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GRAND JURY REPORT FOR AUGUST TERM

Commends County Commissioners for Planning to Build New Courthouse and Jail—Recommends That County Home Be Sold—Hospital Be Built.

The Grand Jury at the August term of court completed their labors and made their report Wednesday afternoon and were discharged with the thanks of the Court. The report is to the point and congratulates the Board of County Commissioners on their action relative to new courthouse and jail. It also calls attention to the need of repairs at the County Home and recommends that the present home and farm be sold and that a site more convenient to the public be purchased near the county seat and that a modern and sanitary hospital be erected. Some criticism about conditions at the Smithfield convict camp is made. The report follows:

To His Honor, W. A. Devin, Judge Presiding:

The Grand Jury begs to submit the following report:

Bills of Indictment

We have passed upon all bills of indictment sent to us, where the witnesses were present or obtainable, to the best of our ability, and reported our action to the Court. In several instances, however, the witnesses were not present, and did not answer after being repeatedly called.

County Offices

We have visited all the County offices and were greeted with uniform courtesy by the several officers. We find that the records and offices are as neatly and accurately kept as possible, with the inadequate facilities at hand.

Court House.

We believe the citizens of the county gladly join us in congratulating our able Board of Commissioners upon their recent action relative to a new modern Court House and Jail, and urge upon all to give the Board their hearty support in the undertaking, in order that Johnston may have its proper rating among the progressive counties of the State.

County Home.

We visited the County Home and were given a cordial welcome by the efficient keeper, Mr. Hinton. The unfortunates seemed cheerful and happy. They are well cared for; the wards are as clean and sanitary as possible, under existing circumstances. The buildings are in bad repair and without an exception the roofs are leaky and rotten. To repair them would mean practically the cost of new buildings. We are informed that the farm contains about 240 acres, which at present prices of land in that vicinity would bring an amount sufficient to purchase a site convenient to the public, near the county seat and erect thereon a modern sanitary hospital that our citizens would be proud of, as well as give to our unfortunate poor, the comforts and care they so richly deserve. We earnestly recommend this course to the County Board.

County Jail.

We visited the County Jail and find same as clean and sanitary as seems possible under the existing condition of the old building.

Convict Camp

We visited the Clayton Camp and found the facilities totally inadequate for the care and comfort of prisoners. The only means of caring for them is a filthy cage and a small dirty kitchen. We think conditions should be materially improved before they are allowed more prisoners. We visited the Smithfield camp, and while they have a building sufficient for their needs, the condition is no better. The sleeping quarters are filthy, the floors are dirty, the blankets show the need of washing, the mattresses are old and torn, and more suitable for hogs than humans. We recommend that they be required to purchase new bedding and burn the old, as well as do general house cleaning. The kitchen was clean and in good order.

Justice of the Peace.

The list furnished us contains seventy-three names. Only nine made reports which we have examined. Sixty-four have not reported, whose

TENNESSEE RATIFIES SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Speaker Walker Changes Vote So As to Get Privilege for Reconsideration of Action of Lower House—Vote Stood 50 To 46 After Walker Changed.

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 18.—Tennessee today ratified the Federal woman suffrage amendment, the lower house of the legislature by a vote of 50 to 46 concurring in the action of the senate, which last Friday adopted the ratification resolution by a vote of 25 to 4.

Although it was the thirty-sixth state to act favorably and the amendment should become effective as soon as certified by Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State, whether 17,000,000 women of the country would vote in the Presidential election in November remained to be determined. The house still has an opportunity to rescind its action and preliminary steps for testing the legality of ratification by the legislature, if reconsideration should fail to upset it, already has been taken by the Tennessee Constitutional League on the ground that the assembly had no authority to act.

After the ballot today Seth Walker, speaker of the House and leader of the opposition, changed his vote from "no" to "aye" in order to avail himself of the privilege of moving for reconsideration and announced that he would do so. Under the rules only Mr. Walker can offer this motion and it may be done at any time he so desires. He must act, however, either tomorrow or Friday.—Associated Press.

Bentonville Township Fair.

The fourth annual meeting of the Bentonville township fair will meet at Mill Creek school house October 7. The officers of the Fair Association are: Seth W. Lassiter, President; H. C. Williams, Vice President; W. A. Powell, Secretary and Treasurer. The Herald is now working on the premium list which will be out in a few more days.

