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## Regular Session Recorder's Court

Quite a Number of Criminal Cases Tried in Local Court This Week

The following criminal cases were disposed of in Recorder's court here this week:

It appearing on July 17, 1928 that John W. Tomlinson was placed under a six months suspended road sentence and it appearing to the court from the evidence that the defendant had violated the terms of the suspended sentence and the court so found, it was ordered that capias issue and the defendant ordered to serve the sentence of six months in full.

W. A. Powell was in court on three counts for giving worthless checks. In each case he pleaded nolo contendere, and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the costs.

Julius Baker was found guilty of possession and transportation. A thirty-day road sentence was suspended upon condition that he does not drink, possess, transport, or manufacture any intoxicant of any kind during the next twelve months and pay the costs.

Howard Baker was convicted of possession and transportation. A thirty-day road sentence was suspended upon condition that he does not drink, possess, transport, or manufacture any intoxicant of any kind during the next twelve months and pay the costs.

For violating the prohibition law, E. R. Beasley was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost.

Buck Barbour was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for violating the prohibition law.

Howard Atkinson was given a 60-day road sentence for violating the prohibition laws. The sentence was suspended upon condition that he does not violate the prohibition law during the next two years and that he pay a fine of \$50 and the cost.

Luther Pearce, age 29, colored, was in court charged on three counts for false pretense—giving bad checks. The court retains jurisdiction in these cases until August 22.

Jasper Wallace was charged with larceny of automobile. Probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to Superior court.

Willie Hudson was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and assault, and was given 60 days on the roads. The sentence was suspended upon condition that he does not drink, possess, transport, or manufacture any intoxicant of any kind during the next two years and pay a fine of \$50 and the cost, and on further condition that he is a peaceful, law-abiding citizen during the next two years.

Gary Lee was in court charged with assault on female and trespass. Before the introduction of the evidence the solicitor made a motion that Jesse Simms and Julia Simms be included in the warrant. The motion was allowed and the defendants were placed on trial charged with assault upon Gary Lee. Jesse Simms was not convicted. Julia Simms was found guilty of assault, but judgment was suspended upon the payment of half the cost. Gary Lee was convicted of assault on female and trespass. He was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, but the sentence was suspended upon condition that he is of good behavior during the next two years and pay a fine of \$50 and half the cost.

The modern girl doesn't want a chaperone; she wants a chap alone.

## Tantalizer

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

"Shy" Yung recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: chsluenuko

## Insane Asylum Burns; Thirteen Missing



Administration building of the Central Hospital for the Insane at Nashville, Tenn., after the fire that swept through the institution. More than a thousand inmates were released to save them from the flames and thirteen were missing.

## Pythian Home Is Scene Of Picnic

Pythians Gather From Over the State at Clayton For Picnic; Grand Chancellor B. F. Gore Makes Address

The state-wide invitation to Knights of Pythias to attend a celebration of Pythian Home Day at the Pythian Home at Clayton yesterday resulted in an attendance of between 300 and 400. Each member was requested to carry his family and a basket lunch to be spread on the grounds in picnic fashion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Knowles, who are in charge of the home, extended a cordial greeting to their guests as they arrived, and at twelve o'clock the program which had been planned began. Mr. F. G. Gower, mayor of Clayton, delivered a welcome address, after which the state grand chancellor, B. F. Gore of Weldon, made an address in which he stressed the meaning of the Pythian Home in North Carolina. This institution he declared, is the nucleus for the activities of Pythians in this state.

At one o'clock a delicious picnic dinner was spread on tables arranged on the grounds, and the fifty-two children who live at the home were invited to share the repast which Pythians from over the state had brought.

At two o'clock the children gave a most enjoyable program including songs and readings that was an evidence of the splendid training which they are receiving at the home. At four o'clock a watermelon feast was enjoyed by all present.

The Pythian Home at Clayton is an institution to be proud of. It is located on 183 acres of fine land on the edge of Clayton, which was donated by Ashley Horne over fifteen years ago. There are two buildings which have a capacity of seventy-five or eighty, besides buildings which house the laundry and other conveniences for carrying on the work at the Home. The office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seals was moved some time ago to the Home at Clayton, thus making this institution headquarters for the order in North Carolina.

