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## CHATHAM COUNTY COURT

### Largest Attendance Here Than For Many Years at the May Term

A one week term of superior court convened here Monday with Judge C. C. Lyon, presiding. The docket confronting the officials was a big one and the grand jury has brought in a number of indictments. The cases disposed of as we go to press are as follows:

Alston Jones, illicit distilling, pleads guilty, not yet sentenced.  
Lem Alston, illicit distilling, not yet sentenced.  
John McDonald, illicit distilling, pleads guilty, sentenced to roads for 11 months.

June Farrow, petty larceny, pleads guilty, pays cost.  
James Reeves and Charlie Moore, larceny, pleads guilty, pays cost.

A. P. Rogers, illicit distilling, jury verdict guilty, not yet sentenced.

Make Marsh, illicit distilling, 2 cases, pleads guilty, not yet sentenced.

W. H. Elkins, J. W. Martingale and Marion Murchison, illicit distilling, plead nolo contendere, sentence Elkins 12 months on roads, Martingale 8 months and Murchison 8 months on roads.

Young Prince, retailing, pleads guilty, sentenced 18 months on roads.

Frank Green, retailing, pleads guilty, 2 months on roads.

Frank Green, assault, pleads guilty, 2 months on roads.

Frank Jones, larceny and receiving, pleads guilty and pays cost.

S. J. Richardson, carrying concealed weapons, pleads guilty and pays cost.

Morton Dowdy, verdict of not guilty carrying concealed weapons but guilty of trespass, pays costs.

A special venire of 50 men are summoned to court this morning to try Smokey Rogers in the celebrated burglary case.

As we go to press Wednesday afternoon Lonnie Petty is on trial, charged with illicit distilling.

A complete record of court proceedings will be printed next week.

## Chatham Man Involved

Frank Scott, who lives near Harper's Cross Roads, in this county, has been caught in the federal officers' drag net, investigating the wholesale thefts of automobiles. Scott who for some weeks has been at work in the state mines at Glendon on Saturday the officers not only arrested but attached ten automobiles, six of which belonged to citizens of Glendon, the numbers having been chiseled off.

It is alleged that Scott is an accomplice of the Kelly brothers, recently arrested in Sanford upon the same charge, that of having received and disposed of stolen cars. The were placed under \$10,000 bonds. It is said that more than 100 cars from northern cities have been disposed of at this garage.

Chinese papers allege that Japs are buying up old Chinese rifles, remodeling them and selling them back to China.

## To the Taxpayers

### of Chatham County

For your information in regard to the tax, we quote the following from section 3, chapter 77, public laws of North Carolina, session 1919:

Provided, that the owner of the land or the lessee of such owner, shall be responsible for listing of any dog belonging to any member of his family, and shall be due and payable on the first day of October of each and every year thereafter who own or keep a dog upon which the license or privilege tax is not paid, whether said dog has been listed or not, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

In regard to the general property tax, the commissioners have extended the time for advertising property for sale to June 1, 1921. I sincerely hope you will meet with your approval that by June 1 all the tax for 1920 will be paid.

Yours very truly,  
G. W. BLAIR,  
Sheriff Chatham County.

## FOUR CHURCHES HAVE SERVICE

### Combined Meeting Largely Attended and Much Enjoyed by Many

Last Sunday was a gala day for Mt. Pleasant, Cedar Grove, Bynum and Mann's Chapel Methodist churches, they having united in a union service at Mt. Pleasant, pertaining to the Christian education movement.

The meeting was a great success. A goodly representation from all the churches was present and everyone seemed to enter into the real spirit of the occasion and were enthusiastic.

This meeting continued throughout the day, dinner being served on the ground, and it was a time of pleasantries for everyone and greetings among friends, the spirit of fellowship running high. The dinner served was one that would suit the most fastidious and was in abundance.

The three addresses were timely and to the point, the question of Christian education being presented from three standpoints, that of the lawyer, the educator and the preacher. Mr. Williams made the address from the standpoint of the lawyer, Prof. Reid Thompson as the educator and Rev. S. E. Mercer as the minister.

## Still News

Another nefarious institution was captured Monday in the lower edge of Cape Fear township, in the form of a liquor still, was brought to town and delivered to the sheriff.

