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## PROCEEDINGS OF RECORDER COURT

**Fifty-seven Criminal Cases Disposed of During Jan.—Fines Total \$520**

An unusually large number of cases were disposed of in the Recorder's court during January, fifty-seven criminal cases besides a number of civil cases having been passed upon. According to the clerk of the Recorder's Court the total fines aggregated \$520.

Court was in session for a day and a half the past week and the following cases were tried:

**State vs. James Williams** charged with larceny. Defendant took overcoat from the Army Store in Benson. He was found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail and assigned to work the roads of Smithfield township.

**State vs. Claudia B. Jackson**, charged with vagrancy. Guilty. Defendant sent to Samarcand at Jackson Springs.

**State vs. George Peedin and Eva Rogers** charged with fornication and adultery. Guilty. Peedin sentenced to 12 months in jail and to work the roads of Smithfield township. He was also required to pay the costs in the case. The jail sentence however was suspended upon condition that the defendant enter into a \$200 justified bond for his appearance in court on the first Tuesday in each month for two years and show good behavior and prove that he has not been associated with the female defendant. In the case of Eva Rogers the sentence was suspended upon condition that she appear each first Tuesday for 12 months and show good behavior.

**State vs. Jeff Moore** charged with assault with deadly weapon. Not guilty.

**State vs. Sam King** charged with assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon. Sentenced to 12 months in jail and assigned to work on the roads of Smithfield township.

**State vs. Robert Stanley** charged with the violation of the compulsory school law. The defendant pleads guilty. Upon payment of costs prayer for judgment was continued until the first Tuesday in June.

**State vs. Hyman Fort** charged with cruelty to animals. Guilty. Prayer for judgment continued until February 20.

**State vs. Millard Davis and Cab Boykin** charged with blockading. Defendants plead guilty. Sentenced to 12 months in jail, to be worked on the roads of Smithfield township and to pay the costs. The jail sentence was suspended, the defendants to appear in court each first Tuesday and show that they have in no way handled liquor.

**State vs. Johnnie Smith, Napoleon Fort and Percy Murphy** charged with immoral conduct. Not guilty.

**State vs. John McDugy**, charged with carrying concealed weapon. Found guilty and fined \$50 and costs.

**State vs. John M. Sanders** charged with violation of the automobile laws. Defendant pleads guilty. Continued until Feb. 6 for judgment.

**State vs. Willie Barfield** charged with blockading. Found guilty and sentenced to 6 months in jail, to work the roads of Smithfield township. An appeal was taken to the Superior court.

**State vs. Louis Cohen** charged with violation of automobile laws. Not guilty.

**State vs. Robert Jones** charged with violation of prohibition laws. Not guilty.

## WAY OF DECREASING COST OF HARVESTING CORN CROP

Corn is the most important crop in the United States, both in acreage and in value. The quantity of yield is greatly influenced by the quality of the seed planted, says the United States Department of Agriculture. A practical way to decrease the cost of harvesting the crop if it is to be fed to hogs is to let the hogs do the harvesting or "hogging down" by turning them into the fields in the fall.

## Must Have the Latest.

"Pa, I have just been reading about a dinosaur."  
"Well, don't say nothin' to your ma about it; she'll be wantin' one for the dinin'-room."

## COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE WATTS RESIGNS

**Gives Up Position After Issuing of Warrant Charging Immoral Conduct With Negress.**

A. D. Watts for two years North Carolina Commissioner of Revenue, tendered his resignation to Governor Morrison in a single sentence yesterday afternoon following police charges of immorality involving a negro woman found under a bed in his room when two detectives and a uniformed policeman raided his quarters Sunday night. Governor Morrison accepted the resignation and appointed R. A. Doughton, Chairman of the House Finance Committee in the General Assembly now in session, to succeed him. Mr. Doughton will be sworn into office this morning.

Warrants against A. D. Watts and against two of the three negroes who were arrested by police Sunday night in connection with the affair, were issued by the police department yesterday afternoon but last night had not been served. A. D. Watts was charged with "aiding and abetting prostitution," Grace Grantham, the negro girl found in his room with "prostitution" and with "aiding and abetting prostitution," and Robert McDuffie, employe of Watts, with "assignation." No warrant was issued for Nina Bailey, the third member of the negro trio because of lack of evidence, Solicitor Clifton Beckwith stated.

According to Solicitor Beckwith, formal service of the papers on Watts will take place today, since he was technically placed under arrest and released upon his recognizance Sunday night. McDuffie and the woman were cited to appear in court Saturday, when they were released Sunday night, but the hearing of the entire case, he said, will take place Friday morning.