The trustees of the Home are: R. S. McCain, W. T. Rainey, C. W. Horne, J. D. Pridgen, E. I. Fleming, C. W. Coghill, C. F. Gore, W. A. Self and J. Fred Brown, Jr.

### Called To Virginia.

Kenly, Aug. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmons were called to Virginia last week on account of the death of Mr. Simmons' sister. They returned home Sunday.

### Presbyterian Services.

Preaching services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Union service at the Freewill Baptist church Sunday night at eight o'clock, with Rev. S. L. Morgan preaching. The public cordially invited.

All the world loves to laugh with or at a lover.

## Returns Home After Mysterious Disappearance

Johnston county officers were spared the job of cleaning out Ben McKeel's well yesterday to ascertain whether or not his body reposed at the bottom when they found him calmly sitting on his porch after a sojourn of five weeks away from his family.

McKeel disappeared from his home between Pine Level and Princeton five weeks ago Wednesday, and his whereabouts were unknown during that time. His wife and children became uneasy about him and officers went to the place yesterday to investigate a suspicion that he might be in an old well on the place.

McKeel stated that he had been down about Weldon but he gave the officers no intimation as to why he so mysteriously disappeared.

## Cotton Crop 70 Per Cent Normal

Mr. Wright Edmundson Comments On Crop In Texas; Crop In North Carolina Estimated 75 Per Cent Normal

Mr. Wright Edmundson left Wednesday night for his home at Waco, Texas, after spending a week or two here with his mother. Mr. Edmundson travels over the entire state of Texas and his comments on the cotton crop are always of interest.

In speaking of the crop just before his departure for Texas, Mr. Edmundson states that in Texas this year the cotton acreage was increased about ten per cent, and indications now are that the Lone Star state will produce not less than five million bales. "However," says Mr. Edmundson, "almost anything may happen before the cotton crop is housed in Texas."

There are three sections in Texas with conditions varying in each section. In the southern part of the state, the crop is now being harvested, possibly half of it at this time being out of the fields. In the central part of the state, harvesting is just beginning and on the plains, it will be September or probably the fifteenth before farmers will begin to gather the crop. On the plains, the weather is so dry that harvesting some times goes on until as late as February.

When asked concerning the boll weevil this year, Mr. Edmundson replied that the weevil has not been causing any great trouble this year, so far. Farmers in Texas do not bother to poison the weevil. Conditions throughout the southeastern states, however, seem to indicate that the cotton crop this year is below normal, according to reports made by commissioners of agriculture of the cotton

## Dr. Whitehead Is Kiwanis Speaker

Local Dentist Makes Interesting Talk on Infected Teeth, a Cause of Disease

The program of the Kiwanis club yesterday was featured by a talk by Dr. J. W. Whitehead, local dentist and a member of the Kiwanis club, on "Focal Infection." A week ago, Dr. E. A. Branch, a specialist in children's dentistry, of Raleigh, addressed the club, using slides to illustrate his talk on the formation of this health program.

Dr. Whitehead spoke briefly of the state program being put on by the North Carolina Dental Association for the benefit of its members, one hundred forty members of the State Dental Society University of North Carolina and Northwestern University. Among the specialists who have delivered lectures during the past ten weeks in each of the five districts of the state was Dr. Black, dean of Northwestern University, who spoke on "Focal Infection," and it was a message from this renowned dentist that Dr. Whitehead brought to the Kiwanians yesterday.

Dr. Whitehead gave a bit of history concerning dental research, telling how old records have revealed the fact that 2,500 years ago physicians knew that infected teeth caused rheumatic diseases. He spoke briefly of the experimentation of Dr. Hunter, a London physician, who found that many of his patients became well after their infected teeth had been extracted. Dr. Hunter's experiments were not scientific but later scientific study was made along this line. After thorough research during a period of ten or fifteen years, articles and books were written on this subject, and it is now generally accepted by the profession and the laity that dental infection causes disease.

