

# INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

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## \* HEARD AROUND THE COURT HOUSE \*

Several North Carolina Democratic Congressmen including Mr. E. W. Pou are said to have gone to the White House on Wednesday, June 25, and urged President Hoover to appoint James H. Bridgers a Democratic lawyer of Henderson, N. C., as a member of the Federal Power Commission at a salary of \$10,000.00 a year. Mr. Pou was said to have played a leading part in boosting the Bridgers cause. According to reports Mr. Pou seemed to think that Bridgers was about the best qualified man in the world for that position, and that it would amount to a calamity if Mr. Hoover should fail to secure his services for the country while they were available.

It seems to take the North Carolina Democrats a long time to learn that they can't fool Mr. Hoover with that sort of stuff. A well known Johnston County citizen who had business in the court house the next day, and who had read in the daily papers some of the things Pou was reported to have said about Bridgers' qualifications was very much amused. This man said that he was well acquainted with the people of Henderson, and that it was the first time that he had ever heard Bridgers possessing any such qualifications as Pou had attributed to him.

The thing was evidently fixed up by the Democratic politicians for the express purpose of trying to get a good seat at the counter for a Democrat with those who were urging this appointment. The matter of his qualifications was probably of secondary importance. The main idea evidently was to try to get him, or some other Democrat appointed, and then go out and tell the people that Mr. Hoover had appointed a Democrat because he could not find any Republican that was qualified to hold the job. That is just what they did when President Taft appointed Mr. Connor as district judge.

This all goes to show that the Republicans are not the only people who like to occupy seats at the Federal pie counter. Only a few weeks ago when there was a vacancy on the U. S. Supreme Court bench the North Carolina Democrats tried to get the President to appoint one of their number.

The Democratic politicians are the greatest people on earth for talking about Republicans working for Federal jobs. They delight in calling Republicans "pie hunters." But when it comes to stating the truth of the matter, it is a well known fact that no other political organization has ever existed in North Carolina that would go to such extremes, and sacrifice principal to such an extent for the sake of public office, as has been done in recent years by the North Carolina Democrats.

A notable example of this was in 1928 when they joined in with Tammany Hall and the Roman Catholics in the hope of electing Al Smith.

Mr. D. J. Dorset of Wake Forest, N. C., who was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator was in Smithfield Tuesday shaking hands with the Republican officials and urging them to get busy and help elect Congressman George M. Pritchard to the U. S. Senate.

Mr. Dorset emphasized the fact that so far as qualifications and fitness for the position of U. S. Senator were concerned, there was not a man in any party in North Carolina who had more to his credit than Congressman Pritchard, and he said the indications were that he would defeat J. W. Bailey in the November election.

Mention was made in these columns last week of the strenuous efforts that were said to have been made in Harnett County to make it appear that the Simmons people were falling in line for J. W. Bailey, and of the pushing of two Simmons men to the front in the Democratic County Convention held at Lillington on June 25 in order to try to make a good showing for Bailey when he made his first campaign speech and being nominated as Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator to succeed Senator Simmons.

This big grand-stand play that was put on by the Baileyites in order to try to make it appear that they were well and that Harnett was solid for Bailey, seems to have fallen flat. The latest reports from the Harnett capital are to the effect that there were less than a dozen Simmons people in that convention, and that the two Simmons men who were pushed forward, and prevailed upon

## REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following full board present: J. T. Edgerton, chairman, J. T. Creech, E. R. Temple, L. D. Mitchell, M. B. Pleasant and the following business was transacted:

Ordered that the following be checked off the O. P. List: Mrs. Mallisa Allen, Mrs. Charlotte Graham, Mrs. Charlie Boykin.

Ordered that the pension money of Sarah Howell be turned into the county treasurer General Fund as long as Sarah Howell and Mary Howell are inmates of the County Home.

Ordered that W. T. Surles be refunded \$390 taxes collected through error on account of double listing.

Ordered that Nelie Barbour be released \$460.00 valuation on real estate due to timber being cut.

