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## Cases Tried In Superior Court

### T. J. Jeffreys Takes Second Appeal To Supreme Court in Bigamy Case; Another Wife-beating Case

During Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, the following cases were disposed of here in the superior court:

T. J. Jeffreys, a white man of Wilders township, was tried on a charge of bigamy. He was found guilty and sentenced to serve seven years in the state's prison. This case was tried in the August term of 1925 court and the defendant was then found guilty and sentenced to serve a term in the state prison. From this judgment he took an appeal to the supreme court. Error was found when the case went to the supreme court and it was remanded to the Johnston superior court for a new trial. The defendant took a second appeal on trial here last Saturday.

R. W. White, white man of Selma, who was tried and convicted on Tuesday for the larceny of some meat, was discharged upon payment of cost and the execution of a good behavior bond for two years next ensuing.

Charley Garner, white, of Selma township, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault with deadly weapon. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

L. B. Stephenson, white, of Pleasant Grove township, entered a plea of guilty on a charge of violating the prohibition laws. Judgment was suspended upon the payment of costs.

Bertha Hicks, a colored woman of Smithfield, was convicted of assault with a razor. She was discharged upon payment of cost and the execution of a good behavior bond for two years next ensuing.

There was a mistrial in the case of state vs. Jake Stancil et als, colored, charged with obstructing an officer.

Milford Lynch, who had appealed from a verdict of guilty for wife-beating from the recorder's court, was found guilty before a jury of his peers and was found guilty. He was committed to jail for a period of 12 months to be worked on roads of Johnston county.

Waylon Snead, a white man of Bentonville township, was tried on a charge of dynamiting Neuse River. He was found not guilty.

Will Smith, colored, charged with larceny, was acquitted.

Sylvester George, colored, charged with an attempt to commit rape, was acquitted.

### ERROR CORRECTED

The statement in Tuesday's Herald which said that four barrels of beer had been poured out on Hardy Pearce's land seemed to have been incorrect. Mr. R. A. Pearce, brother of Hardy Pearce, informs us that the beer was not found on the land of his brother, but on land adjoining his place.

### Hicks-Jones

Miss Sarah Jones and Mr. James Edward Hicks, of Wake county, were married at the courthouse here Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace D. T. Luceford.

### AUNT ROXIE SAYS

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"I hearn dat music people wuz ter play 'I Wish I Wuz Single ter lay 'I Wish I Wuz Single Again' on de freight whistle."

## N. C. PREMIER TOBACCO PRODUCING STATE

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—North Carolina has won from Kentucky this year the title of premier tobacco-producing state. Revised estimates announced today by the Department of Agriculture place North Carolina's production at 393,190,000 pounds, which at the average December 1 farm price of 26.4 cents a pound makes that state's crop valued at \$103,802,160. Kentucky's production this year was 374,880,000 pounds with an average farm price December 1 of 11.4 cents a pound and a total crop value of \$42,736,320.

## Jury's Verdict Is Not Guilty

### Suit Against D. W. and Lawrence Parrish Is Dismissed; Otha Johnson Found Not Guilty

Because of the prominence of the persons named in the suit and because the crime was committed in the name of the Ku Klux Klan, the case of the State against D. W. Parrish, Lawrence Parrish, and George Otha Johnson tried yesterday in the Johnston County Superior Court, was attended by considerable public interest. The three defendants were charged with assault with deadly weapon upon J. Telfair Lee of Meadow township, the prosecuting witness, and with assault upon female, Mrs. J. Telfair Lee; but after spending an entire day in introducing evidence, the suit against D. W. Parrish and Lawrence Parrish was thrown out of court, these defendants being dismissed, and the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty in the suit against George Otha Johnson.

