

COUNTY HOME NOT FIT PLACE TO LIVE SAYS GRAND JURY

Court Body Recommends That New Quarters Be Provided for Dependents

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

County Jail Needs Repairs and Court House Offices Are Too Crowded—County Farm in Excellent Shape

Severe condemnation of the living quarters furnished occupants of the county home is contained in the report of the grand jury, made last week to Judge Frank A. Daniels, presiding at the August term of superior court. The jury recommends a new county home in keeping with other similar counties.

Minor improvements of the county jail are also recommended in the report, and the offices of the clerk of court and register of deeds should be enlarged, according to the jurymen. The report follows:

To His Honor F. A. Daniels, Judge Presiding: We, the grand jury for the August term, 1924 superior court of Sampson county, do hereby file and publish the following report:

We have carefully considered all bills given us by the solicitor and passed on same. There being 43 true bills and seven not true bills and presented three bills.

We carefully inspected the county jail and found the sanitary condition not so good, due to the toilets, which are in need of repairs; also the water system does not give service as it should and steps that lead up to the jail on the north side need repairs. There is an old well on the south side of the jail which should be cleaned of all rubbish and filled up, as it is a breeding place for mosquitoes.

We visited the county home in a body and after a careful and thorough investigation of the houses of the inmates we found them in a very unsanitary condition, especially the beds used bed clothing, which were inhabited by remnants of bed bugs. The bed linen was spotted with blood where the inmates had been killing bed bugs. The comforts used for bed covering were filthy and unclean. The toilets in the yard of the inmates were unsanitary and smelt very strong all over the yard. We found two very old ladies that were very sick and needed nourishment different from the regular diet.

We also visited the kitchen and dining room where the inmates eat and recommend that the windows be screened some way and heating the dining room in the winter be provided. We found the stock, stock house, barn and pack house in excellent condition with the exception of the stock house on the north side and west end, which the foundation is being undermined by washing rains.

We wish to congratulate the superintendent, Mr. Tew, for the excellent crops upon the farm. We also recommend that more attention be paid to the inmates. We, the grand jury, do hereby condemn all the buildings now occupied by the inmates and recommend to our county commissioner that they consider and execute plans for the building of a county home for the aged and infirm that will be in keeping with like homes in our neighboring counties, considering the progress of our county.

We examined the register of deeds, the clerk's, the sheriff's and other offices of the county and found the records well kept. The register of deeds and clerk's offices are very much crowded and the county commissioner should, if possible, have the offices enlarged.

Respectfully submitted: P. H. THORNTON, Foreman. The grand jury was composed of the following: P. H. Thornton, foreman; Joe Alderman, R. C. Clifton, H. E. Bradshaw, L. O. Johnson, J. H. Strickland, J. C. McLamb, Daniel Williams, A. B. McLamb, R. K. Sessions, W. S. Friar, Oscar Williams, Archie Ezell, A. A. Moore, A. M. Vann, W. A. Autry, John C. Williams Floyd Quick.

BAPTIST MISSIONARY MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church held its regular meeting Monday afternoon in the church parlor at four thirty o'clock. The leaders for the afternoon were Mesdames M. J. Herring and A. W. Herring, the discussion being on "The Negro in Our Midst." The next meeting which will be of a social nature will be held September 8.

MRS. LESSIE WADE DEAD

Mrs. Lessie May Wade, aged about 24 years died Wednesday night at her home in Mingo township, Sampson county. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. A. West. Interment was made in the cemetery at Old Field church Thursday afternoon.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell announce the birth of a son last Tuesday August 12.

SO THAT'S THAT

Dear Customers: The boss, W. W. Casteel, has used the past week to experiment with an indisposition that made him useless even as an ornament. Not so good.

Next in line, W. W. Barrow, mechanical superintendent, has been sojourning at Asheville at the state convention of the Junior Order.

The official office devil, Whit Matthews, is in a Fayetteville hospital getting repairs to a badly broken leg.

The rest of us, however, are still on the job, and hope that you will like our offering. Thanx.

COURT OVER AFTER RECORD SESSION

August Term Heard Huge List of Criminal Cases—Many Were Sentenced

The August term of the Superior Court, Judge Frank A. Daniels presiding, closed last week after disposing of what is thought to be a record number of criminal cases.

Attendance records were also made at the term, the crowd seeking entrance to the court room exceeding any previous crowd in size. Interest in the Sessom's case and the trial of June Faircloth for the murder of Willie Matthews brought hundreds to the county seat for the hearings.

The following are cases heard the last three days of the term, and their disposition: Vermine Dawson; Careless setting out fire.

