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FRANKLIN SUPR COURT

CONVENED ON MONDAY MORN- ING AT 10 O'CLOCK

Judge Geo. W. Ward and Solicitor R. G. Ailsbrook Arrived Sunday—Criminal Cases Only.

The April term of Franklin Superior Court convened in the Court house here Monday morning April 24th, it being the second week of Court, with Hon. Geo. W. Ward, Judge Presiding. On account of the illness of Judge Ward no court was held the first week, and his many friends here were glad to see him so much improved.

Promptly at 10 o'clock court was called to order and after the selection of the Grand Jury the Judge delivered one of his usually strong charges, although on account of weakness it was somewhat shorter than usual. Hon. R. G. Ailsbrook, Solicitor of this district, was present and conducted the prosecution for the State in a most worthy manner. Both he and Judge Ward have made many friends here who are always glad to see them return.

The Grand Jury was composed of the following gentlemen: T. J. Harris, Foreman, A. S. Gupton, Rufin Griffin, W. H. Yarbrough, M. C. Gupton, A. T. Beddingfield, W. H. Tharrington, W. D. Bowden, John W. Hill, J. W. Gardner, J. W. Evans, J. A. Pippin, S. W. Fuller, J. W. Davis, Halsey Perry, Lewis Boone, col., G. R. Underhill, J. S. Nelms. S. J. Alford was sworn as officer to Grand Jury.

After the preliminary arrangements had been attended to the State docket was taken up and disposed of as follows:

State vs Buck Gill, c c w, nol pros with leave.

State vs Ernest Rhodes, assault, nol prossed.

State vs Charlie Mitchell, a d w nol pros with leave.

State vs Arthur Stegall cruelty to animals, nol pros with leave.

State vs Major Ford cruelty to animals nol pros with leave.

State vs Roger Macon, seduction, nol pros.

State vs Ben Harris, l and r capias to Nash and Franklin.

State vs Ernest Rhodes abandonment, guilty, judgment 4 months on roads.

State vs Jim Spitey, disposing of mortgaged property, not guilty.

State vs Otis Kearney, rocking train, guilty, judgment four months on roads.

State vs W. T. Hutson, false pretense, nol pros.

State vs Otis Kearney, c c w, defendant waives bill and pleads guilty, judgment suspended.

State vs Dave Bowden, c c w, guilty.

State vs Dave Bowden, Dottie Jackson and William Bridgers, affray, guilty as to Dottie Jackson, not guilty as to Dave Bowden. Bridgers was not brought into trial.

State vs Dottie Jackson, c c w, guilty.

State vs Dottie Jackson, Dave Bowden and William Bridgers, a d w guilty as to Jackson and Bowden, capias and continued. Judgment for the above three cases was that Dave Bowden and Dottie Jackson pay one half costs each.

State vs Oscar Hagwood, bastardy guilty judgment that Hagwood pay plaintiff \$50 and to pay all costs in case.

State vs Lonnie Perry, l and r, pleads guilty, six months on roads.

State vs Geo. S. Hale, disposing of crops, guilty judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs Lonnie Evans, false pretense and perjury, nol pros with leave.

State vs Matthew E. Perry, seduction, guilty, twelve months in penitentiary.

State vs T. L. Harris, false pre-

tense, nol pros with leave.

State vs Tom Massenburt c c w, guilty, fined \$15 and costs.

State vs Robert Day, assault, pleaded guilty to simple assault, judgment fined \$50 to be paid to mother of the child and to pay all costs.

State vs J. W. Pulley, murder, defendant pleads guilty of murder in the second degree, judgment 20 years in the penitentiary.

No civil docket cases were taken up, and only a few motions were entertained.

The court adjourned on Wednesday afternoon, after having finished the State docket.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

After completing their work on Wednesday afternoon the Grand Jury presented the following report to the Judge which was received, and were discharged with the thanks of the Court.

TO THE HONORABLE GEO. W. WARD, JUDGE PRESIDING.

We the Grand Jury for April term of Franklin Superior Court, beg leave to submit our report as follows:

That we have duly considered and reported upon all bills and information furnished us by the Solicitor or others.

