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Special Superior Court In Session

Judge E. H. Cranmer Presides; Carter-Gower Case Began Yesterday; Two Weeks Term

A two weeks special term of the Superior court of Johnston county convened here Monday morning, with Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, on the bench presiding. This court is for the trial of civil actions only. When the matter was before the Johnston County Bar Association something like a month ago, it was understood that the term would last for only one week but the Governor commissioned Judge Cranmer to hold a two weeks term, and upon the statement of this fact in the opening of the court, the bar accepted the change, and an additional calendar is now in the process of being made up.

The calendar was gone over by the court and the bar, and all the cases in which the late W. J. Hooks of Kenly had been representing were continued for the term in order that other attorneys may in the proper time prepare the cases for trial. It was reported that L. L. Levinson, Benson attorney, was ill and in the hospital, and all the cases in which he was to appear at this term were continued.

The first case to go to trial was that of the State of North Carolina Ex. Rel. Dr. F. G. Gower vs. C. W. Carter. This action is in the nature of a quo warranto proceeding to try two issues between the two parties, both contending for the mayorship of Clayton, the suit being instituted by Gower in which he contends that he was regularly elected to the office in the town election of last spring, but due to improper registration of certain people who participated in the election Carter was declared the duly elected mayor by the town board of elections. Carter has been the acting mayor since the date of his qualification following the election.

This case will require the better part of the first two days of the term, as there are several witnesses to testify on both sides of the case.

Both the plaintiff and the defendant are well represented by counsellors, the plaintiff Gower being represented by Parker & Martin and E. J. Wellons and Paul D. Grady, and the defendant Carter being represented by Josiah William Bailey, of the Raleigh bar, and W. H. Lyon, of Smithfield. It is alleged in the complaint that the emoluments from the office amount to about \$400.00 a year.

It was definitely stated that there would be no court on Thursday, it being Thanksgiving Day.

CARRY FRUIT TO INMATES COUNTY HOME

Sunday morning the children and young people of the Methodist Sunday school carried fruit as a Thanksgiving offering which was taken in the afternoon to the county home. Members of the Intermediate-Senior Department gave a brief devotional program, Winfield Lyon being the leader. Misses Daisy Young and Rebecca Royall had parts on the program and Mrs. L. T. Royall told a Thanksgiving story. Old-fashioned hymns were participated in by the inmates who were able to be present. The young people distributed the fruit.

Poultry growers of Nash County have organized the "Nash County Poultry Association."

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.

Firpo Wilson recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: mtganordrsrhuoa

America's History Making Trans-Oceanic Flyers at White House



Prior to the awarding of the Hubbard Medal to Colonel Lindbergh, President Coolidge was host at luncheon to all of the trans-oceanic flyers. Left to right: Lester Maitland, Clarence Chamberlin, Art Goebel, Charles Lindbergh, Ruth Elder, Paul Schuster, Emory Bronte, A. F. Hagenberger, Richard Byrd, George Haldeman, Charles Levine, Bernt Balchen and Wm. Block

Funeral Service Of Mrs. Snipes

Woman Fatally Shot in Richmond Is Buried In Cemetery Near Princeton

GOLDSBORO, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes, fatally shot in Richmond, was buried on Friday afternoon in the cemetery near the little town of Princeton. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 o'clock at the home of her uncle, W. A. T. Durham, in Princeton by Rev. G. B. Perry, pastor of the Methodist church.

The home, a neat new bungalow was filled with people especially women and babies. In a large living room was the open casket, wherein lay the pretty young woman with rosy cheeks, soft wavy hair, but with black powder marks all around the right eye. After several hymns by members of the Methodist choir, Rev. Mr. Perry offered a very comforting prayer. He then read a paper written by some member of her family stating that Mrs. Snipes was a member of the Methodist church, an active church worker in Richmond, a member of the choir, and of several church circles, and that she would have been 31 years of age at her next birthday.

After a talk from the minister those who wished to view the remains were invited to do so. Almost all those within the house walked by the casket, many young women with babies in their arms. The largest number of near relatives present, including parents, brothers, sisters, nieces and her own children were overcome with grief. Mrs. Snipes' two sons, Rudolph, 13, and Leslie, 10, wept pitifully.

The services were concluded at the cemetery, the pastor again inviting all present to view the remains. One sister, standing by the open coffin began to pray aloud and asked God to have mercy upon those who had tried to blacken the name of her sister. "We know how you have lived," she said to the dead sister, "and if it was God's will that you should have gone this way we must submit." Already wrought up, the members of the family wept aloud. (Turn to page eight, please)

Census Bureau Announce Cotton Ginned To Nov. 14

MRS. COOLIDGE SENDS WREATH FOR LOCAL WOMAN'S FUNERAL

A distinctive fact concern the floral offering sent upon the occasion of the recent death of a colored woman, Laura Eason, an old resident of this city, was that among the designs was a wreath sent by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the President of the United States. The interest of the "first lady of the land" in this funeral was due to the fact that a son of the deceased, Watt Eason, was formerly private messenger for the president. Watt held this position for four years during part of the administrations of President Harding and President Coolidge. He is now the efficient man-of-all-work at the "Coffee Cup" in this city.