The first witness put on the stand yesterday morning was the prosecuting witness, J. Telfair Lee, who told how, on the night of May 25th last, near midnight, five men wearing the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan, entered the room in which he and his wife were sleeping, roughly routed him from his bed, forcibly took him a distance of a mile or more from his home, and severely flogged him with a razor strap. Lee alleged that on the way to the place where he was flogged, he recognized the features of two of his captors, D. W. Parrish and Lawrence Parrish, as the breezes blew the masks off their faces.

George Otha Johnson was brought under indictment by the testimony of Mrs. Lee who stated that she identified him, when, in a tussle at her door, she partly disclosed his face. She further alleged identification both from his voice and a peculiar gait which characterizes Johnson.

The defense introduced evidence that proved a satisfactory alibi for both D. W. and Lawrence Parrish, and soon after the court had resumed the case after supper last night, a motion under the Mason Act, known to the law profession, was offered and accepted to dismiss these two defendants. The case of Johnson was left to the jury for decision. Johnson, who proved a good character, accounted, before the court, for his whereabouts on the night of May 25th, from eight-thirty until twelve o'clock, a number of witnesses testifying as to how he spent the evening.

The evidence was all in by nine o'clock last night and each side was allotted thirty minutes in which the lawyers might argue the case. Col. E. S. Abell made the speech for the defense, while James Raynor spoke for the state. Other lawyers who were retained by the defense were L. L. Levinson, of Benson, Hannibal Godwin, of Dunn, and F. H. Brooks.

The jury was out only a short time before returning to the courtroom and announcing the verdict of not guilty.

## Pension Checks Being Received

### Thirty-five Old Veterans and Seventy-Four Widows On List In Johnston County Will Receive \$7,200

A total of \$7,200 has been received in the office of the clerk of the court, and is now being disbursed to the 35 old confederate veterans, and 74 widows of confederate veterans are receiving a \$100, while the widows are receiving \$50. This is the semi-annual payment, a like amount being due again in six months.

Those constituting the remnant of the "men in gray" in this county are D. P. Adams, L. G. Allen, E. E. Barber, J. T. Barham, William Bass, Ransom Batten, Cotton Bedsole, Charles H. Benson, Joseph Crecker, S. J. Darden, C. L. Dorman, John S. Eason, Jesse Edwards, A. J. Ellis, G. W. Ellis, George Godwin, Charlie Hatcher, H. H. Johnson, Bud Johnson, L. P. King, Jacob M. Langdon, P. B. Langdon, J. A. Lee, B. I. Long, W. R. Massengill, W. J. Moore, Alvin O'Neal, H. F. Peedin, H. H. Penny, James A. Puckett, Oliver Rains, R. B. Richardson, Israel Stephenson, Robert Strickland and Samuel Strickland.

Widows of confederate veterans are Mrs. N. A. Allen, Mrs. E. E. Anderson, Mrs. Hawkins Austin, Mrs. Jincey A. Barbee, Mrs. Mary F. Barbour, Mrs. Lucy C. Barbour, Mrs. Zilphia W. Bass, Mrs. Martha Boykin, Mrs. Frances Branch, Mrs. Nancy A. Braswell, Mrs. Mary G. Chamblee, Mrs. Jane Childers, Mrs. P. J. Creech, Mrs. N. E. Creech, Mrs. Sallie Creech, Mrs. Julia Crocker, Mrs. Lou Dodd, Mrs. Margaret E. Dodd, Mrs. Mattie A. Dupree, Mrs. Catherine Ensom, Mrs. Emily W. Ennis, Mrs. Rebecca Ferrell, Mrs. C. A. Russell, Mrs. Emily C. Glover, Mrs. Bettie J. Gower, Mrs. Harriet Griffin, Mrs. Lizzie Grimes, Mrs. Sallie Ann Hodge, Mrs. Sarah Howell, Mrs. Sarah J. Ivey, Mrs. Allie C. Jerri-gan, Mrs. Susan C. Johnson, Mrs. Bettie E. Johnson, Mrs. Penny W. Johnson, Mrs. Esther A. Johnson, Mrs. S. Johnson, Mrs. Mary F. Jones, Mrs. Mary A. Jones, Mrs. T. A. Kennedy, Mrs. Delphie Lancaster, Mrs. Louisa Lassiter, Mrs. Mary Lee, Mrs. Nancy M. Massengill, Mrs. Nancy Moore, Mrs. Harriett Menden, Mrs. Martha Nar-ran, Mrs. Ursula Norris, Mrs. De-loney Pittman, Mrs. C. S. Powell, Mrs. Rebecca Pulley, Mrs. Appie Eaejford, Mrs. Berena Rains, Mrs. E. J. Sasser, Mrs. Nancy A. Sasser, Mrs. Susan C. Stancil, Mrs. Sophia Starling, Mrs. Lu Annie Strickland, Mrs. S. H. Strickland, Mrs. Kitey Tart, Mrs. Phoebe Tart, Mrs. Laura T. Taylor, Mrs. Abbie H. Thompson, Mrs. Emaline Tisdale, Mrs. S. P. Tomlinson, Mrs. Maggie Wade, Mrs. Jincey Wad-kins, Mrs. Elizabeth Wallace, Mrs. Fannie Warren, Mrs. Addie Wil-liamson, Mrs. Sarah R. Woodall, Mrs. Mary E. Woodward, Mrs. Jennie Young, Mrs. J. Duncan, and Mrs. Eveline Wall.

