

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY SEAT

HEARD AROUND THE COURT HOUSE

That new lawsuit which has just been started by the school folks is claimed by the Democratic politicians to have originated in the rural districts, but some of those who profess to read between the lines seem to think that the thing was hatched in the southwest corner of the courthouse, and that the real object in starting it was to try to prevent the 20 cent reduction in the 1930 tax rate or at least to try to force the County Commissioners to raise the rate higher than \$1.75 which is the figure fixed for this year.

If the people of Johnston County really want relief from high taxes, they should stand firm with the present board of County Commissioners, and give these worthy men their loyal support, regardless of the slanderous and fake reports that are being circulated. It is not thought that the taxpayers will fail to recognize their best friends.

That Billion dollar lie that Mr. Tillotson is expected to talk about over the radio at 7:00 o'clock next Monday night must be quite a good size lie; but he will no doubt take its measure before he is through with it. He is expected to trace it direct to Democratic National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and to nail it so securely that it can not be successfully circulated thereafter.

There are now indications in Johnston County that there may be some nailing of Democratic lies nearer home before the end of the present campaign.

There probably has never before been a campaign in the history of this County in which so much cash, and so much effort was expended in trying to fool and mislead the voters, as is now being done by Tammany and the "me too" Democratic politicians all along down the line from New York to Smithfield.

A citizen from another township who was in Smithfield Monday, said the thing that had brought more encouragement, and inspired more hope for relief from high taxes than all else that had been done in recent years was the cutting of the school budget by the County Commissioners, and then reducing the tax rate from \$1.95 to \$1.75 on the \$100.00 worth of property, which was a real service to the people of Johnston County at this time.

For years we have heard promises and promises, and then some more promises, about reducing taxes and yet very little has been done except to raise taxes higher from year to year. In 1925 the Republicans cut the rate for school tax from 70 cents to 68 cents on the \$100.00 worth of property and as soon as the Democrats got back into control they raised salaries and increased expenditures, and then put taxes much higher than they had ever been before.

It is reported that on next Monday at 7:00 o'clock P. M. Mr. Tillotson, a prominent Republican leader of Connecticut will be heard in a radio speech over the National Broadcasting system, and that his subject will be "A Billion Dollar Lie Nailed." Mr. Tillotson is an orator, as well as one of the best informed men in the country, and will no doubt furnish entertainment for those who tune in on station W. P. T. F. at Raleigh at 7:00 o'clock next Monday evening.

The announcement in the Johnstonian-Sun last week that Congressman George M. Pritchard would speak in the Court House at Smithfield at 7:00 P. M. on Sept. 29, has created considerable interest over the County. Mr. Pritchard is the Republican candidate for U. S. Senator to succeed Senator Simmons, and is the opponent of J. W. Bailey. It is expected that there will be a large crowd in Smithfield to hear Mr. Pritchard.

PROCEEDINGS OF RECORDER'S COURT

Wednesday, Sept 10, 1930

State vs. Garland Patton. He was charged with mismanagement of property. Not pros.

State vs. J. R. Cordell. Charged with malicious injury to personal property. Not pros.

State vs. Frank McCabe. He was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon on his wife. Go to jail and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay cost. Jail sentence to be suspended and remain suspended during the good behavior of defendant and on further condition that defendant does not assault wife again in next 2 years

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and pay cost. The judgment in this case is held up until the first Tuesday in October, 1930.

Vaden Godwin. He was found guilty of removing crops before paying his rent. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. J. Ruffin Beasley, and John L. Honeycutt. J. Ruffin Beasley was called and failed. Capias is to issue. John L. Honeycutt charged with operating car while intoxicated and found guilty. He was fined \$50.00 and cost and ordered and directed not to operate car or motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days.

State vs. Addie O'Neal. Guilty of careless and reckless driving. Fined \$10.00 and cost.

State vs. Tom O'Neal. Fined \$15.00 and cost for cursing on the highway.

State vs. Coy Bryant. Guilty of possession and transportation. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Sam Jones. Fined \$10.00 and cost when found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

State vs. Leonard Pittman. Charged with assault with deadly weapon and found guilty. He was fined \$10.00 and cost.

State vs. Charlie Williams. Guilty. Go to jail for the term of 6 months and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay cost. Defendant to be discharged at end of 90 days if cost is paid.

State vs. Joe Williams. Charged with House Breaking and larceny. Probable cause found and defendant bound over to Superior Court.

State vs. Elizabeth Williams. She was found guilty of receiving stolen property. Go to jail for the term of 60 days and assigned to work as sheriff sees fit and pay cost.

