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—Renovation of Opera House.
—More Paved Streets.
—Chamber of Commerce.

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Gainey Trial Outstanding Case In Superior Court

Marvin and Mann Thornton are Convicted of Burning Young Hubert Gainey On Night of March 26.

SEVERAL OTHER CASES

The Superior Court closed here at three o'clock last Saturday afternoon after a busy week for the judge and solicitor and others who had been connected with the cases which were disposed of during the week.

The outstanding case of the week was that of state vs. Marvin and Mann Thornton, two young white men of Sampson county, who were charged with an assault upon Hubert Gainey, white, aged 16, also of Sampson county. It will be recalled that on the night of March 26, 1925, these three men in company with some others were fishing in the Weaver-Bass mill pond in Bentonsville township. During the hours in which they were around the pond these three men became engaged in rough play and boisterous behavior. It was noted at the mill that the Thorntons were as scrupulous as to their means of dealing with young Gainey. Leaving the mill about eleven o'clock, the three men traveled together along with three other members of the fishing party to a point near Gainey's home. At a cross roads he left the party which he understood made their way onward toward their homes in upper Sampson county. A short distance from where Gainey left the party he stopped at a burning gate post to take off his boots and here unexpectedly the two Thorntons made their appearance. They engaged in casual conversation and, without warning, the elder of the Thorntons applied a burning faggot to his loose fitting overalls which burned rapidly. In an effort to quench the fire, young Gainey ran out across a field and a forest to a ditch containing water, and succeeded soon thereafter in extinguishing the fire which had inflamed rather serious burning upon him and his clothing. While in the ditch putting out the fire, he was a second time accosted by his assailants and demand was made upon him to get out of the ditch. His refusal to comply was followed by their violently dragging him out of the ditch, stripping him of all his clothing, and thrusting him into a burning stump hole, from which he emerged some few moments afterwards in a badly burned condition. His assailants in the meantime deserted him and he was left alone about the midnight hour in a nude condition, and the rest of the night was spent in an aimless wander about the burning forest. The coming of dawn revealed the residence of an old negro woman, to which he went for relief. Such were the contentions of the state. The defendants plead not guilty, and relied upon the corroborating evidence of their friends of the fishing party to prove that instead of taking up any time with young Gainey after he left them at the cross roads they went directly home and to bed. Young Gainey's testimony was strongly corroborated by the testimony of several witnesses as to the tracks of the two men wearing shoes over practically the same territory that was traveled by Gainey according to his testimony. This case was called at ten o'clock Friday. Considerable time was consumed in securing a jury. Several witnesses were examined for both the state and defense during the day, and at nine-fifty-five that night both sides rested. Saturday morning was devoted to the argument of the counsellors, and at twelve-thirty the judge charged the jury. After some three hours they returned a verdict against the defendants, which stated that the defendants were guilty of an assault inflicting serious bodily injury but without an intention to take the young man's life. The maximum period of confinement which the law imposes under a

UNUSUAL SPEAKER AT COURT HOUSE TONIGHT

Tonight at eight o'clock, Dr. D. W. Daniels, of Clemson College, S. C., will speak at the courthouse, his subject to be: "The Economic Relationship of Farmers and Business Men." Dr. Daniels was secured for an address at Benson tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Kiwanis Club of that city, and Smithfield citizens and farmers took advantage of this opportunity to have him speak in Smithfield. He is the dean of the school of English and literature at Clemson College. He is a speaker of national reputation. He is humorous enough to keep his audience in an uproar and at the same time drive home his thoughts in a most convincing way. Both men and women are invited to hear Dr. Daniels.

FIRE BURNS HAY VALUED AT \$400

Hay, Ford Truck and Shed Burned, Reduced to Ashes By Fire of Unknown Origin.

After quite a long rest, the city fire department was called out Sunday evening about seven-thirty o'clock, fire having been discovered in a storage house near the Jotex Filling Station on Market street. The building was used by Peedin McCain and Peterson for storing hay and the fire destroyed a car load of hay and a Ford truck. The loss was estimated at \$700, the hay being valued at \$400, the truck at \$200 and the house at \$100. The hay was partially insured, but there was no insurance on the truck or the house. This is the second time this house has caught fire but each time before it was saved before much damage was done. It took quite a while to extinguish the fire in the hay. It is not known how the fire originated.

TRINITY FIELD CALLS A PASTOR

Rev. P. A. Pridgen Called as Pastor of Five Churches Composing the Trinity Field.