To Be At Benson



PROF. JNO. PAUL WEAVER Director U. N. C. Glee Club

U. N. C. Glee Club To Be At Benson

Johnston County Alumni Association Will Meet in Benson Monday Evening, Nov. 28; Glee Club Afterwards

Johnston county alumni of the State University will meet around the banquet board in Benson on Monday evening, November 28, at six o'clock. Speeches by prominent members of the University faculty will feature the dinner program. After the banquet, the University Glee Club will give a concert in the high school auditorium.

This is the first tour of the North Carolina University Glee Club since its successful invasion of Europe.

Thirty students, Paul John Weaver, director; Nelson O. Kennedy, accompanist, and Charles Troxell, tenor-soloist, make up the party. They travel by a special chartered bus and will be entertained in private homes while here. The concert is being sponsored by the Kawanis club and will be sung in the high school auditorium. The 30 men to make the trip will be selected from the regular choral organization of 80 voices. (Turn to back page, please)

Good Attendance Welfare Meeting

Discuss Safety of Children in School Zone; Pass Resolution About Gambling Devices

An interesting meeting of the United Welfare Association occurred at the home of the president, Miss Mattie Pou, last Friday evening, with a goodly number of members in attendance.

The subject of greater safety in the school zone was discussed. As a result the following persons were named a committee to present to the mayor the suggestion that a policeman be stationed at school zone during the following hours on school days: Mr. Shuford, chairman, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter and Rev. Chester Alexander. The same committee was requested to work out, if possible ideas for a permanent safety program.

A motion was carried to request the town authorities not to license any carnivals or shows carrying gambling devices.

A committee was appointed to cooperate with the primary teachers of the school, and with Dr. Massey, in an effort to ascertain if any children in these grades are undernourished. If any are found to be in this condition, the association will take suitable action.

Mrs. Thurston O' Welfare Program

Central District Conference of Welfare Workers Will Be Held at Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh Next Tuesday

Johnston county's welfare superintendent, Mrs. D. J. Thurston, is on the program of the Central District Conference of welfare workers which meets at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, on Tuesday, November 29. Mrs. Thurston's talk will be on the subject: "Problems of County Poor Relief." Roy E. Brown will also speak on the same subject, which comes up for discussion at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The meeting which will be an all day affair, will begin with registration from ten to ten fifteen o'clock. This will be followed by music by St. Augustine's choir and by welcome addresses by Mayor Culbreth and Edgar Peebles, chairman Wake county board of commissioners.

"Some Welfare Objectives" will be presented by Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State Commissioner Welfare, after which problems of school attendance will be discussed. Miss Lucile Eifort will talk particularly on this topic. Miss Carrie Wilson will give the "Experience of a Rural Supervisor"; Mrs. Anna B. Lewis will tell of "Some Things That Help"; and J. Floyd Woodard will talk on "An Experiment."

"County Organization" will be discussed by Miss Mame Comp and Mrs. W. B. Waddill, while Dr. Ernest Groves, of the University of North Carolina will talk on "The Family."

Luncheon will be served at the Sir Walter Hotel after which the sessions will be resumed. Music for the afternoon will be furnished by Shaw University choir. The first address of the afternoon will be held at 2:30. (Turn to page five, please)

No Burns Found Says Coroner

Skin About Eye of Mrs. Snipes, Shot In a Richmond Apartment, Free of Powder Marks

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 20.—No burn was made on the skin about the right eye of Mrs. Elsie Holt Snipes by the shot last Wednesday night which caused her death. This statement was contained in the autopsy report of Coroner James M. Whitfield at the inquest yesterday. The coroner offered no opinion as to whether or not Mrs. Snipes died from a self-inflicted wound.

John Wesley Faison, secretary and manager of the Hermitage Country Club, arrested by police on the charge of suspicion of murder and released from custody under a bond of \$10,000, did not attend the inquest but was represented by his attorney, Simeon M. Atkinson. Faison will be given a hearing on the charge against him in Police Court November 30.

In addition to the fact that the flash of the gun which killed Mrs. Snipes failed to burn the skin about the wound, Coroner Whitfield reported finding flesh bruises and abrasions on the skin of her left leg. His report was as follows:

"I examined the body of this woman at 1405 West Main Street, in the morgue of J. L. Sutherland and Sons. There was a bullet hole of entrance about the middle of the right eyebrow. The eyeball was torn, both eyeballs were blackened and swollen. There was no evidence of burning of the skin or eyebrow. There were numerous red spots in the skin about the right eye over a space two and one-half inches in diameter. These red spots were made by particles of smokeless powder.

