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March Term Criminal Court Is Underway

Number of Cases Disposed of, But Meat Stealing Case Has Delayed Trial of Williams Case.

Thursday, March 10th.
State vs. Tom Fowler, for violation of the prohibition law. Defendant pleads not guilty. Jury returned verdict of guilty. Six months jail sentence, suspended for two years during good behavior, and upon payment of cost.

State vs. J. Otho O'Neal, assault with deadly weapon. Called and failed. Judgment ni sci fa and capias.

State vs. Sact Benton, assault. Nol pros with leave. No cost to attach against county.

State vs. Tom Cox, assault. Nol pros with leave. No cost to attach against county.

State vs. Theodore Atkinson, larceny. Nol pros with leave. No cost to attach against county.

Friday, March 11th.
State vs. Arthur Hodges, violation of the prohibition law. Called and failed. Judgment ni sci fa and capias.

State vs. Osbourne Starling, white farmer, aged 17, and Lester Capps, white farmer, aged 17. Larceny of property from a church house. Each defendant enters plea of guilty. Judgment: Osbourne Starling, defendant to go to jail for 4 months and assigned to Superintendent of County Home to work there as directed by Superintendent. Lester Capps: Upon a plea of pilfering from a church house and removing therefrom certain fixtures of small value, defendant sentenced to four months in jail to be assigned to work State roads under direction of State Highway Commissioner. The sentence will not become effective if defendant goes to Eastern Carolina Training School and remains there subject to rules and regulations of the institution until discharged by governing authorities.

State vs. John W. Hughes, violation of the prohibition law. Plea of guilty. Defendant to go to jail for 90 days to be assigned to work at County Home.

State vs. Mordeca Batten, removing crops unlawfully. Called and failed. Capias instant. Hold for better bond. Present bondsman, C. H. Grant, adjudged insolvent.

State vs. Paul Gardner, white farmer, aged 38, for resisting officers. At close of the evidence the defendant entered a plea of disorderly conduct. Prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost. Defendant to post \$100 bond for his appearance at the December term to show that he has paid cost. C. R. Gable will not prove attendance as witness.

Monday, March 14th.
State vs. J. C. (Fippo) Wilson and Morgan Broadhurst. Assault with deadly weapon on C. P. Whitford in 1928. Defendants plead not guilty. Appearance: Clawson Williams, solicitor, and Ward & McBean for the State, Chas. L. Guy for defendant Wilson and Ed F. Ward for Morgan Broadhurst. Jury returned a verdict of guilty of an assault, doing serious injury. Judgment: Defendants to pay \$160.00, the amount spent by C. P. Whitford for doctor's bills and hospital expenses incidental to the assault, and also the cost of the action. Cost to include \$25.00 expert witness fee of J. L. Nicholson, M. D.

State vs. Howard Godwin, S. C. Godwin, Alton Godwin and Floyd Lee, for housebreaking and larceny (larceny of meat, the property of N. H. Benson, amount 1400 pounds on January 14, 1932).

Tuesday, March 15, 1932.
State vs. Dixon Henry, 18; Malcolm Hathaway, 21; and Alonzo Hughes, 17. House-breaking and larceny. (\$35.00 worth of goods from store of Fred Adams on January 30, 1930). Each entered a plea of guilty.

Wednesday, March 16th.
M. G. Futrell and W. H. Lyon, Receiver of Debnam Futrell Co., vs. J. W. Short and Claude Hill. Case ordered placed on Civil docket, where it would have appeared, had it been set at the proper time. Execution based on judgment of Recorder's Court is recalled. Plaintiffs except to foregoing order.

Jurors Selected For the Williams Case

State Against Mrs. Ivey H. Williams

Pursuant to an order of the court, Sheriff R. H. Richardson of Johnston County, summoned the following men to serve as the Special Venire to appear in court to be held in Smithfield on Wednesday, March 16, to-wit:

Banner Township—W. T. Bailey, A. J. Wheeler, Jesse Barbour, J. D. Byrd, L. O. Creech.
Bentonville Township—O. B. Langston, Leon Westbrook, R. K. Britt, Alfred Johnson, A. M. Rose.
Boon Hill Township—N. C. Holt, Dock Woodard, M. R. Massey, Joe Creech, Andrew Brewer, J. B. Gardner, J. R. Howell, C. R. Gurley, W. Howard Oliver, W. H. Edwards.
Ingrams Township—John G. Johnson, Audrey Johnson.

Meadow Township—Carlyle Eldridge, G. O. Johnson, J. Lib Lee, D. J. Wood.

Pleasant Grove Township—L. D. Adams, J. L. Ogburn, G. Willie Lee.

Smithfield Township—J. Raeford Creech, J. F. Dail, A. J. Hall, Isham Holland.

Wilson's Mills Township—E. E. Stretcher, Ira Whitley.

