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SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS.

Ninety-Five Cases Were on Docket—Nineteen Liquor Cases Tried.

Chatham superior court adjourned last Saturday at noon after a strenuous week. Judge Henry Grady presided and solicitor Clawson L. Williams was on the job, both of them proving that they were capable in every particular. This was Judge Grady's first visit to Chatham and he greatly impressed the populace of the county as an ideal presiding officer.

Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. Williams for the vigorous manner in which he prosecutes the docket. Mild in manner, determined to do his duty, yet he is not prone to prosecute anyone that should be given any consideration whatever. He is certainly a most excellent prosecuting attorney and the folks of this district are proud of him. He is the best solicitor the fourth district has had in a number of years.

The following cases were disposed of during the term:

State against Buster Teal, liquor. Fined \$50 and costs.

State against Ernest Needham, liquor. Not guilty.

State against Ben Grimes, Sr., Ben Grimes, Jr., and Grover Bynum, affray. Judgment suspended upon the payment of costs.

State against Reese Cates an assault on George Lumsford, \$50 and costs.

State against Lucien Clark, assault. Costs.

State against Lessie Emmerson, Buck DeGraffenreid, Bennie Alston and Will Farris, liquor. Costs.

State against Harvey Pritchard, manslaughter. Two years on county roads.

State against Louis Waddell, liquor. \$100 fine and costs.

State against Ernest Cook, Fred Cook and Arley Cook, still found near premises. Fined the costs.

State against Murl Class, manslaughter. Guilty. This is the case in which young Class, a boy about 17 years of age, shot Leonidas James, five years old, from the effects of which the young boy died four days later. Judgment that Class pay the doctors' bill, funeral expenses and all the costs in the case.

State against Hamby Phillips, liquor. There were two cases against the defendant and he was taxed with the costs in both cases. He was also required to remain out of the state for four years.

State against Roger Coley, liquor. Fined \$200.00 and costs.

State against Ed Jones, liquor. Sentenced to 22 months on county roads.

State against Henry Scott, liquor. Sentenced to 21 months on county roads.

State against Clifton Dorsett, liquor. Sentenced to pay costs.

State against Joe Johnson, liquor. Fined \$100 and costs. A two-year sentence is suspended on good behavior.

This is the case in which the officers found 8 gallons of liquor on a search of the premises a few weeks ago.

State against Charlie Farris, Walker Alston, Horton Weaver and Joe Rogers, gambling. Costs.

State against James Alston, carrying concealed weapons. Judgment continued on payment of costs.

State against Bertie Rowland, Alston Rouse, assault, not guilty. Three young men were charged with assaulting and robbing F. M. Hadley at Siler City several weeks ago. The boys proved a complete alibi and were discharged.

State against M. C. McKayner, liquor. Fined \$50 and costs.

State against Willie Kitcher, carrying concealed weapon and assault, 90 days on county roads.

State against D. Farrington, Willie Lutterloh and Lonnie Lambeth, liquor. Lambeth was fined \$50 and costs and in the case of the other two defendants, they paid the costs.

State against Tom Parker, transporting liquor. Fined the costs.

State against Sandy Romie, manufacturing liquor. Sentenced to 18 months on county roads.

State against Herbert Cotton, transporting liquor. Fined \$2,500 and sentenced to roads for six months. The road sentence was suspended by the judge upon payment of the fine and costs within fifteen days. A five year sentence in the state prison was entered upon misconduct in any particular by this defendant. The Ford car captured at the time was ordered sold.

State against Guernsey Farrell, assault. Pay costs.

State against T. J. Terry and John White, assault. Not guilty.

State against Edmund Jordan. Let off on payment of costs. This case resulted from abuse by Mr. Jordan of a witness who had testified against his son in law, Herbert H. Cotton.

State against Lawrence Terry, carrying concealed weapon. Judgment continued on payment of costs.

State against Adam Peoples, assault. Pay costs.

State against Ollie Weaver, liquor. Given two years on roads or \$200 fine and costs.

State against George Foushee, abandonment. Costs in case provided defendant would take his wife and live with her, behave himself and withdraw suit for divorce. Colored couple. George decided he would live with his wife.

