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## Pittsboro Real Estate Fast Rising in Value

Lots at Ray Sale Go Fast and at Good Prices—A Great Auction Sale Tomorrow, Friday.

The demand for Pittsboro real estate has proved gratifyingly good. The sale of lots advertised by Mayor A. C. Ray for last Monday went off marvelously well, despite the inclemency of the weather. Only a fifth of the acreage was sold, yet the proceeds of the sale was over \$5,000. Mr. Ray is much pleased with the result.

Now comes, tomorrow, the sale of 100 fine lots embracing the beautiful grove on the hill in the northern part of town and right on the paved highway. There are really few prettier residence sites in Chatham county to compare in beauty and advantage of location with these.

The Durham Auction Company has the sale in charge. They have graded the area, laid off broad streets, and otherwise prepared the lots for sale. They are going to feed the people, too. Brunswick stew is to be prepared for two thousand and numerous cash prizes will be given.

Come to Pittsboro tomorrow and get a real mess of appetizing Brunswick stew free, try for the prizes, and buy you a lot in one of the best resident towns in all the state. Remember the new silk mill is near and you can see the manufacture of silk ribbon and can see in that mill the beginning of industrial enterprises here that will double the population in short order.

An investment at Pittsboro will, we believe, pay better than 99 out of a hundred in Florida; that is, for the fellow that doesn't find another sucker to take his buy at an advance while the Florida boom is on.

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Follows the report of the grand jury to Judge Devin last week: To His Honor, Judge William A. Devin, Judge Presiding.

We, the undersigned Grand Jury, October term, 1925, Chatham County Superior Court beg to report:

That we have passed upon and returned into open court all such indictments as have been submitted to us:

That we have visited the offices of Clerk of the Superior Court, the Register of Deeds, the Sheriff and the Superintendent of Schools and find the same and the records of each office, neatly and accurately, as far as we can ascertain, correctly kept.

We have by committee visited the jail and find the same in good condition, but we would recommend that a sink and two additional commodes be installed therein:

We have by committee visited the County Home and find the same in excellent condition. We found there eighteen inmates, nine white and nine colored. They are all apparently well cared for, and the equipment and furnishings of the home are all that could be desired. We found at the home two mules, three milch cows, four dry cattle and twenty hogs. We found there fifty barrels of corn and a sufficiency of forage.

We congratulate the county on the high state of efficiency that is maintained at the county home and especially commend Mr. John W. Johnson, the Superintendent, and Mrs. Johnson for the excellent service they are rendering the county as managers of this institution;

A committee visited the County Convict Camp and found there eighteen prisoners, three white and fifteen colored. The camp is clean and sanitary, and the prisoners, examined separately and apart from the superintendent and guards, stated that they were well cared for and humanely treated. We found at this camp eighteen mules, all in excellent condition, and found an adequate amount of road equipment, all in good condition. We examined the food served the convicts and found the same to be wholesome and plentiful. We desire to commend the Superintendent, Mr. J. W. Harmon, both for the satisfactory manner in which he is treating his prisoners and caring for the public property entrusted to his care, and also for the splendid progress that he has made in road building and the upkeep of the roads of the county.

We find the court house in a rather unsatisfactory condition due largely to the fact that there is totally inadequate vault room in both the office of the Register of Deeds and in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court.

We recommend that the toilet in the Grand Jury room be removed to some other place in the court house, and if this cannot be done, that it be abolished, as it, in our judgment, constitutes a nuisance, as it is now located.

We extend to the Presiding Judge our most sincere thanks for the courtesies and help that he has so freely extended to us.

Respectfully submitted, C. N. BRAY, Foreman.

## BURKE'S CONFESSION

Tells Mother That He and Stephens Are Guilty—Sheriff Blair's Skillful Detective Work

Fon Burke has acknowledged that he is guilty of the crime for which a jury convicted him last week, along with the two Stephens and two negroes, over the strongest kind of alibi presented by his good mother and his brother and brother's wife. Sheriff Blair escorted the mother to the jail Saturday, after having told Fon that he should tell his mother, and Fon told her. "Mother, you know I was home that Friday night, but I did it."

The first clause was, doubtless, meant to soften the effect of the confession upon his mother's own conscience when she recalled that she had sworn so positively that her son was at home that night. There is still little, if any, doubt in the minds of the people who know Mrs. Burke or heard her testify that she was utterly sincere in her protestations that Fon was at home. The idea is that Fon later fixed her mind upon the Friday night in question as the one on which she had ministered to him. But however that may be, the Record has checked up on the date as given in the indictment and finds that it agrees with that given by Mr. F. M. Nash in a letter to the Record dated August 3. Mr. Nash fixes the crime as occurring Friday night, July 31, and that was the night that Fon told his mother that "she knew he was home." Accordingly, Wimberly's story of how Burke told how he had fooled the folk at home by pretending to go to bed suffering from appendicitis is confirmed.