Last week near Corinth two barrels of beer, presumably prepared for the manufacture of "moonshine," was turned over and abandoned. It is presumed that the operators winded trouble and not being able to use the rotten stuff while it was "ripe" moved the still and left the pizen behind.

## School Inspection

The medical inspection of the school children of Chatham, conducted by the state board of health, bureau of medical inspection of schools, is now completed.

Beginning the first week in August, there will be a tonsil and adenoid clinic held at Siler City by the state board of health for the school children of Chatham county from the ages of 6 to 12 inclusive. It will cost the parents who are able to pay the nominal fee of \$12.50, and absolutely free for those who are unable to pay. Every parent will be notified by letter about a month before the clinic is to be held, and a return postal will be enclosed for every parent, who wish to have their children treated during this time, to return it to the state board of health at Raleigh, and then they will be notified just what day to bring their children.

A temporary hospital will be equipped by the state board of health at Siler City. One of the state's best throat specialists will be engaged to do the operations. A corps of the state's best nurses will be there to assist Miss Ramie E. Williams, the county nurse, in caring for the children. The children will have to spend one night in the hospital after the operation, being allowed to return to their home the following day. This opportunity will only be offered to each county once every three years, and it is hoped every parent, who has children needing attention, will take advantage of this opportunity offered by the state board of health.

(Signed) PROF. W. R. THOMPSON,  
County Supt. Schools,  
RAMIE E. WILLIAMS,  
County Nurse.

## Here From Fayetteville

Messrs. Robert McNeill, Herbert Lutterloh, French Bennett and Fred Williams were visitors to Pittsboro last Thursday. They attended the ball game in Chapel Hill on that day.

## SOME COLD, FROSTY WEATHER

### A Big Frost in May That Killed All Fruit and Destroyed Trees

The past winter and spring was a mixture of cold and mild weather. There has not been such a winter and spring seen like the past two seasons in years, if ever. January of this year was comparatively mild. So was March, but April sat down in the lap of winter and tried to show herself, especially the last few days of the month. For a week or ten days the weather was disagreeable and cold, the 30th winding up with cold northeast winds, threatening snow and ice.

Perhaps the memory of some of the old citizens of Chatham county can go back to the spring of 1868 or 1869. An old citizen was telling the writer a few days ago about some nasty weather. He said it was either in April, 1868, or 1869, (he was not certain) that he and his father were finishing chopping corn, and it was on Saturday, the 30th. The clouds were thick and heavy, and it was real cold. Sunday morning, May 1st, the biggest frost he ever saw covered the earth, and there was plenty of ice. All garden truck was literally ruined, and even the limbs on the big trees were killed by the frost, and for days the dead leaves appeared to be in mourning, creating a great stench. This gentleman said that the last day of April and the first of May this year reminded him of the two frosty days "back yonder," and that he had never forgotten how everything looked then.

## Names of Soldiers

Winnie Davis chapter daughters of Confederacy is anxious to have a complete roster of all old confederate soldiers in Chatham county, and if the citizens residing in the several townships will send them to Mrs. H. A. London, it will be appreciated. In this manner a complete list can be obtained. They have practically all of them, but only by your help can the list be made complete.

## Sunday School Convention

The Sunday school convention of the Sandy Creek association will be held at Oakley Baptist church, three miles south of Siler City on graded road, between Siler City and Harper's Cross Roads, on Saturday, May 28. Those who expect to go by rail should notify H. J. Dixon, Siler City Route 3.

On Sunday morning, May 29, the Oakley church will be formally dedicated to the service of Jehovah. There will be a service Sunday afternoon also.

The following is the tentative program:

Saturday morning—10:00—Devotional exercises, Thos. Carrick, High Point, J. S. Wrenn, Pittsboro.

10:30—A Proper Rating for the Sunday School, I. P. Frazier, Liberty.

10:45—What Constitutes a Standard Sunday School and Is It Attainable for the Ordinary Church? N. J. Todd, Wake Forest, R. H. Dixon, Siler City.

11:30—Why and How Grade the Sunday School? W. B. Waff, Pittsboro, I. H. Dunlap, Bonlee.

Saturday afternoon—1:30—Devotional meeting, L. R. Dixon, Mt. Vernon.

1:45—Miscellaneous business.