The first scandal in high State circles under Democratic administration yesterday set Raleigh on its ears. Sunday night's vigorous efforts to suppress the thing, to gloss it over and save the commissioner, having proved unavailing, were not continued after the publication of the news of the results of the police raid. A number of friends of the Commissioner visited him in his apartments where he sat crushed and in tears yesterday afternoon. Among them was Governor Morrison, who went down at the man's earnest solicitation.

"I've been caught. I'm ruined. I'll not lie. I'll take my medicine," said Watts refusing to push responsibility for the thing that had occurred off on a young man who shares his apartments with him.

He assured Governor Morrison, according to the Governor, that his office was in such shape as to be turned over immediately to his successor.

"Whatever may be said, Watts was a fine Revenue Commissioner, and his administration of this business of the State cannot be surpassed," said Governor Morrison. "But he couldn't stand up. I am proud, though, that I gave him the chance."—Raleigh News and Observer.

## OXFORD HIGH SCHOOL HERE TOMORROW NIGHT

Oxford High School basketball team will meet the local highs here tomorrow night at eight o'clock on the Banner Warehouse court. Little is known about the Oxford lads but it is reported that they have a fast team. They defeated Greensboro High School, the high school champion of North Carolina for last year, Smithfield is undaunted by their defeat at the hands of Durham Wednesday and are out to win.

## Woman's Club To Entertain

Cards have been received in the city which read as follows: "The Woman's Club at home on the evening of Friday, the second of February at the residence of Mrs. Thel Hooks eight o'clock."  
"R. S. V. P."  
"MRS. CHAS. Dis. Ch'm."

## Something to be Thankful For

Mr. Knott: "I see by the statistics given here that every third child born into the world is Chinese."  
Mrs. Knott: "Thank goodness, we had only one child." Kansas City Journal.

## SELMA MAY GET A STATION AT LAST

**Judge E. H. Cranmer Signs Mandamus Requiring the Southern to Proceed**

For sometime the citizens of Selma have been urging the necessity of building a new railroad station at that junction of the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line, but the matter got into court and building operations are still being delayed. The following from Tuesday's News and Observer gives the latest developments in the case:

"Judge E. H. Cranmer yesterday wrote another chapter in the long controversy over the railroad station at Selma by signing a mandamus compelling the Southern Railway to join with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad in accordance with the order of the Corporation Commission at the same time refusing the petition of the Southern Railway for a writ in certiorari for the transmittal of the records on the case in order that it might be tried on appeal in the Wake County Superior Court. The case now goes to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and the prediction was made yesterday that it will finally land in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Corporation Commission made its original order requiring construction of the station by the two railroad companies on September 10, 1914, but a plea for time was granted because of depressed business conditions. Steps to enforce the order were begun in March, 1922, following which the commission signed another order on April 11, 1922 on which the companies were directed to carry out the former order. The Atlantic Coast Line expressed willingness to go ahead with the erection of the station according to plans submitted by the railroads and approved by the commission which involve a cost estimated at \$50,000 but the Southern Railway expressed an unwillingness to do so, claiming that under agreements made with the Atlantic Coast Line in 1895 and 1899, which it claims are still in force, the Coast Line was to furnish the station at Selma and the Southern should act as lessor.

The refusal of the Southern to comply with the order led to the institution by the Attorney General on relation of the corporation commission of mandamus proceedings before Judge Thomas H. Calvert, and the filing of counter petition for a writ of certiorari by the railroad company. Judge Calvert granted the mandamus, making it returnable before Judge Cranmer here yesterday. Judge Calvert also denied the petition for a writ of certiorari and Judge Cranmer yesterday took the same course in both actions.

The orders were signed after a hearing lasting for two hours. Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash appeared for the State and W. M. Healden, of Winston-Salem, for the Southern Railway. The A. C. L., a nominal party to the action, is represented by Murray Allen, of Raleigh.

The court agreed with the State that there is no appeal from the order of April, 1922, because it merely ordered compliance with the original order, from which there was no appeal in apt time. This position eliminated the dispute between the railroad and the commission as to whether the appeal was made at the proper time. Court also held with the commission that its action was properly against the Southern and that if the latter has any contract with the A. C. L. that it should ask the courts to enforce the same."

## JOHNSTON COUNTY MAY GO BACK UNDER PRIMARY LAW

Representative D. J. Thurston Saturday offered a bill in the House to place Johnston County under the State Primary Law. Johnston county was originally included in the law, but some years ago the county went back to the convention plan of nominating the county officers. It is the desire of Mr. Thurston to place the county back under the primary law. We are strongly in favor of the primary, for we believe that is the fair way to nominate candidates, and the only way that all the people have a voice in the nominations.—Clayton News.