J. W. Childers; larceny. Found insane by the jury and ordered by the court to be taken to the State hospital in Raleigh.

Clarence Lucas; larceny. Plead guilty of aiding and abetting in the larceny of an automobile.

Jesse Ashford; disturbing religious services. Plead guilty and was taxed with the cost of court.

Bud Godwin; giving worthless check. Nol Pros.

Lewis Warren; selling liquor. Judgment absolute according to sci fa. Order of foreclosure to be drawn.

Bob Hicks; assault. Paid cost.

Distan Butler; larceny. Nol Pros with leave.

Clarence Butler; larceny. Called and failed. Ni si sci fa and judgment to be drawn. Capias to issue.

P. S. Edwards; embezzlement. Continued for bill.

W. A. Bishop and Martha Tilton; prostitution. W. A. Bishop plead guilty and paid cost upon paying a bond of \$500 for his appearance at each criminal term of this court for 2 years and show his good behavior especially as respects to defendant Martha Tilton. Nol Pros with leave as to Martha Tilton.

Isaac Williams; aiding and abetting in the manufacture of liquor. Continued for bill.

Sandy McArthur; cruelty to animals. Capias and continued.

R. I. Tew, Roscoe Tew, Jodie Williams; assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon. Rob-assault. Defendants detain or hold on cert Justice plead guilty to simple assault. Defendants Joe and Ransom Justice fined \$60 and taxed with cost.

G. R. Best; operating auto while drunk. Capias and continued.

Theodore Gilbert; larceny. Capias and continued.

L. E. Reynolds and Allen Jones; forgery. Each paid half the cost and replace money gotten to his owner.

Laura Williams vs J. D. Williams and Lovett Warren vs Mary Warren were granted divorces by the court.

The Odd Fellows Orphanage concert class of Goldsboro will be here Saturday evening and give a concert at the high school auditorium.

ASSEMBLY HOPES TO FINISH LABOR BEFORE AUGUST 23

Senate Passes Resolution Setting That Day as End of Session

SHIP BILL BEFORE HOUSE

Committee Reports Measure Favorably and Quick Action is Expected—Senate Acts on Railroad Measure

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—Both branches of the North Carolina general assembly today plunged into their work determined to end the extra session as soon as possible.

The senate passed a joint resolution providing that the extra session of the North Carolina general assembly adjourn not later than 12 o'clock noon of Saturday, August 23. The resolution now goes to the house for concurrence.

The senate rid of the commission bill, which held the boards all of the last week passed a number of local measures and killed the Wilson constitutional bill that would have provided a vote for reducing taxes on real estate loans and money in the bank and also voted down an amendment to the state child labor law. The house voted to limit the salary of the chairman of the state highway commission to \$15,000 a year, amending the senate measure that would have permitted the commission to fix the chairman's salary without limit. The senate accepted the amendment.

Ship Bill Reported. The ship commission bill was reported to the house favorably this morning by the water commerce committee. At the same time the accompanying bill fixing the compensation of the members of the commission at \$15 a day and reported favorably.

In the senate the resolution looking to the re-acquiring the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad was passed after a sharp debate and was sent to the house.

Debate was on the port commission bill in the house was started shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Representative Everett asserted that although North Carolina had factories, it was commerce that came with wealth and that the Panama canal made it possible for the state to gain much ocean commerce.

Kill Child Labor Amendment. The bill to amend the child labor laws so as to prohibit the employment of a child under 14 years of age in a factory in North Carolina was tabled in the senate upon the motion of its author, Senator Long of Halifax, after a heated debate in which Senator Johnson of Duplin succeeded in having an amendment passed allowing children to work in grocery stores, bootblack shops and as messengers.

Mr. Long's bill was the center of a lengthy argument last night. As the child labor law now stands, it was explained by Mr. Long, the child welfare board has the right to issue permits to children to work in factories. He seeks to have this power abolished.

WOULD INCREASE TAX ON GASOLINE 2 CENTS

Wilmington, Aug. 13.—The 38th annual convention of the Farmers Alliance, which has been in session at Wrightsville Beach, adjourned this afternoon after adopting resolutions advocating among other things an increase of two cents per gallon on the present gasoline tax and indorsing the good roads and educational program in this state.

R. P. Cherry, of Speed, was elected president of the Alliance succeeding Eddie Bulligher of Merry Hill, who presided over the meeting. J. C. Bain of Cumberland county was selected vice president; J. E. Davis of Edgecombe county re-elected for a five year member of the executive committee and H. E. Thompson, of Wilson county was named trustee of business fund. All other officers were re-elected.