Elevation Township—Charlie Adams, J. B. Barbour, W. P. Creech, J. E. Godwin, Julian Godwin, Jesse T. Morgan.

Selma Township—W. T. Woodard, Wm. H. Creech.

Ingram Township—Junie Temple, C. J. Thomas, W. H. Massengill, C. S. Strickland, R. H. Allen, Joe Wood.

Williams Trial Is Somewhat Delayed

Smithfield, March 16.—It has been found necessary to delay the trial of Mrs. Ivey Hinton Williams on the charge of shooting Jesse J. Williams, her husband. It had been expected that the trial of this case would be gotten well under way in court here today. A special venire of 50 men had been summoned from which to select the jury, and the jury was completed this afternoon, but this trial was not started, owing to the fact that the trial of several Harnett County men on the charge of larceny of meat from Mr. Newitt Benson, which case had been called last Monday afternoon, was still going on, and was expected to consume at least half of the day tomorrow (Thursday).

Officers Destroy Still Outfit, Arrest Negro

Smithfield, March 15.—A complete distilling outfit was destroyed today about two miles west of Smithfield, in the swamps between Neuse river and Swift Creek, by officer Brad McLamb, who was assisted by Matthew Raynor and Oscar Johnson, of the Benson section.

A negro named Henry Williams was found at work at the still, and was arrested. He was taken before U. S. Commissioner I. W. Massey, of Selma, and bound over to the Federal Court. The plant was said to have been fenced in with logs, and a stove had been set up to warm the beer during the recent cold weather, and to make it comfortable for those who did the work, as well as the patrons.

A CARD OF THANKS.
It is with deepest gratitude that we express our thanks for your very kind and thoughtful attentions at the time of our bereavement.
—Mrs. Joe Howell and Family.

Eastern Cotton Oil Co., vs. Mrs. W. P. Whitted (formerly Mrs. C. A. Bundy). Judgment declaring void the allotment of homestead exemptions involved herein and taxing the plaintiff with cost.

Eastern Cotton Oil Co., vs. Dr. F. G. Gower and Miss Norma Gower. Judgment dismissing exceptions to homestead exemption, finding that the allotment was duly made and confirming same. Directs that homestead returns and this judgment be recorded in office of Register of Deeds.

H. Bradley Pearce Is Selma's New Chief

The action of the Board of Commissioners of the town of Selma in appointing H. Bradley Pearce as Chief-of-Police to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Chief J. H. Howell a few days ago, apparently has met with the hearty approval of the entire town. If there have been any dissenting voices they have been mere whispers or else our ears are slow in reception of the public trend of affairs.

Mr. Pearce is a Selma man who is known and respected by his fellow townsmen of every calling; and that he will fill well the post to which he has been called to the very best of his ability goes without question. It remains largely for the people of Selma through their support and cooperation to make, not only a great success of Chief Pearce's career while in office, but every other official of the town. United we stand; divided we fall. So long as the proper cooperation is given to the officials of the town just so long will these officials be able to function as they should.

THE SELMA PRESBYTERIAN.

Services Next Sunday.

1.—Fairview Sunday morning at 10:30. Sunday School at 9:30. Invite your friends to come along with you.

2.—Oak Grove Sunday afternoon at 3:15. Sunday School at 2:30. Everybody invited.

3.—Selma Sunday evening at 7:30. Sunday School at 10:00 A. M., and Junior Church at 6:30. Everybody welcome. If you do not attend any special church regularly, we will be glad for you to make our church your church home.

Presbytery to Meet at Roanoke Rapids.

Presbytery will hold its spring session in the Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian Church, April 12, 1932. The opening hour will be 11 A. M. Let us see if we cannot have at least one elder from each church there.

Every Member Canvas Sunday.

Few of us probably realize the vast importance of the E. M. C. The work of the Kingdom is going to be carried on just in proportion to our willingness to sacrifice this year. Our church needs us. It needs every one of us. Lifting those statements to their true ideal let me say: our Savior needs us, every-one of us. His work in the world is going to be done. If we don't do our share, the privilege will be passed on to another. But we are going to rally to our colors 100 per cent strong.

A Good Motto.

"We are all at it, and at it always." Given by John Wesley as the secret of the success of the Methodist Church.

SCHOOL NEWS

Freshmen Literary Society

March 11, 1932.
A mock court was held during the meeting of the Freshmen Literary Society. Parts taken were as follows:
The defendant.....R. C. Mizingo
Judge.....Helene Price
Defendant's Attorney—Sam Crocker
Witnesses—For defendant..... Albert Batten, James Jones, Cassie Abdalla
Witnesses against defendant—Lucresy Murphy, Ruby Wilson, Hazel Lee Bryant.

