

Franklin Superior Court.

The October Term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases came to a close Saturday afternoon. Quite a pleasant ending ensued and Solicitor Norris was made to feel his welcome here. The business transacted since our last report follows:

In the case of State vs. Weldon Horton, a sentence of two years in the State prison was imposed and the defendant took appeal to Supreme Court. State vs. H. P. Leonard, c. c. w., pleads guilty, fined \$10 and cost.

State vs. William Harris and Cornelia Harris, retailing, guilty, fined \$29 and cost.

State vs. W. A. Medlin, not pros. State vs. Daisy Ruffin, retailing, guilty, fined \$25 and cost.

State vs. Joe Young, c. c. w., pleads guilty, fined \$25 and cost.

State vs. John Horton, a d. w., guilty, 4 months on road.

State vs. Ben Horton, cruelty to animals, called and failed.

State vs. Wiley Sims, disposing of mortgaged property, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs. Ernest Kearney and Furman Bailey, Continued.

State vs. Joe Freeman, trespass, not guilty.

State vs. Arthur Ruffin, retailing, guilty, 18 months on road.

State vs. Nancy Massenburg, larceny, not guilty.

State vs. Nancy Massenburg and Logan Bryan, not pros.

State vs. Alice Bell and Lucy Denton, assault, guilty, fined \$5 each and cost.

State vs. Baidy Williams and Moses Williams, called and failed.

State Robert Neal, disposing of mortgaged property, not guilty.

State vs. Daniel Harris and Eugene Davis, continued.

The Board Commissioners of Franklin County was ordered to have another commode placed in the rear of the court room.

State vs. Ed Gill, was fined \$50 and costs, and judgment was suspended in all other cases against him upon the payment of cost.

State vs. Tommie Tharrington, c. c. w., a verdict of not guilty was ordered.

State vs. Willie Faylor, c. c. w., guilty, fined \$20 and cost.

State vs. C. H. Pearce, not pros.

State vs. Charlie Harris, called and failed.

State vs. Williams Bridges, c. c. w., judgment changed to a fine of \$25 and cost.

State vs. Eddie Strickland, called and failed.

State vs. Fannie Brown, continued.

State vs. Rob Yarborough, continued.

State vs. Mary Terrell, called and failed.

State vs. Cornelius Whitley, called and failed.

State vs. Charlie Priyett, not pros.

This being only a one week term of court adjournment was held Saturday afternoon.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

The following is the report of the Grand Jury for this term which was presented to the court on Thursday afternoon of last week:

To Honorable C. M. Cooke, Judge presiding and holding the Oct. Term 1918, of Franklin Superior Court:

We the Grand Jury for said Term beg leave to make the following report, for the said Term:

We have passed on all bills which have come to our knowledge, and have investigated all matters which have been brought before us.

We have visited the County Jail in a body and find the same in good sanitary condition, the prisoners after being asked, said that they were all pleased with their treatment.

We have visited the Convict-Camp in which convicts are kept who are working on the roads of Louisburg Township, and find the same in good sanitary condition, and upon inquiry find the prisoners well satisfied.

We have visited and carefully inspected the Offices of all County officials and find same properly kept, and so far as we could ascertain, all documents properly indexed, and of easy access to the public.

We have visited the County Home and find the same in excellent condition the premises neat and clean, inmates well cared for and satisfied with their surroundings. We also find the Stock in good condition.

We recommend that some of the old books now in bad condition in the Clerk's Office be rebound. We further recommend that the inmates of the jail be furnished with more quilts for covering also a mattress be put in the cell for white prisoners.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. WATSON, Foreman.
SOLICITOR NORRIS REPORT.

The following is a report of Solicitor

H. E. Norris upon the clerk's office.

North Carolina, Superior Court, Franklin County, Oct. Term, 1918. To the Hon. C. M. Cooke, Judge presiding.

The undersigned Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial District respectfully reports to the Court that he has examined at this term of said Court into the condition of the office of J. J. Barrow, the Clerk of Superior Court of said County, that he finds said office well administered in all respects, that said clerk keeps in his office all the books required by law, properly indexed for speedy and convenient reference, in so far as I have had opportunity to examine.

