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Sensational Case Fails To Be Tried

More Than a Hundred Witnesses Summoned Here in Talton-Earp Slander Case Which Is Continued

The second week of a special term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases opened here on Monday, April 5th.

One of the most sensational cases that has been called to the attention of the public for several years was called for trial yesterday, the first day of court. It is the case of Mrs. Carrie Talton of Smithfield against Mr. and Mrs. Henry Earp of Selma. Mrs. Talton in her complaint alleges slander, and she is suing each defendant for the recovery of \$50,000. Both the plaintiff and the defendants have summoned a large number of people to testify in their behalf, respectively, something like a hundred and fifty people being summoned here yesterday.

LARGE CROWD ENJOYS EASTER MUSICAL

The Easter music festival given under the auspices of the Woman's club at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by a large audience, a number of out of town people being present for the program. Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson presided at the piano, and a chorus of twenty-five voices or more rendered a number of inspiring Easter selections.

Mr. H. S. Powell Wins Trip

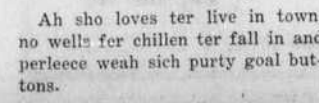
Mr. H. S. Powell, local representative of the Delco-Light company, is among the four or five representatives in Eastern North Carolina to win a trip to Dayton, Ohio, by selling their quota of goods in a given time.

A Freak Egg

Mr. D. H. Stephenson, of Wilson's Mills, exhibited a freak in the form of a hen egg here yesterday. The egg was unusually large, and on the inside was a perfectly formed egg of normal size.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Mc-- Ah sho loves ter live in town, no wells fer chillen ter fall in and perleece weah sich purty goal buttons.



TICKETS FOR THE CAROLINA PLAYMAKERS

An error was made in the first posters advertising the Smithfield engagement of the Carolina Playmakers in regard to the price of tickets. Instead of \$1.50, reserved seats will be only one dollar, and the price for general admission will be only fifty and seventy-five cents.

Clayton Women Take Firm Stand

Organizations Pass Resolutions That Only County Officers Favoring Prohibition Will Gain Their Support

The women of Clayton have taken a decided stand for cleaner politics. Through three organizations of that city, an expression of their stand as regards prohibition, slot machines, and questionable periodicals, has been made public.

"The enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment is the immediate and insistent challenge to the people of this nation. Its law enforcement in too many localities is the greatest menace to temperance. The country cannot live half law breaker and half law observer. Where law is not observed anarchy prevails. The law must be respected in the homes and enforced in the courts or the crime wave will engulf us.

"Conscious of the great wave of crime sweeping over Johnston county--Therefore, we, the members of the Woman's Club and the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church, and the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church of Clayton, assembled each in regular session, do declare by unanimous vote, that we will not support in the coming Primaries and election any man, regardless of party, who will not declare himself in sympathy with the Eighteenth Amendment, and who will not promise to make a faithful effort to enforce the prohibition law."

"We also declare ourselves as unalterably opposed to the operation of slot machines in our county and state. We regard the slot machine as a snare and menace to our boys, and look upon it as the kinder-garten in the training school for gamblers. We call upon every citizen in whose place of business such a machine is operated to consider this appeal, and for the security of our boys--your boy--to play the part of a good citizen and remove such danger."

Our attention has been directed to the sale of certain periodicals which are detrimental to both mental and moral development. We therefore petition the proprietors of news stands to offer for sale only such literature as will tend to the mental and moral development of the reading public."

Every good gardener in North Carolina should enroll in the State-wide garden contest and help his county to win one of the major prizes.

Cleveland School To Be At Oakland

Grant School Elections at Four Oaks and Meadow--Jones District Asks Annexation to Smithfield

The County Board of Education composed of W. G. Wilson of Wilson's Mills, P. B. Johnson of Benson, and J. W. Woodard of Beulah township, met in regular session here yesterday and took certain steps for the furtherance of education in Johnston county.

