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## SUPERIOR COURT

Convened Here Monday With Judge C. C. Lyon Presiding—Delivers an Able Charge

The January term of Chatham County Superior Court convened here Monday for the trial of criminal and civil actions with Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, presiding. Judge Lyon delivered an able charge to the grand jury, after which Solicitor Walter D. Siler commenced the prosecution of the criminal docket.

The first case to be tried was one against three negroes, Murph Womble, Clifton Womble and Irving Womble, on the charge of cruelty to animals; it being alleged that they had killed a hog. The judge ruled that there was not sufficient evidence against Murph and Clifton to go to the jury and entered a verdict of not guilty as to them. Irving was found guilty by the jury and fined \$10 and taxed with the costs.

On Tuesday morning M. R. Sykes was tried for the second time on the charge of manufacturing whiskey. He was tried on this same charge at the May term, found guilty and upon appeal to the Supreme Court was granted a new trial. The jury found him guilty this time also.

The cases of State vs Cleveland Self and State vs B. W. Harris, which arose out of an affray between Self and Harris, were settled, Self paying to Harris \$100 and the costs in both cases.

Other cases disposed of up to Wednesday at noon are:

State vs Butler Hayes; retailer; submits; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs and defendant's good behavior.

State vs Will Chavis; illicit distilling; not guilty.

State vs George Grey; illicit distilling; pleads guilty.

State vs Walker Harris, Jim Dorsett, Feller Campbell and Jim Harris; illicit distilling; guilty.

State vs Hame Milliken; illicit distilling; guilty; 2 years in jail with leave to be hired out by the County Commissioners.

State vs John McDonald; having liquor for the purpose of sale; guilty.

State vs J. D. Castlebury; illicit distilling; not guilty.

State vs Wade Mills; illicit distilling; pleads guilty.

C. J. Jenkins and Lottie Jenkins vs W. A. Jenkins; judgment rendered at August term in this case set aside, upon motion of defendant, W. A. Jenkins.

All civil cases, except that of J. W. Williams vs Annie Williams were continued for the term.

## Red Cross Gives Prize

Ernest Porter, a member of the Red Cross Life Saving Corps of Jacksonville, Fla., has been awarded second prize for the best life saving work reported to the Red Cross for the year 1920.

A check for \$75, the amount of the prize, was received today at southern division headquarters of the Red Cross, and has been forwarded to Mr. Porter, care of the Jacksonville chapter of Red Cross.

Mr. Porter, on May 4, 1920, rescued J. Hoffman, Miss Jeanette Bradby and F. E. Mudge from drowning at Pablo Beach, Fla. They were in bathing and were carried out by the undertow. Mr. Porter brought Mr. Hoffman and Miss Bradby ashore after they had been swept 100 feet beyond the breakers in water 15 to 18 feet deep. He then secured a life-boat, launched it singlehanded and rescued Mr. Mudge.

## DEVELOPMENT

### AT CUMNOCK

The Cumnock Coal Company is preparing to operate the mine on a large scale. Machinists are preparing to install two new Babcock engines of a capacity of 125,000 horsepower each. The old machinery with which the mine was operated for years is to be replaced by new machinery. The material has been placed for six new dwellings. The 40 houses that have been built are now occupied by miners. The mining village is to be lighted by electric lights as soon as the electric system can be extended.

Some 75 or 80 men are now at work in the mine and the daily output of coal is about 80 tons. The miners are paid good wages, the payroll amounting to something like \$6,000 per month.

The men who work in this mine are not foreigners, but Americans by birth. Many of them were born and reared in this State and are good citizens. Some of them own cars; they attend church and take an interest in those things calculated to advance the best interests of the community. They live in comfortable homes which are furnished them by the company. As a mining village Cumnock is in a class by itself. The company proposes to treat its laborers right; pay them living wages and if possible keep down strikes and trouble at the mine. The danger from gas in the mine, which menaced the lives of the miners in years past, has been eliminated by ventilation. A powerful fan forces fresh air into the mine through a shaft and forces out the poisonous gas. The company has put this mine in shape for working at a heavy cost and as soon as the facilities can be had coal will be taken on and shipped in large quantities.

