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RECORDERS COURT HAS FULL DOCKET

Various Charges Were Brought Against Defendants In Recorders Court Here Tuesday.

ONLY ONE WHISKEY CASE

Nothing more unusual than a full locket and a weltering hot day marked the opening of the Recorder's Court here Tuesday, August 11th. Solicitor Massey announced at the beginning of the day that something like forty cases had been regularly docketed on the criminal calendar. Several cases were closed upon submission, and about a dozen went to

Clyde Jones, a negro from Benson, was found guilty of the theft of a dress, which he stated to the court that he found in an ash-heap. He lost the dress and was sentenced to four months on the Smithfield township roads.

B. M. Adams confessed to the possession and transporting of one pint of whiskey, which officers found concealed under his shirt. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Lewis Roach, negro of Oneals township, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and assault upon another negro with a pistol. He entered a plea of guilty and was given a fifty dollar fine and taxed with the costs of the action.

Will Williams, negro from Benson, was charged with breaking into a hot dog stand at Benson. His arrest was made some few days after the alleg_ being searched for a suspicioned robbery of another store in Benson. When arrested he was found to be Williams over to the Superior court ust 23 under a \$500 bond.

able to give.

negroes from Meadow township, were program.

Not guilty.

from Princeton, was fined fifty dol- eral selections.

with a record of good behavior.

Amos Brunson, negro of Meadow wide. township, who is already doing a 12month sentence on the Smithfield Scouts Thank All township roads, was tried and found guilty of disturbing public worship at a negro church near his home twelve-month sentence he is now lowing resolution: serving.

Wednesday at Wrightsville Beach.

In 1.574 Games



Schalk-Chicago Sox, has broken all major league records-for twelve years catching more than 100 games a year. He set a new record last week when he caught game number 1574.

THANKSGIVING DAY PLANS TAKE SHAPE

Committee Met at Methodist Church Here Tuesday Night and Outlined Program-

Tentative plans were laid by the of the hot dog stand identified as night for the county-wide Thanksgiv- been done but seeing no signs he

speeches from quite a number of witnesses of the fire. John McOliver and Jesse Williams, Johnston county folk will feature the

lars and costs for carrying a con- The idea of the coming together is About the same time the home of cealed weapon and for an attempted for the entire population of Johnston Mr. Hobbs was burning, a colored use of said weapon on another negro. county to render thanks to God for man by the name of Alex Williams, Grover Hinton, white, of the Micro unusual blessings in the fruitful who lived on the McCullers farm section, was tried on a charge of crops that are to be seen on every across the creek from Mr. Hobbs, was abandonment and assault upon his hand, and a large representation on struck by lightning and almost instant wife with a deadly weapon. He was the day set apart is desired. Every ly killed. He was sitting by the open found guilty and prayer for judg- Sunday school superintendent and ev- fireplace in his home, according to the Kiwanis clubs of Eastern North marketing association. In advancing ment a year ago. The local organiment was continued upon payment of ery preacher in the county is request- information received here, when costs and upon the condition that ed to make announcement of the oc- lightning struck the chimney, ran defendant would appear again before casion at the churches and Sunday down into the room, breaking the this court on September 14, 1925, schools next Sunday, to the end that clock to pieces, knocking other things the news may be spread far and off the mantel and killing the ne-

Smithfield Citizens

some time ago. He was given a nine- The Scouts of Tuscarora Council in miles from here. The fuses were ty-day sentence on the road for this closing their second year of camping blown out but no other damage there offense to run concurrently with the at Camp Tuscarora passed the fol- has been reported.

P. E. Lane, a white man living in cil and Camp Tuscarora wish to thank by heavy wind and rain. Only a light Boon Hill township, was found guilty the people of Smithfield for their rain fell at Smithfield but there was of disposing of mortgaged property. courtesies and interest in our camp some thunder and lightning. He was given a ninety-day road sen- and our organization. We wish to tence, which was suspended upon the thank especially the following gen- Western Union Office condition that he was to make full tlemen for their whole hearted interrestitution of \$1100 to Mrs. Sallie est in our behalf: Messrs. T. C. O. Reilly, the prosecuting witness. Young, W. H. Austin, W. H. Yyon, A. M. Noble, Dr. J. W. Whitehead, The Western Union office which has Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gregory and Dr. Thel Hooks, Dr. W. J. B. Orr, heretofore closed at seven o'clock is first base, Whitaker; second base, children and Miss Ida Batten spent Rev. A. J. Parker and Rev. Chester now open each day until eight o'clock Vick and Parker; shortstop, Richard- outfield, Waters, Fulghum, Stone Wall quite a number of the services and Alexander.

