

RECOMMENDS INVESTIGATIONS

GRAND JURY CLEARS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mistrial Made in Case Against H. C. Ayescue—Many Convictions Made With Number Road Sentences—Solicitor Little Makes Report.

The Franklin Superior Court closed its October term of criminal court on Friday night after having completed a busy term in which many convictions were made. Judge Small, impressed all those coming into his court with his ability, his broad sympathy and his desire to do justice to both the State and the defendant. Since our last report the following dispositions were made:

Herman Journegon was allowed to pay into court \$50 and the case continued, under the former order until January.

Robert Perry plead guilty to housebreaking and larceny and was given from 12 to 15 months on roads.

John Hayes plead guilty to receiving stolen goods and was given 8 to 12 months on roads.

Elisha Ray was found not guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey.

H. H. Rowe plead guilty to assault with deadly weapon, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Ed. H. Wilson was found not guilty of distilling, but guilty of having in his possession materials for the purpose of manufacturing intoxicating liquors and was given 4 to 6 months on roads and \$25 fine.

Upon payment of fine and costs capias not to issue except upon order of Solicitor.

Crudup Davis plead guilty to issuing a worthless check, prayer for judgment continued for 2 years upon payment of costs and check.

A nol pros with leave was taken in the cases of Crudup Davis, escape; George Green, assault with deadly weapon; and Ethel Alston, assault with deadly weapon.

Charlie H. Roberts plead guilty to carrying concealed weapons, prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Isiah Mayhoe entered a plea of nolo contendere in the case against him for carrying concealed weapon and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

A mistrial was made in the case of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill against H. C. Ayescue.

The case against W. E. Williams, for assault with deadly weapon, was continued under former order.

The cases against J. Make Bridgers, for violating the fishing law, and Charlie T. White, for assault, were remanded to the Recorder's court.

A nol pros with leave was taken in the case against Willard Neal for carnal knowledge.

The Grand Jury completed its work on Friday afternoon and after making the following reports was discharged, with the compliments of the court.

To Hon. Walter L. Small, Judge Presiding, October Term, 1931, Franklin County Superior Court.

We, the Grand Jury drawn for the October Term of Franklin County Superior Court, beg to submit the following report:

We visited the Jail and found it to be a first class building in every respect, steam heated, water in all the rooms with shower baths convenient for the prisoners. We beg to report same well kept, sanitary and comfortable.

We visited the County Home and found in our opinion that everything was in first class condition. Inmates are well fed and cared for with every modern convenience. We highly commend Mr. and Mrs. Hedgepeth in their endeavor to make surroundings as comfortable as possible for these inmates.

We inspected the office of the Clerk of the Court and found it well kept in a business way.

We visited the Sheriff's office, where we found everything kept in good order.

We visited the Register of Deeds' Office and found it to be well kept, all books and records being in first class shape.

We also visited the County Welfare Office and found same in good condition. We recommend that they continue to do all they can to relieve the suffering among the poor and needy of this county.

We also visited the Health Office and found everything there in first class order.

We have investigated all reports of irregularities and violations of the law on the part of our County Officials in the performance of their official duties, also the shortage of the former Register of Deeds, S. C. Holden, revealed in the recent county audit made by R. L. Steele and have tried to ascertain all who are responsible for the resultant loss to the county of approximately thirty-eight hundred dollars. In our opinion the actions of Mr. C. L. McGhee, former chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and Mr. George L. Cooke, former County Auditor, in withholding from the present Board of Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS GET CLEAN BILL

As a result of the investigation of the budget and tax rate of Franklin County by representatives of the Local Government and Tax Commissioners of Raleigh, on Monday of last week, the County Commissioners were given a clean bill in the conduct of this branch of the County business. The letter signed by these representatives follows:

Louisburg, N. C., October 30, 1931.

We, the undersigned investigators directed by the Local Government Commission and State Tax Commission of North Carolina to investigate the budget of Franklin County, do hereby certify that we have made an investigation satisfactory to ourselves of the said budget, and we hereby further certify that we find nothing illegal nor excessive in the tax rate levied in accordance with said budget, but do find that it is in accord with the budgets and the tax rates set up and levied by adjoining counties. We further certify that the budget as set up for the year 1931-1932 is in strict accord with the expenditures of last year.

