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Superior Court Has Busy Week

Defendants In Meat Stealing Case Draw Three Years In State Prison; "Midnight" Blackman Gets Eight Years

Superior Court adjourned Saturday about noon after one of the busiest one week terms ever held here. One hundred nineteen cases were listed in the calendar of criminal cases only. Good work was accomplished toward clearing the docket but a goodly number were continued.

Saturday Judge Cranmer pronounced sentence upon the young men, Wesley Wall, Talmadge Price and Luther Carr, who early in the week were found guilty of stealing a lot of meat. Each defendant drew a sentence of three years each in the state penitentiary.

The case of State vs. John Turner Hales was in the hands of the jury when The Herald went to press Friday but the jury soon brought in a verdict of guilty. Hales was charged with criminal assault upon a little girl. He was sentenced to serve 18 months on the county roads.

The trial of Ed Blackman, colored, charged with burglary in the first degree, was started Thursday and continued until about noon on Friday. Blackman was accused of entering the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stallings on the night of July 31 and stealing a sum of money which was in the trousers of Mr. Stallings' under Mrs. Stallings' pillow. A large number of witnesses were examined and finally the defendant's counsel and the solicitor agreed to ask the charge to be changed from first degree burglary to house breaking. This was allowed and without the case going to the jury, the judge imposed the maximum punishment of ten years in the state prison. This sentence was later reduced to eight years. In asking for the maximum sentence for house breaking Solicitor Williams stressed the fact that he was pleading for the protection of thousands of Johnston county homes. The judge in his remarks before passing sentence voiced practically the same thought stating that every citizen had the right to lie down on his bed at night and go to sleep without any fear of being molested.

In view of the youth of the defendant who is only about 17 years of age and because of the hitherto good character which he proved and also because Mr. and Mrs. Stallings themselves recommended mercy, the sentence was made what is considered light. If the case had one to the jury and he had been found guilty of burglary in the first degree the sentence would have been electrocution.

The case of State vs. John Weaver charged with criminal assault, was called Thursday but when it was found that the defendant had no counsel, the court appointed W. B. Wellons and Norman C. Shepherd, to represent him and the case was deferred until Friday afternoon. Weaver was sentenced to 12-months on the roads.

The case of State vs. Lester Jones Wallace and Harvey Pendergraft resulted in the defendants pleading guilty to stealing an automobile and they were given six months on the roads.

Jazz was not so bad until the mosquitoes started singing it.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS—



Hit don't take a educated republican ter read de han'writing on de wall.

Veterans in Pittsburg Baseball Shakeup



The recent shake-up on the Pirate Ball Club has given fandom food for many weeks' gossip. "Babe" Adams (left), Carson Bigbee (right) were released from the team, and Max Carey (center) was indefinitely suspended for alleged insubordination by the Pittsburg management. If these penalties are inflicted it may cost the Pirates the flag.

Driver Of Death Sixteen Pieces Car Surrenders Meat Are Stolen

Willie Blaylock Charged With Murder of Bepice Johnson (With Automobile Gives Himself Up To Officers

Raleigh, Aug. 21.—With a warrant charging him with murder out for his arrest, Willie Blaylock, a young white man of Panther Branch township, walked into the office of Coroner L. M. Waring yesterday afternoon and surrendered. He had been sought by deputies ever since August 12th on a charge of murder as the result of the death of his brother-in-law, Bepice Johnson, who was killed in an automobile accident on the night of August 11th.

Blaylock was accompanied to Raleigh yesterday by his brother, Snow Blaylock, and John Q. Adams, both of Panther Branch township. He was released on \$1000 bail pending a hearing. He is charged with manslaughter. Mr. Adams put up the bond.

Blaylock disappeared from the scene of the wreck on the night of August 11th, and, despite the efforts of officers to apprehend him on the following day, he was never found until he voluntarily surrendered to Mr. Waring.