2:15—The Pastor's Relation to the Sunday School, W. H. H. Lawhon, Carthage.

2:30—The Teacher Problem, What He Should Be and Do, H. W. Williams, Jonesboro; Supply the Demand for Efficient Teachers, O. B. Mitchell, Cameron.

3:15—How Build Up the Sunday School, O. A. Keller, Aberdeen, J. E. Ayscue, Carthage.

3:45—10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, "Making the Neighborhood Christian."

11:00—Dedicatory Sermon, Walter M. Gilmore, Sanford.

Sunday afternoon—2:00—Sermon.

## CHATHAM CO. LEADS STATE

### Our People Patronize the Community Pictures Much Better

It is exceedingly gratifying to our people to learn that Chatham county has made a record in the state of North Carolina as a leader in the patronage of the community pictures. During the month of April there were more than 3,000 who attended these presentations at only 22 gatherings, a great deal more than any other county in the state can show.

Miss Lawley will be here again tonight and the pictures will be shown in the school auditorium, owing to the fact that court is in session. However, at a later date the plays will be given in the courthouse. This afternoon at 4 o'clock Miss Lawley will meet the children of the town on the school house grounds for the usual afternoon frolic.

The county school extension of this county is planning a community sing in connection with the next meeting, June 2, to be held in Pittsboro. Mr. John A. Parks, of Raleigh, quite well known as a musical director, will be here in charge of the occasion, and a splendid program is being prepared. It is hoped that this event can be made county-wide so that people from every section will be present to take part.

## Eaton's Good Luck

Lonnie Eaton, a negro in Shreveport, Louisiana, was taken to the penitentiary last Friday to begin a life sentence for the murder of a white man some months ago. He was sentenced to hang but on the day of execution Sheriff Grant forgot it and Governor Parker commuted his sentence to life imprisonment, therefore Lonnie will live out his allotted time and this will be the last chapter in what is considered the most remarkable case in court annals.

## Terrible Tornado

A tornado passing through portions of Robeson, Sampson and zigzagging from Roseboro to the Wayne county line, last Friday, did thousands of dollars worth of damage and resulted in the death of three people in addition to the painful injuries of many others.

Near Clinton, in Newton Grove township, the storm dipped down and cleared a two-hundred yard zone of timber and houses, in which descent it flundered the home of officer McCullen, burying him and his wife 35 yards away under debris, killing them both almost instantly. At Roseboro a colored man was so injured that he died later.

A cow tied to a stake was lost and up to Monday had never been located. In Sampson it also destroyed a church and an Odd Fellows lodge, many homes also being completely wrecked.

## Patrol System Of Roads

The Moore County Highway Commission has adopted the patrol system of maintaining the highways. County Engineer Maurice has prepared a map showing all roads in the county. The county is divided into districts, each arranged so as to contain 15 to 20 miles of road.

One man will be in charge of a district and he will have a helper and a two-horse team, wagon, plow, scraper and other equipment. These men are to devote their entire time to keeping up the roads in their district and will be responsible to the superintendent of highways.

## INTEREST ON LIBERTY BONDS

### Amount Paid to Purchasers on May 15 Exceeded \$4,000,000

Interest amounting to more than \$660,000 was paid May 15 to holders of Liberty bonds of the second issue bought through North Carolina banks and trust companies. The total amount of bonds of this issue subscribed in this state was \$28,025,950, there being over 56,162 subscriptions. The per capita subscription was \$11.70.

The four per cent bonds of the first and second Liberty loans which were issued in temporary form have no coupons attached for interest payable after December 15, 1919, for the first loan and November 15, 1919, for the second loan. Therefore, holders of the bonds are urged to present them to their local banks which will forward them to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond for conversion into permanent four and one-quarter per cent bonds with coupons attached covering interest from the above dates to the maturity of the bonds.

In this federal reserve district the interest paid May 15 on the second Liberty loan was in excess of \$4,000,000, and a treasury department statement suggests that as much of this money as practicable be reinvested in government savings securities. In the district, the records show, the total subscription to the second Liberty loan was \$201,212,500, there having been 454,002 individual subscriptions. The per capita subscription, that is, the average amount bought by every person in the district, was \$22.03.

