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COURT BEGAN IN ASHEBORO MONDAY—JUDGE T. B. FINLEY PRESIDING

September court convened Monday with Judge T. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, presiding and Solicitor Hayden Clement, of Salisbury, prosecuting. The term will last this week and only criminal cases will be tried.

Judge Finley in charging the grand jury made a clear presentation and explanation of the principal offenses against the criminal law and dwelt upon the importance of all good people giving their support to law enforcement and the maintenance of law and order.

His charge was well received and his fairness and fine qualities of mind and heart as well as his ability all most favorably impressed court officials and the public.

Mr. W. H. Parks is foreman of the grand jury, associated with him are the following: Geo. A. Lamb, W. G. Cox, John L. Cox, L. S. Laughlin, Clifford Hill, W. E. Frazier, E. F. Millikan, A. P. Richardson, C. L. Surratt, W. H. Coble, T. E. Farlow, J. E. Ward, P. F. Fentress, M. F. Richardson, A. R. Moore, Millie Brown, E. H. Cox.

The petit jurors are: Alfred King, S. A. Pugh, J. W. Bailey, O. E. Burns, Will Maness, F. J. Brooks, T. J. Bingham, A. R. Cornelison, Everett Davidson.

The following cases have been disposed of:

State vs. Tom Cox and Carl Routh, nol proos with leave.

State vs. Frank and Clyde Wooley, nol proos with leave.

State vs. William Parrish et al., defendant discharged upon good behavior.

Ed Chambers plead guilty, attempting manufacture liquor; sentenced to twelve months on Cabarrus county roads.

State vs. Henry Westmoreland for manufacture of liquor, nol proos with leave.

State vs. John Rich, called and failed.

State vs. R. R. Copple, called and failed.

State vs. Demmie Richardson, continued to October court.

State vs. R. M. Miller, called and failed.

State vs. Raleigh King, continued.

State vs. Will McCollum, called and failed.

State vs. Smoke Gray, defendant pleads guilty forcible trespass, judgment suspended upon payment of costs and \$5 for wood in question.

State vs. Preston Spoon, driving car while intoxicated, fined \$40.

State vs. James Hughes, driving car while intoxicated, fined \$75 and costs.

State vs. R. J. McNeill, driving car while intoxicated, \$50 and costs, also 60 days on Rowan roads.

State vs. E. C. Burgess, assault with deadly weapon, \$10 and costs.

State vs. Robt. Williams, plead guilty operating car while intoxicated, fined \$50 and costs.

State vs. Pearley Callers, charged with stealing wheat, acquitted.

Henry Langley, plead guilty manufacture liquor, prayer for judgment postponed until October term.

Henry Tyson, prayer for judgment and released upon good behavior.

State vs. Frank and Clifton Cox, continued.

Elwood Spencer plead guilty assault, sentenced six months Cabarrus county roads upon capias sheriff or solicitor.

Leroy Isley plead guilty, simple assault, judgment suspended upon payment costs.

For carrying concealed weapon, fined \$50.

Walter Maness plead guilty assault with deadly weapon, sentenced jail for two years upon capias of solicitor or sheriff to county roads designated by county commissioners.

Will Green and Lester Hooker, charged with burning truck and receiving car, Green acquitted, Hooker found guilty, fine not imposed.

Rossie Nelson plead guilty assault with deadly weapon, four months in jail.

T. G. Trogdon, operating auto while intoxicated, sentenced 12 months assigned any time within three years upon motion sheriff or solicitor.

Jack Hampton, carrying concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Rossie Nelson, residing officer, two years, managing to any county roads designated by commissioners.

Riley Miller was fined \$50 for driving an auto while intoxicated and a suspended 4 months road sentence.

STEDMAN AND SON ENLARGING THEIR BUSINESS

W. D. Stedman and Son, grocers, are enlarging their business and have notified the Central Realty Company that they will need their space in the near future, as it has become necessary for the company to enlarge their business and operations. Stedman and Son are now occupying the largest wholesale store in the town.

HON. ZEB V. LONG WANTS JOINT CANVASS AND ISSUES CHALLENGE

In the presence of a large audience Tuesday during the adjourned hour of court, Hon. Zeb Vance Long, candidate for solicitor in this the tenth judicial district, made a wonderful address in the court house in Asheboro. In the outset Mr. Long spoke on county politics, later drifting into the discussion of state and national problems. He has given the topics of the day unlimited attention and with his splendid flow of language, eloquence and ease, he is a delightful speaker.