Dr. Whitehead told of an experiment made by Dr. Black of Northwestern University, which showed that out of 600 apparently well persons examined, 78 per cent had either pyorrhea or abscessed roots. Dr. Whitehead closed his remarks by calling attention to the death of Senator Brennan, who died this week of septic poisoning caused by an infected tooth.

Dr. W. J. B. Orr, president of the club, presided over the meeting yesterday. A report of the directors meeting held recently was made in which it was announced that Dr. C. C. Massey has been chosen secretary and treasurer to fill the vacancy of Mr. B. J. Holleman who is leaving to make his home in Raleigh. Mr. W. N. Holt succeeds Mr. Holleman as a director. Mr. N. T. Bailey is also a new director.

states in session at Atlanta, Ga. It was estimated that not more than seventy per cent of normal crop would be harvested this year. Commissioner Graham of North Carolina estimates the North Carolina crop as being seventy-five per cent normal.

## To Notify Smith Veteran Minister Goes To Reward

Elaborate Plans In Progress For Advising Democratic Candidate of His Presidential Nominatio

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Arrangements are rapidly nearing completion for the formal notification ceremonies of Governor Smith, as the Democratic nominee for President, at Albany, August 22, and of Senator Robinson, as Vice-President, at Hot Springs, Ark., August 30.

Because of the expected crowds, platforms at both notifications will be larger than originally anticipated. The special guests from different parts of the country have for the most part signified their intention of attending the celebrations. In addition, information received at Democratic National Headquarters indicates special trains and automobile parties will be at both Albany and Hot Springs greatly increasing the crowds.

Workmen will start on the platform at Albany very soon. It is to be constructed in front of the State Capitol Building at the foot of the broad front stairway which leads to the second floor of the structure. Throughout Capitol Park and the streets adjacent an additional number of amplifiers will be installed so that the crowds can hear the address.

Senator Key Pittman, of Nevada, who was chairman of the Resolutions Committee at the Houston Convention, will deliver the address notifying Governor Smith of his nomination for President. The high spot of the ceremony, of course, will be the acceptance address of the nominee.

Will Deal With All Issues. Great importance attaches to Governor Smith's speech since it will be his first complete public utterance on campaign issues since the Houston Convention. His position on farm relief is eagerly awaited throughout the middle west, and the farm states, where reports have been pouring in of elements dissatisfied with the Republican position and veto of the relief measure. The address will cover all other issues of the campaign.

The notification of Senator Robinson is to be in front of the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs. The platform for the speakers and special guests is to be built in front of the hotel. The crowds will be on the grounds surrounding.

Claude Bowers, of New York City, who was the keynote at the Houston Convention, will deliver the address notifying Mr. Robinson of his nomination for Vice-President. Mr. Robinson, like Governor Smith, will deliver the chief address on that occasion. He, too, will discuss the issues of the campaign dealing to a great extent with the farm problem with which he is especially familiar because of his home in Arkansas, a state both South and West.

Adequate Hotel Accommodations. While elaborate arrangements have been made for broadcasting both the Albany and Hot Springs ceremonies, officials at Democratic National headquarters, in the General Motors building, made it clear today that all persons who can possibly do so intend to attend personally. The radio, of course, will give the text of the speeches but will give no real impression of the figures and notables involved.

In both Albany and Hot Springs, there are abundant rooms and the prospects are that tourists will take advantage of that condition and drive to the cities for the celebrations. Automobile clubs report a tremendous number of inquiries as to routes. In some instances they have mimeographed the routes for the convenience of the traveler. Special arrangements have been made by committees in both cities for adequate hotel accommodations with a wide range in price.

### Attend Party in Wilson.

Kenly, Aug. 9.—Little Misses Ann Fulghum and Marie Darden attended the birthday party of little Miss Edna Gay Woodard at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Woodard in Wilson on Friday afternoon.

