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COURT EMBRACED FIVE FULL DAYS

Hardest of Work Failed to Complete Calendar — No True Bill Found Against Crutchfield—Only One Hard Fought Case

There was no dallying in court last week. Judge Cowper worked long and steadily each day, and Friday till past midnight. Though there was no session Saturday, as the judge had to be elsewhere, it was a full week's work for any court.

The docket was full to the brim. It was quite impossible for it to be cleared in a week. However, the last of the jail cases was cleared up Friday night, that of the Millers for the robbery of Ernest Brewer's store at Kimbolton last July, and they had been arrested in Fayetteville only two days before their trial.

There was only one real contest during the whole week, and that was the trial of Allen Jenks for operation of a distillery. It was a case of alibi against positive identification by Deputy Taylor Johnson.

Young Jenks lives a few miles southeast of Pittsboro, while the still from which Mr. Johnson thought he fled was 14 miles west of Pittsboro. However, Mr. Jenks has relatives up there and Mr. Johnson had often seen him.

Johnson's testimony was that he slipped up to the distillery about 1 o'clock in the morning, while his comrades remained in the rear, awaiting his call. He was right at the back of a negro, Arthur Glover, who was stirring the mash in the still, before he was seen. The white man, answering to the description of Jenks and positively identified by Johnson as Jenks, evidently mistook the officer for a friend and said "take hold of him," playing a joke on the negro. The white man stirred the fire and made no attempt to flee till Johnson fired his pistol in the air and called the other officers to come.

They came in time to see the white man escaping and to pursue. One of them swore that he recognized Jenks, after he saw him at court, as the man, though he did not know Jenks before. The officers testified that the scene was lighted by a lantern hanging three feet high.

The incident occurred the morning of Easter Sunday. Accordingly, it gave Jenks an opportunity to recall the incidents of the day. He and his brother Jeter and Mrs. Jeter Jenks, also his mother, the aged Mrs. Jenks, all swore positively that the two young men and Mrs. Jeter Jenks came to Pittsboro late Saturday evening before Easter, got fish, stopped at Burns' filling station and got gasoline, went home, cooked part of the fish for supper, and that Allen went to bed at the usual time and was there when called by his mother about light the next morning to make the kitchen fire. His room was also so situated that he had to pass through the mother's room in passing out of the house. The mother declared that she is easily waked, especially by the vibrations caused by walking on the floor, and that Allen did not leave the room that night. Bruce Burns confirmed the purchase of gasoline the evening before.

Jenks proved a most excellent character by the best men in his community, as being hard-working, not known to drink, though his mother said he had occasionally drunk some in earlier years. His mother also swore that neither of the young men had spent a night away from home this year.

Arthur Glover, the negro captured at the still, who had been convicted at an earlier term of court, swore that he did not know who the white man was but that it was not Allen Jenks. The white man, a stranger to him, had passed where he was working Friday evening and asked him to help him and said that he would give him a gallon or two of liquor. He described the white man as having sandy hair and a red face, as Jenks had. Also Mr. Clark of Siler City swore that he was passing Sunday morning and was told that a still had been captured the night before and as it was only a hundred yards from his road he rode out to the site and found a white man there, of similar description, the inference being that the runaway had returned to observe the completeness of the work of destruction.

Ray and Upchurch and Wade Barber represented Jenks. They stressed the point that a stranger would not have recognized Mr. Johnson as an officer and thus might have acted as Officer Johnson testified; while Jenks knew the officer as well as the officer knew him and would have fled at first sight of him if he had been the man at the still. They did not doubt the sincerity of Officer Johnson, but appraised the identification as a mistaken one, due to the likeness of the man to Jenks and also due to the poor light.

The jury readily acquitted Jenks and the aged mother went into raptures, declaring that she had prayed for justice and God had given it to



J. FRANK HARBIN
Song Leader in Revival Here

her son. This was Solicitor Williams' first loss of a jury verdict during the week; it was the first jury trial of the week.

