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## SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION THIS WEEK

### County Court Has Thinned Docket—Judge Small Makes Favorable Impression—Few Cases Tried Monday and Tuesday—Ten to Roads at One Whack

Superior court in session this week was confronted with the smallest docket in many moons. The county court has thinned out the cases, and it is also easy to see this week that the county court is saving the taxpayers much money, when its simple regime is compared with the elaborate machinery of the superior court. A large crowd was present both Monday and Tuesday. The session Monday, after the charge, was largely taken up with the trial of Colonel Dollar on the charge of reckless driving. This young man is at present associated with the Pilot Theatre, but when the accident occurred that brought about the indictment he was living with his father near the Pittsboro-Chapel Hill highway.

It was a Sunday afternoon and he drove his Ford the 150 yards from his father's home to the highway. The side road had been considerably graded down when the highway was paved and also there was not a clear view of the highway because of small trees and shrubbery growing up to within a few feet of the paving. He stopped his car at the edge of the highway to see if the highway was clear. He saw a car coming tilting toward Chapel Hill. He had partly turned toward Pittsboro as he came down the slant, but unfortunately his right front wheel was a few inches above about eight according to the evidence on the pavement. There was no evidence that he attempted to back off, but the car was going so fast according to the evidence that he would not have had time to back off if he had tried. The approaching Chevrolet hit the protruding fender of Dollar's car, turned it around, and itself whirled about, turning over edge or twice.

The occupants, two of Mr. Lonnie Oldham's daughters and a son of Mr. Oldham, who was driving, another young man, and a Miss Cooper, escaped any permanent injury. Two ribs of one of the Oldham girls were broken and a back tendon strained, according to the evidence of Dr. McBane. The Oldham car was wrecked. There was no one passing from the other direction and the Oldham car had the whole road to pass the protruding car. But the Oldham car had just passed three young ladies and the evidence indicated that some of those in the Oldham car were looking back at them. The young man on the seat with young Oldham said he was talking to the driver and that the driver was looking straight ahead. No one in the Oldham car saw the Dollar car. Those in the wrecked car declared it to be going about 35 miles an hour, and one of them said the old car could not make fifty or sixty miles an hour.

When Judge Small had heard Mr. Dollar's own story of the happening, he sent the jury out and told the defense that, according to Dollar's own evidence, he was guilty of the charge. Attorney Elmer Long declared that he interpreted the law differently, and would fight it through, even to the supreme court. The trial continued. Dollar's story was confirmed by several witnesses who saw the accident or who came soon after and noted the car tracks. There was evidence that the Dollar car had slid several inches before stopping, indicating that he had put on brakes to stop before reaching the highway.

The jury rendered a verdict of guilty. Sentence has not been passed at this writing. An appeal is mooted. It is said that the parties had a meeting once to compromise the case and that Mr. Oldham, the owner of the car, set \$400 as the damage. Dollar is said to have been willing to pay what he conceived was the actual financial damage, but was not willing to pay so much for the damage to an old car, and decided to fight it out in court.

The court took up the sugar stealing case Tuesday morning. A large crowd of colored folk were present for this trial, as it involves a half-dozen or more of the colored men and boys of the community. This is the case in which Poe and Moore's store was robbed of sugar by the wholesale. As several of the accused had already told the story of the stealing, escape for them was practically out of the question; so all submitted to charges varying in degree from aiding and abetting, receiving stolen property to outright breaking in and stealing.

It was an unusual scene in court. Ten negro men and boys were arrayed in the bar to receive sentence. Several of them were mere boys. Judge Small talked to them very kindly and urged them to come out of prison resolved to make honest livings and to cease preying upon the public. Then sentences were as follows: Harvey Green, who merely looked on, we believe, 6 months in jail,

## Cases Disposed of in Recorder's Court

The following cases were disposed of Wednesday and Thursday in Recorder's Court:

Cases against F. W. Miller and Bud Gunter were continued till February term.

Wade McPherson submitted to charge of being drunk; costs.

Charlie Johnson, stealing chickens, guilty; three months on roads. Appeals to superior court.

Clinton Ivey's case continued till March term.

Clyne Hubbard, possession of liquor; \$50 and costs. Transporting judgment suspended upon payment of costs and bond for \$200 for good behavior.

Jim Mason, possession of liquor; \$10 and costs. Leonard Burns same offense and same penalty.

Burroughs Hicks, possession; judgment suspended on payment of costs. June Brewer; assault. Must pay Burroughs Hicks \$35 and the costs of the case.

