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## ATTEMPTS ASSAULT AND IS IN JAIL

George Terrell, Colored, Is Brought to Jail Here For Attacking White Woman

NOW IN RALEIGH JAIL

George Terrell, colored, who lives in Wilson county near Kenly, was brought to jail here Saturday night about nine o'clock for attempted assault on Mrs. Chesterfield Atkinson, who lives just beyond the Johnston county line in Wilson county. The crime occurred between five and six o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The negro, who is twenty years of age, went to the home of Mrs. Atkinson, it is said, under the pretense of paying her husband some money. While there he is reported to have seized her and choked her until her neck was bruised. The negro was brought here and delivered to Sheriff J. P. Parker by Mr. Joe Darden and Mr. Edgerton, of Kenly. When they arrived here with the negro, about fifty cars had gathered, and it was the purpose of the angry mob to lynch the criminal. There was talk of calling out the local unit of the National Guards and things quieted down. About twelve o'clock Saturday night the negro was taken from the jail and carried to Raleigh for safe-keeping.

The negro confessed the deed to Sheriff Parker but claimed to be drunk at the time of the attempted assault.

Mrs. Atkinson is between fifty and sixty years of age.

## TO ARBITRATE SELMA-MICRO ROAD MATTER

A slight difference between the road boards of Selma and Micro townships which was put in the way of being amicably settled by the County Commissioners here yesterday, evoked a bit of reportage between the contending parties that was enjoyed by those hearing the case. The difference arose over who should work a certain portion of road alleged to be on the line between the two townships. The status of the affair yesterday seemed to be that Selma township had filed a bill for \$250 against Micro township for doing her part of the work, and Micro filed a bill for \$500 against Selma township for doing her part of the work. The Board of Commissioners suggested that each board name a man, these two to select a third person, who would arbitrate the matter. Mr. Charlie Corbett was named to represent Selma and Mr. Walter Batten, Micro.

## Allen School Close Held Saturday, May 2

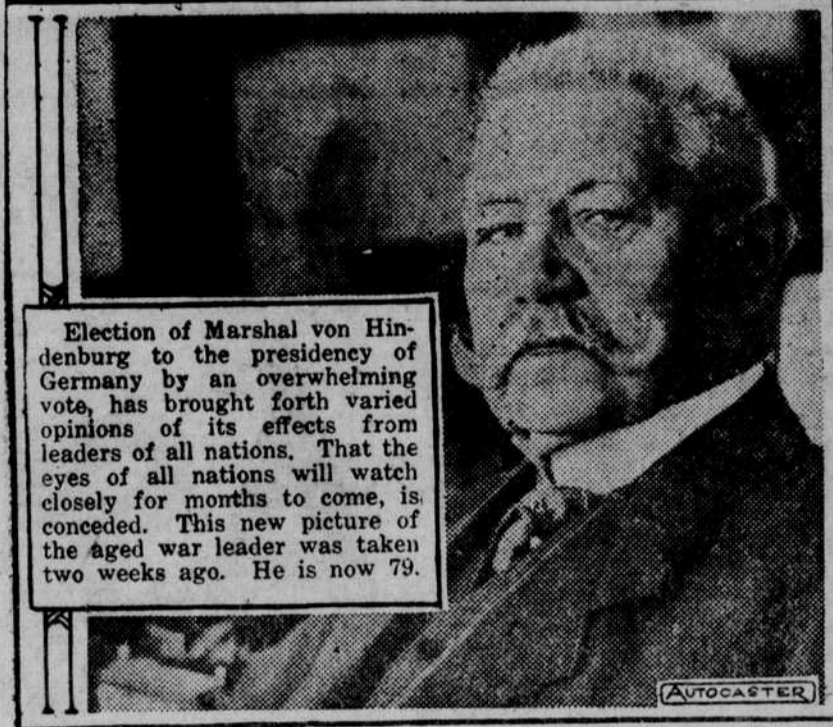
The school at Allens in Banner township celebrated its finals on Saturday afternoon and night of May 2. The chief feature of the afternoon exercise was a reader's contest in which eight girls of the school participated. The community had offered a gold medal for the winner and a great deal of interest was created. Miss Lena Johnson and Messrs. H. V. Rose and W. E. Allen were the judges of the contest, and little Miss Parnella Massengill was declared to be the winner. Three pupils from this school successfully passed the county seventh grade examination and received certificates of graduation on this occasion.

The night exercises consisted of pieces and songs by the little folks and a play given by the pupils of the advanced grades. The school has been in charge of Mrs. Malissa Moore, of Four Oaks, and Miss Flora McThail, of Robeson county. The closing exercises were good and well attested the splendid work of those two young ladies as teachers.

