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JUDGE SMALL STRONG CHARGE

TO GRAND JURY CONVENING FRANKLIN SUPERIOR COURT

Grand Jury Takes Notice of Automobiles Passing School Buses and Fast Driving by Bus Drivers—Many Cases Disposed Of At Busy Sessions—Solicitor J. C. Little Prosecuting For State.

Stressing the idea that the Court house is here for the purposes of educating people to the importance of right living and actions towards their fellowman, Judge Walter L. Small delivered an unusually forceful charge to the grand jury at the opening of the regular October term of Franklin Superior Court in Louisburg on Monday. Unlike most charges Judge Small did not go into detail explanation of crimes, taking the position that since Aycocks and McIver the average person is sufficiently educated not to need this. He said too many people looked upon the court house as a place to try cases for fights, a place for lawyers to make a living. On the contrary it is the peoples institution, where people are educated in their conduct towards each other, a place where machinery is set in motion for the protection of every person in the county. He illustrated with the law against stealing stating that the object of the punishment of one for stealing was for the purpose of educating all that they cannot take the property of another, through which it makes a community better and safer in which to live. He spoke strongly upon the duty of jurors, with especial reference to grand jurors divining information about matters coming before them. He stated that no person who was not willing to try to ascertain the truth was fit for a juror. He reviewed history leading to the adoption of the jury system stating that our forefathers arrived at the conclusion that a government by might instead of right was not proper, then followed the jury system to arbitrate. It has proven to be the best method of settling disputes between neighbors. In his remarks he stated that no one is punished just for the satisfaction of punishment, but as a lesson to his neighbors to educate them to what they may expect if they should commit a similar crime. Turning his remarks to the general public Judge Small said that individual conduct usually indicated whether one was a good citizen or not, and that the surroundings of the home is the beginning of the education of every child. Solicitor J. C. Little was present at the beginning of the term and ably representing the State.

The Grand Jury was composed of the following: C. O. Moore, Foreman, B. F. Wester, Jesse Moore, B. N. Layton, J. H. Finch, K. S. Leonard, J. S. Winstead, W. C. Hart, Z. R. Gupton, W. H. Horton, S. C. Alford, J. B. King, W. W. Perry, J. A. Bobbitt, W. L. Hawkins, L. B. Strickland, C. F. Lancaster, H. A. Faulkner, H. F. Perry was made officer to grand jury.

The docket was called and disposed of as follows: Continuances under former order were made Monday in the cases against Prestly Thomas, R. L. Peoples, Vance Medlin, Haywood Ball, William Davis, Richard Clarke, Jr., Willie Valentine, Tom Harris. The case against Ira McGhee for distilling was ordered off the docket because the defendant is dead. A nol pros with leave was taken in the case for reckless driving against John Champion. Hampton Smith, disturbing public worship, continued. Robert Jeffreys, operating automobile intoxicated, continued. A. S. Wiggs plead guilty to simple assault, judgment suspended upon payment of costs. State vs. Clem Barham and R. A. Barham, capias to Wake County. Sam Hawkins and Estelle Hawkins were found not guilty of violating prohibition law. Wm. Henry Dunston plead guilty to a charge of house breaking and larceny, 8 to 12 months on roads. Turner Mann plead guilty to a charge of house breaking and larceny, 8 to 12 months on roads. James Davis was found not guilty of house breaking and larceny. The case of assault with deadly weapon against Frank Macon, was continued under former order. Tommie Horton was ordered discharged of a charge of seduction upon payment of costs, after it had been shown that the parties had married. Nol pros with leave was taken in the case of bigamy against Mallie Wilkes. The assault case against Cornelius Clifton was continued under former order. Johnnie Long was found guilty of house breaking and larceny in two cases, a sentence of 2 to 24 months on the roads in each case, one to follow at the expiration of the other. Atlas Smith was found guilty of re-

Louisburg College Versus Weldon

Weldon football team is to be the opponent of Louisburg College team here this afternoon at the Fair Grounds. Last Friday's game proved very successful for Louisburg College and it is expected that the College team will make another fine showing this afternoon and add another victory to its record.

ceyling stolen goods knowing them to be stolen.

Eda McKinley Warren, burglary, was found insane and committed to State hospital in Goldsboro.

Atlas Smith was found not guilty of housebreaking and larceny.