Lee Jacobs and Will Shelton; adjudged not guilty of liquor charge.

Myrtle Pegram; possession of liquor; pleads guilty; capias not to issue for 30 days and then only in Chatham county.

Dalpus Page, liquor charge; hired out to Ivey Gilmore 12 months to pay costs.

James Horton, pleads guilty to charge of assault with deadly weapon; hired 8 months to Lucy Johnson to pay costs and \$15 to Dr. McBane. Phil Alston's case continued. Nol pros in case against Nellie Thomas. James Martindale, liquor charge, 4 months on roads, or \$10 and costs and bond for good behavior.

N. R. Gaines, possession of liquor—pleads guilty; 4 months on roads or \$10 and costs and \$200 bond for good behavior.

Cases against C. P. Alston, and Wilma and Flora Harris continued, also case against Herman Foster.

Buck Matthews, Guy Moffitt and Lindo Siler were ordered taken in charge from witness chair and were fined \$15 each. This was for false swearing in Robert Headen case, and penalty probably for contempt of court.

Case against Sam J. Smith continued.

Henry Barber, assault; not guilty. Court takes recess Thursday evening till Monday, January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur London, Mesdames J. M. Gregory, D. B. Noe, Ed. Hinton, L. I. Wrenn, J. C. Gregson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wrenn attended the funeral of Mrs. Isaac London at Rockingham. Mrs. Henry A. London went down the day of the death, arriving only a few minutes after her daughter-in-law had breathed her last. She returned the same day, but the rest of Mrs. London's family attended the funeral.

with capias to be issued any time in two years in open court at the pleasure of the solicitor.

Claud Williams (or Scurlock) and Floyd Harris, two years on roads. Dan Williams, Sandy Rogers, Lloyd Moore, and Horton Taylor, twelve months on roads; Clyde Yarbrough, four months on roads; Henry Alston, three years on roads; and Jack Alston thirty months on roads.

It was estimated that 32 sacks of sugar were stolen altogether. Some of the boys made more than one visit to the store. Only about a dozen sacks were recovered. The largest crowd of colored folk heard the sentences that have been seen in the court house in years. This was due in part to the expectation of the coming up on Tuesday of the Joe Brooks case.

### The Judge's Charge

Judge Small's charge to the grand jury was out of the usual order. He did not take time to define any crime, but took it for granted that the intelligent grand jury was familiar with the definitions. He talked upon citizenship, and an excellent talk he made, one that is conducive to pride in the citizenship of the State and yet provoked concern for the future. He defined law as a rule of conduct and declared that the courts are not primarily for punishment, but for the constraining of the law, and that punishments are distasteful to any judge, but must be given as a token to the citizens that they will suffer if they fail to observe the rules of conduct made for the common good. He thinks children are allowed to go out at night too early in life and that parents should maintain a complete control over them till they have passed the stage of their natural venturesomeness.

### The Grand Jury

The following good citizens were drawn as grand jurors: W. A. Phillips, foreman, J. T. O'Connor, R. E. McIver, Newton Moore, Pete Dowdy, C. O. Gilmore, J. W. Bland, J. D. Jones, N. A. Wright, E. O. Dowdy, Chas. L. Henderson, H. W. Luther, R. E. McIver, C. H. Marsh, W. A. Poe, Ira Poushee, G. N. Thomas, C. E. Griffin, G. H. Andrews.

Judge Small, whose first visit this is to Pittsboro, has made a good impression upon the people. Solicitor Williams is as usual effectively on the job. Miss Speight is here as stenographer.

Full account of disposal of cases will be found in next week's paper.

## Moncure News

Miss Catherine Thomas has secured her position in Coal Glen school.

Mrs. Barbara Watkins spent last week-end with friends in Raleigh.

There was a very successful stockholders meeting held at Moncure Bank last Thursday afternoon, between 40 and 50 stockholders were present. This past year has been a very good year with Moncure Bank, which declared 4 per cent dividend.

Mr. Carter of Wilmington was in town several days the first of last week to see W. W. Stedman in the interest of buying a farm. Mr. W. F. Gupton of Saxapahaw as also in town one day this week to see W. W. Stedman and bought a farm.

Rev. J. A. Dailey preached two excellent sermons at Moncure church last Sunday, his regular preaching day here, but the one, the subject of which was "Life is a Structure" delivered at the evening service was especially good.

