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Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court

Large Number Criminal Cases Disposed of in Local Court Here This Week

A large docket was disposed of in Recorder's court here this week, the following criminal cases being tried:

T. H. Truelove, David Moore, C. H. Hill, T. B. Johnson and J. T. Sasser, who were convicted of violating the fishing laws, were discharged upon the payment of the cost.

R. G. Allen plead guilty to giving worthless check. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the check and the cost.

Zero Jernigan and Malasia Lee, charged with trespass, were found not guilty.

Abell & Shepard, attorneys for John Starling and Malcolm Woodard who were convicted January 22 of stealing cotton and sentenced to the roads for four months, entered a motion to change the sentence to a fine and the motion was allowed. The four-month sentence originally entered was suspended upon the payment of \$100 fine and the cost.

Willie Best was found guilty of carrying concealed weapon and of assault. He was sentenced to the roads for six months, to be discharged at the end of four months provided the cost is paid.

Harry Barnes, charged with violation of the prohibition law, was called and failed. Judgment nisi was entered.

Armelia Jones was convicted of simple assault. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Ada Hick, Bertha Sullivan and Henry Sullivan, charged with trespass, were not convicted.

Eliza Watson, charged with larceny, was found guilty of receiving stolen property, and was sentenced to jail for a term of 90 days to be worked as the sheriff sees fit. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of the cost.

Gertrude Richardson, charged with assault with deadly weapon, entered a plea of nolo contendere. She was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and was sent to jail for six months to be worked as the sheriff sees fit. The jail sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine to the prosecuting witness and the payment of the cost.

Clarence Atkinson, who was convicted of assault with deadly weapon was sentenced to the roads for 18 months.

Thurman Whitley, charged with carrying concealed weapon was not convicted.

Harvey Hughes was found guilty of possession for the purpose of sale and of sale of whiskey. He was sentenced to the roads for twelve months, to be discharged at the end of 90 days provided the cost is paid and on further condition that the defendant leaves Johnston county and stays out of the county for the next two years.

Vernon Williams was charged with assault. Not guilty.

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ERROR CORRECTED
Attention has been called to an error in the posters recently distributed by the Vava L. Smith shop. Silk bloomers which were priced at ten cents should have been sixty cents. The correction appears in the advertisement in this issue of the Herald. Read the list of bargains in this page ad.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

TODAY'S TANTALIZER
Catherine Martin deciphered her name last issue.

Johnston County 4-H Club Girls



A part of the 300 4-H Club Girls who participated in the Achievement Day Exercises here on Saturday, May 4. There are 553 girls in the county, who are learning many useful things about home-making under the leadership of Miss Minnie Lee Garrison, County Home Demonstration Agent.

Closing Exercises Mrs. Massengill Meadow School Gone To Reward

Rev. Chester Alexander Will Preach Commencement Sermon Sunday Afternoon;

BENSON, Route 2, May 23.—Commencement at Meadow high school begins with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Smithfield, on Sunday afternoon, May 26, at three o'clock. Mr. Alexander is a forceful speaker and the school feels very fortunate in being able to secure him for this occasion.

On Wednesday evening, May 29, at eight o'clock, the seniors have their class day exercises. This year the class is departing from the old type of senior class day exercises. The program is being presented in the form of a play, and it is believed that the change will be welcomed by the audience.

Misses Annie Howard Felton and Dorothy Lide have charge of this phase of the commencement.

On Thursday morning, May 30, at eleven o'clock, Mr. Tom Best of Raleigh, will deliver the annual literary address. Mr. Best is a reporter for the Greensboro Daily News. He is usually referred to as the dean of North Carolina newspaper reporters. He has the reputation of being a gifted speaker, and his address is being looked forward to with great interest. Immediately after the address, the seniors, who are fifteen in number, will receive their diplomas. Following this there will be a picnic dinner served under the trees in front of the classroom.

On Thursday afternoon at 2:30, the seventh grade will present a program. At this time those members of the seventh grade who passed the county examinations will receive their certificates. Following this, the perfect attendance certificates will be awarded to those children who have been neither absent nor tardy during the year. Also at this time, the medals offered by Mr. J. W. Whittenton of Benson to the pupils doing the best work in the high school will be presented.

The public is cordially invited to attend all or a part of this commencement. It is earnestly hoped that all patrons of the school will be present at each phase of the commencement.

HERALD EXTENDS THANKS FOR LOVELY GERANIUMS
The Herald is indebted to Mrs. J. M. Gainey, who lives near Hares' store, for the most colorful bouquet of geraniums and ferns that can be imagined. At least seven different kinds in varying shades combine to produce a lovely picture. Practically every visitor to the office has commented upon their beauty.

Mrs. Gainey sent us last year some home grown oranges which were quite a curiosity. The orange "tree" now two years old, has had a profusion of orange blossoms, but only twelve oranges have begun to form.

Many thanks to Mrs. Gainey for her thoughtfulness in sending the Herald the geraniums.