He further reports to the Court that, so far as he can ascertain the accounts of the said Clerk, both as Clerk of this Court, and as receiver, are regular and correct, in so far as I have had opportunity to examine.

Respectfully submitted
H. E. NORRIS, Solicitor Sixth Judicial District.

A Proclamation.

The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County has issued the following proclamation to the citizen of the County:

Pursuant to the proclamation issued by his excellency, Governor Locke Craig who has designated Wednesday and Thursday, November 5th and 6th, 1918, as good Roads Days in North Carolina, thus affording opportunity for every able-bodied man to render service to his community in the improvement of the public roads, the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County do hereby declare their approval of the suggestions made by Governor Craig, and take this method of appealing to every loyal citizen of Franklin County to go out on the days above stated and join hands with their neighbors and friends in giving these days to the improvement of the public roads of Franklin County. We urge that thorough organization be perfected in each township and community to the end that no public road within Franklin County will escape the attention of the citizens who in this public-spirited way desire to render incalculable and loving service to their county and State.

The Board earnestly requests the Board of Road Supervisors and the overseers to unite in this work to the end that the most good can be accomplished. Let no man fail to grasp this opportunity to strike a blow for progress in Franklin County, and let no man feel that in rendering the service to his community and civic betterment, that he in any manner compromises his social or business standing, but rather only the more demonstrates his loyalty to his county and State.

Done by order of the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County,
T. S. COLLIE, Chairman.
J. B. YARBOROUGH, Clerk.

Big Land Sale at Bunn.

Mr. T. A. Vick, representing the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., was in town Saturday to place an advertisement, as will be found on another page, for a big sale of small farms to take place on Monday, October 27th, 1918, around Bunn, N. C. This property is well located and is one of the most prosperous sections in the county and will no doubt prove a splendid investment both to home seekers and investors. Mr. Vick's management of such sales is very clever and you may rest assured of having a good time if you visit the sale, even though you fail to buy, as a big barbecue dinner will be served free and a splendid band of music will be there.

Destroys Booze.

Constable R. W. Hudson, by order of the Court, destroyed 102 pints of booze on the court square last Saturday morning. This booze was seized under the search and seizure law and was never claimed. The breaking up of the bottles created much amusement for many.

Cotton.

During the past week the price of cotton has taken a move upward and was selling for 14 cents on the local market here yesterday.

The price of cotton seed remains the same—40 cents per bushel.

The Tobacco Market.

The prices on the local market took a step upward again this week and prices have been especially good. With breaks of 30,000 to 40,000, averaging above 36 cents per pound, is attracting the attention of lots of people. The sales have been good, but not overcrowded this week. Bring your tobacco to Louisburg for good prices and splendid attention.

RATE LAW.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA DO ENACT:

Section 1. That for the purposes of this act all articles, commodities and property, are classified as now provided and specified by law, or by order or orders of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, in numbered and lettered classes and as commodities, subject to change in classification in the manner which is now or which may be, provided by law.

Sec. 2. That from and after sixty days from the date of the ratification of this act, the following specified rates are declared to be reasonable maximum rates to be charged by railroad companies, as common carriers in the State of North Carolina, for transporting freight wholly within the State, subject to exceptions or increase, only in the manner provided in this act, or in the manner which may hereafter be allowed by law.

Said maximum rates herein established are on first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth classes, and on classes A, B, C, D, E, F, H, N, L, M, N, O, and P, and also on molasses in barrels, and on rough logs of forty thousand pounds per car, and on cotton in bales per one hundred pounds, and on fertilizers 'per ton.

The relation of the rates on all classes other than first class are as follows:

The rate on second-class freight shall be 81 per cent of the first-class rate; the rate on third-class freight shall be 68 per cent of the first-class; the rate on fourth-class freight shall be 52 per cent of the first class; the rate on fifth class freight shall be 44 per cent of the first class; the rate on sixth class freight shall be 35 per cent of the first class.

The rate on class A shall be 29 per cent of the first class; the rate on class B shall be 35 per cent of the first class; the rate on class C shall be 31 per cent of the first class; the rate on class D shall be 25 per cent of the first class; the rate on class E shall be 44 per cent of the first class; the rate on class H shall be 52 per cent of the first class; the rate on class K shall be 21 per cent of the first class; all calculations to be carried to the nearest half-cent; the rate on classes F, L, M, N, O, and P shall be as specified in the following table:

That the rates so fixed are for the number of miles indicated in the first column, and for the amount of charge indicated for the respective classes and commodities opposite the number of miles stated in the first column, and the rate so indicated for the respective classes are in cents per hundred pounds except where otherwise indicated by \$ at the head of the column or at the amount of the rate indicated.

