

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

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HEARD AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

It looks as if Mr. J. W. Bailey, Democratic Senatorial candidate, and his friends have been over-zealous in their efforts to fortify Mr. Bailey in his present venture, against failure and disappointment—such as have met some of his previous political efforts.

In his campaign for the nomination in the June primary, Mr. Bailey's chief claim for the support of his party, was his party regularity as evidenced by his loyal and vigorous support of Al Smith for President in 1928, and his continued loyalty to the Democratic National organization, the chairman of which was John J. Raskob, who was selected for this job by Al Smith and approved by the rest of the Tammany organization; which organization seems to be making a special effort to get in full control of the political affairs of North Carolina.

In their seeming anxiety to thoroughly Tammanyize North Carolina Mr. Bailey and his friends of responsibility, either as party Committeeman or candidate for office; and since such a large proportion of the women refused to support Al Smith, the Tammanyites are said to be dropping the women from their organization, and replacing them with dyed-in-the-wool Smith-Raskob-Bailey Tammanyites.

Evidence of this contained in an article which appeared in the Raleigh Times on July 22, 1930. The Times has all along been a consistent supporter of both Al Smith and J. W. Bailey. In the issue dated July 22, 1930 in discussing the approaching meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee scheduled for Wednesday night July 23rd in the State House of Representatives the Raleigh Times says: "To a certain extent, the executive committee was made over during the State convention here July 3. Several of the women members were dropped and men put in their place. Men Democrats who went down the line for Al Smith in 1928 and Josiah Bailey in 1930 succeeded anti-Smith men and women of the committee."

If anybody should desire to see the above paragraph in the Times it will be found on the front page at the bottom of the seventh column of the "complete city Edition" dated Tuesday, July 22, 1930.

Another thing that bears out his contention, is the fact that practically all candidates nominated for office in counties where the Smith-Raskob-Bailey Tammanyites are in control, are numbered among those who "Went down the road" for Al Smith in 1928 and did the same for Bailey in 1930. It has been reported that in Johnston County every Democratic candidate in this campaign was a supporter of Al Smith in 1928.

LOCAL BOYS STAGING MOTOR ENDURANCE TEST

Not to be outdone in the different kinds of endurance tests, now going on in the county two Smithfield boys, Charlie Beasley and Johnnie Creech, have started a motor boat endurance record in which they are endeavoring to break the record of 126 hours.

These boys embarked on this test at 7:30 Saturday evening and if their motor is still running at 7:30 this morning they will be eligible to enter a nation-wide contest the winner of which will receive \$500. For every 24 hours after the initial 126 hours they will receive \$50 whether they win the grand prize or not.

The boat being used for the endurance test is equipped with a radio, magazines, and other modern conveniences which add to their comfort. This boat is being furnished by the Holt Lake Management, an Elto motor is being furnished by the Elto Motor corporation of Milwaukee, Wis., with Willard storage battery, sold locally by the Johnson Motor Company, the motor is using Texaco gasoline and oil, furnished by the Holt Oil Company.

Bill Fuller with the help of George Holland is on duty night and day refueling the motor which has to be refueled about every hour and fifteen minutes. Fuller says the boys are still going strong and are in fine spirits. They are taking turns at the motor, one handles the motor while the other gets some sleep and rest. They change every four hours. This endurance test is creating considerable interest and if the motor is still running Thursday Smithfield will be able to boast a motor boat endurance record.

BEGINNING OF AUGUST CRIMINAL TERM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

A term of Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases was begun and held in the court house in Smithfield last Monday with Hon. W. A. Devens of Oxford presiding, and Hon. Clawson L. Williams of Sanford prosecuting in the behalf of the state.

The following are the grand jury for this term of court: J. W. Stephenson, foreman, Ray Allen, W. S. Smith, L. J. Kinsley, P. H. Kirby, J. C. Wellois, R. D. Sellers, Henry G. Watson, T. A. Batten, Rufus Lee, J. J. Godwin, J. W. Godwin, J. W. Mozingo, Jr., Alfred Capps, Joe Price, R. A. Jernigan, J. R. Holt, Jr., R. E. Daughtery, Wilbert Blackman.