The Board entered into a discussion of the location of the school house to be built in Cleveland township. After a thorough discussion the Board found as a fact: First that the center of the roads in this territory is the one and nine-tenths miles of road between Shiloh and Oakland, second that the geographical center of the territory is one-tenth mile east of Oakland church, and third that the center of population of the territory is slightly east of Barbour's store. With these facts before the board the members each prepared their ballots on locating the school at Oakland, Shiloh and a point between these two points.

The Board then granted two petitions for elections, one in Meadow No. 2 and one in Four Oaks District in Igrams No. 8. A delegation appeared before the board from the Jones District asking that an election be called on the question of annexation to the Smithfield special chartered district. The board understood that the board of trustees of the Smithfield graded school district would sign a petition requesting said election on this question. In order to see whether there was any chance to carry said election the board directed those appearing to present them with a petition signed by the voters of the Jones district stating whether they want to annex or not at which time said matter will be disposed of.

The committee from the Royal Elevation District appeared before the Board and were granted the right to pay from their local tax into the Four Oaks District the tuition of all students from the Royal District who intend to continue school into the Four Oaks District for the remainder of this term and to pay the county for the operation of the truck or trucks the last two months.

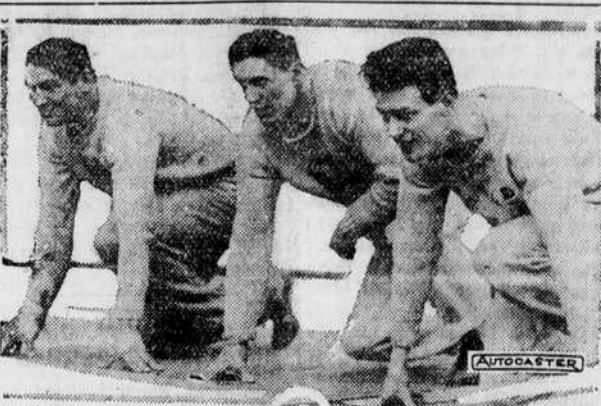
The Fitzgerald District presented a petition requesting that their district be consolidated with Pine Level and Micro so as to divide their district at Burnt Stocking Branch. This petition was granted and that part of Fitzgerald District lying between the Micro District and Burnt Stocking was ordered consolidated with Micro at a rate of special tax 20 cents on the \$100.00, and that part of Fitzgerald District lying between Burnt Stocking and Pine Level is ordered consolidated with the Pine Level District at a rate of 25 cents.

The board ordered that notes maturing with the Eyer and company and the demand notes held by the banks in Smithfield be negotiated in a loan with Eyer and company at the rate of interest of \$0.49.

Whereas one or more of the Kenly, Micro, Pine Level and Princeton high school districts are contemplating taking action in the form of calling an election to increase their revenue so that high schools may be maintained in these districts next year at an early date, the Board adjourned to meet in an adjourned meeting with the Board of Commissioners in order that these elections may be granted promptly when the petitions are presented, since said elections must be called within the next few days to enable any of these districts to maintain a high school next year.

Club work gives the rural boy and girl a greater vision of the beauty of rural life and the building of a better citizenship.

A Famous Trio, All Set To Go



Lined up on the mark we have Tony Plansky, Georgetown University and Interscholastic Penn relay champ; Emerson Norton, Indoor College High Jump champ and Charlie Hoff, Norwegian Pole Vaulter, ready for a trial run at Georgetown University, where Hoff and Norton trained for the N. Y. meeting with Harold Osborn for the world decathlon championship.

Benson Debaters Win Over Erwin

Triangular Debate Held In Benson Friday Night--Other Benson News

Benson, April 5.--Benson affirmative team won over the negative team from Erwin Friday night in the triangular debate held in the school auditorium. The subject was: "Resolved, That North Carolina should levy a state tax on property to aid in the support of an eight months school term." Both teams had good debaters and they showed they had spent a good deal of time and done some hard work in preparing them. Benson was in the triangle with Rowland and Erwin. The Benson debaters were: Miss Alice Jones and Mr. Milton Allen; negative, Miss Pearl Reaves and Mr. Gerald Pleasant. The judges were: Rev. J. E. Kirk, Dr. W. T. Martin and Mr. Lore, principal of the Dunn high school.