"The bullet hole was above the center of the powder-marked space. The bullet entered the skull, passed backward and downward and went out through the skin on the back of the neck, one and one-half inches below the level of the hole of entrance, to the right of the middle line of the back of the neck.

"The bullet wound was the cause of death. There were four slight, fresh abrasions on the left leg, three on the outer side and one on the inner side. There were bruises about the left knee. There were several punctures of the skin made in the hospital when intravenous injections were given the woman. When I saw her she was fully dressed except no shoes were on her feet."

Detective-Sergeants E. H. Organ and P. L. Tiller are pursuing vigorously their investigations of the case in an endeavor to bring all facts to light. Police are of the opinion that the absence of powder burns about the wound constitutes a significant fact and believe that this evidence indicates the gun was held some distance from the eye where the bullet entered. They are working on this theory.—Richmond-Times Dispatch.

OFFICERS DESTROY SIX BARRELS OF BEER

Deputy Dan Marler and Game Warden J. W. Stafford destroyed six barrels of beer found yesterday morning on Big Branch near Holt's Mill in Boon Hill township. The still had been removed before officers reached the place.

FORMER RESIDENT OF SMITHFIELD IS DEAD

Mrs. R. C. Crute and brother, F. F. Holmes, of Raleigh, left Sunday for Knoxville, Tenn., on account of the death of their brother, L. A. Holmes, who had been living there for a number of years. He formerly lived in Johnston county, and has relatives and friends here who will regret to learn of his death.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT SAINT MARY'S

A Thanksgiving service will be held at Thanksgiving day at eleven o'clock in the morning at St. Mary's Grove. The public is cordially invited.

Scene From "The Patsy"



This delightful comedy drama to be given at the local school auditorium is the second number of the Chautauqua program.

Recorder's Court "The Patsy" To Lasts Four Days

In Session Here From Tuesday Through Friday For Trial of Criminal Cases

Recorder's court was in session here last week from Tuesday through Friday, and the following cases were tried:

Claude Aycock, Luby Myers and Raymond Leggett were found guilty of disturbing religious services. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of one-third the cost each.

Raudie Wiggins and Oliver Wiggins were given 90 days each on the county roads for assault with deadly weapon. They were also taxed with half the cost each.

For operating a wagon without proper lights, carrying concealed weapon, and violating the prohibition law, Ed Moore was sent to the roads for 60 days and taxed with the cost.

Ben Pawley received a 30 day road sentence for vagrancy.

The state took a nol prois with leave in the case against Isidor Watson, charged with giving a worthless check.

Robert Williams, charged with temporary larceny, was found not guilty and discharged.

Herbert Morgan, who was charged with reckless driving, was not (Turn to page eight, please)

Prominent Citizen Claimed By Death

Mrs. Thad H. Whitley Passes Away at Her Home in Selma

SELMA, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Thad H. Whitley, who died at her home in Selma Friday morning, November 18, was a prominent and greatly beloved woman. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. M. Sharpe, from the home on Saturday afternoon.

Before her marriage to T. H. Whitley on April 12, 1882, she was Miss Ida Fuller of Granville county. She was born on December 27, 1863 and died on November 18, 1927. She had been a resident of Selma for 40 years.

Her devotion to her church and her love for her husband and children were beautiful beyond expression. She was loved by all who knew her. Mentally and spiritually she was a tower of strength in the home, the church and the community. Helpful and capable there was no better housekeeper, no more efficient nurse, no member of the church more faithful to her vows. When duty called to the toilsome or irksome places in life, she did not shirk, but cheerfully, faithfully and lovingly served.

When she had finished a task there was nothing to be added—it was complete. So after a life of beautiful devotion to others, of patient suffering in her latter days, she quietly passed to her reward.

She is survived by her husband and four daughters: Mrs. M. R. Wall, Mrs. R. E. Suber, Mrs. W. B. Johnson, of Selma, and Mrs. W. F. Black, of Raleigh, also one brother, L. T. Fuller, of Portsmouth, Va.

The floral offerings are rarely surpassed in richness and beauty (Turn to page eight, please)

First Wedding In Din-widdie Chape

Jesse Ellington Weds Miss Elizabeth Turner In Chape at Peace Institute; To Bermuda On Wedding Trip

RALEIGH, Nov. 18.—The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Young Turner and Jesse Thompson Ellington was solemnized in the James Din-widdie Chapel at Peace Institute at 9 o'clock last evening. The stateliness of the chapel enhanced by simple, dignified decorations of ferns, palms, trailing Virginia creeper, white roses, and cathedral candles formed a beautiful setting for the wedding.