State vs. Paul Woodall. He was found guilty of operating car without proper license. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Henry DeLaine. Charged with Violation of the Prohibition Law. Plea of guilty as to possession of wine. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Bud Hodges. Guilty possession 1 quart of whiskey. Go to jail for the term of 90 days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay cost. Defendant to be discharged at end of 60 days if cost is paid.

State vs. S. Boykin. He was acquitted on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

State vs. Roy McLamb. He was also acquitted of violating the prohibition Law.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1930

State vs. L. C. Thomas. Charged with Violation of Prohibition Law. Plea of guilty as to possession and transportation 1 pint. Not guilty of attempting to steal auto wheel and not guilty of that count on charge of Violation of Prohibition Law. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Nancy Futrell. He entered a plea of guilty as to possession of 1 pint. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. John Campbell. Guilty of operating car while intoxicated. Fined \$50.00 and cost and defendant ordered and directed not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during 90 days.

State vs. Percy Brock charged with larceny of \$45.00 from Ned Johnson. Probable cause found and defendant bound over to Superior Court under \$300.00 bond.

State vs. Add Mitchell. He entered plea of guilty to possession of beer (3 barrels). Go to jail for the term of 90 days and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay cost.

State vs. Mrs. W. L. Capps. She was charged with careless and reckless driving and operating motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and found guilty. She was fined \$50.00 and cost. The defendant was also found guilty of possession and transportation of 3 pints. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of cost in this charge.

State vs. B. E. Jernigan. He was fined \$10.00 and cost when found guilty of 3-4 pint of whiskey.

State vs. Ruffin Beasley. He entered a plea of guilty as to possession and transportation. \$10 fine and cost.

State vs. C. F. Tart, charged with Violation of the Prohibition Law. Not guilty.

State vs. Zeb Ingram, John Black. Both were found guilty of aiding and abetting in manufacturing of whiskey. Each pay \$25.00 and 1-2 cost each.

State vs. Jesse Jones. He was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Go to jail for the term of 6 months and assigned to work the roads of Johnston County and pay cost. Defendant to be discharged at end of 4 months if cost is paid.

SMITHFIELD FOOTBALL SQUAD STARTS PRACTICE

The Smithfield High School football squad got its first workout Monday afternoon with about 20 boys reporting for practice.

Under the leadership and coachmanship of Coach Tom Young the football squad is expecting to be nothing short of a championship team this year. Coach Young is an ex-University of North Carolina student. While there he became all-state halfback, and made many other records as a football player.

Smithfield is indeed fortunate this year in having the material for a fine team. Most of the men out for practice are men of several years experience, while there are some who have practically no experience. Parrish, who has played quarterback for two years is back, Johnson, fullback will play again this year, and other men in the backfield are Register, Cotter and Henry. Norton will hold down his old position on end this year. Other men in the line are Durwood Creech, center, Stancil, Lum Creech, Smith, Davis, Brock, Buster Creech, Hallie Johnson and Hood. Elmer Wellons, Jr., is acting as mascot for the football squad this year.

SUGGEST HOME-MILL STOCK FEED

The Special Feed Survey made by the Department of Agriculture shows that the supply within the Nation is now shorter than during any year since 1901, and that the supplies of feed grains and hay per animal unit in twenty-eight States are only 70 per cent of the five-year average production. Among the interesting communications reaching the Government was a letter from former Attorney General Albert Ottinger of New York which told of the efforts of the Anglo-American Mill Company, of which Maurice Levin is the head. The letter urged the use of home-mill feed mixed with molasses, on a wholesale plan which it declared constituted a sound farm relief measure. In order to get the plan under way Mr. Levin offered to donate 2,000,000 gallons of molasses and the use of a great quantity of his company's feeding machines, in addition to the services of his entire staff of engineers, and make the initial installation at his own expense under the supervision and guidance of the Farm Bureau.

Mr. Levin expressed the belief that the suggestion of the Miracle Sweet Feed System would save millions of dollars worth of wheat and other additional crops, and by the grinding and mixing of this forage and damaged crops would convert them into feeds and balanced rations so that they could be supplied to livestock and thus make it unnecessary to ship cattle out of stricken areas only to be shipped back at a great expense later on, because of the lack of pasture or feeds. The Levin suggestion was one of the best offered by any of the country's manufacturers, and it was received in Washington as evidence that in emergencies Americans can always be counted on to show the right spirit as well as their wish to be helpful.