All of the Johnston county pensioners belong to the Fourth class.

## Judge Cranmer Makes Address Baptist Church

Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, who is holding a two weeks' term of superior court here, made an address at the Baptist church Sunday night. The church was well filled to hear Judge Cranmer, who has made a reputation wherever he has gone for his impartial way of dealing out justice. This is the second opportunity Smithfield people have had to hear Judge Cranmer, he having spoken at the Methodist church when he was holding court here in September.

## Farmers in Rutherford County are Setting Many Peach Trees This Fall

G. W. Willis is setting 4,767 trees; Chas. W. Swofford and A. C. Swofford are setting 1,000 each and F. E. White is settin 1,000 trees.

## Basketball - Different



The "Arcadians," a girl's basket ball team of Washington, D. C. which plays only boy teams, com-pels its members to train strenu-ously for the winter, campaign road work being part of the con- ditioning. Leah Shafron, guard (above) doing her daily bit in a capitol park.

## Local People In List of Notables

### Five Johnstonians Among Eighty-nine North Carolinians in "Who's Who in Washington"

Jonathan Daniels in yesterday's News and Observer comments on the fact that there are eighty-nine native North Carolinians listed in "Who's Who in Washington." It is interesting to note that five of the eighty-nine from North Carolina are from Johnston county. Among those listed in the volume of biography are Jesse Blake Adams, lawyer, Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, Major Robert E. Parrish, medical corps, E. W. P.ou, congressman, and Edgar W. Turlington, assistant solicitor, State Department.

Mr. Adams' home was formerly in Four Oaks; Dr. Atkinson lived near Selma; Major Parrish was raised a few miles of Smithfield; Congressman Pou and Mr. Turlington are from Smithfield.

The volume shows that all the members of the state delegation in Congress were born in North Carolina except Representative A. L. Bulwinkle. Six women are among those on the list. Occupations listed include lawyers, doctors, senators, representatives, writers, army and navy officers.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT OF SUPERINTENDENTS WELFARE

The meeting of the Central District of Superintendents of Welfare will be held at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, on Wednesday, December 8th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., and closing at 4:00 p. m. Dutch lunch at noon costing \$1.00 per plate.

Seventeen of the Central counties form the district, and a fine meeting is promised the welfare officers, county boards of welfare, county boards of education, and chairman of the county commissioners. All of whom are invited and urged to attend, and enter into the discussions of vital importance.

It is hoped that Dr. B. A. Houtt, member of the county board of welfare, will discuss plans for the tri-county tuberculosis hospital at this meeting. Ten or fifteen minutes for this subject has been allotted Johnston county, and Dr. Houtt of Clayton who has been the promoter of the project is urged to outline the plan.