WORTH BOYETTE TO GRADUATE FROM DUKE
Friends here of Worth Boyette are in receipt of the following invitation: "The Senior class of Duke University requests the honor of your presence at the exercises of commencement Week June second to fifth, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, Durham, N. C."

Mr. Boyette, the son of Mrs. George Langston of this city is a member of this graduating class and will graduate with honors. He was recently initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, a scholastic honorary organization.

The baccalaureate sermon at the Duke commencement will be delivered Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock by Bishop Francis John McConnell, DD., LL.D., New York City. The commencement address will be made by United States Senator Walter F. George on Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock after which the conferring of degrees will take place.

TO CLOSE COUNTY OFFICES ON MEMORIAL DAY, 30TH
We are requested to announce that the county offices of the courthouse will not be open on May 30th on account of that day being National Memorial Day.

Funeral At Coats Of Elder Johnson

Elder Adolphus D. Johnson, Well Known Primitive Baptist Preacher, Dies At Hospital Here

Elder Adolphus D. Johnson, a well known Primitive Baptist preacher, died at the Johnston County Hospital here Tuesday after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Johnson underwent an operation about three weeks ago and had apparently recovered from the operation, but on Tuesday he suffered a heart attack and passed away.

The deceased was 63 years and six months old. He was twice married, and is survived by his second wife and by three sons and four daughters.

The funeral was held at the home of the deceased in Coats Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Elders J. T. Williams of Castalia and Exure Lee of Lower Johnston conducted the service which was attended by a large crowd. Interment was made in the old home cemetery near Coats. The pallbearers were O. A. Cobb, N. W. Wood, Herbert Partin, W. N. Keen, Jesse Adams and Russell Gardner.

Among those from Smithfield who attended the funeral were Mrs. John Hamilton and Elder and Mrs. Jesse Barnes.

Mr. J. D. Underwood, local undertaker, had charge of the funeral arrangements.

At the same hour of Mr. Johnson's funeral, another funeral was being conducted in Coats, that of Major Smith, father of B. A. Smith of Clayton. Mr. Smith was stricken with paralysis on Tuesday and died soon after.

Ruth Stock Company Opens Engagement

The Ruth Stock Company opened a week's engagement in Smithfield Tuesday night. Playing to a capacity house, they held the audience spellbound through three acts of a thrilling drama entitled "Kentucky Sue."

The cast is composed of twenty-six members among which are included several of the better known actors on the dramatic stage, as well as vaudeville performers, such as Mrs. M. C. Stewart, of Four Oaks, route 1; Mrs. P. L. Dark, Walter and Hubert Snead, of Sanford; and Waylen Snead, of this city.

Surviving her are her husband and five children, Leo, Florence, Sarah, Hilda and Wilton; her father, W. R. Snead; and five brothers and sisters, Mrs. M. C. Stewart, of Four Oaks, route 1; Mrs. P. L. Dark, Walter and Hubert Snead, of Sanford; and Waylen Snead, of this city.

Much More Painful.
Very Old Father: "There is nothing worse than to be old and bent."
Very Young Son: "Yes there is, dad."
Very Old Father: "What?"
Very Young Son: "To be young and broke."

The policy of the Ruth Stock company, is to open with an orchestra concert for which there is no extra charge. Following this the play is presented, and immediately afterwards a concert in the form of a presentation act is offered. This latter includes seven acts of first-class vaudeville made up of singing, dancing and novelty acts of every description. The entire performance lasts about two and one-half hours, and offers a variety of entertainment better in every way than Smithfield residents have had an opportunity to observe in many years.

The stage productions are under the personal direction of James DeForrest, one of the best known dramatic producers in the country. No expense has been spared in an effort to present modern dramas and farce comedies in an artistic manner, with a cast of experienced popular actors and how well they have succeeded was evidenced on opening night by the enthusiastic reception accorded by a delighted audience.

Friday night will be featured by "Where is Your Daughter?" a three-act drama dealing with present day conditions in town traffic and its attendant vices. The play carries a strong moral lesson and gives an accurate insight into corrupt conditions brought about by the modern crime wave. The audience on

this night is restricted to adults or those over sixteen years of age. Younger children may attend only when accompanied by parents or guardians.

Saturday night will give the Ruth Stock company patrons an opportunity to view the modern version of "Home Sweet Home," a story filled with pathos and quaint humor.

Saturday night's performance will wind up their engagement in Smithfield and it is with pronounced feelings of regret that residents of Smithfield will view the departure of the Ruth Stock company, which has provided a week's entertainment of the most enjoyable type.

Only Four Veterans Here May 10



The line of gray grows thinner each year. Only the above Confederate veterans were able to attend the Memorial Day exercises here on the 10th of May. Reading from left to right they are: Ransom Batten, of Micro, 84. A. J. Ellis, of Clayton, 81; D. F. Adams, of Four Oaks, 84; and Jacob Langdon, of Four Oaks, Route 4, age 84.