This confession probably nullifies any attempt at an appeal, since a new trial would result absolutely in the conviction of the whole bunch and might result in stouter sentences than those handed out by Judge Devin.

Sheriff Blair's Detective Work Sheriff Blair is so quiet in his work, so little prone to blow, that one could not have guessed how busy he and his men had been in ferreting out the evidence in the case. In fact, he himself on the stand led the Record into an error last week that did him an injustice. The omission of Will Farris's confession to him in the cell before he brought Buck, led the Record, and possibly the jury, to conceive that the confession of the negroes was concocted while together. But the sheriff had a reason for the omission, since it involved what Mrs. Burke would swear and she had not yet been on the stand. Night after night the Sheriff or some of his men had watched at the Stephens home, hoping to get a clue. Men were listening not only in all quarters of the county but in other counties and states. Actually a conversation in another state involving the negroes came to the sheriff's ears, and he had much evidence to corroborate the confessions of Buck and Will, and it appeared one time, in the face of the strong alibi and the prolonged deliberations of the jury, that possibly the state had made a mistake in not strengthening its case with this reserved corroborative evidence. Even the disclosure of the negroes' separate confessions would have greatly strengthened their testimony.

Burke Gives Case Away Burke can blame himself alone for his conviction. He told the story to Vanus Wimberly in jail. That was the first time suspicion had been turned upon him as the perpetrator of the crime. It was hard to conceive beforehand that he had been guilty of the dastardly crime against a citizen living between thirty and forty miles distant from his home and with whom he was supposedly not acquainted. Yet suspicion might have fallen upon him at last, as it seems the negroes were telling the story confidentially and the news was getting to Sheriff Blair. But even before his confession to his mother Saturday, his tongue had given him away. The sheriff was listening for what he might hear and was not disappointed. After the conviction and the five were in jail, Fon was heard by the Sheriff to tell Buck that it would not have got out if he (Buck) had done as he told him.

The bunch went to the pen Saturday afternoon under escort of Sheriff Blair and deputies.

## Hallowe'en Party A Success

The Mt. Pleasant Hallowe'en party was a big success. A fund of \$72 was netted for the school and the church piano. A cake was sold in a voting contest, bringing about \$40, and might have brought more if time had not been called. Miss Lou Pearl Mann was the winner of the cake and the decision by the voting method as the prettiest girl present. Miss Novie Hamlet ran her a close second.

## Little Boy Seriously Burned

The seven-year old son of Mr. Tom Carroll was seriously burned about the legs Sunday. He was with his father working about the automobile, got gasoline on him, went into the house to warm and caught on fire.



## County Fair Prize Winners

Below appears a list of the prize winners in the various departments of the Chatham County Fair which was held at Siler City, October 13-16. This information was prepared for us by the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. P. H. Elkins, who states that the premium checks representing these winners will be mailed from her office this week.

Note that in classes where there was no competition only second prize is awarded. Also exhibitors will please note that by order of the directors cash prizes will only be paid for articles or animals listed in catalogue.

Horses and Mules—Single horse, 2nd E. E. White; Draft horse 2nd, S. D. Brewer; Mule colt 2nd, E. E. White; Pair mules 2nd, J. O. Brown.

Cattle—Jerseys, Cow, 1st, and 2nd, O. A. Clapp; Heifer, 1st, O. A. Clapp, 2nd Gaston Scott; Heifer under 8 year, 2nd, O. A. Clapp.

Grades—Cow, 1st, Gaston Scott; 2nd, H. W. Cheek.

Sheep—Ram, 2nd, O. A. Clapp; Ewe, 2 years and over; ewe 1 year and under 2; ewe under 1 year, O. A. Clapp won 1st and 2nd in all classes.

Hogs—Duroc-Jerseys, Boar, over 2 years and boar between 6 and 12 months and sow between 6 and 12 months, R. M. Correll won 2nd; boar under 6 months, sow over 1 year; sow under 6 months and herd, 1st and 2nd in all classes won by R. M. Correll.

Poland-China—Boar between 6 and 12 months; sow over 1 year and sow between 6 and 12 months, 2nd, O. A. Clapp in the three classes.