The petit jury is as follows: E. H. Dixon, Jr., Monroe Parker, Aden Lassiter, J. V. Johnson, D. A. Austin, J. R. Thomas, W. A. Adams.

The following cases were tried up until Wednesday. State vs. Eddie Lee. He was charged with Violating the Prohibition Law and given nol pros without leave. No cost to attach in this action.

State vs. Wade Artis. The defendant pleaded not guilty to a charge of trespassing. When the State prosecuting witness, Martin Sanders, had offered his testimony, the solicitor found the case to be frivolous, moved to have cost taxed against him. It was so ordered and the witness, Martin Sanders, is to be taxed with cost and held in custody until cost is paid. The defendant was discharged.

State vs. Tim Jones and Elisha Watkins. The defendants entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of trespassing upon hearing the evidence the court finds them guilty. Prayer for judgment continued till Dec. term 1930 at which term they will appear and pay cost. They will be held under \$100.00 bond each, till the December term.

State vs. John Wilkins. He was charged with trespassing. Nol pros without leave. No cost to be charged in this action.

State vs. Eason. He was charged with larceny called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias and continued.

State vs. Monroe McLamb. He was charged with Violation of Prohibition Law. Called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias.

State vs. Timothy Parker. He was charged with disposing of mortgaged property. He enters plea and is to be discharged upon payment of cost by December term 1930.

State vs. Herman Strickland and W. E. Strickland. He was charged with false pretense. Nol pros without leave. No cost to be charged in this case.

State vs. Fred Horton. He was charged with manslaughter. The defendant was reported to be in the Wake County jail. Capias issued to Wake County and continued.

State vs. B. T. Hood. He was charged with speeding. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias and continued.

State vs. David Lee. He was charged with assault. Nol pros without leave. No cost to be taxed in this case.

State vs. J. J. Adams. He was called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias issued to Harnett County and capias instanter to Harnett.

State vs. Leslie Holt. This case in which the defendant was charged with trespassing was continued.

State vs. Millard Neal. He was charged with obstructing officer. Judgment absolute on bond, capias, and continued.

State vs. John Eason. He was charged with removing crops. Continued for term.

State vs. Lonnie Ellen. He was charged with forgery. Nol pros without leave. No cost to be taxed in this case.

State vs. Broadie Smith, Millard Smith, Joel Hines. Nol pros final. No cost to be taxed in this action.

State vs. John McCall. The defendant was charged with giving a worthless check. He was called and failed. Judgment ni si sci fa and capias.

State vs. Van Salmon. The defendant was charged with Violating the Prohibition Law. Judgment: A sentence was passed on this man during the June term and therefore let the June term sentence go into effect, but if he pays the cost he may be discharged.

State vs. Lonnie Narron. The defendant was charged with injury to personal property (killing a dog) and pleaded not guilty. At the close of State's evidence the counsel for defendant made a motion to dismiss the case for lack of evi-

dence but the motion was overruled and the State proceeded to put on evidence.

State vs. Lynn Jones. He was charged with burning a barn and dwelling belonging to R. W. Grantham. A true bill found.

State vs. Jesse Pilkington. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Sanders Davis. A true bill found.

State vs. Leonard Capps. The defendant was charged with removing crops. It was found that surety, Johnny Worley, is dead, and it was ordered that his estate be released from bond. It was also found that the defendant was in Federal Prison, and it was ordered that capias issue and case be continued.

State vs. Herman Allen. The defendant was charged with the murder of H. M. Hodges August 6, 1930. The grand jury in a body returned a true bill.

State vs. Walter Young. He was called and failed. Judgment absolute on bond. Capias and continued.

State vs. Gatis Bailey. He was charged with assault. Former judgment ni si sci fa entered in this case is now stricken out upon payment of cost of capias and sci fa.

State vs. George Pilkington. He was charged with trespassing. Former judgment of ni si ordered stricken out upon payment of cost of capias and sci fa.

State vs. Eliza Cole. He was charged with giving a worthless check. It was ordered that case be continued to December term, 1930, in which time the surety may file and answer to the sci fa which has been served on surety.