That we have visited and examined the County Home for the Aged and Infirm and find the same well kept, the inmates well cared for and the farm in good condition. We find the county jail in as good condition as could be expected and the inmates are well fed and the premises clean.

That the office of the Clerk of this Court is in good shape so far as we could observe, the books well kept and the reports of the County officers likewise to the other County offices.

The Grand Jury recommends that needed repairs be made to the Court House and that the building be painted.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. J. HARRIS,

Foreman.

Improvements at the Methodist Church.

The Ladies of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church have just had completed the concrete walkway and steps leading to the church, and have recarpeted it. The concrete work was done by Mr. W. J. Grantham, of Raleigh, and a crushed grey stone was used making a very pretty walk. The ladies expect to have granite steps built to the church in the near future and when this is completed it will make quite a big difference in the appearance of the church and lawn. The ladies deserve much credit for their uniring efforts in this behalf and we are glad to see their works crowned with success.

Mr. Ruffin Griffin Dead.

At his home in Gold Mine township Mr. Ruffin Griffin, an uncle of our popular County Treasurer, died suddenly on Thursday morning about 2:30 o'clock. The report says he got up about two o'clock and went out of the house and was gone so long that his wife sent one of his sons to look for him. He found his father in the orchard near the house dead. Mr. Griffin was a successful farmer and was 72 years old. He leaves a wife five children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. The funeral will be held from his home this afternoon and the interment made in the family-burying ground.

Mr. Griffin was apparently in the best of health, having left Louisburg after five o'clock Wednesday afternoon after serving on the grand jury since Monday and had given no signs of ill health.

The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

OIL MILL CATCHES FIRE

CONTENTS OF LINT ROOM PRACTICALLY DESTROYED.

Alarm Turned in About 3:35 Tuesday Afternoon—Damage About \$4,000—Excellent Work of Fire Companies.

Great excitement was in evidence on our streets about 3:35 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when the fire alarm was turned in from the Oil Mill. It was soon learned that the trouble was in the lint room and by the time the fire companies could reach the building which is about one thousand yards from the business part of town, the entire room was a solid flame and looked as if the entire building was doomed. However the companies pitched into their task with the determination that "it must fall in to convince us and after a few minutes hard and heroic work they begin to gain control of the fire which was soon afterwards put out. Although the exact cause of the fire is unknown it is supposed that a match or something that would cause fire was in the seed that were passing through some of the machinery and as the flames spread so fast it was impossible to do any good with the private water hose. Fortunately in leaving the room some one closed the door that lead to the other parts of the mill which no doubt, assisted the fire department in confining the blaze to this one room. Practically everything in this room was ruined and it is estimated that the loss is something about \$4,000, and is only partially insured.

In this instance especially the members of the fire department are entitled to much credit, having made this run and put water on the building in less than four minutes, and for having conquered a fire which was at first conceded to be beyond their control. Louisburg's fire fighters are men of courage and we feel safe in saying their efforts are more than appreciated by our people.

The Mad Dog.

Quite a little excitement was created on our streets Wednesday afternoon by the report that a mad dog was running at large in the town. A number of our citizens procured guns and made chase but from what we can learn no signs of the dog was found and the chase was abandoned.

Fires.

Aside from the fire at the Oil Mill on Tuesday afternoon two other fire alarms were turned in this week. The first one was on last Friday afternoon, which, although it was answered immediately by our fire department, was soon learned was only a burning fence and was outside of town, entirely too far to reach it with the hose.

The other alarm was turned in on Wednesday night and it was thought that the store of F. S. Garrett on Nash street was on fire, but upon investigation it was found that the trouble was nothing serious. It seems that someone was building a fire in a stove and the smoke and fire from the flue appeared as if the house was on fire. The fire companies reported almost instantly upon the alarm but did not turn on the water as the information was gotten upon their arrival at the store.

In every case our department deserves credit and the congratulations of our people for their quick and effective action, which has resulted so far in the saving of so much property.

The New York Tribune will be terribly disappointed if the Democrats don't soon make a blunder!

BUNN COMMENCEMENT

HON. JOSEPHUS DANIELS DELIVERS ADDRESS.