Ordered that G. H. Massengill be paid \$13.50 for supporting O. P. patient, R. L. Barfield, who ran away from the County Home. Pay for one month.

Ordered that the Real Estate of Eastern Manufacturing Company be assessed at \$250,000.00 for taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931.

Upon motion made the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that the State Highway Commission of North Carolina apply such portion of the allocation of funds due Johnston County under the provisions of Chapter 40 section 6 sub section (D) Public Laws of 1929, to the payment of bonds and interest thereon heretofore issued by the county for the purpose of road improvements. Resolve, that under authority of Chapter 146, Public Laws of 1927, section 14, the Auditor of Johnston County and the treasurer of Johnston County, be and they are hereby authorized to approve and pay current expenses in the several departments of the County Government, not to exceed ninety days from date hereof, pending the making of the annual appropriations as authorized in said Law and further, that the expenditures so authorized be charged against the final appropriations for several departments of the County respectively, when said appropriations are made for the current year.

## IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. C. K. PLEASANT

With sweetest thoughts of two so dear—  
My grandparents kind and true  
And lovely memories all the year,  
Of these incomparable two.

The icy hand of death came here  
Not so very long ago,  
And took away grandfather dear,  
Oh! now I miss him so.

His willing hand, his cheerful face,  
Made cheerful those he knew,  
No one could ever fill his place  
As faithful, oh! so true.

Grandmother first was called to go  
Up to that heavenly home,  
She was so sweet—I loved her so!  
It seems hard to say she's gone.

Her lovely smile, her winning ways,  
And those cheerful words she had  
Made all of hers such precious days  
And her departure seem so sad.

But dear Jesus knows the best;  
His will must be done,  
And we feel sure they are at rest  
Up in His happy home.

It seems so hard to see depart  
The ones we've treasured so,  
It leaves me with a broken heart  
To see my dear grandmother go.

The sparkling sunbeams always dwell  
Around those lovely two  
To whom we bade a last farewell  
And whispered a sad adieu.

And there they rest in heavenly peace  
Beyond on that glorious shore.  
May joy and happiness never cease  
To be theirs forever more.

A granddaughter,  
VERA CLIFTON.

## RECORDER'S COURT

Tuesday, June 24, 1930

State vs. Mark McNoir. He was charged with Violation of the Prohibition Law and was found guilty of possession of beer and whiskey. He was fined \$25.00 and cost.

State vs. John Campbell. He was found guilty. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. R. S. Neese. The defendant was found guilty on three counts of worthless checks. He is to go to jail for the term of 4 months and assigned to work roads of Johnston County and pay cost.

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State vs. Ollie Richardson. The defendant was charged with larceny. Probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to Superior Court.

State vs. Willie McLamb. The defendant was charged with Violation of Prohibition Law and resisting arrest. He was found guilty of possession and transportation and resisting arrest and was fined \$50.00 and cost.

State vs. John McDoodle. The defendant was charged with larceny of merchandise valued less than \$20.00. He was found guilty of forcible trespass and is to go to jail for the term of 30 days and assigned to work roads of Johnston County and pay cost, jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Willard Watson. He was acquitted on a charge of larceny and receiving.

State vs. George Oliver. He was charged with Violating Automobile Laws. Nol pros.

State vs. George Green. He was charged with larceny of tobacco value at less than \$20.00. He is to go to jail for the term of 8 months and assigned to work roads of Johnston County and pay cost. The defendant is to be discharged at the end of 6 months provided the cost is paid.

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State vs. Garland Norris. The defendant was charged with operating a car while intoxicated and careless and reckless driving. He was found guilty on both counts, and is to go to jail for the term of 90 days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay cost. The jail sentence is to be suspended upon payment of \$50.00 fine and cost, and on further condition that defendant does not operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days. He was given time in which to pay.

State vs. D. A. Stancil. He was charged with careless and reckless driving. He entered a plea of guilty. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. C. F. Modlin. He was charged with a worthless check. Nol pros.