State vs. Bessie Thompson. Capias instanter ordered to Wake County. Capias issued August 11, 1930. Judgment absolute on bond issued by Lonnie Thompson.

State vs. H. M. Hight. He was charged with murder. Continued for defendant.

State vs. D. H. Fish. Murder. Continued.

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State vs. Sallie Renfrow. The defendant was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, and pleaded guilty. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost. Defendant given until the December term, 1930, to pay cost. His mother is accepted as surety on bond.

State vs. Albert Holt. The defendant was charged with manslaughter. The indictment charges the defendant with the reckless operation of an automobile upon State Highway. No 22 on May 5th, 1930, in which he hit and killed Ransom Evans. He pleads not guilty. The defendant was represented by W. M. H. Massey, Esq., and the State is represented by Hon. Clawson L. Williams.

ATTENDING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

About noon today County treasurer S. W. Brown, county Auditor R. L. Fitzgerald and two members of the Board of County Commissioners Messrs. J. T. Creech and M. B. Pleasant left for Wrightsville Beach to attend the state Convention of county Commissioners.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Graham Rufus Bass of Wilson's Mills to Miss Betsy Lucille Jones also of Wilson's Mills. Joe Sidney Johnson of Selma to Miss Ruby Inez Mozingo also of Selma. Clarence Lane of Kenly to Miss Nell Whaley also of Kenly. Fred Farquard Johnson of Smithfield to Miss Daisy Ophelia Creech of Pine Level.

SMITHFIELD PEOPLE ATTENDS FUNERAL OF DR. B. F. PEARCE

Several Smithfield people attended the funeral of Dr. Benjamin F. Pearce at Princeton yesterday afternoon. Dr. Pearce who was 30 years old and a graduate of the University of North Carolina became unbalanced mentally about a year ago after a serious operation and was committed to the insane asylum at Raleigh, where he is reported to have hanged himself, yesterday by tying three bed sheets together.

Mrs. R. I. Wallace of this city has been spending a few days in Princeton with relatives. All relatives, friends and neighbors are cordially invited to attend the annual family reunion of the descendants of the late Josephus Johnson to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Johnson on Thursday, August 21. Everybody bring a well-filled basket.

SOCIAL

Miss Connie Gulley, of Clayton, spent the week-end in the city with Miss Margaret Aycock.

Miss Dorothy Lee is spending this week at Virginia Beach. Eric Cotter has returned home after a visit to Alfred Sanders in Rocky Mount.

Miss Louise Taylor has returned to her home in Greenville after a visit to Alfred Sanders in Rocky Mount.

Miss Louise Taylor has returned to her home in Greenville after spending the week-end in the city as the guest of Miss Edith Henry.

Miss Delia Ellington, of this city, spent the week-end in Chapel Hill as the guest of Miss Eunice Boney.

Miss Ruth Montford, of Wilmington, is the guest of Misses Nell Hood and Mattie Lee Grimes.

Mr. Thomas Acriel Hood, of this city, is spending some time with relatives in Raleigh.

Mr. D. H. Creech and Durwood Creech, of this city attended the Druggist's convention in Raleigh Tuesday.

Oscar and Thornton Patterson went to Oxford Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Patterson's father.

Harvey Boney, Jr., returned home Friday from Brevard where he has been spending the summer. Miss Gladys Johnson has returned from a visit in Raleigh.

Misses Rebecca Riddle and Athelene Thomas, and Messrs. Billy Flaunoy and Turner Billicoly of Raleigh were the guests of Miss Edith Henry Friday night.

Miss Elizabeth Creech has returned from a visit in South Carolina.

Richard Noble returned home last week from Boy Scout Camp Tuscarora where he spent several weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Guy C. Lee, Mrs. W. T. Massey, Misses Sarah Patterson, Nell and Rose Grantham, and Mattie Lassiter are attending a House Party at White Lake.

The following Smithfield citizens attended the funeral of C. H. Holt in Princeton Friday: Miss Ruth Jones, Miss Cora Belle Ives, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Emmitt Turner, H. V. Rose and J. Ira Lee.

Mrs. Harvey Boney, who is acting as dean of the summer school at Chapel Hill during the second session, spent the week-end here.