## RUHR CUSTOMS IS SEIZED BY FRENCH

**Coal Production Is Getting Smaller and Railroad Strike Is Effective**

DUESSELDORF, Jan. 31.—Seizure of the Ruhr customs by the French; the low level of coal production reached; the practical disappearance of empty coal cars from the region; threatening a complete stoppage of work at the mines within a few days; the cutting of the Cologne-Berlin trunk telegraph and telephone cables at several places around Essen, completely isolating the city from the outside world and a more acute scarcity of food—these were the developments of the twenty-first day of the Franco-Belgian occupation.

On the other hand, calm has apparently been restored so far as outward demonstrations are concerned; the infantry, bicycle and cavalry patrols, which have been keeping order in the streets since the outbursts of last Thursday, have arrested only two men at Essen and one at Duesseldorf in the past 24 hours, and these were for minor offenses. The patrols had been averaging 15 to 20 arrests daily in each of these cities.

The taking over of the customs by the French is the most severe economic blow attempted since they entered the Ruhr. M. Filipi, the French chief of the Ruhr customs, avers that the defections of the personnel of the German functionaries amount to only about forty per cent. These were immediately replaced and work proceeded normally. The Germans declare that more than 70 per cent of their customs staff walked out and insisted that the French will not be able to handle collections.

The coal production yesterday fell below 50 per cent of normal for the first time since the occupation.

Despite the low production, the French admitted this evening that should the shortage of empties become worse the mines may have to shut down in a few days, as the mining operations are already hampered by lack of room at the pit-heads, due to the accumulations of the past week. There is only sufficient room at the pitheads to handle four full days' normal output of the mines, which is about 220,000 tons daily, and from 10 to 20 thousand tons have remained uncleared every day for a week.

The railroad strike shows no sign of improving; it is effective throughout the Ruhr and at Wiesbaden, Coblenz and Cologne. The stations between Duesseldorf, Essen, Duisbourg and Ruhort are filled with people, for the most part workers, unable to reach the city. They are bitter against the railroad men.

The municipal council of Bochum, which has been a center of opposition against the occupying powers, has posted a proclamation on the walls reading:

"Germans, remain firm. "Make the invader feel that he is our enemy and make him realize that Germans are not dogs that lick the hand that strikes them."

The Germans have stopped the Paris-Warsaw express at the Cologne station for the past two days; no international eastbound train gets beyond Cologne.—Associated Press.

## Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson Entertain

FOUR OAKS, Jan. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Johnson who live near Smithfield entertained quite a number of young people at their beautiful home last Friday evening.

"The Holiday Contest" was thoroughly enjoyed after which other games were indulged in. Rook and "pig" proved their popularity by the numbers playing them.

The guests later repaired to the dining room where a delicious salad course was served by the hostess who was assisted by Mrs. Horace Johnson and Miss Annie Ford.

Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Johnson's hospitality were: Misses Bertha Strickland, Emma Stanley, Clyde Sanders, Maggie Strickland, Pauline Lee, Lora Potts, and Annie Ford of Four Oaks. Misses Tilsen and Creech of near Pine Level, Messrs Gilbert Grady, Clarence Stanley, Hugh Wellons, Talmadge Cole, Carl Lewis and J. B. McLawhorn of Four Oaks and Messrs Creech from near Pine Level and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Johnson of Smithfield.

## SMITHFIELD LOSES TO THE FAST DURHAM "5"

**Game Close and Exciting; Score 23 to 16; Skinner Life of Smithfield Team**

By DONNELL WHARTON

Fighting gamely to the last second Smithfield succeeded in holding the fast Durham aggregation to a 23-16 decision here Wednesday night. If Durham was a tornado, Smithfield possessed a veritable whirlwind in Skinner who pht up as fine an exhibition of basketball as seen on the local floor this season. He was the life of the team, leading in all the passing and twice carrying the ball the length of the field he hit the meshes for goals. Brown, for the few minutes he was in the fray, showed up nearly as well. For Durham Green was the mainstay with Kelly playing his forward almost equally as well.

From the start the contest was close and exciting with Durham ever in the lead and Smithfield threatening at frequent intervals. Green started the scoring with a neat shot from near the sidelines and Kelly soon followed suit. But Smithfield found the basket at length. The locals showed up better in the first half, the whistle blowing with Durham holding only a field goal margin at 10-8.

The first of the second half saw the Purple Tornado at its greatest speed and power, soon advancing the score to 16-8. For several minutes it looked as if they had found Smithfield's hold and were going to smother the Smithfield lads. But with seven minutes to play Smithfield, led by Skinner and strengthened by Brown, staged a fast comeback which threw the Durham team into almost a panic. But putting out all they had Durham was able to draw away with a seven point lead when the whistle blew.