The Exercises Were Unusually Good and the Children Did Well—Large Crowds from Adjoining Communities Present.

Under weather conditions that were almost ideal the commencement exercises of Bunn High School were held on Thursday and Friday of last week. As usual a large crowd was present, and quite a number of visitors from the neighboring towns of Louisburg, Spring Hope and Wakefield were on hand.

The largest attendance was on Friday morning, the occasion of the address of Mr. Josephus Daniels. This marked the first visit of Mr. Daniels to this section of Franklin county and his coming attracted considerable attention. Supt. R. B. White introduced the speaker in a strong five minute talk. The speech of Mr. Daniels was characteristic of the man—simple, straightforward and full of practical suggestions and abounding in common sense. His theme was the "need of co-operative spirit," and his text was taken from Uncle Remus. He contrasted individualism and co-operation and showed that true progress is achieved only through the blending together of common efforts fostered by the real community spirit. Sinking the selfish interest for the common good is a necessary prerequisite of the permanent upbuilding of any section. Mr. Daniels style of delivery is very forceful though simple and he has the happy faculty of clothing his thoughts in language that is at once plain and attractive. Much favorable comment was heard concerning this strong address.

The exercises on Thursday night were given by the pupils of the primary and intermediate departments. The program was as follows:

Chorus—Over the Meadows Fearis.

Recitation—A naughty Child's View of Life, Meta Horton.

Flag Drill—Sixteen Children.

Instrumental Duet—Joyeux Retour. Ringuet. Irene Mullen and Zelma Holland.

Play—The Village Postoffice. Pupils of Intermediate Department.

Instrumental Duet—Snow Bells. Behr. Nauweta and Lanie Horton.

A Sleepy Drill—Ten Girls. Pupils of Primary Department.

In addition to the address Friday morning there were quite a number of interesting features. A significant part of the program was the reading of papers by the Secretary and the President of the Woman's Betterment Association. That of the Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Weathers, showed what has actually been accomplished during the brief but active existence of the local betterment association. The record is one to be proud of and the paper was greeted with much applause. The President, Miss Tuna White, in her paper sketched the history of Betterment work in North Carolina and showed some of the plans and possibilities of the work both State and local for the coming years. The Bunn Betterment Association has had a large part in whatever progress the school has made in the past year.

The presentation of a certificate of graduation to Miss Carrie Wright was an interesting part of the morning exercises. This is the first certificate presented by the school and marks a turning point in its history as a State Public High School. An essay entitled "The Rural Public High School" was read by Miss Wright as a part of the morning program.

"A Rank Deception," a cleverly executed comedy was given by pupils of the High School Friday night, a large crowd was present

and quite a neat sum was realized for the benefit of the school library. The cast of characters was as follows:

CHARACTERS.

Mrs. Francis Charmington—Miss Lincie Mullen—An attractive widow, owner of the Charmington Notion Factory.

Madelina Dering—Miss Mary Sykes—Her niece, who conducts all love affairs upon a patriotic basis.

Dora Vandever—Miss Oma White—A damsel yearning for a mission.

Eginald De Bluster—Paul Cone A millionaire, in love with Madelina.

George Washington Wheelshaft—Dook Winstead—A real, up-to-date hero, also in love with Madelina.

Frederick—Clarence Pyle—Mrs. Charmington's son, in love with Dora.

Scene throughout—Drawing room of Mrs. Charmington's house.

Four months are supposed to elapse between the first and second acts.

The school has had a very successful year. The enrollment reached 125, the High School Department having 29. This is considerably larger than any previous year and brings forcibly to mind the need of an adequate building. The teachers for the past term were: Principal, J. M. Broughton, Jr.; Intermediate, Miss Virginia Mills; Primary, Miss Tazzie Cheatham; Music, Miss Kitty Baucom.

The Senate and Tariff Reform.

When the Senate Finance Committee gets to work, and it is very slow about commencing, what will the standpat majority do with the tariff reform bills which the house passes? If the standpat majority vote their real sentiments they will undoubtedly report unfavorably on the Canadian reciprocity bill. But will they dare to do so in view of the fact that it is a Republican measure and the pet lamb of President Taft? We may, therefore, expect that the Finance Committee will report in favor of Canadian reciprocity.