Hubert Johnson, who holds a position with the Garland C. Norris wholesale company at Raleigh, spent Sunday near town with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ashley L. Johnson.

Mrs. C. F. Gordon returned home from Lake Junaluska and Hendersonville where she accompanied Mrs. Alice Cole, a few weeks ago. She reports that Mrs. Cole, who is taking treatment from a specialist in Hendersonville, is improving, but she will remain in that city for several weeks longer.

Mrs. N. L. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stallings and Mrs. Gordon Jones, of Wallace who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stallings took N. L. Perkins back to Lumberton Sunday where he is on the tobacco market.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Coats went to Richmond for the week-end.

Mr. Frank Skinner, of this city, spent part of last week in Lumberton looking over the tobacco market. John Caudill, of Charlotte, is spending a few days near town with his father, A. R. Caudill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Peterson have returned home after spending a week at Morehead City.

Edwin Broadhurst has returned home from Camp Tuscarora near Mt. Olive, where he has spent the past five weeks. He is an eagle scout and was an officer of camp this year.

Mrs. J. H. Abel and little daughter, Anne, are spending this week in Durham.

Miss Nell Broadhurst spent Friday and Saturday in Clinton.

Mrs. G. A. Martin and children are visiting relatives in Raeford.

Miss Ellen Broadhurst, who has been on a trip abroad for some time arrived in the city yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Strickland and children of California, Md., are visiting relatives and friends near town. Mr. Strickland moved from the Brogden section about two years ago and is engaged in truck farming. He also operates school buses during the school months.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hood and Mrs. Lucy Coltrane attended the meeting of the pharmaceutical association in Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pittman have returned to Warsaw after spending a few weeks here with friends and relatives.

KIWANIANS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING

After a delicious supper had been served by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church, President Norman Shepard introduced the newly elected secretary and treasurer of the Kiwanis Club, Lawrence U. Stancil, who expressed his appreciation to the members of the club for his election. The secretary asked for the co-operation of club members and expressed a desire for a membership drive and renewed activity.

Kiwanian Glenn W. Green presented J. B. Slack, Dr. W. G. Wilson, L. P. Holding and Lawrence U. Stancil each with a "Yazoo," which is a small tube-like instrument and called on them for a few selections of music and the quartet promptly rendered "Hail-Hail, the Gang's All Here" and "Old Gray Mare."

President Shepard next called for delegates to the North and South Carolina district convention to be held at Myrtle Beach on August 19th. It was decided that L. P. Holding, Norman Shepard, Glenn W. Grice and Lawrence Stancil would represent the local club.

Kiwanian R. P. Holding made a very impressive talk on stimulating interest in the local tobacco market. He pointed out the value of the local market to the community and thinks every local person should co-operate to help the market grow. A committee composed of J. B. Slack, Adam Whitley, Jr., and R. P. Holding was appointed to head a boosting campaign for market. The Kiwanis Club has been very active toward helping the tobacco market for the last several years and through their efforts in co-operation with the Smithfield Tobacco Board of Trade our market has grown considerably and larger growth is expected and hoped for the future.

Kiwanian Lawrence U. Stancil made a talk on getting a canning factory for Smithfield to be located in the Austin Building. It seems to be an opportune time for the introduction of such an industry in Smithfield and Johnston County because of the low prices of cotton and tobacco. If we could get our farmers to start raising more tomatoes, beans, peas, etc., and have ready market for the vegetables, the speaker said, when they were brought here to market which would easily be possible with an up-to-date cannery, it would at least bring about diversification and that seems to be the outstanding need at this time in agriculture. There are thousands of cases of canned vegetables brought into this county every year and most of them are grown and canned in Virginia and Maryland. Our climate and our soils will grow as good vegetables as are grown anywhere, so why not let's get busy and organize for a canning factory for Smithfield? In some States there are co-operative canneries owned principally by the farmers who supply the vegetables to be canned. This method of organization seems to have worked very satisfactorily in South Carolina and Virginia. If we could organize a cannery in Smithfield it would bring more farmers here—it would thereby benefit our merchants—it would help the farmer to make more money because of a good established market for his products."