State against Garland Boylan, housebreaking. Sentenced to two years on road.

State against James Culverson, assault. Costs.

State against Kearney Mauldin, liquor. Two years on county roads.

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MORE PRAISE FOR GRADY.

Cape Fear Folks Attend Pittsboro Exercises—Local and Personal.

Brickhaven, May 19.—The heavy rains of last week caused the farmers and gardeners to expect a very busy time for the next few days. The crops are all doing very well in this section, but the continued cool nights are not very good for growing vegetation.

Mrs. Dowell, of Franklinton, is spending a while here with her daughter, Mrs. O. C. Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Overby and children left Saturday for a several week's stay with relatives at Charlotte. Mr. Overby will return Wednesday.

Mr. J. A. Mims, Miss Claire Eve Mims, Howard Mims and Zeb Utley motored to Durham Sunday. Mrs. Mims is able to be out of the hospital and will be home in about two weeks.

Mrs. N. T. Overby who has been sick for several days, is able to be out again. Mrs. Overby is one of Brickhaven's most attractive, best loved women, and we are very glad to know she is well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Curtis and children, of Ahoskie, are the guests here of Mrs. O. C. Kennedy. Mr. Curtis will be here only a short time. Mrs. Curtis and the children expect to remain several days.

Mr. Clinton Seawell, accompanied by his sisters, Misses Bertie and Mary Roberts Seawell, of Raleigh, spent the week end at Pittsboro with Mrs. R. R. Gordon.

Quite a number of people from the lower Cape Fear section will enjoy the play, "The Wren," which will be staged at Pittsboro tonight. Several motored over Friday evening for Mrs. Bynum's recital. The program was an unusually interesting one. The Pittsboro commencement exercises are always good, as is well shown by the very large crowds always present.

Mr. J. H. Lawrence has been attending the sessions of court at Pittsboro this past week. From all reports there has never been a more wise or efficient judge presiding over a Chatham court than Judge Grady. It is thrilling, to say the least, to hear with what speed and accuracy he disposes of cases. Would that North Carolina had more men of Judge Grady's type! Men who are not afraid to stand for the right, regardless of public opinion.

Mrs. A. F. Harrington has been very ill for several days, but she is somewhat better today.

Miss Mae Dickens was the guest of Mrs. Kelly, of Phoenix Hill, last week.

Mr. J. W. Purvis attended the memorial services at New Elam Christian church Saturday. It seems the programme this year was more elaborate than usual. A very large crowd was in attendance and the entire service was a very interesting and helpful one.

HE CAPTURED A WHAT-IS-IT?

Last Saturday night or early Sunday morning Sheriff Blair and deputies F. P. Noe, Lacey Johnson and C. T. Desern went over into Gulf township, near Goldston, and arrested Ruffin Harris, who, with two or three others, were making liquor.

The still was located where a saw mill had been, the boiler being left on account of old age and the fear of it blowing itself to pieces. This old boiler was being used in some way to boil the water to make the liquor. The still proper, which sat or stood alongside the boiler, was made of tin, copper and probably glue, and was no account. The officers threw it away.

This one, the officers say, beat anything they have ever yet seen in the shape of a liquor still, and we expect there was enough poison in a gallon of the stuff the blockaders were making to kill a dozen men. That's why this article has the above heading on it, as the men, who have captured many stills of all shapes, never saw anything like this one before.

Harris was brought to Pittsboro, and Monday was given a preliminary trial before Squire John R. Blair, who put him under a \$500. bond, and Harris and his wife did not do a thing but pull out the cash money and put up the bond.

LOCALS SILER CITY NO. ONE

Siler City, Rt. 1, May 17.—The farmers in this section are getting behind with their crops on account of rain.

There are many cases of measles in this community.

Miss Luella Thompson is at home from Staley, on account of illness in the family.

Miss Lillian Curl is visiting at Mr. R. W. Johnson, of Durham, for the week.

Mr. Carl C. Thompson and Miss Nellie Thompson were married a few days ago and are off on a trip to Southern Pines.