The Epworth League met at 7 o'clock with the president, Miss Camellia Stedman, in the chair. She called the meeting to order and also explained Epworth Era Night. A contest is now on in getting up subscriptions to the Epworth Era. The members of the League were divided equally on two sides with Miss Lucy Boone, the leader of one side and Miss Dorothy Lambeth the leader of the other. Mr. Lewis Burns, the secretary, was present and called out the names on the two sides. Three prizes are given if they will secure 20, 15 and 10 subscriptions to the Era respectively. Then the meeting was turned to the leader, Miss Emma Lee Mann, for the evening. After the president read the Bible lesson and the leader read a selection on the subject, "Prayer," the following, Miss Margaret Mann and Miss Lucy Boone, responded with very good and interesting talks on the subject, "Prayer." Miss Daisy Marshall also read a selection on the subject.

A Junior Epworth League has been organized with Miss Lucy Boone as leader of that department. An interesting program was given by them last Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, a half hour before the Senior League met. The members of the Junior League are anticipating a big time at the party that will be given at the home of Mrs. Lillie Moore, this evening (Monday).

Messrs. T. S. Crutchfield, G. F. Womble and J. L. Womble, Jr., spent last week-end with friends at Elon College.

Mr. A. F. Womble, of Siler City, has purchased the corn or grain mill from Mr. J. V. Ray and is now running it. Mr. Womble and family are now occupying rooms in Dr. J. E. Cathell's house on Cathell avenue. We welcome them back to our town as Mr. Womble lived here before moving to Siler City.

### MONCURE BOYS DEFEAT APEX 29 TO 27

The boys basketball team from Moncure defeated the Apex boys Friday night in one of the fastest of the season's games. The game was real basket-ball from the first whistle until the game was over. The Apex boys showed fine defense work, but were a little weak on offense. This however gave the fast passing outfit from Moncure little trouble. The game ended with the score of 29-27 in favor of Moncure.

The Moncure girls were defeated by Apex girls on the same night. The score stood 41 all at the end of the game and 46 to 43 at the end of game with Apex bidding the big end of the score.

### GREAT MASTERS ON EXHIBIT AT SCHOOL

There will be a display of paramount interest at our department school next week, Wednesday to Friday, an art exhibit. More than one hundred fifty pictures will be shown, pictures that you want to see and should know something about. You wish to keep up with your children in school. They are learning to recognize these pictures and to know something of the artist who painted them. In addition to your enjoyment in this collection you will assist us in raising a fund for the purchase of pictures for our schools, and they are badly needed.

Teacher-Training Department.

### SUPT. THOMPSON TALKS TO THE COLORED P.-T. A.

The third meeting of the P. T. A. of Horton colored school was held January 10. After the opening by President L. W. Ellis and prayer by Chaplain Dalton, Supt. Reid S. Thompson delivered an hour's address, which was reported to have been heard with interest throughout. He discussed the matter of such training for the children as would keep them out of crime and make them useful and progressive citizens.

Our informant says that the plan for a colored high school in the county is meeting with much approval. The school planned will be devoted largely to vocational subjects.

## Bear Creek News

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Yarbrough and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Yarbrough, of Sanford, were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of T. B. Beal.

C. D. Woody has accepted work in Haw River, N. C.

J. W. Phillips is enjoying his radio, which was a Christmas present for him.

Mrs. T. C. Vestal, whom we reported last week as being very ill in St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro, though very low, is thought to be slightly improved. Her friends will wish for her an early recovery.

Joe (G. T.) Dunn was a business visitor in Greensboro Monday of this week.

Mrs. G. B. Emersson and son, Jack, are confined to their home with mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Straughan, of Burlington, were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. Straughan's father, F. C. Straughan, on route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rives have moved to the late D. E. Rives place, on route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kiser has moved to the place where R. B. Abbott formerly lived on route 2. We are glad to welcome this family to our route.

## Mrs. Isaac London Dies

Bereavement has again come to the London family. The sad news was received by Mrs. A. London last Thursday afternoon that her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Isaac London, of Rockingham had died at 2:40 that day.

The burial occurred Friday in Rockingham, the funeral services being conducted by Rector Howard S. Hartzell of the Rockingham Episcopal church, Bishop Penick, and Rev. Thad. Cheatham of Pinehurst. A press dispatch from Rockingham gives the following information as to the life and death of the beloved woman:

Rockingham, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Isaac S. London died at her home on Everett street this afternoon at 2:40 o'clock. She was taken ill Sunday with "flu." Wednesday morning bronchial pneumonia had developed. Wednesday night an infant son was born, but lived only 15 minutes. Her lungs became more congested during Wednesday night, and early this morning her life was despaired of.

