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SUPERIOR COURT.

Term Closed Friday—Martha Jane Woods Enters Plea of Second Degree Murder and Plea Was Accepted by the State—Number of Liquor Cases Tried.

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases closed Friday afternoon after a 5-days' session and Judge Thos. H. Calvert, who presided left Friday evening for his home in Raleigh.

The following cases were disposed of after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's Robesonian was prepared:

Roy T. McPhail, abandonment, found guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon the condition that the defendant pay his wife \$100 and the cost of the action.

H. F. Lawson, false pretense; not guilty.

Hugh McLelland, store breaking, defendant plead guilty of attempting to break into a store and was fined \$200 and sentenced to six months on the public roads. The road sentence is to be suspended upon condition that the defendant attend school regularly and engage in some useful occupation when school is not in session and report at each term of criminal court when not in school for two years and show that he has not smoked any cigarettes and show good behavior.

Sam Bryant, manufacturing liquor; six months on the public roads. Bryant gave notice of appeal.

Laura McLean, manufacturing liquor; four months in jail.

Morris Ella Millsaps, manufacturing liquor; four months in jail.

Dock Smith, manufacturing liquor; three months on the public roads.

Martha Jane Woods, Indian, murder; defendant plead guilty of second degree murder and the plea was accepted by the State; two years in the State prison, capias not to issue until the January, 1920, term of criminal court. The defendant was required to make bond in the sum of \$1,000 for her appearance at the January term of court.

Martha Jane was charged with killing another woman of her race about a year ago. Jealousy was supposed to have been at the bottom of the trouble.

The case charging Cattie Rowland, colored, with killing another colored woman, was not called.

Belle Marsh, having more liquor in her possession than the law allows, guilty; judgment continued upon payment of the cost.

ROZIER NEWS ITEMS.

Farmers Busy With Tobacco—Church Services—Boys Home From France—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Rozier, (Lumberton, R. 2), July 8.—We are having some warm dry weather now and the farmers are very busy with their tobacco, for curing time is at hand and every one is busy.

The quarterly meeting that was held at Rozier the fifth Sunday in June was quite a success, and we day. We were very glad to have our pastor, Rev. A. H. Porter, and his wife with us that day.

On the third Sunday and day before, our regular preaching time, Rev. W. E. Darrow of St. Pauls, Mo., will be with our pastor here at Rozier and fill the pulpit for him. Everybody is cordially invited to attend church both days. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McRae and Miss Thelma Moore of Wilmington are expected to arrive this week and spend a few days with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Louise Surrall of Dublin spent a few days recently a guest of Miss Ethel Carlyle.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Britt and two sons and daughter visited their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith recently.

Messrs. Troy Lawson and Ivey of Orrum were in this section recently. Miss Lela Smith and brother, William, of Bladen county visited at Mr. Britt's home recently.

We are glad to see the soldiers coming home. Pvt. Bailey Prevatt and Cpl. G. Broadas Baxley arrived home a few days ago. They both spent several months overseas with the A. E. F.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thrower and family, who live near St. Pauls, spent Sunday in this vicinity with relatives.

The fourth passed off very quietly in this vicinity for most of the people attended the great celebration at St. Pauls and reported a great time all around.

Mr. Carey McDonald spent Sunday with relatives in South Carolina.

Mr. Avery Powers of Ten Mile was in this section Sunday p. m.

Mr. C. D. Rice of Long Branch was a visitor in this section recently.

Banks Will Remain Open Until 3 P. M.
Beginning today the local banks will remain open until 3 o'clock in the afternoon instead of closing at 2 p. m., as heretofore.

Regular meeting St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M. tomorrow evening at 8:30.

BOARD EDUCATION MEETS.

Supt. Poole Re-Elected—Philadelphia Special Tax Levy to Be Increased—Modern Brick School Building to Be Erected in District No. 4, Smith Township—Committeemen Appointed.

The board of education met in regular session Monday, July 7th, all members being present.