Mr. Long has no opponent and his election in this district seems conceded. The following extracts are from Mr. Long's address:

Every Democratic meeting is a veritable love-feast to me, but to commune and fellowship with you today affords to me, I assure you, especial joy for as I touch spirits with the fine democracy of your good county I am thrilled with the hope that I know inspires every Democratic heart, the hope of certain and glorious victory in old Randolph this fall. A county that contribute to the national councils a congressman with greater prestige than any man in that great body for the length of his service must be democratic. Your distinguished son, Wm. C. Hammer, must be returned to congress by the largest majority in the history of the state. I predict here and now that if the Republican party will have the courage and confidence to come out boldly and give battle in the open Randolph will roll up twenty-five hundred majority on election day, for I declare to you, that there is not a page of Republican history that any man can defend, and not a page of Democratic history for which we shall blush or be ashamed. I believe in an open discussion of the great issues, and while relying nothing upon my own strength, but clad in the armor of a righteous cause, proud of our history, fond of our traditions, I will meet any Republican on earth on the record of the Democratic party.

The Democratic party has had to work out the great problems to open the way for the growth and development of the state and all in the face of bitter opposition of the Republican party. The Republican party has had two great opportunities to serve the people of the state and each time they have recorded a complete and shameful failure; each time the people have had to return to the ark of the covenant of the Democratic party for safety.

The Democratic party adopted the great constitutional amendment which measure saved our very civilization and actually saved what is left of the Republican party, for if the reign of terror, brought about by their wicked administration been continued they would have been consumed in the revolution and storm of the righteous wrath of an outraged people, but Democratic rule has ever brought life and strength to North Carolina.

Oh! the Republican politician confess their sins and plead that we forget and forgive their past misdeeds, but the trouble is their position on present day problems gives no hope of reform whatever. Why, my friends, for twenty years the Republican heads-advocate tax reform and solidly voted in the legislature for the Revaluation Act, but before this law could be tried out, they all began to make excuses and cowardly repudiated the silent record of their own party in a vain endeavor to make political capital out of this purely business piece of legislation. But the Democratic party has so wisely worked out our tax system that more than one-half of our people are now paying less taxes than ever, except in certain counties under Republican misrule, and the counties now have supreme control of their tax levy.

Every dollar of taxes that you now pay on real and personal property goes to your county government. Now, listen, if there is anything wrong with your taxes in Randolph county see your county commissioners. They made your debts and spent your money and made your tax levy, take that proposition home with you. There are some other features of our tax laws that you do hear Republicans talking about. Who ever heard a Republican tell about a Democratic law that allows every man to have three hundred dollars worth of property before he pays any tax at all? When did you hear them tell that no more than two dollars poll tax can be levied? I think that the Democratic party does not forget those who toil and struggle in the humble walks of life. Well can a great state afford to do this much for her worthy men and women struggling for a start in life. This is democracy, this is God's eternal truth, the Democratic party was born to give every man a chance to be lifted up to a plane of equality and justice and happiness in life.

D. C. HILLIARD, SUBSTANTIAL CITIZEN WORTHVILLE, DEAD

Mr. D. C. Hilliard died at his home at Worthville early yesterday morning and his funeral and burial service will be conducted at Worthville today. Mr. C. A. Davis, of Davidson county, was the officiating minister.

WILL DAVIS SENTENCED FIFTEEN YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

Will Davis, colored, was sentenced to 15 years in the State Prison Tuesday of this week by Judge T. B. Finley in the Superior Court at Asheboro upon a plea of guilty for assault with intent to commit rape upon a Miss Reddick near Prospect church in Trinity township, this county on June 5.

Davis attacked the young white woman while walking along the highway near Prospect church.

He was captured after an all night search in Forsyth county. Two other negroes were captured as suspects and lodged in jail at High Point and a crowd gathered to lynch them and were dispersed by officials. Davis was delivered to Sheriff Stafford, of Guilford by the captors, who took him to the State Prison for safe keeping. A few days afterwards Davis was brought to Asheboro jail where he has been since.

On the afternoon of the attack hundreds of men and boys, many of whom were armed with shotguns and revolvers, visited the scene and assisted in the search for the assailants.

Four negroes were taken into custody by officers who arrested them as suspicious characters. Two of them were placed in the city jail at High Point, and a mob of several hundred men surrounded the jail, and crowded into the northside fire station house, apparently bent on lynching. Thirty High Point citizens were appointed as special officers who remained on duty all night to keep order and protect life and property. The mob soon dispersed, but the search for the assailant of the young woman continued until the next day when Davis was captured while eating lunch at a grocery store near Winston-Salem.