Coroner Waring, who made a personal investigation at the scene of the fatal wreck, issued a warrant for Blaylock on the following day. Blaylock was driving the car in which Johnson was riding when it side-swiped a negro's machine on the Old Stage road, and plunged into a telephone post. Mr. Johnson was thrown from the car. His chest was crushed and also his left shoulder. He died as he was being brought to a hospital in Raleigh. Two daughters of Mr. Johnson were also injured.

The date for the hearing has not yet been fixed, said Coroner Waring. A number of witnesses are to be subpoenaed and he explained that this would take some time. He thought the hearing might be held early next week.

DR. ELIOT DIES AT 92

Dr. Charles W. Eliot for forty years president of Harvard University, died at his summer home at Northeast Harbor, Maine, Sunday at the advanced age of 92. Dr. Eliot was one of the foremost men of the United States. He was fearless in the stand which he took on various public questions, and wrote articles and made speeches that often made him the center of storms of controversy. He was a strong believer in the League of Nations and in Boston on Oct. 19, 1920, though 87 years of age, he vigorously defended the League against the criticism of 31 eminent Republicans.

JOHNSTONIAN OPENS NEW HOTEL IN TEXAS

Friends of Mr. G. M. Holt, a native Johnstonian, will learn with interest that he has recently erected a hotel in Wichita Falls, Texas, which will be opened to the public on August 30. It is called the Holt Hotel.

To Address Men's Class

Next Sunday, Aug. 29, Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson of Raleigh will speak to the Baptist Baraca class at the Victory theatre. All the men of the town are cordially invited to hear Mr. Stephenson at 9:45 next Sunday morning.

This Week

By Donnell Wharton

The world's poorest paid newspaper correspondent (With Apologies to Brisbane)

Salinas, Calif., Aug. 15.—Who would have dreamed that here in California, at an elevation of only one hundred feet, at noon on a sunny day, one would have to leave the shade for a place warm enough to write? And that in spite of a vest and a heavy sweater. The winds sweep in here from the Pacific twenty miles away, and make the place colder than anywhere I have been yet save the summit of Pikes Peak, where at an altitude of over 14,000 feet I found the thermometer at 32 degrees.

Here one can see the fogs coming in from the ocean. They are even more pronounced than at San Francisco, a city noted the world over for its heavy fogs. At times the fog looks like a great cloud of dust as it sweeps across the field or road ahead of you.

Even more strange than the clouds below you on Pikes Peak was a sight day before yesterday from the summit of a pass across the Coast Range. The altitude was only 2400, yet down below toward the ocean as far as one could see, there was a blanket of fog white in contrast to the flaming red sun sinking beyond.

We have been into five of the National parks. The Rocky Mountain Park in Colorado was the first, with its towering snow-clad peaks, and the Fall River Parks, one of the highest automobile roads in America.

The Yellowstone Park was the most varied with its geysers, hot springs, mud springs, petrified tree, natural bridge, waterfalls, and grander than all, the Yellowstone Canyon. Here also we found wild life more, varied. Several times wild deer crossed our road as we were approaching. The bears visited our camp daily. In fact one camped all day in the bank of a high pine fifty feet from my tent. Mammoth woodchucks, ground squirrels, several kinds of rabbits and a queer, fox-like animal called a rockchuck, were also seen.

The next park was at Mount Raines, a single peak covering 100 square miles. On it are 28 glaciers. It was probably the most stupendous sight we have seen. We came in late in the afternoon and camped a mile from its base. A haze mist shut off all view of this mountain. On the morning the mist was gone and the peak towered before us, with the glaciers glistening in the sun.

The strangest and most remarkable park is that of Crater Lake, a circular sheet of water six miles in diameter and over six thousand feet above the level of the sea. There is probably no lake in the world like Crater Lake. Here once stood the volcanic Mount Kalama, 15,000 feet above the sea. As time after time, for thousands and thousands of years this volcano poured out its lava its interior became hollow and finally some 20,000 years ago, its summit collapsed and the crater was formed.

