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FULL DOCKET IN RECORDER'S COURT

Violations of Automobile Laws Numerous; Judge Nobles Proposes to Make Highways Safe.

NUMBER OF OTHER CASES

"The people of Johnston County have a right to use the highways without fear of being run over by drunken and reckless drivers of automobiles, and while I am Judge of Recorder's Court, I am going to do what I can to see that they enjoy this right," said Judge Noble, in passing sentence on F. D. Burnett, J. Booker Coats, Charlie Faison, Orby Raynor and Floyd Banks who were found guilty of operating automobiles recklessly or while under the influence of liquor in Tuesday's Recorder's Court. Each was placed under suspended judgment requiring that they not operate a motor vehicle on any of the roads of North Carolina for a period of twelve months.

The following cases were disposed of Tuesday:

State vs. Charlie Faison, operating car under influence of liquor and possessing intoxicating liquors. Guilty on count charging possession; judgment that defendant pay fine of \$25 and costs. On account charging operating auto while intoxicated, judgment suspended upon condition that he not operate a car upon the roads of North Carolina for twelve months.

State vs. Flora Ray, violating prohibition laws, guilty on two counts, retailing and having whiskey in possession for purpose of sale. Fined \$50 on count charging possession; on count charging retailing, two months in jail.

State vs. Geo. Childers, violating prohibition laws. Guilty, fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Will Addison, violating prohibition laws. Guilty; fine \$25 and costs.

State vs. Offie Keen, trespass. Guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. J. D. Hargis, assault. Guilty; judgment suspended on payment of cost.

State vs. Horace McCullers, assault with deadly weapon. Fine \$50 and costs.

State vs. F. D. Burnett, carrying concealed weapon. Defendant plead guilty. Fine \$10 and costs.

State vs. F. D. Burnett, violating auto laws. Defendant guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs during good behavior and upon condition that defendant do not operate car for one year.

State vs. Charlie Sanders, trespass. Not guilty.

State vs. Booker Coats, violating auto laws. Defendant guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs during good behavior and upon condition that defendant do not operate car for one year.

State vs. Sexton Johnson, reckless driving auto. Defendant guilty. Fine \$50 and costs.

State vs. Orby Raynor and Jasper Beasley, driving auto under influence of liquor. Defendant Jasper Beasley not guilty. Orby Raynor guilty. Judgment suspended on payment of costs during good behavior and on condition that defendant do not operate car for one year.

State vs. Floyd Banks, operating car under influence of liquor. Guilty Upon payment of costs judgment suspended upon condition that defendant not operate car for twelve months.

State vs. Sam Penny, possessing. Guilty. Fine \$25 and sixty days on roads. Road sentence suspended during good behavior.

State vs. Joe Hall, assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapon. Guilty; fine \$50 and costs.

State vs. Joe Hall, possessing. Guilty. Two months on roads. Capias to issue at request of solicitor.

State vs. P. G. Woolard, carrying concealed weapon. Guilty. Fined \$50 and costs.

Smithfield School To Be On Hand at Track Meet

Saturday May 10, is the date on which the Trinity Track Meet will be held. A great deal of interest has been aroused for the last two months and a number of high schools will be represented. Trophies will be awarded to teams winning first, second and third places in the events. Medals will also be awarded to the individual of each event (first, second and third places.)

The Smithfield high school will send a number of red-blooded boys to fight for honors. Coach W. L. Nice has worked hard with the team for about two months and now the boys are in fine condition and show great hope in bringing back several honors. The team will leave Saturday morning with a determination of putting "Old Smithfield" on the map.

The following will represent Smithfield:

100yd. Dash—Holland, Fitzgerald, and Stancil.

Shot Put—Parker, E. Caudill, J. Caudill.

440yd. Run—Adams and Hill.

High Jump—E. Caudill, J. Caudill and Lawrence.

220 yd. Dash—Holland, Fitzgerald, and Stancil.

Discus Throw—E. Caudill, Parker and J. Caudill.

Pole Vault—Johnson and Hooks.

100 yd. Dash—Holland, Fitzgerald, and Stancil.

Shot Put—Parker, E. Caudill, J. Caudill.

440 yd. Run—Adams and Hill.

High Jump—E. Caudill, J. Caudill and Lawrence.

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BURGLARS ENTER TWO HOMES HERE

L. T. Royal Is Awakened In Night By Man In His Bed-room; T. S. Ragsdale Home Also Entered.

SEND FOR BLOODHOUNDS

To lie down at night to sleep peacefully is on thing; to lie down to be awakened by burglars in the dead hours of the night is another, according to Mr. L. T. Royal whose slumbers were disturbed Wednesday night, when he realized that a burglar was in the act of looting the dresser in his bed room, and he was without a pistol or gun as a means of protection. A slight cough on the part of Mr. Royal however, informed the would-be burglar that it was time to move on, and he hastily made his exit whence he came, through a door leading from the front porch into the dining room across the hall from the bed room.