Operations for opening a mine on the north side of Deep River, in Chatham County, are being pushed. Day and night shifts are at work and some coal is being taken out. The company expects to find coal in workable quantities when the main pocket is reached.—Sanford Express.

## Patrick-Johnson

The Durham Herald of last Thursday says that a very quiet but pretty marriage was solemnized at the Trinity Methodist parsonage yesterday afternoon in the presence of a few friends, when Miss Betsy Johnson became the bride of Thomas Victor Patrick, Rev. A. D. Wilcox officiating.

The bride wore an attractive suit of blue duvetyn with accessories to match and carried a bouquet of Killarney roses. Miss Johnson is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Johnson, of Pittsboro. Mr. Patrick is a rising young business man of New Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick left immediately after the ceremony on the east bound train for a bridal trip to Richmond and other cities. They will make their home in New Hill upon their return from their honeymoon on February 1st.

An oyster supper will be given at Bonlee High School Saturday night, January 22, by the Agriculture and Home Economic pupils. There will be other good things for those who do not like oysters. Come and bring your friends.

Mr. J. C. Hammond has moved into his new home on Hillsboro street.

## LEE-JACKSON DAY

Pittsboro High School—Addresses by Mr. Walter D. Siler and Mr. Daniel L. Bell

The Pittsboro High School will observe Lee-Jackson Day next Friday afternoon at 2:30. Lee's birthday is on Wednesday, the 19th, but Jackson's is on Friday, the 21st, the school will have its exercises on that day. At the close of the program the Winnie Davis Chapter of the U. D. C. will hold its January meeting in the school auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend the exercises, and all Daughters are urged to be present.

Let us as a community and County show homage to these two heroes of the South, whose sacrifice and devotion to duty will ever be emulated by a chivalric people. The program will be as follows:

1. Song, The Bonnie Blue Flag.
2. Invocation.
3. Purpose of the Celebration, by W. D. Siler.
4. Recitation, "The Blue and the Gray," by Luman Overacre.
5. Recitation, "The Conquered Banner," Agnes Gunter.
6. "Stonewall Jackson's Way," Pauline Taylor.
7. Song, Dixie.
8. Reading Music in Camp, E. R. Franklin.
9. Recitation, The Sword of Lee, Virginia Connell.
10. Address on Lee and Jackson, Daniel L. Bell.
11. Song, How Firm a Foundation.

## Moncure School Notes

Moncure, Jan. 18.—The average daily attendance for the Moncure High School for the month ending Friday, January 14, was 85.5. Several new students entered after the holidays. The enrollment is now 108.

The following pupils made perfect attendance the past month: 5th grade—Hazel Holt, Ida Maney. 6th—Blannie Churchill, Margaret Dickens, Alma Walden, Elizabeth Thomas. 8th—Pauline Ray, Katherine Thomas, Catherine Hackney, Hilda Wilkie, Walter Boone, Willie Dickens, Jennings Womble. 9th—Annie Lassiter, Annie Utley, James Utley. 11th—Esther Womble.

Two pupils in the 6th grade, Bernice Womble and Garret Wicker, have been present every day since school began, but were tardy one morning last week. Ida Maney has made perfect attendance; that is, she has been on time every morning and has missed no classes.

The Utopian Literary Society will render a special program Jan. 21, at its regular meeting at 2:30 p. m. in honor of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson, those two chieftains of Southern chivalry. It is fitting that we have a Lee-Jackson Day to keep fresh in the minds of both teachers and pupils the lives of two such noble characters. Visitors are always welcomed at the school.

On account of the bad weather last Thursday few ladies were present for the Betterment organization. Another meeting has been called for Thursday afternoon of this week. It is hoped that everyone interested in the school will be here promptly at 2:30 p. m.