A representative number from the twelve B. Y. P. U.'s in Johnston county met in Benson Sunday afternoon and heard a splendid program given by the various leaders. The meeting was presided over by Miss Eva Johnson, of Smithfield. An interesting demonstration was given by the Benson B. Y. P. U. The quartet from Baie's Creek furnished the music.

Mr. Arthur Jernigan, proprietor of the East Filling station, and Miss Bessie Watson, of Elevation township, were married on the 15th by Rev. Starling Massengill. Only a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. They will make their home near Poplar Springs school.

The Boys Athletic association met Tuesday afternoon and organized a tennis and baseball team. De Leon Britt was made captain and Fuller Moore manager. The prospects for the season are good. "Victory" was selected as their motto.

The Juniors gave a delightful program in chapel Friday morning. De Leon Britt conducted the devotional exercise. Questions and answers were given by Fuller Moore and Ransome Whittenton; reading, Beatrice Jones; piano solo, Lydia Wells; life of John Howard Payne, Gladys Pleasant; Junior-Senior song, Juniors; dramatization of "Home Sweet Home; Boola song, school.

The Wake Forest Glee club will give a concert in the school auditorium next Friday evening at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Kiwanis club.

Father and Son night was observed at the regular meeting of the Kiwanis club Tuesday night. R. C. Wells was in charge of the program. The principal speakers were Attorney L. L. Levinson and Judge Ezra Parker. There were about thirty young boys present.

The Young Peoples Missionary society of the Methodist church met with Miss Irene Hudson recently. An attractive program was put on by the superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Blalock. Refreshments were served.

Recorder's Court Tries Few Cases

Negro Who Caused Death of Miss Leone Blackman Bound Over To Superior Court

The following cases were disposed of here last Tuesday in the Recorder's Court: Romie Hastings, the negro who caused the death of Miss Leone Blackman, of Selma, by the reckless operation of an automobile, which lamentable event occurred two weeks ago, was bound over to the Superior Court, charged with manslaughter. His bond was fixed at \$1,000, and being unable to give bond he was placed in the jail for safe keeping.

James Johnson entered a plea of guilty of violating the prohibition laws. He was sentenced to the county roads for a term of 60 days and required to pay costs.

Sandy Moore plead guilty to a charge of driving a car in a reckless manner. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Julius Stanley was found guilty of abandonment and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of costs.

Claude Langston, a negro from Benson, was found guilty of abduction and other ugly charges affecting his marriage status. He was assigned to do four months on the county roads and to pay the costs.

There were several other cases on docket but owing to the term of Superior Court now in session here, only a few cases were disposed of.

SPELLING MATCH FEATURE OF "OLD FOLKS DAY"

The last Friday in July is always a big day for the Massey school community, for it is then that "Old Folks Day" is held. A new feature is being planned for the celebration this year--an old-time spelling match is to be held, according to Mr. W. L. Creech, of that section. The spelling book used will be Harrington's Speller and the words will be selected from the long lines in the review of the first part of the book and the review in the second part. A prize of five dollars will be given the winner. Mrs. John K. Sanders, who won in a similar contest last year, will give out the words. Old and young will be allowed to enter the spelling contest. Mr. Creech is anxious that all who plan to attend Old Folks Day this year get out their spelling books, review the words included in the assignments mentioned above, and go prepared to do some old time spelling.

New Line of Insurance

Mr. V. J. Underwood, who has been in Smithfield for the past seven years, is now representing the Federal Life Insurance company of Chicago with Charlotte as the branch office of the state. Mr. Underwood has only the accident department at the present but later will have the life and fire insurance also. Mr. Underwood represents a good company and no doubt will receive his part of the patronage here.

Shooting Affair At Wilson's Mills

Arthur Haynes Is In Hospital In Serious Condition From Shots Fired by Father-in-law

Mr. John Tomlinson, of Wilson's Mills, mail carrier on route No. 2, is in jail pending the outcome of a shooting affair which took place early Friday morning, and his son-in-law, Arthur Haynes, is in the Johnston County Hospital in a serious condition.

