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Former County Officials Settle

W. J. Massey Pays Final Amount of \$25,000; The Last of County Deficits To Be Settled

With the beginning of the fiscal year in county government, several settlements between Johnston county and former county officials that have been pending for several years, are written as past history. The defalcation in the office of register of deeds during the term of W. T. Adams has been settled, and prior to that settlement the balance due in the office of the clerk of Superior court while the late W. S. Stevens was in office was paid, and on April 27, 1927 the case concerning this matter was judged a non-suit and thrown out of court. Also W. J. Massey, former sheriff, has turned over an amount which completes the sum due by him to the county.

The action which has been pending here in Superior court between the state Ex-Rel commissioners of Johnston county vs. W. J. Massey and the National Surety Company, bondsmen, was terminated here Wednesday by a permanent judgment signed by H. V. Rose, clerk of the court. This action was started about twelve months ago. The judgment provided for the payment of \$25,000 by the defendant and his surety which was accepted as a complete release of all liability against the former sheriff except a matter of about eleven dollars cost which was also paid.

The former board of county commissioners had authorized an audit of the ex-sheriff's books which purported to establish a shortage on the part of the former sheriff of something over a \$100,000. The former sheriff protested against this audit and had an audit of his books made by another auditing company. The latter audit showed a very wide divergence from the other audit. The final settlement was based on the sheriff's contentions that he was due to turn over to the county something like \$25,000.

In the April term of Superior court over which Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presided, an order was passed upon motion by Paul D. Grady, attorney for Johnston county, substituting in the case of the state vs. Leon Stevens, executor of the estate of W. S. Stevens, deceased and the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, the names of H. V. Rose, clerk of the Superior court, and J. Ransom Creech, county treasurer, for J. Ira Lee, former clerk, and Geo. T. Scott, former treasurer, who were parties plaintiffs in the case.

Then Paul D. Grady, counsel for the plaintiffs, appeared in court and submitted the original agreement and adjustment that had been arranged in this matter between the board of county commissioners represented by D. B. Oliver, chairman, and Leon G. Stevens, executor of the W. S. Stevens estate. It appearing that all the agreement between these parties had been complied with and the entire matter adjusted in accordance with said agreement, a judgment of non-suit was entered.

The agreement which was entered into by the board of commissioners and L. G. Stevens, executor of the Stevens estate, was made on November 12, 1924. This agreement approved the accept-

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Tantalizer

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

(Miss) Brookie Ennis recognized her name last issue. Today's Tantalizer: Imokraerns

Sees Snake Personality



GEORGES CHAPPELLE, of France, now in the U. S., is head of the organization which annually exterminates 2 million snakes and lizards in India and Java. He explains here that "Charlotte" in hand—is deadly—but really of gentle breeding and fully of personality" when you know her right.

Mrs. Price Dies At Hospital Here

Funeral Is Conducted at Corinth Church by Rev. A. A. Pippin; Large Crowd Attends

A death which brought sadness to a large circle of friends and relatives occurred at the hospital here Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. S. T. Price, of the Corinth-Holders section, passed away after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Price was ill for about three weeks before being brought to the hospital here, suffering intensely with inflammatory rheumatism. She lived only two days after coming here, though everything possible was done for her relief.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Corinth Baptist church after which interment was made in the Corinth cemetery. A former pastor, Rev. A. A. Pippin, of Wakefield, conducted the service assisted by Rev. S. L. Morgan of this city, and Dr. Ira E. D. Andrews, of Clayton. A choir composed of singers from Clayton and Smithfield rendered several appropriate hymns. The deceased was, at the time of her death, a member of the Smithfield Baptist church, having lived in this city for two years until about six months ago when her family went back to their home in the Corinth-Holders community. Rev. Mr. Pippin paid a beautiful tribute to the Christian character and Christian work done in the Corinth community. She was one among those whose efforts built a new church at Corinth.

The deceased is survived by her husband, a young daughter, Margaret, two brothers and a sister. A large crowd was present at the funeral Wednesday afternoon, attesting the esteem in which she was held wherever known. Among those attending from Smithfield besides Rev. S. L. Morgan who had a part in the funeral service, were Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Cauley, Mrs. M. A. Wallace, Mrs. L. D. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Creech.