MRS. D. J. THURSTON, Supt. Public Welfare.

Tom Tarheel says that he saves a lot of labor by keeping up the fertility of his soil.

## Farmer Must Cut Cost And Acreage

### P. H. Hime, Plant Breeder at State College Discusses Cost of Cotton Production

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—When the price of cotton is below the cost of producing it, either the cost of production must be lowered or farmers should stop growing the crop.

"We are apt to pay little attention to the cost of production, when cotton is bringing a good price," says P. H. Hime, plant breeder at State College. "So long as we are making a fair profit, we do not seem to care about these costs. Now that cotton is actually bringing less than it cost us to grow it, however, the cost of production must be lowered or we should stop growing the crop. We can reduce the cost per pound by growing more pounds per acre. A good plan to follow will be to reduce the acreage and make more cotton on the land which we devote to its cultivation."

One good way to produce more cotton per acre is to use good seed of standard varieties, states Mr. Hime. In tests made with twelve different varieties of cotton during the past season, the yields ran all the way from 412 pounds of lint per acre to 535 pounds of lint per acre. The length of staple varied with the variety.

It costs as much to produce 465 pounds of lint from the King variety which has a staple of seven-eighths of an inch as it did to produce 535 pounds from the Cleveland variety which has a staple of one and five-sixteenths inches. The only difference was in the cost of picking. Suppose, states Mr. Hime, that it cost 12 cents per pound to produce 535 pounds of lint per acre from the Cleveland variety. This is a cost of \$64.20 per acre. Dividing this by 465 pounds, we get 13.8 cents which is the cost of producing a pound of lint from King cotton.

Good seed, states Mr. Hime, can be secured at a cost of about \$1.50 per acre above the cost of ordinary seed. Fourteen pounds of lint cotton at 11 cents per pound will pay this additional cost. Cleveland cotton yielded 70 pounds of lint more than King. This 70 pounds at 11 cents is \$7.70 or a 400 per cent return on the investment.

## MICRO QUINT WINS OVER KENLY TOSSERS

Micro, Dec. 18.—Micro basketball team journeyed over to Kenly Friday night where they handed the strong Kenly town team the small end of a 10 to 6 score.

The Kenly team lead at the first half 5 to 0, but Micro came back strong in the third quarter, scoring 10 points and held Kenly to one more point during the game. Micro is putting out a strong team and challenges any team in the county. The line up follows:

Micro (10)	Kenly (6)
Parrish	Neighbors
Jones	Watson
Smith	Flowers
Hatcher	Alford
Barden	Watson
	Left Guard

## PRINCETON BOYS LICK ROSEWOOD FOR 5TH TIME

Princeton, Dec. 20.—The Princeton boys basketball team continued to win Friday afternoon when they defeated the Rosewood tossers by the score of 14 to 2. The Princeton team got away to an eight point lead in the first half and was never in danger of getting defeated. Coach Boyette seeing the game cinched, ran in the third team and Rosewood captured their points on fouls.

Creech and Captain Hill were the stars for the Princeton tossers, while Sutton was first for Rosewood. The Johnston county boys outclassed the Wayne boys in every way, but Rosewood put up a good game.

## Forty-Two Young Folks In College

### Smithfield Representation in Seventeen Colleges Home For the Christmas Holidays

The forty-two boys and girls from here who are away in the various colleges of the state, are returning to their respective homes this week to spend the holidays. These young folks with their seventeen colleges are, as follows:

N. C. C. W., Greensboro; Misses Edna Coates, Ruth Brooks, Carrie Young, Arah Hooks, Louise Parrish, and Cornelia Powell, who lives in the Sanders Chapel section, and Lucy Wellons, who lives near town.