## Violation of Prohibition Law

Chief C. R. Cable found Shap Broadwell under the influence of liquor at his place of business here yesterday and discovered a pint and a half of whiskey on his person. A few months ago Broadwell was sentenced to the roads but was pardoned upon condition of good behavior. He will report today in Recorder's court.

## World's Eyes Now On Hindenburg



Election of Marshal von Hindenburg to the presidency of Germany by an overwhelming vote, has brought forth varied opinions of its effects from leaders of all nations. That the eyes of all nations will watch closely for months to come, is conceded. This new picture of the aged war leader was taken two weeks ago. He is now 79.

## ROAD PROPOSITION BEFORE CO. BOARD

Big Delegation Here Yesterday For and Against the Calling of An Election for Special Roads.

Two hundred fifty or more persons interested in the calling of an election on the road proposition designed to build rim roads around Johnston county connecting the state highways, were here yesterday before the County Board of Commissioners. In order to accommodate the crowd the road discussion was held in the court room. Senator Paul D. Grady, who framed the bill, presented the proposition to the board and asked that an election be called in the county to decide the matter. A tax of about fifteen cents will be required to build the proposed routes which would include a road connecting Clayton, Kenly, Princeton and Benson with another road passing through Micro, Pine Level, Four Oaks and Wilson's Mills. Among those who made speeches for the road were E. G. Holland, of Kenly, A. M. Johnson, of Cleveland township; N. H. Lucas, of Benson; and Walter Batten, of Micro.

The chief opposition seemed to come from Oneals township, Mr. Creech and Mr. Ed. Narron speaking against the calling of such an election. Their chief argument was the increase in taxes.

At the conclusion of the arguments for and against the proposition, a popular vote by those present was taken there being 115 persons present in favor of it and 85 against. In addition to those present in person to favor or oppose the measure, a number of petitions were in the hands of the commissioners, and after the speechmaking and voting, they retired to the commissioners room for further consideration. Other business crowded the day's work, however, and the board finally decided to sleep over the matter, and a decision will be reached doubtless some time today.

## TWO AUTOS COLLIDE HERE SATURDAY NIGHT

Two automobiles collided near the post office here Saturday night about nine o'clock when Dr. W. J. Massey, driving a Chevrolet, ran into a Nash car driven by Mr. McNeer Smith, of Red Springs. The front wheel of the Chevrolet was smashed and the bumper and front fender were damaged. The rear fender of the Nash was slightly damaged.

The Chevrolet was making a turn at the post office when it struck the other car which was coming from the highway bridge. Both automobiles were said to be going at about fifteen miles an hour. No one was hurt.

## Explodes Dynamite In Fish Pond

Saturday night about nine o'clock dynamite was exploded at the cement dam of Mr. Alex Beasley's fish pond near the county home. The blast was heard for several miles around. The dam, however, was not broken, according to information received here yesterday. It is not known who is responsible for the explosion.

## SCHOOLS MEET AT PLEASANT GROVE

Day of Literary and Athletic Contests; Seventh Grade Certificates Are Presented

The Group commencement held at Pleasant Grove Friday was participated in by nine schools as follows: Pleasant Grove, High Tower, Spilona, Piney Grove, Wildwood, Rehobeth, Sunny Nook Ogburn Grove and Shiloh.

The exercises were held in the open air, a large stage having been constructed in front of the school house and decorated with evergreens. A parade in which approximately four hundred children marched started the program of the day which consisted largely of various contests.

After the school children had marched around each school having its banner, each school sang a chorus. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Hinderlite, pastor of Providence Presbyterian church. Miss Mary E. Wells, Rural Supervisor of Schools, then presented the certificates to those children completing the seventh grade. Only seven seventh grade graduates received certificates from the Pleasant Grove group. The young lady making the highest average was Geneva Pleasant, of Sunny Brook, her average being 83 per cent. This grade was the second highest in the county. Miss Pleasant graduated from a one teacher school and has the distinction of being the first seventh grade graduate from a one teacher school in three years.

A recitation contest in which eight schools were represented completed the program before dinner. Margaret Stephenson, of Piney Grove school, was declared the winner and was presented with a medal.

The folks present enjoyed a social hour as they refreshed themselves with all sorts of delectable viands characteristic of the ham-pers taken on such picnic occasions, after which the program of contests was resumed.

Story telling by Primary children was first in order, there being a contest among the girls and one among the boys. Mattie Williams of Ogburn Grove and Lloyd Williams of Piney Grove were the successful contestants and were awarded story telling books.