Woodman of the World Unveiling

On the fourth Sunday in July, the Woodmen of the World will unveil a monument to N. F. Hawkins in the Micro cemetery. The ceremony will take place about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and all Woodmen are requested to participate. The public is cordially invited.

J. D. CREECH, Clerk.

Baptist Church.

Sunday school 9:30. Sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m.—"God's Penalty For Disobedience." Intermediate B. Y. P. U. at 7:15 p. m. A meeting of unusual importance, all members urged to be present. Worship and sermon by the pastor at 8 o'clock.

It costs a man a lot to live up to his ideals. That's the reason many a man can't afford to get married.

Numerous Cases Recorder's Court

Usual Routine of Offences—Convictions In Majority; Road Sentences, Fines and Suspended Judgments

Numerous cases were tried in Recorder's court this week which began Tuesday as usual and continued through Wednesday and Thursday. The usual offences were charged and the cases patiently heard the most of them being convicted and the defendants drawing a road sentence, a fine or a suspended sentence. The cases disposed of included the following:

State vs. Fletcher Wimby, charged with cursing on public highway and publicly drunk. Defendant found guilty on both of the counts and sentenced to jail for a term of four months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost. Road sentence to be suspended upon good behavior for next two years and paying of cost.

State vs. Colon Sanders and Jesse Eason charged with affray. Both guilty. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. B. J. White charged with violation of the prohibition laws. Defendant called on June 15 and failed. Sci fa served on J. A. Mitchell, June 21. Motion by solicitor for judgment absolute. Motion allowed and judgment absolute ordered against J. A. Mitchell for the sum of \$200.

State vs. J. V. Smith, charged with disposing of mortgaged property. This case on Wednesday, June 22, was not proessed with leave. Motion was made Tuesday to redock this case. Motion was allowed and case was ordered redocketed.

State vs. Geo. W. Messer, charged with violation of the prohibition laws—possession and publicly drunk. Defendant was found guilty on both counts and fined \$25 and costs.

State vs. Luther Pearce, charged with operating motor vehicle while intoxicated, and with assault. Guilty on both counts. Sentenced to go to jail for term of four months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay costs. An appeal was taken to Superior court.

State vs. Dave Jernigan and Cephe Parker, charged with possession of still and whiskey. Both found guilty. Dave Jernigan was sentenced to jail for term of four months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay one-half costs. Cephe Parker sentenced to jail for term of 90 days to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay one-half the cost. This sentence to begin at expiration of sentence in another case. Jernigan took an appeal.

State vs. Hattie Dixon, charged with fornication and adultery. Guilty. Sentenced to jail for term of 60 days to be worked as sheriff sees fit and pay cost. Jail sentence suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and cost.

State vs. Christopher Hinton, charged with fornication and adultery. Guilty. Sentenced to jail for a term of 60 days to be worked on roads of Johnston county and pay cost. Road sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and cost.

State vs. Jodie Phipps, charged with carrying concealed weapon. Guilty. Sentenced to jail for term of 60 days to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost. Road sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and cost.

State vs. Tobie Morgan, charged with violation of the prohibition laws. Guilty of possession. Continued prayer for judgment upon payment of cost.

State vs. Carl Johnson, charged with violation of prohibition laws. Guilty of possession. Sentenced to jail for term of four months to be worked on the roads of Johnston county and pay cost. Road sentence to be suspended upon condition that defendant does not violate the prohibition law again in twelve months in any form.

Need Of Farmers Like L. A. Johnson

Delivers Cream To Benson Creamery Each Day; Ships Hogs; Raises Poultry; Other Farming Operations.

When the number of farmers in Johnston county like L. A. Johnson of Meadow township, increase sufficiently, the Benson creamery will not have to worry about where to get cream, no western meat will find a market here, and cooperative shipments of chickens will be a more frequent occurrence. To visit Mr. Johnson's farm is to be convinced that his slogan is to raise all food and feedstuffs and then something for market.

Mr. Johnson owns six Jersey milk cows from which he furnishes the Benson creamery with around 30 pounds of cream per day. He is interested not simply in having any old kind of cow, but he wants a herd that will mean a profit. Last year he had his cows tested to ascertain the richness of their milk and found the record of one to be 6.9 per cent. Realizing that another factor in making his cows pay is the feed, he has experimented with a permanent pasture, besides producing home grown feed crops. He has three acres in a permanent pasture but the dry weather of last year was detrimental to the best development. He has, however, three acres in Sudan grass for grazing purposes.