Last Sunday night a joint committee representing the five Baptist churches of the Trinity field met after the evening service at Trinity and extended a call to Rev. P. A. Pridgen of Bladenboro, to serve as pastor. He had preached at three of the churches on Sunday, and the people of the churches in general expressed themselves as well pleased. The action was final, except that it has to be referred to two of the churches for ratification, which it is believed will be forthcoming. Rev. S. L. Morgan was present in the meeting at Trinity representing the executive committee of the association and the State Board of Missions. It is understood that, if Mr. Pridgen accepts the call, he will begin work the third Sunday in September.

REVIVAL TO COMMENCE AT BARBOUR'S CHAPEL

The annual revival meeting will commence at Barbour's Chapel Advent Christian church on Monday night after the fifth Sunday, August 31, and continue over the second Sunday in September. Elder Gordon O. Reed, of Live Oak, Fla., will do the preaching. He will be assisted by the pastor and others. Prof. D. S. Duck, of Tennessee, will have charge of the singing. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting and help by doing your bit for God and for humanity. Pray that the church may be revived and sinners saved. J. Q. BAKER.

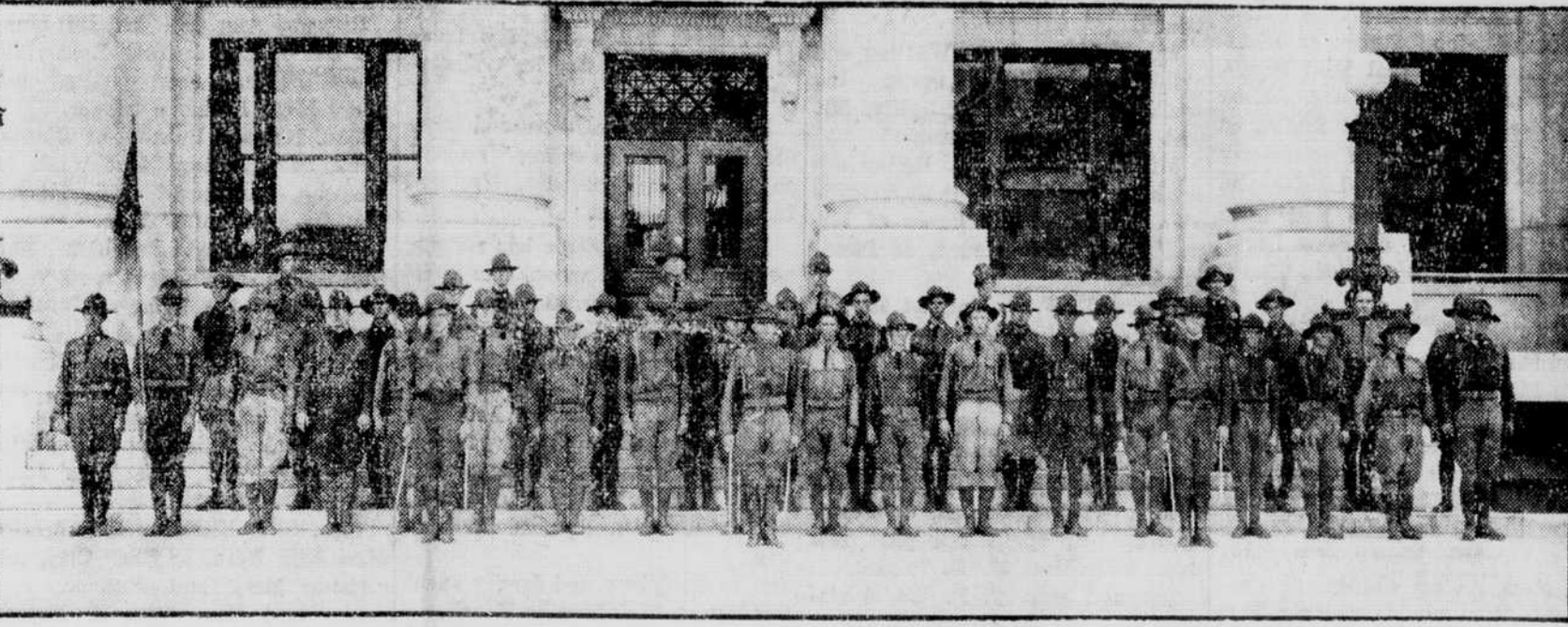
GOV. MCLEAN BACK AT STATE CAPITAL

Gives Assurance That The Situation at State Sanatorium Will Be Properly Take Care of.