The State University: Messrs. Thel and Bill Hooks, Morgan Broadhurst, Levin Jones, Lawrence Wallace and Leland Parrish. State College, Raleigh: Messrs. Joe Honeycutt, Zo LeMay, Richard Moore and Willard Lawrence.

Davidson College: Messrs. Donnell and Gilmer Wharton. Meredith College: Miss Mattie Lassiter.

Duke University: Miss Mary Gattis Holland, Messrs. Worth Boyett, William Lassiter, and Theron Johnson.

Wake Forest: Frederick H. Brooks, Jr. Salem College: Misses Rose and Nell Grantham and Ellen Patterson.

Peace Institute: Miss Pauline Broadhurst. Fishburn Military School: Hugh Ragsdale.

Woodbury Forest: Mr. Herman Lawrence.

E. C. T. C., Greenville: Miss Dorothy Lee, and Misses Grace and Lella Talton, who live in the Sanders Chapel section.

Louisburg College: Miss Marjorie Johnston and Miss Rachel Creech, who lives in the Creech section.

Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.: Miss Irene Page Stevens.

Randolph-Macon, Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Virginia Williamson. Bingham Military School, Asheville: Mr. J. Rufus Creech, Jr., of the Creech section.

Oak Ridge Institute: Messrs. Homer Wellons, who lives near town, Irving Gillett and Thad Young.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas God in his wisdom and love has called from our midst our beloved friend and coworker, Mrs. J. R. Ledbetter, be it resolved

First, That we the members of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Ladies Aid Society of the Princeton Methodist Church do bow in humble submission to His will and while we feel keenly our loss we think Him for her eternal gain and for her beautiful example and influence, which still lives and bears fruit in our midst.

Second, That we extend to her bereaved family our deepest sympathy and commend them to the God of love and mercy as we pray that He will sustain them in their sorrow and ever guide them Heavenward to share with her eternal happiness.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be placed in our minute book, a copy be sent to the members of her family and to the Smithfield Herald and the North Carolina Christian Advocate for publication.

MRS. G. B. PERRY, MRS. P. H. JOYNER, MISS LEONE HOLT, MRS. W. J. MASSEY, MRS. R. S. STEVENS, Committee.

## PAINTING PRESENTED TO FLORA MACDONALD

Red Springs, Dec. 18.—A valuable painting of Prince Charles Edward Stuart, the "Bonny Prince Charlie," has been presented to Flora MacDonald college by Henry G. Anderson, of Buffalo, N. Y. It will hang in the college auditorium, on the left hand side of the stage, while on the right hand hangs the picture of Flora MacDonald, also a gift to the college.

## Ormiston Caught



After a nation wide search, detectives have apprehended Kenneth Ormiston, former radio operator in Alameda McPherson's Los Angeles Temple. California authorities claim her famous kidnapping story all "bunk"; that her disappearance was voluntary and can be explained by Ormiston, whom they think is the man in the case.

## Special Program Methodist Church

### White Gift Service Is Given By Members of Sunday School—Directed By Mrs. W. J. Massey

An interesting White Gift service under the direction of Mrs. W. J. Massey was given at the Methodist church Sunday evening at seven o'clock by the Sunday school. An organ prelude was played by Mrs. C. V. Johnson, after which the congregation joined in singing "Come All Ye Faithful." The Christmas story from Luke was recited in concert by the children of the junior department, and then the pastor led in prayer. Four slides, "Christ on the Cross," "Bethlehem," "Wise men on the way," and "Worship of the wise men," were thrown on the screen. Rev. D. E. Earnhardt giving appropriate explanation. Mrs. Jesse Coates gave a Christmas reading and little Miss Mary Noble told the story of "How the Chimes Rang." The music was particularly good on this occasion, Christmas hymns being used for congregational singing. Special numbers included a duet by Mrs. N. T. Holland and Miss Lucile Johnson, and an offertory anthem by the choir. The children of the junior department sang a "Christmas Lullaby." A short talk by the pastor came near the close of the program. The offering on this occasion will be used for local charity.