Crutchfield Not Indicted

One of the matters of importance coming before the grand jury, indeed the most important, was that of the investigation of the shooting of Homer Sillmon two or three weeks ago by Deputy Charlie Crutchfield. The coroner's jury had held Crutchfield for grand jury action after an extended investigation. But the judgment of the grand jury reversed that of the coroner's jury and Crutchfield was released from the bond of \$2,000 under which he had been held.

Mrs. Sillmon and Sillmon's father and brother were here and the young widow was a witness before the grand jury. She discussed the case with the editor of the Record and was exceedingly bitter against the slayer of her husband. She stated positively that the gun found in the car in which her husband was shot was not his and stated that if a true bill should be found she would not want a trial at that term of court, as she hoped that she could find where the pistol came from before the next term of court. She resented the newspaper publications to the effect that her husband had stolen the car and showed the writer the title furnished by the state. She said that her husband had paid \$2500 for the car in New Jersey and got the bill of sale required by New Jersey law, and upon that bill of sale had got the N. C. title.

Coroner Brooks and Dr. Edwards were also witnesses before the grand jury. There is a wide-spread feeling, it appears, that it would have been better to have an open trial of the case than that the people might be satisfied that no injustice has been done. The sentiment expressed by Solicitor Williams in the preliminary trial before the coroner that it is desirable that no one should be able to say that a Chatham county jury has whitewashed a case, expresses the sentiment of many. Many also feel that Sillmon had invited death, or that any other man who creates the impression that he will not be taken without a fight invites it. Solicitor Williams had the car, showing the shot holes, here in order that the grand jury might have the benefit of its mute evidence. It is probably no secret that he feels that it would have been better for the county administration to have had a bill and an open clearing up of the case, even if it should prove expensive and result in an acquittal.

Grand Jury's Report

The grand jury's report complimented everybody in sight and recommended the building of another stove flue in the jail and the placing of two more commodes in the jail.

The Miller Case.

There were only two jury trials during the whole term. The second, that against Jesse and Dewey Miller for robbery of Ernest Brewer's store at Kimbolton, ran past midnight Friday night. The robbery took place three or four months ago. Part of the \$100 worth of goods stolen were located in Jesse Miller's house above Greensboro, but Miller himself was not found at home then nor was there any evidence that he had been home since the stealing. His wife, used as a witness by the state, said that the goods were brought to her home by Dewey Miller, a man named Birkman, and one called "Shorty." The two Millers were arrested in Fayetteville Thursday. The other two men have not been found. Mrs. Miller said she told the three who brought the goods that she believed they were stolen. She fixed the time just right for the robbery. The three men had left her house on Monday morning and re-

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By Big Numbers

The fellow who writes a mathematics book has a right to be proud. They are bought by people who count.—Ohio State Sun Dial.

Brown's Chapel News

We regret very much a shortage of \$70 in paying our pastor. But this church is assessed on the basis of a large membership, while the average attendance of those members is really small, and some of them will not pay a cent. Our pastor is a fine one and a good worker and deserves every cent. We have a good people, but lots of us are hard run after a succession of bad crops, with a worse one this year. But we are not grumbling at the crops, for God knows best, and if it is our fault we trust that the experience may lead us to do better. Our pastor will not come back from conference in time to preach for us next Sunday afternoon. Therefore, the Sunday school will meet regularly at 10 o'clock till the next first Sunday.

Mr. M. B. Lindsey and wife of Burlington were guests in the home of the former's brother, M. T. Lindsey, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lindsey moved away to High Point last week. We regret their departure but wish them great success.

Mrs. Mary Nixon has returned from a visit to her sister Mrs. Harris of Durham, and Mr. Nixon is no longer a grass widower, but Mr. W. J. Durham is in that fix, as his bride is making a visit to home folk. Mr. W. J. Durham says that his bees drop out all the dimes, and that the church should do the same with a member that is not interested enough to pay his assessment. Any secret lodge will do it.

We were glad to have at Sunday school Messrs. Dain Thomas and Moody Marshall of Swepsonville, who were visiting their father-in-law, Mr. A. F. Whitaker; also Mr. Gordon Marshall, home from Elon for the week-end.

Mr. O. C. Whitaker is laid up with foot and back trouble.

Mr. W. C. Henderson has been advised by his physician to stay off his feet, on account of continued swelling and pain.