Ernest Stone, son of Walter Stone, of New Hope Township, while cranking a car a day or two ago, was badly kicked by the "animal," breaking his arm.

## Brick Haven Dots

Brick Haven, Jan. 17.—Since vacation, and in spite of bad weather, pupils are in their places, maintaining an average of over 30 in attendance. Much good work is being done and steady improvement shown.

The Betterment held a very interesting business meeting during the holidays. Among other things it was decided to purchase more equipment for the school-room, to have a Valentine party at the school house Feb. 12, and to begin preparations for a play to be given for the benefit of the school.

We are glad to have a part of our playground equipment and hope to have more in the near future.

We are sorry to lose one of our primary pupils—Thomas Gilmore—whose parents have lately moved to Haywood.

A very enjoyable watch party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Kennedy New Year's eve. The guests spent the time until the arrival of the new year, doing various interesting and amusing stunts.

Owing to the Rhoads entertainments, which are being held at Corinth Jan. 17-22, the meeting of the Corinth-Brick-Haven Community Club has been postponed for one week, or until Friday, Jan. 23. Everybody is invited to this meeting and all are urged to take part in the spelling and arithmetic matches.

## Union Meeting Sandy Creek Association

The next session of this body will be held with the Bonlee Baptist Church, beginning Friday night, January 23. Each one of the 53 churches in this Association is invited to send delegates to this meeting. The following is the tentative program for the meeting:

### FRIDAY NIGHT

Sermon—Rev. W. B. Waff, Pittsboro.

### SATURDAY MORNING

10:00 Prayer service.—Rev. L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon Springs.  
10:15 Training in church membership—Walter M. Gilmore, Sanford.  
10:45 The Bible in the Sunday School—Rev. John E. Ayscue, Carthage.

11:15 Missionary Sermon—Rev. F. M. Gardner, Southern Pines.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Devotional meeting—Rev. W. A. Crabtree, Bear Creek.  
1:45 Miscellaneous Business.  
2:00 A Sunday School convention—why, when, where? Rev. O. A. Keller, Aberdeen.  
2:45 The spring round-up of the 75 million campaign—Rev. W. O. Johnson, Siler City.  
3:15 Home religion and the family altar—Rev. W. B. Waff, Pittsboro.

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7:00 Devotional meeting.  
7:15 Training in church membership—W. M. Gilmore, Sanford.  
7:45 The Bible in the Sunday School—J. E. Ayscue, Carthage.

### SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 Sunday School and talks by the visitors.  
11:00 Sermon—Dr. H. W. Williams, Jonesboro.

O. A. Keller  
W. B. Waff  
W. M. Gilmore,  
Prog. Committee.

Mr. Isaac Durham, Jr., of Roscoe, killed a turkey hen Monday that weighed 10 pounds.

## Higher Interest Rate

Editor of The Record: Will you publish the article below in your next issue with comment? It seems to me that it is an issue that affects the people very vitally.

C. A. POOLE.

Pittsboro, January 14.

### A Higher Interest Rate in North Carolina.

From the Laurinburg Exchange.

It is the opinion of many business men that North Carolina is suffering at this time because of the statutory limitation of six per cent interest on loans. It is highly probable that a bill will be introduced at this session of the Legislature, as has been heretofore, making it legal to charge as much as 8 per cent on loans by contract or special agreement. It is not likely that the present legal rate of six per cent will be changed or abolished, but the exigencies of the present situation demand that there be such legislation as will make it practical and possible for the man in North Carolina who needs money and to whom a loan is worth as much as 8 per cent, to borrow it either at home or away from home, paying 8 per cent interest and at the same time staying within the law.

Money, like the various commodities, is worth more at certain times than others. Arbitrarily fixing a rate of interest which cannot vary from year to another is about as successful as fixing a price for farm or factory products which shall apply at all times. A dollar is worth more at one time than another and it is good business to accept the proposition at its true value and be governed by it.