## Veteran Minister Goes To Reward

Rev. G. B. Perry, Methodist Minister at Princeton Dies With Apoplectic Stroke Tuesday; Interment Here Wednesday

Rev. G. B. Perry, pastor of the Princeton charge, died at the parsonage in Princeton Tuesday, August 7, on his seventy-seventh birthday. He arose Tuesday morning apparently in his usual health, but about 8:30 o'clock he was stricken with apoplexy while sitting on his porch and died instantly.

The funeral was held at the Princeton Methodist church Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. The service was conducted by Dr. M. Bradshaw, presiding elder of the Raleigh district, assisted by Rev. S. A. Cotton, presiding elder of the Weldon district, Rev. J. H. Snore, of Weldon, Rev. A. S. Barnes, superintendent of the Methodist Organization at Raleigh, and Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, of this city. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery of this city, his family laying him to rest in the town where he served his first pastorate. The pastors of the Raleigh district were honorary pallbearers. A lovely floral offering covered the grave.

Mr. Perry was born August 7, 1851 in Chatham county. On August 13, 1873, he was married to Miss Josephine Pugh of Mt. Vernon Springs. For several years after their marriage, Mr. Perry taught school and preached in the local churches. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1886. He served as a minister 42 years. He was a part of the time in the North Carolina Conference and part of the time in the Western Conferences. He was in the ministry at the time of his death, and was completing his fifth year as pastor of the Princeton Methodist church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. G. B. Perry and eight children: Mozella Perry Allen, Durham; Mamie Perry Davis, Burlington; J. Marvin Perry, Louisville; A. Olin Perry, Franklinton; Jennie Perry Moore, Bennettsville, S. C.; Lura Perry Mauney, Cherryville; Josephine Perry Highsmith, Dunn; Rena Perry Blackburn, Selma; one son, Carl Pugh Perry, died in 1912.

### A. ZANDER DUNCAN PASSES IN RICHMOND

Postmaster Of Clayton Dies Following Several Months Of Illness.

CLAYTON, Aug. 9.—A Zander Duncan, postmaster and prominent merchant of Clayton, died last Monday at 8:30 o'clock in the Johnson-Willis Hospital in Richmond, Va. Mr. Duncan had been in ill health for several months, having gone through a serious operation some time past in the Johnston County Hospital in Smithfield. Upon his return to his home his health was seemingly improved, however, a relapse set in and he was sent to Richmond where he underwent another operation.

Besides his widow, who was formerly Miss Minnie Talton, he is survived by the following children: Misses Iris, Madelyn and Evelyn; two sons, Millard and Zander; three sisters, Mrs. W. J. Talton, of Benson, Mrs. John S. Barnes and Mrs. W. I. Whitley, of Clayton, and three brothers, Porter Duncan, of Clayton, Paul Duncan, of Columbus, Ga., and Duke Duncan, of Clayton.

Mr. Duncan was a devoted member of the Methodist church of Clayton, besides belonging to the Junior Order. He was always active in every movement that was for the betterment of the town and community.

The body was brought to Clayton Monday afternoon where the funeral was conducted at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon.

### ATTENTION SANDERS FAMILY

Don't forget the reunion at the ancestral home of John Sanders, seven miles west of Smithfield, now occupied by C. L. Sanders, Sunday, August 12. Come with a lunch and let all get to know each other.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

## DOOMED TO DEATH



Mrs. Eula Elrod Thompson, twenty-four, who, with her husband and a negro servant, Jim Moss, were condemned by a Murray county (Georgia) court, to die for the murder of Coleman Osborne, a merchant, near Chatsworth.

## Town Tax Rate Reduced To \$1.60

City Budget Totals \$112,575; Further Reduction in Rate Prevented By Lower Property Valuation

The city Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting Tuesday night adopted a budget for the new fiscal year, which enables the tax rate in Smithfield to be reduced from \$1.63 to \$1.60 on the hundred dollars worth of property.

