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## FEW SKETCHES OF BUNN HIGH SCHOOL

### A Little History of This Prosperous Section As It Applies to Schools.

#### A SECTION THE COUNTY IS PROUD OF

The New Building One That is a Credit to Any Community and its Patrons, are Justly Proud of it and its Record.

One who is in the least familiar with the history of North Carolina is well aware of the progress in schools that has been made within the past few years. That the State as a whole builded school houses at the rate of one per day, Sundays and holidays included, during the governorship of Aycock, our great educator, is a fact that should make each one of our citizens proud that he is a North Carolinian. Of course every patriotic man and woman in the commonwealth is highly proud of this State-wide growth in schools. But naturally what should be more gratifying to each section of the State, to each community is to study its own educational facilities and to note the different stages of growth that make their history. Too if in the study, we would gather a proper picture of educational progress, we must not forget to note the improvement—whatever it is of one period over the former. There are at present more than two hundred High schools in the State that receive State aid, but perhaps no one has a more phenomenal growth than Bunn High School.

The school, it seems, has four periods of growth that make its history what it is today.

From antebellum days till 1882 is the time of the first period. This being a school of primitive educational days we expect to find it and its

story high, about 30x20 feet, lighted and ventilated by ample glass windows and heated by a stove. The equipment such as desks was an improvement over former days. These facts within themselves indicate strongly that the tendency of the school is to go forward. Among the teachers here were: Misses Effie Harris, Ella Pippin and Mary Perry.

This school building and its equipment did as the old log school house did. It passed out of use and was supplanted by one bigger and better.

During the superintendency of Mr. Bruce White the people of the community became dissatisfied with their school building and began to work for a new one. This dissatisfaction and agitation materialized into the Academy building at which let us take a glance. This move made by Superintendent White and some leaders of Bunn was about 1902 or 1903. The materialization of all efforts was a building much better than the former one. It was well built of good timber, consisted of three large classrooms, one music room, and was furnished with good desks, it was well lighted. It had a vestibule in front. Although this is not used for school purposes it is a valuable building and is better than the school buildings of some communities in the State—if the State has made a phenomenal growth in schools.

At this time there was not only an improvement in building and fixtures but also an enlargement of the faculty because of growing demands. The faculty consisted of a principal and two assistants. Among the most recent principals of the school at the time conducted in the place just dis-



PROF. J. G. LEE.

The popular and efficient Principal of Bunn High School, to whom we are indebted for the article published herewith.

#### college or the State University

In addition to the required work and courses of study the High School boys and girls have a live, wide-awake, debating society which has its weekly meetings each Friday afternoon. It does not only care for mental development of its students, but for the physical side as well. It does this in that it has a basketball team which is causing much enthusiasm among the large boys at present.

The present faculty is composed of Misses Mabel Stephens, Science, first and second grades; Ethel Swindell, Belhaven third, fourth and fifth grades; Val Alston, Henderson, sixth and seventh grades; Anna McKnaughan, Norfolk, Va., assistant principal, Prof. J. G. Lee, Roxboro, principal. Miss Ladsy Brown, Winton, music.

#### To Inaugurate Pres. Brewer.

Invitations as follows have been received here: "The Trustee's and the Faculty of Meredith College requests the honor of your presence at the Inauguration of Charles Edward Brewer, as President of Meredith College on Thursday the third of February one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, at Raleigh North Carolina."

#### Report Was an Error.

The reported escape of six convicts from the road force near Laurel that was received here last Wednesday was an error as was learned later. The information evidently became confused with the escape of several from Wilson county, as authorities have received notice here to be on the lookout for them.

#### New Bulletin on Farm Drainage

There is perhaps no bulletin issued recently that will be of as much value to the citizens of the State as Bulletin No. 234 "Farm Drainage in North Carolina" by H. M. Lynde, Senior Drainage Engineer. This bulletin goes into the details of drainage by tile and gives complete information on this subject as well as on the cost of the work.

On account of the technical character of the bulletin, it will not be mailed broadcast to citizens of the State but will only be sent on application. Each farmer in the State who contemplates draining his land should read it carefully before going to work.

#### Takes Position as Electrician

Mr. Henry Meredith, of New Bern, has been employed by the Water and Light Committee, of Louisburg, to take charge of the water and light plants of Louisburg. He arrived the past week and entered upon his duties and seems to be giving splendid service. He comes here highly recommended as an electrician of experience and knowledge, fully capable of handling the business of the plant.