### In Honor Miss Person.

Mrs. Roger A. Smith, Jr., entertained at her home on North Third street Friday afternoon at a five o'clock tea in honor of Miss Virginia Person, of Georgia, who was the guest of Miss Mattie Pou last week.

The living room presented a pretty picture with its holly and Christmas decorations and a cheerful fire glowing in the fireplace. Pink candles were used in the dining room, casting a soft glow over the gleaming silver. A lovely cluny lace cloth was used on the table.

Mrs. A. H. Rose poured coffee while Mrs. J. J. Broadhurst dispensed tea. Sandwiches, pastries, mints and almonds were also served.

About twenty-five were present to enjoy this delightful occasion.

### Y. W. A. Elects Officers.

A social and business meeting of the Y. W. A. of the Baptist church was held Friday evening with Miss Lucile Lee. Miss Ruth Brown was in charge of the program. At the business session, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Paul Brown, leader; Miss Eva Johnson, president; Miss Lucile Lee, vice-president; Mrs. Carlton Stephenson, secretary-treasurer; Miss Lallah Roek Stephens, reporter.

Swap the cotton seed for meal and use the meal for cattle feed and fertilizer.

## Water Shortage Four Oaks School

### Causes The School to Close Early for Christmas Holidays; Methodist Society Elects Officers

Four Oaks, Dec. 18.—School was closed here for the Christmas holidays last Monday at noon because of a water shortage. If this shortage is remedied school will open on Wednesday following Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Adams attended the Duke Alumni Banquet at Raleigh last Saturday evening. Mrs. J. W. Sherrill left last week for Virginia where she will visit relatives for sometime.

Mrs. Booker Lawhorn, of Benson, spent last Thursday in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bandy.

Mr. J. W. Harrington, of Darlington, S. C., spent the week end here with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Keene.

Miss Lena Barber, of Smithfield, was the guest of friends and relatives here during the week end.

Miss Evelyn Thornton recently returned to her home in Washington, D. C., after having spent some time here with her sister, Mrs. Gilbert Creech.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Adams visited their daughter, Mrs. Ben Royall at Morehead City last Monday. Mr. Adams returned home Tuesday while Mrs. Adams remained in Morehead City to take treatment at the hospital of her son-in-law, Dr. Royall.

Mr. Lexie Barefoot, who is in school at Chapel Hill, is at home spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barefoot.

Among the teachers who have gone to their homes to spend the Christmas holidays are: Misses Mary Jones and Mittie Quarles, Ashland, Virginia; Jessie Hines, Goldsboro; Lowney Olive, Godwin; Pearl Johnson, Benson; Maud Creech, Denmark, S. C.; Ava Myatt and Sarah Patterson, Smithfield; Gladys Felton, Hertford; Lois Adair, Clinton, S. C.; Florence Wooten, Maysville; Pattie Williams, Stedman; Katherine Nole, Burgaw; Margaret Tabor, Gilkey; Miriam Brietz, Selma; Ada Hancock, Virginia, and Mr. Joe Tilson, Tennessee.

Mr. Gilbert Grady who is attending the University of North Carolina, arrived home Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Grady, during the holidays.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met at the church Monday afternoon, December 13. Because the election of officers was postponed from last month the meeting opened with a devotional service followed by a business meeting. The following officers were suggested by the nominating committee and elected by the society: president, Mrs. E. D. Dodd; recording secretary, Mrs. C. H. Wellons; treasurer, Mrs. B. E. Adams; corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. I. Tart; agent for Missionary Voice and The Missionary News, Mrs. Edgar Denning; superintendent of Bright Jewels, Mrs. W. R. Keene; superintendent of Young People, Miss Sallie Adams; superintendent of Mission Study, Mrs. Reid Adams; superintendent of publicity, Miss Annie Ford.

## A Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one le-ciphers his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Ticket must be called for before the following issue.

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Guy Hamilton recognized his name last issue.