From the rim of the crater to the level of the water is from 900 to 1900 feet. The water varies in depth, the deepest part being 2,000 feet. It is actually the color of indigo. There is only one path, and no road from the rim to the water's level. The cliffs are all steep, some covered with trees and some almost perpendicular rock walls.

From Lake Tahoe a larger lake over a mill above the sea, we passed to Yosemite National Park over a part of Nevada and through the most wonderful Tioga Pass and Lewising Canyon, and Yosemite is truly the grandest park yet. Its floor 4,000 feet above the sea and its cliffs rising from 2,000 to 3,000 feet above the valley. The Yose-

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Cotton Report Sends Price Up

Pests Haze Been Active In Texas During The Past Three Weeks; Weather Conditions

Reassuring news concerning the cotton crop in the United States came over the wires yesterday reporting the general condition to be 63.5 per cent of normal as compared with 69.8 per cent on Aug. 1. Some think the crop outlook is nearly a half million bales less than on the date when the government report was compiled. Cotton has gone up one cent since Saturday. The market closed Saturday at 16.70 and closed yesterday at 17.70. This new percentage of 63.5 indicates a cotton crop of 15,248,000 bales. The report of the government crop reporting board on August 1 estimated the crop at 15,621,000 bales.

The reason for this change in the cotton situation is explained partly by weather conditions and partly by numerous pests which have been active in Texas during the past three weeks.

Mr. Wright Edmondson, a native Johnstonian now living in Texas, writes that excessive rains until late in the summer followed by extreme hot and dry weather have caused considerable damage to cotton in the Lone Star State. Yesterday a storm reported near Yucatan Inlet was said to be entering the gulf and bad weather for Texas and Louisiana was predicted.

In regard to the crop in Texas which to a very large extent, affects the entire United States condition, Mr. Edmondson stated further: "Blooie goes the Texas cotton crop. Every cotton pest known to 'Bugology' and many unheard of until this year have wrought havoc with the crop the last three weeks. In fact the damage cannot be estimated. Have been over the bigger part of the cotton section and from personal observation would say the damage is variously estimated by what I consider some of the best authorities from 25 to 50 per cent. Am sure that it can be placed at 33 1-3 per cent.

"This deterioration has been brought about by three causes: 1st. Every known cotton pest, some of these unheard of until the present season. 2nd. Root rot and alkali, from 5 to 10 per cent cotton killed in this way. 3rd. Excessive rains until late in the summer, followed by extreme hot and dry weather.

"I feel confident from the three causes mentioned we have lost at least one and one-half million bales.

"While on the other hand please bear in mind the statement made to you while in North Carolina, it is impossible to estimate a Texas cotton crop in midsummer.

"At present writing it just 'ain't here. We have had scattered rains over the cotton belt (not general) and it is a question as to whether or not it will be beneficial.

"Car loads of poison have been used with poor results.

"I feel confident that the September report will smash all records for low percentage of Texas crops."

NEVER IN COURTHOUSE BEFORE THURSDAY

Mr. Harper who lives between Benson and Peacock's Cross Roads, was in the city Thursday attending court. Mr. Harper is 48 years old and Thursday was the first time he was ever in a courthouse. He is also a "tee-totler" never having taken a drink of whiskey in his life.

"What is a golf ball?" "A golf ball is what a man chases when he gets too old to chase anything else."

Democratic Nominee For Clerk of Court



HERSCHELL V. ROSE

Democrats Choose Rose Unanimously

Office Seeks The Man; Among Candidates Opposed in Primary

Among the four candidates for office at the hands of the Democratic party in the last primary who were unopposed; was Herschell V. Rose, candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court. Mr. Rose was a candidate for this position against Hon. Ed F. Ward in the Democratic primary of 1924, but was defeated by some 400 votes. But characteristic of the man despite his defeat he went into the fall campaign and worked for the ticket until sunset of election day.