There has been no demonstration in Randolph county at any time, so far as we know.

This is a case where there is no sort of doubt about the identity of the negro. The young lady was on the stand and told a straight, consistent statement of the facts.

EXPECT FINE DISPLAY OF POULTRY AT COUNTY FAIR

Mr. G. H. King, chairman of the poultry department for the county fair is superintending extensive preparations for his display. There are more than three hundred ribbons for prizes, and sufficient coops for all fowls. Mr. King urges that every one having thorough bred enter their fowls.

Men Entombed in Mine for a Week

Forty-six men who have been entombed in the Argonaut mine at Jackson, Cal., are reported to have answered signals Tuesday of the workmen who are working valiantly to reach them. It was announced officially that Thursday is the earliest possible time they can reach them. The entire town was thrilled with the news that they had answered signals.

W. C. KING, CLERK IN POSTOFFICE, RESIGNS

Mr. W. C. King, who has been a clerk in the Asheboro postoffice, has resigned and has accepted the principalship of the Hub high school in Alamance county. It is a consolidated rural school with eleven teachers. Mr. King was principal of the Seagrave school last year and had a most successful year.

COURT CALENDAR FOR THIS DISTRICT ANNOUNCED

The following is the order in which criminal cases will be taken up at all future terms of criminal court held in the district court at Greensboro:

Monday—Guilford county.

Thursday—Orange and Caswell counties.

Wednesday—Forsyth and Rockingham counties.

Thursday—Montgomery, Randolph and Stokes counties.

Friday—Surry and Yadkin counties.

FORMER RANDOLPH WOMAN ENJOYS THE COURIER

The following letter from Mrs. Garrett Allen, who before her marriage was Miss Annie King, gives genuine satisfaction and it is for words of kindness like these expressed, that newspapers exist, while they daily pursue the tasks which are sometimes pleasant, sometimes burdensome. Editors' paths are not always strewn with roses—many thorns prick the flesh but the hope of hearing the final "well done" is what we are striving for. Mrs. Allen's letter follows:

Dear Mrs. Hammett:

I want to let you know how much I enjoy reading The Courier. I don't think I could get along without it. I left Randolph about four months ago and came to Tarboro. I like this country fine and think it is a fine place to live, but I don't think I could stay here without The Courier. I think I have received a copy of it almost every week since I have been here.

What a last wish is The Courier.

GRADY FERGUSON, RANDELMAN BANK ROBBER, GETS 3 YEARS

Mr. William Grady Ferguson, of Randelman, 27 years old in May of this year, went to the Bank of Randelman with a loaded pistol and took from the bank \$543, leveling a pistol on Claude Newlin and Miss Espie Woolen, employees of the bank. He then left for parts unknown and turned up in New Orleans some two weeks later and gave himself up to the officials there and was brought back to Asheboro where he gave bond for his appearance at this term of court, turning over \$245 of the money which he had left at home in the pocket of his work shirt in his trunk. The defendant married about a year ago and his wife's clothing caught fire while standing before a fire at a neighbor's house and her clothing was practically burned off of her, burning her so badly that she died soon after Ferguson returned to the state.

Ferguson was greatly attached to his wife and for seven weeks after the burning sat by her side day and night almost without sleep. Then he took her to a hospital at which the cost was about \$45 a week.

Every effort was made by Ferguson to raise the money by his daily work, going to the hospital to see his wife. He borrowed money from friends and was in such distress about his wife that it is the general belief that his mind gave way to such extent that his wife's welfare "weighed upon" his mind until he was not responsible for his acts. This is the opinion of almost the entire community. Ferguson has always sustained a good character and many witnesses came to court from Randelman to bear testimony to his good reputation.

It is a strange case, that a young man against whom no one had ever heard raised against him should do as he did. Surely he did not realize what he was doing, yet all his acts up to that time were those of a sensible man.

Judge Finley was greatly impressed with the case and gave him the light sentence of three years, which amounts to a little over two years when given credit for good behavior.

TOWN STREET BONDS SOLD TO TAYLOR-ERTWART, CHICAGO

Bonds for the town street work amounting to \$135,000 were sold Tuesday night, September 5. Fifteen bonding houses put in bids, the successful one being the Taylor-Ewart Co., of Chicago, who offered 5-1-4. They are to be sold at a premium of \$175.50. The transaction was handled by Mr. Henry Robins, attorney at law, of this place. This is the highest rate which has been received for bonds in any town under a population of 5,000, as far as is known here. The Taylor-Ewart Co. are the ones who purchased the bonds of the Guilford county tubercular hospital.