Hampshires—Boar over 2 years, 2nd, Lacy Short; boar under 2 years, 2nd, Gaston Scott; boar under 6 months, 1st and 2nd, E. R. Smith; boar under 6 months, 1st, Lacy Short, 2nd, P. M. Elkins, sow over 1 year, 1st Lacy Short, 2nd P. H. Elkins; sow between 6 and 12 months, 1st and 2nd, S. D. Brewer; sow under 6 months, 1st Lacy Short, 2nd P. H. Elkins.

Dogs—Pointer dog, 1st and 2nd, J. A. Hargrove; 3rd, A. E. Cockman.

Pointer bitch, 1st Braxton Edwards, 2nd, A. E. Cockman, 3rd, J. A. Hargrove.

Pointer pup, 1st L. J. Brooks, 2nd and 3rd J. P. Estridge.

Setter dog, 1st J. A. Hargrove, 2nd and 3rd A. E. Cockman.

Setter pups, 1st 2nd and 3rd Pat Murrow.

Hound dogs, 1st N. R. Voss, 2nd and 3rd, T. A. Hargrove.

Hound bitch, 1st C. R. Edwards, 2nd T. A. Hargrove.

Beagle dog, 2nd, E. R. Johnson.

Beagle bitch, 1st, E. R. Johnson, 2nd, S. E. Pike.

Hound pups, 1st C. R. Edwards, 2nd W. A. Johnson, 3rd T. A. Hargrove.

Best dog in show, J. A. Hargrove.

Poultry—Barred Plymouth Rocks—Cock, 1st, J. B. Whitley, 2nd, Mrs. Jane Culberson. Hen, 1st, J. B. Whitley, 2nd, Mrs. Jane Culberson. Pullet, 1st and 2nd, J. B. Whitley, pen, young, 1st, T. Ira White, 2nd, Ramsour Poultry Farm.

White Rocks—Hen and Pen of Young, 1st and 2nd, L. G. Marley.

Wyandottes—Golden, Pen young, 1st, B. E. Woody.

White, Pen young, 1st, G. W. Linnens.

Blue, Cockerel and Pullet, G. W. Linnens, 1st and 2nd.

Javas—Pullet and pen young, 1st Paul Blair.

Rhode Island Reds—Cock, hen and cockerel, 1st and 2nd, Hugh York.

Pullet, 1st Mrs. J. M. Stout and 2nd, Hugh York.

Pen old, 1st, P. A. Lineberry. Pen Young, 1st, Mrs. J. M. Stout; 2nd, Hugh York.

Rose Comb Pullet, 1st and 2nd, W. H. Davis.

Light—Hen, Cockerel, Pen-young and Pen-old, 1st, D. E. Highfall.

Dark—Cockerel, Pullet and Pen-young, 1st, D. E. Highfall.

Leghorns—Dark brown, pullet, 1st, Ramsour Poultry Farms.

White, Cock, 1st, P. H. Nance. Hen 1st, Mrs. J. M. Hackney. Cockerel, 1st and 2nd, Mrs. J. M. Hackney. Pullet, 1st and 2nd, Harvey Andrews. Pen old 1st, Mrs. J. M. Hackney, 2nd, J. M. Hackney, and pen young.

Buff—Pen young, 1st, Broadway Adeock.

Minorcas—S. C. Black—Pen young, 1st, Paul Blair. R. C. Black, Pen young, 1st, Mrs. Loula Duncan. White Cockerel, Ramsour Poultry Farm.

Anconas—S. C. Mottled, Cockerel and pullet, 1st, Ramsour Poultry Farm.

Orpingtons—S. C. Buff, Cock, Hen, Pullet and pen young, 1st and 2nd, Curtis Teague.

S. C. White—Cockerel 1st, Mrs. J. D. Edwards. Pullet, 1st, and 2nd, Mrs. K. L. Teague.

Cornish—White, Hen, Indian, Cock, Hen, Pullet, and Cockerel, 1st and 2nd, Ramsour Poultry Farm.

Bantams—Hen, Pullet and Pen Young, 1st, Ramsour Poultry Farm.

Ducks—Pekin, Adult Drake, Duck, Young drake and duck, pair young and pair old, 1st, D. E. Highfall.