The table of rates so fixed as hereinbefore provided and indicated in Exhibit "A".

Sec. 3. That when the exact distance which property is transported is not specified in the foregoing schedule, any common carrier subject to the provisions of this act may charge the rate specified in said schedule for the next greater distance above that indicated in the said schedule.

Sec. 4. That no railroad company being engaged in the business of common carrier of property within the State of North Carolina shall charge, take or receive any sum for carrying property entirely within the State of North Carolina, between initial and terminal points which are within the State, greater than the amount specified in this act for the respective distances, mentioned in said schedule, except in the manner and to the extent and on the conditions mentioned in this act.

Sec. 5. That the North Carolina Corporation Commission, or such other commission or body which may be established by the laws of the State of North Carolina, and upon which the power and jurisdiction to deal with and make freight rates, to be charged by common carriers in the State of North Carolina, may be conferred by law, may at any time that it may appear to its satisfaction that the maximum rates fixed by this act are unreasonable, fix by order of such commission or body such maximum rates, higher or lower than the maximum rates specified and fixed by this act, on the line or lines of any railroad company within the State of North Carolina, which does not own, operate, control or maintain as much as seventy-five miles of railroad, and such Corporation Commission or other commission or body so having jurisdiction and power conferred on it by the General Assembly of North Carolina to fix rates, may as to any railroad company which does own, maintain, control or operate as much as seventy-five miles of railroad fix maximum rates higher or lower than the maximum rates specified in this act, after a period of six months from the time the rates so specified are put into effect by such railroad company, provided in either of such cases it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of such commission

or body that the rates so fixed by this act are unreasonable and unjust.

Sec. 6. That the North Carolina Corporation Commission or such other commission or body upon which jurisdiction and power may be conferred to fix rates for the transportation of property, to be charged by railroads doing business in North Carolina, may and upon request of any person directly interested in such change shall under rules and regulations fixed by law or prescribed and established by such commission, hear evidence as to the reasonableness of the maximum rates fixed by law, or by such commission or body, and establish such rates, in the manner prescribed and allowed by law, as may in the judgment of said commission be just, subject to the limitations fixed by this act, and from such an order of such commission any shipper or railroad company directly affected by such order may, under rules and regulations prescribed by law, or under reasonable rules and regulations prescribed by such commission, appeal to the Superior Courts of North Carolina: Provided, that pending the appeal of any railroad company from an order of such commission fixing maximum rates, there shall be no suspension of such order of such commission.

Sec. 7. That whenever any commodity or particular kind of property is at the time of the ratification of this act, allowed to be shipped at a rate to be charged by any railroad company, which rate is lower than the maximum rate specified in this act for the shipment of such article, or for the class in which such article is assigned, by lawful classification at the time of the ratification of this act, or when such article is not assigned to any class, such rate so charged for the shipment of such commodity or property shall be the maximum rate which shall lawfully be charged unless the same be raised in the manner and under the circumstances contemplated, provided for and allowed by the provisions of this act for an increase in the maximum rate fixed by this act.

Sec. 8. That any railroad company which charges or which may charge less than the maximum rate fixed by this act for the transportation of property between two points in North Carolina where the entire haul is within the State such railroad company shall not charge any greater rate for transporting a like kind and quantity of property a shorter distance than is charged for transporting it a longer distance, where both hauls are in the same direction, and where the shorter haul is embraced and included in the longer haul.

Sec. 9. That where the shipment of freight is over the line or lines of two or more independently owned or independently controlled and operated railroad companies, and where such shipment originates and stops within the State of North Carolina, and where the entire haul is within the State of North Carolina, the maximum rates fixed under the provisions of this act or by order of such commission as herein provided shall be the maximum rates charged for such haul, except that in case of shipments of freight in less than car load lots, and in the event of shipment of any class of freights in car load lots, the North Carolina Corporation Commission, or such commission having conferred upon it power and jurisdiction to fix freight rates within North Carolina may upon the application of such company or companies fix as per the maximum amount for the transfer of such freight from the line of one company to that of another, the following charges:

On less than car load lots, not exceeding the following amounts where there exists or shall be established physical connections between such connecting lines.