After this talk President Norman Shepard appointed a committee of Glenn W. Crier, Lawrence U. Stancil and J. A. Smith to investigate the possibility of the organization of a canning factory here.

The local Kiwanis Club received an invitation from the Clayton Kiwanians to meet with them on Sept. 4th.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE RECORDER'S COURT

State vs. Garland Crowder, Archie Pope, Clyde Pennell. The probable cause was found in this case and the defendants were bound over to Superior Court. Crowder is put under a \$500.00 bond. State vs. A. D. Atkins. He was found guilty. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost. State vs. Wade Tippet. The defendant was found guilty. Prayer for judgment upon payment of cost. State vs. Richard Byrd. The defendant pleads guilty to possession and transportation of home brew. He was fined \$5.00 and cost.

State vs. George Collins. He pleads guilty and is to be to jail for the term of 90 days to be discharged in 60 days if cost is paid.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lassiter and son, Nathan, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clements and little son spent the week-end with relatives at Wilmington.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Master J. D. Turlington, of Clayton, was admitted to the Hospital Monday, August 5th, for treatment.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Creech, of Selma, August 7th, a baby boy. The mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mrs. D. H. Allen, of Four Oaks, was admitted to the Hospital August 7th for an operation. She is getting along fairly well.

Mrs. Pearl Whitman, of Smithfield, Route 2, is in the Hospital for treatment.

Mr. Ruffin Hinnant, of Wilson's Mills, was operated on for appendicitis in the Hospital August 6th. He is improving.

Mrs. C. C. Upchurch, of Dunn, was admitted to the Hospital August 6th and was operated on. She is getting along nicely.

Mr. M. C. Hodges, of Smithfield, was admitted to the Hospital August 1st for eye treatment.

Master J. M. Wood, of Benson, was admitted to the Hospital the 7th of August and was operated on for appendicitis. He is recuperating nicely.

Mrs. W. E. Denning, of Benson, was operated on in the Hospital August 7, and is getting along fine. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Berlen Jones, of Smithfield, a baby girl, Jean Clare. The mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Misses Bruce Brewer and Mamie Evans, nurses at the Johnston County Hospital, will leave next Saturday to go to their homes in Princeton where they will spend two weeks vacation.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING, AUGUST 4, 1930

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members 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. Bella Starling, Harriett Richardson, and Lizzie Grady.

Ordered that bills be paid. The Board of Commissioners then adjourned but met again according to adjournment on August 7th for the purpose of further considering the adoption of the 1930 school budget.

The matter of fixing the school budget was not finally disposed of, but some of those who were present and heard the matter discussed by the different members of the board during the meeting are of the opinion that the budget as presented by superintendent H. H. Marrow will be reduced by not less than \$50,000.00.

Mr. Marrow is asking for the sum of \$590,250.12 to cover the cost of operating the six months schools of the county for the ensuing term, and the county commissioners seem to think that with proper management the schools should be operated with a much smaller amount.

In the discussion during the special meeting on August 7th it was brought out that in the 1928 school year with 446 teachers on the payroll the amount spent actually was \$530,865.53. Last year by bringing suit in the courts Mr. Marrow forced the county Commissioners to furnish him \$561,718.12 and now we hear that all this and more than \$6,000.00 besides has been spent, with only 418 teachers on the payroll.

This year it is understood that 426 teachers will be employed which number will be less by 20 teachers than the number employed in 1928-29, and it is thought that with eight more teachers on the payroll for six thousand dollars more than was spent in 1928-29, but the Board of County Commissioners does not seem to be in the mood to grant anything like the \$590,250.12 that Mr. Marrow is asking for, unless the board should again be forced by the courts to yield to his demands.

One interesting fact that was brought out while the school matter was being discussed in the meeting, is that if the board should approve Mr. Marrow's budget as presented it would be furnishing him more money by the sum of \$53,962.40 than had been paid in by all the taxpayers of the county on their 1929 taxes up to July 1, of this year.

The records show the exact amount of 1929 collected up to July 1, to be \$536,287.66.

It looks like a shame for the County Commissioners to be forced to borrow money for Mr. Marrow when he uses it faster than it can be collected from the taxpayers of the county.