#### February Jurors

The list of jurors published in our last issue was for the February 1916 term instead of the January term as stated. The information became confused at the time our reporter got same is why the error. The February term begins on Monday the 21st.

Speak softly, step carefully, act wisely, and you may die happy. And since you are dead you will know more than the rest of us.

## HILLIARD HARRIS MURDER CASE FRIDAY

### HON. GEO. W. CONNOR HOLDS FIRST COURT IN FRANKLIN

The Docket Full of Small Cases—Nothing of Importance Save the Case For Murder to be Tried Today.

The regular January term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases convened promptly on time Monday morning with His Honor Judge Geo. W. Connor, Presiding. This is Judge Connor's first term in this county and people are especially well pleased with the fairness and business with which he conducts the proceedings of his daily sessions. His charge to the Grand Jury on Monday morning was very much out of the ordinary and was an able and especially clear one. It was easy to see that his object was to impress on this body the importance of their duty rather than take up their time in the tiring explanations of different crimes, which no doubt made it possible for the members of this body to more easily and correctly dispose of the matters that came before them.

Solicitor Norris, the able State's Attorney, was present and was especially vigilant as to the State's interest in the work of the week.

The Grand Jury was composed of the following gentlemen: F. W. Justice, Foreman; R. L. Stokes, C. P. Harris, C. T. Stokes, J. M. Joyner, Lee Jeffreys, R. U. Hicks, J. W. Dean, J. R. Burgeron, J. M. Carter, O. B. Gay W. R. Holden, D. H. Pearce, J. E. Alford, O. Z. Edwards, J. A. Whieless, J. G. Murphy, W. K. Masenburg, S. J. Alford was sworn in as officer to the Grand Jury.

This completing the routine of opening business was taken up and cases were disposed of as follows:

State vs. Hugh F. Wendell, false nol pros with leave.  
State vs. Noel Smith, retailing, continued under former order.  
State vs. Thomas Denton, a. d. w.,

W. H. Privett, Henderson.  
State vs. Adolphus Rhodes, a. d. w., pleads guilty, judgment \$15.

State vs. Ira Woodlief, l. and r., pleads guilty, 12 months on roads with leave for commissioners to hire out.

State vs. Daniel Biggs, unlawful possession of whiskey, called and called, judgment nisi scifa and continued.  
State vs. Troy Carter, cruelty to animals, pleads guilty, judgment that defendant pay \$25.

State vs. Otho Upchurch, cruelty to animals, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Roman Upchurch, failure to work roads, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Henry Pearce, failure to work roads, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Fred Levister, 12 months on roads, township with leave to hire to Henry Henderson.

State vs. Willie Wilder larceny and moving crops, juror withdrawn and nol pros ordered.

State vs. Jimmie Mitchell, l. and r., not guilty.

State vs. Temple Coppedge, assault and trespass, court orders verdict of guilty.

State vs. Linda Alston, larceny, not guilty.

State vs. Bud Young, assault, guilty prayer continued for judgment till January term 1917, defendant to enter into a bond in the sum of \$100 conditioned upon his appearance at each criminal term of this court and show that he has been of good behavior in all respects, and to pay the costs of his case.

State vs. William H. Muse, unlawful possession of whiskey, guilty, 2 years on roads.

State vs. J. R. Moody, false pretense continued for defendant.

State vs. E. B. Chappell, disposing of mortgage property, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

State vs. Govan Cheek, abandonment.

At the Methodist Church We are requested to announce that Rev. J. E. Underwood, Presiding Elder



BUNN HIGH SCHOOL

The building in which the school was conducted in the period referred to from 1882 to 1892.