Mr. Johnson does not confine his livestock operations to cows. He has 49 head of pure bred Duroc Jerseys, though they are not registered stock. He plants for his hogs as well as his family. A good sized potato patch is in each cornfield, and after the crops are harvested in the fall his hogs live a "hog's life" rooting in these fields. Instead of patronizing the West in the matter of meat, Mr. Johnson ships hogs himself. He made a small shipment in April and expects to ship more in August or September.

A flock of 250 Rhode Island Red chickens gives his family all the chickens and eggs they desire and a quantity are sold on the local markets. He raises the feed for his chickens also, a part of six acres of wheat being planted especially for poultry feed.

A casual visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson would scarcely reveal these livestock operations, but the 175 acres of cleared land stretching away on all sides planted in cotton, tobacco, corn and oats are evidence enough of his other farming operations. It requires four tenants to cultivate this acreage which is planted in something like the following proportions: 54 acres in cotton; 55 in corn; 12 in tobacco; 11 in oats; six in wheat; five in sweet potatoes; 1 1/2 in strawberries; and about an acre in cabbage. Soybeans and velvet beans, and vetch are found in the cornfields not only for feed purposes but for improving the richness of the soil. An orchard with about ten varieties of fruit trees, an acre in pecan trees and Japanese walnuts and all-around garden furnish his table with the best of food.

Mr. Johnson's home is lighted with a Delco-Lighting system, and he has a Dayton water system which provides water or his cows, provides running water in his kitchen and on his back porch. A telephone keeps him in touch with the markets at all times, and a mail box in the front yard is just as convenient for the daily delivery of mail as the city delivery system is to the city resident. It is significant that worth while mail goes into Mr. Johnson's box. Besides the Smithfield Herald and the News and Observer which make their regular visits to this home, five farm papers and magazines also find their way there. These include the Progressive Farmer, Southern Ruralist, Southern Planter, Southern Farmer, and the N. C. Cotton Grower. The last named publication suggests an important fact. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Cotton Cooperative Association having delivered 27 bales to the association last year.

Mr. Johnson lives in a fine com-

Capture 100 Gal. Whiskey Still

Safeguarded In Woods With Black Sewing Thread Drawn Around It For Distance of Ten Steps

One of the biggest stills captured in Johnston county in some time was brought to the courthouse Tuesday morning by Deputy R. D. Marler of Bentonville township. The still, which was a 100-gallon capacity affair, was found on Middle creek in Meadow township by R. D. Marler and Almond Hood early Sunday morning. The spot has been under observation for a while before the still was taken, and the officers discovered that a black sewing thread was drawn around the still for a distance of about ten steps all around it. The officers were careful not to break it, and lay in waiting before making the raid to see what would happen.

According to Deputy Marler, they saw Handy McLamb approach the location of the still, examine the thread, and finding it unbroken, go directly to the still and proceed to stir up the beer.

The officers then, took the still and poured out about six barrels of beer. A warrant is out for McLamb.

The still was such a big affair that the sheriff had a picture taken of it before it was cut to pieces.

OUR CLUB CAMP MEETING

By MRS. J. L. LEE
Benson, N. C., Route 2

On June 28th about 8:30 o'clock I left home for a trip to White Lake with twenty-five other club women of Johnston County. I reached Benson about 9 o'clock, and shortly afterwards joined the others who had come from Smithfield on two school trucks. We went by Fayetteville where we enjoyed a nice rest, and a delicious feast with the Home Demonstration Agent and Farm Demonstration Agent of Cumberland county. We then continued our journey to the lake, and arrived at our destination at five o'clock. We unloaded our luggage and found our rooms, where we were to live for five days.

Each day was filled with hard work, for we arose at 6:30 a. m., had morning watch at 7:00 a. m., breakfast at 7:15 a. m. and began our daily demonstrations at 8:00 a. m. These consisted of lessons on home nursing and Dennison work. We had dinner at 12:30, and had one demonstration in the afternoon in painting. The remainder of the day was left for rest and recreation. We enjoyed going swimming (not swimming but splashing because we couldn't swim) and boat-riding.

After having spent each day joyfully together, we had supper at 6:30 p. m. then we enjoyed moonlight walks on the beach, and retired at 10:00 o'clock.