A declamation contest followed, Worth Jones, of High Tower, winning the medal for being the best declaimer. The spelling contest is always interesting, and particularly so this year, for Rehobeth had held the banner for the grammar grades two years and if won this year, the banner would be theirs for keeps. Piney Grove went down after the prize, however, and took the banner home with them. Shiloh won in the primary spelling contest.

The judges in the literary contests were: Misses Minnie Lee Garrison, Nell Grantham and Nell Meacham. During the afternoon a number of athletic contests were engaged in.

Reindeer milk is delivered in Alaska in the form of frozen cubes equal to a quart or pint.

## MR. POU TO MAKE MEMORIAL ADDRESS

Local U. D. C. to Give Appropriate Memorial Program Saturday Morning

DINNER FOR SOLDIERS

According to the usual custom, the Holt-Sanders chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will observe Memorial Day here next Saturday, May 10th falls on Sunday this year but the exercises will be held on Saturday. An appropriate program has been arranged and all Confederate veterans and their families are especially invited to attend. All are requested to meet at the court house at eleven o'clock. From there they will go to the cemetery where the graves of all those who fought and fell in the War between the States will be decorated.

After a devotional exercise, a short memorial address will be made by Congressman Edw. W. Pou. It is not often that this county is fortunate enough to hear Mr. Pou, but he is a splendid speaker and will have a worth while message for all who attend the exercises.

Following Mr. Pou's speech, a patriotic song and benediction, the old soldiers will go to the home of Mrs. W. M. Sanders where dinner will be served the soldiers, their wives, and widows of old soldiers.

The number of Confederate soldiers grows less each year and most of them are feeble, but the exercises will be short and it is hoped that every old soldier in the county can be present to review the past and enjoy the tributes which will be paid them on this day.

## JOHNSTON BAR VOICES APPRECIATION JUDGE BOND

The Johnston county bar Saturday adopted resolutions of praise and appreciation for Judge W. M. Bond. The resolutions in part were as follows:

"Whereas, the members of the bar of Johnston county desire to express their gratitude and appreciation for the many courtesies extended during the various terms of court that his honor has held in this county:

"Therefore, be it resolved that the bar of Johnston county express to his honor, Judge W. M. Bond, judge presiding at this term of court, the profound gratitude and appreciation of his fellow-workers and the sincere wish and hope that he may continue yet many years in active service, then retire in the peace and contentment of old age in the knowledge that he has rendered to his State and fellowmen many years of faithful and efficient service, and may the remembrance of his friends of the Johnston county bar always bring to him pleasant recollections of our many associations together."

## PROFESSOR COLLIER COBB TO BE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Prof. Collier Cobb, head of the department of Geology in the University of North Carolina, will deliver a stereopticon lecture at the Baptist church here next Sunday night. His delightful pictures and address on Japan, given in the court house here some time ago will be remembered by many who were present. He will show photographs of China which he himself took while on a tour to the Orient, with a special view to impressing on his hearers the great importance of China as opportunity for Christian missions. He will come under the auspices of the missionary organizations of the Baptist church, and everybody is invited to hear him.

## HAM-RAMSEY REVIVAL TO BEGIN ON JUNE 3

On account of the commencement exercises of the graded school here on June 1 and 2, the Ham-Ramsey revival will not begin until Wednesday night, June 3rd. The revival has been announced to begin on May 29, but the revival organization thought best to avoid this conflict.

## RELEASE TAXPAYERS OF EXTRA PER CENT

The Board of Commissioners at their meeting here yesterday decided to release taxpayers of the extra per cent charged for not paying by May 1st. If any persons have paid one per cent extra during these first few days of May before the tax collectors could be notified the amount will be refunded by Sheriff Parker upon the presentation of their tax receipts. It was also decided by the Board to increase the sum allowed tax collectors to two and a half per cent plus fifty cents costs for their services.

## SHOOTING AFFRAY HERE YESTERDAY

Drunken Quarrel Ends In Shooting Scrape; Negro Is In Guardhouse

Yesterday about noon Dewey Wood, colored, went into the City Market with a .38-pistol in his hand and began shooting at Lesley Drew, also colored, according to witnesses to the scene. Wood gave no reason for his drastic act but fired away. He was later arrested in Spiers' store by Chief C. R. Cable and placed in the guardhouse. Drew escaped injury.

According to reports the two negroes had a quarrel some time ago when Drew stopped in front of Wood in a drunken condition, cursing and otherwise disorderly. He was asked to leave and stay away but it seems that he went again Sunday afternoon and renewed the quarrel. Drew claims that he does not know why Wood was angry.