The bonds were issued some time ago, and the street construction work completed about a year ago. It did not seem that it was a good time, however to sell the bonds and they were held until the present.

SPEAKING AT THE FAIR GROUNDS TODAY

A speaking of interest to the farmers of Randolph and surrounding counties will occur at the fair grounds in Asheboro Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. The speaker of the occasion will be Gray Silver of the American Farm Bureau federation. Mr. Silver is head of the legislative department of the bureau and is a speaker of note. Everybody is invited to attend whether you are a farmer or not. Come out and hear a good speech and encourage the farmers with your presence. They will all be there.

To Die in Chair October 13th

John A. Bush, of Lenoir, who was found guilty of murdering Will Cline some months ago, was sentenced last week to die in the electric chair October 13th. The trial came to a close after a hard fought legal battle, and it was stated that the counsel for the doomed man immediately gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court in effort to save the young man's life. Judge J. His Ray presided.

HIGH POINT-ASHEBORO ROAD WELL UNDER WAY

The hard surfaced road between High Point and Asheboro is progressing nicely. The road force has been stationed near Glensia and has been working in both directions. Hard surfacing has been begun and the work of grading continues.

Large Bill Captured

A large bill was brought to Asheboro Saturday which was the center of much interest. It was captured while in operation last Friday afternoon by Rural Policemen Frank Farlow, of Back Creek, Bob Farlow, and Byron Ottwell, rural policeman, of Level Cross, on the Hoover Hill mining property in the Caraway section. Sheriff Brady was notified of the capture and he went out to meet the men at the old home site, where he issued a \$100.00 bill. No one

FAIR GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS NEARLY READY FOR BIG FAIR

The buildings at the fair grounds have been completed and the grounds are being put in readiness and every thing points to the best fair Randolph has ever seen. The main exhibit building has twenty booths in which the various business people will have exhibits. There is also an automobile section in this building. The poultry and dog building has twenty booths and is well arranged for the hairy and feathery tribes.

One of the interesting features of the fair will be the sheep and wool exhibits under the direction of Mr. Geo. Evans, state sheep husbandry man. Wednesday has been set aside as educational day. Every school child between the ages of six and fourteen will be admitted free of charge. An airplane will be here from Camp Bragg.

Thursday is "Everybody's Day," and a general good time is expected.

Friday is "Dog Day," and the principal feature is the American Bench Show under the direction of Mr. W. W. Linley.

Let every one in the county read the catalogue and arrange to bring exhibits.

LARGE CROWD OF PATRONS PRESENT AT SCHOOL OPENING

The Asheboro schools opened Wednesday morning, September 6, with the opening exercises in the court house. After singing America, Rev. J. W. Rose led in prayer, and read a chapter of scripture. The superintendent, Mr. D. W. Maddox, then made a talk to the children and their parents, many of whom were present. Mr. Maddox touched briefly upon the conditions existing at the school building, the absence of equipment, poor lighting, insufficient library, little playground equipment and no auditorium. He further asked the co-operation of the parents in seeing that the children study, saying the older ones were on the streets too much at night to do good school work. The arrangement of the high school course was also mentioned. It was an encouraging sign that so many patrons of the school attended this opening of the school, and it is believed that this will be a profitable year. It is of further interest to the parents of younger children to know that there will be a kindergarten in the town opening about the first of November. Mrs. W. B. Ferguson will have a kindergarten in some centrally located place which will be announced later.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING OF BUSINESS MEN HELD HERE

On last Friday night a number of the leading business men of the town met and heard Messrs. S. P. Jones and E. S. Millsaps discuss matters of importance to Asheboro and to Randolph people. One of the discussions was concerning establishing a receiving station in Asheboro for tobacco producers.

The Randolph County Farm Bureau is this week in the midst of a county-wide campaign, explaining the benefits of such an organization. If a sufficient number of tobacco growers join the organization it is very likely that Asheboro will be made a distributing point for the tobacco producers. Every citizen in Asheboro should cooperate with the farmers in establishing a receiving station here.

MRS. ELMER HOOVER, CONCORD TOWNSHIP, DEAD

Mrs. Elmer Hoover died at her home in Concord township Tuesday following a second stroke of paralysis. She had the first stroke more than six years ago and had regained her health. Deceased was sixty-three years of age. She is survived by her husband.

Mrs. Hoover was the daughter of the late W. A. Prevost, of Concord township. Funeral was conducted at Piney Grove after which burial followed.