The funeral will be from the Episcopal church here Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, to be conducted by her rector, Rev. Howard S. Hartzell, Bishop Penick and Rev. Thad. Cheatham, of Pinehurst. Interment will be in the Everett family cemetery overlooking Everett park, beside the grave of her father, W. N. Everett, the late secretary of state.

Her infant was buried this morning in the little Everett family cemetery. The name given the babe was Henry Armand London after his paternal grandfather.

Surviving are her husband and four children, William Everett, Lena Payne, Bettie Louise; brother, W. N. Everett, Jr., all of Rockingham, and sister, Mrs. T. Bernard Wright, of Greensboro.

## Five Killed in Auto Crash Near Dillon

One of the worst automobile accidents ever occurring in this part of the country was that near Dillon Sunday when an entire family—father, mother and three children—was wiped out and a relatives so badly injured that he died later. The dead in the Dillon wreck are J. G. McDonald and his family and Oscar Horne, brother of Mrs. McDonald. The McDonalds formerly lived at Laurinburg where he was head of a large cotton mill. Lately they have lived at Hamer, S. C. Burial was at Laurinburg yesterday.

Other accidents over the week-end cost several lives. Ralph Gibson, a Marine from Parris Island, was killed when his automobile struck a cow near Spartanburg. A traveling salesman was killed near Fuquay Springs, and a negro at Varma, N. C.

## Political Row Closes Transylvania Schools

Public schools in Brevard and Transylvania are open again after being closed a week due to a row between a Democratic county board and the Republican county commissioners. The argument was over which should buy the coal. Pending settlement of the matter through mandamus proceedings in the courts the schools closed for lack of fuel. The last of the week two wealthy men of Brevard bought a car of coal and had it delivered at the school houses and they opened Monday. These men said they were not interested in the row but they were concerned that the children were suffering while politicians argued and they wanted the schools opened.

And if you did get Friend Wife everything she wants she would want everything the other women want.

## Simmons Announces Candidacy for Senate

The expected announcement of Senator Simmons' candidacy for renomination for the United States senate in the Democratic primary next June came Saturday afternoon. The senator's statement was short and to the point. He says that his duties in Washington while congress is in session will prevent him from making any canvass of the State, and that he is not financially able to make such a canvass even if he had the time. He hopes that nothing will be done during the campaign to "disrupt the party."

The announcement came as no surprise, but there was an element of surprise in the method of campaign outlined. It had been expected, also, that the senator might defend his 1928 position in failing to support the Democratic ticket. His only reference to that instance was in the opening sentence of his statement wherein he called attention to the fact that he said then he would be a candidate.

Mr. Bailey has said that he does not expect to make many speeches and if Senator Simmons doesn't make any there may be little bitterness developed. Then if the new balloting law, the first approach to a recent method of voting the State has ever undertaken, is really enforced the result of the primary election may be more nearly a true expression of the will of the people than any recent election has been.

## Federal Reserve Bank Handles Lots of Money

(From The Hamlet News-Messenger)

The federal reserve bank of Richmond has just issued its annual report to stockholders. Much of the information contained in that report is "Greek" to the average layman, but some interesting facts are culled from it.

During the year 1929 the bank received and counted 148,126,049 coins having a value of \$16,394,275; it counted and paid out 148,474,516 coins with a value of \$16,392,333. Just how fast a good bank clerk can count money we do not know, but figuring at the rate of a hundred coins a minute, for eight hours a day, it required 22 clerks working full time all of the 302 days that the bank was open just to count the coins.

Then the bank received and counted 174,518,171 currency notes with a value of \$757,850,615; it counted and paid out 175,069,783 notes valued at \$752,158,859. On the same basis as above, 100 notes to the minute, eight hours a day for the 302 days, 25 clerks were kept busy counting paper money. That is a total of 47 clerks working all year not doing a thing but counting actual money.

But while this was going on the bank was also handling an average of 184,536 checks a day representing a daily average value of nearly forty-seven million dollars.

Now what most of us want to know is what has become of all this money since the bank clerks counted it.

## Increase in State High School Pupils

According to a table recently issued by the Journal of the National Education Association, North Carolina ranks second among all the states in percentage of increase in high school pupils from 1920 to 1926, the last year for which full statistics are available. The increase for the six year period was 174 per cent, while Florida showed 176 per cent. North Carolina, however, leads Florida in the number of high school pupils compared to population.

There were 943 pupils enrolled in public high schools in this state in 1900; 8,500 in 1910; 30,868 in 1920, and 84,569 in 1926. The same table shows that in 1900 there was one high school pupil for every 2,008 persons, whereas in 1926 there was one for every 34 persons.