Audit Shows Two More County Kenly Negro Killed By Coast Line Train Officials Short In Their Funds

Paving River End Of Market Street

The work of paving the end of Market Street toward the river has begun and before long the highway and the city streets will be connected a smooth concrete road. Travelers in this direction.

LIGHTNING BURNS HOME W. B. HOBBS

Burned Late Tuesday Afternoon ed. During Electrical Storm; Negro Killed on the McCullers Farm.

A severe electrical stor mvisited portions of Smithfield township late Tuesday afternoon, causing considerable damage and the death of a colored man. The home of Mr. W. B. Hobbs about five miles from here was struck by lightning and was completely destroyed by the fire which followed.

Mr. Hobbs and his daughter, Miss Pearl, were in the kitchen when the ed robbery and came about by his INVITE ALBERT COATES cloud came up and about 7:30 'o clock they heard an unusually hard thunderclap which seemed to strike the house. Mr. Hobbs immediately witness in this case. There was prob- faculty at the State University, has to help him. The fire was between the able cause and the court bound the been invited to make the principal ad- ceiling and the roof and the heavy defendant over to the August term dress of the occasion, but it is not rain had no effect on it. The house of Superior court. The bond required the idea of the committe for one burned almost down before the flames was \$500, which the defendant was man to do all the talking. Impromptu went out at the top, according to

Neighbors arrived on the scene in time to save practically all the furin court charged with making a pub- Judge F. H. Brooks was selected to niture but several stands of lard, cutive, \$974.70 was expended during lic in the Monday papers. lic disturbance. They entered a plea preside over the meeting which will all the cannedfruit and other things of guilty and begged the clemency of be held in the court house if the court stored in the pantry were lost. By the court, promising not to be heard room will hold the crowd, if not, on the help of the waterworks system from again in this respect. Continued the court house lawn. The Riverside all the outbuildings were saved. Neith prayer for judgment was entered and Serenaders will be on hand to fur- er Mr. Hobbs nor his daughter were defendants were discharged upon pay- nish some band music, and Mr. R. E. hurt by the stroke, but the dwelling Thomas and Mr. I. W. Medlin were was entirely destroyed. The loss is Clyde Carrol, a negro from Kenly, delegated to look after some good estimated at about \$5000, and it is was charged with cruelty to animals. singing. The local negro quintette understood that there was no insur_ that sang at a service during the ance on the building. Mr. Hobbs plans William Laurence Junius, a negro Ham-Ramsay meeting, may sing sev_ to build back at the same site at

> gro, who was about sixty years old. The house was not burned.

> During the same storm lightning struck the light plant of Mr. U. C. Capps, who has a store near the home of Mr. T. W. Ives about four

Besides the severe electricity in We, the Scouts of Tuscarora Coun- this section the storm was attended

To Stay Open Till 8

in the evening.

Around \$2,000 and Ex-Sheriff Massey Over \$77,000.00

MASSEY HAS NEW AUDIT

After months of auditing the books have been using the new bridge, of Z. L. LeMay, assistant clerk to but the old one has been kept until the late W. S. Stevens, W. J. Massey, this piece of road shall be complet- ex-sheriff and other county officials, ed, thus providing quite a convenience A. M. Pullen & Co., public accountfor those who live across the river ants, have made a final report to the ty composed of R. D. Langdon, Joel A. Johnson and S. H. Massey. These reports show Z. L. LeMay to be due amount, however, including \$416.39 bled on the tracks. for which papers have not been locat-

W. J. Massey is shown to owe the county \$77,570.28 which does not include interest and penalties for non OTHER DAMAGE IS DONE for a longer time than ten days, under a penalty of two per centum per month. Sheriff Massey is having an audit made of his books at his own expense and the Finance Committee BIG CASH ADVANCE has given him an opportunity to file eny exceptions before September 10.