The annual statistical and financial reports of the county superintendent and financial report of the county treasurer were presented and ordered approved. Copy of each to be filed in the office of the Board of Education and a copy to be mailed to the State superintendent.

Ordered that the superintendent's statistical and financial reports be published.

Mr. C. T. Pate having been appointed by the last General Assembly as a member of the Board of Education, was duly qualified and assumed the duties of his office.

J. R. Poole was unanimously re-elected county superintendent for a term of two years at the same salary, \$2,400.

Mr. Lucius McRae was re-elected Chairman of the board.

It was ordered that Supt. J. R. Poole investigate the requirements necessary for obtaining a colored training school to be located at Marietta.

Nine dollars was allowed district No. 4, colored, for part payment on building a porch and purchasing a door for school building.

The county commissioners were requested to change the bond issue levy of the Philadelphia graded school district from 23 cents on the \$100 worth of property and 69 cents on the poll to 35 cents on the \$100 worth of property and \$1.05 on the poll, as provided by the General Assembly of 1919.

Ordered that district No. 4, white, Smiths be allowed to move school from present location to a new site on the public road leading from Maxton to Red Springs, provided deed for new location can be secured without any revisionary clause. If this provision is provided for, it was ordered that the present school building and site be sold to Mrs. Julia Williford for \$500.

Ordered that old school building and lot in district No. 4, white, Smiths, be sold to J. D. Austin for \$100 and that deed be executed for same.

Ordered that an appropriation of \$1,600 be allowed district No. 4, white, Smiths township as part payment for the erection of a new brick modern school building for said district.

J. R. Poole and T. L. Johnson were appointed as a committee to dispose of the old school property at Ten Miles, and take steps necessary to secure a new site.

J. R. Poole and T. L. Johnson were appointed as a committee to investigate the matter of establishing a new district for the Indian race in Howellsville township, chapel.

The resignation of Mr. Williams as committeeman of district No. 3, white, Lumber Bridge was accepted and T. C. Lewis was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

The resignation of W. G. Pope as committeeman of district No. 1, white, Britt's, was accepted, and G. E. Thompson was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

The resignation of Mr. J. B. McLeod as committeeman of district No. 1, colored, Rowland was accepted and C. J. McCallum was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

The resignation of J. Z. Stone as committeeman of district No. 5, white, Alfordville.

Britt's, was accepted and S. T. Stone was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

E. P. Smith and John Traywich were appointed committeemen in district No. 5, white, Alfordville.

The resignation of Jay Hammonds as committeeman of district No. 3, white, Rowland was accepted and L. T. Edens was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

At a joint meeting of the board of education and county commissioners Mr. W. P. McAllister was elected county superintendent of public welfare at a salary of \$2,000 the year, one half to be paid by the board of education and the other half by the county board of commissioners.

Ordered that \$165.88 be refunded to the sheriff for having over paid the district special taxes paid school fund.

Ordered that the following committee be appointed for a term of three years:

Alfordville—No. 1, N. J. McRimmon; No. 2, J. F. Bullock; No. 3, Chas. Ray; No. 4, P. F. McGirt; No. 5, E. P. Smith.

Back Swamp—No. 2, Richard Prevatt, Jr.

Burnt Swamp—No. 2, W. A. Bruce; Britt's—No. 1, Eli Britt; No. 2, N. J. Prevatt; No. 3, R. L. Leggett; No. 4, J. H. Ammons; No. 5, Okey Stephens.

Fairmont—No. 1, F. L. Blue; No. 2, A. R. Bullock; No. 3, Jesse Turner; Gaddys—J. E. Rowland; No. 2, D.

V. Rogers. Howellsville—No. 1, A. H. Graham; No. 2, R. L. East; No. 3, J. B. Regan; No. 4, N. A. Kinlaw; No. 5, W. J. Mercer; No. 6, Robert L. Collins.