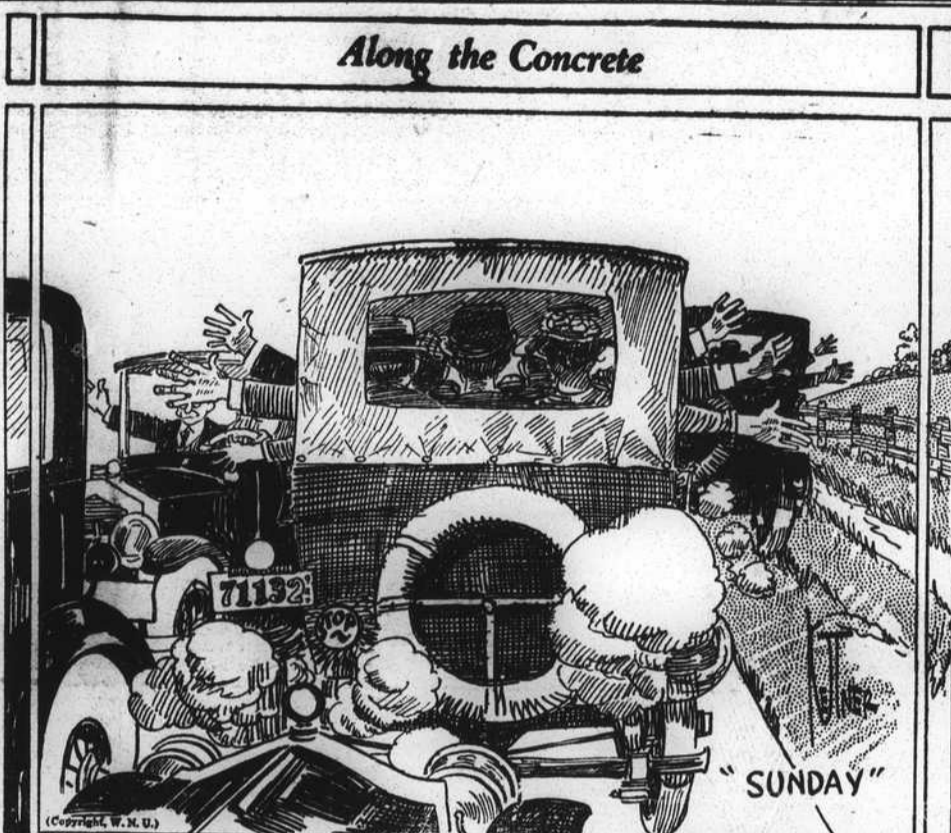
The resolutions approving the state highway system and the program for further improvement of North Carolina's roads advocated the raising of the gasoline tax from three cents per gallon to five cents and urged that the license tax on automobiles be cut one half.

CIRCLES MEET

The circles of the Presbyterian church will hold their regular meetings Monday afternoon. Circle One meets with Mrs. B. M. Ferrell at her home on Sycamore street at 4:30 o'clock. Circle Two meets with Mrs. John H. Crumpler at her home 20 Fayetteville street at 5 o'clock.

RAISES PRIZE TOMATOES

T. B. Draughon, one of Sampson county's leading farmers is raising prize tomatoes this year. Mr. Draughon brought tow of the Ponderosa variety into the Sampson Independent office Monday which weighed two pounds and one and one-half pounds respectively.



PARKING RULES BEING VIOTATED

Mayor Calls Attention to Breach of Regulations by Auto Owners

In a statement thanking Clinton business and professional men for their cooperation in helping untangle the traffic situation in Clinton, Mayor W. E. Matthews calls attention to some of the regulations that are still being violated, and asks more care in placing cars.

The traffic situation in Clinton is becoming a hard problem and must be met and improved, according to the mayor. He has also intimated that more stringent regulations than now in force may have to be applied in order to remedy the situation on busy days. His statement follows:

"The response to the request of a few weeks ago with respect to leaving at home of automobiles by the town automobile owners on Saturdays and other busy days has been characteristic of the citizens of Clinton in cooperating in every way possible in making the town a better and more desirable place to visit. The attitude shown by our business and professional men has been especially noted, and the policemen are delighted. When people in a community put their shoulders to the wheel in such a cause and cooperate as they have in this matter results are always satisfactory. The town council, policemen and mayor desire to express herein their appreciation and gratification for the results achieved thus far and to ask that the same spirit continue to better the condition.