SERVICES AT ASHEBORO M. P. CHURCH SEPTEMBER THE 10

In the absence of the pastor who is engaged in evangelistic meetings in Henderson and Brinkleyville the pulpit at the Asheboro M. P. church is being filled by visiting ministers. Rev. M. Ivay Crutchfield, a ministerial student and senior at Elon College will preach next Sunday at both this morning and evening services. The public is invited to these services.

Revival Meeting to be Held

The annual revival services at the Asheboro M. P. church will begin the fifteenth of October and continue for about two weeks. Rev. J. D. Williams, of Liberty, will do the preaching. One way to help in promoting this revival will be to think a good bit about it, talk to both the church people and the unsaved about it, and then pray every day for it. A good revival will certainly be a great blessing to our church, and whatever is a blessing to the Methodist Protestant church will certainly help make Asheboro a better town. Asheboro can never be saved from bootlegging and all the other evils that beset us until the church people are thoroughly aroused and go to the church work.

RECEPTION AND EDUCATIONAL RALLY AT RAMSEUR SATURDAY

Ramseur, September 6.—On last Saturday night the O. Henry and Meare literary societies of Ramseur high school gave the faculty and patrons of the high school grades a warm reception at the school building. First a splendid program was given by members of the societies in which a hearty welcome was given by Ray Campbell to the teachers. Following the program the audience was directed to the gymnasium where block cream was served in abundance. Here everybody had an opportunity to meet the new teachers and mingle together for an hour and talk over the possibilities and problems of the school and other community interests. Supt. S. D. Marsh and all the teachers except Miss Cranford, of Trinity and Miss Smith were present and expressed their appreciation of the hearty reception given them.

On Sunday the several congregations of the town gathered at the school building for a union service emphasizing the educational work of the community. Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of Ramseur Baptist church, preached a very inspiring sermon on the importance of education from the double text from Solomon "Wisdom is the greatest thing, therefore get wisdom; the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Brother Morgan plead for an education that would develop the heart of man as well as the mind.

Special music was furnished by local talent. The congregational singing was fine and the service was a great one for Ramseur people.

On Sunday night the same line of thought was continued in the service led by Dr. Wicker, of Elon College, and pastor of Ramseur Christian church. Dr. Wicker made a strong appeal for education saturated with the spirit of Christ.

On Monday morning at 9 o'clock the school opened with a full attendance and a splendid attendance of the parents of the school. The outlook for the year is very promising for the best year of school work ever attained here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Steed, of High Point, and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Thompson, of Siler City, were visitors at E. J. Steed's Sunday.

Miss Madge Moffitt left Monday for Elon College where she has charge of a department of college work for the year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Moore and family recently made an extensive trip through the mountains and to Marshville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Johnson returned from Jackson Springs Sunday.

Mrs. D. E. Highfill returned from Dr. Long's hospital last week. She is much improved and her friends hope she will soon be entirely well.

A number of her friends surprised Miss Ada Hicks on her birthday last week by giving her a party.

Mr. Newton Rogers and family, of Greensboro, were visitors at C. B. Brown's recently.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baldwin, a son at Memorial hospital Saturday.

Miss Daille Marley spent a part of last week in Asheboro with her aunt, Mrs. W. E. Luck.

Miss Vera Steed visited her sister, Mrs. Thompson, at Siler City last week.

Jethro Almond's shows are located here this week and will no doubt receive a liberal patronage, as he runs one of the most respectable shows that comes our way.

Miss Elizabeth Smith returned from Sumter, S. C., last Saturday night where she has been with Rev. Raymond Browning in a revival.

Mr. Tiller and family, of Coolemees, were guests of Mr. J. R. Wilson and family Sunday.

The revival as already announced will begin at the Methodist church here Monday night, September 18. Everybody is invited to these services and we hope the community will attend in a body, taking part in the services and co-operating for the success of the meeting. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Smith, will do the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Graham, of Greensboro, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Graham last week.

Mr. Frank Taylor, a former resident of our town, is a visitor here this week.

PIEDMONT CHAIR COMPANY BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

The third fire within three years for the Cranford brothers of Asheboro occurred Saturday afternoon when the Piedmont Chair Company was badly damaged by fire. The business was owned by the Cranfords and W. C. Page. The fire was discovered about 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon and the only cause that could be attributed was spontaneous combustion. The plant which is valued at \$15,000 was damaged to the extent of \$8,000 with about \$4,250 insurance. Had it not been for the excellent work on the part of the fire department and many citizens of the town the entire plant would have been destroyed. It is believed that the