Lumberton—No. 1, John Bodiford; No. 2, E. N. Prevatt; No. 3, J. W. Long; No. 4, B. E. Britt; No. 5, Alex. Dawkins.

Lumber Bridge—No. 1, J. W. Cobb; No. 2, J. J. Beard; No. 3, D. J. Barlow.

Maxton—No. 1, G. E. Whitlock; No. 2, Rory McNair; No. 3, W. H. McCormick; No. 4, D. A. McLean.

Orrum—No. 1, S. A. Humphrey; No. 2, John C. Atkinson and S. B. Atkinson.

BROWN-MITCHELL.

Marriage of Interest to Robesonian Readers Took Place at Wake Forest July 3rd. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Wake Forest, July 9.—A beautiful wedding was solemnized in the Roseville Baptist church, Wake Forest, on Thursday, July 3rd, when Miss Belle Mitchell became the bride of Rev. R. L. Brown of Ridley Park, Pa. A profusion of greens and "Queen Ann's lace" carried out a color plan of green and white and made a lovely setting for the bridal party. The party stood under an arch of greens festooned with tulle, while a large bell hung from the center. Rev. Mr. Yearby was the officiating minister.

Just before the ceremony Miss Margaret Pope of Dunn sang: "I Love You Truly" and "Beauty's Eyes." Miss Sadie Mitchell rendered the organ music. Promptly at 10:30 she began the march from Lohengrin and the bridal party entered. The ushers were Messrs. George Mitchell, Joe Broughton, John Pearce and Foster Jones. The dame of honor was Mrs. A. R. Bowers, of Richmond, Va., a sister of the bride. She wore white georgette, with white trimmings, with white picture hat, and carried a bouquet of white roses.

Among out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Pope, Miss Margaret Pope and Mr. Casper Warren of Dunn; Miss Nell Harper, of Concord; Miss Martha Speas of Huntersville; Miss Janie Stanton of Raleigh; Mr. W. R. Brown and Miss Lizzie Mae Easterling of Rennett; Mrs. J. E. Phillips and little Mary Phillips and Miss Beatie Stanton of Rowland; Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Campbell, of Texas; Mr. Allen Brown, Mr. J. McCray of Maxton, and Miss Irene McGirt of Red Springs.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Brown motored to Raleigh, where they took the North bound train for Washington and other points.

They will be at home in Ridley Park, Pa., where Mr. Brown is pastor of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Brown is the second daughter of the late Mr. J. H. Mitchell and Mrs. Brown is a lovely young woman. The groom is the son of Mr. W. R. Brown and Mrs. Brown of Rennett, N. C., is a graduate of Wake Forest college, of the University of Pennsylvania and of Crozier Seminary, Chester, Pa.

McDONALD NEWS LETTER.

Entertainment—Boys Home From War—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. McDonalds, July 10.—On Tuesday evening Mrs. D. V. Britt gave a party in honor of Ruth Johnson Britt of Wilmington. The party passed a most enjoyable evening, playing games, eating ice cream, cakes and candies under the shade of the large China umbrella trees. Those present were: Omega Stone, Mary Hall, Naomi Ray, Vera Williams, Flora Hall, Flora Faulk, Ruby Williams, Alice Greyard, Margaret Ray, Mary Amanda Davis, and Cathrine Johnson.

Mrs. D. H. Britt Jr., left Wednesday for Wilmington, where she will spend some time visiting relatives.

Mr. Edward Townsend arrived from overseas Wednesday. We are glad also to have back with us again Messrs. Neil Hall and Lawrence Parker.

Again news has reached here that Julian Price is at Newport News, Va., on his way home.

We are glad to see Mr. Johnson on our streets after having undergone a successful operation at the Highsmith hospital.

Mr. Clarence McArthur has been holding the bank during Mr. Johnson's absence.

Miss Mattie Townsend is spending a while with her grand-father, Mr. F. M. Townsend.