(Concluded next week)

## STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!

Did you ever see the sign, "Stop, Look, Listen!" I have, and I have heard of some who did not observe it that got into trouble and sometimes a sad misfortune. Now we people, both men, women and children, have God's word as a guide and all churches have rules, and church discipline are all based upon the Bible. When we join these churches, standing before God and the church, we vow to live according to these rules. Yet when fall of the year comes a lot of us begin to stay away from church for fear we will hear money, when if we would be as ready to pay our church debts as we are any other debt, we would not have to hear it, and cause our preachers to be criticized for what they have to do for there are elders over them; bishops over the elders, and God over all, yet we do not fear Him who has power to cast into Hell both body and soul after death; Matt. 10:28. I will fore-warn you whom ye shall fear—Luke 12:15.

But all of us fear to let a debt at a store go unpaid for fear we can not get what we want again. But lots of us fail to pay our church debts and many times some and some times official members in the churches are ready to find fault and cause by talk perhaps, some not to be willing to be willing to pay. Though we each one shall some day stand before God and give an account of ourselves. What will be the answer. Well done, thou faithful one, or Depart from me?

For Pastor Lance I wish to say I have never heard him talk wrongfully of any one or engage himself in smutty jokes in the home or elsewhere, and in the pulpit his message is from the Bible and not about some one on the earth. He has had a bad throat trouble this year, which kept him away some. In the last years all preachers have extra help at meeting time and all churches take a free-will offering. I have never had a dictator of any thing I write, more than feelings I have caused by God and things I see and hear.

H. F. DURHAM.

## WOODY TO ROADS

Governor Declines to Commute Sentence to a Fine—George Hudson Goes Too

Governor McLean has declined to commute the sentence of J. A. Woody to a fine and Mr. Woody has begun serving his term, joining the camp force on Hickory mountain Monday night. He spent the morning in Siler City and came to Pittsboro in the afternoon. He had gracefully accepted the inevitable, as had Mr. George Hudson, who too had lost an appeal for mercy.

It was at the May term of court that Woody, charged with unlawful possession of whiskey, submitted to the charge and was sentenced to the roads for three months, being allowed, however, to await September 15 to begin serving the sentence that he might take care of his farm operations. This was no exception in Woody's case, as others, including a negro or two, if the writer recollects aright, were treated similarly.

Woody freely admitted having formerly dealt in liquor, but has been, and still is, positive in his assertions that he has sold no whiskey in several years. However his neighbors, including several ex-blockaders, were positive that he was still dealing in liquor or financing its making or sale. Yet, pressed for evidence, they have not been able to produce anything at all definite, while one of the deputies had to admit that he had sold Woody liquor but Woody had never sold him any. It was, apparently only a few years ago, no unusual thing for a citizen of the Hickory Mountain section to make and sell liquor, and Woody and several of those most energetic in opposing the commutation were all alike dealing in the stuff ten or twelve years ago. Yet a great change came over the community. Former makers became opposers of the traffic. Woody himself professes to have quit drinking it, but did not quit drinking it, and of course to drink it he must keep in accord with the dealers, if he was not one himself. This was his undoing, if he had actually quit dealing in it, since his profession would not carry at par value with his neighbors. Woody has gone to the roads not for what has been proved upon him, but because of his reputation as a slick dealer in it in former years and the lack of convincing evidence that he who could get it on the sly was not still selling it the same way. The burden of proof was transferred to the accused and the proof that one has not done a thing, is almost an impossibility. If he was innocent of selling, he couldn't for his life prove it. On the other hand his prosecutors could not prove that he has sold.

But the sentence was for unlawful possession.

Either the Governor concluded that the presumption that the whiskey was for sale had not been removed or he concluded that a road sentence is the thing for possession of whiskey, whatever the reason for having it. Anyway, J. A. Woody is on the roads.

## Moncure News Letter

Dr. J. E. Cathell and daughter, Miss Virginia, spent last week-end at Greensboro with relatives.

Earl Glisson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Glisson of Haywood, was run over by a car last Friday evening near the school building where the boys were playing ball.

Earl was at once brought to Dr. Cathell's office, but as he was not in town, Dr. Chapin was phoned for and examined the boy and bound up his wounds. We are glad to state that he was not seriously hurt.

The Hallowe'en entertainment given at the school auditorium last Friday evening was well attended. The costumes for the students were very appropriate and pretty. The program contained musical selections, both vocal and piano. Many songs by the boys and girls, ghost story, recitations, jokes and little dancing.

The proceeds for the evening amounted to \$47.00.

We are requested to state that persons passing Moncure school building beyond the legal rate of fifteen miles per hour will here-after be arrested.

Messrs. William Womble, Glenn and Jennings Womble, Evan Ray, James B. Utley and Clarence and Sam Crutchfield, who are at Elon College this year, spent last week-end at home with their parents.

