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SUPERIOR COURT

Adjourned Last Friday Morning—Sentences Pronounced Thursday Afternoon

The January term of Chatham Superior Court adjourned here last Friday morning. On account of the length of the criminal docket all civil cases that were calendared for this term, except that of J. W. Williams vs Annie Williams, were continued. Judge C. C. Lyon, who presided, impressed all very favorably with the dispatch and fairness with which he disposed of the cases before him.

The trial of the State vs Groves Henley was commenced Wednesday afternoon and completed Thursday morning. Henley was charged with the larceny of an automobile from J. L. Dorsett near Bonlee on the night of November 13th. The evidence of the State was circumstantial, showing that two men, one wearing hob-nail shoes and the other dress shoes with rubber heels, pushed Mr. Dorsett's automobile out of the garage on this night and being unable to start it abandoned the machine about a quarter of a mile from his home. The men were tracked by bloodhounds to Bonlee where the trail was lost at the depot by the railroad, indicating that the two parties had gotten on a train. These same tracks were traced back to Blue Rock. There was evidence that a man resembling the defendant wearing hob-nail shoes, and in company with another man, rode from Bonlee to Blue Rock on the Bonlee and Western train on the afternoon before the car was stolen that night. The theory of the State was that these two men got off at Blue Rock and went back to Mr. Dorsett's and stole his car that night. The defendant introduced evidence to show that he was in Greensboro on the night of the commission of the crime and that he was not on the Bonlee and Western train that afternoon. The case went to the jury Thursday morning and they returned a verdict of not guilty. As soon as this case was disposed of Henley was arrested under a warrant from Randolph County charging him with the larceny of another automobile. He was carried to that County Thursday after dinner where he gave bond for his appearance at Randolph Superior Court.

The only civil case tried by the jury was that of J. W. Williams vs Annie Williams. This was an action in which Williams was seeking to obtain a divorce from his wife. The jury found all the issues in favor of the defendant and Williams failed to get his divorce.

On Friday morning the case of L. C. Hill vs N. L. Lancaster and the Township Road Commissioners of Baldwin township was heard by Judge Lyon on the petition of the plaintiff for an injunction to restrain the Road Commissioners from making any further payments for road work to Lancaster. A temporary restraining order had been previously issued by the judge in this action. Hill claimed that he had been working for Lancaster in building a certain road in Baldwin township; that Lancaster was indebted to him in the sum of about \$1500; and he asked that the Road Commissioners be restrained from making any further payments to Lancaster until his claims had been settled.

Lancaster contended that he and Hill were co-partners in building this road and that he was not indebted to Hill in any amount but had overpaid him to the extent of about \$1100. The Road Commissioners alleged that they had made settlement with Lancaster for all work completed and that they were not indebted to Lancaster or Hill. The judge found that Lancaster and Hill were co-partners and held that Hill was not entitled to an injunction; and he, therefore, dissolved the restraining order previously issued.

Lewis Carpenter, a boy under 16 years of age, was bound out to W. H. Ward for three years. Other cases were disposed of as follows:

State vs L. M. Petty; continued.

State vs Comro Headen; continued.

State vs George Grey; illicit distilling; pleads guilty; twelve months on roads.

State vs Walker Harris, illicit distilling; guilty; 6 months on roads.

State vs Jim Dorsett; illicit distilling; guilty; 6 months on the roads.

State vs Feller Campbell; illicit distilling; guilty; prayer for judgment continued for 2 years upon payment of costs and good behavior.

State vs Jerry Harris; illicit distilling; guilty; prayer for judgment continued for 2 years upon payment of costs.

State vs M. K. Sykes; illicit distilling; guilty; minimum of 1 month and a maximum of 18 months on roads.

State vs Jim Crutchfield; illicit distilling; guilty; \$100 fine and costs.

State vs Jim Dorsett; carrying concealed weapon; guilty; six months on roads.

State vs Wade Mills; illicit distilling; pleads guilty; \$100 and costs.

State vs Exum Goodwin; illicit distilling; pleads guilty; \$150 and costs; to appear at each criminal court for 2 years and show good behavior.

State vs Guy Headen; retailing; guilty; 6 months on roads or \$100 and costs if paid within 10 days.

State vs Will Andrews; house-breaking; guilty; 10 months on roads.

State vs Guy Headen; having liquor in possession for the purpose of sale; not guilty.

State vs George Holleman; trespass; not guilty.

Reappointed Magistrate

Mr. John R. Blair has been recently reappointed a Justice of the Peace in Center township for a term of four years. He qualified on Friday, January 21st. Several of Mr. Blair's friends, without his knowledge, petitioned the Governor to reappoint him to this office. With eighteen years of experience, Mr. Blair is well qualified to fill the office of magistrate and we are glad that he is once more on the job.

Mrs. Johnson Passes

Mrs. Bettie Johnson, mother of Mr. Rufus J. Johnson, who lives about a mile north of Bynum, died at his home early Tuesday morning, aged about 73 years. Mrs. Johnson had been in declining health for some time but her death was unexpected. She was a good woman and will be sadly missed by all of her relatives and many friends.