But when the time comes to consider the "farmers' free-trade bill" the standpatters will surely balk and report unfavorably. And when the House sends over the revised wool and woolen schedule—the citadel of protection—and the cotton schedule which protects the rich beneficiaries of the tariff in New England and Pennsylvania, the Republican majority of the Finance Committee will certainly repress such un-republican legislation, or report unfavorably.

To get such tariff bills considered will require that the insurgent Republican Senators and the Democrats will act together, and there may be unlooked for divisions that will keep them apart. In such a case the whole matter of tariff reform, other than reciprocity, will go over until the regular session next December.

U. D. C.

The regular monthly meeting of the U. D. C., will be held at the Masonic ball on Wednesday afternoon, May 3rd, at 4 o'clock. As this is an important meeting all members are requested to be present.

Mrs. J. P. WINSTON, Pres.
Mrs. W. E. UZZELL, Sec'y.

—A beautiful girl is likely to believe she was made to be looked at; and so she sets herself up for a show at every window, in every door, on every corner of the street, in every company at which opportunity offers for an exhibition of herself. And believing and acting thus she soon becomes good for nothing else, and when she comes to be a middle-aged woman she is that weakest and most sickening of human things—a faded beauty.

THE MOVING PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week—Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

J. R. Lewis, of Littleton, was in town yesterday.

Miss Janie Shotwell, of Stovall, is visiting at C. H. Clay's.

Aaron Deitz returned Wednesday from a visit to Baltimore.

Miss Leah Perry, of Henderson, is visiting at Mr. W. M. Person's.

G. A. Strickland, of Raleigh, was a visitor to our town yesterday.

Mrs. J. T. Wilson, of Cleveland, Ohio is visiting at Mr. R. G. Allen's.

Robert L. Bernhardt, of Salisbury, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Attorney-General T. W. Bickett spent several days the past week at home.

F. S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, was in attendance at court here this week.

Edward Alston, of Warren county, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. H. Pleasants.

Mrs. Cora Phelps, of Henderson, is visiting relatives in and near Louisburg.

Mrs. Loyd D. Liles and little daughter of Charlotte, is visiting her people here.

Miss Margie Stewart and brother, William, of Manson, are visiting at J. W. Mustian's.

K. A. Pittman, who has been attending Dell High School at Delway, returned home Monday.

W. F. Beasley, J. M. Allen, B. G. Hicks, F. W. Hicks, R. F. Fuller went to Richmond Tuesday.

Miss Nomie Aycock left Wednesday for Amityville, N. Y., where she will take a course as trained nurse.

Major J. B. Thomas, who has been in Kentucky for several months returned home Wednesday.

Misses Tazzie Cheatham and Virginia Mills, who have been teaching at Bunn, are visiting relatives in town.

W. D. Morris our clever hotel clerk at the Louisburg Hotel spent last Saturday and Sunday in Goldsboro visiting his wife.

Deputy Sheriffs S. C. Holden and J. R. Perry went to Raleigh yesterday to take J. W. Pulley and Matthew E. Perry to the States prison.

Expression Recital.

Miss Pauline Smith of the Expression class, of which Miss Roberta Dickens is the teacher, will give a recital in the chapel of the College Friday evening May 5, beginning at eight o'clock. She will be assisted by Misses Williams, Preston and Brinson. The public is cordially invited.

Oak Grove Items.

It appears like we are not going to have much spring weather before summer comes.

Mrs. Tommie Wright visited her mother, Mrs. L. L. Kearney, Sunday.

Master Dewey Wright spent Saturday night with his uncle, R. H. Kearney.

A Sunday school at Mt Olive was organized Sunday. Let's everybody go out and have a nice school.

Joe Conyers and family spent Saturday in Franklinton.

S. G. Kearney and family visited Durham Thursday and Friday and returned home Saturday.

Nefayette Harper and family spent Sunday with his brother, Dalton Harper.

Mrs. L. L. Kearney visited Miss Laura and Dora Sandling the past week.

With best wishes to the Times.
I. O. K.