WRIGHT T. DIXON, Local Gov. Com.

JNO. A. WEDDELL, Local Gov. Com.

F. B. DRAKE, Tax Commission.

their knowledge that this shortage did exist is nothing less than a failure on their part to properly execute the duties of their official position. We, therefore, recommend that the Court give their attention to what appears to us as being an irregularity on the part of Mr. S. C. Holden, former Register of Deeds and Mr. C. L. McGhee, former Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and Mr. George L. Cooke, former Auditor, in the performance of their duties.

We have passed on all bills presented to us and on all matters that have been brought to our attention.

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. MOORE, Foreman of the Grand Jury.

Solicitor J. C. Little filed the following report:

North Carolina, Superior Court, To the Honorable Walter L. Small, Judge Presiding.

The undersigned Solicitor of the Seventh 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. Young, The Clerk of the Superior Court of said County, and 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.

He further reports to the Court that so far as he can ascertain, the accounts of said Clerk are regular and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LITTLE, Solicitor 7th Judicial District.

The October term of court came to a close on Friday night after the mistrial in the Ayescue case.

To Issue Bonds

The Board of County Commissioners heard the complaint of the Franklin County Tax Relief Association against the issuance of \$150,000 County funding bonds on Tuesday afternoon. Following this the Commissioners passed the formal resolutions directing Mr. T. A. Usell, of Greensboro, to prepare and make sale of the bonds.

Mrs. Perry Visits Sanford

Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, President of the State Department of the American Legion Auxiliary of North Carolina, of Louisburg, will be guest of honor at a banquet given by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary units at Sanford, Thursday, October 29th in Sanford.

The occasion is the opening of the Membership campaign in Sanford for both the Legion and Auxiliary, and will be featured by an address by an address by Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, who will talk mainly on the membership department and its drives.

Gets 18 Gallons Liquor

Officers report the capture of 18 gallons of whiskey in a Pontiac coupe at Stallings' filling station about 10 miles east of Louisburg on highway 56 Monday night. They also captured the driver of the car, H. C. Medlin, of Nash County. The officers making the capture were Peter Dean and J. A. Dennis.

Mrs. White Leads Ticket

The election for Trustees for Louisburg Graded schools passed off quietly Tuesday with a much larger vote than in former elections. Out of 750 registered for the election 168 voted, as against 57 in 1927. As a result Mrs. W. E. White, F. J. Beasley and Mrs. W. B. Barrow were elected for terms of six years and Dr. H. G. Perry elected for a term of four years. Mrs. W. E. White led the ticket with a vote of 113.

The vote for the entire ticket was as follows:

Mrs. W. E. White	113
F. J. Beasley	95
Mrs. W. B. Barrow	84
H. G. Perry	75
J. H. Boone	73
F. N. Egerton	68
F. W. Wheelers, Jr.	58
D. T. Smithwick	42

Tom Thumb Wedding

The Louisburg Parent-Teacher Association requests the pleasure of your company at the marriage of Letta Bella

to Mr. Thomas Thumb

on Thursday evening, November Fifth, at Eight O'clock

Mills High School

The Parent-Teacher Association requests that no Bridal presents be sent a Silver offering will be taken at the door.

Regular Kiwanis Luncheon

Probably the last meeting to be held before the annual election of officers of the Louisburg Kiwanis Club will be on Friday night, October 30th, at the Welcome Inn, with an interesting program. Some important matters will be presented to the members of the club. Three of the Club's best speakers will talk. The following is a tentative program for this meeting:

1. Special Music; Song by Club; Introduction and presentation of speakers.

2. W. R. Mills: Talk—"The Kiwanis Club's Past and What It Has Meant to Me as an Individual."

3. E. L. Best: Talk—"The Kiwanis Club and its future possibilities as we approach a new Kiwanis year."

4. L. L. Joyner: Talk—"Resolutions and suggestions."

5. A. H. Fleming: Summary and closing remarks.

This program is under the supervision of J. A. Wheelers, sponsoring Director, with A. H. Fleming, in charge of affairs.