Lesley Drew has been the meat-cutter at the City Market for several years, and Dewey Wood is a cook at the Coates boarding house.

## MEADOW COMMUNITY CLUB HAS MEETING

Reports From the Various Committees Show Complete Working Body

The community organization at Meadow in Meadow township held its third monthly meeting on Thursday night, April 30th.

A large crowd was present and the exercises were begun at eight fifteen o'clock. Mr. W. V. Blackman, the chairman of the organization, re-stated in his opening remarks the purpose of the organization, which briefly stated, is for the full development of this splendid rural section along lines of home and farm life. He then called for a report of the several committees of the organization to state something of their activities since the March meeting. There is a committee on agriculture, health, home economics, education and recreation, and public welfare most of which reported a complete working body.

Present at the meeting were Dr. C. C. Massey, County Health Officer, Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, County Home Demonstration Agent, and H. V. Rose, Superintendent of Public Welfare. They stated how their departments could work with the organization and offered an extension work which from the State department might be available from time to time.

The entertainment committee gave a play and a few selections of music which were greatly enjoyed.

The organization is creating more than local interest. The State papers have given some accounts of the movement, and other sections of the country are centering their attention upon the Meadow community. Gov. McLean's idea of correlating the work of the schools and the extension departments of the State is already taking form in this wide-awake community. The work of erecting the new school building for this district is now going forward, and it is hoped that it will be ready for use by the beginning of the next school term. In the meantime the work of the organized community will continue to move along.

## OFFICERS OF NEW HOSPITAL ELECTED

Board of Directors Is Chosen And Building Committee Named; To Complete Drive for Funds

READY FOR BIDS SOON

The charter for the new Johnston county hospital has been received and an organization was perfected Friday afternoon at a meeting of the stockholders held in the commissioners room of the court house.

Mr. W. N. Holt, chairman of the hospital committee, presided over the meeting and the following directors were chosen: Dr. W. J. B. Orr, Dr. Thel Hooks, Mayor of Smithfield, (J. A. Narron, present incumbent), W. N. Holt, R. P. Holding, W. D. Hood, Dr. C. C. Massey, Dr. A. H. Rose, Dr. M. Hinnant, W. M. Sanders, R. C. Gillett, W. H. Austin and W. D. Averca. It was decided that the Board of Directors should elect the officers and members of the building committee rather than the stockholders, and immediately upon this action, nominations were called for. Dr. Thel Hooks was elected president, Dr. W. J. B. Orr, secy-treas., Dr. M. Hinnant, first vice-president, Dr. C. C. Massey, second vice-president, Dr. W. A. Marlowe, third vice-president.

The following building committee was named: R. C. Gillett, W. N. Holt and W. J. B. Orr.

The drive for funds which was put on several weeks ago, but which was interrupted by the exposition will be resumed at once, and an effort made to secure the necessary funds to proceed to build. The hospital committee which served in the recent campaign is asked to meet next Wednesday afternoon in the commissioners room at two o'clock to perfect plans of finishing this work.

Tentative plans, which were changed to suit the local needs, have been returned to the architect who will complete the blue prints and specifications, and at an early date bids for the contract will be in order.

The hospital committee has put in some good work toward the new institution, one of the things that served to impress the public being a float in the exposition parade. Dr. Orr and others on the float committee desire to thank children, parents and teachers who helped in making it a success.

## Mill Creek School Closes For Term

The closing exercises of the public school at Mill Creek in Bentonville township were held on Saturday night May 2. The program consisted of a few performances by the small children and a play by the larger students, assisted by some of the local talent. The play was a three-act comedy and was rendered in such a way as to create much pleasure for the large audience which completely filled the two class rooms of the building. Mr. Percy Smith and Mr. T. C. Keen, of Four Oaks, furnished very delightful music for the occasion; and Mr. Henry Powell, agent for the Delco-Light and Power System, of Smithfield, demonstrated his lights which gave a very splendid lighting to the house. All of these features entered into making this one of the most delightful entertainments that have been given at the school during the past year. The school this year has been under the management of Misses Willie Haydon and Marriote Davis and the work has been of a high order. Seven of the students of this school passed the seventh grade county examination which was given here some two weeks ago. The people of the community take much interest and pride in their school and they showed their appreciation of it at the closing exercises on Saturday night.

## B. & P. CLUB POSTPONED UNTIL ANOTHER WEEK

The meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed until next Tuesday night. Group Four will have charge of the program.