Atlas Smith was found guilty of housebreaking and larceny and sent to the roads for 20 to 24 months.

Ben Allen Journeagan plead guilty to larceny and receiving and was sentenced to 4 to 8 months, on roads, capias to issue any time within two years, upon payment of all costs including constables costs.

Arthur Lewis was found not guilty of reckless driving.

Norman Harris was given 3 to 4 months on roads for unlawful possession of whiskey.

Clifford Crudup and Henry Anderson were found not guilty of a charge of house breaking and larceny.

Clifford Crudup and Henry Anderson, were found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and an attempt to house break. Crudup was given 8 to 12 months on roads, Anderson was given 6 to 12 months on roads.

Willie Fogg and Irwin Lewis were found guilty of attempting housebreaking. Fogg was given 5 to 9 months on roads, Lewis was given 8 to 12 months on roads.

Jesse Lee Bumpas was found guilty of housebreaking and larceny and was given 12 to 15 months on roads.

A nol pros with leave was taken in the case of housebreaking and larceny against Lotis Crudup.

The question of unlawful and dangerous passing school buses by automobile drivers and the fast driving of buses by the drivers, were brought to the attention of the grand jury and resulted in the following disposition: To the Board of Education of Franklin County, Attention: Mr. E. L. Best, Superintendent

Dear Sirs: It has been reported to us that motor drivers often pass school buses while standing, also that some of the drivers of the school buses drive at a greater rate of speed than they should. As you are aware, both of these violations of the law endanger the lives of the children that are being transported daily to the schools in the county. As a protection to the children in the county, we request that you send to each school bus driver in the county and to each principal the following section of law: "That no person operating any motor vehicle on the public roads shall pass, or attempt to pass, any public school bus while the same is standing on the said public roads taking on or putting off school children, without first bringing said motor vehicle to a full stop at a distance not less than fifty feet from the said school bus."

"That any person operating a bus carrying school children to or from the schools of this State who shall travel at a greater rate of speed than twenty-five miles per hour along any public street or public highway in the State of North Carolina shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not in excess of the sum of fifty dollars."

Any violations of these sections should be promptly reported to the Grand Jury for punishment and correction.

Respectfully submitted, C. O. MOORE, Foreman of Grand Jury for the October Criminal Court 1931.

Mr. Carl Moore, Foreman, Grand Jury for the October Criminal Court, 1931.

My dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt your letter of Oct. 22 concerning the reported violations of the transportation law by some of our truck drivers and also the passing of school buses by motor drivers. These two problems have given to us a great deal of concern and whenever we hear of violations we immediately make a detailed investigation.

I wish to assure you that the school authorities will do everything possible to eliminate these violations of law in order to protect the safety of our children in the county.

I wish to thank you and the other members of your Grand Jury for taking this interest in the transportation problems and we shall carry out this request and will do our best to carry out any other suggestions that you may see fit to make.

Yours very truly, E. L. BEST, Supt. Franklin County Schools.

This is a one weeks term for criminal cases only.

Lespedeza has made lots of friends in Columbus County this season due to the high yields of quality hay produced. J. R. Yates of Chadbourn cut two tons of cured hay from one and one-fourth acres last week.

Mrs. Ragland Entertains Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary met on October 20th, at the home of Mrs. G. A. Ragland, Mrs. Ragland, Mrs. F. B. Leonard and Miss Victoria Adcock, hostesses.

After the usual formalities the preamble was read by Mrs. W. L. Beasley. Special vocal music by Arthur Fleming accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Bruce Berkeley was enjoyed very much.

As this month begins the fiscal year for the Auxiliary many reports were given as follows: Roll Call and Financial report by Mrs. Forrest Joyner; Trophies and Awards, Mrs. J. W. Mann; Americanism, Mrs. H. H. Hilton; Publicity, Mrs. H. H. Johnson; Music, Mrs. S. B. Berkeley. Mrs. J. E. Malone, Chairman appointed Mrs. R. F. Yarborough as special chairman for the hospital at Oteen.

Mrs. Beatrice Carroll, Department Secretary thanked the Auxiliary in behalf of the State Executive Committee for the luncheon given them at their meeting held in Louisburg October 15th, and also expressed appreciation to Mrs. S. B. Berkeley assisted by Mr. Bryant of Southern Conservatory of Music at Louisburg College, for the musical program given during the dinner hour.