Dr. Carl Vann Tyner, recently with the chief surgeon of the ninth army corps headquarters in France, has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tyner of Lowe. With him are Mrs. Tyner, who was Miss Nina Dickens of New Brunswick, Canada, and their seven-months-old son, Kenneth Vann Tyner. Dr. Tyner has not decided where he will locate, but he is considering coming back to his old home State.

Rev. W. J. DuBois delivered a Sunday school address at Union Methodist church, near Clarkton, Bladen county, yesterday.

Annual Picnic July 26th.

The annual Indian picnic will be held at Union chapel, near Buie, Saturday, July 26. A great time is being planned.

Mrs. D. R. Shaw and daughter, little Miss Elizabeth, left this morning for Black Mountain, where they will spend some time. Mr. Shaw accompanied them to Charlotte.

JUDGE CALVERT DIRECTS ATTENTION TO THE LAW

Delays in Filing Court Pleadings Will Be Discouraged Under New Statute.

At the close of his charge to the grand jury last Monday Judge Thomas H. Calvert took occasion to refer to the act passed at the last session of the General Assembly regulating the return of summons in civil actions and requiring the prompt filing of pleadings. He said in part:

"This is the first court for the fall term in this district, and while it is a week for the trial of criminal cases, yet the matter of the prompt attention to the business of the courts is one of general public interest, and the circumstances that a statute respecting process and pleadings went into effect at the beginning of the fall term, that is on the 1st of July, suggests that we should begin to make an effort to understand and apply it. A number of copies have been sent by the Secretary of State to all the clerks of the Superior Courts, so that the officers and lawyers have every opportunity to familiarize themselves with its provisions."

What Statute Provides.

"The statute provides, in part, that the summons is returnable before the clerk, that the complaint must be filed on or before the return day, and that the answer must be filed within twenty days after the return day. It further makes provision for the immediately filing and hearing of demurrers, that is, without waiting for the next term of court. The practice in these respects had become so loose that a large proportion of the cases in many counties have been some time, and in some instances for years, without any pleadings."

"It is impossible to remedy this condition so long as the practice is allowed to continue of entering general orders at every term allowing time to file pleadings, and so long as the disposition is respected and encouraged of entering into agreements between counsel to take all the time they want, in the name of granting professional courtesies. I am disposed to think that this is something like the granting of so-called senatorial courtesy and can very easily run to seed, and ought not to be indulged to the point that it clogs the dockets of our courts and in a measure impedes the public business."

Entitled to Fair Trial.

It may be that some of those who are sincerely in favor of the adoption of some remedy for the condition into which the civil practice has been allowed to drift, think that some other remedy would give better results, but the General Assembly has prescribed this as one remedy, and it is the duty of the courts, lawyers and officers to make an honest effort to make a reasonable use of it. The statute is at least entitled to a fair trial. If experience with it proves that it is not workable and not suited to our conditions, it may be repealed or so amended as to reduce it to a workable formula. At any rate, its evident purpose should commend it to our serious consideration.

"I may take this opportunity to say that I have never agreed with those who would blame our shortcomings on the code of Civil Procedure. It may be that in some few particulars it might be improved, but taking it as a whole I am satisfied that the code of procedure of this State is a simple and understandable, a workable and comprehensive, and general an admirable one. And as an honest confession is good for the soul, we might as well come to the mark, and admit that most of the ills of judicial delays we have created or fallen heir to, may rather be attributed to the failure of the courts to comply with it than to any defects in the code itself."

"The appeals for judicial discretion and favor have become so loud and so continuous that we are in danger of forgetting that there is an orderly procedure prescribed and to be followed, and we should remember that indulgence craved, and to be granted in the exercise of judicial discretion, should be the exception and not the general rule."

Will Conform to Law.

"We, in this district, and during the fall term will, therefore, understand that in the matter of filing complaints and answers, and filing and hearing demurrers, it will be expected that the provisions of this statute will be observed, and that time to file such pleadings will not be extended as a mere matter of course, but only on a showing of good cause. General orders extending time to file pleadings will not be entered, and rules of the court and regulations of the bar on that particular subject are deemed to be superseded by the statute. And I suggest that the clerks of the courts in this district make their practice conform to the statute."