On class 1, five cents per hundred weight; class 2, five cents per hundred weight; class 3, four cents per hundred weight; class 4, three cents per hundred weight; class 5, two and one-half cents per hundred weight; on class 6, two and one-half cents per hundred weight; on class A, two cents per hundred weight; on class B, two and one-half cents per hundred weight; on class C, two cents per hundred weight; on class D, two cents per hundred weight; on class E, two and one-half cents per hundred weight; on class F, four cents per barrel; on class H, three cents per hundred weight; on class K, one and one-half cents per hundred weight; on class L, ten cents per ton; on class M, ten cents per ton; on all car load shipments fifty cents per car. Provided, that in no event shall the difference of terminal or transfer charges be an amount sufficient to make the charge greater than the sum of local charges fixed by law or by the lawful order of such commission to and from such junction points.

Sec. 10. That when there are more than one railroad route between, given

points in North Carolina and freight is routed or directed by the shipper or consignee to be transported over a shorter route and it is in fact shipped by a longer route between such points the rate fixed by law, or by such commission for the shorter route shall be the maximum rate which may be charged, and it shall be unlawful to charge more for transporting such freight over the longer route than the lawful charge for the shorter route.

Sec. 11. That any railroad company in the State of North Carolina which shall charge a rate for transporting property wholly within the State of North Carolina, between terminals within the State, in excess of that fixed by law or by the lawful order of such commission or board, and which shall omit to refund the same within ten days after written notice and demand of the person or corporation overcharged, shall be liable to an action for double the amount of such overcharge, and to a penalty of \$10 per day for each day's delay after ten days from such notice, in case of shipments of less than car load lots, and to a penalty of \$20 per day in the event of shipments of car load lots.

Sec. 12. Any such railroad company so doing business in the State of North Carolina that shall knowingly charge a rate in excess of that fixed by law or by such board or commission, for shipment wholly within the State, shall be subject to a penalty and shall pay double the penalty above prescribed.

Sec. 13. That the penalties herein provided for shall be payable to the person or corporation who pays the freight or against whom the freight is charged, and such person or corporation may sue such railroad company and recover such penalty and the amount of such overcharge.

Provision by Senate, concurred in by the House, that upon complaint of the railroad, the Governor, if he found the complaint made in good faith, might appoint a special commission of three members who should have power to suspend the operation of the rates fixed by the bill until such commission could investigate the same and determine whether or not the same are reasonable.

China Display.

As is usual Mr. M. C. Pleasants has added much to the interest in Louisburg especially among the ladies, this week by his elegant opening display of his fine stock of fancy china and brass fancy pieces for the home. The display this season, if possible, excels those of the past and have created much favorable comment.

JAMES F. WATSON.

Funeral of Aged Veteran Sunday Afternoon—Interment at Portsmouth, Va.

The funeral of James Franklin Watson was held Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. G. Thomas, 513 Polk street. Mr. Watson died on Sunday morning at the Soldiers' Home hospital. He had served in Co. B, Fourth Virginia battalion. The service was conducted by Rev. J. H. McCracken, assisted by Rev. Hight C. Moore. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Thomas accompanied the remains to Portsmouth, Va., where they were interred today in the family lot.

Mr. Watson was a native of Portsmouth, Va., and had made Raleigh his home for the past few years. He was 78 years old.

The many floral designs were handsome and beautiful. He was a consistent member of Central Methodist church and a most faithful attendant until ill health rendered him unable. With an unflinching faith and perfect trust, death was only a release from feeble health to glory.

Mr. Watson is survived by an only daughter, Mrs. W. G. Thomas, and ten grand children, Mrs. R. E. Prince, Mrs. M. L. Shore, Mrs. George Greason, Misses Mammie and Helen Thomas and Messrs. W. G. Thomas, Jr., and John Thomas, of Raleigh, Misses Louise and Mertie Watson and J. R. Watson, of Huntington, W. Va. The following acted as pall bearers: Messrs. B. G. Cowper, J. G. Ball, W. T. Wrenn, C. H. Younger, A. E. Glenn and J. P. Wyatt.