On Friday some of our people from home came to see us and we had a picnic dinner on the yard which we enjoyed very much. Soon after dinner several of the ladies went for a ride around the lake but I left for home. I want to say that our luggage was not so heavy coming home as it was going, for we carried our vegetables and many other things to eat which we did not bring back.

My trip was well worth the time and expense, and I learned many new ideas which will add to my home.

I learned to like and to have many of our "good ole Johnston county" women, whom I had not had the opportunity of knowing before. I just wish I could tell every club woman in Johnston county, how much I enjoyed my trip and how much it helped me, and I am hoping that more of them will be with us at our next camp meeting.

He is only three and one-half miles from the Meadow Consolidated school which his children attend, going on the truck each day. And churches in the vicinity give religious advantages.

Co-Op Campaign Gets Under Way

U. B. Blalock Addresses Forty or More Farmers and Other Business Men at Dinner Meeting Here

"Cooperative marketing is not as popular as it will be one day," declared U. B. Blalock as he addressed forty or more farmers, bankers, editors and business men at a dinner meeting in the farmers' room of the courthouse on Monday evening, which was the beginning of a week's campaign in the interest of the new cotton contract in Johnston county.

M. G. Mann, who was toastmaster on this occasion, stated that fifty per cent of the members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association had signed the new contract without any campaign whatever. The time, however, is getting short until delivery time again, and the association is starting some intensive work along this line. Johnston, the banner cotton county of the state, was chosen as the place to begin, and at the meeting Monday evening there were seven field representatives besides John A. Smith, of this county, who are going in all parts of the county this week interviewing farmers in regard to signing the new contract. These men are: C. C. Hilton of Warren county; Frank Jones of Wayne; Paul Mack of Wayne; J. C. Jones of Harnett; C. G. Cox of Franklin, and L. C. Phillips of Moore, Stanley and Montgomery counties. A goodly number of the forty farmers who agreed to give of their time this week in accompanying these men over the county were also present Monday evening.

The new marketing agreement can be counted as one of the accomplishments of the association because the optional pool clause makes it possible and practical for every farmer who wants cooperative marketing to sell his cotton through the association regardless of any financial difficulty or of any other condition that may have made it embarrassing for him to deliver his cotton under the old contract, stated Mr. Mann. The member may set the time for the sale of his cotton and still take full advantage of the services which the association is prepared to render. This new contract has been designed with the sole purpose of meeting the needs of the members. They have even provided for the member to withdraw after he has delivered one crop if he desires to do so. If a cotton farmer fails to join the association now, the burden is upon him to prove that he believes in cooperative marketing.

Mr. Blalock explained his statement concerning the popularity of cooperative marketing, showing how, as time goes on, the idea will grow, as the advantages become more apparent. He presented in a forceful way the aims of the cotton association, the accomplishments already achieved, and the safety of marketing through the organization. Depositing cotton in an association, said Mr. Blalock, is as nearly like depositing money in a bank as anything he could think of. He told how every employee of the association is under bond, the cotton is stored in bonded warehouses, and there is practically no chance for any loss.

Cooperative marketing is a process of education thinks Mr. Blalock, but just as surely as the worth while things—good roads, prohibition, education—have been worth fighting for, so is cooperative marketing worth fighting for.

Among those called upon for brief remarks at the meeting Monday evening were J. W. Stephenson, director from this district, and member of the executive committee, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, editor of the Smithfield Herald, W. H. Massey, former solicitor of the Recorder's court, Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church, of this city, and Dwight L. Barbour, president of the Clayton Banking Company.

Two is company—until they become one, then it seems more like a crowd.

Out-Bamming Babe



LOU GEHRIG, slugging first baseman of the leading New York Yankees, who has stood baseball on its head this season by his sensational slugging, passing Babe Ruth in home runs and bidding fair to be one of the biggest 'finds' of years.

Auto Makes Test Trip On Route 10

D. T. Roughton Interested In Advertising Route Which He Calls the "Main Street of North Carolina"

This morning at approximately 7:20, an automobile carrying D. T. Roughton of Old Fort (at one time the western terminus of civilization) and an official of the Carolina Motor Club, passed through this city en route from Morehead City to Murphy, a distance of about 600 miles.