The reports of the Finance committee in regard to these two former county officials are as follows:

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Camp Tuscarora

When arrested he was found to be committee which met here Tuesday went out to see if any damage had mer are over at Camp Tuscarora more than a million pounds of to-The camping days for this sumhis own. The court finding probable ing service to be held at the court went back into the house. In a short weeks this camp was open this sum- the South Carolina belt during the cause on the charge of larceny bound house here on Sunday afternoon Aughouse was burning under the roof of five counties composing this district ening met a cash advance of sixty-On account of the storm which the kitchen. It appeared that the took advantage of the opportunity five per cent of bankers' valuation Howard Mitchell, negro from the came up just at dark, a full repre- lightning struck the tin roof of the to spend a week or more at this de- on the 1925 crop and the result is vicinity of Clayton, was in court unsentation on the committee was not kitchen, ran down to the top of the lightful place. A report from Scout that hundreds of non members are der a serious charge, that of seduc- present, but several sections were rep- back porch and ran back up under the Executive W. W. Rivers, of Golds- appealing to the association for an tion under the promise of marriage. resented, and a tentative program was roof. Mr. Hobbs tried to throw water boro, shows that during the short stay opportunity to "sign-up" before they Mary O'Neal, organist in the colored outlined. Mr. Albert Coates, a native on the fire but it was almost impossiat the camp, twenty-one boys learned put any more of the weed on the Baptist church, was the prosecuting Johnstonian, who is a member of the ble to reach it and he had no one to swim as much as fifty yards, 198 market. persons visited the camp, four courts | Turning of tags on several auction the camping period, which was spent It is not, however, the purpose of in Smithfield.

ber 1, he will be in Smithfield a day the tenant farmer is enabled to delivand a half and one night each week. er his tobacco to the association un-On August 29 he will leave for Charder the provisions of the landlord's of over a thousand men. The two leston, S. C., to attend a Scout Execu- contract. This procedure has been weeks of camp life is looked upon tive conference.

Camp Tuscarora received a B certifi- the history of the association. during the coming winter and plans following to say: are now being made to that effect.

ginia League. The Kiwanis game ganization." wanis Club. Anyone who is not a the marketing of a crop of tobacco. member will not be eligible to play. Walden has announced that the following will probably make up the local line-up:

pitchers, Mitchell and Whitaker; Street. son; third base, Massey and Hughes; Blackburn and Johnson.

Wilson, Aug. 11 .- Jerry Stott, 65 year old negro, was struck and inmorning by Atlantic Coast Line train No. 86 as it passed thru Kenly. The negro was crossing the tracks from his home to a house across the way to get a bucket of water and he stumbled and fell in the path of the onrushing train. Apparently neither the engineer nor the fireman noticed the robbery took place at Turner's bridge man, as the train failed to stop.

Mack Johnson, a witness, who reported the incident to the county officials and Coroner Rex Farmer and was relieved of four thousand doi-Deputy Sheriff Frank Barnes, rush- lars worth of diamonds. According finance committee of Johnston coun- ed to the scene. Johnson stated that to the story related in the Sheriff's he saw Stott as he started to cross office here by the young lady herself the tracks and also saw the train, she was visiting relatives in Wilson. which he alleges failed to blow its She had met a young man, H. C. warning for the crossing. Johnson Waleh, in Wilson, who had heard her on same from July 23, 1925, this also told the officials that Stott stum- speak of a friend in Dunn whom she

fireman, who appeared before him ranged for a taxi to carry them over, this afternoon and told that they and also had a picnic lunch put up knew nothing of the accident until for them by the Hotel Cherry, where they reached Rocky Mount. Both he was stopping. bids the sheriff to retain over \$3000 contended that they sounded the As they were riding along Mr. which Stott was killed.

TO TOBACCO COOPS

Season Opens in the South Car- bottles while they ate. After they had olina Belt With Sixty-five Per Cent Cash Advance.

Closes For Season OTHERS ASK TO SIGN UP

on Holt Lake. During the several bacco to cooperative warehouses in

of honor were held, and sixty-seven floors during the past week was almerit badges were passed. One was most an epidemic. The boasted averpromoted to Eagle Scout, the highest age on the auction floors during the honor in the organization. There were first three days the markets were twenty second-class scouts to pass opened has dwindled three to four the tests and sixteen first class cents in the light of figures compilscouts. According to the Scout Exe- ed by warehousemen and made pub-

the association at this time to re-open Mr. Rivers says that after Septem- the books. As is now generally known, followed more during the opening day as a recreation, the physical and men-Last year, according to Mr. Rivers, of the season than ever before in