Billy Sunday will deliver a lecture in Asheville Feb. 15.

GRAND JURY REPORT

Recommend That the County Home Farm Be Sold and That a Modern Home Be Built

The grand jury at the January term of Superior Court rendered their report Thursday and were discharged on that day. Judge Lyon commended their report very highly, especially their recommendation for the building of a modern County Home equipped so as to be available for a County Hospital. The following composed the grand jury at this term:

S. W. Harrington, foreman; Frank Thrailgill, William Morgan, J. C. Crutchfield, C. W. Lutterloh, G. M. Holt, S. B. Griffin, A. J. Temples, J. L. Dwyer, C. F. McCormick, C. D. Wilson, J. B. Bowers, T. J. Hearne, Albert Cole, G. M. Womble, J. W. White, Ambrose Smith and J. F. Gilliland.

Their report is as follows: "We passed on all bills that came before us.

"We visited the pumping station and jail in a body. We found at the pump station that it was being oiled in such a manner as to cause the oil to run down into the well, which practice we recommend to be discontinued.

"We found the jail well kept but in need of the following repairs and improvements, viz: That the entire water and sewerage system be repaired and extended to all of the cells and put in first class condition; also that the roof be repaired where it leaks, and cots or beds for the prisoners be installed to stand as much as 18 inches from the floor and be fastened to the wall.

"We visited the offices of the Clerk of the Court, Sheriff, Register of Deeds and the Superintendent of Public Instruction and found their offices and records neatly kept. But we recommend that the plastering in the Sheriff's office be repaired and the floor covered with same kind of material that the other floors are covered with.

"We visited the Home for the Aged and Infirm by committee and found the following: Seventeen inmates, 11 whites and 6 colored. We found 250 bushels corn, 100 bushels wheat, 30 gallons molasses, 2 mules, 40 bushels potatoes, 2500 lbs meat, 9 head of cattle, 10 head of hogs to make meat for another year; plenty of forage; a blacksmith shop equipped with tools sufficient to do the repairs needed on the farm implements. We also found farming implements needed to carry on the farming; we also found the inmates as well cared for as they could be under present conditions. We saw them fed and they were given plenty of wholesome food. We also recommend that a 1-horse spring wagon be bought for the County Home.

"We further recommend that the floors in the cottages be repaired at once and there be a stove flue built in the church and that window lights be put in and the roof be repaired.

"We further recommend that the farm be disposed of at the best advantage at the proper time and a more suitable site be secured and an up-to-date and more sanitary Home and County Hospital be built in connection with it.

"We further recommend that the S. A. L. R. Co. be required to put in better crossings at Moncure and Merry Oaks,

parties having been killed there in the past two years. We also recommend that the engineer on the Pittsboro Branch of the S. A. L. be required to run his engine headforemost both ways for the safety of the public. S. W. HARRINGTON, Foreman."

A Fruitless Search

Messrs. M. B. Warren and Raymond Campbell returned Friday from a trip through Cumberland, Lee and other Counties where they had been in search of cotton seed. They found that the farmers refused to sell their seed at the price now being paid for them. Last year cotton seed was bringing around \$1.20 a bushel. This year 30 cents is all that is being offered and the farmers say that they will use the seed to fertilize their land before they will take that price.

The oil mill here is hardly working half time on account of the scarcity of seed.

Salvation of Small Towns

Chambers of Commerce were depicted as the salvation of the small towns of North Carolina by Roy M. Brown, of Watauga County, reporting on the activities of these bodies to the last meeting of the North Carolina Club of the University of North Carolina, which is making an industrial and urban study of the State.

Mr. Brown pointed out that towns of less than 2,500 inhabitants in North Carolina are not growing. During the last decade 93 of them dwindled in population and 40 surrendered their charters of incorporation and faded from the map.

"If these little towns are to live," said Mr. Brown, "one of two things must happen. They must move up in the class of manufacturing centers, which few of them will be able to do, or they must become attractive local trade, high school and residence centers. Here is the specific task of the Chamber of Commerce. Its membership and activities must extend throughout the trade area of the town. In predominantly rural communities these should be country-wide. Where there are several small towns there should be a federation of the local organizations into one big County Chamber.

If Pittsboro wishes to ever be more than what it is the town must organize a live Chamber of Commerce. Every town in the State of any size has some kind of an organization to help build it up. Then why not have one here?

Rich as Croesus

Directly and indirectly \$172,000,000 was collected for the Federal Treasury in North Carolina last year. That exceeds by \$50,000,000 the total amount the State has spent for education in its entire history.

Democracy will certainly not be safe for the world unless we give the people the habit of thinking intelligently, to the end that they will be ruled by truth instead of by prejudice or emotion. —P. P. Claxton, U. S. Commissioner of Education.

New York County's record injury award, \$45,000 for the loss of one leg, was awarded to Miss Dorothy Benner, 20 years old, the victim of an accident some time ago.