Mr. Chas. Lutterloh has had bad luck with another cow. She got badly cut in a barbed wire fence.

Mr. F. R. Henderson's auction sale amounted to some over a thousand dollars. The sale included old home, store house, feed, etc., and one acre of land. He has begun a new building near Graham, where he expects to move shortly. This is a good time for a young man to buy a farm home, while real estate is dull.

The near kin of Mr. W. M. Perry gave him a surprise birthday dinner Sunday.

Mr. C. H. Lutterloh is attending the annual conference at Kinston as a delegate from this charge.

We sympathize very much with Mrs. Lizzie Dark in the extreme illness of her brother, Mr. W. A. Headen of Siler City.

Bear Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coggins and Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Beal and daughter, Frances, attended a singing rally at Liberty high school building last Sunday. The house was packed to its full capacity and many were left on the outside.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Covert have moved from the late Stephen Gilmore place, on the Pittsboro-Goldston highway, to T. C. Vestal place, on Bear Creek, Rt. 2. We are glad to welcome them back to our route.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Burke and family, of Burlington, were week-end visitors near Meroney church.

Mrs. T. C. Vestal, who has been in St. Leo's Hospital for the past nine weeks, has recovered sufficiently to return to the home of Mrs. W. F. Norwood's, on route 2, to recuperate. Her many friends will be glad to know that she is getting along so nicely.

Mrs. C. O. Briggs has been on the sick list for the past week, but is somewhat improved at this writing, we are glad to state.

The land sale here last Saturday was well attended. J. Rod Hilliard of Goldston purchased the B. F. Moffitt place at the sum of \$1150.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Andrews of Durham were week-end visitors in the home of L. D. Poe.

Moncure News

Next Friday evening, November 1st, at 7:30 o'clock, at Halloween play will be given by the school students at the school auditorium. Miss Lucy Boone, the piano and voice teacher of Moncure school is the director of the play. Every one cordially invited. Admission 15c and 25c.

Mrs. Daisy Lambeth and daughters, Misses Mary Helen and Roberta, also Mr. Eugene Lambeth and sister, Miss Dorothy, spent last Sunday at Mt. Pleasant with her son, Alfred, who is attending Collegiate Institute there. We are proud to learn that he is liking and getting on just fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Giede and friend, Mrs. Hartman, who have spent about ten days at the "Captain Wissler cabin" left yesterday for Harrisburg, Pa.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. under the direction of Miss Hortense Honeycutt held a Halloween party and a "weeney" roast at a hut on the outskirts of town last Friday evening. Decorations and their costumes were suitable for the occasion and those present reported an evening of fun.

Misses Esther Martin and Lucy Boone, teachers in Moncure school, spent last week-end at home with their parents.

Miss Amey Womble of Jonesboro, who is one of the teachers of Deep River school, and Mrs. Mary Barringer, were guests of Mrs. Barbara Watkins yesterday, Sunday.

Mr. Evan Ray of Mt. Airy spent last Saturday with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ray. On returning to his home at Mt. Airy, he was accompanied by his sister, Miss Pauline Ray, where she will spend a few days.

Mr. Clarence Crutchfield, one of the high school teachers at Biscoe spent last week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Crutchfield.

Mr. Jennings Womble, one of the high school teachers at White Plains, spent last week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Womble.

Mr. J. E. Bennett of Chapel Hill was in town today on business.

The Epworth League met last Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The president, Miss Camelia Stedman, called the meeting to order. After singing several songs the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mr. Lewis Burns. Then the meeting was turned over to Miss Catherine Thomas, the leader for the evening, who announced the subject, "How Far Does the Gospel Reach?" After a reading on the subject by Miss Lois Wilkie, the leader, Miss Thomas, made an interesting talk on the subject. Last a mission study class was formed of the members of the league and also visitors and the president appointed Prof. H. G. Self and Mr. E. W. Avent, Jr., to lecture on the following mission study books: "Jesus' Teaching on the Use of Money," by Brown and "New Paths for Old Purposes" by Margaret Burton. After singing, "I'm Here on Business for My King," the meeting closed with prayer by Prof. Self. On account of having the mission study class, the league will begin at 6:30 each Sunday evening until the books are covered.