Miss Eliza Rives, of Bear Creek, Rt. 1, is visiting in the Flint Ridge community.

Mr. Alfred Wright is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wright, on Siler City, Rt. 2.

FOR COMMISSIONERS VOTE FOR BLAND, HACKNEY, HESTER.

Costs. A Buick automobile was ordered to be sold.

Three men were called out during the term of court under nisi fieri capias. Two of them put in their appearance, but the third man did not. It was learned that he was dead.

GRAND JURY REPORT TO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE.

Thinks \$700.00 Spent at County Home Unwise. Recommends 10 Hours Work For Convicts and Repeal of Law Permitting Sale of Bonds Without Vote of People.

North Carolina, Chatham County.

In The Superior Court, May Term, 1924.

To His Honor Judge Hery A. Grady—Grand Jury Report:

We, the Grand Jury, beg leave to report that we have passed on all bills and papers sent us by the Court and have duly considered and made proper return of same.

We have in a body visited the County Home, the Jail and all the County Officers and find them all right in so far as we could learn in the short time we had to investigate.

At the County Home we find it neatly kept with eighteen inmates, nine white and nine colored, who seem to be well cared for. Mr. Johnson, the superintendent, and his wife seem to be doing their duty. There was about six hundred pounds of bacon, two mules, twelve shoats, three sows, three milk cows, four yearlings, about ten acres in cultivation and eight or ten acres in pasture. The steps on the east side have given away and we recommend that they be repaired and that all the trees within reach of the building be removed. The upkeep of the County Home has been exceedingly large for the past year and we think the seven hundred dollars spent for shrubbery unwise.

We find the Jail well kept, sanitary and as comfortable as conditions will permit. The prisoners say they are well fed and cared for.

The Road Camp was visited by committee, who find everything in good condition with the exception of two cases of tuberculosis. The Health officer, Dr. Thomas, recommends they be removed. Their diet seems to be the same each day and we recommend a change of same. We recommend that the County Commissioners ask the governor to parole Oscar Mitchell. We also recommend that the prisoners be worked only ten hours each day.

We find our finances in the county in bad shape. The county indebtedness seems to be over one million dollars with no sinking fund as the law provides. We recommend to our Representative in the Legislature to repeal the law empowering the County Commissioners to issue bonds without the consent of the votes of the people.

We, as Grand Jurors, are in favor of economy in all transactions.

We recommend that the Grand Jurors be drawn for a term of six months instead of one term as at present.

We desire to compliment Judge Grady and solicitor Williams for the manner in which they dispatch business and to thank them for the courtesies they have shown us as Grand Jurors.

Signed: F. M. FARRELL, Foreman.

CLOSING PITTSBORO SCHOOL.

Exercises Began in the School Auditorium on Thursday Last Week.

The commencement exercises of the Pittsboro high school, closing the session of 1923-24, began on Thursday night of last week and ended on Monday night with a play, "The Wren."

The opening exercises began with the primary department on Thursday and although the evening was very inclement, the auditorium was crowded to its capacity by the parents and citizens and friends of the school.

Too much credit cannot be given the teachers who had charge and many exclamations of surprise were uttered by those who attended, at the excellent manner in which the young pupils had progressed. It was a worth while exhibition and was highly enjoyed by everyone present.

Friday night Mrs. Henry A. Bynum with her music class, gave a recital and this was attended by another very large audience. Mrs. Bynum deserves all the credit she has received for such an enjoyable entertainment. Much favorable comment has been given her music class.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Bishop Penick of the Episcopal church, Charlotte, delivered a most excellent sermon to the graduating class at the auditorium to a large audience.

Monday morning at 10:15, class day exercises took place. This was followed by the commencement address, delivered by Prof. A. M. Proctor, of Trinity College, and at night the high school gave the play, to an audience that was the largest ever seen in the new school building.

There were eleven to receive diplomas this year and the average of all of them was up to a high standard. Following are those who were in the graduating class:

Edward Arent, Carney Bynum, George Brooks, Virginia Connell, Lucile Farrell, Sadie Johnson, Catherine Johnson, Luman Overacre, Elizabeth Riddle, Effie Thomas, Renard Shannohouse.