This is a time when money is worth more. And if one borrows he must pay more. The banks are being besieged by would-be borrowers who desperately need money and who are willing to pay 8 per cent interest. The banks can borrow at the money markets and extend the credit to their customers, but they must pay a higher rate and must charge a higher rate. Money for 60 and 90 day loans in New York was quoted at 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 per cent interest January 4th. How can the banker in North Carolina borrow money in New York, or from the Federal Reserve Bank at 7 per cent and then lend it to individuals at 6 per cent, the legal rate in North Carolina. It cannot be done and such transactions, which are without doubt being made daily, are without the law, and the parties are constantly haunted with fears of what might be.

A cotton mill or other industrial plant, in order to obtain funds, issues preferred stock bearing 7 per interest and sells it. This is entirely legal. But the man who goes to his bank with just as good security cannot pay more than 6 per cent without violating the letter of the law in North Carolina.

The 6 per cent limit fixed by statute was for the purpose of protecting unhappy creditors from the money sharks and usurers. It never was meant to govern every credit transaction, but unless the law specifically permits a contract rate of as much as 8 per cent it is unlawful to charge it or pay it. There is a moral principle involved here. What is right and wrong? Is it criminal to charge more than 6 per cent interest in North Carolina and at the same time perfectly all right to charge 7 or 8 per cent in South Carolina?

North Carolina and its busi-

ness interests are suffering right now because of the fact that money, which is needed here, seeks other and more attractive fields. Persons or companies having large sums to lend will lend the money to another State rather than take chances with the law in North Carolina. Who can blame them for sending their money elsewhere if the law in those States makes it legal to charge more than 6 per cent?

Thirty-six of the 48 States permit an interest rate higher than North Carolina's six per cent rate. These 36 States are getting the money they need at this time of financial crisis. But what of the honest business and farming interests of our own State which need funds at this time and have to offer just as good security as those in other States? When the stringency has passed the demand for money will be lighter and it will be worth less. Then North Carolina may be able to get what it needs at 6 per cent. But that is little comfort now when thousands of farmers and business men must have funds or go bankrupt.

It seems to us that the business interest of all the people will be promoted by legislation that legalizes an 8 per cent contract rate, so that the men in North Carolina who need money may be in as good position to get assistance as the man who lives in those States where money brings 8 per cent.

## Corinth News

Corinth, Jan. 18.—In spite of the unfavorable weather conditions, the average attendance since Christmas has been 56.

Those who have made a perfect attendance since the beginning of school are: First grade, Jay Cross, Woodrow Williams, Joseph Pollard, Eloise Mims. 3rd grade, Loyce Pollard. 4th grade, Royce Dickens, Hugh Buchanan. 6th grade, Leo Buchanan.

During this week the intermediate grades have charge of the morning exercises which we are expecting to be very interesting and instructive.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. R. S. Ashworth and wish him a speedy recovery.

We are glad to note that Master Benzie Nash has recovered from a recent illness.

B. A. Reardon, of Fuquay Springs, has charge of the Ashworth store during his sickness.

Jas. McIver made a business trip to Sanford Saturday, but returned walking as the car was left "stuck" in the mud.

Miss Rosa Mann spent the week-end in Durham visiting friends.

Ray Cross and B. A. Reardon motored to Wake County to A. M. Harrington near Holly Springs, Sunday, on business. (?)

Miss Carrie Lee Cross spent the week-end with her uncle, S. W. Harrington.

Charlie Smith, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in Corinth.

A. B. Wicker, of Brick Haven, is a frequent visitor to Corinth. (A man?)

## Free Government Seeds

Congressman E. W. Pou wishes to send his allotment of seeds to persons who intend to plant a garden. Drop him a postal, to Washington, D. C., saying you would like to have seeds. Requests of this kind will be filled in advance of the general distribution.