Greatly increased interest in Trade and Industrial Education is noted in the state. This department began in 1919 with 128 pupils in five classes; at the close of 1929 term there were 5,689 pupils in 344 classes. There were 150 evening classes in textile subjects, 38 classes in building trades, and the others divided among numerous subjects and trades.

## State Prison Shows Another Big Deficit

The North Carolina state prison will show a deficit of \$150,000 to \$175,000 for last year, and faces one of nearly twice that amount for this year, according to a statement issued a few days ago by Supt. Geo. Ross Pou. Rapidly increasing population of the prison with inadequate facilities for self support is given as the reason for the deficit. At the same time it is contended by Mr. Pou that the per capita maintenance cost at state prison is much less than in most other states.

Never put off until tomorrow the golf you can play today.

## JUDGE BELL ACQUITS POLICEMAN BARBER

### Large Crowd of Goldston Citizens Hear Trial of Town Officers on Assault Charge; No Argument by Counsel.

Goldston must have been almost depopulated of its male citizens last Thursday afternoon when the case against Policeman Henry L. Barber for assault upon James Wicker on Christmas eve night was heard before Recorder Bell.

Solicitor Wade Barber took no part in the trial, the state and the private prosecution being represented by Attorney W. P. Horton and the defense by Ray and Upchurch.

The evidence as developed differed very little from that brought out on the preliminary trial and reported in the Record two weeks ago. Jim Wilson still stuck to his story that he saw Policeman Barber hitting Wicker with his pistol. Wicker still insisted that his wounds were made by Barber's blows. Barber, on the other hand, still declared that he did not hit Wicker at all, but that the wounds were made when Wicker fell upon the edge of the highway, where stones protruded from the tar of the highway surfacing.

A bit of new evidence by Mr. Dowd, the Goldston blacksmith and a man of character, possibly came nearer indicating what really happened than all the other evidence. Mr. Dowd swore that on Christmas morning after the occurrence the previous night, he was walking down town when Barber took him up to ride in his car. Barber mentioned the episode and Dowd told him that he had heard only one side of it. Barber then said, "I'll tell you just how it happened. Wicker said he would not go and I told him he would. He undertook to trip me up and I did fall in the ditch and he on me. I rolled him over and when we got up, Wicker started to hit me with a rock and I hit him."

This testimony pleased Attorney Ray of the defense, who did not even cross examine the witness. "But if that was the way of it, a lie was absolutely unnecessary on the part of the policeman, as even a non-officer would have been justified in hitting a man threatening him with a rock."

But Judge Bell cut the gordian knot without having to decide which side had lied. At the close of the testimony, he read a decision of the supreme court which declared that an officer having a man under arrest must be allowed to use largely his own judgment as to the amount of force necessary to effect an arrest or to hold his man, and forthwith acquitted the officer. And thus ended the case with possibly the greatest degree of satisfaction to all concerned. The real question upon which the division of sentiment rested was left undecided, and every fellow can still have his own opinion about who did the lying without involving any criticism of Judge Bell's decision.

## Brer Rabbit Wanted to See New Ford

The Weeks Motor Company is less hospital to visitors than one would have thought. Friday night, as Mr. J. A. Thomas stood by his desk with the front door of the garage open, Brer Rabbit came hopping in. He didn't mean a bit of harm—merely wanted to see one of the new Fords. But instead of a hospitable reception, that man Thomas closed the door and he and the other fellows ran his rabbitship down and penned him in a show case till closing time and then that same Thomas man took him home and ate him up the next day. Now, if one left hind foot of a rabbit left in the Record office ten days ago has wrought so favorably, what might not have happened to that Ford shop if Brer Rabbit had been taken in and treated hospitably. Unh, glad it wasn't the Record that treated him so harshly!

## TEACHERS MEETING HERE TOMORROW

The white teachers of the county will have a meeting here tomorrow, Friday, January 17. They will come early in the morning and observe the work in the Pittsboro school during the school session. In the afternoon a speaker of note will address the assembled teachers, though at this writing it is not known just who the speaker will be.

## "ARTISTIC" TEA

The student-teachers of Pittsboro school wish to receive their parents and friends in their department next week, January 22, at an informal "artistic" tea. A silver offering will be taken which will be used for the purchase of pictures for the school. We have on display numerous art masterpieces representing the French, English, American, and Dutch schools of art.

The public is cordially invited.—Marguerite Waters, teacher training class.