"Our policemen feel that it is necessary only to call attention of our people, both in the town and country, to a commonly accepted violation of the town ordinances which, if persisted in, will lead to serious results for automobile owners as well as to a very disagreeable task for themselves. This is the matter of parking cars on the streets leading out from the business section of town. It has been observed recently that there is an increasing tendency to park cars on either or both sides of the streets in the residential sections of town. It is a violation of the law to leave a car parked anywhere in town on the left side of the street going out of town. Always park on the right side going out of town, where parking is allowed, and there will be no mistake and no arraigning before the mayor for violations of the traffic regulations. We candidly and sincerely believe that most mayors dislike such ordeals more heartily than do those who unconsciously violate the ordinances. Let us remember, therefore, always to park only on the right side of the streets going out of town, where parking is allowed. It is necessary to remember this and apply it rigidly because the policemen themselves are reminded that the law is expecting them and requiring them to see that it is enforced in every case.

BORN A SON

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Festus L. Turlington of Beaman street Wednesday August 13 a son.

DAUGHTER BORN

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parker of DeVane street, Monday night a girl, weighing 10 pounds. Mother and child are reported to be doing nicely.

Mesdames C. B. Barrus, J. A. Stewart, A. S. Bethune, H. J. Hubbard, O. J. Powell, spent Tuesday afternoon and evening in Fayetteville.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Harmon Britt of Newton Grove a boy, August 13. Both the youngest and mother are doing nicely.

Miss Arabelle Sutton returned to her home in Faison Monday after spending a month with her sister Mrs. A. H. Bland.

Along the Concrete

Several Thousand Pounds of Foods Destroyed as Unfit For Public Consumption.

FOOD INSPECTOR CONDEMNS FOOD

The report of the city inspectors of food shows that several thousand pounds of food material were condemned, during the month of July thereby preventing the sale of such meats and vegetables to the people in this community.

The report follows: Beef, 1286 pounds; Fish, 678 pounds pork, 80 pounds; lard, 50 pounds; sausage 189 pounds; brains, 2 pounds butter, 60 pounds; cabbage 360 pounds; cheese, 37 pounds and 200 pounds of cakes.

The officials of the inspection department state that some of the people who bring their beeves here for sale do not seem to understand that it is necessary that the lungs, commonly called "lights," must be brought for inspection also. This the inspectors, say, is to determine whether the animal has tuberculosis or other disease. Besides the lungs the inspectors require that the heart and liver also be brought with the animal for inspection.

MISS FAISON FINDS CLUBS ADVANCING

District President Pleased With Progress Being Shown by Federated Bodies

Miss Margaret Faison, president of the 9th district of the state Federation of Women's Clubs has visited three of the fifteen clubs which comprise this district up to date and reports excellent work being done by the club women. Miss Faison has not arranged an itinerary, but has extended invitations. Her plans are to visit each of the federated clubs, however, in the next few months. Delightful meetings were reported when the Newton and Rosin Hill clubs and the John M. Faison club of Faison were visited by the district president. Miss Faison is looking forward to visiting the Calypso club in the near future.

Mrs. W. B. Lamb home demonstration agent visited the first two clubs named, in company with Miss Faison. Mrs. Lamb has always been closely allied with the women of the county, and at this particular time is stressing the importance of the continuation of the demonstration agents work in Sampson the coming year.

Miss Faison says she "finds a spirit of seriousness of purpose in club activities and that the clubs are really a factor in community life." She urges each of the clubs to send in club news to the Sampson Independent for in no other way may all the clubs of the district follow the activities of their sister clubs.

SHADY GROVE RESIDENT DIES

The residents of Shady Grove section were shocked Saturday morning when they were apprised of the death of Mr. J. D. West. Mr. West suffered a stroke of apoplexy late Friday evening and was unconscious until his death, which occurred shortly before 11 o'clock the following morning. Mr. West was 56 years of age. He is survived by his widow and eight children, Mesdames Sudie Hudson, Mae Brown of Bingham, S. C.; Maggie Lucas of Duke, Stoney Jernigan of near Duke, Messrs Herman R. West of Richmond, Va., Rich. Raymond and Marion West, who reside at home. Mr. West was one of Sampson's well known and highly respected citizens. He was beloved by his neighbors and will be greatly missed in his community.

KEENER CITIZEN DIES

Mr. George Cashwell was found dead in bed Sunday morning at his home near Keener by a member of his family. Mr. Cashwell was in his usual good health when he retired Friday night, so his death was a great shock to his family and friends. Mr. Cashwell would have been 58 years of age had he lived until Sunday, August 24. Elaborate plans were being made for a birthday dinner next Sunday to celebrate the occasion. Mr. Cashwell is survived by his widow, two daughters, Misses Alphy and Libby, four sons, Messrs. Wright of Clinton, Abner of Wilmington, Carlston of Roeky Mount and Jesse of the Keener section.