Haynes was shot through the mouth and abdomen, the shots having been fired from a 32 German automatic pistol. According to our information Friday morning about four o'clock Haynes, who had been sitting up with a sick relative, went to the home of Mr. Tomlinson who sells gasoline and aroused him to get some gas. They got into an argument over money and when they went out to get the gas, Haynes is said to have chucked Tomlinson with a coca-cola bottle. Tomlinson then fired the shots that put his son-in-law in the hospital.

Mr. Tomlinson immediately gave himself up to Mr. Boyd, deputy sheriff in Wilson's Mills township. Haynes has been in the courts charged with gambling and drunkenness and about a year ago was ordered out of the state. On account of his wife's health he was allowed to come back to the county a short time ago.

NEGRO COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD THURSDAY

The commencement of the negro schools of this county will be held here Thursday at the Johnston County Training School. An interesting program has been planned for this occasion. The commencement address will be made at eleven-thirty o'clock by H. L. Trigg, principal of Wake County high school at Method.

JUDGE DANIELS FILES FOR HIS RE-ELECTION

Judge Frank A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, has, in accordance with the State primary law, filed notice with Hon. Walter Neal, chairman of the State Board of Elections, of an application to have his name placed on the ballot for renomination as Superior Court judge of the Fourth Judicial District, composed of the counties of Wayne, Johnston, Harnett, Lee and Chatham.

Fiddlers Convention at Corinth

There will be a fiddlers convention at Corinth school house on Friday night, April 9. A prize of \$5.00 is offered to the best fiddler, \$2.50 to second best, \$3.00 is offered to the best performer on the guitar. Come and bring your instruments and your friends. Admission 10 and 25 cents. MRS. EUNICE PENNY, Teacher.

School Closing

School closing exercises will be held at Rock Hill school Saturday night April 10, beginning at seven-thirty o'clock. A play will be given entitled "Jumbo Jim." A string band will furnish music.

Philathea Class Social

The Philathea class of the Baptist Sunday school will hold its business and social meeting Thursday night with Mrs. W. C. Pearce at eight o'clock.

LET THE WATER WALK INSTEAD OF THE WIFE

Running water indoors is still just a dream on most American farms. Five years ago, when the last census was taken, nine out of ten farmers figured it would cost too much. Probably half of them figure the same way today. Yet a workable water system can often be installed at less than the cost of a new binder. And there is hardly a farm which cannot afford some improvement over the woman-killing method of floundering with heavy buckets, year in and year out, to and from the well.

One Ohio farm wife trudged thousands of miles before it was found that a hundred feet of pipe made it possible to move the pump into the kitchen and let the water do the walking.

LOCAL BOYS PLAY AT EAST CAR. EXPOSITION

Members of the Benson Kiwanis band and six of the Riverside Serenaders left yesterday morning for Greenville where they were engaged to play for the parades yesterday and today. This is a distinct recognition of Johnston county music talent, and the youthful musicians were elated at the prospect of playing. The boys from here who are to play are: Bill Joe Austin, Trent Hunter, William Lassiter, Thomas J. Lassiter, Percy Pittman, and Walter Lassiter.

Mrs. Pettway Dies Norfolk Hospital

Former Resident of This City Is Operated On For Goitre and Never Rallies

Sad news came over the wires yesterday when Mrs. J. M. Beatty received a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. W. M. Pettway which occurred in a Norfolk hospital yesterday morning at 11:35 o'clock following a second operation for goitre. Mrs. Pettway had been suffering with goitre for some time but her condition became acute several weeks ago and she underwent an operation. On account of her heart, the operation was not completed and yesterday she went on the operating table the second time. Mrs. Pettway lived here for a number of years, and a message states that her body will be brought here for burial. The body will leave Norfolk Wednesday morning arriving here on train 89 which is due here at 2:35 o'clock. The funeral will be held immediately at the Baptist church after which interment will be made in the old cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Mr. Raymond Pettway and two daughters, Miss Olivia Pettway and Mrs. Ballard S. Walton.