Reverend W. A. Stanburas, pastor of Edenton Street Methodist church, officiated, using the betrothal and ring ceremony.

Prior to the entrance of the wedding party Mr. James F. Brawley, dean of the music department of Peace, rendered an appropriate musical program, the last number of which was the Finale from Lohengrin. At the conclusion of the Peace music faculty sang the aria, "Elsa's Dream" from Lohengrin. During the ceremony Mr. Brawley played "To An Evening Star," from Tannhauser. The wedding march from Lohengrin was used for the processions and Mendelssohn's march was used for the recessional.

The bridal party entered the chapel in single file from the right entrance. The groomsmen were Messrs. Fletcher Turner, brother of the bride, Marvin Carver, of Durham, Ernest Hinton, of Clayton, Joe Y. Ellington, of Smithfield, brother of the groom and William Puckett, of Raleigh. The bridesmaids were Misses Mary Marti Kugler and Harriet Brown, of Washington, N. C., Martha B. Borden, of Goldsboro, Elizabeth Kilgore, of Raleigh, and Mary E. Ellington, of Smithfield, sister of the groom. Miss Dorothy Young, of Clayton, was senior maid of honor and Miss Catherine Turner, sister of the bride, was junior maid of honor. The bridesmaids and maid of honor wore Lucile models of green and yellow crepe back satin trimmed with gold lace and carried arm bouquets of Rosely roses. Misses Brown, Young, and Borden wore green; Misses Kugler, Ellington, Kilgore and Turner wore yellow. The dresses were fashioned with circular skirts edged with wide gold lace, long draped waists, Queen Ann collars of gold lace, and long sleeves cuffed in gold lace.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a Lucie gown of white moire and real lace fashioned similarly to those worn by the bridesmaids and maid of honor, with train and veil of tulle trimmed with real lace and orange blossoms. The veil was becomingly arranged in the cap fashion at caught at the right side by a cluster of orange blossoms. The bride carried a shower bouquet of white roses and valley lilies.

Mr. John O. Ellington, Jr., of Philadelphia, attended his brother as best man.

Mrs. Ellington is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Numa Fletcher Turner of Raleigh. She attends Peace for years, entering in the preparatory department and graduated.

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Aunt Roxie Opines



"De world iz sho gittin' wuss fer folks uster run into each other's arms, now dey runs into de cyars."

"The Patsy" To Be Given Tonight

Will Be Given at School Auditorium; Has Had Successful Run in New York City

"The Patsy," one of the real hits of the New York season last year, playing more than three hundred performances at the Booth Theatre, is the play scheduled for production at Chautauqua tonight at the school auditorium. "The Patsy" is a comedy from the pen of Barry Corners, author of "Applesauce," "The Mad Honey-moon" and other popular successes, and its presentation here will undoubtedly be one of the most interesting events of the season.

In slangology "The Patsy" means "The fall guy"; "the goat," that unfortunate person so often found in a home, or a business, who always gets the blame no matter who's the fault. In the Harrington household it is Patricia. She is the younger daughter of a typical American family. A sensitive, imaginative girl, "Pat" is constantly harried by her socially ambitious mother and older sister. Her growth and individual unfolding are stunted in every direction except in that of her father, whose love and loyalty prove her eventual salvation. To make matters worse, "Pat" is desperately in love with Tony, her sister's fiance. Even when Tony is jilted for a boy of greater financial and social prominence, it doesn't make matters any easier for "Pat," because her love is unrequited. Drawn together by a common sorrow, "Pat" and Tony become great pals, however, and the latter, in complete ignorance of the identity of the man loved by Patricia, guarantees that she will win him if she'll only follow his instructions. Follow six thrilling lessons in love which "The Patsy" turns against her young teacher. Just as they promise success the older sister decides she wants Tony back, and for a time things look pretty black for Barry Corners' captivating heroine.

"The Patsy" is three acts of comedy, romance, laughter and pathos, telling a most appealing love story and is proving one of the best and most popular plays ever produced in Chautauqua.

DWELLING AND SMOKE HOUSE ARE BURNED

News reached this office yesterday that W. C. Lassiter who lives on Four Oaks, route 4, lost his dwelling and smoke house by fire Saturday night. The fire was discovered about midnight. Particulars were not learned.

COFFEE CUP CHANGES HANDS AGAIN

"The Coffee Cup," Smithfield's tea room, has changed hands, Mrs. D. T. Lunceford now being in charge. Mrs. Lunceford will be assisted by Mrs. Alma Bullock, Mrs. Nellie Bass and Miss Tama Holt, who have operated the Coffee Cup for the past few months, have gone to Asheville.

"The Coffee Cup" will still be the name of the tea room, which will be located at the same place in the hotel building.

TOBACCO MARKET CLOSES FOR THANKSGIVING

The local tobacco market will close Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holidays. It will be open again Monday.