Jury—Thelma Lynch, Eva Kennedy, Helen Jones, Irene Sullivan, Ethel Morris, Kathleen Crocker.
Verdict..... Guilty

Devotional.....Ethel Morris
Song—Helen Massey and Dorothy Diehl.

Poem.....Pauline Creech
Current Events—Ernest Woodard, Ruby Sasser.

Debate: Resolved, That the State Should Pay for the Books Used by the School Children.
Affirmative.....Negative
Irene Sullivan.....Hazel Thorne
Cecil Yarborough.....Helen Kirby

—Mary Willets

Debates

Resolved, That High School Students Should Be Allowed to Go Home For Lunch.
Affirmative.....Negative
Ida Bell Wall.....George Parrish
Edison Phillips.....Ruby Avery

The affirmative won the debate.
—Vick Branch

Man Has Body of His Wife Disinterred

Smithfield, March 14.—A crowd of people gathered in Oakland cemetery here today and gratified their curiosity by watching the disinterment of a body. For several weeks rumors had been circulated to the effect that J. L. Woody intended to take up the body of his wife who died about six months ago, and have it examined in order to determine whether or not the body had been dissected.

This morning the grave was opened, and the body, which had been embalmed, was examined by Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, and was found to be without any unusual marks or any indications of tampering. The body was said to have been remarkably well preserved.

School News.

Junior News.

The following literary program was presented by group number two Friday, March 11:
Devotional.....Pearl Batten
Poem.....Daisy Adams
Debate: Resolved, That Intercollegiate Football Should Be Abolished.
Affirmative.....Negative
Harold Smith.....Joseph Brown
Pauline Barbour.....Ruby Creech

The decision was in favor of the affirmative.
"Our Schools Today".....Walter Jones
"World's Largest Airship".....Fred Creech.
"Life of Oliver Goldsmith".....Ruby Phillips.

Current Events.....Lillian Corbett

The Junior Class was divided up in two groups with Pansy Jones and Harold Smith as chairmen of the two groups to sell tickets for the Senior Play.

Sophomore Literary Society, Mar. 11

Poem.....Lucille Crocker
Short Story.....Annie Laurie Hare
James R. Lowell.....Dorothy Roberts
Story.....H. J. Cuthrell

Current Events.....Hazel Lane
Book Report.....Naomi Creech
Recitation.....Mildred Lane
Debate: Resolved, That English Grammar is More Beneficial Than Literature and Life.
Affirmative.....Negative
Thanie Stallings.....Chris Hugo
Roland Fields.....Wilbert Parrish

The affirmative was victorious.

SNOW

On March 9th in Selma town. Just lots of snow was falling down; On all the hedges, poles and wires, On all the housetops, trees and spires.

How it's starting falling fast, Like hundreds of feathers flying past. It started in the dreary night, Covering everything with white.

When summer-time comes, don't you know, That nothing is quite as pretty as snow. Keep on, snow, covering everything, Till come the merry days of spring.
—Bennett Creech, 5-A.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our baby.
MR. & MRS. J. H. PRILEY.

Moved To Selma

Mr. E. Grant and family from the Thanksgiving section has moved into the home recently occupied by J. T. Creech on green street. We welcome these people to our town.

Was Looking For the Law.

When Chief-of-Police Bradley Pearce approached Henry Blake, colored, with a paper in his hands, Saturday, Henry exclaimed, "I know what you've got—you don't have to take me, chief, I'll go." The chief had a warrant for Henry for a little scrap he had had during the day. The chief told him to go on to the Mayor's office and straighten it up with His Honor. When the chief got to the Mayor's office Henry was there waiting for the Mayor. The warrant was not read to Henry by the chief and he was not embarrassed by being taken to police headquarters by the chief. Henry

\$2,500,000 Available To Carolina Farmers

Growers Agricultural Credit Corporation Begins Loans This Week.

Raleigh, March 15.—Approximately \$2,500,000 will be available to North Carolina farmers as crop production loans this season through the Growers Agricultural Credit Corporation, according to J. F. Diggs, general manager. Granting of loans began this week.

The nine-month loans, the maximum of which will be \$20,000 to any one farmer, will be secured by first liens on cotton, tobacco or peanuts or by chattel mortgage on cattle. When deemed expedient other security may be required, Mr. Diggs said.

Mr. Diggs is now busy setting up credit groups in various counties in the State. All applications for loans should first be submitted to and approved by the county group after which they will be sent to Raleigh for final approval. Would-be-borrowers who do not know the secretary or members of their county group, are urged by Mr. Diggs to write him at Raleigh and he will forward the names.

The corporation, now in its second year of service, will discount its paper through the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank at Columbia, S. C., and in this way it is hoped to make available around \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000 to State farmers.

Prison Population Continues To Rise

There were 18,127 persons in charitable, correctional and penal institutions of the State of North Carolina on January 31, R. Eugene Brown, director of the division of institutions of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, reported yesterday.