Purchases Milk Routes

As will be seen from their announcement in another column Messrs P. G. and M. G. Smith, proprietors of 7 Oaks Dairy, have purchased the milk routes of the Franklin Creamery, Inc., and will begin the delivery of milk on came on November 1st. Smith Bros. are progressive dairy men and will, no doubt, give satisfactory service to the many milk customers of Louisburg.

Camp Superintendent Arrives

Mr. F. G. Baker, Superintendent of the new road prison camp located about two miles north of town arrived in town the past week and is putting the camp in order preparatory to receiving prisoners. He expects the camp to be occupied early next week.

U. D. C. Meets

The Joseph J. Davis chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. McM. Furgerson on Tuesday, November 3rd, at 3:30 o'clock.

MRS. J. W. MANN, Sec'y.

At The Louisburg Theatre Next Week

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Monday, November 2nd:

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 2-3—Buster Keaton in "Sidewalks of New York."

Wednesday, Nov. 4 (Bargain Day) Eddie Quillan in "The Tip Off" with Giner Rogers.

Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5-6—The Four Marx Brothers in "Monkey Business."

Saturday, Nov. 7—Hoot Gibson in "Clearing the Range," also M-G-M Comedy and Chapter No. 2 "The Mystery Trooper."

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Federation Holds Interesting Meeting

BEAUTIFICATION OF HOME AND SCHOOL GROUNDS

Many Visitors Among Whom Mrs. Hattie Plummer, Home Agent of Vance County, Rev. — Pittman, of Kittrell, and J. A. Woodward, of Epsom High School, Speaking.

The Federation of Woman's Clubs of Franklin County met at the Mills High School in Louisburg, Saturday, October 24, the opening session being held at eleven o'clock in the morning.

The morning session was an entirely business meeting of the women with the exception of the demonstration of visiting representatives of a company. The discussion of the yearbooks for the approaching new year was held and it was decided that each club would make their own yearbook including therein the county-wide program to be worked out. A contest is to be held at the next Federation meeting which will occur in January, 1932, between the different clubs, a prize to be given to the club who has made the best yearbook. Reports from the different committees were heard, following which another discussion was held about the question of the Federation furnishing the 4-H Club Pins to the worthy 4-H Club girls in Franklin County. It was finally voted that the Federation furnish them.

Mrs. Hattie Plummer, Home Agent of Vance County was guest at the meeting and during the morning session she expressed her gladness of being able to attend this meeting stating that she always took the opportunity when possible to visit Franklin County's wide-awake Federation and to learn much from it. Mr. Pittman, of Kittrell, was also a guest at the meeting.

The demonstration of salads and salad dressings was made by three representatives, all of whom are of Franklin County, the last two of whom were 4-H Club girls of the County. They were Misses Elizabeth Clifton, Mary Susan Fuller, and Marie Mitchiner.

A delightful barbecue dinner was served at the noon hour in the kitchen of the Home economics room at the High school where the meeting was held.

The topic of the program for the afternoon session was the "Beautification of the Home and School Grounds." Mrs. Plummer, of Vance County explained and talked about the contest being sponsored by the Progressive Farmer-Southern Ruralist, telling of Vance County's experience in a similar contest several years ago.

Prof. J. A. Woodward of Epsom High School, was the guest speaker, and told of how he had worked for the beautification of the Epsom High School grounds, and spoke an urgent request that everyone begin right away to beautify their home, then their church and their school. He told of the effect of the planting of his school grounds on the public, the students, and the school spirit.

In the attendance contest put on at this meeting to see which club would have the greatest number present at the meeting, the prize was awarded to Gold Sand Club.

The meeting was presided over by the newly elected president, Mrs. T. C. Gill.