This reduction is made possible by the exercise of strict economy. Last year for the first time the board of commissioners required a report each month from each department of the town government. These reports were examined closely, and the end of the year showed that most of the departments operated slightly under the amount allotted in last year's budget. In view of this fact, the commissioners decided to make a reduction of three cents in the rate for 1928-1929. A member of the board in commenting upon the reduction, stated that further reduction could have been made but for the fact that the taxable property in Smithfield is approximately \$100,000 less than it was last year.

During last year the town considerably reduced its obligations, retiring bonds in the amount of \$20,000, and reducing the current obligations \$10,000. The budget which was adopted at the meeting Tuesday night totals \$112,575. Sources of revenue include water sales, \$10,000; light sales, \$35,000; licenses, auto and log taxes, cemetery lots, water taps and paving, \$7,575; anticipated collection of property tax, \$60,000.

### STEPHENSON'S GIN CATCHES FIRE WED.

Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock the fire alarm called out the city fire department to extinguish a blaze at J. W. Stephenson's gin just across the river. The fire was put out by neighbors by the time the fire company arrived, and the damage was slight.

Sherwood Carr Talton, grandson of Mr. Stephenson, had been out to look after his cow after the rain, and as he passed the gin smelled smoke. He went upstairs to investigate and found a small blaze. Lint in the gin house was singed and some trash in the condenser burned, causing considerable smoke. The boy ran to the filling station at the forks of the road and the city fire department was notified. In the meantime, those living in the community began to carry water in buckets and the fire was put out when the fire truck arrived. A small hole was burned in the floor and the condenser was somewhat damaged.

Mr. Stephenson suffered a severe loss some time ago when his barn and stables were completely destroyed.

## Mr. Morgan Tells Of Return Trip

Lake Ontario and The Thousand Islands, Wonders of the Northeast; Historical Interest of the St. Lawrence

By REV. S. L. MORGAN

Rather reluctantly we left our camp in Toronto—half a block from Lake Ontario. In a week it had come to be like our home. It was Saturday morning. Many of the thousands had been leaving for several days. A great rain all day Friday prevented our leaving. The final program of the Baptist World Alliance Friday night was a grand climax, with many thousands present in spite of the torrent of rain. It was as cold as an October storm. Indeed, all through the week, except for intervals of sunshine, the weather had been cloudy and cold. Canadian summers for a short period are as hot as ours, but intense heat hardly comes before July. Most of the time light overcoats were comfortable, with our two or three blankets at night. Leaving camp under a heavy cloud and mist, we drove till far into the afternoon eastward along the gently rolling coast of Lake Ontario 170 miles to the city of Kingston. There the lake narrows to ten miles to form the headwaters of the great St. Lawrence River, and to stage one of the wonders of the world—The Thousand Islands. In the first 40 miles of the river, with an average width of five miles, there are declared to be about 1,800 islands. Those who cannot afford it usually take a boat ride through the enchanting labyrinth of islands, islands of all shapes and sizes, from a few yards in length to several miles; some of them a mere barren crag, most of them clothed with beautiful foliage and shaded with pines and cedars and birches. Often from the shore an island appeared to be a single tree growing out of the water. More often they were of good size, covered with trees and grass and flowers. Every now and then we passed one with farm houses and cultivated fields, with cattle grazing in smooth meadow or on a craggy mound. All the way down the great river to Montreal—335 miles from Toronto—we continued to see islands at intervals, often a lively debate leaving it unsettled whether the land we saw was an island or the opposite bank. From Kingston on for 100 miles to gaze across to the opposite shore was for us to feel a strange tugging at the heart, for it was to reflect that that land across was New York and our homeland. Scott's words returned to me often: "Breathes there the man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own, my native land!'"

The St. Lawrence is one of the most wonderful rivers in the world, and one of the richest in historical interest. Jacques Cartier entered it in 1535, believing it flowed out of the Indies. Along its banks for nearly two centuries France and Great Britain struggled for the mastery knowing that to control the river was to be master of the vast continent north and west. Four great inland seas flow out of the interior of the continent over Niagara Falls, and this vast volume, greatly increased

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## Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—



I'm afraid Al Smith is gwine ter be followed by wet stove-wood and puny husbands.