MRS. BAROODY DIES FOLLOWING STROKE

A sad death occurred here yesterday at the Johnston County Hospital when Mrs. Dora Baroody passed away, after a few hours illness following a stroke of paralysis. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. Zaidy, wife of the proprietor of the Smithfield Fruit Store. The funeral will be held this afternoon at four o'clock at the Episcopal church conducted by Rev. Walter Clark and interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

SMITHFIELD ENJOYS TALK BY DR. A. VERMONT

Smithfield showed its appreciation of a former superintendent of schools, Dr. A. Vermont, last Friday evening by turning out in large numbers to hear him give a Travelogue on Paris and France. Dr. Vermont who is a native of Belgium and has traveled extensively in Europe, was able to make his lecture more than of usual interest. The colored slides which illustrated the lecture were particularly interesting, many of the pictures having been taken by Dr. Vermont himself.

Almost of equal interest with the Travelogue were the remarks made by Dr. Vermont before the lecture proper in regard to Smithfield and the splendid improvement that has been made in the educational facilities of Smithfield. He told of the change from the big frame building erected by the late Ira T. Turlington to the brick structure now known as the Turlington building; and from that to the more recent high school building. He also spoke of the commodious negro school.

The lecture was sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's club, and twenty-seven dollars net was turned into the fund for furnishing a room at the hospital.

Parker Motor Company Moves

The Parker Motor company, local agents for the Star automobile, is moving its place of business this week from Johnson Street to the building occupied by the Jo-Tex filling station.

Revival To Begin At Baptist Church

Pastor Will Do The Preaching; Mr. W. Furman Betts To Have Charge of Singing

Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Smithfield Baptist Church, has announced a series of revival meetings to begin next Sunday, to continue about ten days. He will do the preaching and Mr. W. Furman Betts, of Raleigh, will assist him as soloist and song leader. He has a wide reputation as a leader of ability and a delightful soloist.

This week the Woman's Missionary Society of the church is meeting daily in the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. The meetings are at the church each afternoon at 3:30, except today and tomorrow. Tomorrow the meeting will combine with the regular prayer meeting at 7:30, the women taking a part in the program. Tonight at 7:30 Miss Sophia Berghauer, the State Sunday school specialist in primary and junior work, will speak at the church on work with primaries and juniors, and on the daily vacation Bible school. She is an authority in this field and a good speaker, and everybody is invited to hear her.

Services At the Jail

Arrangements have been made for holding services at the jail every Sunday afternoon. Many have felt that some plan ought to be adopted that would insure weekly religious services for the prisoners, but for some time nothing has been done beyond holding services occasionally by any that were interested. The plan adopted is to be held by the local pastors and their congregations, all others being invited to lend their assistance. The Baptist pastor and members of his congregation held a service last Sunday afternoon and will continue to be responsible for a service every first Sunday afternoon. The Methodist pastor and his congregation will take the second Sunday in each month, and the Presbyterian pastor and his people will take the third Sunday afternoon. Rev. H. R. Faircloth and members of his congregations will assume responsibility for the fourth Sunday of each month. The hour agreed upon is 3:30 each Sunday afternoon. Everybody interested is asked to note the hour, and to go and assist in the services without any special invitation.

Sam Stallings Buys Jo-Tex Station

Mr. Sam H. Stallings has purchased from Mr. S. B. Jones the Jo-Tex Filling station on the corner of Market and Fourth Streets. He took possession on April 1, and from now on the place will be known as the Red Star Filling Station No. 1. Mr. Stallings also owns a filling station on highway 22 at the edge of town and this will be known as Red Star No. 2.

ATTEND CONVENTION OF CHEVROLET DEALERS

Messrs. B. J. Holleman and C. F. Gordon will leave tomorrow for Charlotte to attend a convention of the Chevrolet dealers of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The convention will be held at the Charlotte hotel and a banquet will be given at the close of the convention.

The Mirror IS THIS YOU?

If the person who answers this description will call at The Herald office they will receive a free ticket to the Victory Theatre.

You were seen in front Hood Brothers drug store at 4:30 o'clock Saturday evening. You wore light grey coat, black satin slippers, light hose. Your hair is light and bobbed and is least bit curly.

Miss Cora Belle Ives recognized herself in Friday's mirror