Mr. J. T. Smith of Henderson and Mr. Edwards of High Point were in town today to see W. W. Stedman on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Flannery of Guilford College were down again last Saturday on business.

Moncure has always been lucky to be the headquarters of construction crews and Moncure is always the headquarters of all operations which requires the location between Sanford and Apex. There are two crews here now, one is laying railroad steel near 28-Mile Siding and the other is operating a steam shovel and doing other work in the direction of Sanford.

Mrs. L. E. Cole is visiting her daughter in Charlotte this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bryan of Pittsboro are visiting his father, Mr. J. E. Bryan, this week.

Come to the Halloween play that will be given by some of the high school students in the school auditorium next Friday evening, November 1st, at 7:30. An evening of fun is in store for you. Admission 15c and 25c.

Kimbalton News

W. M. Ferguson, C. C. Crawford, wife and son, of Orange Chapel, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Ferguson.

N. J. Dark and family spent a day last week in Sanford.

The Hickory Mt. Baptist church ladies are giving a party and bazaar at the school house next Friday night.

Misses Edith Clark, Grace Wrenn and C. C. Parker of Greensboro spent Sunday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb S. Ferguson.



REV. MCKENDREE LONG
Who is Holding Revival Services Here

Revival Services in Progress Here

Revival services in which Rev. McKendree Long is doing the preaching are being held here twice daily. Mr. Geddie Fields has kindly offered the theatre for the services and at considerable financial loss has consented to have no movie shows during the meeting. It means that he must pay for the pictures already contracted for to be shown this week without having any shows.

Mr. Long is an able preacher and his sermons are much appreciated. The morning service is held at 10 o'clock and the evening service at 7:30. The meeting is held primarily under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, but has been converted into a union meeting.

As noted in this paper last week, the preacher is heralded as a most able evangelist and those who attend should hear something of value.

Mr. Frank Harbin of Statesville is here to lead the singing, and much fine music forms a part of each service.

BYNUM STEPS FORWARD

A very enthusiastic group of parents and teachers met at Bynum school Thursday evening, October 24 and organized a P. T. A.

Mr. Waters, principal of the Pittsboro school, was the operator of the evening. His subject, "Parent-Teacher Work, What It Is and What It Does," was fully outlined and explained. We were fortunate and glad to have Mr. Waters with us.

After the speaking, it was unanimously voted that we organize a P. T. A. at Bynum and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. J. Moore; vice president, Rev. A. E. Brown; secretary, Mrs. Abernathy; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Norwood. Our next meeting will be November 4. All parents invited.

The second month of our school has just come to a successful close so far as diseases and bad weather are concerned. We have enrolled 247 pupils and our average attendance was only 196. We will have to do better than this to make the 215 that will entitle us to another teacher next year. Please send the children every day that you possibly can to help meet this urgent need.

The following names are entitled to the honor roll of perfect attendance:

First Grade—Wilma Andrews, Jessie Council, Grace Lee Dowd, Lillian Gails, Kathlene Meacham, Kathlene Riggsbee, Mary Blake Williams, Roscoe Briggs, Victor Dowd, Clayton Dollar, Clarence Wheeler.

Second Grade—Mattie Fay Andrews, Wiley Brown, Rupert Eubanks, Alene Young, Pearl Jones, David Tripp, James Gails.

Third Grade—Wesley Harris, Edna Davis, Ed Bynum Riggsbee, Edna Gails.

Fourth Grade—Ben Hall Dollar, Annie Mae Council, Annie Eubanks, G. B. Glosson, Jr., Edna Ellis, Lucille Miller.

Fifth Grade—Adrian Brown, Edgar Race Moore, Wade Hampton Riggsbee, C. T. Young, Jr., Thena Howard, Christine Riggsbee, Frank Harris, William Riggsbee, Leon Riggsbee, Jewel Dowd, Annie Mae Montgomery, Catherine Ward.

Sixth Grade—Margaret Blake, Mildred Blake, J. T. Riggsbee.

Seventh Grade—Geraldine Miller, Thomas Snipes.