There were 7,390 State prisoners and 1,266 prisoners in county jails and prisons.

State Highway prison camps had 4,453 inmates and there were 2,896 persons in State's Prison. Forty-one county jails had 987 prisoners and 18 county prisons had 279, 41 women were at the State's farm colony.

The report revealed that 2,300 white hospitals for the insane on January 31 and there were 2,142 white men. There were 825 Negro men and 1,011 Negro women in the hospitals.

Though the women inmates were ahead in the hospitals, male prisoners outnumbered female by 7,000. There were 2,989 white men and 4,245 Negro men in State-supported prisons compared to 81 white women and 75 Negro women.

The population of the various institutions increased from 17,888 on January 1 to 18,127 on January 31.

Mrs. Lucinda C. Johnson Passes

Smithfield, March 14.—News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Lucinda C. Johnson, of near Wilson's Mills, widow of the late Eli Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, who was 77 years of age, died at her home last Friday night, after suffering with pneumonia for a week.

The funeral was held from the home at 3 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, the service having been conducted by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, of Smithfield, who was assisted by Rev. H. N. Massey, pastor of the Smithfield Baptist Church.

Interment was made in the new Wilson's Mills cemetery.

The deceased is survived by three sons, three daughters, and twelve grandchildren. Her husband had died in 1929. The funeral was largely attended and there were many beautiful flowers in offering from her many friends and relatives.

Mr. Lowry Ill This Week.

His many friends here and elsewhere will be sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. H. H. Lowry of the Johnstonian-Sun. Mr. Lowry was taken very ill Tuesday night with an attack of acute indigestion and has not yet recovered sufficiently to resume his duties at the office, but is hoping to be on the job again in the near future.

is a hard-working darkey and respected by both races.

Heavy Cut In Cotton Acreage Not Likely

Blalock Finds "Little Encouragement" at Meeting of A. C. C. A. Directors.

Raleigh, March 15.—U. Benton Blalock, president of the American Cotton Cooperative Association, said today he found at the recent meeting of his directors in New Orleans "little encouragement" for any heavy cut in cotton acreage this year.

The average opinion of those present, representing the various cotton producing states, he said was that cotton acreage probably will be reduced five or ten per cent.

"The largest distributor of improved planting seed in Texas estimated there would be no cut there", Mr. Blalock added. "Others were of the opinion there would be a small reduction."

Mr. Blalock, who is also general manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, advised State farmers to place their fertilizer on fewer acres, plant better seed, cultivate well, and produce the quality of cotton which North Carolina mills demand.

Reasoning that the yield this year will not likely be as abnormally high as it was last season, Mr. Blalock said curtailment in the use of fertilizer, weather conditions, and the ever possibility of boll weevil damage are factors to be reckoned with.

But even with the expectation of adverse weather condition he said there is nothing on the horizon at the present to indicate prices for this year's crop will be materially higher than they were last year.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Melvin Holmes of Benson who underwent an operation for appendicitis Feb. 22, has been discharged from the hospital much improved.

Mrs. Leamon Jones of Smithfield, was admitted Feb. 22 and underwent a major operation. She left the hospital March 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Carroll of Wendell, a son on Feb. 23. Mother and child returned home March 4.

Miss Mabel Stanley of Four Oaks, having recovered from an operation, returned to her home March 5.

Mr. Allen Wheeler of Benson who underwent an operation for appendicitis the 27, returned to his home yesterday.

Mrs. Martha Corbett of Clayton returned to her home to-day following treatment at the hospital.

Miss Genevieve Hardee of Princeton, who underwent a minor operation on the 3, returned to her home the 8.

Mr. Frank Johnson of Smithfield returned to his home Monday afternoon after undergoing a minor operation upon his leg.

Mrs. D. L. Creech of Smithfield route 2 who was admitted the 7 for treatment will be able to return home in a few days.

Mrs. G. M. Wilkins of Smithfield was admitted the 7 and underwent a major operation the same day. She is improving nicely.

Mrs. H. A. Peterson of Smithfield underwent a minor operation the 7 and returned to her home Monday.

George Ferrell, colored, of Smithfield had a catarrh removed from his eye yesterday. His condition is very satisfactory.

Mr. C. B. Lee of Benson was admitted Monday for treatment and returned to his home today.

Mr. Ashley Blackman Is Claimed by Death

Smithfield, March 15.—News was received here today of the death of Ashley Blackman, aged about 70 years, who passed away at his home near Blackman's Cross Roads, in Ingrams Township this morning about 7 o'clock, after several weeks' illness with heart disease. The funeral arrangements are not known here at this time.

The deceased leaves his wife by his second marriage, and one son, Carson Blackman, of Ingrams township.

He was a well-known farmer and a good citizen. For years he had been a consistent member of the Primitive Baptist Church.