cate from the National Council, but Summing up the situation in the this year it received a 1A certificate. South Carolina, belt a few days af- officer as the senior Captain in the Mr. Rivers is hoping to have the ter the markets had opened, the Flor- regiment. Capt. Springs assumes comwinter holiday camp open for scouts ence (S. C.) News-Review had the mand of the personnel aboard the

tures of the opening of the South rival of the train at Fort Bragg. Selma Kiwanians To Tackle Kinston Carolina tobacco market was the Selma, Aug. 11.—August 21st all strong pace set by the cooperative have been reduced since the encamp_ Carolina will meet at Kinston. One to members 65 per cent upon the basis zation is composed of three officers of the big features of this meeting of prices equally as high as last and fifty-three men at present. These will be a baseball game between the year, the association threw a bomb- officers and men extend the public an Selma Kiwanis Club and the Kins- shell into the tobacco camp. It was invitation to visit them in camp, ton Kiwanis Club. This game will be hailed with delight by members of feeling that the time required to followed by a game between the Nor- the association and received as an make the trip is filled with many folk and Kinston clubs of the Vir- indication of the strength of the or_ things of interest as well as amuse-

promises to be a good game. With The significant thing about the Fred Walden as manager, the local high advance made possible this year to visit the members of our organiclub has lost only one game this sea- to association members is, in the opin- zation it is suggested that, in view son and he says that he is deter_ ion of everybody, the degree of confi- of other State National Guardsmen mined that they shall not lose to dence which the Federal government being there at the same time, they ask Kinston on the 21st. Nothing is and the great financial institutions the men on duty as sentinels where known of the Kinston club here, but have in the tobacco association. The are the North Carolina troops. This no stone will be left unturned in car- sixty-five per cent advance is the will save a lot of time and unnecrying to Kinston the best team that highest ever made by an agency of can be secured from the local Ki- the government in assisting to finance

Dr. McLemore Moves Office

Catchers, Walden and Waters; Johnston's Drug Store on Market were baptized. Rev. J. Ruffin Coates

BOLD ROBBERY ON HIGHWAY NEAR BY

Z. L. LeMay Due the County stantly killed at 5:30 o'clock this Young Lady From Georgia Is Relieved of Four Thousand Dollars Worth Diamonds.

THE THIEF DISAPPEARS

What appears to be a well planned near here Sunday afternoon, when Miss Margaret Parker of Georgia would like to see. He invited her to Coroner Rex Farmer summoned go with him to Dunn on Sunday, and Engineer E. A. Day and Jim Chavis, she accepted the invitation. He ar-

whistle for the crossing about one Walch asked Miss Parker to allow hundred yards from the place at him to see her diamond rings. She was wearing three, one a 3 carat given her by her mother. She complied with his request, and he still had them when they stopped about five o'clock just across Turner's bridge at the foot of the hill to eat their supper. The chauffeur was sent back to Smithfield to return some coca cola finished eating the man disappeared and the young man or her diamonds have been seen since. The negro chauffeur came back but appeared to know nothing of Walch. The young lady who was about 20 years old, Raleigh, Aug. 10.-Delivery of hailed two white boys and asked She found they were going to Selma, and finally arranged for one of them to take her to Wilson. She came to Smithfield Monday and reported the matter to the sherif. It is reasonable to suppose that had she reported the matter as soon as it happened the thief might have been apprehended.

To Camp On Aug. 16

The 2nd Bn Hq Det & Com Trn, of the 117 Field Artillery leave Sunday at 1:35 p. m. on a special train composed of Field Artillery organizations for Washington, New Bern and Goldsboro, the other two Battallions to join the Second Batallion at Fort Bragg compose organizations from Youngsville, Louisburg, Hendersonville, Lenoir, Monroe and Regimental Headquarters Battery from Dunn. The organizations have a personnel tal training have no equal.

This year the Smithfield organization is honored with its commanding train and all organizations are di-"One of the most encouraging fea- rectly under his command untill the ar

> The strength of all National Guard ment and excitement at Fort Bragg.

For the benefit of those who desire essary worry in finding the barracks.

Revival Closes a tHopewell

A revival closed at Hopewell Free Will Baptist church last week that Dr. G. A. McLemore has moved his was really a revival. Fifty-eight office from over Pender's store to joined the church, forty-nine of whom is the pastor of this church. The laymen's federation were present in