Narrow Escape

Little Martha Gray King, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. King, narrowly escaped death when she was ran over by a Ford car, driven by Clarence Alston, colored, on Sunday, in front of her home on North Main street. The accident happened when the little girl ran out into the street just as the car was passing. She was struck by the bumper, and knocked down, but was not caught under the wheels. Saved for a few bruises and a scare she was not injured. It is understood the accident was considered unavoidable, as the car was running at a slow speed, although it could not avoid striking the child.

Cannon's Store Is Robbed

Thieves broke into the store of H. F. Cannon and Co., on South Main Street Friday night and carried away a quantity of cigarettes, cigars, pocket knives, lard and other things amounting to an estimate of possibly one hundred and fifty dollars made by Mr. H. F. Cannon. The entrance was made by breaking a hole through the floor from underneath the house with the use of a brace and bit, and entering through the hole. When inside the thief, or thieves opened the back door through which the goods were removed.

Officers have found no trace of the thieves.

APPRECIATION

Mr. A. F. Johnson, Editor, The Franklin Times, Louisburg, N. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have just finished reading this week's issue of your valuable paper and am so impressed with its contents and appearance, especially the unusual editorial page, that I cannot resist the urge to write and congratulate you and the entire staff.

In my opinion there is no greater power for good in a rural community than the county paper because of the general interest in its policies by the readers; being, as you know, the only reading matter that finds its way into many homes.

Again congratulating you and with every good wish for your continued success, I am,

Yours very truly,

L. L. JOYNER, Mayor of Louisburg, N. C.

Thanks Mayor Joyner. Such expressions of appreciation serve as incentives to publish a better paper. We, like others, like to know when our efforts are appreciated.—Editor.

Recorder's Court

Quite a big docket awaited Franklin Recorders Court Monday morning after a recess of a week. During the session Judge Malone announced that the Court had been liberal in allowing time to settle to many defendants but he expected to get a settlement in all these cases by December 1st. The docket was disposed of as follows:

John Hawkins and Julia Foster Hawkins plead guilty to f. and a. and was given 90 days in jail. Commissioners to hire out. Foster was found guilty of operating a house of ill form and given a like sentence.

Arthur Williams was found not guilty of disturbing public worship.

Richard Conyers was found guilty of disturbing public worship and fined \$10 and costs.

Waverly Lewis was found not guilty of larceny and receiving.

Joseph Hall and Teila Brown, were found not guilty of violating prohibition law.

Harvey Hartsfield was found not guilty of larceny and receiving.

Harvey Hartsfield, for carrying concealed weapons, was continued under former order.

A nol pros with leave was taken in the case of larceny against Jerry Lee Bumpas.

Herbert Strickland and Clarence Tant plead guilty to larceny and receiving, and prayer for judgment was continued one week.

Allen Ellington plead guilty to careless and reckless driving, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs including \$30 to J. C. Tucker.

Gray B. Moore, was given 6 months on roads for unlawful possession of whiskey. He was also given 60 days for resisting an officer to run with the former sentence.

Ed Conyers was acquitted for disturbing public worship.

Arthur Mitchell plead guilty to assault, and was given 60 days on roads, upon payment of costs, capias to issue only upon order of this court.

The following cases were continued:

R. W. Hudson, assault with deadly weapon.

G. D. Wester, bad check.

J. Make Bridgers, 2 cases for violating fishing law.

Charlie T. White, assault.

Frank Jeans and Howard Weaver disturbing public worship.

Sunday School Convention

Officers of Franklin County Sunday School Association announce that the Annual County Sunday School Convention will be held on Sunday November 8 with the Mountain Grove Baptist Church.

Helping in the convention will be Rev. Shuford Peeler, Salisbury, General Secretary of the North Carolina Sunday Association and Mr. T. H. Sledge.

The convention is interdenominational and workers from all Sunday Schools of the county are invited to participate in the work.

In charge of the arrangements of the convention are C. E. Jeffreys and Miss Irene Gupton, President and Secretary of the County Sunday School Association. These officers are requesting the cooperation of all pastors and superintendents as well as other Sunday School leaders, in the effort to make the convention a success.

The officers have announced that again this year a pennant will be presented to the Sunday School having in the convention the largest average attendance of representatives fifteen years of age and over, according to the number of miles traveled. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition among the Sunday Schools of the county.