NEWS FROM ROUTE NO. THREE.

Bear Creek, Rt. 3, May 17.—Mr. Archie Shields departed this life Saturday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. He had been sick for about nine months. Surviving are his wife, nine children, five of whom were married. Also seven grand children. We all mourn the loss of our neighbor and friend. Yet we cannot bring him back, but the thing for all of us to do, who are enjoying life today, is to prepare for death, so that when our dear Savior calls us, we will be ready to go home to glory.

Several from this community attended the Bonlee commencement on Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Purvis spent Sunday afternoon in the home of Misses Mary and Elsie Kidd.

Miss Nellie Williams, of Carthage, spent Saturday night with Misses Annie and Nettie Myrick on route 3.

Mr. Fred Brewer and Miss Sadie Wilson, both of High Falls, motored to South Carolina, where they were married on May 4th.

BROWN EYES.

The weather is warming up these days in Chatham and so is politics.

THE MEMORIAL NEW ELAM.

Other Local and Personal News from Upper Cape Fear Section.

New Hill, Rt. 2, May 19.—Saturday was an ideal day for the annual memorial service that was held at New Elam Christian church, of which Rev. B. J. Howard is pastor. There were many people present on this occasion; no vacant seats in the church.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," was the opening song. Rev. G. R. Underwood was present and made a talk during the morning service. Mr. W. A. Drake delivered the welcome address. Misses Dora Holt and Swanine Drake sang a beautiful song about "Mother."

There were a number of recitations by the small children, also several songs. Mr. and Mrs. J. Jeter Hackney sang a duet, which was enjoyed immensely. Kathleen Noah, a little Miss of Greensboro sang "My Mother's Bible." Dinner was served at the noon hour and there seemed to be plenty of it too.

Just before the dinner hour the children marched to the cemetery, carrying the flowers. The choir led the procession, singing an appropriate selection.

In the afternoon there were several interesting talks, among them being Mr. J. B. Whiteley, of Siler City, dwelling upon "Service." The pastor of Shady Grove Baptist church talked for twenty minutes and that time was certainly enjoyed, and there were several others whom the writer did not know, but all the talks were enjoyed.

Those buried in the cemetery at this church since our last memorial are as follows:

Mrs. Bettie Eubanks, an infant of Mr. and Mrs. Sexton Sauls, Monroe Jones, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Jones, Mrs. Effie Williams and Dr. Davis. Memorials were read by Miss Blanche Holt about Mrs. Eubanks and Monroe Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bland, Miss Ethel Goodwin and O. L. Webster, all of Durham, were week end guests of Chatham relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Underwood spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drake.

Misses Maggie Bryan and Lila Horton, of Apex, Rt. 4, were week end guests of Mrs. W. H. Beckwith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Noah and five children, Mrs. Annie Walker and son, all of Greensboro, returned to their home Sunday after a visit to their aunt, Mrs. Addie Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Thomas and children, of Raleigh, were recent guests of Mrs. Bettie Thomas.

Mrs. Ollie Poe and children, of Durham, are guests of their aunt, Mrs. R. F. Sturdivant.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webster, of Clayton, were recent guests of their parents in Chatham.

Miss Rennie Webster spent Saturday with Misses Ometa and Edna Hatley.

Miss Rose Sturdivant and Mr. Eugene Johnson, accompanied Miss Ethel Goodwin to her home in Durham Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mann and little daughter, of Raleigh, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mann.

Miss Lola Seacroves is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Drake.

ANOTHER BIG LIST THIS WEEK.

The Record Continues in Popularity as Being Best Paper Published.

We are indeed proud of the list of subscribers that we have to record this week, and we want to publicly thank all of those who have sent us such nice letters and told us verbally during the week how much they appreciated The Chatham Record. Many have reiterated that The Record is the best paper published in this section of the state, and they substantiate their expressions by giving us subscriptions.