MUSEUM OPENED AGAIN

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—With Governor McLean again in action at the capitol after nearly three weeks of hard labor in the forests of Wisconsin, from which he was recently released in the "pink condition," matters of state are likely to be handled in the same masterly way that has characterized administrative progress since the present executive put his hand to the wheel last January. The Governor has thoroughly enjoyed the outing, liked the "physical endurance tests" to which he was subjected during his absence and is ready to plunge into the pile of documents awaiting his attention without the least hesitancy. Reported conditions at the State Sanatorium for Tuberculosis will probably receive first consideration. According to a statement sent out from that institution a week ago by the Associated Press sixteen patients, all suffering from tuberculosis, some of them bedridden, had been requested to surrender their rooms by the first of September to make room for prisoners from the State's Prison similarly afflicted. The order, said to have been promulgated by the board of directors, affected all patients who had been at the Sanatorium eighteen months which amounts to an invitation to thirty-six to leave within the next six months. The need for beds rather than money says Superintendent McCain and the reaction to the press story indicates a very decided sentiment on the part of the public that the situation should be met with a remedy without delay. The suggestion of returning helpless sick people to their homes, or the almshouses is revolting and Governor McLean gives assurance that the situation will "be properly taken care of." Dr. P. P. McCain, superintendent, states that 150 applications for admission are now on file. The commission which is charged with adjusting the salaries of State employees on a "uniform and equitable basis," is to make its final report to the Governor. It is announced that data has been collected and wage scales worked out for all the State departments and educational and charitable institutions. No final action will be taken until the Commission has conferred with Mr. McLean whose approval of the report is necessary before it can go into effect. It will probably be October before any change in the present salary scale can be effected. It is announced by H. L. Stanton State Supervisor of Industrial Rehabilitation, that the establishment of a State wide system of orthopedic clinics for the free treatment of indigent cripples is under contemplation by orthopedic surgeons and others interested recently in conference at Greensboro. The aid of local civic agencies and organizations will be sought to help meet the expense of "putting cripples back on their feet," says the State Supervisor of this highly important work. Announcement is made by the State Board of Vocational Education that 5293 men and boys were last year enrolled in the short unit courses conducted by that bureau and its agents. 105 schools offered day classes and 247 shorter class periods. Superintendent T. E. Brown says that during last year and a part of the year previous \$556,046 were earned by the boys on various projects, with an expenditure of only \$20,000 for instructors. In classes conducted by farm demonstration agents 2590 pupils were given instructions in intensive farming. In twenty negro and 120 white schools instructions in home economics were given to 5552 girls. New quarters for the State Museum in the rear of the Agricultural Department completed at last and fully occupied by curious quarters thoroughly renovated and awaiting welcome to all who call the boll weevil. The Museum has been closed to the public for more

FIFTY-EIGHT MEMBERS LOCAL NATIONAL GUARD



The 2nd Battalion Headquarters Detachment & Combat Train, of the 117th Field Artillery which is training at Fort Bragg.

ALL DAY MEETING SANDERS CHAPEL

Three Home Demonstration Clubs To Hold All Day Meeting and Picnic at Sanders Chapel.

This is the season for all-day meetings, picnics and outings, and an event of this sort has been arranged by three home demonstration clubs to be held in the grove at Sanders Chapel church next Thursday, August 27. These clubs are, Pomona, Carter-Massey and Creech. Mrs. L. Barnes, president of the Pomona club, Mrs. Josiah Staniel, of Carter, Mrs. R. L. Barden, of Massey and Mrs. Preston Creech, of the Creech club, are particularly anxious that the day be an entire success and every effort is being put forth and by the total membership of these clubs including about seventy-five women to make the occasion one to be long remembered. Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, county home agent, will be on hand and help carry out the program of the day. It will be purely a get-together, good time meeting with enough speaking thrown in to make the day profitable. The Riverside Serenaders brass band of Smithfield will give a concert in the morning and another in the afternoon. All those present will participate in a community sing, a feature of the morning program, and a speaker from the State department of Raleigh will be on hand with a worth while talk. At the noon hour while the picnic dinner is being spread, Miss Mary E. Wells, county supervisor of schools, will entertain the young people with stories. The afternoon will be devoted to music, contests and stunts. Prizes have been arranged for those winning in the contests. Certificates for those who attended the short course at Raleigh will be awarded during the day. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting and carry a well filled basket.