Mr. Rose has been a resident of Smithfield for the past seven years, but he is a native of Bentonville township. He is the son of the late "Squire" Bill Rose, of Bentonville, and spent most of his life there until he located in Smithfield, after the World War. From his boyhood days until he answered his country's call in 1917 he followed farming what time he was not teaching in the public schools of Johnston county. He devoted ten years to the teaching profession. When America took her place with the allied nations of Europe against Germany, Mr. Rose was one of those first called to enter service. He left the farm and his aged mother and went into training. He was nearly two years in the army, fourteen months of which were spent overseas, before the armistice was signed.

Returning to Johnston county in 1919 he was immediately made the county superintendent of public welfare, being the first to hold this position in Johnston. For six years he worked unceasingly organizing the welfare work and rendering invaluable service as he discharged faithfully the duties of his office. The Republican board of county commissioners dismissed him about a year ago and a month later he opened a law office in Smithfield. During the summers of 1921 and 1922 he studied law at Wake Forest and was admitted to the bar in 1922.

Since closing his office as county superintendent of public welfare he has actively practiced law.

He is a member of the Masonic order and also a member of the Pou-Parish post of the American Legion.

The Democrats have chosen well in selecting Mr. Rose as their nominee for Clerk of the Superior Court.

He is well-known all over the county and has the confidence of all who know him.

Grand Jury Makes Report To Court

Finishes Work Thursday; Recommends That Spitting On Steps of Court House Be Stopped

The Grand Jury finished its work in Superior Court here Thursday and made its report to the court through the foreman, Mr. E. N. Clifton.

The work of this body included action on bills of indictment and inspection of all county offices and institutions. The report is as follows:

"We the Grand Jury beg to leave to report that we have carefully considered and acted on all bills of indictment presented four our consideration, and made return of same.

"We visited the County Home in a body and find it in extra good condition, and all the inmates say that they are treated well and are well cared for.

"A committee of our body visited each of the convict camps and find them in good condition. All the prisoners say that they are treated as well as could be expected.

"We visited the jail in a body and find the jail in very good condition considering the burdened condition for the past several months.

"We have inspected Register of Deeds, Sheriff's, Clerk and Auditor's offices and find them in good condition.

"We, jurors as a body, do earnestly request that spitting on the steps of the courthouse be prohibited and that notices of a fine if it is not stopped be posted in and around the building."

DEMOCRATS NOMINATE TOWNSHIP OFFICERS

In response to a call from J. B. Benton, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Johnston, Democrats of Smithfield township met in the courthouse on Saturday afternoon and nominated township officers. The chairman for this township, Mr. W. F. Grimes, presided over the meeting. The following officers were nominated: Justices of the Peace, R. E. Daughtry, W. D. Avera, D. T. Luncford, and Z. L. LeMay; Constable, J. F. Johnson; members of the Road Board, G. B. Smith, K. L. Rose, Z. B. Hill, D. B. Hamilton and John C. Lassiter.

BALE OF NEW COTTON IS SOLD AT BENSON

Benson, Aug. 21.—The first bale of new cotton sold on the Benson market was raised by Jason M. Lee on W. R. Denning's farm. It weighed 564 pounds, graded middling and brought 18 cents per pound. It was bought by A. B. Hudson and Son, local cotton buyers. Benson is in the heart of one of the best cotton sections in the state.

Lightning Strikes Home

Thursday evening during the electric storm that seemed to be general in this section, lightning struck the home of Mr. J. A. Smith in Elevation township but did little damage. It struck the back screen door, scorched the door facing and knocked of the door step. It cracked the plastering in the kitchen and knocked down several pans. Mrs. Smith and baby who were in the front part of the house were slightly shocked.

A Tantalizer

There is exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket.

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Ed Peterson recognized his name last issue.