LESPEDEZA MAKES GOOD IN EASTERN CAROLINA

Lespedeza, a clover which has already proved its worth in Union, Stanley, Cabarrus and other piedmont counties, now seems destined to greater use as a soil improving, grazing and hay crop in eastern Carolina.

"Recent tests which we have made in Wayne County show that the four leading varieties of lespedeza will make good yields in the eastern part of the State," reports Enos C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College. "The Kobe, a large growing late variety from Japan, led in hay production on these tests with a load of 3,160 pounds an acre. The common variety usually grown in this State, was second making a yield of 3,060 pounds an acre, while the Tennessee 76 variety, a selection from common but maturing later, was third with a yield of 3,040 pounds of hay an acre. Korean came fourth with a yield of 2,700 pounds."

In making these field demonstrations, Mr. Blair says the lespedeza was planted on a crop of oats planted the previous fall. About 30 pounds of seed an acre was used and covered with a weeder. Sowing was complete on the oats about March 20 and no fertilizer or lime was used on either the oats or the lespedeza in this particular case.

After the oats had been mown for hay in June, the weeds were ripped from the field in June. This was the only attention the lespedeza received from the time it was planted in March until it was cut on September 1. An early cutting was done so that enough second growth could be secured for the crop to mature seed.

Mr. Blair says the demonstration is located on the farm of L. P. Andrews about 2 1/2 miles north of Goldsboro and on a Norfolk fine loam soil. County Agent A. K. Robertson of Wayne County cooperated with Mr. Blair and Mr. Andrews in conducting the work.

MEASURE CLOUD HEIGHT WITH NEW INSTRUMENT

Prof. C. F. Marvin, Chief of the Weather Bureau, United States Department of Agriculture, recently invented a simple instrument through which a weather observer can look at clouds over airports at night and determine their height, or the "height of ceiling," as the aviator terms it.

This instrument, named the clinometer, resembles a very short telescope, although it has no lens, and is used in conjunction with a searchlight. The beams from the searchlight are projected on the bottom of a cloud, usually straight up. Five hundred feet from the searchlight—sometimes 1,000 feet—the observer stands and looks through the clinometer, ranging it on the light spot on the bottom of the cloud. A pendulum hanging straight down from the under side of the clinometer at all positions, is locked in position by a screw when the clinometer is properly aligned.

The pendulum shows on a graduated scale the exact angle at which the clinometer was held. A prepared chart in the hands of weather observers readily shows the height of clouds for each angle of the clinometer and corresponding to different distances of the searchlight.

Clinometers soon will be issued to all airports having Weather Bureau observers.

SOCIAL

Miss Mary Ellen Lawrence, of Raleigh, was a week-end visitor in Smithfield.

Sam Hogwood spent the week-end in Creedmore with relatives.

Lee E. Sanders, of Rocky Mount, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with his sister Miss Bettie Lee Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coates, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in Smithfield.

Mrs. H. H. Radford and family, of this city, moved to Durham the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young, of Raleigh, have taken an apartment in this city with Mayor and Mrs. J. D. Underwood. Mr. Young will be the athletic coach for the Smithfield High School this year.

Mr. Y. E. Young of the McCullers section was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stancil and son Joseph spent Sunday afternoon visiting relatives near Garner.

Miss Maude Young, of Denmark, S. C., is back to teach French and English at the Smithfield High School again this year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Rose, of Benson, spent Sunday evening visiting relatives in the city.

Messrs. Walter and Tom Lassiter, who have been playing with the Wrightsville Beach Orchestra, are home to spend a few days before entering college at Duke University.

Misses Lillian Louise Woodard, Velma Lee, and Edith Aycock, of Selma, were in the city Monday.

Sheriff A. J. Fitzgerald left for Statesboro, Ga., Monday to bring back Dewey Stancil who broke out of the Johnston county jail here some time ago.

Miss Grace Smith, of this city, has left to start school at N. C. C. W. at Greensboro.

Miss Margaret Aycock, of this city, left for Greensboro Wednesday where she will be a student at N. C. C. W.

THE VOTING PUBLIC WILL TAKE NOTICE

In the issue of the Johnston County News of September 11, 1930, we saw where the Hon. Josiah William Bailey, of Raleigh, N. C., the Democratic nominee for United States Senator, will fire the opening gun of the Democratic Campaign in Johnston County on September 19th at three o'clock P. M.

We hope Mr. Bailey will have a good crowd out to hear him and that each and every one present will remember that Mr. Bailey is from Wake County, and that Wake County is at present under Democratic rule and has been for several years and at the present writing, or a very few days ago, that the sheriff of said county was selling at public auction the farms, homes and other property of the farmers and working class of people, who absolutely cannot pay the burdensome tax levied against them by the past and present lawmakers and enforcers of Wake County.