The Bentonville Community Fair is one of the real agencies for building up the county. It is conducted by the Bentonville people for the Bentonville folks. Heretofore the fair has been a success. The promoters are hoping to meet with greater success this year and the outlook is promising. Some of the people of the township, and the ladies especially, are already taking pains to make a good showing. They are putting up well selected fruits and preserves. The fair is a fine builder of the community. It promotes and encourages a live community spirit without which no community can thrive in the truest sense of the word.

Ten Rules for Happiness.

One of the first rules is to feel fit. But there are others. Here are some of the others as evolved by Japanese medical students and so sensible and practical that they have come clear across the Pacific and finally got into Capper's Weekly. They are:

- Be out in the open air as much as possible.
- Eat meat once a day.
- Take a hot water bath each day.
- Wear clothes of coarse weave.
- Stay in bed at least six, but not more than seven hours. The bedroom should be darkened and the windows wide open.
- Rest one day a week.
- Avoid extremes, whether in passion or in intellectual work.
- Marry.
- Refrain from overwork.
- Don't talk too much.—Capper's Weekly.

names you will find on attached list.

Guardians and Wards.

We have examined the records to the best of our ability, and can find no abuses or mismanagement.

We wish to express our appreciation for the uniform courtesy and help extended us by the County Officers, the Court and its officers in the performance of our duty.

JNO. O. ELLINGTON,
Foreman

TEACHERS SUMMER SCHOOL AT SMITHFIELD

The Teachers of Johnston Who Have Not been Able to Attend Any of the Various Summer Schools Have Opportunity to Raise Their Certificates.

The teachers of Johnston county now have an opportunity to prepare themselves for better work the coming fall and winter. The County Board of Education has authorized a County Summer school of six weeks to begin at Smithfield next Monday, August 23. In a letter to the teachers of the county among other things Supt. Hipps says:

"The purpose of the summer school is, for teachers to take courses so that their certificates may be renewed or converted into higher certificates. For example: a teacher who holds a second grade certificate can raise that certificate to a provisional B by simply attending a County summer school provided, such teacher passes four courses in the summer school. A temporary certificate issued upon a County first grade certificate may be converted into an elementary certificate by attending the County summer school and passing four courses in the summer school. The county summer school gives any teacher who holds any certificate from the elementary to the second grade county certificate an opportunity to either renew such certificate or convert it into the higher certificate. The County summer school does not allow a teacher to convert an elementary certificate into either a grammar grade or primary certificate. This can be done only in the state summer schools.

"If you are planning to teach this year and do not have your certificate in force it will be best for you to attend the county summer school. You can take an examination upon the Reading Circle work and renew your certificate. This examination will be given the second Tuesday in October. There will doubtless also be given a State examination the latter part of August. In my opinion it is best for all teachers who have certificate difficulties to attend the County summer school in preference to taking the examination upon the Reading Circle work. The courses which will be offered will prove to be invaluable throughout the school year to the teachers who attend. Let me urge you to make your plans to be present the first day and remain throughout the entire summer school. You will be required to attend regularly to receive any credits.

"It will save you an expense if you will bring your public school books. Those who are planning to take primary work should bring the readers and other books that are used in the first three grades. Those who are planning to take grammar grade work should bring the books that are used from the fourth to the seventh grades inclusive."

The school will open next Monday, August 23, in the Turlington Graded school building.

Edwin Smith Pou Memorial Hospital

To the Editor:

Sometime ago I saw in your paper an invitation to the readers of The Herald to suggest a name for the new hospital that has recently been opened in Smithfield, and I am writing to suggest that it be named the "Edwin Smith Pou Memorial Hospital," in memory of Smithfield's beloved boy who so willingly and bravely gave his young life in the World War.

It is well known to the readers of The Herald how Edwin without hesitation enlisted for service in the artillery, a branch of the army service that called for front line action, but not being satisfied with even this active branch, obtained a transfer to the Navy so that he could get into the "flying game" and how he made the great sacrifice in France.

I think it would be fitting to name the hospital as I have suggested, as a tribute to the memory of one known and loved by all, both young and old, who knew him.

S. W. MYATT.

New York, Aug. 17, 1920.

FARMERS CONVENTION RALEIGH NEXT WEEK

Eighteenth Annual Convention North Carolina Farmers and Farm Women Begin at 11:00 O'clock Tuesday, August 24—Will Last Through Aug. 26.

(By S. J. Kirby, County Agent.)

