

### Jury Report On Courthouse Noted By Judge Gwyn Who Asks For Conference

#### 'Just A New School' Needed At Vineland; Aberdeen Crowded

On hearing the grand jury report that some conditions in the courthouse which the previous grand jury had wanted changed had remained unchanged, Judge Allen H. Gwyn in open court last week at Carthage said he wished to confer with the chairman of county commissioners.

"Who is the chairman?" he asked the clerk. Learning the name, Gordon M. Cameron, of Pinehurst, he told the clerk, "Please write him at once and tell him I want to talk to him."

Among the items noted which

had remained unchanged, despite grand jury recommendations made in August, were poor lighting in the clerk's office, and a messy condition on the third floor.

Besides touring the courthouse, the grand jury visited all county schools and other public buildings, noting conditions mostly "good," though several recommendations were made.

Concerning the Vineland (Negro) school, the jury noted—"Just a whole new school needed." It took note also of crowded conditions at the Aberdeen school, with the need of additional classrooms. It reported to Judge Gwyn at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, receiving his

thanks for a "job well done."

Full text of the report follows: "We, the Grand Jury selected for this term of Criminal Court, respectfully submit the following report:

"After examination of witnesses and due consideration of their sworn testimony, we have returned 27 true bills of indictment; two bills were returned as not being true bills, two were not acted upon as witnesses were not available.

"A committee visited the Court House offices as required by the Court. All offices were found to be in excellent condition, excepting the A. S. C. Office on the third floor where a window sash has a rotted-out bottom; window blinds are needed. An accumulation of waste paper in the hall creates a fire hazard. Janitor service needed. This was recommended by the Grand Jury at the August, 1954 term of court and still is needed.

"Clerk of Court's office needs better lighting, which was also recommended by the previous Grand Jury.

"Justice of the Peace reports and Guardian and Administrator's and Executor's reports are up to date and all bonds for County Officials and employees are in order.

"Mr. H. Lee Thomas, County Superintendent, reported that value of Moore County school buildings and contents are now valued at \$3,795,200, and had 100% insurance coverage. That all teachers and school employees who handle any funds are bonded and all teachers and employees have health certificates. Committees visited the various schools in the county.

"Aberdeen School has a drainage problem on north side of the elementary school; also needs additional class rooms for next session's anticipated increased enrollment. Now have 19 elementary teachers and only 16 class rooms.

"Cameron School—good condition, only crowded.

"Carthage Schools—High School needs enlarged smoke flu in shop furnace. An open end in hall, second floor, to replace bars. Main building should be bricked up for safety of pupils.

"Vass-Lakeview — good condition, only crowded.

"Westmoore High School—good condition.

"Highfalls—good condition. The grounds need improving.

"West End School—good condition. Need more room.

Colored Schools

"Berkley School—good condition.

"Cameron Colored School—good condition for old building. Need more room.

### Suicide Ruled In Shotgun Death of J. P. Cagle, 29

Coroner Ralph G. Steed of Robbins rendered a verdict of suicide in the death of Charles Paul "Junior" Cagle, 29, whose body was found Saturday, Jan. 22, near his home on the Dover Church road in Sheffield township. A blast from a shotgun found nearby was

the cause of death.

Cagle was found lying beside a road which leads from the Cagle home to that of his father-in-law, by his wife who went out looking for him after he had been missing all night.

She told the coroner that her husband had left home Friday afternoon, saying he was going to borrow a saw from his father-in-law. Instead, it turned out, he borrowed a shotgun from a relative at the home, announcing his

intention to shoot some squirrels. He apparently shot himself a short time after borrowing the gun, the coroner said.

Mrs. Cagle said she was not unduly alarmed when her husband did not return home that night, but about 10 a.m. she set out to look for him. She said he had recently been dependent over lack of work.

Funeral services were held January 24 at Union Grove Baptist Church, near Robbins,

with burial in the church cemetery. Surviving are his wife, the former Edith Sheffield, and two children, Nancy and Frankie, of the home, Seagrave, Route 2; his parents, Mrs. Ruby Cagle of Steeds and Charlie Paul Cagle, of Aiken, S. C., and one sister, Mrs. Billie Auman of Seagrave.

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