Dr. C. G. Vardell Schedule Local To Be At Kenly School Finals

President Flora McDonald College Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon Next Sunday; Dr. Carl Taylor To Deliver Literary Address

KENLY, May 23.—The closing exercises for the Kenly high school will begin on Friday evening, May 24, and extend through the following Friday morning, May 31.

Senior Class Play.
On Friday evening, May 24, at eight o'clock, the senior class play, "The Charm School," will be presented under the direction of Miss Nancy Hinson, English teacher.

Baccalaureate Sermon.
Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of Flora Macdonald College, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class on Sunday morning, May 26, at eleven o'clock in the school auditorium. A program of special music including a solo by Mr. Jack Stullings will be a feature of this service.

Music Recital.
On Wednesday evening, May 29, at eight o'clock, Mrs. J. J. Edgerton's music class will give a recital. This program will be varied and will include a playlet, "Billie Bobtail," by pupils of Miss Clara Hudson's first grade, and "The Dance of the Spring Flowers" by Miss Debbie Bailey's second grade. Mrs. Edgerton always presents pleasing programs and the one on this occasion promises to be of the same type.

Award Chapel.
On Thursday morning, May 30, at eight o'clock, award chapel will be held. At this hour certificates of perfect attendance and reading certificates will be given out. Other awards will also be made.

Class Night.
The senior class night exercises will be given Thursday evening at eight o'clock. These are under the direction of S. R. Cotton, the senior class teacher.

Graduation Day—Literary Address
Friday, May 31, is graduation day. Dr. Carl C. Taylor, Dean of the graduate school of N. C. State College will make the annual address and diplomas will be presented to the graduates. Members of the seventh grades who passed the county examinations will be presented with certificates of promotion into the high school department at this time.

All patrons and friends of the school are given a special invitation to be present at all these exercises.

Centenary Methodist Church.
Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., T. C. Young superintendent. Preaching services, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject: "Christians Peculiar People." Night subject: "Temptations Upward." Epworth League meeting 8 p. m. Monday, Mrs. Lucy Coletre, manager. Mid-week prayer service 8 p. m., Wednesday. Services limited to 45 minutes.

Come and help us in all these services and thereby help yourselves.

Four Oaks Council To Meet.
The Four Oaks Council Junior Order United American Mechanics will hold its regular election of officers next Tuesday night, May 28, at 8:30, in the council hall.

J. A. KEEN, Cor. Sec.

A CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank any and every one for their kindness during the sickness and death of our husband and father. May God bless you all.

MRS. H. H. COX & CHILDREN.

Commissioners Prove Adamant

Refuse To Match \$1000 Contribution For Farm Demonstration Work; Also Stand By Former Decision To Cut Off Home Agent

If the plans of those interested in placing a county farm agent in Johnston county materialize, this county will have a farm agent regardless of the fact that the county board of commissioners failed to match the \$1,000 in cash raised by Johnston county citizens to be used for farm demonstration work.

At the meeting of the county commissioners held on last Monday, a delegation appeared with an appeal for this work to be put on again in Johnston county, and stated that local citizens would contribute individually \$1,000 of the amount needed. The commissioners took the matter under advisement and at a special meeting held here Tuesday turned the proposition down.

A delegation of farmers from Meadow township, T. C. Young, representing the committee from three Kiwanis clubs and a Rotary club, and E. W. Gaither of Wilmington, district farm agent, were before the county board Tuesday.

A meeting of representatives of the contributors of the \$1,000 has been called for next Monday evening and further plans for securing an agent without county aid will be discussed.

At this same meeting of the county commissioners on Tuesday, the committee of women representing the County Council of home demonstration work, was told that the decision made some time ago to discontinue the home agent after July 1, would stand.

On first Monday, eighty or more women went before the board asking for the work to be continued, and they were also told that the matter would be taken under advisement.

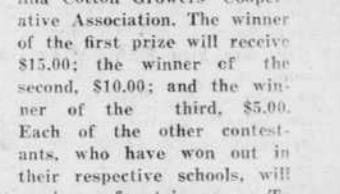
It is our information that the women have not yet given up hope, but will continue their efforts until the last minute to retain the home demonstration work.

ESSAY CONTEST TO BE HELD HERE TO MORROW
Tomorrow morning at ten-thirty o'clock, representatives from ten schools in Johnston county will compete for cash prizes in an essay contest sponsored by the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association. The winner of the first prize will receive \$15.00; the winner of the second, \$10.00; and the winner of the third, \$5.00. Each of the other contestants, who have won out in their respective schools, will receive a fountain pen. To the school which has the largest number of parents present, will be given ten dollars in gold.

Mr. John A. Smith, field representative for Johnston county, will have charge of the program.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
The Rev. Duncan Thomas will conduct services at St. Paul's church Sunday night at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Me—



"Ez much munnie ez is spent on edicashun, blind sympathy still applies fatal remedies."