Plans for a special program were begun at this meeting for November 11th, to be held at Mills High School at eleven o'clock on that day. It is the sincere desire of every Legion and Auxiliary member that this day be remembered and that everyone attend the occasion and revive the joy that was felt so many years ago on that first Armistice Day.

At the conclusion of the program the hostesses served delicious refreshments, consisting of hot rolls, chicken salad, coffee, olives, nuts.

Two new members were present at this meeting, Mesdames W. D. Egerton and E. H. McFarland. There are quite a number of eligible people in Louisburg and Franklin County, who if interested in joining the Auxiliary, may get in touch with Mrs. J. W. Mann, membership chairman. North Carolina's quota for new members during 1932 is 6774 and it is the sincere desire of the local Auxiliary to send in its part of this quota and therefore extends an invitation to all who are eligible to enter its ranks and will greet them most heartily for it wants all who should be members on its roll.

Sales Increasing on Louisburg Market

Splendid sales have been made each day the past week at the three Louisburg warehouses with comparatively good prices. The prices remain low but an improvement in many grades have been noticed this week. The offerings continue heavy with a desire on the part of the buyers to take all they can get that meets their demand. It is generally conceded that Louisburg is in the lead of other North Carolina markets in the prices paid for tobacco and you are invited to come and share with your neighbors.

Become Members of Bar

At the Wednesday morning session of Franklin Superior Court Mr. Edwin H. Malone presented Miss Annie Perry Neal and Mr. Thurman Delmar Kitchin, Jr., to the Court for admission to the bar and presented certificates from the Supreme Court of North Carolina showing they had successfully passed the required examinations. After the several oaths had been taken Judge Walter L. Small, presiding, made a splendid and most impressive talk to Miss Neal and Mr. Kitchin emphasizing their professional obligations, and congratulating them upon entering a profession, to which he paid high tribute.

Miss Neal is one of Louisburg's most popular and accomplished young ladies. She is the daughter of the late W. Perry Neal and Annie Webb Neal, and enjoys the distinction of a long honored and prominent family lineage. Miss Neal also enjoys the distinction of being the second lady to take the oath of an attorney at a Superior Court in Franklin County, the first being Miss Eleanor Scott Yarborough, a cousin.

Mr. Kitchin is the son of Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin, President of Wake Forest College.

J.C. Harris Honored

Mr. James C. Harris, Publicity Agent of Louisburg College and son of Mr. Ernest Harris of Warren County, a former Franklin County resident, who is the youngest charter member of the S. A. R. of the State attended the Yorktown celebration last week as a delegate from the State. Upon his visit there Mr. Harris was honored by the S. A. R. Society of the State of Virginia by being made an Honorary member of that Society.

Graded School Trustees

On next Tuesday, October 27th, 1931 an election will be held in the Louisburg Graded School District, the voting place being at the Court house in Louisburg, for the purpose of electing four Trustees for the Louisburg Graded School. In this election the three receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to six year terms and the one receiving the fourth highest will be elected to a four year term. Those who have qualified and offered their services subject to your election are as follows: Mrs. W. E. White, J. H. Boone, F. J. Beasley, Mrs. W. B. Barrow, F. W. Wheelers, Jr., Herbert G. Perry, F. N. Egerton, D. T. Smithwick.

Each of these are fully qualified and capable to serve and if elected will give you good service. Go out to the polls next Tuesday and take an active part in this election.

Mills P. T. A. Plans "Tom Thumb Wedding"

The Mills P. T. A. held its second meeting of the year on October 19, in the school auditorium. After introductory remarks by the president, Mrs. W. B. Barrow, the following program was presented:

"Halloween"—vocal solo by Miss Hazel Johnson.

"Bringing in Wood"—reading by Mrs. James King.

"Absent"—"Little Gray Home in the West"—vocal solos by Mrs. S. B. Berkeley.

Prayer—Reverend J. D. Miller.

"Getting Along Together"—Mrs. L. E. Scoggin.

Minutes read and approved.