—The following Lumberton people spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rawan, Messrs. L. R. Varser, C. M. Barker, and Haynes Britt.

—Splendid rains, which were much needed, fell throughout this section Friday afternoon and evening.

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—Mr. Leslie Higley arrived home this morning from France.

—License has been issued for the marriage of C. F. Fridgen and Hellen Clyde Rozier.

—Mr. Oliver A. Meares and small son, Braxton, of R. 5, Lumberton, spent the week-end at Fayetteville with Mrs. Meares, who is undergoing treatment following an operation at the Highsmith hospital.

—Mr. H. M. McAllister arrived home last week from Richmond, Va., where he spent more than six weeks under treatment at the Hygeia hospital for some stomach trouble. His health is much improved.

—Mr. L. E. Whaley has been advised that his son, Mr. E. L. Whaley, landed in New York from Germany a few days ago. Mr. Whaley was attached to the aviation corps of the U. S. army. He is expected home in a few days.

—A number of Lumberton people have recently had automobile tires stolen from their cars. Mr. C. H. Boyd lost two new tires in this manner during the last few days. The tires stolen have been extras attached to the automobiles from which they were taken.

—Mrs. J. L. Weathers and three children arrived Friday night from Shelby to join Mr. Weathers, who was recently elected superintendent of the local power and water plants. Mr. Weathers and family will board at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robeson, Second street, until they can secure a suitable residence, when they will begin house-keeping.

—All Wake Forest men of Robeson county are asked to meet at the First Baptist church in Lumberton, Tuesday evening, July 15th, at 8:30 o'clock. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance of Wake Forest men from all parts of the county, not only of former students, but prospective students are also cordially invited to attend. Rev. Jim Turner, the popular student secretary of the college will be present.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fuller and three children, Mary Louise, Epsie and John Coltrane, and Mrs. R. H. Crichton left yesterday for Hendersonville, where Wednesday afternoon of this week they will attend the marriage of Miss Anna Neal Fuller and Mr. L. E. Blanchard. The bride-to-be is a daughter of Mr. C. M. Fuller and a sister of Mrs. Crichton and Mr. J. C. Fuller. Among other Lumberton people who will go to Hendersonville to attend the marriage are: Misses Berta McNeill and Agnes McLean and Mr. R. H. Crichton.

RECORDER'S COURT.

M. C. Martin of the National cotton mill village was before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on the charge of assault with deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon. He was found not guilty of assault with deadly weapon, but plead guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost.

Martin was charged with firing two shots at John and Ed McLean, near the National cotton mill, Tuesday night of last week.

Howard Purcell, colored, was found guilty of false pretense. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost.

Max Weinstein and Leslie Bullard plead guilty of exceeding the speed limit with automobiles. Judgment was suspended in each case upon payment of the cost.

Robert Rogers, Ed Rogers and Edgar Love, all colored, were given a hearing before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson on the charge of an affray. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Family Reunion and Fourth of July Celebration.

Correspondence of The Robesonian, Timmonsville, S. C., July 10.—All of the children and grand-children of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Britt, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Ridick and children together with Mr. Jack Taylor, gathered at the home of Mr. Britt near Timmonsville, S. C., for a family reunion on July 4th.

Early in the morning all of the guests arrived and the first thing of note on the day's program was a trip by the boys to the watermelon patch to get some watermelons. Later on in the day such a dinner was served at the home of Mr. Britt near home! All of the ham, beef, turkey, cakes, pies and everything else good to eat that you can imagine were not hurt after three tables had been served.

After dinner ice cream and cold drinks were served. Mr. Jack Taylor said "If I ever get over today after eating so much dinner, watermelons and refreshments I will never be afraid any more."

Later in the afternoon the guests began to depart, declaring that they had enjoyed the day very much indeed.