More people in the United States live in cities than on farms.

AGE OF 8 BROTHERS

Youngest Member of Chatham County Family 67 Years Old With Three Dead—Twins

The Sanford correspondent of the Raleigh News and Observer says that Martin Luther Burns died a few days ago at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jas. Holt, near Moncure, at the age of 73. Mr. Burns was a member of a most remarkable family, especially when it comes to longevity. There were eight brothers, one sister, the aggregate years they have lived being 657, the average age being 73 years. And five brothers are still living, the baby, Willis A. Burns, being 67 years old, and the oldest, John Brantley Burns, being 83. His twin brother, James Manly Burns, who was almost his exact image, died three years ago. The other three brothers living are William Henry Burns, 72, Green Berry Burns, 70, Doctor Birdsong Burns, 69. All live in Chatham County except Green Berry, who lives in Sanford.

Mrs. John B. Thomas

Mrs. John B. Thomas died on Tuesday of last week, January 18th, at her home about four miles south of Pittsboro. She had been ill for several months and her death was not unexpected. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Mount Zion Church the next day, Rev. J. J. Boone, of Pittsboro, conducting the funeral services.

Mrs. Thomas, who was Miss Martha I. Moore before her marriage, was born December 23, 1849. She was married September 22, 1869, to Mr. John B. Thomas and is survived by her husband and six children.

A loyal and industrious wife, a devoted mother and a good neighbor, Mrs. Thomas is missed by all who knew her. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to her husband and children in their bereavement.

Man Fired Upon By Highwayman

A few evenings ago N. A. Johnson, the Sanford representative of the Standard Oil Co., had a close call. Mr. Johnson had been to Gulf delivering oil and collecting for "John D." On his way home about dark as he drove on the Deep River bridge his attention was directed to the breaking of his windshield in the rear and front by a pistol or rifle ball. This furnished a sufficient stimulant for Mr. Johnson to "open up," and the robber never got a second shot.

Judging from the holes penetrating both windshields, the ball did not miss Mr. Johnson's head over eight inches. He noticed a negro standing near the foot of the bridge as he passed, but paid little attention to him. Indeed he did not hear the gun shot on account of the noise made by his truck on the bridge. No arrests have been made.

Travelled 8,000 Miles to School

Its a long ways to go but fully worth it, according to Victor F. O. Olivier, of Kalkspruit, Transvaal, South Africa, who recently showed up in Raleigh with a desire to enter the North Carolina State College.

Certainly 8,000 miles is a long

way to travel to get into a first class college, but Olivier, typical Boer that he is, didn't bother or worry about distance. He started in the general direction of Raleigh and kept going. He has entered the senior class and will specialize in the production and handling of cotton and tobacco. His father owns a big farm in South Africa.—News and Observer.

Using Mails to Defraud

Charlotte, Jan. 20.—Warrants charging the use of mails with intent to defraud were tonight served on five officials of the Wizard Automobile Company of this city. Those named in the indictments were F. W. Edwards, president; F. W. Edwards, Jr., vice-president and secretary; R. L. Walters, general manager; T. A. McEwin and H. E. Lowe, directors. The men under charge have organized a company for the manufacture of an automobile to be sold at \$395.

Jury Composed of Women

What is declared to be the first instance in South Carolina where a jury composed entirely of women sat in a court of justice took place at Anderson last week. Magistrate Foster, of Brushy Creek Township, empanelled four matrons and two single women to pass upon the guilt or innocence of a negro, charged with the larceny of two kitchen chairs. After deliberating ten minutes the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the negro was fined \$10.

Shoes Will Be Cheaper

Charles W. Irvin, manager of the Irvin Shoe Co., has just returned from Milwaukee, where he attended the meeting of the National Shoe Retailers' Association held in that city last week. Mr. Irvin states that the manufacturers have made a very substantial reduction on shoes for the coming season, ranging from 25 to 33 1-3 per cent lower than the past season.—Greensboro News.

What Nash Farmers Did

At a recent meeting of the County Commissioners in Nash, the office of Farm Demonstration Agent was voted to be discontinued. Within a short time after this was done, according to the "Nashville Graphic," a number of farmers held a meeting, formed a "Farmers Club" and employed the agent to continue the work in Nash County. They increased his salary approximately \$1,000.

Prospecting for Oil

U. L. Spence, D. A. McDonald and others of Carthage are prospecting for oil up the Deep river valley. They are having holes bored at intervals, believing that where coal is found, oil must be near. There doubtless is oil in upper Richmond and Moore and Chatham if only the right spot can be bored and sufficient depth obtained.—Rockingham Post.

Applicants desirous of embarking upon the matrimonial sea in North Carolina will be required to satisfy the Register of Deeds that they are safe and sound, both physically and mentally, if a bill introduced in the House Thursday morning by Representative Emmett H. Bellamy, New Hanover, becomes a law.

Presidents of the alumni and alumnae associations have petitioned the General Assembly for \$20,000,000 for building purposes.