The program for the next meeting, on the third Thursday in November, was read. The Ways and Means Committee reported a profit of \$10.00 on the booth at the Fair. Plans for the forthcoming Tom Thumb Wedding were discussed. A poster on display at Mrs. Julia Scott's gives everyone the opportunity to vote for the children who shall take part in the wedding. The little girl receiving the largest number of votes will be the Tom Thumb bride.

The Relief Committee reported a number of clothes on hand and the recent disposition of two suits. Upon motion, the meeting was adjourned.

—Publicity Committee.

County Federation Meets

On Saturday, October 24th, the County Federation of Woman's Clubs will meet at Mills High School in Louisburg. A splendid program has been arranged. It will include interesting talks by Mrs. Plummer, Vance County Home Agent, and Prof. J. A. Woodward of Epsom High school. Also a representative from the Weason Oil people will give a demonstration. Especially important in the program is the barbecue dinner to be served. A large number of club women is expected and a most successful meeting is foreseen.

Road Units Working Nicely

Mr. W. H. Rogers, District Engineer in charge of State Road Maintenance, was a visitor to Louisburg. While here he discussed the road situation stating that the new prison camp would be occupied by the first of the month, after which road work in the county would receive more attention. He informed the TIMES he has the entire County fully organized at present and each unit working nicely.

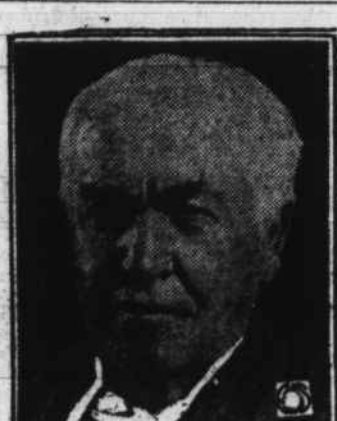
Office With Sheriff

Mr. J. H. Boone, Tax Collector for Franklin County, has been given offices in the Sheriff's office in the Court house, where he can now be found with the tax books ready and willing to give out receipts to all those who want to pay up their 1931 taxes.

Recital At College

The Southern Conservatory of Music at Louisburg College will present a number of its students in a Recital on Friday night, October 23rd, at eight o'clock in the Social Hall of the College. They extend an invitation to the public to attend.

Powdered red squill will kill rats without harming pets or livestock about the place. Now that crops are being stored is a good time to kill out the rats, recommends A. E. Oman of State College.



Thomas A. Edison Is Dead

West Orange, N. J., Oct. 18.—Thomas A. Edison died peacefully before dawn today at the hilltop estate where he labored to give light, work and recreation to millions.

The 84-year-old inventor, who lay deep in a coma at the end, did not wish to live, Dr. Hubert S. Howe disclosed, when he realized his complete recovery was improbable.

His wife and six children, close in attendance during the last stages of the 11 weeks' sickness, had been told by Mr. Edison that his work was finished. He would rather leave the world, he said, than burden them with the disabilities of age and illness.

In the quiet of the early morning on the Llewellyn park estate a formal notice of Mr. Edison's passing was brought to newspapermen by Arthur L. Walsh, vice president of Thomas A. Edison Industries, incorporated.

Pale and visibly shaken, Mr. Walsh walked down a tree-lined path from press headquarters in the Edison garage to read the bulletin:

"Thomas Alva Edison quietly passed away at 24 minutes after 3 a. m., Oct. 18, 1931. (Signed) Dr. Hubert S. Howe."

Almost instantly the message girded the globe by telephone and telegraph systems which were a part of the industries valued at \$15,000,000,000 to which Mr. Edison contributed major inventions.

News Items From Louisburg College

The Louisburg College Football team has now shed its swaddling clothes and emerges as a powerful factor in the football circles. The "Infants" after beating Washington High School Football team last Friday by a score of 7 to 0 are preparing to play the Weldon High School team, Friday, October the twenty-third on the Louisburg home field. Coach "Jack" Parker, former Captain of the Wake Forest Football team, is very much encouraged with the appearance of the team and predicts that a smooth running machine will be ready to meet the Weldonites this week. At the practice today the team showed lots of pep and power and gave every indication of the careful coaching which they have received.

A pep meeting of the entire student body and the friends of the college has been called for Thursday night in the front of the Administration building. The greatest enthusiasm is evinced for the game Friday.