With only a flash light as a weapon Mr. Royal followed, reaching the porch by the front door. He was able to discern the figure of the rapidly receding man enough to tell something of his clothing but was unable to identify him. The man ran towards the home of Mr. S. S. Holt across the street, in whose yard tracks were found in the plowed ground made soft by the rain which fell Wednesday. Tuesday morning revealed the fact that he lost his socks on the porch of Mr. Will H. Johnson, where presumably he entered to hide.

In the meantime Mr. Royal called the night policeman who went to the scene but all efforts to locate the burglar were in vain.

Yesterday, it was found that robbers had entered the home of Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, relieving him and his son, Tom, of the change in their pockets amounting to about five dollars. No one was awakened in the Ragsdale home.

Blood hounds were sent for from Raeford yesterday.

Organize Sunbeam Garden In County

The following announcements may be of interest not only to the Baptists of Smithfield, but also to other churches throughout the county wherever Sunbeams and Royal Ambassador societies are organized. Sunbeam gardens for children and summer camps for the older church groups are now well established institutions, and are accomplishing great good. The Sunbeam gardens are proving invaluable in awakening interest among the children in cultivating the beautiful at home and in helping to carry sunshine and beauty into schools and hospitals in foreign lands.

The local leaders desire to secure the cooperation of parents in having the numerous children connected with the Sunbeams to cultivate Sunbeam gardens, and hereby wish to explain the conditions.

Junior gardens must be 60 square feet, Primary gardens must contain 42 square feet and may be 6x7, 3x14 or 2x21 feet. If primaries and Juniors work together in the same garden it must contain 60 square feet. Each garden must contain four varieties of flowers. All work must be done by the children themselves, except such as in the judgment of the parents too difficult.

Judges will grade the gardens, rating size at 25 per cent, varieties of flower 25 per cent, cultivation 25 per cent, and the general beauty of the garden at 25 per cent. Each child competing is required to bring flowers to church at least once, must carry them to some sick at least once, and must in the fall bring a package of flowers seed from his garden to be sent to some foreign school or hospital. Those gardens passed on by the judges as being the best will win first, second, and third rewards. Besides this awards will be given to all making a grade of 57 per cent.

FATAL SHOOTING OCCURS NEAR FOUR OAKS TUESDAY

Elbert Strickland Is Dead and Frank Pope In Jail Awaits Trial at August Term of Superior Court.

GIVES UP TO OFFICERS

Frank Pope, a young white man, 18 years old, who lived near Four Oaks, shot and killed Elbert Strickland, at his home in Elevation township Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock.

According to report there had been some trouble between Strickland and a neighbor in which young Pope was involved in a minor way. The matter was about to be carried to court and when Strickland asked Pope on Monday afternoon what his testimony would be should he be called as a witness, they had some words. Pope was an employe of Strickland and Tuesday afternoon when he went to the barn to feed he and Strickland had more words in regard to the matter. Strickland, it seems attempted to use a knife, when Pope drew a 32 Colt automatic from his pocket and fired twice, the bullets lodging in the chest and head of Strickland, killing him instantly.

Pope went immediately to tell his wife and then proceeded to Four Oaks where he gave himself up to officer R. A. Keen. He was brought to Smithfield and placed in jail where he awaits trial in the August term of Superior Court.

Strickland, who was killed, leaves a wife and three children who were away from home when the tragedy occurred.

BULLETINS

GO UNINSTRUCTED

New Haven, Conn., May 8.—The effort of Delegate P. Fitch to secure adoption of a resolution instructing delegates named by the Democratic state convention here today for Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, failed just before adjournment. A substitute resolution permitting the delegates to vote as their judgment dictates "for the best interest of the Democratic Party" was adopted amid cheers.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED

Baltimore, May 8.—Drugged and robbed by chance acquaintances she met on a steamer en route to Baltimore from Miami, Fla., Loretta Smith, 27, of Jersey City Heights, N. J., is in a critical condition at University Hospital. Police are searching for two men and a woman who disappeared when the steamer reached her wharf.

Miss Smith was found unconscious in her stateroom early this morning.

SCHOONER ASHORE

Norfolk, Va., May 8.—The four mast schooner R. R. Govin, of New York, went ashore, during a thick fog early today about 14 miles north of Bodie Island, N. C., coast-guard headquarters here was notified by the Kill Devil Hill Station, which rescued the crew.

THIRTY INDICTED

New York, May 8.—A federal grand jury before Judge Goddard today handed up an indictment charging thirty-one individuals and a corporation with conspiracy to violate the prohibition act and defraud the government out of liquor taxes in the West and Middle West, said to have aggregated more than \$500,000.

WHEAT FORECAST

Washington, May 8.—Production of winter wheat this year will be 553,013,000 bushels, or 3.4 per cent less than last year's crop, the Department of Agriculture forecast today.

Production of rye was forecast at 61,739,000 bushels.