At present, Johnston County is under Radical or Republican rule, either one he chooses to call it, and while the taxes are heavy as well as unjust, and really more than we can bear, the tax-payers and the present officers are at work together to give the farmer a chance, without advertising his home for tax levied against it by the Democratic administrations of the past, which made the laws that it now requires so much tax money to carry out, also the ones that established the unnecessary offices so that a few leeches or suckers could be supplied with blood from the taxpayers.

Now, the time has come when something must be done and all of those that the leeches have sucked enough blood from are ready and anxious to tear the sucker loose. But of course, there are a lot of those staunch Democrats who will suffer the spur prepared and stuck in the other fellow's side so deep, gouged in their own just a little bit deeper before they will surrender, but all they need is just a little bit more time and a little more of their own medicine, a dose or two such as follows.

We would ask that Mr. Bailey while down at our county seat to shoot his guns, that after the smoke clears away, to just get on his car and ride out from Smithfield a few miles in the rural district and see how many mothers with children from three years old up in the cotton fields with their heads bowed with a strap around their necks, trying to enable themselves to pay the burdensome tax that has been placed upon them. And while he sees those white mothers and children picking cotton just drop down by the creek

or down by the old mill stream and see just how many buck negroes he sees lolling around in the shade pretending to fish, and if he fails to find them there, just drop over to a filling station or around on the streets of most any town and see if he can't find a few. Now why aren't the negroes trying to work and help Educate themselves? Simply because the white folks are doing it for them, (Democratic Laws). It is like an old negro told the writer a few days ago, and that is this: The white folks think more of the Negro than they do of themselves.

I will ask if there is not a certain percentage of the taxes paid by these said white, set aside to Educate the Negro and make a better citizen out of him? (who made such laws). I also notice Mr. Bailey charges our present Board of County Commissioners in not keeping their promise, in regards to cutting the tax rate in Johnston County in 1929. I would like to know how they could be expected to cut the tax any when the King of Johnston County, an appointee of the State, and not elected by our own people over whom he is King, tells the County Commissioners that they shall furnish him so many more thousand dollars, by levying more tax against the people, so that he can run his (play houses) schools one more year in the proper style. Of course, they had to do as the King said, as everything was against them, except the taxpayer.

Now, this year they have had another school budget to consider, which I understand was a little better than \$30,000 more than last year, and was promptly rejected, thank God, and Boys we will back you up, too.

Then what was the Board of Education's reply when their budget was rejected? "Rather than put the county to the expense of another law suit, we will try to run the schools on any amount the commissioners see fit to give us." How is that for a bubble to float around before your eyes? Any fool can see through that. It is just another Election Year and we Democrats must ride slow, until we can put the saddle on the Johnston County Donkey again, then we will put the spurs to his belly (tax or no tax, lawsuit or no lawsuit) and ride in luxury again, while cracking the whip of Government over the overburdened taxpayer.

Well, the commissioners cut the budget, I suppose about \$52,000 and I dare say it should have been cut \$152,000, still we are satisfied with what they have done for a starter.

Now, I will ask if these said commissioners haven't cut the salaries of the county officers along with their own again this year, and if they didn't try to get Mr. Rose to join them in cutting his also, and what was his reply? "No, you Dam Radicals can't treat me like that, just pay me my full salary." (As good as to say, to Hell with the taxpayer, just so I get mine), which is Democratic disposition, as well as their law. Oh well, that will only last for a few more months and then it will be all over for H. V.

Guess this is enough to say this time, as a starter, but have plenty more up my sleeve, but would like for the cock-eyed world to know that I am now a thoroughbred Republican or Radical, whichever they choose to call me, until times and taxes change from what they are at present.

Now, Josiah, I don't know what size charge of powder you have your gun loaded with, a good size charge, I would suppose, but I would also suggest that you regulate your wind gauge too, as there is a Sou' Wester blowing from down in the Radical Corner, which is liable to blow your shot out of line. Well, so long, Josiah, and good luck.

JUST A VOTER.

AIR STAMPS BRING BIG MONEY

Lindbergh, Chamberlin, Byrd, Eckner, and every other flier who has crossed an ocean with a pocketful or a mailbag full of letters and postcards has helped the United States Post Office Department "sell" the air mail service to the American public.

A proud possessor of one of the few stamped envelopes carried to Germany on the spectacular flight of Chamberlin-Levine is A. C. Rossler of East Orange, New Jersey, who is said to value his souvenir at more than \$300.