Miss Amey Womble, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Womble, is teaching this year, the third and fourth grades at the Deep River school which is about seven miles from Moncure.

Mrs. C. J. Harmon spent last Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Stedman. Miss Lillie Hackney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hackney, has been clerking at the Deep River Store for the past ten days.

Mrs. F. W. Talley and children of Asheville are visiting Mrs. D. A. Clark for sometime.

Mr. L. E. Cole is now teaching at Ashby school. His daughter, Mr. Clarke is looking after his filling

## Court Closed With 7 Sent to Penitentiary

Seven Sent to Penitentiary—A Big Bunch Will Help Build Chatham Roads

Judge Devin has been much praised for his push, his speed, and his poise in the week's steady grind on the immense docket confronting him at the opening of the term.

There were several important cases. Seven went to the penitentiary, the Stephens, father and son, Fon Burke, Will Farris, Buck DeGraffenreid, all in the Ragland whipping case, George Brooks for murder, and Robert Marsh for larceny. Brooks was carried to the pen about the middle of the week. The sheriff and several deputies took the others Saturday afternoon. The appeal of Burke and Stephens went to smash on the confession of Burke.

Last week's report covered the cases tried up to Thursday and the Burke case. Other cases not reported follow.

Ollie Baldwin, colored, indicted for rape of a colored girl, submitted to a charge of simple assault upon a female, and was sent to the roads for two years.

Joe Henderson, Jack Henderson, and Vance Crews, three white boys of this community, plead guilty to larceny. This is the case of the robbery of L. N. Womble's store, Jack, under sixteen, was referred to the juvenile court. The others are sentenced to 2 years in jail to be paroled at the end of sixty days on entering upon a bond of \$200 each to appear before the court at each criminal term during the two year period.

The judgment against Tom Phillips was stricken off the record on account of age and disability of Phillips. It was a fine imposed several terms ago.

Sam Fox was acquitted of carrying a concealed weapon.

Robert Marsh, for larceny, went to penitentiary for 12 months.

Wes Cheek was let off with cost for possession of liquor.

W. D. Diffe submits to his part in the mix-up of the Womble girl and others in a fight near Moncure and was let off with the costs.

D. D. Elkins paid \$50 and costs for driving an auto while drunk.

George and R. Ratliff pay cost in liquor case and surrender interest in automobile valued at \$75.

Dock Williams pays \$20 and costs for assault in a fight with Lottie and Ossie Pass. The two latter went free.

Dean Crutchfield pays usual penalty for driving auto while drunk—\$50 and costs. D. D. Elkins does same.

Ollie Baldwin's sentence was changed from two to one year.

Harvey Stanley pays cost in liquor case.

Eugene Dulin, for larceny, is hired out to pay costs.

The case of Mrs. J. B. Hester against her husband was compromised by the agreement of the husband to pay the wife \$300 yearly. Cruelty and non-support was the charge.

Norman Murray submits to charge of receiving stolen goods; goes to roads for 12 months.

D. W. Thomas must pay costs, and \$25 to his wife, and \$15 a month to her. Bond of \$200 required.

Ed Thomas, driving car drunk, possession, \$50 and costs, 1 year on roads unless he gives bond for \$100 appearance and good behavior.

Ernest Henderson has sentence reduced from 18 months to 12 months.

Make Marsh, liquor charge, costs, and bond for good behavior.

George Gray and Hurley Gray, liquor, George Gray, road for 2 years; Hurly Gray, eight months.

Arthur Glover, assault on female, two years on roads. Notice of appeal.

George Gray gives notice of appeal. W. H. Burke, bondsman for Ike Wood, was let off by payment \$100—bond was for \$500.

Several cars were ordered sold.

The sheriff was ordered to destroy liquor held as evidence in cases tried.

Siler City's Bargain Week Siler City has on a Bargain week. They failed to get their ad ready for us last week, but are using a quarter of a page this week. Make Friday and Saturday their big days. Almost every kind of goods can be bought from one or the other of the firms participating in the cooperative bargain week. Read the advertisement.

Durham to Mount Olive Oscar W. Durham went to Mt. Olive, Wayne County, Tuesday on business, returning home Saturday. He and his family will move there to farm very soon.

station while he is teaching, although he is going and coming from home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Skipper of Asheville will spend the winter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Hilliard.

Mr. W. Clay Farrell, the Rural Carrier on Route one attended the Pinehurst Fair last Wednesday and Mr. J. Lee Harmon carried the mail for him that day.