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Farmers and Farm Women will begin at 11:00 o'clock Tuesday, August 24, at the State College, West Raleigh. This Convention will last through Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 24, 25 and 26, with evening programs on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The subjects on the program this year are very practical in their nature any deal with the important every day problems of the farm and home of our North Carolina folks. The men and women will have separate divisions in the forenoon of each day in which to discuss problems peculiar to their own work. In the afternoon they will hold joint sessions in which big North Carolina problems will be taken up by men and women of national reputation. On Wednesday morning the men will have two separate meetings: one in which problems of Eastern North Carolina will be discussed and the other in which the problems of Western North Carolina will be considered.

Dr. Clarence Poe, President, and Mr. W. F. Pate, Secretary of the Convention, have succeeded in securing some of the most outstanding men and women in this country to address the Convention. Among them are Hon. E. T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture; Dr. C. V. Piper, Prof. N. E. Winters, Dr. J. H. McCain, Dr. C. K. Galpin, and Mr. D. S. Murph, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Mr. Wayne Dinsmore, Secretary Percheron Society of America; Dr. Ruby Green Smith, head of the Home Demonstration work in the State of New York; Mr. J. R. Howard, head of Farm Bureau of the U. S. and several others besides a host of the leading farmers and farm women in North Carolina are on this year's program. In addition to these a large number of practical demonstrations will be given and a splendid collection of exhibits of farm and home conveniences has been collected which will make the trip to this Convention in many respects superior to attending a large fair.

The Convention should be of special interest to the people of this county because of Johnston's position among the agricultural counties of the State and because of problems to be discussed, such as, boll weevil, tile drainage, farm financing, community building, live stock farming, vocational agricultural and home economics for the rural schools and a great list of others too long to mention will be of great interest to us during the next few years if we hope to hold our own with regard to the other counties in the State.

Personally, I want to urge every man and woman, boy and girl in Johnston county who can do so to attend this Convention. Let's meet in Smithfield on Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock and drive through to Raleigh in one long procession. You will be furnished rooms at the College. These rooms are equipped with furniture, but it will be necessary for the people to take along bed linen, towels, etc. Meals can be had at 50 cents each. Be sure to register and help win the beautiful loving cup given to the county having the best attendance.

Comes to the Citizens National

Mr. Frank C. Sweeney, of Wilmington, N. C., has moved to the city and has accepted a position with the Citizens National Bank. Mr. Sweeney is a banker of experience and ability whose past career in the banking business gives great promise of much success in his chosen field. He has been with the Murchison National Bank of Wilmington for the past four years and comes highly recommended. His addition to the force at the Citizens National will strengthen this institution which is making great strides as a factor in the financial life of Smithfield and Johnston county.

OFFIE TYSON TO PEN 15 YEARS FOR MURDER

Killed Constable Stroup of Four Oaks Early Last Year When He Went to Arrest Him.—Tyson Escaped and Was Not Arrested Till Few Weeks Ago.

One of the trials at this term of court in which great interest has been manifested is the case of Offie Tyson who killed Constable J. S. Stroup near Four Oaks on February 26, 1919. Armed with a warrant for Tyson, who was charged with stealing a buggy robe and raincoat, Constable Stroup and Conary Stanley went to Tyson's home seeking him. Not finding him at home, they left and started by a near way to the school house where a box party was being held that night. On the way they met him coming home with two of his children with him. They stopped and after a word or so Mr. Stroup told him to consider himself under arrest, whereupon Tyson said, "Wait a minute," and reached around to his pocket, whipped out a pistol and before Stroup knew he had a weapon, Tyson shot the officer back of the left ear. At the time Stroup had his hand on Tyson's arm and when he fell Tyson fell with him. At the shooting Stanley ran and Tyson shot at him. He then stopped and turned back when he heard a third shot. This shot took effect in the top of Stroup's head, killing him instantly. The trial began here Wednesday morning when the following jury was selected to try him: L. M. Littleton, R. L. Pittman, Milton Durham, C. C. Hathaway, T. C. Pounds, Eddie Oliver, Solomon Daughtery, J. G. Dixon, Jas. Ransom Creech, A. R. Hatcher, W. P. Reeves, and J. T. Jones.