Champions In Biscuit Contest



Reading from right: Sophia Welton, winner of first Girl's prize; Mrs. Victor Penny, winner of first women's prize; Mrs. Kirby Rose, winner of second women's prize; Betty Creech, of Creech's Club, winner of second Girl's prize.

REP. HAMMER TOSSES CHAIR AT MR. BLANTON

Washington, May 8.—Representative Hammer, Democrat, North Carolina, objected to being called a "garrulous old grandmother" by Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, at today's meeting of the House District of Columbia committee and it took a good deal of effort by other committee members to keep them apart.

Mr. Hammer first let fly a folding chair at his antagonist and when that did not hit the mark grabbed the bulks District of Columbia appropriation bill. Thereafter the two members made several lunges at each other across the table, but the meeting ended with handshakes.

A disagreement over the calling of the meeting caused the outbursts.

Jr. O. U. A. M. To Hold Class Initiation

A good time is in store for all members of Smithfield Council No. 102 next Tuesday night, May 13. At this meeting there will be a class initiation. About twenty candidates will be initiated. A good speaker has been secured and refreshments will be served.

All members of Smithfield Council No. 102, Jr. O. U. A. M., are urgently requested to be present. All insisting Juniors are cordially invited.

Children Hang A May Basket On The White House Door

Washington May 1.—The old custom of hanging May baskets in the early morning on May Day was revived at the White House today when three small children hung a basket for Mrs. Coolidge on the north door of the Executive Mansion.

Rotarians in Wilson Debate Bobbed Hair

Wilson, May 7.—Bobbed hair—whether it is a good fashion or whether it should be discouraged—formed the subject of a thrilling and stirring debate between Frank Miller and John D. Gold last night at the regular meeting of the Wilson Rotary Club, held in the Chamber of Commerce banquet hall. So evenly divided were the members in voting for the winner that it finally was decided to call it a draw. A discussion of today's road meeting at Weldon and a decision to aid crippled children recently examined at the clinic here, were among the other business matters taken up at the conclusion of the excellently served supper.

STATE FEDERATION MEETS IN RALEIGH

The Report of Sixth District Was Presented by Mrs. F. H. Brooks, District President.

SMITHFIELD REPRESENTED

The State Federation of Women's Clubs has been in session in Raleigh this week with more than 400 women representing practically every county in North Carolina, present. Mrs. Palmer Jernan, president, formally opened the convention at the Sir Walter Hotel Tuesday evening, after which the convention was entertained by Gov. and Mrs. Morrisson at the executive mansion.

Smithfield had a goodly representation at the Federation and a good report. Mrs. F. H. Brooks, president of the Sixth District which includes among others all federated clubs of Johnston County, presented the following report for the past year:

The Sixth District is now composed of twenty-one clubs, namely: Woman's Club of Apex; Woman's Club, Entre Nous and John Charles McNeil Clubs, of Benson; Community Club, of Chapel Hill; Halycon and Woman's Clubs, of Clayton; Reviewers and Woman's clubs of Durham; Woman's Club of Kenly; Association of University Women, Thursday Afternoon, Womans Club, Council of Jewish Women and Wake County Betterment Clubs of Raleigh; Research Club of Roxboro; Womans Club of Selma and the Womans Club of Smithfield. The home bureaus are lotted in Johnston, Wake and Durham counties. Four of these Clubs, Durham Woman's Club, Wakeon Woman's Club, Durham Study Club and Wilson's Mills Woman's Club, being added since the last meeting of the Federation.

In the Year Book of 1923-24 this district has recorded 1706 club women and 950 members of the county bureaus, and during the past year this membership has been increased by the addition of new members to the already federated clubs and addition of new clubs.

Many of these clubs are cooperating with the schools in promoting good health, watching out for and assisting the undernourished child, sanitation, good books in library and the one work that stands out most prominently in club work in the Sixth District is the effort to make and mold of our children a future, strong citizenship.

The Clayton Woman's Club beautified school grounds, furnished clothes to children to enable continuation of studies in school, donated books to school libraries. The Community Club of Chapel Hill has formed Bird Clubs in schools for colored children. The Durham Woman's Club has arranged a special program for boys and girls each Saturday morning at one of the picture shows; the Kenly Woman's Club added books to school in library, including an American Encyclopedia, thereby making the graded school a standard high school, also improved school grounds; the Selma Woman's Club sponsored a community fair, which the school children, with their splendid exhibits, helped to make a success; the Woman's Club of Smithfield operates a public library where the school children have an opportunity once a week to get books. The Raleigh Woman's Club gave a victrola to the children's library, helped in the music memory contest for school children and through the social service department had Dr. Valeria S. Parker, to talk to High School and College girls. The John Charles McNeil Book Club, of Benson, donated books to library, and gave a medal for the best short story written by a high school pupil.

Through the departments of Education, these clubs are arranging for their people to hear lecturers of note in and out of the state. The Raleigh

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