THE GRAND JURY MAKES A REPORT

Makes Certain Recommendations Regarding County Home, Convict Camp and Court House.

The Grand Jury for the August term of criminal Superior Court having finished its work Thursday made the following report to Judge W. A. Devin through the foreman, Mr. C. M. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills. We, the members of the Grand Jury, beg to report as follows: 1. We have passed upon all bills of indictment sent us by the court according to the evidence in each case and disposed of all matters coming before us according to law. 2. We have visited the county home and find the same to be well kept and in good sanitary condition. We make the following recommendations: (a) Since the present pasture for the stock has no water in it and the same can be, by the use of a few rolls of wire, greatly enlarged so as to include a stream of water which would then furnish adequate pasturage and water for the cows and hogs, we recommend that this wire be furnished by the county. (b) Also there should be furnished to the county home poultry wire and houses sufficient to take care of the poultry on the place. (c) It is further the opinion of the Grand Jury that there is needed a man and a woman to assist in cooking and waiting on the helpless inmates. 3. We visited the convict camp and find the following conditions: (a) The mattresses and pillows are old and in a very unsanitary condition. (b) The kitchen, tables etc are dirty and should be kept in a more cleanly condition. (c) The quarters are too small for proper sanitary conditions. 4. We have visited the various offices in the court house and find them all well kept. 5. We have examined the court house building and find that on the top story in and around the cells of the jail, there are defects and that damage is being done to the walls which seems to be caused by dampness. We recommend in this matter that a competent in-

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Johnstonians Offer Thanks For Unusually Fine Crops

FIRST BALE OF NEW COTTON IS SOLD HERE

The first bale of new cotton to be marketed in Smithfield was bought Friday by W. M. Sanders and Son and brought twenty-five cents a pound. Mr. James W. Lee, who lives six miles southeast of Four Oaks, sold the cotton. It was ginned on Friday by J. W. and W. M. Sanders at the Four Oaks gin plant. So far as we know this was the first bale of new cotton to be marketed in Johnston county.

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Large Crowd Participates In Service of Praise and Prayer Held In Court House Here Sunday Afternoon.

HON. E. W. POU SPEAKS

The poet Gray expressed truth when he penned the lines: "Sweet is the breath of vernal shower, The bee's collected treasure sweet, Sweet music's melting fall, but sweeter yet The softest voice of gratitude." As we consider Johnston county's unprecedented crops of corn, cotton and tobacco which bids fair to fill the barns to overflowing as the harvesting proceeds, the finest thing in it all is "the still, small voice of gratitude" which found expression in the special thanksgiving service held in the court house here Sunday afternoon, and in which a thousand citizens from every section of Johnston county participated. The speaker invited for the occasion, Albert M. Coates, of Chapel Hill, was unable to be present and there was no formal address. It was perhaps the informality of the occasion carrying the impression of spontaneous expression that got hold of those present and it was everybody's meeting from the first note of the Doxology, led by R. E. Thomas, well known choir director of Johnston county, on through to the benediction which was pronounced by Rev. Robert Strickland, eighty-year-old Confederate veteran of Bentonsville township. The service was first of all one of thanksgiving, and Rev. S. H. Styron, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church of Pine Level, breathed a prayer of worship and thankfulness that carried to the throne on high the sentiment of the vast audience. Judge F. H. Brooks presided over the meeting. He recalled the first Johnston county thanksgiving service prompted by Chas. W. Horne of Clayton and the late W. S. Steverson. Mr. Horne was sick on this occasion and unable to be present but he sent a message of thanksgiving. Rev. A. J. Perker, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, read Psalms 95 and 96 appropriate to the service. Congressman E. W. Pou was the first speaker introduced. "History shows that the nations that have recognized the great God have been the most civilized," Mr. Pou stated, and he attributed the prosperity and success which have come to the south to the faith of its people. But we are not yet perfect, according to Mr. Pou's idea. There are too many murders, too many robberies, and self examination is in order. America still has it in her power if she will take the opportunity to banish forever from the world that black curse known as war. Mr. Pou along with other Johnston county citizens thinks the greatest county in America is Johnston county, and he closed his talk with an appeal that we dedicate

WILSON CHAMBER COMMERCE HELPS

Requests Board of Commissioners To Issue Short Term Notes To Pave Route 22 At Once.