After selecting the jury the case was postponed until yesterday morning when the taking of evidence was begun. The first witness on the stand was Conary Stanley who was with Stroup when he was killed. After hearing a number of witnesses for the State, the State rested. After dinner the trial was resumed and soon an agreement for second degree murder was reached and the case did not go to the jury. The judge sentenced Tyson to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

After Tyson killed Stroup he made his escape and was not apprehended until a few weeks ago when he was taken near Grimesland in Pitt county by Johnston County officers who had learned that he was there and had written his wife to go to see him. She went and on the same train the officers followed. The same auto that took Mrs. Tyson to the place where her husband was, also took the officers out there the next day. He resisted arrest by trying to escape and ran across a field but fell in a ditch and when he rose the officers were right on him. He was commanded to throw up his hands and surrender. Fearing immediate death he surrendered and was brought to Smithfield and lodged in jail where he has been since.

Tyson was a bad character and had been arrested a number of times for various offenses. It has said that he said that the next man who tried to arrest him would be killed. He was as good as his word and when J. S. Stroup went after him he killed him and now must serve fifteen years for his crime.

Tyson was well represented by counsel, Messrs. Parker & Martin, of Smithfield; Ezra Parker, of Benson, and Frank Taylor, of the law firm of Langston, Allen & Taylor, of Goldsboro, appearing for him. The Solicitor was ably assisted by Col. Ed S. Abell, of the Smithfield bar.

Moved His Family Here.

Mr. W. H. Lyon, who located here for the practice of law a few weeks ago, has moved his family here. They are living in the new residence on East Caswell street, near the Selma road. For the past two or three years they have been living in Washington City where Mr. Lyon has been connected with the Navy Department. We gladly welcome them to our prosperous little city.

NEGRO GOES TO PEN FOR BURNING SELMA SCHOOL

Oscar Melvin Found Guilty and Given an Eight Year Term in State Penitentiary—Convicted Upon Evidence Which Was Largely Circumstantial.

The negro Oscar Melvin, who has been in the State Penitentiary for the past several weeks on the charge of burning the handsome high school building at Selma last April, was found guilty in the Superior Court here yesterday and given an eight year sentence to the penitentiary. Melvin had been the janitor of the school building for sometime and had been recently discharged for impudence brought out on the trial was sufficient to convict in the minds of the jury and they brought in a verdict of guilty.

The Selma School building was the best in the county and was completed three years ago at a cost of more than fifty thousand dollars.

PRINCETON—BOON HILL.

Princeton, Aug. 18.—Miss Flossie Stallings from Pine Level has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Murray Lynch.

Misses Bernice and Zilla Dew from Florida have been visiting for the past few days at the home of Mr. G. T. Boyett.

Mrs. Lelia Woodard and Mrs. I. B. Smith have gone to Baltimore to visit relatives.

Mr. W. C. Massey and Mr. C. M. Messingill have returned from a trip to Baltimore bringing back a new auto.

Ransom E. and Elmer Holt have gone to Mars Hill for the fall term of school.

Mrs. L. A. Raney from Goldsboro is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. J. H. Harrell from New Bern is visiting Mrs. Will Wiggs.

The condition of Mr. J. W. Perry continues to grow worse and there isn't much hope of any improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Whitley's children and grandchildren gathered at their home a few days ago for their annual reunion. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mitchell and children from Durham, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Whitley and children, Durham, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Whitley, Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur K. Eason and children from Selma, Messrs. Roy, Melvin and Clarence; also Miss Hattie Lois Whitley and some others.

The Boon Hill delegation of young men who will attend Buies Creek next term continues to grow. At present there are six, as follows: Howard Oliver, Joe Boyette, Frank Pearce, Harvey Wellons, Richard Braswell and Caspian Holt. Miss Lissie Pearce is expected to join the school later.

In speaking of his experiences on the ocean, Caspian Holt was an electrician on one of Uncle Sam's largest ships for two years, and on which he crossed the Atlantic ocean eight times and also made several trips to South America, states that he does not recall any time in the two years that he ever heard or saw any lightning on the ocean, and his ship was in a great many heavy storms at sea.

Mrs. Charles M. Kelly Dead.

On the morning of August 12 at 2:30 o'clock, Mrs. Charles M. Kelly, wife of Policeman Charles M. Kelly of this city, died at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Raynor, in Johnston county.

Mrs. Kelly's illness was of short duration, lasting only a few hours. She left a little daughter less than one day old. She also leaves her husband, father, mother, three sisters and four brothers.

Mrs. Kelly died in the very bloom of life, being but 17 years and 6 months old. She was a loving and dutiful daughter and a devoted and faithful wife.

Deceased was laid to rest at Hodges Chapel near Benson, beside her sister, Mrs. J. H. Horton.—Fayetteville Observer.