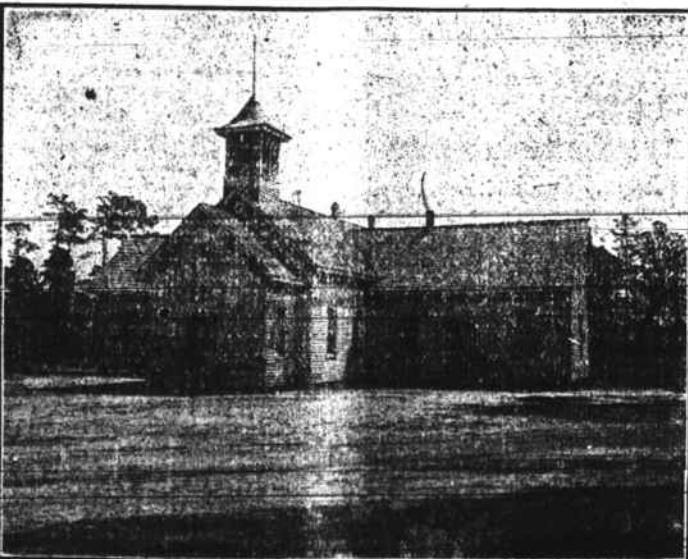
equipment of a primitive nature. The building was made of unfinished logs and was covered with slats. The "stick and dirt" chimney was the only artificial source of heat the building had. It was lighted and ventilated not by windows as nowadays, but by the omission of a log in one end and was fitted with very wide benches that served in place of our desks. Such a building was located in the Bunn community up until 1882 on the Spring Hope road near the home of Mr. John Mullen. It was as old schools were then a one teacher school. Among its teachers were: Thomas Horton, William Cheaves, and James Wilder. This school served well. J. R. Wright, W. A. Mullen, Sr., J. M. White, S. J. Alford, Furney Wiggs and Joe Bunn, some of Bunn's leading citizens claim this school as their Alma Mater. These are some of the ones, who have helped make it possible that their boys and girls enjoy much better opportunities than were afforded them.

About 1882 the school moved its location to a building more ample in space and better adapted to school purposes than the former one. The building was now a framed one being built of pine lumber. It was one-

ness were Sanford Martin a prominent newspaper man of Winston-Salem; E. W. Highsmith, now Professor of Education in a Texas College and J. M. Broughton, an Attorney of Raleigh.

This Academy marked improvement over both former schools, served as a school until it became unable to meet the demands of the people. Then it did as all things must do, gave way to something better. The present school. The present building is very attractive to the eye. It is located in the center of the Bunn vicinity being between "Old Bunn" and "New Bunn." It is two stories high, recently built, has fine classrooms, besides music room, library, an office for the principal, and an Auditorium with a seating capacity of three hundred. The building is fully equipped, well lighted and ventilated and is in its equipment modern in every way. It and its fixtures cost \$7,500 which of itself tells the quality of the building.

The school now has an enrollment of 155 and an average daily attendance of about 140. It offers courses from the first grade through the eleventh. It takes boys or girls unlettered and after giving its training leaves them ready to enter unconditionally any



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The first Academy building which is now standing and in good condition.



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As it is today. One of the finest and most modern buildings for school purposes to be found in any sections of its size.

open for order  
State vs. Wendell and Hill, sci fa, judgment absolute.

State vs. Henderson Mitchell, false pretense, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Mitchell and Henderson, sci fa, judgment absolute.

State vs. I. Spire, four cases, retailing, nol pros with leave.

State vs. Tom Davis, affray, continued under former order.

State vs. Norman Allen, retailing, ordered to be taken off docket.

State vs. Reynold Morris, larceny, capias and continued.

State vs. Reynold and Alice Morris and A. Bunn sci fa, Alice sci fa, to Franklin and Vance.

State vs. Rosco Hocutt, a. d. w., capias and continued.

State vs. Richard Langston, c. and d. of m. p., nol pros with leave.

State vs. Geo. S. Earp, cruelty to animals, not guilty.

State vs. Jimmie Mitchell, larceny, called and failed judgment nisi scifa and continued.

D. J. Jeffreys and Ras Perry witnesses in this case called and failed, fined \$50 instantly capias in \$100.

State vs. Willie Privett, c. c. w., pleads guilty, 10 months on roads, with leave for commissioners to hire out to

of this district will conduct services at the Methodist church on next Sunday morning and night. Sunday school will be held at the usual hour. Everybody is invited to attend these services.

#### Woman's Missionary Society

Franklinton, N. C. Jan. 18.—The Young Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church met with Mrs. C. L. McGhee Tuesday afternoon of last week. After the regular order of opening the society devotional exercises followed. The subject of the program for this meeting was "Woman's Missionary Council." The President, Mrs. McGhee, led in the reading of the 14th Chapter of St. Luke. Then in fitting words she applied the lesson of this woman's gift of sacrifice and love. Miss Mattie Ballard, then read a paper on "Individual Sacrifice." The pledge cards were distributed, and the members acquiesced gladly to this plan of raising the "Pledge Fund." At the conclusion of the exercises the hostess served a delicious salad course. The society adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. R. Winston, Monday afternoon February 7th. At this meeting the regular "Mission study class" will be in-