Citizens particularly in that section of the county that joins Wilson County have been somewhat disturbed over the fact that it has seemed doubtful whether or not Wilson would pave Route 22 to the Johnston County line. When Johnston county decided to loan the State Highway Commission money to hardsurface this route through this county it was thought that the other counties would make similar arrangements, and the paved road would be continuous.

Business men in Kenans and Lenoir vicinity signed a protest recently against this road being left unpaved, and considerable interest has been manifested in what would finally be done. Mayor Narron handed us the following letter from the Wilson Chamber of Commerce yesterday which makes the situation appear more favorable, and raises hope that the entire route may be hardsurfaced without undue delay. "To the Mayor and Citizens of Smithfield, N. C.— "At the regular meeting of our Board of Directors the conditions existing regarding Route 22 were brought up and thoroughly discussed. A resolution was offered and unanimously adopted requesting the Board of County Commissioners to issue short term notes or bonds in a sufficient amount to take care of this road. "In the event our County Commissioners do not issue short term notes or bonds to hardsurface Route 22 we have assurance from the State Highway Commission that this road will be hardsurfaced at the earliest possible moment. "We want the people of your town and community to know that Wilson is in thorough accord with your desires to have route 22 paved, and no stone will be left unturned for the completion of this job. "We will thank you to have this letter published in your papers that our friends may know just what we are trying to do in their behalf.

"WILSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE" (Transportation Committee) "T. B. WARD" "J. W. HOUSE" "G. T. FULGHUM" "DOANE HERRING" "LUCIEN HADLEY"

STATE DENTIST AT BENSON AND FOUR OAKS

Dr. J. S. Moore, state school dentist, will be in Benson at the high school building on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 24, 25 and 26, and at Four Oaks high school on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 27, 28 and 29, for the purpose of holding dental clinic. This dental work for children from the ages of 6 to 12, and is entirely free. DR. C. C. MASSEY, County Health Officer.

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GENERAL COUNTY TAX LEVY IS 93C

Sixty-eight Cents for Schools; 15 Cents for General County Purposes; 10 Cents for Courthouse, Jail.

EDGERTON NEW CHM.

The filling of the vacancy on the county board of commissioners occasioned by the death of Mr. J. W. Jones who was chairman, and the fixing of the tax rate were the chief items of business at the special adjourned meeting of the commissioners held here last week. Mr. J. T. Edgerton of Kenly was appointed to succeed Mr. Jones, though Mr. A. H. Morgan of Meadow was chosen as chairman of the county board. Mr. Morgan had been acting as chairman during the illness and since the death of Mr. Jones.

A general county tax of 93 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property was levied, 68 cents for general school purposes, 15 cents for general county purposes, and ten cents for court house and jail bonds. The levy is two cents less than that of last year, the rate for schools last year being 70 cents. This levy was made in spite of the fact that the school budget this year calls for more money than last. The lowered rate will be welcomed by the taxpayers.

At this same meeting levies for road tax in the various townships were made as follows: Banner, 30 cents; Bentonsville sinking fund only 30 cents and convict labor 25 cents; Beulah, sinking fund 25 cents maintenance 15 cents; labor 15 cents; Boone Hill, sinking fund maintenance labor 23 cents; Clayton, 30 cents; Cleveland, 30 cents; Elevator, 30 cents; Long, 30 cents; Mc, 30 cents; M, 25 cents; convict, 25 cents; ON, 25 cents; P, 30 cents; Ple, 30 cents; bonds, 30 cents; Se, 30 cents; Sm, 30 cents; Wil, 30 cents; tonar, 30 cents; W, 30 cents; In, 30 cents; O, 30 cents; sessis, 30 cents; lowin, 30 cents; Or, 30 cents; be pa, 30 cents; er m, 30 cents; Or, 30 cents; Act, 30 cents; chin, 30 cents; work, 30 cents; cour, 30 cents; C, 30 cents; sci, 30 cents; vid, 30 cents; app, 30 cents; gult, 30 cents; On, 30 cents; paid, 30 cents; tax, 30 cents; O, 30 cents; miss, 30 cents; auth, 30 cents; covr, 30 cents; bet, 30 cents; limi, 30 cents; to, 30 cents; of, 30 cents; a, 30 cents; ba, 30 cents; is, 30 cents; e, 30 cents.