Receives New Tank.

The Franklin Oil Co. has received its new tank and is installing it on the old foundry property. This is a large compartment tank equipped for the accommodation of oils and gasoline. They have also received their delivery wagon or tank wagon, and have put it into use. It is quite a nice and attractive vehicle.

Personals.

Dr. J. E. Malone visited Raleigh this week.

Mrs. John Neal, of Centreville, is visiting Mrs. T. F. Terrell in Raleigh.

Mrs. Spencer Plummer, of Richmond, is visiting at Attorney General Bickett.

Mr. W. H. Hill, who has been employed by the special legislature, returned home Friday.

Mrs. D. G. Pearce and daughter, Miss Beverly, spent the past week with relatives in Raleigh.

Miss Lillie Duke, of Durham, addressed the Missionary societies of the Methodist church on Monday.

Miss Lillian Clarke, of Henderson, spent Sunday in Louisburg guest of her brother, Mr. Jesse Clarke.

Mr. D. F. McKinnis is in St. Louis this week purchasing a lot of horses and mules for McKinnis Bros. Co.

Mrs. Ida V. Pearce and little granddaughter, Flora McLaurin, left Monday for Nashville to visit her sister, Mrs. T. A. Sills.

Messrs. E. W. Bullock and W. T. May, of Rocky Mount were among the many making their way to Raleigh by automobile to take in the fair.

Mr. T. A. Vick, of Greenville, of the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., was in Louisburg the past week making arrangements for a big land sale at Bunn.

The Cause.

We are informed by Supr. R. C. Beck that the cause of the shut down of the electric light plant on last Saturday night about 9 o'clock was a grounded wire under the floor of the power house. The trouble was repaired that night and Sunday and the lights were placed back into commission again Sunday night.

Linen Shower.

One of the most unique and enjoyable social events that has occurred in this city in a long time was the "linen shower" given by Mesdames D. F. and F. B. McKinnis Thursday afternoon of last week in the elegant and hospitable home of Mrs. F. B. McKinnis, in honor of Miss Maud Hicks, the announcement of whose marriage to Mr. J. A. Hodges in November was recently made.

The parlor was beautifully decorated with scarlet sage, and the dining room with roses and periwinkle. Each guest had been requested to bring embroidery hoops and thimbles. After all had arrived, towels with the letter H on them were given to each young lady to embroider during the evening's entertainment.

After the towels were finished, a salad course, coffee and almonds were served by little Misses Elizabeth Ferguson and Dorcas McKinnis. The prize was awarded to Miss Elba Hening for having done the best work, and the towels were presented to Miss Hicks.

Those present were: Misses Maud Hicks, Julia Barrow, Mildred Brown, of New York; Eleanor Cook, Margaret Hicks, Lynn Hall, Mary Stuart Egerton Grace Hall, Abiah Person, Virginia Foster, Annie Bagley, Pearl Brinson, Nellie Williams, Elba Hening, Annie Green; Mesdames C. L. Crowell, Joseph Mann, Gus Cook and F. M. Underhill.

From State Red Cross Seal Headquarters.

There are about 6000 deaths each year in North Carolina from tuberculosis. This number can be reduced one half in the next few years if all the people of the State can be aroused to the need of curative and preventive measures necessary. The cause of tuberculosis is infection from someone who has the disease. The cause of this infection is carelessness on the part of the sick person. The symptoms of the disease are a run-down condition, a cough, blood-spitting and night sweats. The cure for tuberculosis is fresh air all day and all night and good nourishing food. Drugs and patent medicines do not cure, but often make the disease worse.

Now, this gospel must be preached from end to end of our State until every man, woman and child knows it. It means the saving of thousands of lives, and the prevention of untold suffering. It will help thousands of children from becoming orphans and thousands of husbands and wives from being widowed. Is it not worth while.

The Red Cross Xmas Seals, or stamps will be sold this year to create interest in this work, and to create funds to head off the depredations of this disease. Citizens in every city and town in the state should write the State Red Cross Seal Committee at Charlotte for particulars of the sale of these stamps. They will help to stamp out tuberculosis in every community where they are sold, both by creating interest in the fight and by furnishing funds for carrying it on.