Mr. Roughton, in making the trip, is interested simply in advertising route No. 10 which he calls the "Main Street of North Carolina." He is attempting to drive the entire stretch of route 10, keeping within the new speed law, in one day. The start from Morehead City was made at 4:10 this morning, and if the distance is made without mishap, the car is scheduled to drive in Murphy at 8 o'clock this evening.

Route No. 10 is the longest highway in any state east of the Mississippi and perhaps the longest highway in one state in America. It is said to be the most interesting highway in America, beginning as it does, at the coast, passing through the Piedmont section and passing through unsurpassed mountain scenery.

Mr. Roughton hopes to get every business along the route to publish on its stationery, "On Main Street of North Carolina."

L. M. AUSLEY FOUND DEAD IN BED AT MICRO

News reached here late yesterday afternoon of the sudden death of L. M. Ausley which occurred at his home in Micro yesterday morning. Mr. Ausley is agent for the A. C. L. Railroad at Selma, and worked Wednesday night as usual until about twelve o'clock. He reached his home in Micro about a half hour later, and after speaking to his wife, went to his room upstairs and retired. Mrs. Ausley called him yesterday morning about nine o'clock and receiving no answer went to his room and found him dead. According to the physician who was called, he had been dead for several hours. He had been in his usual health.

The funeral will probably be held tomorrow (Saturday) at the residence and interment will be made in the Micro cemetery.

The deceased leaves a wife and four children. He was about 38 years of age.

Cole-Lassiter Reunion

A reunion of the families of the late W. G. Lassiter and W. B. Cole will be held on the fourth Sunday in July (July 24) at the home of Seth W. Lassiter and Etta Cole Lassiter in Bentonville township. A picnic dinner will be served at the noon hour.

Season's First Cotton Report

Reports Will Be Less Frequent This Year; Acreage Is Reduced Ten Per Cent in North Carolina

RALEIGH, July 12.—The average farmer probably does not know that there will be but a few cotton reports this year by the government. For that reason, this report does not carry information pertaining to conditions or anything that will give a clue as to what the crop will be this year. Thus, farmers or growers do not have any index for this year's cotton probability, while the trade through their private reports are in close tab with the various features, like conditions, stand, boll weevil effects, cultivation, late-ness, etc. In encouraging Congress to pass a law prohibiting frequent cotton reports, the farmers were blind folding their own eyes only.

The preliminary acreage for this year's cotton shows North Carolina with a 10 per cent reduction, while that for the entire cotton belt is given at a 12.4 per cent reduction. Oddly, the least reduction was from North Carolina to Alabama. All of the remaining states had more than 10 per cent reductions. This state's acreage is 1,814,000 as compared with 2,015,000 planted last year. The entire belt's acreage is estimated at 42,683,000 acres.

According to the North Carolina indications, the stand is estimated at 87 per cent as compared with 70 per cent reported for the same time last year. The average date of first blooms is estimated to be July 6th as compared with the 11th last year. Of course, the earliest blooms begin in the southeastern counties, centering around Bladen, where a date of June 30th was given for their first blooms. The poorest stand appears to be in the same southeastern area where 83 per cent is reported.

Boll weevil infestation appears to be much more general and intensive than for several years. This is indicated by the reported average of 20 per cent of complete infestation over the state's entire cotton area. In as much as entomologists advocate dusting when 15 per cent infestation occurs, this indicates a serious situation. Many areas report squares dropping off profusely, with others claiming that the drop is due to boll weevil damages. County agents report that considerable interest is manifested, looking to dusting this year. From Scotland to Onslow, including from Harnett to Brunswick, the farmers report a 34 per cent infestation. The damage also seems to be rather heavy all along the southern border to Hoke county.

The most frequent comments from over 627 cotton farmers are: "Cool nights holding back cotton growth." Too much rain has also been harmful by encouraging boll weevils and grasshoppers; reports are profuse indicating "backwardness and small plants." Most farmers indicate that there are either no boll weevils this year or that it is too early for them to be noticed. Lice damage, due to hot weather, is serious from Union to Beaufort counties. The crop is in fairly good condition so far as cultivation and healthfulness is concerned. Prospects appear to be good. The early dry conditions permitted the roots to get a good hold, deep into the soil. Fertilization has been heavy, but top dressing will be reduced.

AUNT ROXIE SAYS

By Me—



"Cum ter Smithfield Sept. 6th and see backer take airplane ride."