LOCAL FIRM GETS VALUABLE AGENCY

C. R. Pilkington Secures Exclusive 5 Year Franchise for New and Celebrated Scientific Formula

Local citizens who have heard of the amazing results which have been accomplished by Sargon will be interested in the important announcement that this new and scientific formula can now be obtained in this city.

Manufacturers of this revolutionary medicine have followed out the policy of selecting outstanding firms as exclusive agents in every city where it has been introduced. Leading druggists everywhere have acclaimed it as a triumph in the field of modern chemistry and have been eager to be among the first to supply it to their trade.

Never before in the history of the world has the progress of Medical Science been so rapid. One important discovery after another has been made which will have a far-reaching effect upon the health and well-being of mankind. Some of these discoveries are startling in the extreme and absolutely disprove many of the beliefs, practices and theories we have known for a life-time.

As scientific investigators learn more and more about the human anatomy, the practice of medicine changes—the old is discarded for the new.

As a result of this world-wide medical research, science has learned that good health is largely governed and maintained by three vital organs and fluids of the body.

What is more important, we have learned that these organs and fluids can often be aided and strengthened by certain basic elements.

Having knowledge of these important discoveries, one of America's leading bio-chemists succeeded, after two and one-half years of laboratory research, in combining many of these basic elements in one formula—which may well be considered one of the greatest health-sustaining remedies of the age.

It is called Sargon. This formula and the formula for Sargon Soft Mass Pills, which are an essential and integral part of the treatment, are the property of the Sargon Laboratories and can be obtained by no other firm or individual in the world.

This new scientific treatment, which represents much of our latest knowledge of modern therapy, has been acclaimed by druggists throughout America as a triumph in the field of pharmaceutical chemistry.

With the needs of their customers uppermost in their minds, leading druggists everywhere have been eager to be among the first to supply it to their trade.

The exclusive agency for Sargon and Sargon Soft Mass Pills for this city and section has been awarded to C. R. Pilkington.

HONORS FOR AGED LADY

On Sunday, October 27, Mrs. R. C. Phillips celebrated her 82nd birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Norwood. She was dressed in orchid with a beautiful orchid scarf on her shoulders and was brought out by her youngest son, Mr. J. M. Phillips. A beautiful poem was read by Mrs. J. J. Phillips, of Spray, N. C., dedicated by a welcome address by her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Norwood. Mrs. Phillips responded with a beautiful expression and appreciation of the occasion. An impressive prayer was made by Rev. R. P. Ellington, her pastor.

There were visitors from Durham, Spray, High Point, Wilson, Pittsboro, Bynum, Burlington, Greensboro, and from Danville, Va. The occasion was enjoyed by all present. Mrs. R. C. Phillips was reared in Chatham county, near Sandy Branch church. She is the daughter of the late Josiah and Sarah Emmerson. Mrs. Phillips received many nice and useful presents from her many friends. Mrs. Phillips lived in Pittsboro several years ago and will be remembered by the older people of our town.—A Pittsboro Friend.

BONLEE SENIORS OBSERVE COURT

Principal Nance of the Bonlee school brought his eleventh grade over Friday to observe court proceedings, assumed in connection with their work in civics. The members of the class are Pearl Andrews, Clara Andrews, Janette Andrews, Evelyn Beavers, Willard Boyd, Lillie Dale Beavers, Allie May Dunlap, Marvin Burke, Sallie Bett Burke, Selma Gaines, Mary Gilbert, Eva Gilbert, Coyola Jones, Marvin Lambert, Louis Morrow, Ida May Nance, Katherine Phillips, Velna Phillips, A. Norwood, Bertha Smith, Lillian Moore, Paul Sumner, Street Phillips, Louis Poe, Josephine Hill.

And Pretzels after money, some after love.

"I know something all thirst after."
"What is that?"
"Salt herring."

There will be a Halloween Party at the school building Saturday night, October 2, for the benefit of the school. Everybody invited.

DISTRICT P. T. A. MEETING

The district meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held at Durham Wednesday, November 6. The district embraces 19 counties. Officers for ensuing year are to be chosen. Mrs. Burke Hobgood, president at this time, and Mrs. R. H. Hayes, district vice-president hope there will be a large delegation from Pittsboro.