Since we published the paper last week, we have received the following names to be entered for subscriptions, and we are proud of every one of them:

Mrs. E. B. Bailey, B. W. Harris, H. M. Nicholson, John W. Bynum, A. B. Campbell, Dewey Budd, J. T. Dark, M. C. Yow, Z. B. Hicks, W. L. Welch, J. W. Carter, Rufus Harper, L. H. Hilliard, J. M. Oldham, J. L. Sizemore, J. J. Ivey, C. R. Jones, J. N. Nall, W. C. Gunter, Robert Seacroves, T. R. Green, Mrs. A. W. Dawkins, D. J. Boylan, A. B. Clegg, L. A. Buchanan, Miss Ruth Bryan, James A. Knight, W. A. Gilmore, Mrs. Sam Hancock, Wade Speagle, H. L. Overman, Carey Griffin, Mrs. J. M. Dismukes, Miss Dora Welch, A. O. Harmon, W. Sumner, W. M. Buie, J. Minter Johnson, E. E. Phillips, H. S. Parrish, T. H. Tyser, O. D. Poole, Marvin Melver, Frank L. Thomas, C. R. Gaines, Miss Mossie Dowd, W. C. Culberson, Van E. Ellis, J. Bailey Gilbert, Mrs. D. L. Wilson, Mrs. C. B. Kirkman, Mrs. T. W. Poe, Rev. C. H. Norris, W. S. Hackney, and Miss Minnie Hackney, as well as three, who did not want their names made public.

DON'T FAIL TO REGISTER.

The registration books have been open for three Saturdays. Next Saturday, May 24th, they will close. If you have not registered, it is your duty to do so and take part in the coming primary. Let every lady go to the registrar and get on the books. It will be the last chance and you should not let anything interfere with you about registering. If you fail to register and someone is nominated that you do not approve, you will not be in position to grumble. It is your duty to take part in voting.

RAILROAD WRECK AT APEX.

Six Killed and Eight Wounded—One Expected to Die From Injury.

Sunday afternoon about five o'clock Seaboard passenger train, No. 44, commonly known as the Shoofly, going north ran headlong into the express section of train No. 11 going south at Apex, resulting in the wreck of several cars and the death of six people and the injury of eight others. Only one of the dead was white, this being the news butcher on the passenger train, a young man named Henry Jones, whose home was in Raleigh.

Among the most seriously injured is the engineer of the passenger train, W. G. O'Daniel, of Raleigh. He saw the possibility of a collision and left the engine, striking his head on a cross tie.

Those more severely injured and under treatment are W. G. O'Daniel, Raleigh, George Cross, Raleigh, Ike Staten, (colored) Raleigh, Mrs. T. V. Gordon, Raleigh, Ed Porter, Raleigh, D. E. Shell, (colored) Raleigh, George Napier, Hamlet, Celia Williams, (colored) Raleigh.

George Cross is an engineer for the Seaboard and was dead heading to Raleigh and he was at the throttle for O'Daniel, the regular engineer, and this is presumed to figure in the cause of the wreck. Seaboard officials have not determined the real cause of the head-on collision.

The trains were scheduled to meet at Apex and pass there, and why the orders were not read correctly is not known. It was an unsightly wreck and distressing in every detail. Many hundreds of people went there to see it. Traffic was resumed on the road at midnight Sunday.

THAT MAN HENRY A. GRADY

An Ideal Judge and One That Has Proven His Ability to Chatham.

During court week and again on Saturday afternoon, there were several callers at The Record office from various sections of Chatham county, and it was suggested that a set of resolutions be gotten up by the citizens and presented to Judge Grady, included among whom were several jurors. The purpose was not fulfilled, but never have we heard so many compliments paid to a judge in all our experience.

Judge Grady was firm with all concerned; he punished those who were guilty and he adjusted the judgments of the court to suit the occasion in a satisfactory manner.

His ability to administer punishment so that it will neither injure or deny the fulfillment of the law, is remarkable.

In a number of suspended judgments, quite a severe penalty rests upon the defendants, yet it is in a nature that the violators of the law may preserve their liberty if they abide by their opportunity.

Judge Grady is the type of man that will enforce his decisions when those who have been given privileges abuse them, and