The funeral services were held the following day, conducted by T. M. Lee. Burial was made in the family burial plot.

HOLD BIRTHDAY REUNION

On Thursday August 28 there will be a birthday reunion given in honor of James D. Williams at his home near Dunn. Lunch will be served picnic style in the grove. All relatives and friends are invited to be present to make the day an enjoyable one.

POWELL-JOHNSON

Miss Gertrude Johnson and Mr. Le Roy Powell of the Mt. Gilgoad section were married Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the home of Rev. N. D. Blackman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Blackman and Rev. T. E. King of Clinton.

POLITICIANS SEEK TO OUST WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Woman Fails to Measure Up to Old Line Standards in Giving Jobs

BUTLER, MORRISON PULL

Sampson Republican Lines Up Force To Support Governor's Water Bill—Bailey Also Favors Terminals

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—Special to The Independent—Organized women view with quite a bit of interest the senatorial offering of Mr. Lattimore of Cleveland, who has introduced a bill into the upper body for the purpose of taking the veto power from Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of public welfare.

Mrs. Johnson has used this weapon five times on county boards. Mr. Lattimore explains. His bill, he says, is responsive to the complaints back home. The latest of these went up from Wake which recently elected a former member of the legislature. Mrs. Johnson declined to pass the action of the county commissioners. They kicked lustily and the state board of charities and public welfare sustained her.

But the state board is composed of men who have no politics. There is a great suspicion that the chairman of it, Col. W. A. Blair, brother of Dave the commissioner of revenue, is not regular in his votes. It is well known that Rev. W. R. Hutchins is an insurgent Democrat and that he voted for J. W. Bailey. It is even better known that although Mrs. Johnson was appointed by Governor Morrison and will be subject to Governor A. W. McLean, if he is elected, she, woman-like, voted her conscience and cast a hard ballot for J. A. Bailey when it would have been so easy to utter a vote for McLean. Worst of all, this woman astounded the old guard of Surry some months ago by actually voting for a Republican over a Democrat. This was the unpardonable sin.

The move before the legislature was expected. The first pla is to take her powers from her. And after trimming the office of any effectiveness the hope is eventually to get Mrs. Johnson's resignation and then an old guard will have a good job. Whether this can be done at the special session remains to be seen. The women have been on the lookout for this legislation. They alone can stop it, because it is no longer any secret that Mrs. Johnson does not run the office in the primary interest of the party. She has the rather foolish idea that welfare means the good of all people and she is utterly blind when asked to see partisan or factionists.

Butler and Morrison Aligned. Governor Morrison is entertaining Republicans these days, so legislators say, with stories of railroad ownership of this general assembly. The minority is popular with him.

In the late senate vote on the ports and terminals bill, the three Republican senators followed the administration bloc which sought to pass the bill without referendum. The referendum was the suggestion of the governor, but the senate took him to seriously. It was anxious to do his will because it knew that this was not his wish. He gave it the getting out place, but the governor desired the passage of the measure.

The House has had trouble with this measure and now since the people are to vote on it, the afternoon sport is picking the commission to be appointed to work out the \$3,500,000 scheme in the event of a public approval of the plan in the general election. It is accepted as settled that if the referendum determines the issue in favor of the governor; his excellency will appoint J. Elwood Cox and A. M. Kistler as members representing the minority party. Senator Joe Brown, Dr. D. D. Carroll, W. A. Hart, R. M. Miller Jr., and Charles S. Wallace are talked up as possible administrators of this big fund.

In the coming election Major George Butler of Sampson, Judge W. P. Bynum, J. W. Bailey, Senator Joe Brown, Governor Morrison and various senators will carry the burden of a speaking campaign. Governor Morrison is financially able to organize the propaganda which he will need in getting the issue before the people. Legislators declare that he will use printed word much and the spoken one more. He has no idea of quitting now.

Among the legislative speeches on this proposal those made by Major George Butler and J. W. Bailey for the bill stand out. Major Butler as a mere on-looker, was called out and he made a whole of a speech. Mr. Bailey had made it a portion of his unsuccessful campaign for governor. He had all the facts in hand. He spoke with great power. It was one of the "trioses" of his politics that the Bailey speech won him no votes in the campaign, was uttered on an issue which the administration is making its paramount. In other words, Bailey's major assault was on railroad control of his party. Mr. Morrison's battle is to beat the railroad. His first battle was to beat Bailey.

The Democratic members of the legislature are expected to support the bill.