of a great New York daily. For twenty years he has been a regular contributor to all the important national magazines. His weekly comment on the news reflects the views of a man who has never lost contact with the small town and the point of view of its people.

During the war a militant English crusader making patriotic speeches in Scotland, stopped at a farm one evening and found a husky young Scot milking. "And why are you not at the front, my man?" "Ah, well," spoke up Sandy; "there nae milk at that end."