State vs. J. P. Duncan. The defendant entered a plea of guilty to the charge of a worthless check. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Harvey Peedin and Chester Peedin. Both were found guilty on a charge of assault. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of 1-2 cost each.

State vs. Glascoe Bure. F. and A. Nol pros.

State vs. Leslie Martin. He was found guilty on a charge of assault with deadly weapon, and is to go to jail for the term of 90 days and assigned to work roads of Johnston County and pay cost. The defendant is to be discharged at the end of 60 days provided cost is paid. Jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$25.00 fine and cost.

State vs. Kenneth Reed, Theodore Reed, and Lee Stokes. They were charged with assault with deadly weapon. Lee Stokes not guilty. Kenneth and Theodore Reed were found guilty of assault with deadly weapon. Kenneth Reed to go to jail for the term of 90 days and assigned to work roads of Johnston County. The defendant is to be discharged at the end of 60 days provided the cost is paid. The entire jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$25.00 and 1-2 cost. Theodore Reed is to go to jail for the term of 30 days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay 1-2 cost. Jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of 1-2 cost.

State vs. Milton Hare. The defendant was charged with Violation of Prohibition Law. He was found

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Smithfield, Route 2, who has been in the hospital for treatment was discharged last Saturday.

Mr. Braxton Vaughan, of Princeton, who had an operation for appendicitis July 1st is getting along fine.

Mrs. L. G. Alford, of Pine Level, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Tuesday July 1st in the hospital, is getting along fairly well.

Mrs. J. Ransom Creech, of Smithfield, who was admitted to the hospital the 1st of July for treatment is improving.

Mrs. W. S. Jones, of Smithfield, who was admitted to the hospital Wednesday, July 2nd for treatment, is getting along nicely.

Miss Geneva Stephenson, of Four Oaks, who underwent an operation for appendicitis July 2nd, is getting along fine.

Mrs. W. H. Sanders, of Smithfield, who was admitted to the hospital Saturday, July 5th, for an operation, is getting along nicely.

Miss Lucy Mathews, of Smithfield, who was admitted to the hospital Sunday with a broken ankle, is getting along fairly well.

Mrs. R. D. Marler, of Bentonville, was admitted to the hospital last Saturday for treatment and is getting along fine.

Mr. John Bandy, of Four Oaks, had his tonsils removed last Tuesday morning in the hospital and is getting along nicely.

Mr. John Sloan of Elevation Township died in the hospital Tuesday morning about 7:00 o'clock from gun shot wounds inflicted by himself the 22nd of June in an attempt at suicide.

Miss Annie Lee Weaver of Benson underwent an operation for appendicitis last Tuesday morning at the hospital and is getting along fine.

## SOCIAL

Among those from Smithfield who have been spending a few days at White Lake on Camping trips and House Parties are the following:

Misses Mary and Harriette Pierce, and Miss Nell Broadhurst have been spending the past week at White Lake on a house party with Miss Mary Eckles Cheatem, of Wilson hostess.

Messrs. C. Albert Stallings, Durwood Creech, Lum Creech, and Jimmie Stancil spent part of last week at White Lake on a camping trip.

Mrs. S. L. Morgan and her children: Louis, Isabel, David, and Neil spent part of last week camping at White Lake.

Miss Kathleen Bass of Danville, Va., is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Parrish, of Henderson, spent last week here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Johnson have returned home after a bridal trip to northern cities.

Miss Mary Ragsdale has returned home after a visit to relatives at Fuquay Springs.

Miss Clara Lee, of Lillington, is visiting Miss Ann Elizabeth Lee in this city.

Miss Dot Lee spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lassiter and son, Will H., Jr., have returned home from a few days stay at Carolina Beach.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. McLemore, Eloise and George McLemore spent the week-end in Charlotte with Miss Margaret McLemore, who is in a Charlotte hospital for treatment.

Miss Rose Radford of this city spent a few days visiting friends in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lyon and children and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Austin and children have taken a cottage at Carolina Beach for this week.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Forlines, who has been very sick in Rex Hospital in Raleigh is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bingham, James and Mary Frances, left for their homes in Denver, Colorado, after spending three weeks here with relatives.