## Aftermath

As stated last week that we would do so, further mention of memorial day exercises will be to give a brief outline of the general procedure of the program. The marshals of the day were Daniel L. Bell, chief, assisted by Leon T. Lane, A. C. Ray, W. R. Thompson, Earl R. Franklin, H. B. Norwood and Wade Barber. The confederate veterans and boy scouts were in the parade that accompanied Hon. R. O. Everett to the court house. Rev. Jonas Barclay asked a blessing before the dinner was begun and Rev. W. R. Waff led in prayer before the ceremonies were begun after the dinner was served. James L. Griffin, as master of ceremonies, conducted the program to the finish on behalf of Winnie Davis chapter daughters of the confederacy. To begin the services the large audience in the court house sang, How Firm a Foundation, after which the daughters sang, Stars and Bars Will Live Forever, and after the speech a quartette, consisting of Mrs. Henry A. Bynum, Mrs. Roscoe Farrell and Messrs. Lee Poole and Henry A. Bynum, sang Cover Them Over With Beautiful Flowers. Miss Carrie M. Jackson was at the organ during the entire ceremony.

Mrs. Henry A. London thanked Mr. Everett for his splendid address and for his splendid work in behalf of the confederate soldiers during the recent legislature, and Mr. Everett in turn stated that more credit should be given Mrs. London. Then the veterans offered a resolution of thanks to Mrs. London, and Messrs. R. O. Everett and Leon T. Lane for the accomplishments in their behalf during the last legislature.

At the monument, following these exercises, Mr. W. P. Horton eulogized the soldiers of the confederacy of Chatham county, the living and the dead, in a splendid manner. After benediction the procession, to the tolling of the court house bell, visited the several cemeteries in town and covered the soldiers' graves with wreaths and flowers. A roll call disclosed the fact that fourteen of the old vets had died during the year. There were 48 present here for the exercises.

## DROPPED DEAD IN DURHAM

### Former Chatham Citizen Dies While Talking to Man at Postoffice

While standing on the postoffice steps in Durham, talking to Dr. H. S. Satterfield, Mr. I. G. Lawrence, aged 54, and formerly resident of Chatham county, dropped dead, paralysis of the heart being given as the cause of his death.

Mr. Lawrence was in apparent good health, although he had complained to friends of feeling unwell, and had just remarked to the doctor that he had been troubled with a pain through his shoulders, and believing it to be rheumatism contemplated a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., when he fell unconscious, dying before medical aid could be rendered.

He was a contractor and had accumulated a goodly portion of the world's goods. He was liked by everyone who knew him and had many friends in this county, where he was raised, leaving his old home near Corinth some thirty years ago to make his home in Durham.

He was twice married, his second wife having died two years ago, and is survived by four sons and one daughter. He was buried in Durham last Saturday.

## Williams-Perry

Mr. Ernest Williams and Miss Elizabeth Perry quietly motored out of town early Wednesday of last week and drove to Siler City where they were united in marriage, Rev. H. B. Porter tying the knot that made them man and wife. After the ceremony the happy couple motored to Boone where they spent their honeymoon, returning to Pittsboro to make their future home.

The young couple have many friends in this section who wish for them smooth sailing through life on that staunch old boat—Matrimony.

## Decrease in P. O. Receipts

Washington, May 12.—Receipts at the 50 largest postoffices, representing 54 per cent of the postal business transacted in the United States, amounting to \$20,592,611 during April. That was a decrease of 8.24 per cent from April a year ago.

Of the southern cities in the group, Nashville and Richmond were the only ones showing an increase. Nashville's increase was 8.14 per cent over April a year ago, and Richmond's was 5.80 per cent.

## Captures Still

Sheriff Blair and C. T. Desern captured another still last week in Oakland township. Indications were that the still had recently been moved to the location in which it was found. It was 35 gallon capacity and well arranged for the manufacture of the death dealing fire water usually coming from these blockade outfits. In addition to the still 8 bushels of perfectly good meal was taken and this was, of course, saved by the captors for better use.

## Administratrix Notice

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late John A. Williams, deceased, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to exhibit the same to me on or before the 19th day of May, 1921, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the estate will please come forward and make immediate payment.

This May 19th, 1921.  
CORRINA JOHNSON,  
Sanford, N. C., Route 4,  
my19 Admr. John A. Williams, dec'd.