Commissioners Pass Resolution

On Thursday afternoon of last week the Board of Commissioners of Franklin County held a special meeting and received a committee from the Franklin County Tax Relief Association composed of W. W. Neal, Dr. A. H. Fleming and J. O. Purnell, at which the following resolution was passed:

That the Board of Commissioners request the State Tax Commission and the Local Government Commission to assist it in checking over the budget for the year 1931-32 and to advise with it with respect to making reductions in the rate of taxation for the said year, if any such reductions can be made, with the understanding that if any reductions can be made in the rate after such checking over and advising, such reductions will be put in effect; and further, that any responsible and competent members of the Tax payers Association, and any tax experts whom said Association may employ, may assist the experts of the State Tax Commission or the Local Government Commission and the Board of County Commissioners; Provided: That Franklin County shall not be put to any expense whatever, and shall not be held liable for any expense, whatever, in connection with such work.

Following this resolution representatives of the County County Government Commission visited Louisburg Monday and made a study of the County tax situation. Their report had not been received Wednesday.

Bishop Cannon Indicted by Federal Grand Jury

Washington, Oct. 16.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., must stand trial on charges arising from his management of thousands of dollars contributed to his relentless anti-Smith campaign of 1928.

With Miss Ada L. Burroughs, treasurer of his "headquarters" committee, anti-Smith Democrats in Virginia, the Southern Methodist prelate was indicted before the District of Columbia Supreme Court today for conspiring to violate the Federal corrupt practices law.

The grand jury returned 10 counts, carrying a possible maximum penalty upon conviction of 10 years imprisonment and \$50,000 fine for each defendant.

Failure to report contributions of \$65,300 from E. C. Jameson, New York capitalist and Republican, as required by law, was the basis of the indictment. Bond was fixed at \$1,000 for each.

Assistant District Attorney John Wilson, prosecutor, said he would seek an early trial.

From Atlanta, where he is attending a meeting of the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the churchman said: "I am not surprised at anything that the Roman Catholic district attorney might do."

Slap at Rover It was the second time he had directed public attention to the faith of District Attorney Leo A. Rover. Earlier, he said Rover had ignored his offers to testify before the grand jury.

Rover withheld comment then, but immediately after the grand jury reported today, he said the clergyman's requests that he be permitted to testify personally and that certain witnesses be called were promptly transmitted by me to the grand jury, and that body was advised that it was within its province to grant the request if it so desired."

The Bishop once said he would welcome a grand jury inquiry.

Robert H. McNeill, the Bishop's attorney, said Miss Burroughs would make bond in Richmond, Va., her home, and arrangements would be made for the Bishop's bond upon his return to Washington.

McNeill expressed confidence "a full and open hearing, when all the facts can be brought out, will vindicate the conduct of Bishop Cannon and his associates."

Four of the counts presented by the grand jury charged Miss Burroughs with willful failure to report Jameson's contributions to the clerk of the House of Representatives. Four others charged technical failure to report.

The 66-year-old clergyman was charged with abetting the eight violations, while two additional counts named him for conspiring with Miss Burroughs to commit the offenses. Under the law, an abettor is made equally responsible.

For each willful violation and conspiracy to violate willfully, the maximum penalty upon conviction is not more than \$10,000 fine and two years' imprisonment. For the four technical violations and other conspiracy charges, the law provides a maximum of \$1,000 fine or one year imprisonment each.

Hubert Moore Shot To Death

According to information received in Louisburg on Monday Hubert Moore was shot to death with a double barrel shot gun on Sunday afternoon about 5 or 6 o'clock by Felton Brantley, at Brantley's home between Spring Hope and Seven Paths.

Moore was a married man and leaves a family while Brantley is a bachelor about 44 years old.

The only eye witness to the shooting, Hardy Wood, says there was no trouble between the two.

The crime was in Nash County and the officers of that County were notified.

Three cars of dairy cows have been sold in Beaufort County so far this season.

At The Louisburg Theatre Next Week

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Monday, Oct. 26th:

Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26-27—Nancy Carroll in "Personal Maid."

Wednesday, Oct. 28 (Bargain Day)—Buddy Rogers and Peggy Shannon in "The Road To Reno," with Lilyan Tashman and Irving Pichel.

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29-30—Jannet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in "Merely Mary Ann."

Saturday, Oct. 31—Western Feature, Metro Comedy and Chapter No. 1 "The Mystery Trooper."