MRS. PERRY HONORED

MANY STATE NOTED GUESTS PRESENT

Local American Legion and Auxiliary Fete President North Carolina Department American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Hugh W. Perry was delightfully entertained at a banquet given by the Louisburg American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary jointly, on last Thursday evening, at the Four Winds Tea Room, in Louisburg, honoring her as President of the Department of American Legion Auxiliary of North Carolina.

A most interesting program was enjoyed during the banquet, which included addresses and talks from many prominent officers of the State Legion and Auxiliary. The invocation was given by Judge J. E. Malone, who is chaplain of the local unit, which was followed by the introduction of the guests. Welcome was spoken from the American Legion by Dr. H. H. Johnson, from the Auxiliary by its Chairman, Mrs. J. E. Malone, Jr., and from the City of Louisburg by Mayor L. L. Joyner.

Following the second course of the banquet, Percy H. Wilson, of Wake Forest, District Commander, spoke making a beautiful and significant comparison in the fact that North Carolina during its distress and trouble during the war chose Bickett to lead it, and now in its present distress has chosen Mrs. Hugh W. Perry as chairman of the State Department of the American Legion Auxiliary to lead it. After his speech, several telegrams were read that were received from Mrs. Geo. Isley, State Commander, Con C. Johnson, and State Adjutant Jim Caldwell who expressed their sincere regrets in being unable to attend; also a letter from Mrs. R. J. Miller, past state President of the Auxiliary.

Mr. F. A. Hutchison, State Service Officer, of Charlotte, spoke briefly on his department, elaborating much on the cases in Franklin County and the cooperation he had received from Franklin County and its leader Mrs. Hugh W. Perry. The two main speakers were Mr. Henry C. Bourne, State Commander, of Tarboro, and Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, State President of the Auxiliary.

Commander Bourne paid beautiful tribute to Mrs. Perry in whose honor the occasion was, saying that it was no chance wind that brought this honor to Franklin County. Mrs. Perry expressed sincere gratitude for the many honors given her and then reviewed the program for the Auxiliary for the State for this year. Between these two speeches, Mr. Gerald Bryant, of the Southern Conservatory of Music at Louisburg College, sang the vocal solo, "A Garden of Roses and You". Also during the entire banquet the Bryant trio rendered music, both beautiful and appropriate.

The decorations of the banquet room were of patriotic nature and the favors were also patriotic.

Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, as honor guest, was presented with a beautiful shoulder corsage of Talisman Koses; and a buttonaire was presented Mr. Henry C. Bourne, State Commander.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. Henry C. Bourne, State Commander, and Mr. McDaniel, of Tarboro; Mr. Percy H. Wilson, District Commander, Wake Forest; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wester, Jr., Mrs. H. Utley, of the Franklin Post and Auxiliary, and Mr. G. B. Harris, past District Commander, of Franklin; Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Newell, 1st Vice-president of the State Auxiliary department, Mrs. R. C. Gary and Mrs. A. B. Noel, of the Henderson Auxiliary, of Henderson; Solicitor J. C. Little, of Raleigh.

The entire banquet bespoke the loyalty of the State units of Legion and Auxiliary to Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, State President of the American Legion Auxiliary, who has just been installed in her new office.

Splendid Recital

The Southern Conservatory of Music presented a number of its students in a splendid recital in the College Halls last Friday evening at eight o'clock. The program was presided over by Gilmore Ward Bryant, Director of the Conservatory. The following program was rendered: Fiano solo—"Mountain Stream" by Miss Alice Galling; piano solo—"Funeral March," by Miss Helen Brown; vocal solo—"With You," by Mr. W. Finch; piano solo—Op. 27, Beethoven Sonata, by Miss Mason Ricks; piano solo—"Tamoshanta," by Miss Hilda Peile; vocal solo—"Your Song from Paradise," by Miss Ruth Cathey; piano solo—"Playing Snowball," by Miss Mamie Beam; piano duet—"Hungarian March," by Misses Doris Strange and Lydia Person.

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