Miss Edith Henry of this city left last Wednesday for a House Party in Kingston.

Dr. J. W. Whitehead spent Sunday with his mother, who lives near New Bern.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stancil and sons, Furman and Moses spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stancil near Garner.

Rheuben L. Johnson, of Greensboro, spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson.

Miss Dorothy Cook, of Dunn, stopped for a short while in the city Monday afternoon.

Miss Ava Wallace of Raleigh spent the week-end at her home here.

Misses Sarah Patterson, Arah Hooks, and Miriam Bundy, of this city, were visitors in Raleigh Friday.

Mrs. T. C. Ogburn and children spent the week-end in Garner.

Miss Monte Moyle, of Lillington, is the guest of Miss Marjorie Johnson in this city.

J. H. McCracken, of Red Springs, who is attending summer school at Duke University, spent the Fourth here with friends.

Misses Kathleen Davis and Rachel Peterson, of this city, returned with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Peterson to their home in Baltimore.

Mrs. Alger Byrd, of Stoval, who is attending summer school at Duke University, spent Friday here with Mrs. W. H. Byrd and Mrs. Wallace Francis.

Miss Delia Ellington and guest, Miss Ruth Hedrick, of Richmond, and Joe Honeycutt were visitors in Kingston Sunday.

Misses Ruth, Evelyn and Virginia Wilson left Sunday for a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Stevens and children, accompanied by Mrs. J. A. Underwood visited relatives near Goldsboro Sunday.

Mr. W. H. Flowers, a well-known farmer of Elevation Township, was a business visitor in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Stancil, of Beulah Township, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Warren Johnson, of Dunn, was in the city Sunday.

Mr. R. F. Collins of the Holy Springs community in Wake county sold \$741.72 worth of home-made jelly, hams and other food products during the past winter.

## SMITHFIELD KIWANIS CLUB PRESENTS CLUB BOYS WITH PIGS

In order to promote livestock production in Johnston County the Smithfield Kiwanians presented six 4-H Club boys with one Duroc Jersey pig each at the regular meeting held at the home of A. J. Whitely, Jr.

After a delightful barbecue supper Mr. G. Mann, in charge of the field work of the North Carolina Cotton Growers association, made a talk to the members of the club and their guests in which he told how the business man in town and the farmer may cooperate to make farming more successful. At the conclusion of the address the following 4-H Club boys received pigs: Almond Warrick, John Dale, Robert Youngblood, Alton Whitley, Norwood Johnson, and Paul Lassiter.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Carl Gregory of 3254 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Penn., to Miss Mary C. Strickland of Erwin.

O. Z. Hogan of West Durham to Miss Gola Jernigan of Four Oaks, Route 1.

Robert Lee Andrews of Zebulon to Miss Lela Bell Brannon of Selma, Route 1.

Elijah Worley of Micro to Miss Betty Hinton also of Micro.

A. C. Roberts of Benson, Route 1, to Miss Pearl Parrish also of Benson, Route 1.

## ENJOYABLE PICNIC

A splendid dinner which partook somewhat of the nature of a family reunion was enjoyed by several families at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Creech in this city July 4th.

The delicious food was served in picnic style on tables placed on the beautiful shady lawn, and was very much enjoyed by all present. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stancil and sons, Joseph, Charles, and Moses, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose and children "Bill," Oliver Creech, and Caroline, of Benson; Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Rose and son, Hiram, Jr., of Benson; Mrs. W. H. Stallings and daughter, Louise, of Selma, Master Edwin of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Barnes and son, Wiley, Jr., of Wilson; and Miss Melba Hudson of Meadow Township.

The occasion was such an enjoyable one that it has been suggested that it be made an annual affair to be held on the 4th of July every year.

J. G. Shields of Halifax county harvested 100 acres of Abruzzi rye with his new combine last month, and reported a saving in time and expense.