Line-up and summary:

Smithfield (16)	Durham (23)
Caudill	Green
Right Forward	Kelly
Hill	Left Forward
Stephenson	Hackney R Center
Skinner	Vickers (Capt) Right Guard
Godwin (Capt)	Hackney, B. Left Guard

Substitutions for Durham none; for Smithfield: Brown for Godwin, Holland for Caudill.

Field goals: Durham: Vickers 1, Hackney, R. 1, Kelly 4, Green 5; Smithfield: Hill 1, Stephenson 2, Skinner 2, Godwin 2, Brown 1. Foul goals: Green 1 out of 4; Stephenson none out of 4, Brown one out of 1. Referee Ives. Time 20-20.

## MICRO HIGHS DEFEAT GLENDALE TOSSERS, 24 TO 2.

MICRO, Jan. 31.—On Tuesday, January 30, Micro basket ball team journeyed over to Glendale where they defeated Glendale 24 to 20. The main feature of the game was the goal shooting by Smith and Borden for Micro and Starling and Jones for Glendale, Smith getting eight field goals while his opponent, Starling, got only four. This is the first game that the Glendale boys have lost on their court.

## Budded on Earth To Bloom in Heaven

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the death of my dear little Floyd. He was born October 11, 1920, and died January 8, 1923, making his stay on earth two years, two months and 28 days. All was done for little Floyd that father, mother, brother, sisters and physicians could do but none could stay the icy hand of Death. He was sick 23 months of his life.

Oh, it is so hard to give him up but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. We feel that he is resting in the arms of Jesus where death, pain nor sorrow comes no more. May God help us all to prepare to meet him in heaven to part no more.

A precious one from us is gone  
A voice we loved is still  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.  
—Written by his lonely mother,  
MRS. A. P. GRICE.

## Where The Pain Was.

Old Gentleman: "Are you in pain, my little man?"  
Small Boy: "No sir, the pain is in me."—Ex.

## SCHOOLS DONATE MEMORIAL FUND

**Colored Schools Have Turned in \$58.42; Reports are Yet Incomplete**

While the reports from the schools in the county are yet incomplete, those that have been turned in, make a satisfactory showing, the amount in hand up to yesterday totals \$231.06. The negro teachers of the county in session here Saturday, the next day after "Turlington Day," brought in \$58.42, representing twenty-five schools. Thirteen are yet to be heard from and Mrs. Laura J. A. King, county supervisor, thinks that some of the schools already reported will increase their amount. As soon as the report from the colored schools is complete, a detailed report will be published.

Sixteen white schools have sent in contributions, and others are expected to follow suit in due time. The report by schools is as follows:

Smithfield	\$101.18
Princeton	11.78
Parker's School	5.01
Creech's School	2.63
Smith's School	1.00
Brown's School	3.00
Rock Hill	7.27
Live Oak	1.83
Yelvington's Grove	5.00
Skilley's School	15.00
Powhatan	4.20
Wildwood	3.18
Brogden	5.51
Baptist Center	3.05
Royall (Elevation)	3.00
Total	\$231.06

## BRITISH ANNOUNCE ACCEPTANCE OF DEBT PROPOSAL

Washington Officials Express Satisfaction at British Action; Cabinet Unanimous

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Britain has decided to accept the American offer in regard to the funding of the British war debt to the United States.

The government's decision was reached at a Cabinet meeting this afternoon. There was a full attendance of the ministers and apparently they entered the meeting with the decision already formed to follow the recommendation of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as the session lasted only a few minutes.

The terms are three per cent for ten years and three and one-half per cent thereafter. No reservation was made regarding Great Britain being allowed to pay the total sum after the 10-year period.

It is unofficially stated that there was practically unanimity of opinion among the Cabinet members in favor of accepting the terms.

## GIRL BASKETEERS PLAY GOLDSBORO HERE TONIGHT

Tonight the girls team of Smithfield High School will play the game which was scheduled with Goldsboro for last Saturday night. The Goldsboro team was unable to come and so Kinston was played instead. The contest bids fair to be a good one. This is the second game of the season for the local girls the first being a 43-9 run-away Smithfield against Kinston.

## Cars Must Stop at Bank Corner

Mr. W. L. Fuller, city clerk, requests us to remind the people that the ordinance requiring all automobiles to stop at the intersection of Third and Market Streets went into effect yesterday, Feb. 1. Unless the law is observed a fine of \$1.00 is provided for each offence.

## Presbyterian Church

Subject Sunday morning, 11 o'clock: "The House of God." Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock: "Why Simon Was Called Peter."

Bible classes at 10 a. m. You are welcome. In the afternoon Mr. Cumming will preach at Jones' School House at 3 o'clock.

Tarheel farmers are determined to fight the boll weevil this year as shown by requests for literature on the subject. If you haven't had a list of free publications write the editor of the extension service at Raleigh a card asking for F. 4.